

The Toft House Exhibit – A Pioneer Bedroom

Memories are made to be shared, and when the town purchased the Toft House for the Historical Society, it seemed the perfect place to display the Otto and Hedwig Peil homestead's bedroom furniture and memorabilia passed down to their granddaughter, Lynn Mattke. All the furniture and related items are authentic, including the wardrobe



made by Otto, as a wedding present to Hedwig, in 1895. Other items include the christening gown that was worn by all ten Peil children, the wall-mounted German music box, a musical family album, a washstand, a needlepoint-covered commode, porcelain-headed dolls with clothing made by Lynn's mother, and the well-used rocking chair. The crocheted bedspread was made by Hedwig's grandmother, Omla, who emigrated in 1899 when her first great-grandchild was born. Photos of the family complete the exhibit.