

Curator's Report

March 2019

Statistics

Dec	192 Total Items Condition Reported and Reviewed
Jan	304 Total Items Condition Reported and Reviewed
Feb	467 Total Items Condition Reported and Reviewed

1,869 Items Reviewed

Featured Item: Shoes

Walking into the past

These children's shoes measure 5 ½ inches long. They are a two-tone leather design with buttons. They are the same style that adults wore in the early 1900s. The buttons were so small that adult or children's fingers couldn't button them without the use of a button hook, also pictured.



Welcome!

A lot has been happening at the Gibson House property during the rainy winter months. We have been developing exhibitions, improving drainage around the collections storage facility and continuing on with our collection review process. We have completed the review of the West Barn agricultural items and have moved on to textiles currently housed in the historic home.

Exhibitions

With the assistance of two interns from Sacramento State's Public History Program, we are developing exhibitions on the property that will serve as the anchors for docent tours, which start at the end of March. The Blacksmith Shop is getting updated with a new agricultural display which will include themes related to the grain crop cycle, the history of agriculture, woodworking, metalworking, and how Yolo County inventions contributed to agricultural practices. Additionally, the Dairy will be updated with new signage and interactive displays for school tours which also start at the end of March. Within the Gibson House we are developing an exhibit that highlights agricultural business in the region and the contributions of the Gibson family.

Volunteers

It's textile season! We have several dedicated volunteers assisting with our work.

- Rosalyn and Wendy are a great team who bring their knowledge of historic costumes to the collection review process.
- Lauren has set up a photographing station for digitizing and improving the documentation of the collection.
- James and Shelby are working on the agricultural display.
- Lydia is working on data entry into the Past Perfect database.

We are very thankful for our talented volunteer base! To join the Historical Collection Volunteers please contact the Museum Curator at juliabodeanu@yolocounty.org or 530-666-8147.

Outreach

The YCHC page on the Yolo County Library is up with information about the collection. See what we are up to here:

<https://yolocountylibrary.org/research/yolo-county-historical-collection/>

See our article in the Daily Democrat here:

<https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2019/03/15/gibson-house-cements-yoloarts-partnership/>