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He said someone saw the buggy and guilty it was falling into disrepair. They asked me 'could you give it a good home,' " Thompson said. Twenty years later, he says that final home may have been found.

"I think that'll be a good home for — over there in that building," Thompson said. Besides the plow and the vehicles, Thompson intends to donate harnesses and other tools. The trick will not be in finding enough artifacts for the carriage house, but in keeping the display modest enough to fit in the small carriage house.

"**RIGHT NOW**, we have to decide how we're going to display everything," Thompson said. "They want an authentic collection, like what someone with the carriage house would have."

So now Thompson is also acting as

somewhat of a consultant to the historical society as the group used his knowledge and experience. And if everything works out, they might also get to use his forge, an item Thompson isn't yet sure will fit in at the historical society.

But before all the antiques pick up and move from Thompson's present storage shed to the historical society's past, the carriage house will need to be finished. Struck by a minor slowdown in repair, restoration work on the carriage house is a couple weeks behind schedule. Schnaltmann said completion of the project is expected soon.

The carriage house has joined two other buildings, the existing historical society museum and the old Community Presbyterian church, at Chamber Park. The society is also considering buying a brick building now on Milwaukee Avenue, south of Dundee Road.