

When the dream became a reality... Whatever Antiques and Collectables

by Susan E. Hohman

For many years, Harry Gray shared his dream of someday starting an antique store with his wife, Wanda. Her response each time: "Whatever." Through the years, as Harry would revive the topic, Wanda would again respond with, "Whatever." When the dream became a reality in January of 2012, the logical choice for the business name was – of course – "Whatever Antiques and Collectables!"



Harry's brother, Edward, helped them begin the store by stocking it with his own rather large collection he had picked up over the years. Originally the store was located at 406 Elm Street, near the railroad tracks. Once it became apparent that the business would need more space, Harry purchased their current building at 215 West 2nd Street in downtown Dixon, and they moved in January, 2014. The nearly 6,000 square foot structure houses four rooms of antiques and collectible items, and—as Harry

said—"We have a lot of 'whatevers' in here, too!" The space in the back of the store is used to take in, repair, fix, sort, and clean the items for sale, or, again as Harry put it—"to process incoming merchandise."



Harry, his wife, Wanda, and his sister, Flo (Flossie) Mendenhall, open the store from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 9 am to noon. Most of their customers come from the Dixon community, but they serve people from Crocker and other areas of the local region, too. They may also possibly offer their merchandise online soon, which they hope will improve sales.

Whatever Antiques and Collectables has a Facebook page that pictures some of the classic items available for purchase. For more information about the store or 'whatever' things are offered there, call 573-528-5267 and speak with Harry Gray.

Whatever Antiques and Collectables Resale Store




Dishes • Furniture • Tools
Large Variety of antiques
to choose from!

If we don't have it...We will Find it!

Harry and Wanda Gray, Owners
Call 573-528-5267
Located at 215 W. Second Street, Dixon
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00-5:00; Sat. 9:00-12:00

HANCOCK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Gary Day - Minister

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service: 10:30 A.M.

Everyone Welcome

16870 N. Highway 133, Dixon, MO 65459

Dixon Floral & Gift Shop

- Weddings • Funerals
- Home Decor • Purses • Wall Art
- Yankee & Woodwick Candles



208 West Second • Dixon, MO
(573) 759-6660

Hours:
Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Larry Franklin & Son Tile Co. & Flooring Store

SALES AND INSTALLATION





- Family Owned Business -

**WE SELL AND INSTALL
CARPET, CERAMIC, TILE,
HARDWOOD, LAMINATE, VINYL,
VINYL PLANK
& CUSTOM SHOWERS
FOR RESIDENTIAL AND
COMMERCIAL**

Phone: 573-736-2104

Fax: 573-736-2015

P.O. Box 826 • 17225 Hwy. 17 • Crocker, MO 65452