

LOCAL HISTORY

Tin Man an iconic advertising tool

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18 Years Ago: The “Heaphy Tin Man” is an iconic local work of folk art, once used to advertise the North Geddes Street business of D.J. Heaphy and Son. The firm was started in 1892 and specialized in sheet metal work, tinsmithing and roofing. The current statue was fabricated in the 1960s to replace an earlier version that dated to the 1920s. Affectionately known as the “Tin Man,” the figure is actually made of sheet metal. It was donated to the Onondaga Historical Association in 1998 after the Geddes Street business closed and remains on display there today.

The Heaphy Tin Man is currently on display at the Onondaga Historical Association Museum. (OHA photo)



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