



## Module 1 Talking Points

- William Canfield's map of Baraboo was drawn around 1872.
- It contains many interesting things about Baraboo at that time and from the distant past.
- The map shows evidence of three different cultures that thought the area near Circus World in Baraboo along the Baraboo River was important.
- William Canfield was born near Syracuse, New York in 1819.
- In 1842 he came to the Baraboo Valley as a pioneer with his wife, Cordelia.
- At that time Wisconsin was a territory of the United States and Sauk County was only two years old.
- William Canfield built a log cabin on the banks of Skillet Creek near Baraboo downstream from today's Pewitt's Nest on Hwy W.
- Canfield was trained as a surveyor.
- Canfield worked for the new Sauk County government as a surveyor laying out where new villages and towns would be.
- He also worked for anyone that wanted to purchase a piece of land and needed to have it measured and recorded.
- He made surveys for over 3,000 farms across Sauk County.
- Canfield also made maps that showed where a person's property was and who their neighbors were.
- Around the year 1872, William Canfield created a map of Baraboo which included all of the streets and other features like little squares for buildings and houses.
- Canfield also included natural features like the Baraboo River and the edges of hills and ravines.
- In 1872 the population of Baraboo was about 1,528 people.
- Today Baraboo has over 12,000 people.
- If we add Canfield's map to this area we can see some things that once existed in this area.
- We can use Mr. Canfield's map to explore several aspects of Baraboo's history.
- We can look at some things that were here long before the current city of Baraboo that can tell us about people who lived here hundreds of years ago.



- We can also look at some things that can tell us why the city of Baraboo is here today and what made it grow and become what we see today.