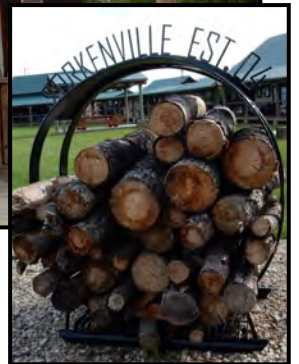




# Heritage Seekers

## SORKENVILLE: A Local History



In 2004, retiring farmer Orval Sorkin had a dream... and Sorkenville was born. For years, he had been farming around the remnants of an old homestead just begging to be restored, so when he got out of actively farming, he bought the place and 'retired'. Betty, his life partner, hadn't seen this coming, but wasn't too surprised, rolled up her sleeves and signed on. So began a labor of love: moving, tearing apart, relocating and restoring old buildings of local historical significance on a central site. A private undertaking, the site is well supported by local residents, many of whom have donated buildings, furnishings and artifacts to enhance the authenticity of 'back in the day'. We were honored to have the opportunity to spend an evening poking around the place under the excellent leadership of Betty Sorkin (left) who patiently explained, answered questions and toured



us around. A most informative and rich field experience, enjoyed by all! (More on page 9.)



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