

Dear Supporter,

Supporters like you are why we have had our best year yet! Your support of the museum's annual appeal and regular programming allowed our staff to accomplish 2015's three strategic points: 1) Partner with community organizations to drive attendance, 2) Develop an exhibit about Clinton's lumber barons and 3) Prove a rich assortment of educational programming throughout the year.

As of October 1, we have had hundreds more visitors than we had in all of 2014. A primary factor in this was developing partnerships with community organizations to give tourists and residents reasons to stay in Clinton. Our Millin' Around event allowed 400 people to take a boat ride on the river, tour the Windmill, and tour The Sawmill – all in one package. The museum was also one of the stops for the visiting American Queen tours, and we saw over 400 people from around world learn why Clinton was The Sawmill Capital of the World.

Most of all, Clinton's lumber barons came home. In March of this year, the museum completed a new exhibit all about Clinton's most famous sawmill operators of the 1880's- Young, Lamb, Joyce and Struve! The exhibit, a recreated Victorian parlor room, features a realistic, yet surreal, portrait gallery of our lumber barons. Through magical realism, the portraits come alive to tell Clinton's lumber story. Many visitors rave about the exhibit and state our museum is one of the best they have seen.

The museum could not have become a strong economic, cultural, and educational anchor for Clinton without your financial support. Please help the museum make 2016 the next best year yet by contributing to our annual appeal. This upcoming year's goals are to serve 2500 students through field trips and in-class visits, develop two new exhibits related to the river and sawmill, and the development of a plan focused on building expansion.

I want to thank you for helping us get this far already. Please join as we continue to grow and be your museum. Enclosed is the donor level sheet. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at The Sawmill Museum.

Sincerely,

Ron I. Kircher, Treasurer

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lumber Baron (Mill Owner) | \$2,000 + |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent (Plant Manager) | \$1,000 - \$1,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sawyer (Saws the logs into planks
in the sawmill) | \$750 - \$999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filer (Keeps saws and field equipment
in good working order) | \$500 - \$749 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rafter (Lives on the giant log rafts that
float logs downstream to the mills) | \$250 - \$499 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lumberjack (Cuts down timber
for transport to the mills) | \$100 - \$249 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skidder ("Skids" the logs into and out of the river) | \$25 - \$99 |

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Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated!

Please print and sign the following:

Name: _____

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Signature: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE SHEET WITH YOUR CHECK
IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.**

**Make checks payable to:
The Sawmill Museum**