

4 VIEWS FROM THE CENTER DISPLAY ROOM



TRAP HISTORY MUSEUM

GALLOWAY, OHIO

The Museum is located on the west side of Columbus, Ohio and is open upon request, so please call ahead.

Trap History Museum
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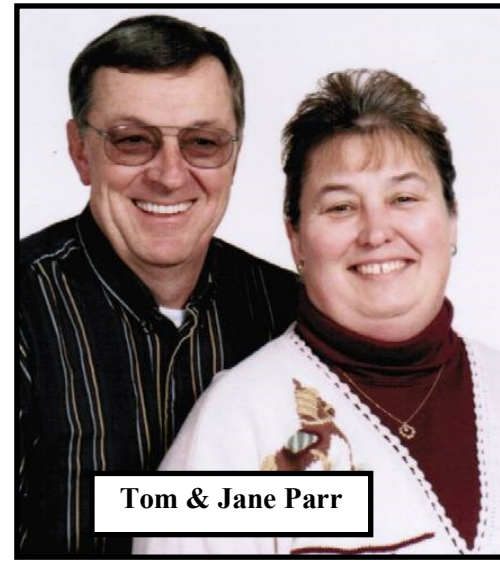
For more on the museum visit our website at:
traphistorymuseum.com

Traps from all over the world are showcased, as well as many items from the early fur trade up to modern day trapping memorabilia. There is also the 4000 pound, 36 foot long, 9 foot tall steel trap on the property. (great for a family picture).

- Early Hand-Forged traps
- Mass Production traps
- European traps
- Mouse, Rat and Gopher traps
- Over 360 different trap makers represented
- Animal Mounts and Tanned Furs
- Library with hundreds of Fur Trade books
- Large Hudson's Bay item displays
- Lure bottles, decoys and much, much more



Background Information about the Museum



Tom & Jane Parr

This museum started as a hobby that began in the fall of 1986 after attending the Ohio State Trappers Fall Convention in Mansfield, Ohio. Having been raised in Mansfield and already owning a few Newhouse traps of my own, I decided to check it out.

I had always loved trapping, even from a young age, and thought I knew a lot about traps, but I never would have guessed that people were willing to pay top dollar for my No. 81 Newhouse traps that I brought to the convention. From that day on I have been “hooked” on collecting traps and researching their history.

My wife, Jane and I were married in 1963 and lived in Galloway (near Columbus) until her untimely death in 2012 (we were married 49 years). During these earlier years, I was a Fire-fighter/Paramedic with the City of Upper Arlington and took early retirement in 1981. My collection started by filling several rooms in our home. Jane and I had a Medical Supply business and we built a large office/warehouse complex on the property. By the year 2000 we had started to downsize, making the lower level of the building available for my expanding collection. Jane was more than pleased to have me move the collection to this area and out of the house!

I have also been involved with the North American Trap Collectors Association (NATCA), serving as its president since 1991. In 2003 NATCA started a non-profit entity called “North American Trap Collectors Museum Inc.” (NATCM Inc.), which is also housed at my museum. On behalf of the NATCM Inc., we contacted the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in Harrisburg, PA. about the traps that the late Richard Gerstell had donated to them. Richard Gerstell wrote the book titled “The Steel Trap in North America”. We asked if we could get a few of them on loan to display in the museum. They were willing to loan our Association 189 of Gerstell’s finest and most rare traps, of which we have on display in the museum. This is all part of the NATCM Inc. collection, along with 320 traps and related paper items that members have donated to the NATCM Inc.

All in all, my personal collection consists of over 5000 traps, from mouse to bear size, early magazines, catalogs and printed material, tools used in the fur trade, and a vast variety of other related items.

On the next two pages I have shown views of different sections of the museum. It is divided up in five rooms that I call the.... Mouse & Rat Trap Room, Modern Trap Room, European Trap Room, Newhouse Trap Room, and the Center Display Room.

Tom Parr

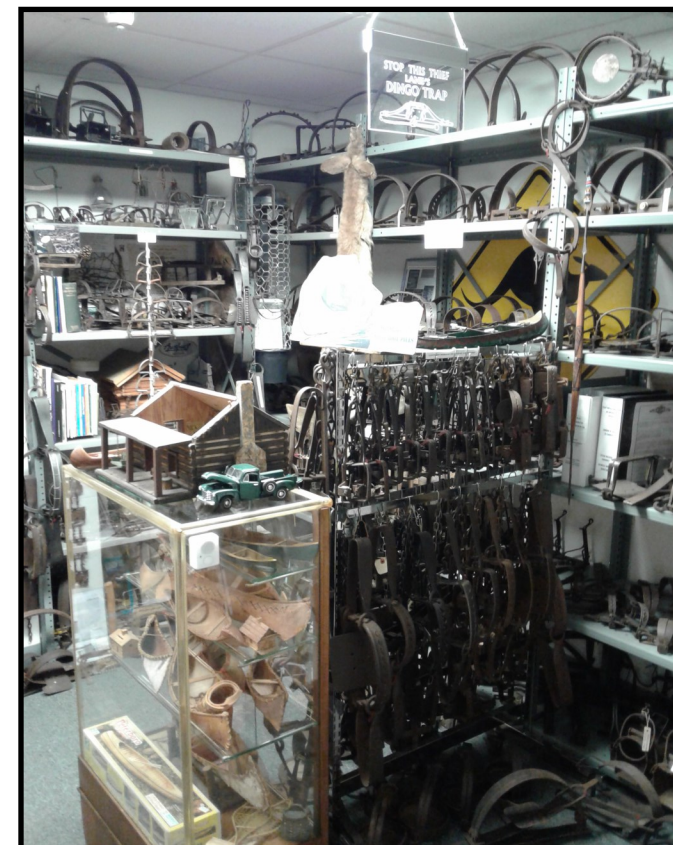
MOUSE & RAT TRAP ROOM



MODERN TRAP ROOM



EUROPEAN TRAP ROOM



NEWHOUSE TRAP ROOM

