

2012 Annual Meeting

Peter Sarpy: Pioneer, Fur Trader and Namesake of Sarpy County Nebraska



Peter Sarpy (1805-1865), was a key figure in the transformation of Indian Country into Nebraska Territory. From his trading posts in St. Mary's, Iowa, and Bellevue, Nebraska, he operated the first steam ferry boat from Iowa to the Oregon, Mormon and California Gold Rush trail heads. He helped publish the first newspaper, created the first bank, helped negotiate favorable treaties with the Indians, laid out the streets of Bellevue and was Quartermaster General of the first Nebraska Militia Regiment.

This costumed presentation, which has been extremely popular with thousands of audience members of all ages, is 45 minutes in length and presented in Sarpy's native French accent.

June 22, 2012

Kearney Public Library

11:00 a.m. Business Meeting

Lunch on Site

1:30 p.m. The History of Nebraska as told by Peter Sarpy



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