# The Struggle to Save the Historic Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

The Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is a National Historic Landmark that is struggling to stay afloat. The village is home to 20 historic buildings, including the world's largest Shaker meetinghouse, and is a popular tourist destination. However, the village is facing financial challenges and is in need of repairs.



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The Shaker Village was founded in 1805 by a group of Shakers, a religious sect that believed in communal living and pacifism. The Shakers lived at Pleasant Hill for over 100 years, and during that time they built a thriving community. The village was self-sufficient, with its own farms, mills, and workshops. The Shakers also produced a variety of goods, including furniture, textiles, and seeds, which they sold to the outside world.

The Shaker Village was a major center of Shaker life in the 19th century. However, the Shaker population began to decline in the late 1800s, and by the early 1900s, there were only a few Shakers left at Pleasant Hill. The village was eventually abandoned, and the buildings fell into disrepair.

In the 1960s, a group of dedicated volunteers began to restore the Shaker Village. The volunteers worked tirelessly to repair the buildings and to create a museum and visitor center. The village was reopened to the public in 1973, and it has since become a popular tourist destination.

However, the Shaker Village is facing financial challenges. The village is owned by a nonprofit organization, and it relies on donations and admissions fees to stay afloat. In recent years, the village has been struggling to make ends meet. The organization has had to lay off staff and cut back on its programs. The village is also in need of repairs, and the cost of these repairs is estimated to be in the millions of dollars.

A group of dedicated volunteers is working to save the Shaker Village. The volunteers are raising funds and working to secure grants. They are also working to promote the village to tourists and to attract new visitors. The volunteers are determined to save the Shaker Village, but they need help from the public.

#### **How You Can Help**

There are a number of ways that you can help to save the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill:

 Donate to the village. The Shaker Village is a nonprofit organization, and it relies on donations to stay afloat. You can donate online or by mail.

- Visit the village. The Shaker Village is a beautiful and historic place. You can take a tour of the village, visit the museum, and shop in the gift shop. Your admission fee will help to support the village.
- Spread the word. Tell your friends and family about the Shaker
   Village. Encourage them to visit the village and to donate to the cause.

The Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is a National Historic Landmark that is worth saving. The village is a beautiful and historic place that tells the story of a unique religious sect. The Shaker Village is also a popular tourist destination that brings in revenue to the local economy. With your help, we can save the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill for future generations.



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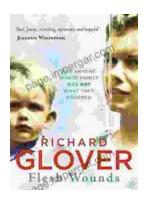
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