

A survivor, one of millions of butter tubs made in Montgomery circa 1870-1920.

### WE CAN DO BETTER

After fifty years of collecting, and several years of planning, the Board has decided to remove the Deuso Rd house and build a new facility we can work in year round. It will be based on a carriage barn design and provide safe storage, work, and exhibit space. It will:

- Be energy efficient,

- Be ADA compliant (meeting all the requirements for public access), and

- Incorporate humidity, flood, and fire mitigation measures.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

A donation in any amount will help us meet our goal of \$550,000. Tax deductible donations can be made on our web site by selecting the Donate button on our "History 4 Sale" Store page. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 47, Montgomery, VT 05470. Thank you!

# ...they will come.



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#### **A Community Effort**

Founded in 1973, the Society through the generosity and hard work of its members, bought and restored St. Bartholomew's, the former Episcopal Church. Built in 1835, its stained glass windows, original interior, and clock tower remain a community treasure.

Renamed Pratt Hall, the church now serves as a venue for concerts, speakers, and other community events.

We:

- preserve Pratt Hall, & historical artifacts, structures & memorabilia;

- provide a venue for local exhibits and for artists & artisans to share their talents;

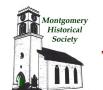
- sponsor programs that assist in preserving town history & culture;

- award scholarships annually to Montgomery students.

Membership is welcome, as are donations of any kind. For more information please visit our web site or write the Board of Directors at either of the addresses (USPS or email) above. Tours are available by appointment.

"Montgomery Vermont: The History of a Town" by Sara Taylor and W.R. Branthoover, 3rd Edition, is available from the Society, The Town Clerk's Office, Lutz's Automotive and from our web site.

We are a 501.c.3 Non-profit. Join Us and Make History!!!



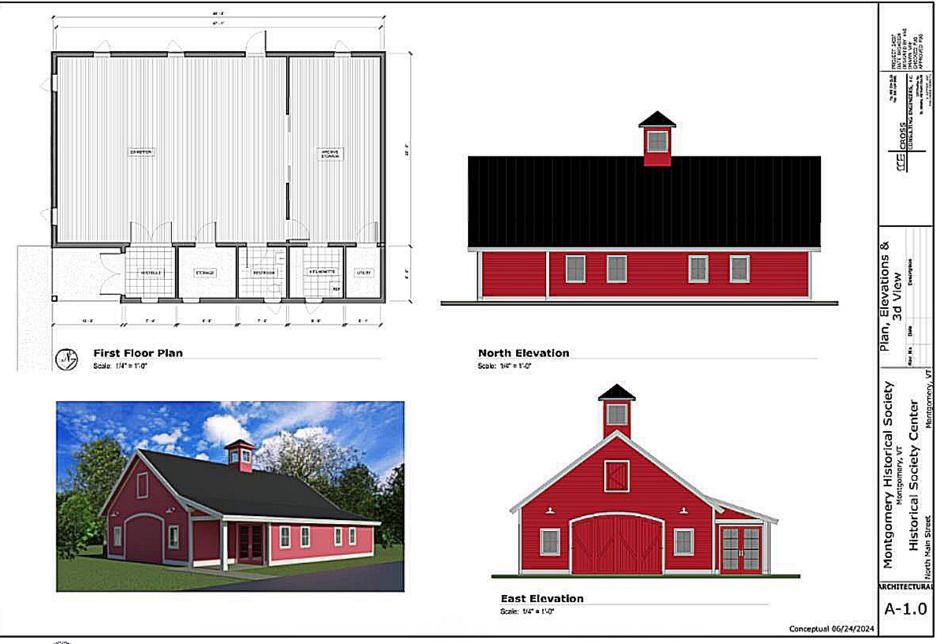
OUR COMMUNITY DESERVES A PLACE TO SAFEGUARD OUR SHARED HERITAGE

PART OF THE MONTGOMERY HIS-TORICAL SOCIETY'S MISSION IS TO COLLECT THINGS THAT HELP ALL OF US UNDERSTAND THE HERITAGE OF OUR COMMUNITY. Our first acquisition was St. Bartholomew's Church in 1974 saving it from demolition. Over time other, <u>smaller</u>, things were acquired like a butter tub and a packing case from the Town's mills, photographs, a loom, a walking wheel, a 97 Flood quilt, and more. All were crammed into a small closet in the front of the church.

It was the only storage space we had and while the building, now known as Pratt Hall, is beautiful it doesn't lend itself to managing and exhibiting the collection.

In 2005 the Society purchased the abutting property which was once the location of the Parker, or Village, Store. The lawn where it once stood now hosts the Farmers Market and other community events, and its small house on Deuso Road is used as our archive. Unfortunately the building was in terrible shape when we bought it and has only gotten worse. It has serious structural problems including a leaky roof. It has no insulation, no heat, and no water. It is not a place to safely store things and has no space to exhibit these gems of the community.

## If we build it...





Preliminary Concept for Archival Storage and Exhibit Building