

Items of Interest

Current as of June 1, 2023

Please note that this list is not all inclusive and may be subject to change. Please contact us if you have any questions about your donation! While all eras are welcomed to be donated, we are specifically seeking donations from the 1950s and later.

Houseware

- Kitchen
 - Small appliances
 - Plates, drinkware, & utensils
 - Serving sets
 - Cookbooks
- Living
 - Small furniture (no chairs)
 - Decorative items
 - TV, radio, & other entertainment
 - Art pieces
- Bedroom
 - Decorative items
 - Bedding & quilts*
 - Personal care items
 - Small furniture (no chairs)
 - Diaries, journals, & letters
 - Photos & photo albums
 - Personal collections
- Bathroom
 - Toiletries

Textiles

- Clothing & Accessories
 - Daily wear
 - Formal wear (i.e. prom or wedding)
 - Youth & baby fashion
 - Outwear, including coats, hats, mittens, etc.
 - Underwear & lingerie
 - Shoes, hats, & gloves
 - Jewelry
 - Military accessories, pins, & uniform decoration
- Uniforms
 - Coveralls or similar uniforms
 - Nursing or medical
 - Social groups, adults

- Social groups, youth
- **Limited** military uniforms
 - Spanish American War
 - Korean War
 - Vietnam War
 - Balkans Conflict
 - Iraq/Afghanistan
 - Ukraine Invasion
 - US Colored Troops
 - WAVE, WAC, WAAC or similar groups
- Police & first responder
- Retail & Service
- Education (i.e. graduation robes)

Toys

- Dolls
 - Handmade or rag dolls
 - Mass produced, made in or around Berrien County
 - Mass produced, popular in Berrien County
- Stuffed Animals
 - Handmade
 - Mass produced, made in or around Berrien County
 - Mass produced, popular in Berrien County
- Other toys
 - Handmade
 - Mass produced, made in or around Berrien County
 - Mass produced, popular in Berrien County
- Unique or rare items owned by someone in Berrien County

Arts & Crafts

- Thread arts
 - Crochet
 - Knit
 - Weaving
 - Embroidery
 - Cross-stitch
 - Plastic canvas
 - Quilts*
- Decorative Arts
 - Paintings
 - Collages
 - Murals

- Glass
- Pottery
- Wood
- Resin
- Jewelry
- Art Displays
 - Exhibit promotion
 - Exhibit publications
 - Awards
 - Corporate files (art companies or galleries)
- Theater
 - Photos & publicity shots
 - Posters
 - Playbills
 - Artist rosters
 - Pieces of the set*
 - Costumes*
 - Merchandise
 - Awards
 - Corporate files
- Concerts & Music
 - Photos & publicity shots
 - Merchandise
 - Posters
 - Instruments
 - Sheet music
 - Awards
 - Corporate files

Recreation

- Fishing & Hunting
 - Clothing*
 - Permits
- Sports Teams
 - Uniforms*
 - Rosters
 - Photos & publicity shots
 - Equipment*
 - Awards
- Resorts & Camps
 - Hotel & motel brochures
 - Promotional items
 - Small artifacts from rooms

- Signage*
- Food service items (i.e. menus)*
- Corporate Files
- Amusement Parks & Entertainment Centers (non-arts)
 - Photos & publicity shots
 - Tickets or other entry items
 - Prizes
 - Small artifacts
 - Signage*
 - Corporate files

Events

- Pageants
 - Program books
 - Photos & publicity shots
 - Crowns & scepters
 - Sashes
 - Awards & Trophies
 - Gowns or other related clothing*
 - Related memorabilia
 - Title winners roster
 - Corporate files
- Parades
 - Photos & publicity shots
 - Advertising & promotion
 - Related small memorabilia
- Fairs & Festivals
 - Program books
 - Photos & publicity shots
 - Advertising & promotion
 - Keepsake items
 - Awards & trophies
 - Winner rosters, if available

Business

- Memorabilia
 - Promotional items
 - Advertisements
 - Awards & trophies
 - See clothing
 - Products & packaging
 - Signage*
- Corporate files

- Financial reports
- General memos
- Department reports
- Blueprints & plans
- Roster of Board of Trustees or other governing body
- Employment roster
- Union paperwork
- Service-based businesses
 - Menus, handouts, and related items
 - Brochures & advertisements
 - Food service items
 - Signage*

Schools & Education

- Yearbooks
- Textbooks, post 1900
- Letterman jackets
- See clothing
- Class rings or other jewelry
- General memorabilia
- Photos & publicity shots
- Teacher and staff rosters
- Schoolboard rosters
- Newspapers & journals

Politics & Legal

- Government rosters
- Bar Association rosters
- Membership associations
- Photos & publicity shots
- Ordinances & law manuals
- Judges robes or similar uniforms
- See clothing
- Arrest & jail records
- Police memorabilia
- Land grants, probate records, and similar legal documents

Community Groups

- Membership rosters
- Yearbooks or annual reports
- Corporate files
 - Minutes
 - Board rosters

- Articles of incorporation
- Photos & publicity shots
- Promotional memorabilia
- General use memorabilia
- See clothing

*We are limited in space and may not accept items due to storage issues