



Curator's Report December 2018

Statistics

July 351 Total Items Condition
Reported and Reviewed

Aug 179 Total Items Condition
Reported and Reviewed

Oct 188 Total Items Condition
Reported and Reviewed

As of 11/8/2018

Nov 33 Total Items Condition
Reported and Reviewed

751 Items
Reviewed

Featured Item: Sherbet Cups

As we unearth new treasures in the historical collection we find new and exciting things to share! The Sherbet cups are made of porcelain with gold leaf on the interior. Made in France, these dishes would have been part of a Victorian family's dinner service and show the desire and ability to import fine European goods.



Welcome!

Hi there! As the new Museum Curator I am happy to be on board and see to the stewardship and care of the Yolo County Historical Collection. This is an exciting time for the Gibson House and history in general within the region. In the next two years I will be making my way through condition reporting, reviewing and re-housing the collection with the objective of improve the storage and display of the historical collection.

Construction/Property Improvements

The Gibson House property has seen a lot of changes this past Summer and Fall. The renovation of the collection storage facility (CCF) was a major milestone for creating a space to review and condition report collection items. The installation of mobile shelving ensured that objects are stored safely and efficiently. Concrete walkways were poured throughout the property to ensure ADA accessibility. A new fiberglass pergola replaced the previous wooden pergola to the left of the historic home. The East Barn was renovated to be utilized as a multi-purpose (meeting, classroom and exhibition) space. All of property improvements are intended to provide greater access to the public to experience programming and exhibitions which will be forthcoming.

Volunteers

We have two very dedicated volunteers working with the collection. Rosalyn Johnson and Hollis Sweet. Both have an interest in local history and have be instrumental in working with the collection, providing additional research and support in reviewing the collection. Rosalyn tackled the task of researching a set of pressed class dishes and found an ingenious way of dating the objects through the use of blue light. On November 27th we held a volunteer orientation that had 5 interested individuals in attendance. Currently, there are 8 active volunteers working on the collections review.

Community Partnerships

Working with a subgroup of the Davis Friends of the Library, the Historical Collection's historical books and ledgers are getting some much needed help from the Davis Book Binders.

Yolo County Historical Society borrowed WWI uniforms and other army issued personal items as part of their Armistice Day Display over Memorial Day weekend.