

Centerville-Washington History's mission is to connect the community to its heritage by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and promoting the history of our local area.

# *To donate items or not? That is the question.*

In pursuit of our mission, the following guidelines help determine if an item will be accepted into our archives. We greatly appreciate your consideration and thank you for your interest in preserving local history.

## **Considerations for Possible Donations for our Collection**

Is my item . . .

- significant to Centerville/Washington Township people or properties
- suitable for an exhibit or educational programming
- historically important, from an event or time period that had a direct impact on our community
- illustrating work, recreation, or lifestyles in Centerville/Washington Township
- in good, unaltered condition
- unique to our collection, something we don't already own

If an item is accepted, please make sure . . .

- any context or history you know about the item is provided
- any original parts and/or manuals are included if possible
- everything is organized, labeled appropriately

**Reproductions** are accepted on a **limited basis** for accent pieces in exhibits, office furnishings, and educational programming. The curator will determine suitability.

We understand your enthusiasm for donating publications, drawings of buildings, and memorabilia from our organization, but they will not be accepted. Please consider passing them to a friend. Keep local history alive!

### **Antiques Village Mall Option**

Another option for your item is donating it for us to sell at our booth in the Antiques Village Mall. All proceeds come back to Centerville-Washington History. We then use the money for museum operations and programming. Reproduction and original items accepted.

### Donations are accepted by appointment only with our curator.

#### Please contact Joellen Ulliman at (937) 312-0040 or joellencwths@sbcglobal.net to determine eligibility of your item and/or to make arrangements.