

## Our Little Museum...

The Little Museum was once Lumber Township's country school. In 1931 the Lumber Township School Board, ever watchful of its taxpayers' funds, bought this prefabricated two-room school building from Sears Roebuck & Company at a cost of \$3,600. It served as the Sterling Run School House until 1962 when the county schools were consolidated and all students were bused to Emporium. The School may be one of the last standing Sear Simplex Sectional Two-Room School Houses.

In March of 1969, the Lumber Township Supervisors offered the use of the school building and grounds to the Cameron County Historical Society as a site for their museum.

After two years of cleaning and repairing the building and restoring artifacts, and in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Cameron County Historical Society the Little Museum was opened to the public on September 16, 1971.

In 1976 a third room was added to house the collection of General Joseph McNarney's military and personal effects. The Museum is staffed by volunteers through out the season.

## Our Coke Oven display...

Our large outdoor display is a reconstruction of a coke oven, and includes a coal bucket and a mine coal car, all taken from a mine and coke works at Canoe Run, five miles northwest of the Little Museum. Coke is a residue from coal, used as a high-

efficiency fuel. Coal is transformed to coke by heating the coal at very high temperatures to drive off gases and impurities.

## The Collection...

The collection has been dubbed the most comprehensive collection in the area. There are over 15,000 items on display and about that many more in storage.

The Lumber industry, which dominated the County for about 50 years, is well represented with rare tools and photos.

The dynamite, iron smelting, tanning and other industries are similarly represented. There are also many farm implements and farm related photos on display.

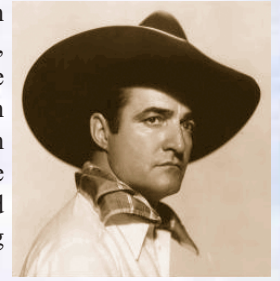
There is a large military collection, with extensive photos and militaria from the Civil War (include rare photos of the PA Bucktail Regiment), WWI, WWII, the Korean War and Viet Nam Conflict. There is also a section about the local C.C.C. Camps.

Throughout the Museum are hundreds of every day items from ages ago - toys; dolls; tools; a general store and post office; cameras; a working 1896 Regina Music Box; mounted trophy bucks and other animals and birds; medical and mortician tools; one-of-a-kind wood carvings, paintings, human hair quillings; women's period clothing and accessories, school items and so much more!

Please afford yourself enough time to see the entire collection. You wouldn't want to miss any of it!

## Our Famous Sons...

**Tom Mix** was born in Cameron County, in Mix Run, a few miles from the Little Museum. Our museum has on display artifacts used by Tom and his family and an extensive collection of 8x10 Hollywood glossies from his moving pictures studio.



**General Joseph T. McNarney, USAAF**, was a native of Emporium who became a four-star general in the United States Army Air Force, holding a top post during World War II. The museum addition was built to house memorabilia of this famous local and appropriately named The McNarney Room. This collection contains rare medals, side arms, uniforms, decorations, citations and more.

**Jack Dorval** was a prize fighter, contemporary of Jack Dempsey, when Jack Sharkey was heavyweight boxing champion. He started a training camp up Gardeau. His life ended at the peak of his career by an airplane crash in Elk County. The museum has various memorabilia of this fighter.

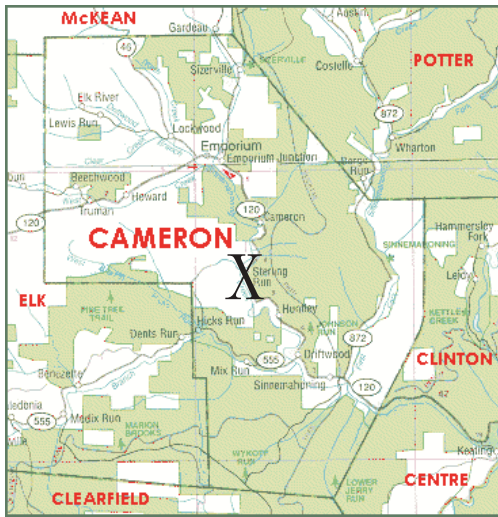
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## Cameron County Historical Society

Serving Cameron County Since 1921

Membership in the Cameron County Historical Society is open to all who are interested in history and in the work of the society. Dues are \$5. Checks made out to the Cameron County Historical Society can be mailed to Suzie Murray at 311 Howard Circle, Emporium, PA 15834.

*“Explore the Rich Heritage of the People of Cameron County, Pennsylvania!”*



The Museum is located on the Scenic Bucktail Trail, Rt 120, about 9 miles South of Emporium in the heart of Sterling Run.

