

# The Smithville Historical Society

is pleased to welcome

Henry Drexler

“Abandoned in Chenango County”



“I will discuss research of abandoned farmland in Chenango County conducted by Cornell University in the 1920s and how it led to the creation of our state forest lands. I will also reveal how abandonment has changed the face of local communities and affected our rural culture and economy. The presentation will feature photos of various kinds of abandoned structures, places, and things throughout the county with a focus on dairy barns and farms. I will show that abandonment often precedes renewal, repurposing, or replacement.”

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2024 SNOW DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2024

TIME: 2 P.M.

PLACE: SMITHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER 5285 State Highway 41

All are welcome to attend and, as always, the program is free.  
Refreshments will be served following the presentation.