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New at the Museum

A laundry stove was donated by Lynn Sexton and restored by Leon Graves and Lynn Sexton for the Union County Historical Society. The Sad irons displayed with the stove are on loan from Leon Graves.

Cast iron laundry stove's came in two and four hole types and burned mostly soft coal. In the 1908 Sears, Roebuck & Company catalog they were priced from \$1.98 to \$3.64 and in a 1942 House-Hasson Hardware Company wholesale catalog in Knoxville they were priced from \$9.20 to \$22.50. The stoves weighed from 47 to 115 pounds depending on the overall size. These stoves were used mostly for heating irons to be used in ironing clothes. They could also be used for cooking and there was a drum oven that could be purchased from Sears for \$1.98 that sat on top for baking.

The cast iron ring around the base of the stove could be used for heating sad irons leaving the top of the stove free for cooking or some other purpose. There were two types of Sad irons and were generally sold with one handle and three irons.

Note: Sad was an old English word meaning heavy and this is where the name of the irons came from.

Laundry stove displayed at the Museum



A collection of salt dishes belonging to Joy Graves are on temporary display at the museum.