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New Exhibit in the members collections cabinet at the Florence H. Speare Museum.

Pauline Mooney has been a collector of early children's household items for over fifty years. Early children's items have always attracted her as their wear represents children having fun.

She has acquired her treasures through extensive travels throughout the northeast. States in which she focused her collection strategies within include: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

Pauline's various early children's collections include a range of different types of early toys, dishes, tea party/food sets and furniture. Ranging in years between the early 1800's through to the mid 1900's, a selection of Pauline's collection of young boy and girls children's shoes will be on exhibit at the Nashua Historical Society's Florence H. Speare Memorial Museum from March 1, 2012 - May 31, 2012.

Early children's shoes of various sizes will be shown. Styles include both button and lace up shoes as well as children's shoe accessories including lasts, socks, a sock stretcher, and a variety of button hooks many of these button hooks were utilitarian Nashua business advertising items.

The Speare museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and by appointment most Saturdays.

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