Artifacts, Miscellaneous

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Provenance

The Zaharako’s Sugar Bowl ladle was anonymously donated to the Ralph W. Stark Heritage Center in 2006. One of the Boone County Sesquicentennial plates was donated to the Heritage Center by Dorothy Sutphin, May 4, 2007 (2007.11.1); Dr. Paul Honan’s Rotary Club button donated by Linda Silverberg, June 12, 2018. It is not known when the other items were donated to the library; the Boone County Conservation League Seal and Pioneer printing blocks had been owned by Ralph W. Stark. 2019.39 donated by Anne Moore, August 14, 2019.

Scope and Content

This collection contains a variety of artifacts not yet assigned to a specific collection. It contains:

- Boone County Blanket [2019.39.29]
- Boone County Conservation League Seal
- Boone County Seal plate from Indiana Sesquicentennial
- Boone County Sesquicentennial Plate (2)
- Lebanon Pioneer printing blocks (2) with engraving of third Boone County Courthouse
- Rotary Club pin belonging to Dr. Paul Honan, Jr.
- Lebanon souvenir plate
- Zaharako’s Sugar Bowl ladle

Background

The Boone County Conservation League was founded in 1935 and dissolved in 2017.

Indiana celebrated its statehood sesquicentennial in 1966. As part of Boone County’s observance of the celebration, Ralph W. Stark designed the “Great Seal” of Boone County: the design features a bullfrog, representative of the county’s early environment when multiple settlers recalled the prevalence of frogs, and “The State of Boone,” a nickname applied to the county since at least the 1850s. Charles E. Martin provided the artwork. This plate is part of the second printing from January 1970.

Boone County celebrated its sesquicentennial in 1980. The plate bears an image of the fourth Boone County Courthouse, opened in December 1911 and dedicated July 4, 1912.
The Lebanon Pioneer, the first newspaper published in Boone County, began production as the Boone County Pioneer in 1852, suspended publication during the American Civil War, and ceased operations in the 1930s. The two printing blocks (one is made of wood with a metal plate and one is entirely of wood) in this collection bear an engraving of the third Boone County courthouse, which opened in 1857 and was razed in 1909. The blocks may have been engraved by Harry C. Smith of Lafayette. Benjamin McKey, longtime editor of the Pioneer gave the blocks to Ralph W. Stark.

The Lebanon Rotary Club was established in 1919. Dr. Paul Honan, Jr., inventor of the Honan Intraocular Pressure Reducer (Honan Balloon), was born in Lebanon May 29, 1921; in 1957, he established his ophthalmology practice in Lebanon, where he worked until 2017. Dr. Honan died May 18, 2017.

The Lebanon souvenir plate bears a floral motif and has printed on the front “Souvenir of Lebanon, Ind”; there is no indication of when it was made, by whom, or by whom sold.

Zaharako’s Sugar Bowl was a popular restaurant at 105 W Main Street in Lebanon that operated from 1948-1967. Owned by Gus Zaharako, son of James Zaharoko, one of the founders of Zaharoko’s Confectionary in Columbus, Indiana, the Sugar Bowl specialized in candies and soda fountain service. The ladle was used in the candy-making process.

Sources


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Related Holdings: Vertical Files: Business-Food; Conservation League; Sesquicentennial, Boone; Sesquicentennial, Indiana; Newspapers.

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