

Please Follow Museum Etiquette

- Please do not touch objects, displays or models
- No food or drink in exhibit areas
- Do not enter roped-off exhibits
- No running, pushing or yelling
- Parents and guardians, you are responsible for your children. Please make sure that they understand these rules.
- Photography permitted for personal use only. If you would like to photograph the museum, its exhibits or collections for web or print publication, please consult the Museum Director. Unauthorized publication is a violation of US copyright law.

Be Sure To Visit

The MacDonell House

This beautifully preserved and furnished 1893 Victorian home once occupied a prime location on what was known as the “Golden Block.”

The Log House

The log house, built in 1848 by the Faze family, was disassembled and rebuilt on the Museum’s campus between 1958 and 1960.

Children’s Discovery Center

The Children’s Discovery Center, next to the entrance, is a favorite destination for families. With a hands-on approach, kids can learn about history by getting involved. The CDC also includes a large model railroad layout – popular with kids of all ages.

Museum Map

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Visitor’s Guide

620 W. Market Street | Lima, OH 45801



Welcome!

COLLECTION



HIGHLIGHTS



Shay Locomotive *Lower Level*

The Shay Locomotive was built in 1925 by the Lima Locomotive Works. The 24 ton, two truck locomotive was used by the Lima Stone Company and donated to the Historical Society in the early 1950s. It was one of 2,761 Shay engines manufactured by the Lima Locomotive Works.

World's Largest Oil Field *Lower Level*

Capturing a glimpse of one of Allen County's largest industries, this photo highlights our extensive collection relating to the local oil industry. Enjoy displays of tools, models, photos, artifacts, products, and documents.



Sarber/Dillinger Exhibit *Lower Level*

On December 12, 1933, gangster John Dillinger's gang broke him out of the Allen County Jail where he was serving time for robbing Citizens National Bank. Sheriff Jess Sarber was killed. This exhibit shows his office and the jail minutes before the escape.



Pioneer Home Exhibit *Upper Level*

As the center of activity in the pioneer home, this display showcases 19th-century living.



Things People Swallowed *Lower Level*

One of our oddest exhibits is a collection of over one hundred objects that the patients of Dr. Walter Yingling and Dr. Estey Yingling swallowed. They include such unusual items as a diaper pin, a lengthy piece of rubber hose, and a set of dentures!



General Store *Lower Level*

The General Store exhibit is one of the Museum's most popular collections on display. Built in 1860, the storefront is from the grocery of John G. Knoble of Lafayette.