**Century Chest' Time Capsule Opened In Oklahoma After 100 Years**

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After a **century-long** wait, a treasure trove of **goodies** from the 1910s was discovered this week when a **time capsule** was dug up and opened in an Oklahoma church.

According to Fox 25 News, the [**aptly-named** "Century Chest"](http://www.okcfox.com/newsroom/top_stories/videos/kokh_vid_10795.shtml) has been sitting, **entombed** under 12 inches of concrete, in the basement of Oklahoma City's First Lutheran Church for the past 100 years.

The **vintage** copper chest was **painstakingly** [buried by the church's Ladies Aide Society in 1913](http://newsok.com/century-chest-opening-draws-crowd-in-oklahoma-city/article/3796081), the **Oklahoman** reports. It was finally unveiled to the public on Monday after being removed from the ground. It reportedly took a construction company a **whopping** 11 hours to unearth the container.

When the "[Century Chest](http://www.okhistory.org/centurychest/)" was cracked open, the crowd that had gathered **oohed and aahed** as a [collection of incredibly well-preserved **artifacts**](http://www.okgazette.com/oklahoma/article-18047-its-about-time.html) was pulled from the time capsule, the Oklahoma **Gazette** reports. Among the [vintage goodies](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.534242846614101.1073741827.138937816144608&type=1) were an April 22, 1913 issue of The Daily Oklahoman, a map, a number of Native American artifacts, a pair of women's shoes, a pen used by President William McKinley to sign the 1900 Free Homes Act for Oklahoma, and a **phonograph** record featuring voices of people from that era.

“This is more than we could have hoped for,” Oklahoma History Center research director Chad Williams told the Oklahoman of the incredible collection. “I was expecting some things to be damaged, but everything looks in excellent condition.”

A [book of family pictures and poems apparently belonging to Virginia Sohlberg](http://www.okgazette.com/oklahoma/article-18047-its-about-time.html), who, according to the Oklahoma Gazette, had been the mastermind behind the "Century Chest" project, was also discovered. Sohlberg's great-granddaughter, Virginia Eason Weinmann, said that she'd been "waiting her whole life to read what her **forefathers** wrote," Fox 25 News reports.

“When I was 50 I'd say I wonder if I'll live that long...then at 60, I'd wonder if I'll live that long...so I'm happy I've made it," she said, adding that her late great-grandmother and the women of the Ladies Aide Society who had organized the chest and its contents were likely "turning **cartwheels**" after the day's success.

All the artifacts from the "Century Chest" will be preserved by the [Oklahoma History Center](http://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/) and will be publicly exhibted later this year.

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***Aptly-named*** *A name that is a good description (Apt: right, proper, appropriate*

***entombed*** *Buried*

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***Vintage*** *Old, Old fashioned* ***Painstakingly****carefully, thoroughly* ***Whopping*** *Big, massive, Giant, huge*

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***Oohed and aahed*** *The reaction of people who are amazed, impressed* ***Artifacts****Relics objects items*

***Gazette*** *A newspaper, a journal*

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***Phonograph*** *Turntable, record player*

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***Cartwheels*** *Summersaults, flips, acrobatics*

**Book/Source: Centuries Chest Huffington Post Chapter/pages: Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Essential Question: *What was considered valuable when a time capsule was opened in Oklahoma after 100 years?***

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| http://www.symbols.com/pics/big/54/5424b.gif**1** **Century** 100 years **Goodies** treats or rewards **Timecapsule** A collect of old things that are not to be opened until the future | **What is important, interesting, addresses the essential question?** |
| **2**[**aptly**](http://www.okcfox.com/newsroom/top_stories/videos/kokh_vid_10795.shtml)*right, proper, appropriate***entombed** Buried **Vintage** Old, Old fashioned **Painstakingly** carefully, thoroughly **Whopping** Big massive Giant huge**Oohed and aahed** - how people react when they are amazed or impressed**Artifacts** Relics objects items**Gazette** A newspaper, journal**Phonograph** Turntable, record player |  |
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**Forefathers** Ancestors, people that lived before |  |
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**Cartwheels** Summersaults, flips, acrobatics |  |
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