

1913 Time Capsule Inventory:

The first thing to list is the original copper box. It is quite plain. The lid was loose fitted. It was found in a cut out area in the underside of the cornerstone, which was unexpected. There were small wood shims holding it in place. The lid did not appear to be soldered to the box.

Item #1:

6.5" envelope with red letters preprinted which read "Laying of the Corner Stone of the Goshen County Courthouse and Big Celebration At Torrington, Wyoming July 4th 1913". The letter inside is a list of the Contractors and Workmen on the Goshen County Courthouse.

JT Kearns General Contractor

FH Cowell Brick contractor

Bert Wilcox Brick Maker

Frank W. Serwoster Forman

R. Walker; Geo Tinfrom; Anthony Sullivan; Clark Smith; Virgil White; Geo Thompson; Chas Hendricks

Item #2:

6.5" envelope return address preprinted as First National Bank. Included in the envelope are a Report of Condition of Torrington State Bank; History of the Catholic Church Torrington, Wyoming St James Church Fathers Minor Conventual; First National Bank report and Lingle State Bank Report; and also a First National Bank list of officers and a Lingle State Bank list of officers.

Item #3:

A folded sheet of paper which is watermarked Colonial Linen. The sheet contains a list of the first 11 County Officers with their signatures.

Item #4:

An envelope return addressed to H.W. Yoder; Real Estate, Bonds and Insurance Torrington, Wyoming. Inside is a blank ½ size sheet of paper with letterhead of H.W. Yoder. Nothing is printed on the sheet of paper.

Item #5:

This item is a small leather notebook which upon opening, is in a very sad state with crumbling pages. A business card had rested on top and fused with the front of the wallet. The business card is for Mollie Chesnut "The Valley _____ Hor Reporter; Telephone 99 Torrington, Wyoming; _____ writers. Parts of the card had disintegrated.

A small business card sized paper with Best Wishes Mr. and Mrs. WV Knox handwritten was next to the wallet.

The pages in the leather notebook include handwriting that lists some prices of everyday items such as a silk scarf. There are also some paper pictures of technology of the day such as an adding machine, typewriter, and auto piano. The interior of the notebook is very fragile as the leather has leached fluid onto the pages. The pages will crumble easily.

Also inside the leather notebook was a folded envelope postmarked June 25 pm. The envelope is return addressed with a picture and name of the Fremont Hotel in Lander and is handwritten on the front to Miss Mollie D. Chesnut. Inside the envelope is a piece of letterhead for the Fremont Hotel E.F. Seaver Manager. June 29, 1913. The letter begins... Friend Mollie, Received your letter...

Item #6:

This is a small pin with a red, white and blue ribbon on it. The ribbon is extremely fragile. The button reads "Join Orkin Bro's Piano Club".

Item #7:

This is an envelope with P. Riley Torrington, Wyoming on it. The letter inside describes opening a grocery store in town for \$2000. It also lists the writer's age as 58 and is dated Mar 17, 1913.

Item #8:

This is a small envelope. It indicates it has 28 varieties of stamps from Ella L. Bonnell Post Mistress. The envelope is a 2 cent postage paid envelope. There is also a pre-paid postage post card in the envelope. There are 26 stamps included in a small piece of folded wax paper. The stamps were slightly stuck to one another but nearly all of them are in great condition when separated. A few are nearly faded from being stuck to others. The assumption is that the postage paid envelope and prepaid postcard are the other two items included in the 28 count of the stamps.

Item #9:

A blank check from the Guernsey State Bank #99-82 dated July 4, 1913 signed by A.C. Fonda President.

Item #10:

A small envelope marked "Concerning T.G. Powers & Family". The envelope contained 2 business sized cards with a photo of T.G. Powers and election info. Both cards have handwriting on the back describing the life of Mr. Powers.

Item #11:

This is a sheet of paper in a small envelope return addressed to the rectory. On the sheet of paper are the names of the Cornerstone Committee for the Courthouse signed by F.J. Chipp Missionary in Charge.

Item #12:

This is a small booklet with a heavy paper cover. Outside is titled: Declaration of the Presbyterian Church January 24, 1909. The booklet pages describe the church at that time.

Inside of the booklet was tucked a folded piece of green paper. The green paper was a Sample Ballot for a Water Bond Election held March 15, 2010. The bond was for \$20000.

Also inside the booklet was a tiny envelope with a note from Miss Alice Shaw born 1884. The note describes her life. She hated it here.

Also inside the booklet was a check from Torrington State Bank and 1910 penny. The check was signed on the back by a Mrs. Lee A Root, daughter of Wm G Curtis.

Item #13:

This is a piece of lined paper with the names of the officers of the Town of Torrington 1913.

Item #14:

This is a small envelope with G.R. Chesnut & Company as the return address. In script is the name Mrs. G.R. Chesnut. There is a two page handwritten letter describing the success she had had with her bakery in Torrington.

Item #15:

This is an envelope with the name Florence Bitting written on the front. This is the 2nd envelope that is preprinted with red letters as listed in item #1. There is a picture of a young woman in the envelope with her age written on the back. There is also a handwritten letter to "the unknown love of her life". A 2 cent stamp was no longer attached to the envelope but was in good condition. She married Ralph Hahn 2 years later.

Item #16:

This is a rectangular heavy paper bound booklet on Torrington, Wyoming Goshen Park. The booklet includes some photos and a map. It describes all the areas in Goshen County.

Item #17:

This is a postage prepaid 2 cent envelope from Lingle. Inside is a legal size sheet of paper with the Beginnings of the first settlement of Torrington by A.H. Mason.

Item #18:

This is a postage paid 2 cent envelope postmarked from Lingle. It is preprinted with a return address of Ed L. Patrick, Patrick, Laramie Co, Wyoming. Written on it is Honorable M.L. Snyder Torrington, Wyoming. Inside is a piece of Ed L. Patrick letterhead with his brand in the upper right corner. It is a handwritten 5 page letter signed by Edwin L. Patrick.

Item #19:

This is a Torrington Telegram dated July 3, 1913.

Item #20:

This is a first issue of the Torrington Telegram dated October 10, 1907.

Item #21:

This item includes three lists of members to organizations as follows:

The #8270 M.W.A.

The Torrington Lodge 48 IOOF

The Goshen Homestead #4284

Item #22:

The Annual Return of the Torrington Lodge No 29 with list of members. This is a completed form leaflet with the raised seal of the Lodge on the back page.

Item #23:

This is an envelope containing a picture postcard of the J.T. Snow house. Also there is a typed History of John T Snow and Family. Also, there is a typed History of the Episcopal Church and list of members.

Item #24:

This is a sheet of lined paper with the list of people who donated funds for the building of the courthouse.

Item #25:

A picture of Judge Mentzer.

Item #26:

This is an envelope containing a picture of William Gilbert Curtis 1884. There is also a sheet of legal paper on which is typed a Resolution by the Town Council. This Resolution states that Whereas by Divine Providence and His Infinite Wisdom that William G. Curtis was removed from them by death. The Resolution states that Mr. Curtis had served his Town and Community faithfully and therefore the town resolves to have sympathy to the wife and family. The resolution is signed by Town Council Clerk Erle Reid. There are also two election articles clipped from the newspaper folded in the envelope.

Item #27:

This is an envelope with Mr. M.L. Snyder hand written on it and a preprinted return address of W.B. Coy. The letter is handwritten on WB Coy letterhead with a drawing of a bull on it and his brand in the upper right corner. The letter is signed by W.B. Coy.