• **Museum Season** •

Memorial Day Weekend until the end of October

• **Museum Hours** •

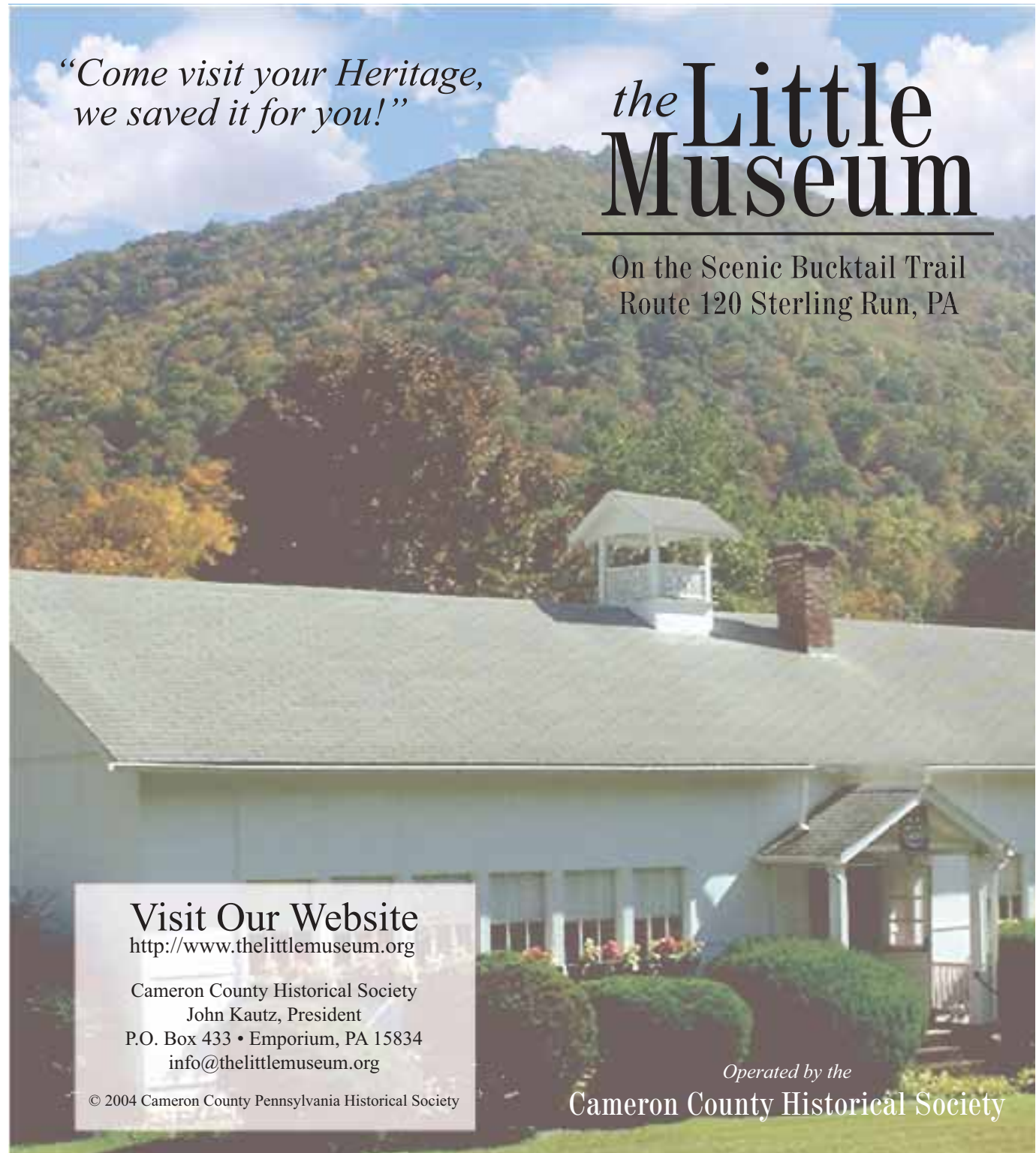
Sunday and Wednesday  
1:00 - 4:00 or by appointment.  
Phone: 814-486-6355

Check our website at  
<http://www.thelittlemuseum.org>  
for changes or additional hours.

*“Come visit your Heritage,  
we saved it for you!”*

# *the* Little Museum

On the Scenic Bucktail Trail  
Route 120 Sterling Run, PA



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<http://www.thelittlemuseum.org>

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