

MUSEUM MUSINGS
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEFFERSONTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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We apologize for the delay in sending out the newsletter, but Director Beth Wilder was incapacitated for a month due to a broken foot. A great many thanks go to Assistant Curator of Education, Ester Harlow, who did an excellent job of taking control of things and keeping the Museum running smoothly in Beth's absence.

EXHIBITS: July 29, 2013 - January 10, 2014 the Museum is hosting a display titled "Girl Scouting: Building tomorrow's leaders, one girl at a time since 1912." The exhibit will include items from the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana Historical Collection, featuring vintage uniforms, historic photographs, Girl Scout memorabilia, camping items, and activities. We would like to thank the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana for their generosity in sharing these items, and we hope that you will make an effort to show them your support by viewing the exhibit. Julia Bache, a Girl Scout herself, is allowing us to show part of a presentation she has put together on the Rosenwald Schools -- Alexander-Ingram, originally known as the Jeffersontown Colored School, was one of these schools built in 1929 specifically for the education of African-American students.

We are planning next year to have an exhibit on Jeffersontown in the 1920s. If you have any local photos or artifacts from that time period, we would love to borrow them. We are also interested in obtaining artifacts related to the medical field as it relates to Jeffersontown -- this town had some very intelligent doctors, dentists and pharmacists, and we would love to be able to create an exhibit centered around them.

Please note that the Museum is always on the lookout for interesting artifacts from Jeffersontown's past -- this includes photographs from around town as well. We also have a large collection of dolls, and we have found that young girls really love to look at the Barbie dolls; if you have any of the older Barbie dolls (mainly 1960s and 1970s) and their furniture or accessories you would like to donate, we would love to have them.

CITY WEB SITE: The Kentucky Historical Society will soon have a listing of our museum's oral history collection online through a new program called "Pass the Word." This listing will enable people all over the world to see what the Jeffersontown Historical Museum has available regarding video-taped conversations about Jeffersontown and some of its residents, and of course, our museum is free to those who would wish to come by and view our histories.

Although Jeffersontown's oral history collection will not be viewable *online*, Mayor Dieruf has seen to it that we now possess a brand new computer here at the Museum, specifically for the storage and playback of the video histories we own. It will take a little bit of time to get all our videos downloaded, but they will be available to anyone who would like to come to the museum and view them. We wish to thank the Mayor for his continued support of our museum, his desire to make sure we keep up with technology, and for his excellent ideas over the past several years that have greatly improved the museum -- we are truly fortunate to have a Mayor so interested in Jeffersontown's history.

DONATIONS: On April 30, 2013, Mayor Dieruf issued a proclamation regarding the 100th anniversary of Roscoe Goose's 1913 Derby win on Donerail, as well as his brother, Carl Ganz's, win in the Kentucky Oaks that same year. The proclamation was presented to one of Roscoe's nieces, Katie Shea, who generously intends to donate the proclamation to our museum, where the family feels it truly belongs, since Roscoe and Carl are natives of Jeffersontown.

Joy Brands donated all kinds of wonderful items from the 1920s and early 1930s, from kitchen utensils and children's clothing to exquisite accessories. Linda Schweickhardt, owner of *It's Serendipity* on the town square, very generously donated a c1930s Jeffersontown High School letterman's sweater she received at the her shop. Sallie Cheatham Smith, a descendant of Wilhelm Ganz (known also as William Goose), one of Jeffersontown's earliest settlers, has donated the handmade forge used for blacksmith work on one of the farms he owned in the area. The forge dates from the late 1700s.