



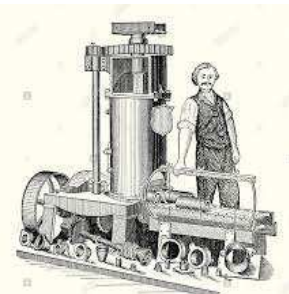
Jugtown Pottery and Tile Factories of Felix Township, 1856 to 1865

On July 10, 2021, Michele Micetich and Tom Turner will give a presentation on Jugtown Pottery and Tile Factories of Felix Township 1856 to 1865, at 10 AM at the Visitors Center at Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area. (5010 N. Jugtown Road, Morris, IL 60450)

Michele Micetich will use maps, photos, and stories to introduce the land and people of Felix (later Goose Lake) township in the 19th century, focusing on the background and life story of two New York natives. Entrepreneur - businessman and investor Charles Walker and potter William White partnered to make the Jugtown pottery and tile works. Several names, families, and stories of settlers, farmers, miners and potters in and around Jugtown will be included, some of whom are buried in the Short cemetery, now a state preserve.

Tom Turner will use slides to illustrate pottery production in the mid 1800's and explain the Walker-White industry located on Walker's land on the west side of the original Goose Lake. We may remember it as the Rogers' farm at Jugtown Road and Pine Bluff, now Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area. To be clear, we certainly can identify Noah White's pottery made in New York while William did not mark his in his Illinois production. Information will be provided about William White and his family. Sadly, we still cannot identify the pottery made since White did not stamp his name on any pots and we only have a few clues from shards.

This lecture will bring together all the information available at this time, disputing stories made up through the years, and bring insight to life in the 1860's.



Small Tile Maker

Michele Micetich is the curator and historian for the Carbon Hill School Museum and president of the Carbon Hill Historical Society.

Tom Turner is a Ceramic Artist with 60 years of research, production, and teaching Ceramic Art. He has researched and collected 19th century stoneware for 55 years.

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