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Hidden Treasures in Common Hiding Places

Ever since I was a child I have been intrigued by the treasures found in the places most people ignore. My favorite places to explore are basements, attics, garages and sometimes those boxes that have gone undisturbed for decades sitting on the top shelf of a closet that is used daily.

This past month while exiting the Granville Historical Society's attic that is accessible only through a small door located on the outside of the building, I was pleasantly surprised by an object that caught my eye.

Just as I was getting ready to make my way out the door and down the ladder, I glanced up to the right of the door and saw this strange object stuck in the rafters. I was not able to make out what the object was, but decided to pull on what looked like the handle. As I pulled and tugged I could see that there was a long piece of steel emerging.

I could barely contain my excitement as I shouted down to our collections manager and board president Cynthia Cort who had just made it down the ladder herself. I passed down the object and descended.

We do not know much about this object or why it was in the attic, but we are eager to uncover its mysteries. We do know that it is a European fencing foil, one of a pair most likely. The blade is marked Solingen, and likely produced in Solingen, Germany. The foil recovered did not have the felt protector pad as seen in the image to the right.

Over the years the Historical Society has benefited from many treasures such as this sword that have been found tucked away in people's attics, basements, garages and closets. So what treasures lie tucked away in the undisturbed corners of your home? If you believe you have an item that is related to Granville we would be delighted to have it join our collection.

~Jodi Lively, Office Administrator



The handle that was visible when exiting the attic



Example: found on the internet



Museum Hours

Exhibits are now closed for the season. Stay tuned for events throughout the fall and winter.

Research Archives Hours

All Year on Thursdays Only
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Enter through the Robinson Research Center on the west side of the building.

Archivists are available to assist researchers Thursdays or by appointment.

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GHS Upcoming Calendar Events

The Granville Chapter of the D.A.R. will be hosting a program at the Granville Historical Society on October 15.

The program, presented by Granville DAR Chapter Historian and Historical Preservation Chair, Elaine Robertson, will focus upon the history of the founding of the National Daughters of the American Revolution in 1890, formation of the Granville Chapter in 1909, and involvement within Granville and surrounding areas.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. with a small reception to follow.



October 15—D.A.R. Event
7 p.m. - Robinson Research Center

October 19—Garden Cleanup
10 - noon - Granville Historical Society

November 20—Annual Meeting
7 p.m.—Kendal at Granville

More details for these events forthcoming.