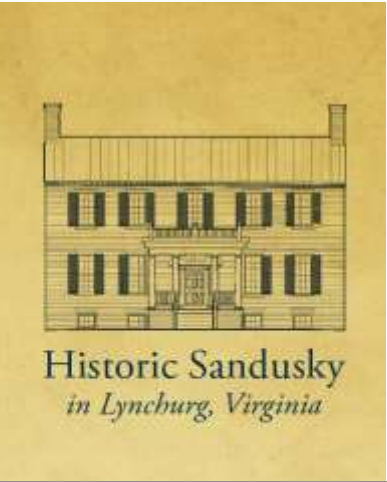




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Historic Sandusky, in partnership with the University of Lynchburg, is dedicated to providing educational opportunities and career development for students and the public by preserving and interpreting the history of the Civil War, slavery, and 19th century American life.



KITCHEN ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT



Lab director Jess Gantzert, Haley Sabolcik '24, and Emma Coffey '23 perform a final scrape of the excavation in preparation for photography.

Beginning in March 2021, Sandusky undertook its largest archaeology project to date. Sandusky and the University of Lynchburg partnered with Hurt & Proffitt's Cultural Resources Department to resume archaeological study of Sandusky's 19th century kitchen site. This project builds upon previous work undertaken in the summers of 2013, 2014, and 2015. The goal was to pinpoint the exact location of the walls and chimney, and recover artifacts at the site to better understand the lives of the people who lived at Sandusky. See additional photos inside.



The kitchen's original west wall was uncovered.

SANDUSKY SHUTTERS REPAINTED

The shutters on the front of Sandusky have been removed so they can be repainted. It has been ten years since they were last painted and they need it again. We hope to have the shutters back in place by the end of the year.



SANDUSKY BROCHURE REPRINTED

Thanks to a grant from the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation, the Sandusky brochure has been updated and reprinted. A number of other marketing initiatives were made possible through this grant. The new brochure is being placed in regional visitor centers as well as select Virginia Welcome Centers. Grab your brochure today!



20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY



2021 marks the 20th year of Historic Sandusky. The Historic Sandusky Foundation was founded in 2001 with the goal of purchasing Sandusky and developing it so that the public could share in its rich history. This effort was the led by Dr. Peter W. Houck, who led the community effort to save Sandusky for future generations. In 2016 Sandusky became a part of the University of Lynchburg; the foundation continues working to support Sandusky's mission. Over the past 20 years, scores of Lynchburg leaders, professionals, and family descendants have volunteered to serve on Sandusky's board of directors. To all of these people who helped us to this point, thank you all on behalf of the staff and students of Historic Sandusky and the University of Lynchburg.

Your support helps us fulfill our mission. To donate online, visit www.HistoricSandusky/give or use this form to mail in your donation

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ADDITIONS TO SANDUSKY INTERIOR



Two mid-19th century oil lamps have been recently restored and returned to the Sandusky interior, where they once lit Sandusky more than 150 years ago. The lamp above is made of spelter (zinc) and is illustrated in the Dietz lamp catalog of 1860. The large lamp (right) is an 1830s sinumbra lamp manufactured by Thomas Messenger & Sons (Birmingham and London, England) and retailed by Cornelius & Co. (Philadelphia). All three lamps were donated to Sandusky by Lottie Hutter Kemp, who was born in Sandusky in 1929. The lamps are functional. Originally they burned whale oil; now they can be lit using mineral or vegetable oil. There are two more original Sandusky lamps undergoing restoration; which we will share with you when completed.



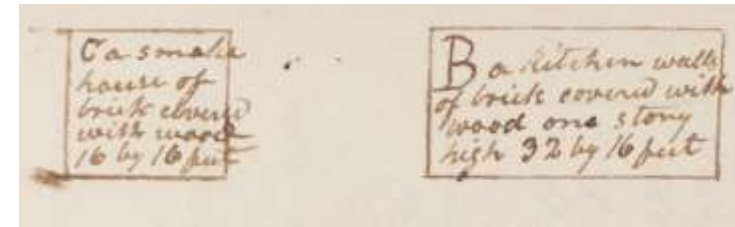
EAGLE PROJECT



Eagle Scout candidate William Arrington from Troop #50 recently completed his Eagle project at Historic Sandusky. His project was to plant about 30 native shrubs and bushes to beautify and screen the boundary of the Sandusky property. This is the fourth Eagle project to take place at Sandusky and a fifth is currently in progress! Thank you William and the Boy Scouts of America!



KITCHEN ARCHAEOLOGY FIELDWORK



This excerpt from the 1813 insurance policy shows the kitchen and smokehouse. They were made of brick with wooden shingles.



