1. What do you think this was used for?  
The fireplace was used for heat and cooking.

2. What artifacts do you see?  
We see a kettle, ash bucket, swing arm brackets with pan, bellows, coffee pot, water bucket with ladel, axe.

3. How do the items in this picture compare with your home?  
We use stoves to cook our food and radiators to heat our homes. We do however, use kettles and coffee pots.

4. Are there any other details you notice?  
There is a turkey or pheasant wing on the mantle. There is a lot of soot in the fireplace which means it was smoky.

1. What source of energy was used to get from place to place?  
Horses, mules, walking.

2. Do you think travel was quick and comfortable?  
The average speed of a carriage was 4 miles per hour.

3. How do you think roads in the 1800’s compare to roads today?  
Dirt roads were not paved and were pitted with ruts and potholes. The ride was bumpy and not usually very comfortable.

4. Are there any other details you notice?  
There are a variety of carriages, some with covers, and a sleigh in the picture.

1. What types of things do you think were sold in drug stores in the 1800’s?  
Medicines, soaps, candles, spices, oils, perfumes, etc.

2. Where did medicines come from?  
Medicines were made from ground herbs, other natural compounds and manufactured chemicals (sulfur, carbon).

3. Did you need a doctor’s prescription to get medicine?  
The pharmacist often diagnosed illnesses, set broken bones, and prescribed medicines themselves.

4. Are there any other details you notice?  
There are many bottles most don’t have labels. There are lots of drawers. How did the pharmacist know how to make medicines?
1. This primary document came from a newspaper. What are they selling?

Carriages, buggies which refers to a light, simple, two-person carriage of the late 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries, drawn usually by one or sometimes by two horses, and business wagons.

2. Is this ad similar or different from automobile advertisements today?

Today auto ads would have bright colors, and prices listed.

3. Do you think most families had their own carriage

Yes, upper middle class, farmers, and the wealthy had carriages. Some cost as little as $25 and required no special skills to drive.

4. What else do you notice about this ad?

1. From looking at the pictures, what do you think this advertisement is for?

Hooves.

2. Why was it important for horses to have nice hooves?

If a horse has cracked hooves it can be painful and open the hoof to infection which can make the horse very sick.

3. Do you think you will see an ad like this in the newspaper today?

Probably not, but hoof ointment is still for sale. People who have horses will find ads for ointment in horse magazines.

4. What else do you notice about this ad?

Like in the carriage ad no price is listed, neither are the ingredients of this ointment.