



# BEFORE THE SELFIE

**B**efore the days when the smartphone enabled everyone to carry a camera in their pocket, the only way to obtain a photograph was to pay a professional photographer for the service. This visit down memory lane is the subject of the newest exhibit at the Vigo County History Museum, "A History of Photos and Photographers."

The exhibit includes cameras from the 19th and 20th centuries, everything from a Polaroid to a Century Studio camera circa 1900. Terre Haute photographer George Halloway, whose studio was located at 673 1/2 Wabash Ave., owned the classic piece of equipment.

Visitors will see photos from the Martin family photography collection. The Martins brought technical innovations to Terre Haute, including the first flash photography and electronic flash. Their family recorded the history of Terre Haute through photography for 75 years.

### VISIT

The Vigo County Historical Society's museum is at 1411 S. Sixth St. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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