

Camp “Artifact of the Month” Person

Here are the 2025-26 Artifacts of the Month to be presented to your Camp members at your monthly Camp Meeting.

There is a comment about the monthly event at the Museum on each page. We would appreciate it if you would let your members know about the events when you make your monthly Camp presentation.

Your help in encouraging members to invite family and friends as well as attending our events is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

September 2025 Artifact of the Month

Woolen Socks

1358 – Room 2



Baby's socks knitted by Maria Griswold Phillips and donated by Carol P. Martin.

Sheepherders were not as common in Washington County as in other areas but the pioneers did raise sheep. The wool was generally processed after shearing at the Cotton Factory in Washington City. They had spinners and weavers available if needed. Women who wanted to knit clothing items would get the wool thread back and create their own items. This baby sock is a good example of one of those items.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event: September 20, 2025 10 AM

“History of Sheepherders thru Stories and Songs “ by Clive Romney

DOCENT TIP OF THE MONTH: RECEIPTS AND HAP ORDERS

A sales receipt must be filled out for every transaction in the Gift Shoppe. Fill in the date, name of Patron (when you can), each item sold (include the correct title of books), cost total amount. Check the box for the payment method, if a check is given put the check number on the receipt. Sign the receipt. **Process all transactions through the cash register.** Put the WHITE copy in the cashdrawer with the cash or check, the YELLOW copy goes to the patron and the pink copy stays in the book. The money in the cash drawer must match the receipts.

The HAP (History, Artifact, Photo) orders are no longer charged. A receipt must be filled out for the order. Make sure to get phone number and email address along with customer name. WHITE copy in the cash drawer, Yellow copy to patron and PINK stays in the book. There is a different receipt book for HAP orders that is on the Reference Desk. It is larger than the Gift Shoppe receipt book. There is no charge for HAP orders, we email the information to the customer.

October 2025 Artifact of the Month

Tomahawk

1864 – Room 8



This tomahawk is in the Indian Collection case in room 8 and was owned by Cannon “Pete” Gardner; donated by Elinor Gardner.

“Tomahawk” comes from a word from the Algonquian language family, otomahuk, meaning “to knock down.” Tomahawks are small axes that were used by North American Indians as tools, weapons, and hunting devices. Originally, tomahawks consisted of a head made of stone or bone mounted on a wooden handle.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event: October 18, 2025, 10 AM

“Native American Interpret Petroglyphs” by Patricia Kent

Docent Tip of the Month: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL TRAINING CLASSES THAT ARE OFFERED.

Training videos available on www.dupstgeorge.org

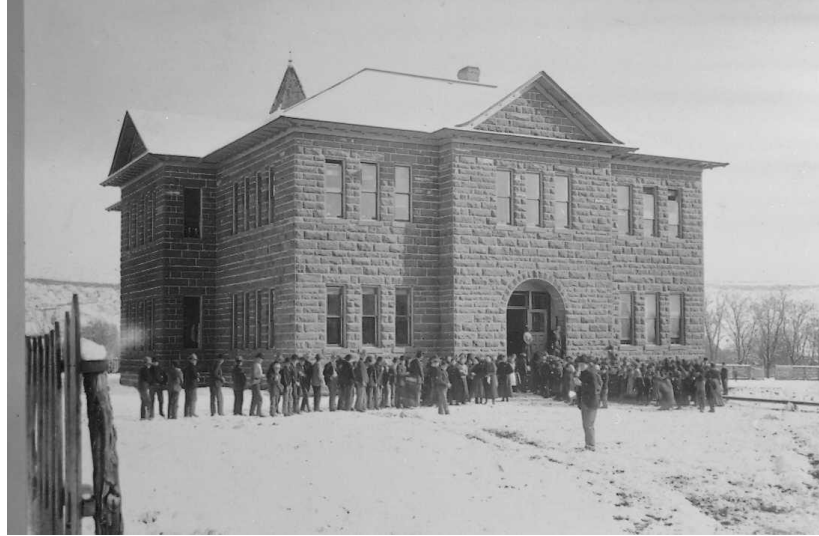
Take advantage of all training classes that are offered, whether it’s through your Camp, your Company or the Museum. This is a great way to become more comfortable with serving and refresh your memory. A bit of refresher and a review of the changes in the museum will be a huge benefit to you.

