

# Join

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I don't know why someone decides to become a member of the Historical Society. Some people are interested in history. Some people have roots in LeRoy. Some people have kids or grandchildren who have participated in the school programs at LeRoy House.

Some folks know that I write these articles because I'm the Director of LeRoy House and want to share some of the "neat stuff" that I come across. Others enjoy getting our quarterly newsletter with articles about LeRoy History.

Each year I read through our list of members and am amazed at the people who aren't members. There are a lot of organizations that make a lot of demands on their members. We don't. All we ask is that you fill out the membership form and send it back to us. Then I can add your name to the membership list and you'll get the newsletter and the good feeling that you are helping to preserve LeRoy's heritage.

It is nice to be able to fill out a grant application or a state report and show that the membership list is growing, but I can't really do that unless I find some new members. So that's what this is all about. If you need an invitation to join, then consider this an invitation. Don't be shy. If you need a reason to join, then



**Why was this tank in front of the LeRoy National Bank?**

I am making a list of LeRoy's best kept secrets and if you want to find out the answers, you will have to join the Historical Society. The answers will be mailed out with the first 2009 newsletter.

1. Whose bodies were removed from the school campus and buried in Machpelah Cemetery?
2. Which LeRoy artist will have a painting dedicated this year in the United States Senate in Washington?
3. What object at the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum used to be in LeRoy?
4. What was Daniel Webster's connection to LeRoy?
5. Why is the stone in the Woodward Library so his-

- toric?
6. What object in the Field Museum in Chicago came from LeRoy?
7. What is the connection between Conan O'Brian and the Jell-O Gallery?
8. What was used to fill in the West end of the Main Street bridge to eliminate the steep hill?
9. Where is the LeRoy subway (not the fast food restaurant)?
10. Which famous LeRoyan's middle name was "LeRoy"?
11. For which lake is Lake Street named?
12. Why is there a dam on the creek in LeRoy?
13. What was the name of the creek before it was named Oatka?
14. What does Oatka mean?
15. Who was the first mayor of LeRoy?
16. Where is the fort on Fort Hill?
17. What was the name of the Underground Railroad conductor in LeRoy?
18. What was the name of the pipe organ factory in LeRoy?
19. What is the name of the French and Indian War veteran buried in the Fort Hill Cemetery?
20. What was the connection between Jacob LeRoy's father and Alexander Hamilton?
21. What is taking place in the picture above?

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