



The Historian

A Man's Life – A Nation's History

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT –

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We're getting ready for a great summer season at the Sanderson Museum!

If you missed the "Simply Sanderson" opening and Victoria Wyeth's awesome presentation, the exhibit will be on display through September, so be sure to stop by to see the many facets of Chris Sanderson, as well as artifacts relating to his close relationship with the Wyeth Family.

During the summer months, there is another reason to visit the Sanderson Museum – "Sanderson's Summer Stories". You'll want to bring your children or grandchildren to hear some great historic tales, told just for kids. The children will also make a craft related to the story. What fun!

In September, we will have something we've never had before – a barn square dance! As you know, Chris was a very popular square dance caller. Bring the family to hear some old fashioned music by the Dixie Demons, practice your square dance moves to a live caller (no experience needed) and walk along the history Brandywine Battlefield which is part of the Thornbury Farm. There will be refreshments and lots of farm fresh fruits and vegetables, so be sure to put this event on your calendar!

There will also be our second annual "Oral History Day" when we'll record for posterity your memories and stories about Chris. Come tell your

stories! Not to be missed, in November, we'll have a "Sanderson Shopping Spree" event just in time for the holiday season.

There's so much to do and so much to see at the Sanderson Museum! I hope you'll bring your family and friends to enjoy Chris' unique collection. If you're at an event around town, look for the Sanderson Museum's display tent. Please stop by to say hello and pick up some great Sanderson Museum giveaways.

See you at the museum!

ASK TO SEE

Chuck Ulmann, Curator

We have returned from Colorado recently. While there we visited the Enos Mills Homestead in Estes Park. He was one of the men responsible for the Creation of Rocky Mountain National Park. Enos Mills traveled around the country to promote the national parks. Chris Sanderson traveled around the area to help promote the creation of what is now Battle of Brandywine State Park.

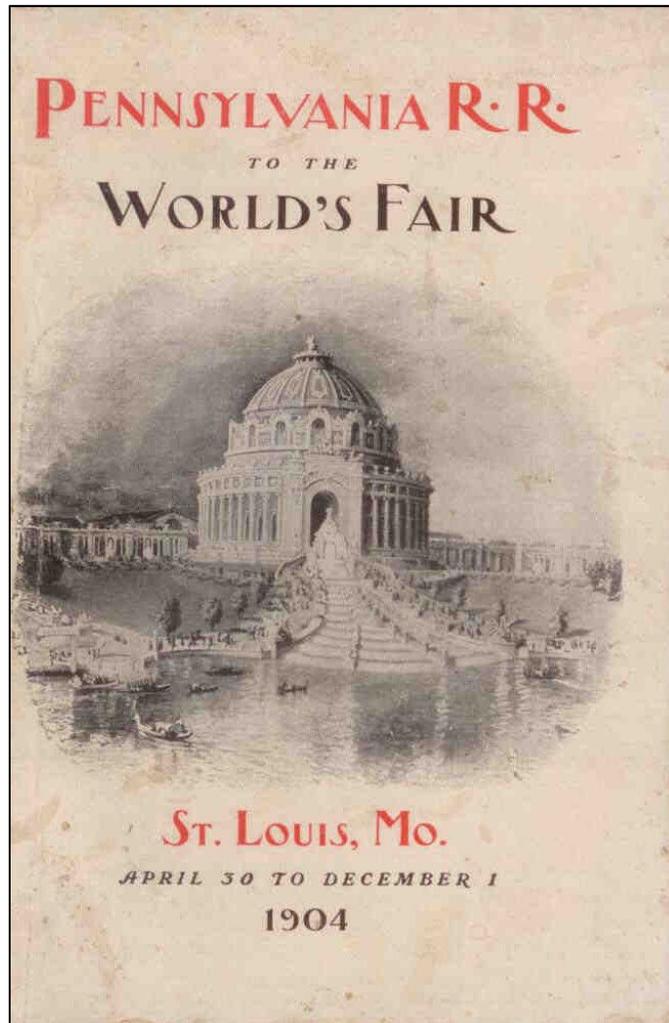
Chris Sanderson traveled to many states and in 1904, before he moved to Chadds Ford, he visited the St. Louis World's Fair. He and 7 friends (Howard Tyson, John Hewitt, William Anson, Wilmer Groff, Elmer Gotswals, John Landes, Robert West and Chris) made the trip in August. The quickest way to St. Louis was on the Pennsylvania Railroad. It was the most expensive way and based on a series

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of post cards Chris sent his mother, he went a different way.

They left from Philadelphia on either the Reading or the Lehigh Valley Railroads and headed north to Wilkes Barre. The trip on the Lehigh Valley continued through Towanda PA, then Geneva NY, Buffalo NY to Detroit on any of a number of lines. From Detroit the group of them took the Wabash through Indiana to Decatur, Illinois and then into St. Louis. It was a bit of a 'scenic tour' to St. Louis but in the early 20th century this was the way it was done. It would have been less (think first class versus tourist class on a 21st century jet!) than the Pennsylvania Railroad.



"had the pleasure of seeing Taft and Dewey." He also managed to visit General Sherman's grave.

They also took a boat ride down the Mississippi and while "going down river we had an awful experience. We struck a cyclone and were blown into a sand bank." Suffice it to say it took them a while to get back to St. Louis and the hotel. One day he mentioned they only walked 6 miles at the fair that day.

"I had a dandy dinner yesterday for 25 cents. Coffee, bread and butter, beans, potatoes, corn pudding, roast turkey, watermelon and pie."

So "Ask to See" the letter for more details of the trip and take a look at the 1904

Chris wrote a 'short' letter to his mother on August 15 in the morning. "It will not be very long as I am rushed." The letter was 6 pages long on Hotel Alta Vista stationary! He tells her, "You must come here in Oct."

St. Louis World's Fair exhibit in the Battlefield Room.

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PRIVATE TOURS AVAILABLE

Do you know a group that would like to tour the museum but doesn't meet on weekends or requires special assistance? The Sanderson Museum will gladly host your party and give them a private showing of the museum. Private tours will be arranged outside of normal museum hours.

Although there is no additional charge for private tours, donations are greatly appreciated. To schedule a tour, contact the museum at 610.388.6545 and please allow two weeks advanced notice.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Membership provides free admission to the museum, a free gift, a subscription to our quarterly newsletter and invitation to special events.

Visit www.sandersonmuseum.org for more information or contact us at 610.388.6545.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Sanderson Museum is run by volunteers just like you! We are people who are interested in history, delight in talking to other people, have a bit of the "pack rat" in them, and want to touch a moment in time. We offer great benefits:

- Volunteer training
- Annual volunteer trip to area museum
- Invitations to museum events
- Several volunteer appreciation activities
- 10% discount in museum gift shop

If you are interested in volunteering your time and/or talents, email Mary Hewes at executivedirector@sandersonmuseum.org or call 610-388-6545 or to join our volunteer family.

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