

Donation to Dangberg Ranch fortifies collection

A significant collection of historic artifacts, documents and photographs has been donated to the Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park by Dangberg family member C. Stephen Achard Jr.

The items help tell the story of the Dangberg family and the history of Carson Valley's schools, businesses, events and families. Also new to the collection are several items recently found in a hidden dresser drawer just discovered at the park. Selections from both these acquisitions are now on display as part of guided tours of the Dangberg family home.

"Mr. Achard's donation of family heirlooms and personal memorabilia makes an important contribution to fulfilling the park's mission," park interpreter Mark Jensen said in a press release. "The hundreds of items from the 19th and 20th centuries will help the park present the history of Carson Valley and Nevada ranching. There are some real treasures and we thank Mr. Achard for his generosity."

Several items were recently discovered in a "hidden" drawer located at the bottom of a 19th century dressing table, including prints of skiing photographs shot and signed by Antoinette "Toni" Hiller, a noted sports and fashion photographer in the 1950s, and an herbarium of pressed flowers from the late 19th century.

Tours of the park continue Wednesday through Sunday at 10am and Saturday and Sunday at 2pm. Tours run through Dec. 12.

Tours are open to the public and cost \$3 for adults, and free for children 12 and younger.