If you are worried about the cash register, just review the online training the night before you serve, it’s amazing how much better you will feel about making sales transactions and using the cash register.

November 2025 Artifact of the Month

Picture of Woodward School

41 – Room 7



This photo was taken of the Woodward School on an unknown date. What makes this picture fun is it is covered in snow. The Woodward school was completed in 1901 after many years of work to build it of substantial brick. It was first permanent school building built in St. George. It was named after George Woodward who was a great supporter of education for the young and he contributed \$3,600 of his own money towards the building. He paid for the heating plant and a piano from his own money. He and his wife, Tamsin, did not have any children but he worked diligently for the education of all children. At the time of its completion, students would graduate as 10 grade level, the highest possible at the time. Then the St George Academy was started for higher education.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event November 15, 2025 10 AM

“Pioneer Education” Presented by Kathleen Broeder

Docent Tip of the Month : Chairlift Instructions / Food and Drink

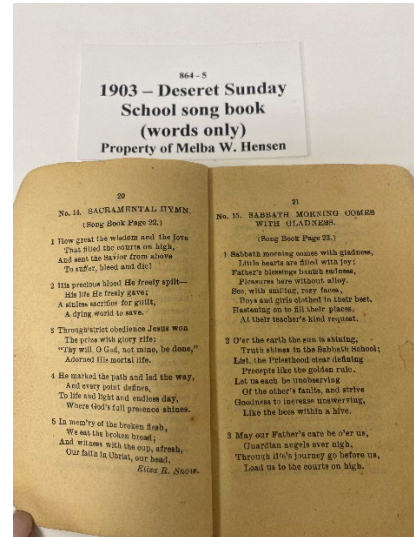
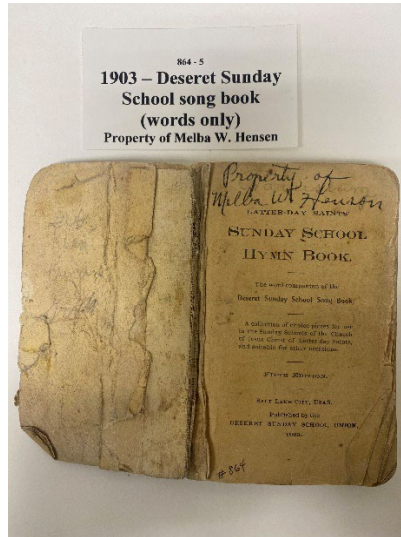
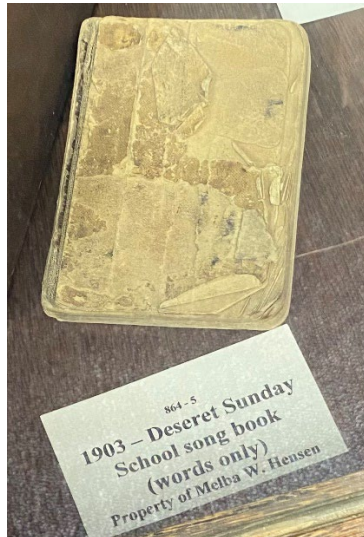
To use the Chairlift is very easy. There are instructions on the wall both at the top of the stairs and below. There is a walker for visitors to use down stairs so they can enjoy both levels of the museum.

We do not allow food or drink inside the Museum because of potential problems. Water in sealed containers is okay. Backpacks are to left in the lobby. They are dangerous to wear in the Museum because they could knock things over. Baby strollers should also be left in the lobby.

