

Talking Points for the Tour of the Jacob Lull Shoe Shop

- Tour sponsored by the MHS and BVA, which are both non-profit organizations that share the mission of protecting the cultural heritage in Morris, one of the historic communities in the Butternut Creek watershed.
- Digging here since July 2015 with MHS volunteers (from age 8 to 80) under direction of Gary Norman, retired archaeologist.
- MHS goal – learn more about the manufactories in 19th-century Morris, which was an industrial center because it was along the Butternut Creek, a source of power for tanneries and mills. Last summer MHS excavated at the A.S. Avery artist and photography gallery up the street. Found many artifacts related to this business.
- This year excavate at the site of a 19th-century shoe shop, where in 1850 J. K. Lull and Sons made 1,800 pairs of shoes & boots. There were up to 10 journeymen working here.
- 1845 - stone building constructed for Jacob Lull, who was son of some of the first settlers in Morris. Shoes and boots made in two story wooden addition to the back and sold in the stone section. Jacob lived in the house across the street (now Meyers) build in 1842.
- In 1863 became the office of the *Otsego Chronicle*, in the 1860s Lyman Bugby operated a general store here, and at the turn of the century Perry Foote turned it into a residence.
 - Looking for the original 19th-century addition (current one is 20th century)
 - Looking for artifacts associated with the occupants - Lull, Bugby, and Foote
- Three maps of Morris show these three different owners – Lull, Bugby, and Foote. (visitors can examine the photocopies)
- Many advertisements and descriptions from *The Morris Chronicle* give us information about the property and its occupants. (visitors can examine the photocopies)
- Look at how building has changed – shingles over clapboard at 2nd story, doorways and windows have moved/made larger.