

AURORA HISTORY MUSEUM

Located in the Aurora Town Historian's Office, Southside Municipal Center,
300 Glead Avenue, East Aurora, NY. Open Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.,
and by special appointment. Visit www.townofaurora.com/departments/historian.

The Aurora Historical Society moved the museum in the fall of 2012 in conjunction with the relocation of the town municipal offices. As a result of the new and improved space, artifacts never publicly seen before are now on exhibition. We invite you to enjoy this self-guided tour of the museum on the right side of the room.

Special Exhibitions



The Globe's Presidential Guests

Two U.S. Presidents—Grover Cleveland and East Aurora's Millard Fillmore—are said to have visited the historic Globe Hotel in East Aurora. Take a look at an original 1890 hotel register, in which Grover Cleveland's name appears, and see rare photographs of this East Aurora landmark, which has graced Main

Street since the mid-1820s.

When Doctors Made House Calls



The town doctor was one of the most important people in a growing community. As the Town of Aurora grew, so did the need for more doctors. In Aurora, both men and women filled the role. In this exhibition, learn the stories of Aurora's earliest "country doctors" and what they carried in their modest medical bags.

A 'New Age' of Medicine



Before the modern era of so-called new-age medicine, people came to East Aurora from across the globe beginning in the 1920s looking for non-traditional healthcare at the Sun Diet Sanatorium. During this time, East Aurora also became known for producing and marketing a variety of other non-traditional healthcare products.

Permanent Collections



The First Settlers

Among the items in the Aurora Historical Society's collection in two display cases are items owned and used by the community's earliest settlers. Also on permanent display are items from the original land sur-

vey by the Holland Land Company. Items in the second display case are from the late 1800s, including women's fashion items. Don't miss the old-time curling iron! Displayed on the one side of the double-sided Roycroft cabinet are unique items from throughout Aurora's history.



Our Earliest Residents

The Native American artifact collection of Andrew Kuster (July 9, 1882-June 26, 1971), a surveyor in this area for nearly 70 years, was donated to the Aurora Historical Society in the 1970s. Many of the artifacts were found at Sinking Ponds, which

today is a wildlife preserve at the edge of the Village of East Aurora. In this exhibit, learn about the earliest residents of our community.

Photograph Exhibition

Taking Shape: A History of The Circle

It is officially known as Willink Square, named after the village that once surrounded it, but it has never been "square." Photographs from the Town Archives—on exhibit in the two-sided Roycroft display case—show the history of one of East Aurora's most interesting local landmarks.

