

4. Alex Belida's Billboard and Wall Sign

Two of my favorite layout signs are the ones touting Coombs "Eureka" baking powder and Reber Wagons.

Eureka is the name of a town on my layout and when I saw the Coombs label online, I knew I had to have it. After copying, resizing and printing, I made a billboard (right) and placed it near the railroad station. When I added a bakery to the town's main street, I named it the Coombs family bakery. For the record, the original Coombs was a 19th century Nottingham, England business.



Reber wagons, on the other hand, were made by one of my wife's ancestors.

One of her relatives had the image of an original sign (left) and I was able to photograph it, reduce it in size, print it and hang it on the wall of another Eureka town structure.

(I happen to have a wagon works diorama, but it is named after a grandson, Wilder's Wagon Works.) *Alex Belida, MMR*