

(Transcript: Hattiesburg High Memories)

(A photo of the 1964 Lil' Miss Yearbook)

The historical society museum holdings include a collection of items from the old Hattiesburg High School. An assortment of yearbooks are on file, and class

(A photo of the Hattiesburg High Class of 1922)

photos that date back to 1922 adorn the museum's hallways.

(A photo of a Hattiesburg High trophy and a card catalog from the library)

Trophies from past athletic events are also on display.

(A photo of a Hattiesburg High drawing by Patty Talbot)

Originally constructed in 1911, the old Hattiesburg High maybe one of the city's most beloved landmarks.

(A photo of a model of Hattiesburg High by Bob Martin)

Students who attended school in the building lived through tumultuous events- World War I, the Great Depression, World War II and the Korean conflict.

(A photo of a large metal electric flag that donned Hattiesburg High during World War II)

Reflecting those trying times is one of the museum's more unusual Hattiesburg High artifacts. This heavy metal electric flag dates back to World War II. The flag's creator is not known,

(A photo of the electric flag as originally displayed on the front of the Hattiesburg High building)

but this photo from the 1940's shows that it was prominently displayed over the school's entrance, no doubt to show support for the war effort. The sign was saved from destruction and donated to the museum by Brian Blair.

(A "V" for victory wood carving made by a Hattiesburg High student Byron Green)

Also on display is a much smaller and easily overlooked item from the same period. This small "V" wood carving was made by then Hattiesburg student Byron Green to memorialize "V Day", 1945, when Nazi German troops surrendered to the allied forces in Europe. One can only imagine the joy and relief felt by individuals of that era who sacrificed so much.

(A photo of the Hattiesburg High building after a 2007 fire)

Tragically, vandals set fire to the abandoned Hattiesburg High building in 2007, and all that remains today are portions of the structure's outer shell.

(A photo of the historical marker in front of the Hattiesburg High building)

The historical society is hopeful that surviving parts of this landmark can be saved and the building repurposed to serve the community once again in the new millennium.