

# OHRAB MID-YEAR REPORT

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**Institution:** Marion County Historical Society

**Project Title:** Accessioning and Storage of Richard Carey Collection of Historic Records

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**Project Summary:** The Marion County Historical Society was recently the fortunate recipient of a collection of materials significant to the history of Marion County. The Richard Carey Collection contains over 2000 items including more than 100 letters and other documents c. 1840-1920 (including many relating to the Civil War) written by or to Marion County residents. Other items in the collection include photographs, fraternal and social organization materials, President Warren G. Harding photographs and ephemera, industrial and business materials, etc. Our request is for archival storage materials to be utilized to properly store and protect the items from the collection. Our regular budget does not provide sufficient funds for the added materials necessary to preserve this collection and to make it safe for public viewing.

## **Progress to Date:**

- *Estimated percentage of project completed:* While the entire project of archiving the Carey Collection will take several additional months due to the large amount of items, the portion of the collection which will be stored in the materials provided for in the grant is approximately 75% completed in terms of utilization of the archival storage materials and volunteer hours of cataloging and archiving.
- *Summary of expenses:* Archival storage materials have been purchased and received from Gaylord Archival in the amount of \$1259.26 of the \$1270.00 grant funding received
- *Amount of staff and volunteer time spent on the project:* Approximately 150 volunteer hours have been spent on cataloging and archiving the materials. The grant called for 100 volunteer and no paid staff hours.
- *Is the project on track to be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>.?* Yes, to the extent possible with the materials provided by the grant.

- *Has there been any publicity on the project so far?* At the start of the project when the Carey Collection materials were first received there was an extensive article about it in the Marion Star newspaper. An article was also included in the Hallmarks newsletter of the Marion County Historical Society. Plans are in place for two of the 2016 program meetings to focus on the villages and townships of Marion County. There will be extensive publicity through various channels for these meetings. As part of the meetings, specific materials from the collection will be utilized with recognition of the overall collection being given.
- *Has there been any increased interest in the collections from researchers?* Not at this time.