

Consent Calendar Donations for Accession/Deaccession

Item Description:

2-piece square dancing outfit worn by donor's mother Ursule Bush Voorhies with the Hangtown Twirlers; silver award cup awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Voorhies on May 24, 1936.

Documentation:

Temporary custody receipt; Historical Museum Commission minutes documenting Collections Committee vote on June 7, 2024 to approve adding the donation.

Notes:

Daughter donated items on 5/9/2024 and would now like them returned. Items haven't been processed or cataloged. Note on Temporary Custody Receipt says that family moved to El Dorado County in 1947, after the date on the prize cup. Daughter says a photo of her mother wearing the dress was donated as well, but that's not noted on the Temporary Custody receipt and photos have not been found.

Recommendation:

Return items to donor and continue to look for photos.

Photographs of Items:



3 items of clothing belonging to Lulu Cook; smoking jacket, black dress and riding coverall

Documentation:

Temporary Custody Receipt signed by donor Myrtle McLean

Notes:

Items given to donor by William Michael Cook, Lulu Cook's nephew

Recommendation:

Accession

Photographs of Items:



Older Chilton gasoline can, handsaw collection in box, railroad meter, Wards Sea King outboard motor, box of newspapers that are primarily "Pony Express Courier"

Documentation:

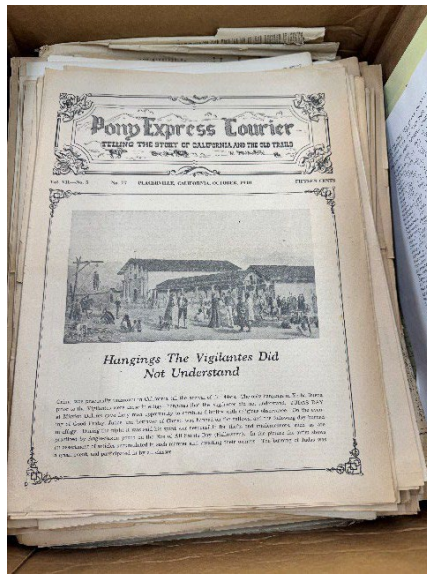
Temporary custody receipt; no Historical Museum Commission minutes documenting Collections Committee vote. Donated by Phillip Lee

Notes:

Recommendation:

Accession the newspapers only

Photographs of Items:



19th century hand-made leather shoes

Documentation:

Brought to Fountain Tallman Museum by Don Smith in December of 2009. The shoes were found when working on the Fox lot parking lot

Notes:

Rare example of unworn 19th-century local footwear with a direct "found-in-Placerville" provenance.

The proximity of the discovery site to the Tracy Shoe Store is the most compelling possible link. Henry "Numbers" Tracy opened his shop in 1860 and it became the first such store in Northern California. Because these shoes were found by Public Works during lot improvements, they were likely unearthed from a historical cellar or a "trash pit" from a 19th-century building that preceded the parking lot.

The "OK" Mark was a popular 19th-century marketing trope. It adds a high level of "storytelling" value to the item, as it reflects the pride of craftsmanship in the Victorian era. The lack of wear and the presence of square-cut nails or pegs confirm they are not modern reproductions. This suggests a shop-level survival rather than a discarded personal item. These are a prime example of the "Archaeology of Main Street." They pair perfectly with the museum's existing knowledge of local families like the Combellacks and Tracys, representing the commercial heart of the county.

Recommendation:

Accession

Photographs of Items:



Eveready Flashlight display case

Documentation:

None. Item has accession number 57-3-11 on back.

Notes:

This item does not meet the current collection parameters of the museum. Specifically, the accession number "57-3-11" does not conform to this museum's established accession numbering system. The presence of this non-conforming number suggests the item may have been previously deaccessioned from another institution before being acquired. Additionally, the construction materials, such as the green-tinted glass, suggest a mid-to-late 20th-century origin that may not align with the historical scope of the collection.

Recommendation:

Deaccession

Photographs of Item:

