

Donate an Object

Thank you for considering donating to the American Civil War Museum. Each object being considered for donation goes through a review process prior to being accepted into our permanent collection. Many factors go into this selection process including research of the object and its history, review of current collections storage space availability, and possible conservation concerns.

We generally do not accept restricted donations or permanent loans. While we cannot promise every object will be exhibited, each donation is cared for and preserved as a valued part of our permanent collection. When objects are not on display, they are held in our secure, climate-controlled collections storage while still available to the public through research appointments.

To build upon the strengths of the present collection, the ACWM may collect:

- Pre-war items illustrating the political and social conditions of the United States and the creation of the Confederate States of America.
- Items directly related to the Davis family.
- Items which have documented provenance and are meaningful to the interpretation of the military, political arena, and civilians of the USA and CSA, the President of the CSA and his occupation of the “White House of the Confederacy” at 1201 East Clay Street, and the culture and politics which influenced the citizenry of the USA and CSA.
- The period of Reconstruction, Reconciliation, and the veterans’ movements both north and south, including (but not limited to) the United Confederate Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic.
- The post-war period commonly referred to as “The Lost Cause.”
- Memorials, souvenirs, and popular culture items, from the immediate post-war years to the present day, reflecting the continued influence and interest of the war and its legacies.

Please do not mail or bring potential donations to the museum unless you have filled out the form below and have made arrangements with our collections staff.

Potential Donation Form:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email Address
- Street Address
- Address Line 2
- City
- State / Province / Region
- ZIP / Postal Code
- Country

- Phone
- Ownership. Are you the sole owner? Y/N
- What is it? *physical description*
- What is its connection to the American Civil War?
- How did it come into your possession?
- What is its condition? *Is it damaged?*
- Submit a photograph of the object:

Accepted file types: gif, jpg, bmp, eps, tif, pdf, doc, docx, ppt, pptx, Max. file size: 2 MB.