

Hamsfork Museum & Mr. Penney Exhibit

Kemmerer, Wyoming

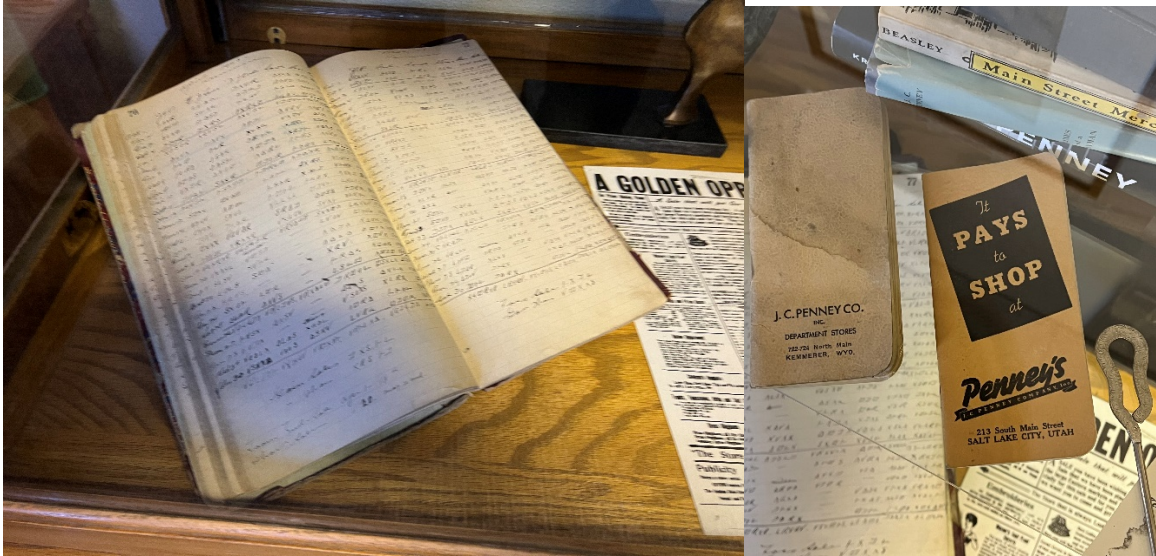
The Hamsfork Museum has been in existence in Kemmerer, WY under different names and different management for years. A recent flood in the area damaged the museum and caused a total renewal of the building. There was a benefit for HCSC Alumni Club members as a new exhibit honoring James Cash Penney was created and added to the museum.



There are a number of historical artifacts about Mr. Penney as well as some more current items that add to his history. Here are some highlights from the exhibit:



There is a small replica of Mr. Penney's statue as it looked in the Home Office in Plano, Texas. That same real statue is now located in Kemmerer's Triangle Park and is 9 feet tall and 4,000 lbs.! The picture above on the right was published in 1992 in the Star Tribune of Casper, WY and honors Mr. Penney's history and contributions to the state.



Within the exhibit display case is an original ledger from Mr. Penney's First Golden Rule Store where his company began. The picture on the right shows several daily sales booklets that were a staple of all managers of the JCPenney Company even the early days!



A more recent exhibit item is an American flag that was flown over the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. in recognition of the City of Kemmerer on August 12, 2023 and was requested by Wyoming Senator Lummis. It also recognized the 3rd Annual Golden Rule Days celebration and the JCPenney Company's 121 years in business.



An original sculpture by famous American artist, Greg Wyatt, is also on display in the exhibit. HCSC Alumni Club members will recognize this as a sculpture of the “Golden Rule” used to symbolize this important program that recognized and honored individuals and organizations who provided volunteer service in their communities. This was a JCPenney Company nationwide program that was conducted annually in the 80’s and 90’s.

The Hamsfork Museum is located at 400 Pine Street (Highway 189) in Kemmerer, WY. Check for hours of operation, but generally they are open 10 am – 4 pm daily Monday through Saturday.

