

History buffs collectors and anyone interested in rare and unusual historical artifacts will be amazed, entertained and informed by the wing of the museum that is devoted to histories forgotten treasures. The exhibits in Histories Forgotten Treasures are a historical potpourri of one-of-a-kind, large and small artifacts and collections that include a wide range of time periods and cultures, reflecting the diversity of Oklahoma, the United States, and international cultures -- a sampling of history through artifacts. The exhibits in Histories Forgotten Treasures have brief captions that tell about the artifact. Collectively the wing has the goal of creating a general interest in history. A sampling of exhibits include a thirty-seven pound meteorite, a fulgurite created by lightening, a six-gauge double barrel percussion shotgun, an 1832 Eli Terry mantel clock with wooden works, an 1864 Abraham Lincoln campaign poster, qaupaw pottery teapots, 101 Ranch artifacts, an original and proposed constitution for the proposed state of Sequoya and an extensive collection of religious artifacts some of which are among the earliest Christian artifacts. Also included is a hand-made stars and bars Civil War Confederate flag with bullet holes, a collection of Oklahoma A&M artifacts that includes a hand-made flag that flew over Old Central before statehood. One of the largest collections of What'sits in the southwest, a perfectly persevered Imperial Mammoth tooth, and an elaborately hand-made cloth poster promoting single Oklahoma statehood and a two-headed calf skull cite only a few of the exhibits. The Washington Irving Trail Museum and Histories Forgotten Treasures are off-the-beaten path destination tourism attractions unique to Oklahoma and the Southwestern United States.