



DATE: August 29, 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 at this time.

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. Donations that do not meet these criteria are declined. Since January 2022, the museum has received offers of donation from 21 individuals of which nine offers were declined.

The donations listed on the attached Exhibit A, meet the criteria established in the Dunn Museum’s approved 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 \$25,000.00.

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

Motion to approve and accept new acquisitions into the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County’s Collections as provided in Exhibit A to staff’s August 29, 2022, memorandum.

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

Exhibit A
New Acquisitions Inventory
September 2022

- **Adlai E. Stevenson II Memorabilia** – includes assorted items promoting AES and magazine
- **Lake County Marathon/Lake County Races Materials** – items related to the Lake County Marathon that supports the story of the race
- **Samuel Insull Estate End Table** – end table from a bedroom set used in the Samuel Insull home
- **Great Lakes Naval Station Miniature Photographs** – set of miniature photographs of the Great Lakes Naval Station
- **Sesquicentennial Quilt and Award Ribbons** – quilt created to celebrate the 150-year anniversary of the founding of Illinois and ribbons the quilt earned at the County Fair. The museum does not have any “centennial” quilts in its collection.
- **Peace Corps Volunteer Materials** – the donor was in the Peace Corps during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The materials include email message and items used to give presentation upon return.
- **Cub Scout Uniform – circa 1980** – the Museum does not have a sample of a scout uniform of this time period.
- **Deerpath Theater Architectural Remnants** – Four architectural remnants collected before the Deerpath Theater was demolished.
- **Windy Knoll Farm Photos** – the photos add to the information about Windy Knoll Farm, a modern farm near Wauconda. The Museum accessioned the Windy Knoll sign earlier this year.
- **Original Deerfield Township Land Grant** – 1854 land grant document
- **Hough Company Photos** – photo of employee with teletype machine
- **Hawthorn-Mellody Ice Cream Carton** – sample unused ice cream carton
- **Postcards – Wauconda Views** – three postcards of Wauconda

- **W.C. Petty Blotter** – blotter honoring W.C. Petty for years of service as the Lake County Superintendent of Schools
- **Abbott Labs Booklet** – booklet showing photos of work at Abbott Labs
- **Abstract of Titles** – three abstracts of titles pertaining to land in Wauconda