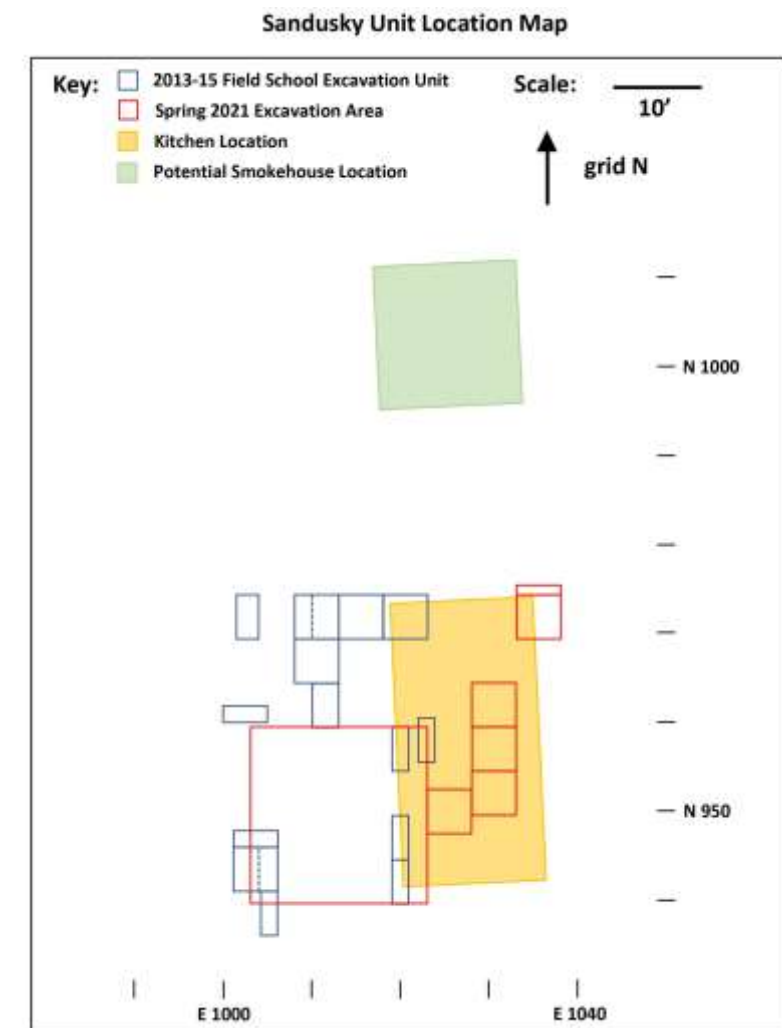
This excavated area is the front yard of the kitchen. All of the holes represent features such as plantings, fence posts, or some other item of interest.



One student wrote: *I didn't know going in that archaeology would be so challenging, but because of that I never realized how rewarding it would be either. Every artifact feels like a triumph.*



University of Lynchburg alumnus Eric Taylor '19 began his career working in our archaeology lab as an undergraduate.



This map shows the areas excavated this past spring (in red). The blue outlines represent previous excavations.



The hands-on learning opportunities this project offers are critical for building the lives and careers of our students.

We hope to resume the kitchen archaeological investigation in 2022 and need donations to make this happen. Please consider donating to the archaeology project.

KITCHEN ARCHAEOLOGY LABWORK

The archaeology lab at Historic Sandusky is administered by Hurt & Proffitt, Inc. It processes artifacts from various clients and employ University of Lynchburg students to do this work. Currently the lab is processing the 6,000 artifacts from the kitchen excavation. This includes washing, counting, cataloging, and mending. Students love the process of mending artifacts, it's a historical jigsaw puzzle that allows students to see items like dinnerware and bottles come back to life literally before their eyes. Next year students will be creating exhibits, physical and online, featuring many of these interesting artifacts.



Student Matt Gilliland pieces together a large stoneware jar.



A myriad of ceramic colors and styles emerged from this spring's dig. These are being researched and are important clues into the people who have lived and worked at Sandusky over the past 200 years.



One of the most fascinating items found was this US uniform coat button. It likely came off of Major George Hutter's uniform. Hutter lived at Sandusky from 1842 until his death in 1879.



The lab is a popular stop during tours of Sandusky. Here Hurt & Proffitt's lab director, Jess Gantzert, speaks to a Campbell County seniors group about the lab and how it processes artifacts.



University of Lynchburg professor Christie Vogler and students Emma Coffey and Haley Sabolcik wash glass and ceramic artifacts recovered during the kitchen excavation.

SANDUSKY COLLECTIONS NOW ONLINE



Historic Sandusky has launched an online collections website. Over the past 5 years, more than a dozen students photographed and researched hundreds of artifacts, letters, diaries, and photographs for the project. The site can be viewed by visiting our website. More items are being added in continually.



NEW LONDON DAY



This October Historic Sandusky set up an information table at New London Day. Hundreds of people stopped by to learn more about Sandusky. Thanks to our students and alumni who spent the day talking to the public about the kitchen archaeology project along with other exciting things happening at Sandusky.

