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Memo

To: Nathan Richie

From: Mark Dodge

Date: 10-30-2020

Re: Deaccession recommendation

Golden History Museum & Park started piloting a Legacy Collection Inventory Project in winter 2019 designed to reappraise the existing collection on hand when the City of Golden commenced museum management in 2010. Project goals include conducting a complete physical inventory of everything housed at offsite museum storage, updating and improving records, rehousing artifacts when necessary, and finally, reappraising all artifacts for relevancy to museum mission and scope of collection.

I am making a formal recommendation to deaccession the attached list of 88 artifacts from the permanent collection. (This is the second in a series since 2019.) Per policy, *Deaccessioning of any object in the GHM&P Permanent Collection will be recommended by GHM&P curatorial staff after careful consideration of the object as it relates to the GHM&P mission statement and scope of collections.*

My reasons for deaccession drawn from collection policy are as follows:

- 1. Non-relevance: Any artifact no longer relevant or compatible with the Museums' mission statement may be deaccessioned. These circumstances may arise from wholesale acquisitions of the past, the reorganization of or a change of emphasis within the Museums themselves.*
- 2. Quality: Any artifact of poor quality which occupies valuable storage space may be approved for deaccessioning.*

Highlights from this selection slated for deaccession include:

- Old reference books and works of literature-several with inscriptions to other local communities.

- Four pharmacy items from one large donation believed to come from the Elzi Pharmacy in Erie, Colorado. Records indicate the museum has several hundred items from this same donation. As we find them they will all be recommended for deaccession.
- Interesting old indenture documenting the sale of property in England.
- Nine school desks once used to furnish Guy Hill Schoolhouse but no longer needed.

Disposal

Museum staff are still researching possible transfers of several items to other museums, however, no interest or current commitments are in place at this time. Upon final deaccession approval, items will be sold at public auction and the proceeds deposited in the restricted escrow account for future acquisition and artifact conservation.

Item of note:

List includes nine school desks (2009.183.11-19) once used to furnish Guy Hill Schoolhouse. Desks were acquired from Golden Landmarks Association (GLA) in 2008. Per Resolution 1941 GLA retains right of first refusal for the group. Museum staff will notify GLA and they'll have 30 days to respond.