



The Douglas Henry State Museum Commission (DHSMC) Collections Acquisitions Committee (CAC) met at 9:30 a.m. on April 8, 2024, in the conference Room of the Bill Haslam Center with Committee Chair Ambassador Victor Ashe presiding.

Members Present

Ambassador Victor Ashe, Chair

Mike Keeney

Laura Travis

Ex Officio

Ashley Howell, TSM Executive Director

Senator Bo Watson, DHSMC Chair

Members Absent

Cathy Cate

Scott Price

Participating TSM Staff

Sharon Dennis

Richard White

Call to Order/Introductions

Chairman Ashe called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., verified a quorum was present following roll call and presided over the following business.

Approval of Collections Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes

Chairman Ashe entertained a motion to adopt the minutes as written from the Collections Acquisitions Committee meeting on October 3, 2022. Ms. Travis moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Keeney seconded the motion. Upon calling for discussion and seeing none, the Chair called for those in favor of adoption of the minutes from October 3, 2022. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Proposed Deaccessions

With Transfer

Director Howell described the following macro artifacts for deaccession with transfer:

2009.111.190 1986 Ford Crown Victoria Police Car
Transfer back to Tennessee Highway Patrol

2009.111.191 1973 AMF Harley-Davidson FLH 1200
Transfer back to Tennessee Highway Patrol

81.212	1919 American-LaFrance "45" Triple Combination Fire Engine <i>Transfer to Memphis Fire Station</i>
2019.64	1919 Ford Model T "American Field Service" Truck <i>Transfer to Tennessee State Parks</i>
2004.118	Chrysler Polara, Replica Buford Pusser Sheriff Car <i>Inquiry for transfer to Buford Pusser Museum</i>
2019.157.1	Log Cabin <i>Transfer to Tennessee State Parks</i>
2019.157.2	Tobacco Barn <i>Transfer to Tennessee State Parks</i>

State Surplus or Disposal

Director Howell described the following artifacts for deaccession via State Surplus or disposal:

2008.397	Office Desk Chair
3.324	Library Table
4.997	Oak Table
9.496	Dining Table
74.57	Slant Top Desk
2008.161.5	Easy Scan User Guide for Windows
2008.156.1.6	Compaq Deskpro Power cords
2008.156.2	Computer Desk
2008.161.1	Leaf Lumina Camera
2008.161.2	Leaf Lumina Camera Box
2008.161.3	Leaf Lumina User's Guide
2008.161.4	Leaf Lumina East Scan Release Notes
2020.44	Scrap Metal from Scoreboard

Following discussion that took place throughout Director Howell's presentation, Chairman Ashe entertained a motion to adopt the twenty (20) proposed deaccessions to present to the full commission for final adoption at the Quarterly meeting later this day. Moved by Mr. Keeney; Seconded by Ms. Travis. Upon calling for further discussion and seeing none, the Chair called for those in favor of adoption of the nineteen proposed deaccessions. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Chair Ashe affirmed management's reviewing the collection with transfers in mind, is not to be confused with artifacts on loan to State Legislators offices, the Capitol, the Governor's residence, and other museums.

Acquisitions Report

The volume of the Artifact/Object Acquisitions Report continues to be reduced in preparation for the move. Also noting the importance of deaccessioning in order to accession, Director Howell called upon Chief Curator Richard White who displayed recent acquisitions of a photo of Horace Abraham Leaver and his WWII A-2 flight jacket donated by his son, along with related documents, photos medals and a knife. These artifacts will be displayed in the new Military Branch Museum.

Director Howell explained the last changes to the Collection Strategic Plan was in 2015 in the context of preparing for a new Tennessee State Museum. This collection move presents the perfect opportunity to review the collection and to deaccession. Furthermore, staff continues to refine the collection by considering what is in the collection, identifying gaps in the collection, and what artifacts will strengthen the collection.

Adjournment

Chairman Ashe called for a motion to adjourn; Mr. Keeney moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Travis. The Chair called for those in favor. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions. Chairman Ashe adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Ambassador Victor H. Ashe
Chair DHSMC Collections Acquisitions Committee

APPROVED