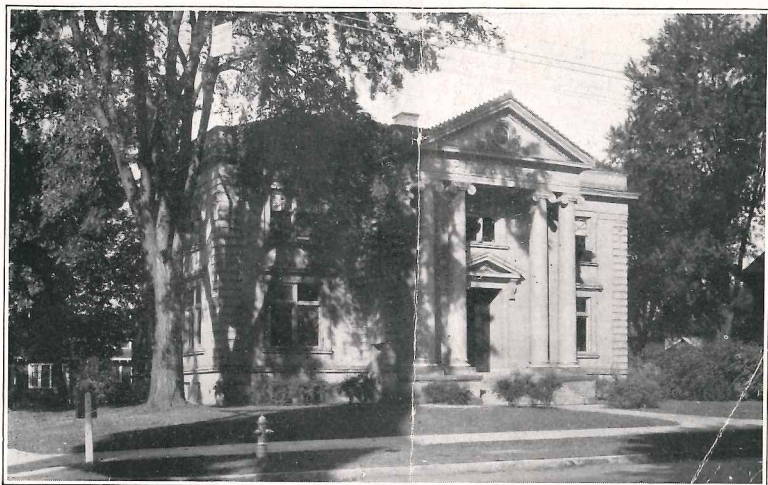



Fortieth Anniversary
of the
Wooster Museum

1904-1944



WOOSTER LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

WITH A FEW BRIEF NOTES ABOUT EACH



FOUNDING OF WOOSTER LIBRARY, 1857, with a few hundred books. Gift from Andrew Carnegie for a new Library and Museum building 1904, with several thousand books. At present (1944) about 35,000 volumes.

FOUNDING OF THE MUSEUM by Mr. George Schwartz, 1904. Original collection consisted of four cases of household and personal items used by the earliest settlers of Wayne County.

In 1920 the number had increased to 20.

Today (1944) there are 84 cases. Many of these contain items that were in common use in pioneer days.

Other cases are devoted to early township and village records, maps and rare books.

Another group of cases contain most interesting exhibits, from China, India, Burma, Africa and the Philippine Islands.


There are three cases devoted to porcelains, all are valuable pieces of the long ago and very rare.


In this group is a beautiful piece made in the old Meissen Pottery in 1720.

A chronological arrangement of items in one case, is rather unique. The time period being from 3000 B.C. to the present.

In this group is a very rare book, The Four Gospels in Armenian, beautifully written and illustrated in color. Period 1160.

A beautiful set of Seal Skin furs worn by Mrs. Herbert Hoover's grandmother, occupies an entire case. This was worn by her while she lived in Wooster.





There are forty cases devoted to natural history. Most of these are rare, foreign birds, with a goodly number of native birds and small animals, about 600 in all.

This natural history collection was made possible through the generosity of Mr. James Mullins and the George Faber family.

Among the many prized items in the Museum are 16 portraits of prominent Wooster citizens of another generation. Twelve of these were painted by Michael Nachtrieb. Three were done by Charles Gasche, both Wooster artists.

Another and excellent portrait of Joseph Stibbs, one of the earliest and most prominent Wooster citizens (1809). This was donated by a descendant, who states that it was done by Gilbert Stewart, noted artist of that period.

The Museum belongs to the community and is always open to the public during Library hours, 12 to 9 P.M.

The trustees have set aside the week beginning June 5 as Anniversary Week, with a special invitation to guests. During this week the curators will be in attendance.

This Fortieth Anniversary brochure has been prepared with a hope that it will increase the public's interest in the Museum and Library, and to encourage the giving of items of historic or artistic value, representing the pioneer days of Wayne County.

The Curators:

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