



**DATE:** March 6, 2023  
**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 August, 2022, the museum has received offers of donation from 16 individuals of which two 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 March 6, 2023, memorandum.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Roll Call Vote: Ayes:\_\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_\_  
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays:\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit A**  
**New Acquisitions Inventory**  
**March 2023**

- Brochure for the Wooster Lake Camping Resort in Ingleside
- Digital photographs of the Rasmussen family on the Otis Estate in Libertyville
- Original 1909 Map of Lake County
- Oral histories (ca. 1996) the baby boom generation/Vietnam War veterans
- Lake County Fair souvenir glass pitcher from 1908
- Train materials (order form, order pad, Clearance forms)
- Hawthorn Melody Farms (Libertyville) coloring book and tickets
- Photographs of Millburn area families
- Lake County Dairy Farm bottles
- Pollock/Cowdry(Coudry)/Radke family items, late 1800s to early 1900s
- Ticket for Libertyville High School football game (ca. 1920-1950)
- Studio portrait of Charles Warner's children
- Inauguration items from Fath-e-Azeem Mosque in Zion
- Lake County Fair poster