



Naper Heritage Society Looks to Future.

In The Beginning

A visit to the Naper Settlement of Naperville, IL is like a full immersion baptism into early 19th century life in Illinois: Thirty buildings on thirteen acres, replete with costumed interpreters resurrecting life as it was centuries ago; a partnership between the city of Naperville and the Naper Heritage Society of 1969. What began over seventy years ago with the donation of the Martin Mitchell Mansion and surrounding 212 acres has become a link to the era upon which our communities today are built. Visit the blacksmith building, chapel, schoolhouse or post office, and get a feel for life in a time that suddenly seems like more than just a paragraph in a textbook.

History Treats Itself

Bringing the not so recent past to life, however, carries a burden of commitment. As the Naper Settlement continues to grow, so does the number and value of items entrusted to its care. Naper Settlement was recently faced with the increasing need for a better way to preserve their local history. Efficient organization of their stored collection was becoming an increasing challenge—the multiple locations used for storage were too scattered. An IMLS grant to build a new, climate-controlled 18,770 sq ft storage facility, shared with the city, helped ease this burden.



NAPER SETTLEMENT



Manufacturer:

Borroughs Corporation

Owner:

Naper Heritage Society

Location:

Naperville, Illinois

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- Static and compact shelves
- Combination of unique product lines (museum & industrial) to meet requirements
- Delivery synchronized with installation requirements

After soliciting and reviewing bids from storage manufacturers, the Naper Settlement awarded the contract to outfit their new facility to Borroughs for several key reasons:

- Borroughs' broad product selection
- The versatility of Borroughs' Record Master® product line simplified customization needs, allowing mixing and matching of shelving sizes and drawer configurations
- Borroughs' Museum product line for specialized storage applications, and sensitive items
- Standard Four-Post shelving suited perfectly for easy access clothing storage in archive storage boxes
- Aisle-Saver® mobile system's ability to store virtually anything and adapt as needs change.

Making History Neat

The job was no small undertaking. Borroughs was tasked with designing storage units for 38,000 items of varying shapes and sizes—from delicate sets of china, costumes and textiles, to bulky tables, desks and firearms. Special units were manufactured for several smaller collections, which had to be separated and filed according to donor name. Units were manufactured and shipped in phases, as collection items were ready to be put in place. This was the perfect opportunity (for Borroughs' expertise in customizable storage) to shine.

The Task at Hand

Borroughs began by working with the architect, who modified his design to utilize mobile, compacting storage, rather than static shelving and cabinets. This upgrade alone saved an additional 40%-50% of space. 2,602 linear feet of track was laid to accommodate the compacting storage. The excess space was used to lay more track to provide for additional units in the future.

The Results

Borroughs designed, manufactured, and installed an array of custom and standard units—both static and compacting. Products were installed from October 2008 to March 2009, utilizing units from every Borroughs product line.



- **Framed art bins:** made from Borroughs Record Master® line. Customized to size, provide more storage volume than typical art racks
- **Rolled textile drawers:** for fabric samples. Also built from Borroughs Record Master® products
- **Textile racks and drawers:** conveniently store large and small textiles, tapestries, rugs, and other items
- **Firearm storage:** security locks, handgun and knife drawers, and accommodates long arms
- **Wide Span Storage:** Box Edge Plus; B-Span for storing heavy, bulkier items
- **Flat file drawers:** with roller ball bearing slides and heavy-duty reinforced steel construction
- **Open shelf filing:** quickly locate files, documents and books

The high quality of Borroughs' products, their proven creative experience in servicing museum applications, their exceptional client communication and project follow-through... secured the project for Borroughs. They ably guided us through planning and implementation. We are so pleased with the results.

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