December 2025 Artifact of the Month

Song Book

864 – Room 7



1903 Deseret Sunday School Hymn Book owned by Melba W. Henson. It is words only.

Why are hymns important? This was part of the front cover -- "HYMNS THAT HELP." The best hymns for use in the Sunday School are "Hymns that help" in the building up of a strong, all-round, Christly character; and the Editor and Publishers covet no greater result for their efforts than the knowledge that many of the hymns here brought together have been thus found helpful.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event December 20, 2025 10 AM

"Mormon Tabernacle Choir History" Presented by Jon Green

Docent Tip of the Month: BE A WECOMING HOSTESS AND TOUR GUIDE –

Just as you warmly welcome visitors to your home, invite visitors into the museum. Ask them to sign the Guest Book, inquire where they are from and what brought them to the area and the Museum. Remember, the Parton's memories of the Museum depend in large part on the experience they have with you as a Docent. Let them know how pleased we are that they would take the time from their busy schedules to visit our Museum. Share how much you love the Museum and appreciate those who came before us to settle Washintong County. Offer to give them a tour and tell a few stories about one or two items in each room. Remember to ask them to complete the **Exit Survey** before they leave. Put those completed forms in the drawer under the Sign-In book.

January 2026 Artifact of the Month

Cotton Blanket

#557 – Room 5



Blanket woven in the cotton mill in Washington, Utah before the 20th century, was mended many times; donated by the children of Frank and Mary Bryner Cannon Feb 26, 1983.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event: January 17, 2026, 10 AM

“Beginning of the Cotton Mission” Presented by Charles Adair

Docent Tip of the Month: - Docent Area and Sign-In Book

Docents sign in at the beginning of their shift in a book, located in the very first position in the filing cabinet in the Docent Area (room 6). Please make sure this book is put away after you sign in.

Please encourage all visitors to complete the **Exit Survey** as they leave the Museum. This helps us know where our advertising is doing the best good and lets us know about improvements that can be made. The completed forms are put in the drawer under the Guest Sign In book.

February 2026 Artifact of the Month

Magdalena Settler Stucki Photo

125 - Room 4



Magdalena was one of the first settlers in Santa Clara. Her family was her husband; Samuel Stucki and 4 children arrived in Santa Clara in November 1861. She was born in Switzerland, married Samuel and had her children there. They immigrated to Utah and suffered many trials before they arrived in Santa Clara. They had to rely on the Church to provide a wagon for them to travel from SLC to Santa Clara. Their first home was a willow teepee. When she remembered her comfortable home in Switzerland, she would say, "Oh these red hills! These roily waters." They struggled for many years.

#775 – Clock, first clock in Santa Clara owned by Magdalena S. Stucki; made by Waterbury Clock Company.



Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event: February 21, 2026, 10 AM

"Santa Clara – Swiss History & Traditions" Presented by Susannah Nilsson

Docent Tip of the Month: Get to Know the Artifacts

It is a good idea to become familiar with as many of the artifacts in the Museum as you can, so you can share the history of the visitors, but remember it is like eating an elephant one bite at a time. You cannot learn it all at once. There are videos on the website that tell a story about some of the artifacts. Watch them to learn a little more.

If you are new to the Museum, find one artifact in each room that you are especially drawn to, learn the story behind it and you will have something to share with guests in each room as they visit us.

We have many aids to learn about different artifacts and histories of our early pioneers. Listening to your partner is a good way to learn new information. There are also small flip books in the lobby that talk about the artifacts by room.

March 2026 Artifact of the Month

Violin

853 – Room 7



This violin was used by the Hunt family for 4 generations; donated by John A. Hunt and Clarissa Hunt Jones. It belonged to John Hunt Jr, who lived in Old Hebron, Muhlenberg Co., Kentucky. At his death it went to his son, Amos who came to Utah in 1853. At his death it went to his son Jonathan then to his son Joseph H. Hunt who was the father of John A. Hunt and Clarissa Hunt Jones who donated violin to museum in 1975. When Jonathan had the violin, he lived in Shoal Creek (Hebron) northeast of Enterprise in 1875. He loved music and played the violin at many dances and provided music for all occasions.

