Hoover Family Mementoes
Embellish Hoover History in 2013
Free Admission for Visitors

North Canton, Ohio, February 2013 – Memorabilia from the Center’s collections of Hoover family keepsakes will enhance the story of the Hoover Legacy (history of The Hoover Company) in 2013. The new displays will be available for viewing on Wednesday, February 27th with tours conducted hourly, 1-4 p.m. Admission is free, donations graciously accepted. Interns with Walsh University’s Museum Studies program assisted with mounting the displays and serve as docents.

Included in the displays are unique photographs of William Henry “Boss” Hoover’s parents, Dan & Mary, who built the 1853 farmhouse that now serves as the Hoover museum. Also pulled from family albums, a first-time showing of photos of “Boss”, wife, Susan, and daughter Carrie in the guest parlor.

This parlor also holds the showing of New Berlin High School graduation programs from “Boss” and Susan Hoover’s five children: Mary, Carrie, Herbert (“H.W.”) Frank and Daniel. The dates range from 1892-1903, and some are accompanied with a class photograph. Mary Hoover (who became Mrs. Harley Price) was the eldest, and her 1892 New Berlin High School Diploma complements the presentation.

The family parlor serves as the setting for photographs of H.W. Hoover Sr., and wife Grace and includes their wedding invitation; passports; and the wedding portrait of their daughter Polly who wed Lawrence Connelly Jr. in June 1930. The wedding was held at H.W. & Grace’s palatial estate formerly located off of Cleveland Avenue which is now the Auburn Knolls development. Photographs of the property are also shown.

The exhibit contains photographs of Harley and Mary Hoover Price, and daughter Alice who passed away from scarlet fever at the young age of 11. Her Bible and a Sunday school card are displayed along with her miniature tea set (tea set courtesy North Canton Heritage Society).
Family textiles shown include the lace from Carrie Hoover’s 1893 graduation dress; the wedding gown worn by Edna Seiler when she wed Frank Hoover (son of “Boss” and Susan) in 1907; and an 1890 Signature Crazy Quilt which bears embroidered signatures of several family members.

Hourly tours (1-4p.m.) will continue through October, Wednesday through Saturday. Reservations are required for groups of 8 or more and are available weekday mornings. Donations are encouraged as no admission is charged. Souvenirs are available in the Gift Shoppe.

For more information, call the Center at 330-499-0287 or email ahaines@walsh.edu.

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