

## TID BITS

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- ◆ The “Cashier” sign on the teller window was discovered to be missing the “T” during the restoration process and was restored to the original spelling of “Casher”.
- ◆ The Challenger Eyelet Press is an office machine that was used to bundle papers together before the use of staples. The machine pokes a hole in the bundle of papers, inserts the eyelet in the hole and secures it by squashing the small end to the size of the larger end.
- ◆ Checks were not always a common form of payment. When a customer needed a check they would go to the bank and the teller would use a check writing machine to write the check.
- ◆ The Corona portable typewriter on the desk in our Sunbury Bank replica was used at a local business in downtown Tipton. It is still in working order today.
- ◆ The long bench in our Sunbury Bank replica is from the Mt. Zion Church in Cedar County
- ◆ The automatic change machine has a button for every amount of change to a dollar from \$0.01 to \$0.99. A teller could push the button of the change needed and the exact amount would dispense in the tray below. No counting necessary.
- ◆ The safe donated by Bill and Pat Barglof is shorter than the original safe to the Sunbury Bank but is a good representation of a safe of that time.

### Cedar County Historical Society Museum and Prairie Village

1094 Hwy 38, Tipton, Iowa  
(Just North of Tipton)

PO Box 254, Tipton, Iowa, 52772

#### Museum Hours:

Tuesday 10 AM—4 PM  
Thursday 10 AM—4 PM  
Saturday 10 AM—2 PM  
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### Cedar County Historical Society

TO COLLECT, PRESERVE, AND SHARE  
CEDAR COUNTY HISTORY

## SUNBURY BANK



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The Sunbury Bank was in operation from 1901 to the early 1930's when it closed permanently, one of many banks to do so after the crash of the stock market in 1929. The original brick constructed Sunbury Bank located in Sunbury was offered to the historical society some years ago. However, at the time, the historical society did not have the necessary funds to relocate and restore the historic building.

In 2015 with a bequest from a generous donor to do so, construction started on a three store front building that would house a scaled down replica of the Sunbury bank. The replica front is designed the same as the original Sunbury bank and has the original Sunbury bank sign prominently displayed on the facade. The scaled down replica left off the small back office of the building to allow more room for exhibits in the lobby. The lobby also has the original teller window from the Sunbury bank, completely restored and installed by Tom Bell and his wife, both of Cedar County.

The interior of the bank has many pieces of office equipment and banking tools, as well as a small safe from the time period the bank was open. The original safe could not be obtained because its location is unknown – though one story is that it is buried with the rubble of the building.

### The Iwer Brothers

It is with the closing of the bank that a local tale comes to life. The last manager and cashier to run the bank were two brothers by the name of Iwer.

These men were an interesting pair in that one of the many things they were known for was their strong distaste for women and how they would never allow a woman on their property. That is except for one, their



Two Iwer Brothers and Their Uncle



Iwer Cousin—Mrs. Louis Voss

cousin, Mrs. Voss. After all the brothers (three in total) had passed they left their estate, including their property, to Mrs. Voss and her husband. While working on cleaning up the property Mrs. Voss and her husband found approximately \$250,000 hidden on the property

– a lot now but even more back in the mid 1900s when this happened.



Cousin in Law—Mr. Louis Voss

Once word was out other relatives appeared and decided to petition the court in protest of the will and attempt to gain a claim on the funds. But the judge presiding over the case felt the will was clearly written and the money in its entirety belonged to

the Voss's. No one knows where the money came from or why the brothers stashed that kind of money on their property.

