

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER, 12TH 2013, A.D.

I Hereby Certify, that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 12th day of September 2013, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, The West Seneca Historical Museum, also known as The Community of True Inspiration Residence, was constructed circa 1850, and originally stood across from the Ebenezer United Church of Christ on Main Street, and;

WHEREAS, in the Ebenezer community there weren't any individually-owned houses because the Ebenezer community believed houses should be built and solely owned by the Ebenezer Society in order to provide lodging for families, and;

WHEREAS, the museum is typical of the most common interior plan used by the Ebenezers, as it included a hallway straight through the middle of the building both up and downstairs, with this particular dwelling having been divided into two apartments, each consisting of a bedroom upstairs and sitting room downstairs with the same entrance shared by both families, and;

WHEREAS, this house was originally inhabited by two Ebenezer families, the Zubers and the Burgys, until 1864 when the entire Ebenezer community relocated to Iowa, and;

WHEREAS, the house and 15 acres of land were then sold to Frederick Mayer and his wife in 1864 who lived in the residence for approximately 50 years; while there they added the kitchen and dining room since the house was originally not equipped with these because the Ebenezers believed such areas should be communal;

WHEREAS, in 1955 the house and lot were donated to the Ebenezer United Church of Christ to make way for a parking lot, and;

WHEREAS, the Ebenezer United Church of Christ and Rev. John F. Steve in turn donated the house to the West Seneca Historical Society in 1956, and the house was moved to its present location at 919 Mill Road on land purchased and donated to the town by Dr. James Ehinger, and;

WHEREAS, The West Seneca Historical Museum, was officially placed on the National Register of Historic Places on June 25, 2013, and;

WHEREAS, the National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation, and is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the West Seneca Historical Museum for being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Joseph C. Lorigo
Erie County Legislator – 10th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature