

# Soldiers Monument Time Capsule Then and Now

## 1913

The original time capsule was placed inside the monument at the 1913 dedication of the Monument. It was found when the Monument was relocated in 2013. The original time capsule was found to be damaged and partly opened. This allowed water and other elements to seep into the box over the years, virtually destroying the contents.



The box and contents were sent to the Union County Archives for analysis. They were unable to save what was inside and were only able to make a summary of the contents of the box when it was opened. That list was as follows.

- Black leather-bound book containing a list of names, illegible.



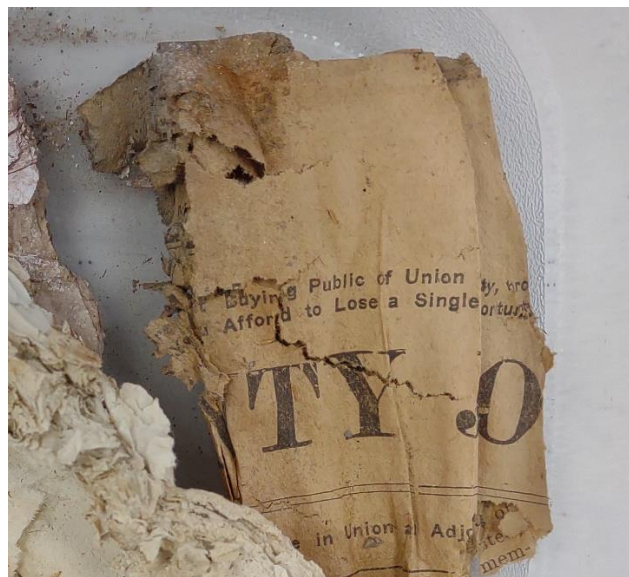
- Seven small type cents, unidentifiable
- One large cent dated 1816.
- One large cent dated 1854.
- One token with a name imprinted on one side.



- Remains of one 48-star flag and wooden flagpole with separate wooden point



- Patrial remains of newspaper banner of the Union County Journal dated May 22, 1913



- Small square of white papers with partial frame visible – most likely pictures
- One rolled piece of paper, illegible.



- Large miscellaneous assortment of newspaper and other paper residue



- One heavy metal box and lid – i.e., the original time capsule container



The damaged contents were saved and are housed in the Jerome Township archives.

A partial list of the contents that were put into the box in 1913, were listed in the 'History of Jerome Township' by Col. W. L. Curry in 1913 on page 63. They were as follows.

- Roster of all soldiers who enlisted from Jerome Township
- Names of committee which had charge of its erection.
- Photographs of 60 Civil War veterans
- Names of school children of the township
- Names of subscribers to the Monument fund
- Copies of songs sung by the school children at the dedication
- Program of the ceremonies

# Now 2023

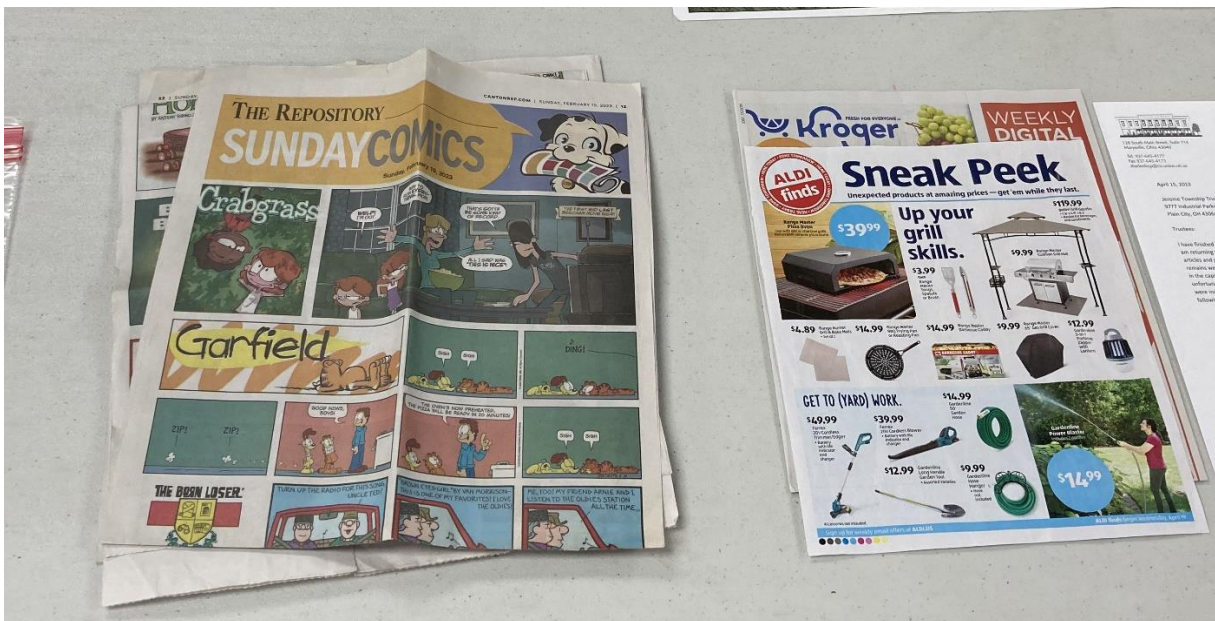
The original box was unable to be reused in its damaged state. A local Eagle Scout project was taken on and a new box was donated by Ferguson Funeral home to be used to place a modern time capsule at the monument. On April 14, 2023, an open house was held to display the new contents of the time capsule that was placed at the monument.

