

Article # 11 CPC Etchings Restoration:

The town has 6 Currier and Ives lithographs that originally hung in Niagara until a fire in 1939.

They have been hanging in the fire Dept. since that time. During the fire they were damaged by water and smoke and are considered to be in poor to good condition.

The artwork is in need of restoration and preservation due to the damage and deterioration.

The artwork was part of a series created between 1854 and 1866. And is a first edition.

The Fire Dept. along with the Historical Commission has presented this article to CPC Committee.

The Committee had an appraisal completed on the artwork by a qualified appraiser.

Artwork in current condition is valued at \$6,800. After restoration replacement value would be \$23,250.00

The plan is to restore the artwork and put the originals back into original frames. And store them in the library archival room.

We are planning to have high resolution copies made and framed and return a set to the Fire Dept. and hang a set in Niagara.

We may also make extra copies and hang them in town hall or other suitable places.

Project amount requested is \$11,000 with restoration, framing and copies.

I'm not sure if we discuss the value of the artwork to the public. I guess there could be a potential of theft of the originals?

They will be stored in the library, I talked to Alex already.

Any questions let me know,

Nathan