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The Chair's Corner



HERE, THERE & NOW!

Yes...NOW! Now is the time for you to come to the aid of "your" Heritage Center.

We are planning to open the Canton Area Heritage Center on the second weekend in September. We will soon have phone and internet service, a dedicated e-mail address and possibly mail delivery. Entry alarms have been installed and security cameras will be in place soon. We have received a computer and printer and indeed grateful for those who have shared their time and contributions in the past. It may be your time to step up and help us fulfill our mission.

A needs/wish list is always available should you be interested. Your time and talent(s) are always welcome. Prior to

The center entrance will feature a Timeline created by Kelvin Sampson, our museum consultant.

our opening, we will need prepared volunteers to staff the center. There will be times that docents will be needed to interpret our mission, provide additional information for interested visitors and present programs.

****We are looking for additions (such as photos and other items) to supplement planned exhibits. Should you have topical, original photos in good condition, we would like to copy them and return the originals to you.**

Primary/current areas of interest are:

MINING: (1) SRC published book "The Legacy of the Mines;" (2) Photos, maps, narratives, newspaper clippings regarding forms of extraction and associated equipment; (3) Items about reclamation and land development.

AREA BUSINESS & INDUSTRY:

(1) P&O/IHC, (2) Dairies, (3) Cigar-making, (4) Ice-making, (5) Brickyards.

TRANSPORTATION: (1) TP&W, Peavine, Minneapolis & STL and CB&Q Railroads, (2) Inter-Urban, (3) Bus Lines.

RECREATION/

ENTERTAINMENT: (1) Opera House/ Theaters, (2) Skating Rinks, (3) Bowling Alleys, (4) Stock Car Tracks, (5) Van Winkle Lake, (6) Chautauqua Assemblies, (7) Owl's Nest.

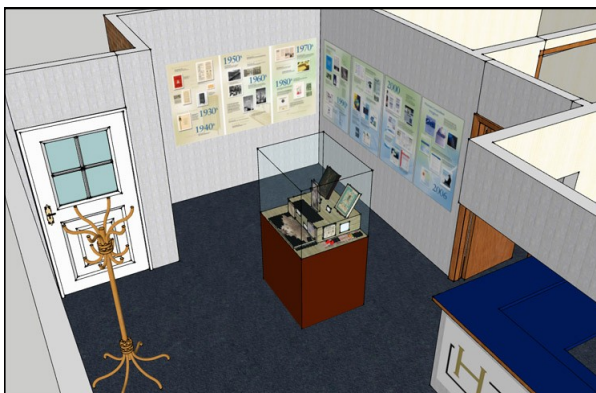
FUTURE CENTER HOLDINGS:

Disasters, Histories of Towns, Churches, Schools, and Parks, Social and Fraternal Organizations.

JD Stone, Chair

Canton Area Heritage Center

Editor's Note: Contact JD Stone, (309) 255-7255, to volunteer or Mike Walters, Acquisitions Chr., (309) 338-6272, for donating.



Special points of interest:

- FOLLOW OUR PROGRESS IN THIS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
- MEET MOVERS AND SHAKERS, THEN AND NOW
- LEARN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY
- DISCOVER HOW TO DONATE OR LOAN ITEMS TO THE HERITAGE CENTER



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Newsletter

Short History of IH-Canton Works



We've gleaned a few interesting facts from an internal document to staff at International Harvester-Canton Plant, distributed by R. W. Nelson in October, 1974.

"The Canton Plant came into being when IHC purchased the manufacturing plant and all real estate of Parlin and Orendorff Plow Works on July 1, 1919. With this purchase the Canton Plant became the 21st IH factory in the United States and Canada."

With this transaction, "IH acquired one of the oldest, best established

plow and tillage lines in the country and thereby became an important factor in the plow trade. The extensive P & O plant, constituting Canton's principal industry, was an outgrowth of a blacksmith shop founded in 1842. It was the oldest plow works in the U.S."

P & O Plow Works owner-inventor William Parlin's ambition "was to develop agricultural implements to lighten the burden of the farmer. He was first to make a steel plow which would shed the rich soil of the

Illinois prairies.... He developed the construction of a disk harrow and plow with concave disks."

"1927 marked a new era-- the first Farmall tractors were produced and Canton Works provided the 201 Farmall cultivators and the No. 8 Little Genius line of plows for these tractors.... Today, farms are becoming larger and help more scarce; seems the only answer is to provide equipment which will get the job done in the shortest time with the minimum personnel."

