

Curator Report February-March 2021

Collections

- Our last report had a total of 8,568 items in Past Perfect. Since then, our total is now 8,872. Thus, we have added 304 more items into our catalog software.
- We bought four new shelving units to rehouse items in the South Building, and we are re-organizing the archival collection, making new labels for the archival boxes.
- We have received collection of Stelter family books (c. 1910-1925) and \$100 donation for the Museum Foundation

Exhibits

- Artifacts on display at the library were removed on March 2nd. Will be talking about creating another display in October-December. At this time, all cases are checked out to other vendors/organizations.
- People have visited the "It's All Gun and Games" exhibit and seem to enjoy the content.
- Next exhibit planned is "In Sickness and In Health," which will talk about medicine and health in rural America. This exhibit opening will be in conjunction with program, "The 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic."

Programs

- Only one program ran in February (Capone and Rt. 66). There were 15 people in attendance. In regards to profit, we broke even. Bad winter weather along with the pandemic was likely the cause of the lower attendance.
- Canceled the Emancipation to Inauguration program due to low enrollment.
- Next program is set for April and is about the Lincoln assassination (April 10th).

Memberships

- Memberships have remained steady...renewals and purchases. Hoping that once everything begins to fully open and programs get back to normal, our membership numbers will go up!

Other

- The museum's very first newsletter rolled out in February. The next newsletter is set for July.
- Received a grant that will pay for full music program set for a Friday evening in October. Program will feature a historian/musician who will talk about

19th-century stringed instruments and play/sing songs from the era. This program can be a fun “date night” program, where we can serve beer and wine.

- Still working on agreement and partnership with OHS. Relationship beginning to move in positive direction.