

URSCC 2017 Annual Meeting
January 7, 2018
Vandalia Village Hall
Vandalia, MI

Library/Collections Committee (Cathy LaPointe, chair)

LIBRARY

The Bonine House Research Library ‘officially’ opened its doors during our tour season of June through October this year. The research has been digitized and put in notebooks, with a copy made for off site storage. We feel we have the essential story of the UGRR in Cass County, with most of the participating families represented. Eight amazing researchers have donated their collections to our library, one new this year.

A planned ‘grand opening’ had to be postponed for several reasons, but will be held in 2018.

A huge thanks to Sara Lawson, who did over 8, 500 scans and copies over a period of three years to help make this important library a reality. And to Cindy Yawkey, who spent countless hours carefully compiling and sorting the copies into notebooks.

COLLECTIONS

More Bonine furniture came ‘home’ this year. Mary Charlotte Bonine Roberts donated a Bonine desk, table, mirror and many beautiful artifacts from the Bonine family. We are thrilled to have them, and look forward to furnishing the Bonine House with as many original pieces as we can.

A URSCC member donated a beautiful Tietsort family lamp of the period and we are happy to say we were able to electrify it and hang it in our URSCC office off the dining room in the Bonine House. It looks lovely.