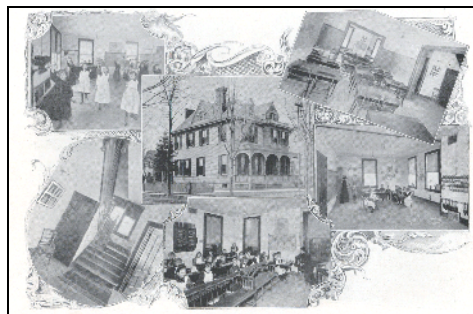
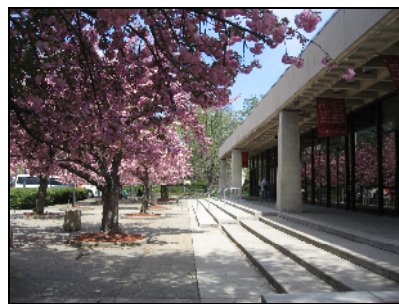


You and Local History



Perfect Together!



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Buried Treasures



Assuring the Future Of Your Photographs Documents Books Souvenirs Memorabilia

Consider making them
available for research at the
Plainfield Public Library

What Issues Should I Consider?

- Do my items have historical & research value?
- Do I own the item outright or have I made a prior commitment to family members?
- If my treasures have monetary value, should I sell them?
- Have I sorted through my collections for extraneous photographs, letters, etc.?
- Have I allowed myself enough time to review my collections and decide what to keep and what to donate?
- Will I be able to bring the items to the library for review or will I need a librarian to visit my home?
- Am I able to make a monetary donation to help cover the expense of archival supplies and processing?

What Types of Items Are Important?

- ▶ **Photographs** — Scenes of homes, stores, churches, schools. Identify and date whatever you can.
- ▶ **Postcards** — Images of the city or cards advertising events.
- ▶ **Blueprints** — Of Plainfield homes.
- ▶ **Documents** — Local diplomas, birth certificates, deeds, etc.
- ▶ **Diaries & Journals** — Personal and family histories that shed light on a person's life in Plainfield or local events.
- ▶ **Bible Records** — Genealogical records such as births, deaths, and marriages.
- ▶ **Books** — Yearbooks, class directories, published genealogies, etc. Books pertaining to our Diversity Studies Collection are also welcome.
- ▶ **Art** — Artworks by local artists are evaluated individually.
- ▶ **Other** — Textiles, coins, and promotional items from stores such as calendars, blotters, yardsticks.

Choosing the Right Repository

- Should I donate my items to
 - My local library?
 - The historical society?
 - A museum?
 - A statewide agency?
- Do my items pertain to Plainfield or to another locale?
- Will the library give me a statement of value for my taxes? Will I need to get a private appraisal?
- How will the agency store, display and/or make my donated items accessible?
- May I alter the donor agreement and place restrictions on my gift?

Our Library staff welcomes the opportunity to talk with you about your collections.