In 2023 as a part of an Eagle Scout project, a new time capsule was planned. Items of historic value as well as modern day mementos were gathered to add to the new time capsule. Some of the items that will be included will be.

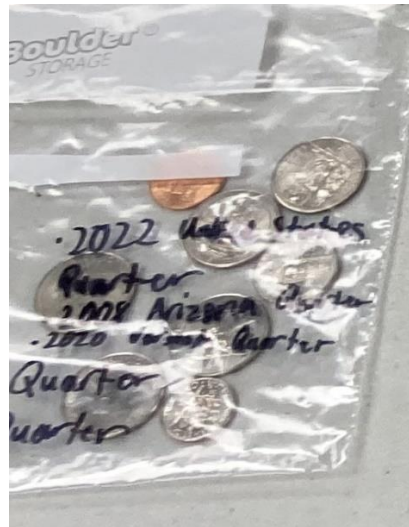
- Maps and photos of the New California area



- Newspaper ads with prices of 2023 objects.



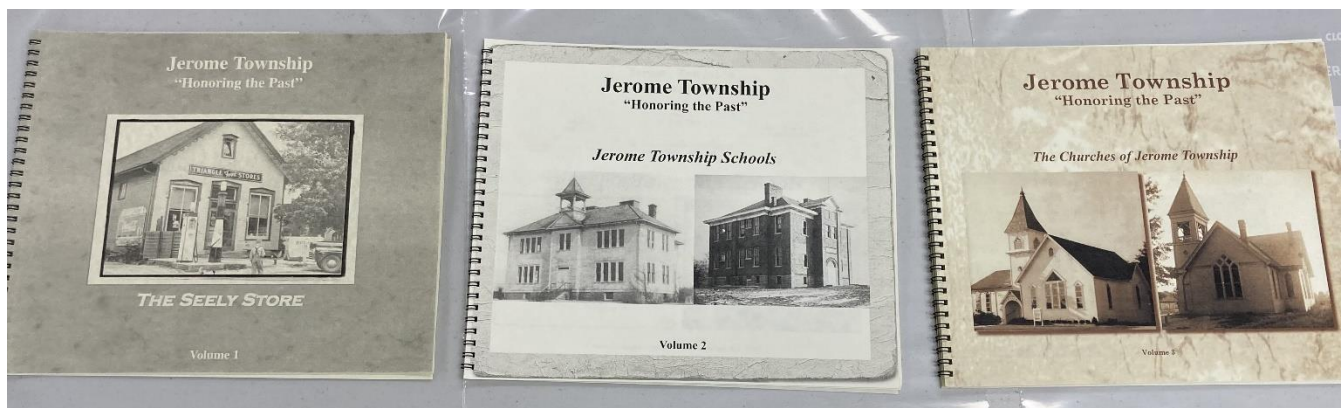
- A hand full of coins



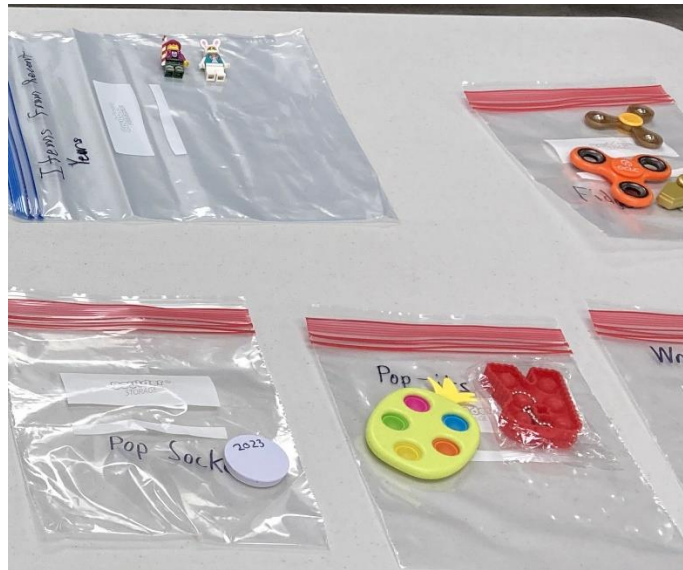
- Copies of historic information about Jerome Township and the Veterans Monument



- Copies of the 2013 Rededication service program
- A series of books pertaining to Jerome Township History "Honoring the past."



- Several popular children's toys including Legos and fidget spinners.



All small items were packaged in sealable plastic bags and marked on the outside with their identity.

The new time capsule was sealed and placed in the wall surrounding the monument.