Coronach District Museum

Self Guided Tour

The Coronach District Museum was originally located on Main Street in the home of Mrs. Allace Black next to the Catholic Church. Allan and Allace Black had the foresight to begin an antique collection in their own home. This collection was purchased by the RM of Hart Butte and the Town of Coronach in 1986 and thus we had the beginnings of our museum.

With the Black home being too small, the collection was moved to our current location which used to be the Coronach Union Hospital. This building had become vacant because of the building of a new Health Centre in 1992 on the east side of our town. This building itself is from part of a hangar from the Mossbank Air Force Base. The east end (the waiting room and parlor, etc.) was added on after the hospital was officially opened in 1949.

Some of the artifacts in this museum were owned by the Black family, but since the excoriation of the Black Collection many items have been donated by the residents of Coronach and surrounding areas. Now; the majority of the artifacts that you will see in our museum surpass the original Black Collection.

As you walk in to our building you will notice our roaring 1920’s mannequin standing by the fumed oak desk – please remember to sign our guest book.

To the left of the mannequin you will enter our **parlour/dining room**. Back in “the day” the dining room was reserved for special occasions and company – thus not being used very often. Notice our tea cozy with 196 beads per square inch on the south wall. On the table we have a sugar bowl with matching spoons and salt cells that were used before the invention of the shaker. Our “chandelier” is the operating room light from this room’s years as the hospital emergency room. Also, take note of our many clocks. One clock is a souvenir from World War 1 (1914 – 1918) and the other, formerly owned by the Setrum family since the turn of the 20th century. Be sure to also read the article on the mirror of the sideboard.

Our next room is the **kitchen**. In the kitchen you can view our McClary Cook Stove complete with ashes and a clinker. You can also find a Herrick Ice Box, a Miss America cupboard, ironing board, washing machine, clothes drying rack and other various kitchen related items.

In the **library** we have ration books from World War II (gas, liquor, meat, sugar, etc.) and old catalogues, photo albums and newspapers. This room is also a great source of Coronach History. Did you know that once upon a time you could buy your home out of an Eaton’s catalogue?

Backtracking from the library and turning left you will find our **x-ray room** from the days when this building was our hospital. The tiny room at the back is the darkroom where all x-rays would have been developed.

The next room is our **delivery/operating room**. Notice the stirrups on the delivery table. The apothecary’s wooden cupboard was originally found in Coronach’s first Drug Store back in 1926 and was used to mix drugs. Next to the dentist chair is a medical bag used by one of Coronach’s first doctors (Dr. Coodin) from 1929 – 1932. All the medical instruments on that same wall are from his medical bag. Dr. Coodin’s salary was $40.00 per month.

The **sports room** contains uniforms and items from various sports.

In the **toy room** we have paper dolls, tin dishes, a tea seat and toy sewing machine from 1912.

Starting down our hallway now from the toy room, in the first room on your left you will find a New Empire Map (5th edition) of Saskatchewan from 1917. This map indicates where all post offices and railways were located. There is a replica of Roseland School made by Milton McBurney. On the back of this school there is a list of all students, teachers and the original board members. As well in this room can be found some interesting reading about the Gold Rush of 1931.

In the **bathroom** you will find a claw foot tub, wash stand with wash bowl and pitcher, hair dryer, etc.

On the right, **the shop** has our collection of license plates (every plate from 1919 – 1977), an oxen yoke, grinding stone, harnesses and many other tools and equipment.

The **bedroom** has an oak dresser with a caravel mirror, a brass bed and a wicker ware carriage. Take note of our Swallow Tail Coat worn for a wedding in 1901.

On the left you will find the **sewing room**, we have a loom, a spinning wheel, and a hand operated Singer sewing machine brought from England in 1900 still in it’s original box. In this room there are also hand wool carders, knitting machines and many fiber arts.

On the right is our **school room** complete with water cooler and dipper, a map of the school districts in the RM (rural municipality), the school clock and many other school related items.

Across the hall in the office you can find compuwriters which were used by the Triangle News (our local newspaper service) to set their spacing and make their columns. They are basically a primitive computer. You will also find survey maps, tax notices and Coronach’s development map from 1927.

The small room off the office contains an old spring bed frame with a straw filled mattress and an old fur coat make into a blanket.

The next room is the **communications room** features an old switchboard, many radios, a gramophone, typewriters and other equipment.

On the wall in the **church** you can read the histories of the different churches of Coronach. The furniture in this room is from the All Saints Anglican Church and the vestments are from the Catholic Church.

Hey - Did you check out the wooden phone booth in the hallway that contains an old phone?

Across the hallway is our **store**. We have a homesteader’s stove and pipe where you could warm up in the winter. As well, there is a bulk food cupboard, a cheese box, a national brand cash register and our buffalo coat in this room.