

## Sampling of Children's Toys



Chosen by Nancy Toney  
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*I wanted to show kids a few things they might have played with through the years in Peacham.*

Wind-up Tin Car  
Donated by Pat McLam, on behalf of Harriet Jennison.

This car, called Joy Rider, is one in a series of Crazy Cars manufactured by the Louis Marx company during the 1920's. Louis Marx was the biggest toy producer in the world in the 1950's, producing trains, wild west towns, dollhouses and a wide variety of cars. Patterns for cars such as this one were lithographed on large plates of tin-plated steel, stamped, die cut, folded and assembled.

The comical student in this car is ready for adventure, equipped with his suitcase bearing funny sayings and destinations. Wind it up and the rider's head spins as the car goes forward, backward, and does wheelies.

Jenny Lind Doll  
Source Unknown

Named for the famous Swedish singer, this pre-Civil War imported doll was loved and played with a lot. Notice that her high heeled boots are broken off! Her china porcelain head, arms and legs would have come in a kit. Heads were a frequent casualty, and many were found in garbage dumps; luckily, they could be replaced. Mom would have stuffed the body with sawdust and lovingly made the dress. These dolls are dated by their hairstyle, which places this one in the 1840's - 1850's.