

# Donating Artifacts to Fanshawe Pioneer Village

If you have an object(s) you would like Fanshawe Pioneer Village to consider for its museum collection, please contact the Registrar at [collections@fanshawepioneervillage.ca](mailto:collections@fanshawepioneervillage.ca)

In order to determine if donations are appropriate to the collection, curatorial staff and the FPV Planning Committee meet monthly to carefully assess each offer according to the following criteria:

- *Relevance to Mandate* – object must date from between 1790 and 1920, or 1950 if it is an agricultural artifact ; Directly relevant to current research, exhibition or interpretation programs
- *Provenance* - artifacts used or likely to have been used in London and/or Middlesex County; Represents an aspect of London and/or Middlesex County history currently not represented in the collection
- *Documentation* – consideration will be given to objects with contextual information, provenance and details on fabrication and function of an object
- *Condition* - objects in poor condition will not be accepted unless they are rare or unique
- *Duplication* – objects that duplicate artifacts already housed in the collection will not be accepted, unless they are of better quality or condition

Donations are considered on a monthly basis. Object(s) also may be considered for Fanshawe Pioneer Village's hands-on collection if appropriate. The hands-on collection is used for historical demonstrations and educational programs. In this way, children and museum visitors are given the opportunity to see artifacts being used in their historical context.

If a donation is ultimately accepted into the collections at Fanshawe Pioneer Village, a gift form will be forwarded for the donor to sign and transfer ownership to Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

If Fanshawe Pioneer Village is unable to accept your donation, we will attempt to refer you to another museum or institution whose mission is more closely related to your objects.

~Thank You for your Interest in keeping the  
History of London & Middlesex County Alive!~