



Historic Insights



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The Christian C. Sanderson Museum – A Man’s Life, A Nation’s History



Chris Sanderson for many years was the local "historian" of Chadds Ford, Pa. By the time he passed away at the age of 84 in 1966, he'd managed to collect over 18,000 artifacts and relics from days gone by- important mementos, autographs, military memorabilia, paintings, posters and other items from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World Wars I and II, all the way up through the 1960s. Sanderson was good friends with the three generations of the famous Wyeth family- N.C., Andrew and Jamie, along with many other artists, statesmen and celebrities. The museum bearing his name is the work of many people, notably Tom Thompson and Andrew Wyeth; it was dedicated in 1967. This undiscovered "gem" awaits visitors to Chadds Ford.

Lecture Outline:

- Chris Sanderson’s early life and family history
- Sanderson - historian, collector of Americana and precious relics
- Teacher, musician and lecturer - lover of anything historic, dedicated to sharing it with others
- The Sanderson Museum in Chadds Ford and its many “gems”
- Priceless relics - Herb Pennock baseball, paintings, battlefield artifacts, names from the centuries
- A very special reminder of our heritage - the “Chads Ford Barber Shop” sign
- Three generations of Wyeths and other famous artists
- Behind the scenes - rare, signed first editions and letters from the Civil War
- A great man and a rich heritage

About the Author:



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