



## History of Iron Mountain

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Come hear Joe Gatti, the Town Historian for the Town of Livingston tell the history of how an iron mine became a premier storage record facility.

In 1936, Herman Knaust, paid \$9000 for a depleted iron ore mine and 100 acres of land to grow mushrooms in Livingston. By 1950 the mushroom market had shifted, so Mr. Knaust decided upon a different business venture. After World War II, Mr. Knaust sponsored the relocation to the United States of many Jewish immigrants who had lost their identities because their personal records had been destroyed during the war. At this time, the world was also embroiled in Cold War apprehension regarding atomic security. Both factors caused Mr. Knaust to focus on protecting vital information from wars or other disasters.

Today, Iron Mountain stands as the industry leader in storage and information management services, serving 230,000 customers in 50+ countries on five continents

Joe Gatti, the town historian is originally from the Bronx. He moved to Green County in the early 1960's. It was in Prattsville that Joe first got involved in local history, helping the town historian there. Upon moving to Livingston, he met Mary Howell, author of *Livingston: Then and Now*. After Mary Howell retired as town historian in 1998, Joe became the town historian and runs the History Barn Museum in Livingston.