

# May Newsletter

## YOLO COUNTY HISTORICAL COLLECTION



### New Exhibition in the Gibson House

The Evolution of Sound tracks the way that audiences have listened to musical performances from the 18th century to today. Explore objects from Opera and vaudeville to the electronic radio and see how one led to the other. Come and explore the development of the record player and the many different types of early sound recording showcased within the Yolo County Historical Collection.

There will be an opening reception on Thursday, June 20th | 5:30-8:30pm

Gibson House Summer 2024 Open Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays | 12:00-4:00pm

Third Saturday of the Month | 8:00am - 4:00pm Saturday June 22, July 20, August 20

Admission to the Gibson House and Gibson House events are always free!

In this newsletter you can expect:

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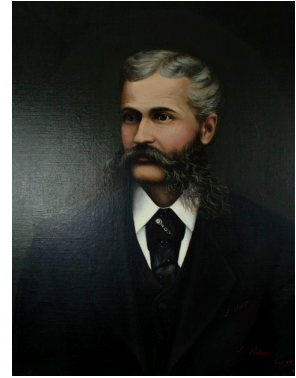
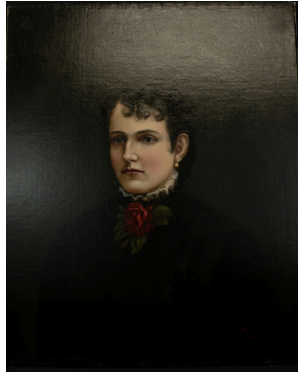
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## Conservation Updates

Thanks to funding provided by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors the Yolo County Historical Collection has been able to get 14 frames and 9 paintings restored by professional conservators. Since the beginning of this year, we have received back 6 frames and 3 paintings. To see active updates on the frame conservation click [here!](#)



## Buggy Cleaning Day!

Spring has sprung so the Yolo County Historical Collection took advantage of the nice weather to clean some of our most precious objects. The yellow carriage belonged to Dr. Lawhead-- Woodland's first Doctor. Lawhead arrived in Yolo County in 1883 when he tried to get a job in Knights Landing, unfortunately two competing doctors had already divided the town so he was sent packing. This is when he stumbled on the pioneer town of Woodland where he practiced for 46 years.







## Object Spotlight: Mary Elberg Wright's Violin

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Donor: Charles Wright

A descendent of the Gibsons, Charles wrote this about this violin:

The violin belonged to my mother Mary Isabelle Wright, ne Elberg. She was the daughter of Dr. Henry Elberg and Zella Lee Gibson and was born in 1914. They lived in San Luis Obispo and moved to the ranch home of William Byas Gibson known as Rose Lawn when my mother was very young. Zella was his daughter. Mother lived there until she married my father Edward Wright. Used to ride her horse to school.


The Gibson House was my Great Uncle's home. He was Thomas Ballard Gibson. I used to play in the gardens at the home when we visited my Great Aunt Nora at the home in the late 1940's and early '50's.

This Violin is one of the few objects in the Yolo County Historical Collection that belonged to the Gibsons for whom the house is named.

Initially made in Berlin Germany, this violin was re-graduated in Sacramento in 1927.

Instruments made in Europe in the 19th century were often made thick to help them survive the long journey across the ocean. This makes their sound quality sub-par and rapidly deteriorate over time. When craftsmen re-graduate, they take the instrument apart, and thin the sides and back to make the sound resonance within the instrument better. While a risky process, re-graduation was very popular at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century.

Funds provided by the Board of supervisors allowed the Yolo County Historical Collection to restore this priceless community artifact to its former glory. Come see this rare Gibson descendent object on display in the Music Room in the Gibson House.

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