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Plainfield: Taking Care of Business, A Glimpse into Plainfield's Past

The Plainfield Public Library announces our latest Local History Department exhibit. The Library is displaying a variety of materials from our special collections of records from local businesses that date back to 1863. The 50-piece exhibit consists of three display cases on the main level of the Library. The oldest items on exhibit are a two dollar bill from 1863 from The Plainfield Bank and an area merchant's account ledger from 1855-1856.

The display presents a variety of materials across several collections. Included are historical photographs and vintage postcards, as well as paper records and a variety of ephemera and artifacts, including business cards and promotional materials, Beverly Millinery and Tepper's hat boxes, an M. Farina & Son wall thermometer, and the 1904-1906 signature book from the Dime Savings Bank. This ledger documents and physically describes bank customers from a time before photo ID was in use.

The exhibit presents 19 photographs and postcards, 17 pieces of paper ephemera and documents, twelve artifacts, and two handwritten ledgers.

The display will run through January 2016 and is free to the public. The Plainfield Public Library is located at 800 Park Avenue. For hours of operation, call 908-757-1111 or check the website at plainfieldlibrary.info.

PHOTO: *Storefronts and Taxis on North Avenue, ca. 1920s*

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