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History of Blount Lumber Presentation May 20

WATERTOWN, NEW YORK – The Sandy Creek History Center and the Tug Hill Commission invite you to attend “Blount Lumber: Tug Hill to Town,” a free history presentation on Wednesday, May 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sandy Creek History Center, 1992 Harwood Drive, Sandy Creek. In-person attendance is highly encouraged, as the history center will have Blount history books, curated artifact displays, and other items available to view, but there is also a virtual attendance option via Zoom. This presentation will discuss the history of the Blount Lumber company from its inception to its heyday, as told by those who once lived and worked for the company, and how innovative and community-minded business practices led to the establishment of a village that continues to thrive well over a hundred years later.

Many of the earliest settlements cropped up in and along Tug Hill due to thriving forestry industry as well as the availability of water to power millworks. Some of these communities, like the logging settlement of Page, faded along with the logging camps once operations were disbanded; other communities, like Lacona and the greater Sandy Creek area, built up quickly in response to local industry and continue to endure well after the initial spark of industry faded.

The event is free of charge, but RSVPs are requested for planning purposes. Please register at www.tinyurl.com/blountlumber, email tughill@tughill.org, or call the Tug Hill Commission at (315) 785-2380.

The New York State Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency charged with helping local governments, organizations, and citizens shape the future of the region, especially its environment and economy. The commission uses a grassroots approach to build local capacity and provide technical assistance in land use planning, community development, and natural resource management.

Helping local governments and citizens shape the future of the Tug Hill region.