



DATE: February 28, 2022
TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee
FROM: Nan Buckardt
Director of Education

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and Accept New Donations to the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County’s Collections.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Communication, Education, and Outreach

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no financial impact associated with accepting these donations other than ongoing care for the items.

BACKGROUND: The Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County (“Dunn Museum”) “collects material culture representing the people, places, and events of Lake County, Illinois” (Collection Policies, Scope of Collections, p. 4). The majority of the Dunn Museum’s historic collection were acquired by the County of Lake from the privately run Lake County Museum of History in 1965 for the purpose of “preserv(ing) and maintain(ing) for future generations the cultural history of Lake County” (Resolution No. 24, dated October 12, 1965). These collections were officially transferred to the Lake County Forest Preserve District in 1989.

The Dunn Museum is frequently offered donations by members of the general public. Each donation is considered against criteria established in the Dunn Museum’s approved Collection Policies (the “Collection Policies”). Donations that do not meet these criteria are declined. Since September, 2021 the museum has received 33 donation inquiries, of which 20 were declined.

The donations listed on the attached Exhibit A meet the criteria established in the Collection Policies and have been reviewed, and are being recommended, by the Museum’s Collections Committee for acceptance into the Dunn Museum’s historic collections. There is adequate space to properly store and care for these items. Under the Collection Policies, the Operations Committee is authorized to accept the donations, because they do not require a purchase of more than \$25,000.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Exhibitions and Collections Manager, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel

Motion to approve and accept the donations to the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County’s Collections listed in Exhibit A to staff’s February 28, 2022 memorandum.

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes:____ Nays:____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays:____

Exhibit A
New Acquisitions Inventory
March 2022

- **Museum Souvenir Hats with Feathers**
Lake County Museum Souvenir hats, circa 1960. The Lake County Museum collection is the basis of the collection curated by the Dunn Museum.
- **Fort Hill Documents**
Documents from the Church at Fort Hill, in Avon Township.
- **Buffham Family Bible**
Family Bible dating to 1850s. Buffham family initially settled in Millburn.
- **Adlai E. Stevenson II Shoe Lapel Pin**
Shoe-themed campaign pin fashioned after famous image of Stevenson's worn shoe.
- **Windy Knoll Farm Sign**
Example of modern-day farming in Lake County.
- **Chief Jennifer Paulus Uniform and Accessories**
Uniform and badge of first female Police Chief in Lake County, Jennifer Paulus. Paulus was Chief of Police for the Village of Hawthorn Woods for 16 years and was the only female police chief at the time of her retirement in 2022.
- **Fort Sheridan Images**
Photos of Fort Sheridan, IL.
- **Lake County Marathon/Lake County Races Materials**
Materials representing the Lake County Marathon, later named the Lake County Races.
- **Grist Mill Grinding Stone**
Grist mill grinding stone – circa 1835.
- **Dietz's Stables Brochure**
Brochure – circa 1936
- **Birds Afield Essay**
Original "Birds Afield" essay by Ellen Drummond Farwell of Lake Forest, 1912
- **Survey Instruments and Case**
Theodolite and case purchased by District in 1989
- **Fossils**
Tully Monster and Mazon Creek shrimp fossils