

Curator Report October 2021

Collections

- Our last report had a total of 10,017 items in Past Perfect. Since then, our total is now 10,218. Thus, we have added 201 more items into our catalog software.
- Volunteer is working on a large project organizing negatives that she developed. These images are now saved on a flashdrive and can be used for research, exhibits, social media posts, etc.
- Volunteers are organizing and processing a collection of 1950s blueprints showing the construction of the Nike Missile Site.

Programs

- *Historic Instruments of Illinois* program, fully funded by Illinois Humanities, was a huge success! There were 41 people in attendance.
- Upcoming Museum program *is A Killer Among Us: Killers, Fiends and Weirdos of the Victorian Era* on October 21st at 6:30pm. This will be the last program for October. Program about zombies was canceled due to low enrollment.
- On November 12th, we will have a presenter portray Carry Nation, who traveled the Midwest in the late 1800s to spread her message about sobriety, temperance, and home defense.
- Still working on winter/spring draft, which will be finalized at the end of October.

Stellwagen Farm

- The special event, *1865*, was a success! There was great weather and 211 people came to the first ever Civil War event at the farm.
- The event had Civil War actors, a blacksmith, a weapon display, food truck, crafts and activities for kids, snacks, and beer. We also opened up the outbuildings, and we provided guests, who were interested, a self-guided walking tour of the farm, which explains the history of the structures on site.
- When people were leaving, they were asking if this will be an annual event. They also said they'd be interested in seeing a reenactment.

Other

- No news about OHS.
- Completing an assessment on cost to repair the Hostert Cabins and Chiappetti Slaughterhouse (similar to what we did with the Humphrey House).

- Budgeting for gala to fundraise for the Humphrey House (details to come).

Exhibits

- Upcoming Exhibit
 - January 2022 "Herstory: The Life and Times of Orland Park Women"
- Ideas for future exhibits
 - In 2022, we will be working on the interpretation of the Humphrey House
 - 2022- Celebrating 130 years of Orland's incorporation
 - 2023- Chicago's World's Fairs, 130 years Columbian Expo and 90 years Century of Progress
 - 2023- 70 Years Andrew came to Orland
 - History of photography
 - Orland during the Depression Years
 - Growth of Orland: What put Orland on the map OR Times are Changing: Orland 1950-1980
 - The many travels of Orland residents
 - Old Orland businesses
 - Businesses beyond Old Orland
 - We have what in the collection?!
 - Victorian etiquette, beliefs and practices
 - Death and Mourning