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Society expands reach with active traveling exhibit program

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When I began work at the St. Louis County Historical Society over nine years ago I had little true understanding of what a historical society actually did. Quickly I learned that the main areas of its functioning were collections – archival and artifact, exhibits, and programming, also known as “education”. SLCHS since its beginning in 1922 has amassed an impressive artifact collection of over 8,810 exactly catalogued artifacts of all descriptions, as well as many others not yet catalogued because of their size, insufficient

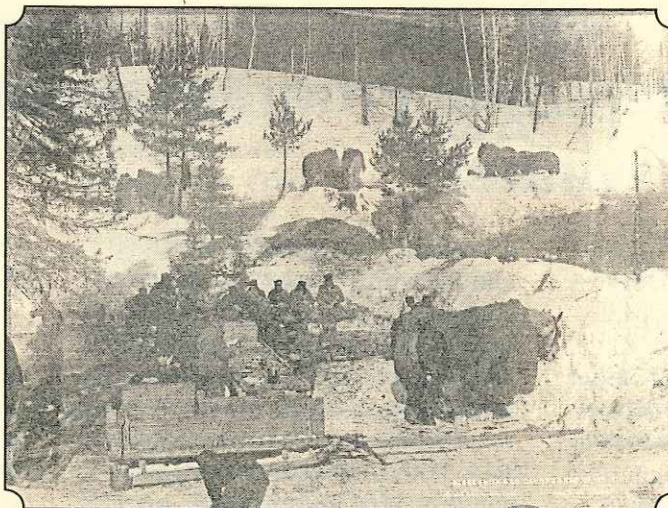


Old Country Band From the Preserving the Old Country: The Experiences of Croatians, Serbians, and Slovenians in St. Louis County Traveling Exhibit

staff time and other compelling reasons. Its archival collection is also impressive. In the early 1970s, Regional Research Centers were established

in Minnesota, with the support of Minnesota Historical Society. The idea was to consolidate the archival holdings (paper documents, photographs, books and pamphlets) into a library environment, often within a nearby university, where they would be organized, held and made available to the interested public in a physically safe and professionally administered setting. A decision was made by the board of SLCHS in 1976 to deposit its archives at the Northeast Minnesota Historical Center, located in the library of the University of Minnesota Duluth. This collection remains there today.

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*From the William Roleff Forest History Photographs
Traveling Exhibit*

