

# HANGER AND GARMENT BAG PROJECT

## Our 2025 Goals

- Create 20 padded hangers
- Create 10 garment bags

## Why do we use padded hangers and garment bags?

### Padded Hangers:

- Prevent fabric stretching and misshaping.
- Protect seams and delicate details from damage.

### Cotton Muslin Garment Bags:

- Keep garments clean while allowing them to breathe.
- Shield fabrics from light, dust, and chemical damage.

## Why is preventative conservation important in museums?

- Preventative conservation protects artifacts from damage before it happens. It helps preserve history for future generations to study and enjoy. As directed by the Canadian Conservation Institute, museums use unbleached cotton muslin because it is soft, breathable, and chemical-free, keeping textiles safe.

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## **Uniform Jacket, Wallace Rintoul, Amaranth, 1944**

This jacket was worn by Wallace Rintoul, an Army Gunner in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps during the Second World War. He grew up in Amaranth Township, and enlisted in the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery in May 1944. He served overseas, and underwent additional training as a driver/operator in England before the end of the war.

## **Greatcoat, Donald Rintoul, Amaranth, 1943**

Donald Rintoul served as a Petty Officer in the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War. Born in Amaranth Township, he attended school in Amaranth and Toronto, before becoming a teacher in Laurel, Dufferin County. He enlisted with the Royal Canadian Navy in 1943, and served until 1945. Following the war, he moved to the Peterborough area and continued to teach at a high school until his retirement.



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## **Wedding Dress, Martha (Roney) Cockerill, Orangeville, 1897**

Martha (Roney) Cockerill married William Cockerill on December 11, 1897 at St. Mark's Anglican Rectory in Orangeville. The couple farmed in both Mono and Amaranth Townships, and had 6 children, 11 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren! Martha lived until she was 95 years old.

## **Wedding Dress, Thirza Ann (Dowling) Robinson, East Garafraxa, 1884**

This navy blue wedding gown was made and worn by Thirza Ann (Dowling) Robinson, for her wedding to Michael Robinson on April 9, 1884. The couple was married in Marsville, Dufferin County, and moved to Orangeville in 1902. Michael was involved with the flour, feed, and seed business, and they had 7 children. One of their children, George, died while serving as a Lieutenant in the First World War.

