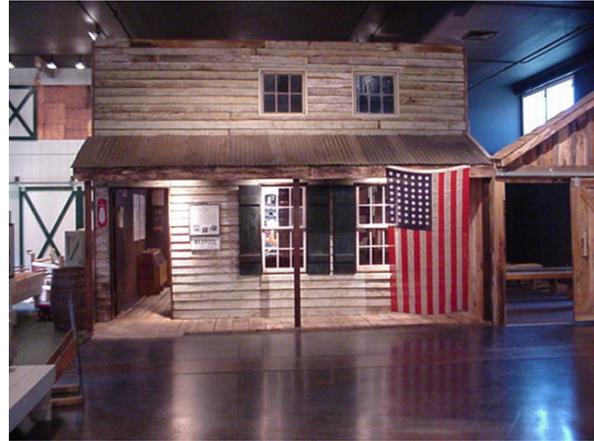


TOPIC: Waxpool General Store – Money

The Waxpool General Store and Post office operated from about 1880 to the early 1940s. The Waxpool General Store was owned and operated by S.E. Munday, Sr. and his descendants. The store sat at the intersection of Waxpool and Belmont Ridge Road. The Mundays owned and lived at the farm located across the street. The Waxpool General Store now resides inside the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum. Many of the objects that you see in the store are original and were left behind when the store closed its door in the early 1940s.



In addition to the objects, the museum also has 35 store ledgers that recorded the names of customers, what they purchased, how much they paid, and if they paid for their purchases in cash, credit, or through trading produce or services.



With these ledgers, we are able to know the prices of items in the store. We have put together a list of items that sold in the store 1909. It is on the next page.

You will be comparing the prices of 1909 to today. You will need to have access to a computer to look up today prices of items. Please go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/shop/store/326> and you can type in the item.



There is also a worksheet attached with a list of items to look up.



MR. MUNDAY'S STORE LIST - 1909

ITEM	COST
APPLES (EACH)	0.02
BANANAS (EACH)	0.02
BEANS (DRIED)	0.05
BREAD (1 LOAF)	0.05
CABBAGE (1 HEAD)	0.02
CANNED GOODS	0.10
CARROTS (EACH)	0.02
CHEESE (1 ROUND)	0.20
CHEESE (1 WEDGE)	0.07
CHOCOLATE (1 BAR)	0.20
COFFEE (1 POUND)	0.16
CORN (1 EAR)	0.03
CUCUMBER (EACH)	0.03
EGGS (1 DOZEN)	0.17
FLOUR (1 SACK)	0.35
LEMONS (EACH)	0.03
ONION (EACH)	0.03
ORANGES (EACH)	0.04
PEACHES (EACH)	0.03
PEARS (EACH)	0.03
PEPPERS (EACH)	0.02
PLUMS (EACH)	0.03
POTATOES (EACH)	0.03
SALMON (1 POUND)	0.30
SALT (1 POUND)	0.06
SAUSAGE (1 POUND)	0.20
STRAWBERRIES (1 POUND)	0.20
SUGAR (1 POUND)	0.06
TOMATOES (EACH)	0.03
TURKEY (1 POUND)	0.16



PRICE COMPARISON

Price in 1909

Fresh Tomatoes _____

Cheese _____

Canned Peas _____

Bread _____

Coffee _____

Flour _____

Price Today

Fresh Tomatoes _____

Cheese _____

Canned Peas _____

Bread _____

Coffee _____

Flour _____

Discussion Questions

1. Can you find anything on the 1909 price list for under \$1.00?

2. Can you find anything that costs under \$1.00 today?

3. Could you buy enough groceries for dinner with \$1.00 today? How about 1909?

4. Add up the list above for each time period.

1909 Total _____ Today's Total _____

5. Why do you think the value of money is so different? People today make more money than they did in 1909, so prices have gone up. This is called *inflation*. One dollar in 1909 is really worth about \$20 today. In other words, one dollar today was worth about 5 cents in 1909.