

ARTIFACTS FROM TOWN HISTORY DISPLAYED

A glass display case has been set up in the meeting room of the Town Hall for the display of artifacts of our local history.

Currently displayed are three items. A bell which was rung by Mrs. Jennie Kniffin to signal the end of recess at the hamlet school was donated by former town resident Butch Bourignon. Donated by Pam Drinkwater Trombley is a small wooden model of a snow scraper and copper stencil related to a patent for a snow scraper received by Martienus Mulder in 1899. Mr. Mulder once lived in the home on South Main Street recently owned by Pam's aunt Judith Beemer Rhodes. There is also a flail on display. Since biblical times, a flail was used by farmers to separate the head of a plant, containing the seed, from the plant. This is a necessary step in processing grain. Mr. Walter Dietz of Dean's Mill Road reported his father Paul was still using a flail periodically when Walter was young. The flail is on loan from my collection.

There is space available for more items, and items can certainly be rotated. If you have an item for display, contact me. The item must be small and be of historical, but not monetary value.

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