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Wisconsin's Traditional Building Materials & Methods

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The pioneer architecture of Wisconsin is a blend of technology, geography, and ethnicity. Wisconsin ethnic settlers exploited different geological formations and forest cover resulting in regionally distinct architecture. Various settlers adapted local building materials to their particular ethnic building skills and traditions. This presentation will explore the various methods of log and timber frame construction used in the state's settlement buildings from the 1820s to 1870s.

About the Speaker

Jim Draeger

Jim Draeger is an architectural historian and State Historic Preservation Officer at the Wisconsin Historical Society with more than thirty years of historic preservation experience. From roadside architecture to Northwoods resorts, Mr. Draeger celebrates the importance of ordinary buildings to our daily lives through his research, writing, and lectures.