

MUSEUM MUSINGS
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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MEETING: The next Friends of the Museum meeting is **Monday, October 8th, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.** in the Museum office. We are having a ball taping our conversations at these meetings, since we mainly reminisce about Jeffersontown's history. Everyone is encouraged to come to these meetings -- it is amazing what people remember about Jeffersontown's history once others start recalling things about it.

EXHIBITS: *Childhood Remembered* is the title of our current exhibit, which will remain on display through December 14th. A couple of pictures of displays from the exhibit are seen below.

We are planning an exhibit entitled *'50s & '60s fashion & fun* for January - June, which will feature ladies' clothing and accessories from the 1950s & 1960s. If you have *anything* from that time period you think we might like to borrow for the exhibit, please let us know. We could use things as varied as old make-up cases and perfume bottles, blow dryers (remember the kind with the cap that went over your head?), curlers, sunglasses, sunsuits, swimsuits and other clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, jewelry, and even old appliances (like ladies' electric razors and cute telephones) and hobby or sports equipment -- anything you can remember women using during that time period, that you might still have lying around the house. We would need these items before December, if you have any you would like to donate or let us borrow.

CITY WEB SITE: Jeffersontown's new city web site was unveiled back in July. It looks amazing and is very easy to use. There are Museum pages, including links to books and the old *Jeffersonian* newspapers. You can access the site at www.jeffersontownky.com.

Happily, our most recently microfilmed *Jeffersonian* newspapers have finally made it online -- so now everyone has access not only to the 1907-1912 *Jeffersonians*, but to many from the 1930s - 2000. Most of the more recent ranges of papers date from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1970s. It is a lot of fun to peruse the site and view not only old articles about Jeffersontown, but ads from local businesses as well. A nice feature through the link to the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, which houses our newspapers, is the ability to type in keywords in order to bring up the newspapers that contain those references -- so for instance, if there is a specific person you are looking for information about, you simply type in his or her name, and all the related papers will appear.

DONATIONS: Sheila Koshewa donated a Santa Claus puzzle that belonged to David Ludwick, a celluloid grooming set from c1910 that belonged to Fanola Carr Alcorn, and a set of teacher's books that were used in the 1930s at Swamp College (where Lover's Lane is) by Virginia Alcorn Ludwick. Collis Ormsby donated several interesting old photographs and paperwork pertaining to the Jeffersontown area. Thomas Ruckriegel donated a c1960s decorative Jeffersontown license plate put out by the Chamber of Commerce -- if anyone remembers more about these commemorative license plates, we would greatly appreciate hearing about it. Bill Elder donated a pre-WWII US Cavalry saddle, antique golf clubs used at Vettiner (Chenoweth) Park when it first opened, and the c1865 transit level used in the construction of Taylorsville Road.

