Our History Begins Here. Let Us Start You on the Journey.

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Hello, from Thomasville History Center!

Pleased to meet you, friends! This is your guide to discovering all of Thomasville’s treasures at home and across the community.

When you see a that means there’s something you can find!

When you see a that means there’s something you can color, a question you can answer, or an activity you can complete!

When you see a that means you’re about to learn something new!

When you see a that means there is something you can make!

Remember, some items with a don’t have to look exactly like the picture. Use it as inspiration to explore something new, find things that are alike, and things that are different.

Thomasville History Center Word Search

Can you find all of the words that describe the History Center? Words may be horizontal (left to right), vertical (top to bottom), or diagonal (across).

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At-Home Scavenger Hunt

Did you know there are pieces of the past all around us? Some things look the same as they did hundreds of years ago and some things have changed. Here's a list of historic items that you might find in your home today, even if it does not look the same. Put a check √ next to items that look the same, and an X next to things that look different.
1. Pottery: made of clay and shaped by hand. Patterns were created on pottery by pressing carved paddles into clay before firing. Firing hardened the clay and made it stronger.

2. Cast Iron Skillet: used for cooking over an open fire and on stoves, cast iron was great-grandma’s favorite because it got hot quickly and stayed hot!

3. Model T Ford: invented in 1908, the Model T was one of the most popular cars made and sold in the United States. It was put together on an assembly line and did not cost very much money. Owners could repair it themselves and it made travel easier for families.

4. Daguerreotype: one of the earliest types of photography in the 1840s and 1850s. The people in the photographs had to hold very still because of how long it took to take the photo—60–90 seconds!

5. Clay Beads: made for thousands of years by Native Americans and used to decorate clothing, make jewelry, and for trading.

6. Fire Extinguisher: this glass grenade fire extinguisher is shaped like a large light bulb and has a liquid inside that would put out a fire after the glass broke. They were made between 1870 and about 1910. To use it, you would take it off the wall and throw it onto the fire.

7. Telephone: first invented in 1876, telephones helped to connect friends and family. There’s no numbers to dial because you would have to go through an operator. They would connect your call on a switchboard.

8. Pitcher: from the Piney Woods Hotel, this pitcher would have been part of a matched set with a large bowl. This pitcher was not for water to drink... it held water for washing your hands or face!

9. Camera: to take pictures with this camera, you did not have to be in a photographer’s studio, you could go outside. This camera was used to take pictures of Thomasville’s downtown buildings.

10. Typewriter: is a machine that uses ink to print characters on paper. Typewriters were introduced in 1874 and were widely used by businesses and individuals. Imagine how much easier it was to read a typed letter than one written by hand!

11. Pie Safe: a piece of furniture designed to hold food items. The doors often had screen or punched metal panels that let air in but kept bugs out!

12. Pine Cone: southwest Georgia’s longleaf pine forests provide a home for many different types of wildlife. Longleaf pine trees can be up to 100 feet tall and make large pine cones that can be up to 1 foot tall! The cones hold seeds and when they drop to the forest floor, those seeds become new trees.

13. Baseball: the game of baseball was invented by Abner Doubleday in New York in 1839. Thomasville had several minor league teams in the early 1900s.

14. Birds-Eye View Map of Thomasville: this map’s maker used a hot air balloon to view the town from above in 1885. The map shows the town’s rolling hills and the location of buildings and homes.