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Genealogy department displays new panoramic view map from 1884

March 23, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) – Stark County District Library’s Genealogy Department has a new map on display which features Canton, Ohio as it was in 1884. The image, entitled “Panoramic View of The City of Canton, Ohio” is a detailed aerial-view drawing.

The new map is a copy of the only known original of the drawing, which is housed at the William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum. The map had previously been digitized, and with a contribution from the Friends of the Stark County District Library a copy was created, framed, and hung for display in the Genealogy Department at the Main Library.

Lauren Landis, Manager of the Genealogy Department, hoped for some time to get a copy of the map for the Library. “We are excited to have the map on display and grateful to the McKinley Museum for sharing it with us. The map is a piece of history that illustrates how much has changed in 130 years,” said Landis. “It’s fun to explore the map and discover which areas have remained the same and those that have changed drastically.”

The detailed drawing features numbered parcels corresponding with a legend, and several buildings on the 1884 map still exist today. One of these buildings is St. Peter Catholic Church, which serves as a reference point for the present-day Library and other surrounding locations.

The map is on display on the second floor of the Main Library during Library hours (Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.). The Library is located at 715 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio, 44702.

For more information on the Genealogy Department please visit <https://starklibrary.org/home/genealogy>.

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A 2009 winner of the prestigious National Medal for library service, the Library serves over 100,000 active cardholders, annually circulating 3.5 million items from its 1.2 million item collection and

providing access to an additional 66 million items from lending networks throughout Ohio. Each year the library presents nearly 8,000 programs for 170,000 attendees and provides 280,000 computer sessions on the publicly available computers found in each branch.

Today, as it reimagines itself as The Smart Store, where everything is free®, the Library is emerging as a national thought-leader with innovations such as its “no overdue fines” policy, the recently launched BikeSmart bike sharing network, and the Start Smart School Partnership.

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