

Medina County Common Pleas Court

PROBATE AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS

93 PUBLIC SQUARE, Room 104, MEDINA, OHIO 44256

Kevin W. Dunn
Judge

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Medina County Historical Society Delivers Munson Portrait for Display in Probate Court

*A tinted photograph of Judge Albert Munson will temporarily be housed in the
Medina County Probate Court office*

MEDINA – The Medina County Probate Court Office is the new temporary home for an 1880s portrait of Albert Munson, an early Medina County Probate Judge.

Joann King from the Medina County Historical Society delivered the portrait in its original molded plaster frame to Judge Kevin Dunn February 11, 2014 on a temporary loan.

King said the portrait, a tinted photograph, most likely hung in Munson's courtroom or office when he was judge from 1878 to 1885. After his term as judge, the portrait remained in the Munson House before the home and its belongings were willed to the Medina Historical Society in 1956.

Judge Dunn said he hopes this collaboration with the Historical Society will increase interest in community history.

“The goal is to make sure our history isn't lost or overlooked,” Judge Dunn said.

The Munson portrait will remain at the courthouse for approximately three months, rotating with other items from the Historical Society for display. Plans are already in place for a shadow box to be built to hold court seals and historic documents. Judge Dunn said there is also talk of a Civil War Soldiers series.

King said the Historical Society also has two oil portraits of H.G. Blake, a prominent Medina attorney during the 1800s, and his wife that she believes are a possibility to exhibit in the Court.

“We just have to be concerned about light and sun exposure,” King said. “We will factor all of that in before we make any decisions of what we will bring here.”

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Juvenile and Probate Court Administrator Sharon Danko said because the Medina County Historical Society has limited hours of operation, having items on display in the Court gives the community a greater chance to view them.

The Historical Society is open the public on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a monthly open house the first Sunday of the month from March to November. To learn more about the Medina County Historical Society, visit www.MedinaHistorical.com.