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Covid-19 Pandemic 2020

As I write this, the world is experiencing a health crisis none of us have ever seen. It is the type of history I wish I wasn't living through. For over 6 weeks, we in Wisconsin have been ordered to stay home. Schools and non-essential business are closed. That includes the Fort Crawford Museum.

Opening day is May 1st but that won't be happening this year. Also, on hold is the Pillar Project Dedication scheduled for April 26th. Looking into the near future we don't know what is in store, but the staff and the board are preparing for a safe and health conscience season once we are opened including hand sanitizers and wipes, limiting the size of groups in a tour, and limiting the number of people in a building. Other details are being worked out by those in charge so when the restrictions are lifted the Museum will be up and running quickly and smoothly.

Until our daily routine returns please be safe, be conscientious of others around you and be patient.

We will get through this!

On a brighter side—the days are getting longer; it is getting warmer and greener and my daffodils are blooming!

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Discover the Fort Crawford Museum on Facebook

The Fort Crawford Museum Facebook page will be showcasing a different artifact from our collection 2 or 3 times a week. Mary Antoine recently posted “Many museums and historic sites have been posting virtual tours of their exhibits. I considered this, but I am an objects person—I like objects and the stories they tell. So, instead of a virtual tour, you will now see objects from the collection of the Prairie du Chien Historical Society and find out the stories they tell.”

There are 4 items Mary has described as of April 15th. Check it out and learn from the comfort of your home. Please share the posts, so all can view what is on exhibit at the Fort Crawford Museum.

Enjoy and Thank you for Sharing!

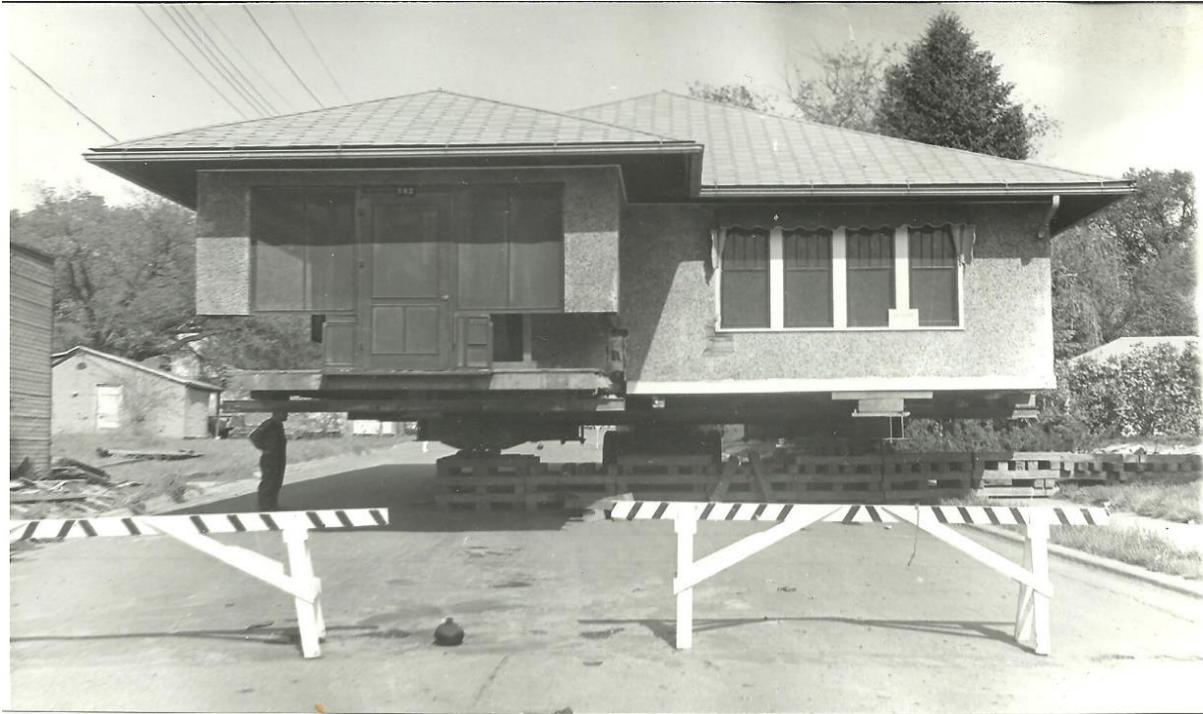
The 19th Amendment Women’s Suffrage Amendment



One hundred years ago, on August 18, 1920 Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment. The amendment reads “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”

Later that year on November 2nd 8 million women across the United States voted for the first time. In that election, Ohio Senator Warren G. Harding (R) defeated Ohio Governor James M. Cox (D) to become the 29th president of the United States.

Does Anyone Know the Story of This House?



Gary Howe of the Courier Press is retiring on April 30th. Over the last year he has been donating pictures and items to the Museum. Last week he gave the Museum a box with this picture in it. There were many pictures of the old bridge being taken down, preparing for the new bridge, construction of the new bridge and the closing of the new bridge in 1981.

My question: is this a house on Prairie Street that was moved because Iowa Street needed to be constructed from Beaumont Road to Main Street? If so, who owned it? For some reason I think this house was moved to the northwest corner of 7th Street and Wells Street.

If anyone knows the story behind this house, I'd love to hear it. I think it is a handsome looking house.

Also, part of the construction of Iowa Street was the demolition of Otteson Garrity Funeral Home, the grand house built by Charles Grelle, which was located on Beaumont Road. Other houses in the pathway were saved from demolition and moved to various locations in the city.

Happy Retirement, Gary! The Prairie du Chien Area has benefitted from your dedication and love of this place. Thank you for the support you've given the Prairie du Chien Historical Society.