

## The Value of Archives to the Community

Good evening. My name is Benny Shoults. I am the Curator of the [Meeker Homestead Museum](#), one of the [Delaware County Historical Society's](#) sites located just south of the City.

The Delaware County Historical Society was pleased to have participated with the Richard M. Ross Museum for this unique use of historical archives in Art.

The safekeeping of archives, whether they be photographs, household items, books, newspapers, tools of various professions or documents, all are treasures that are like gears in a time machine taking the curious to places in the past and inspiring us to carry on. The places where archives are kept are open vaults that tell our stories, both good and bad, and provide access to what has been. Delaware County Historical Society's Cryder Historical Center houses an ever-growing collection of artifacts that relate to local history, these items act as a primary source for many purposes, including our curriculum support that we provide to many of the schools in Delaware County and even for the research done for what we are about to see tonight. On display, here at the museum are some of the artifacts from our archives, some of which were used in the production of tonight's presentation.

We welcome all who are interested to visit our [Nash House Museum](#) and [Cryder Research Library](#) at 157 East William and our newest and evolving Meeker Homestead Museum on Stratford Road and Route 23. And, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become members and volunteers of the Delaware County Historical Society. Enjoy the exhibit and thank you.



**Benny Shoults**

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