Forging Connections in Exhibits

Leveraging Tough Stories and Primary Sources to Engage Visitors with the Past
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Forging Ahead and Falling Behind

Industrial Growth in a Rural Community
Developing the Exhibition

Capacity. Individuals. Primary Sources.
Farmer: John Lloyd Shallenberger
Housekeeper:
Rebecca Kough
Coal Digger: Jacob Hauser
Guiding Questions & Observations

“How have machines impacted your life?”

“How has industry improved your life?”

“Where have you seen automation replace workers?”

“If all that survives of you in 150 years is a credit card statement, what would historians learn about you?”

“Where have you seen large corporations push out small business?”

“What are other consequences of industry?”