Constantly aware of its responsibilities to the community in which it was operating, Canton Works, through the International Harvester Foundation, contributed \$100,000 to the Graham Hospital Expansion Fund in 1955... and \$50,000 in 1959 for the project's completion.

-- R. W. Nelson

Picture postcards reveal a community's look and feel; personal greetings can give us a glimpse into the activities of the time period. The same is true of newspapers, magazines, photographs, and business and industrial publications. "Contact the heritage center before tossing those old documents," suggests Mike Walters. Phone (309) 338-6272, or email, walters.michael@hotmail.com.

Mission of the Canton Area Heritage Center

The mission of the Canton Area Heritage Center (CAHC) is to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Canton's and surrounding area's history, culture, and industry.

To accomplish its mission, CAHC will collect, preserve, research, interpret and exhibit history and artifacts of Canton, IL and the surrounding area.

Items Sought for the Heritage Center



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First Acquisition:

Portrait of U.S. Representative Robert Bruce Chipfield



Acquisitions Committee reports regularly to the Executive Board on items they would like to add to the center's holdings. The first acquisition approved was an oil portrait of U. S. Representative Robert Chipfield (November 20, 1899 - April 9, 1971) who served in Congress, 1938-1963.

The son of U.S. Congressman Burnett Mitchell Chipfield, Robert was born in Canton. He

attended Knox College for one year; then, Harvard College and Boston University, earning a law degree in 1925. He was elected to Congress in 1938, serving Illinois' 15th District; later the 19th District.

Chipfield, appointed to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs in 1939, remained its ranking Republican member until his retirement in 1963.

NOW IS THE TIME
FOR FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS TO STEP
FORWARD WITH
ARTIFACTS YOU THINK
WE OUGHT TO SEE.

Chipfield portrait
donated by Philip L. Frank,
Newton Square, PA

Heritage Center Opening, September 8, 2018

*You're cordially invited to join us
Canton Area Heritage Center
Grand Opening
Saturday, September 8, 2018
[times tba]
111 South Main Street
Canton, Illinois 61520*

*Collectors and Donors will be
available to describe significance
of acquisitions to-date and items
on loan at the Heritage Center.
Hear plans for the future by our
officers and board members.
Free Admission*



Antique & Collectible Show, August 11

The antique and collectible show is our annual fundraiser.

Collectors in the region will have a variety of antiques and 'newer' pieces for your consideration. Canton's downtown and Jones Park is the location for the 3rd annual Heritage Days.

For info., contact Dana Smith, email dsmith@cantonillinois.org or phone, 309-647-2677, ext. 1.

The 2018 Antique & Collectible Show Committee: Phil Gregory, Rick Klinedinst, Jim Morgan, Dana Smith.



3rd Annual
**Canton Heritage Days
Antique & Collectible Show**
Downtown Canton, Illinois
Saturday, August 11, 2018
Jones Park 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



FUN! GREAT FOOD!
GREAT ENTERTAINMENT!
TOE-TAPPING MUSIC IN THE GAZEBO!

Interested in being a vendor?
To receive a registration packet, or for more information, email your contact information to Dana Smith at dsmith@cantonillinois.org, or call her at 309.647.2677, Ext. 1

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heritagecenter](http://www.cantonillinois.org/heritagecenter)

JOHN FROEHLING: WHY I'M INVOLVED IN THE HERITAGE CENTER

I first got involved with the Canton Area Heritage Center when a meeting was held to see if there was interest in starting a museum in Canton.

I attended to write a newspaper story and wondered if this was something that would become a reality.

I continued to attend planning meetings and write stories, but I also got to know several people better and learned more about the history of the area.

History is a subject that seems to grow in relevance for most people as they grow older and perhaps wiser. I think we come to have a greater appreciation of what came before us and the

foundations upon which everything around us was built. There always seems to be more to learn about how things came to be the way they are. A lot of facts are quirky and some developments could easily have taken a much different direction if circumstances had been adjusted so slightly.

I joined the Heritage Center Board for all these reasons. I hope it becomes an excellent repository of things area residents produced, actions they took, and the ideas and culture they developed and shared.

I still maintain a reporter's viewpoint but feel fully part of a good organization as well.



John Froehling, Member
CAHC Executive Board