It is rumored to be a Stradivarius violin but we have not been able to confirm that.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event: March 21, 2026, 10 AM

“Utah Old Time Fiddlers” Presented by Lin Brown

Docent Tip of the Month: Protecting the Collection

It is particularly important to keep the doors closed as much as possible. The temperature is set for the benefit of the collection. Keeping the doors closed prevents bugs, pests, and dust from getting in. Docents should bring a jacket or sweater if it gets too cool for them.

If an emergency occurs, help guests to the nearest door. There are evacuation maps posted in each room.

April 2026 Artifact of the Month

Victorian Shoes

1820 – Room 2



Shoes from the Hafen store in Santa Clara; sold for \$2.00 or \$3.00; donated by Helen Forsha Hafen.

High heels on women's shoes went out of fashion starting around 1810, and then in 1860, they surged in popularity, with an average height of about two and a half inches. People thought they made women's feet and bodies look more feminine. The heels changed a woman's silhouette, which some men found alluring.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event April 18, 2026, 10 a.m.

“Victorian Dress” Presented by Dixie Miller

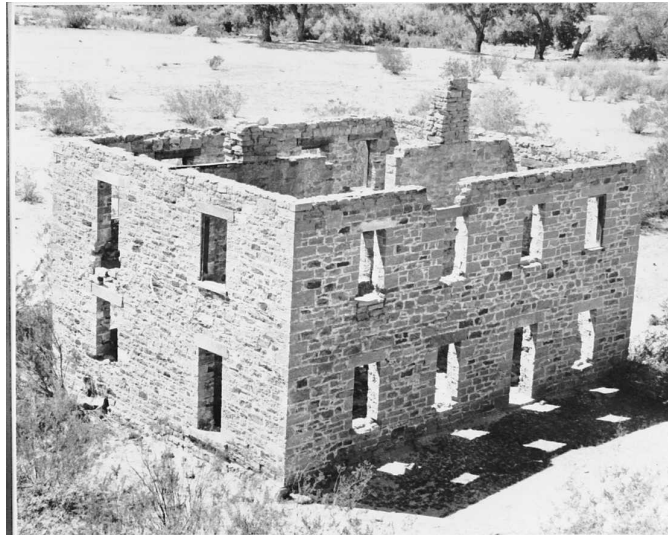
Docent Tip of the Month: Front Door Open and Closing

If you have trouble opening the front door and your key will not turn, pull the door towards you, that should take care of the problem. When closing the door and locking it, pull the door towards you until you hear it click, then turn the key to lock it.

May 2026 Artifact of the Month

Photo of Camp Lorenzo Building

#1687 – Room 4



This photo was donated by Keith Pendleton as part of a large collection of photos he had. It is on display now in Room 4 but will return to storage.

It is an unfinished building in an area north of the Virgin River known as Camp Lorenzo. Located five miles north of Washington on the north side of the Virgin River. Close to Sand Hollow State Park. It is still standing in 2025.

ON THE BACK OF THE PHOTO IS WRITTEN:

House constructed to house the families who came from Brigham City to work in the cotton field.
House was never finished.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event May 16, 2026, 10 AM

“Ghost Towns – Ft Harmony, Hebron, Shunesburg” Presented by: Loren Webb

Docent Tip of the Month: Call Your Partner Before You Serve at the Museum

Call your partner in advance about your time at the Museum. It is helpful to arrive at least 15 minutes before your shift begins. Should you not be able to serve, call your Camp Docent Leader to help find a replacement. Should you change times or dates with another camp, notify your Company Docent Leader and **Kathy Whittaker, Docent Director (435 772-1305)**. Also, it would be beneficial to review the Docent Packet prior to serving. It is available online at www.dupstgeorge.org on the Docent Information page.