

Wilmot Historical Society De-accession Criteria

The Wilmot Historical Society (WHS) inaugurated its collection of artifacts and documents in 1976 when the society was established. Although our basic mission remains constant, the collection's focus has adjusted to conditions over the decades. In 2013 the WHS Board of Directors made a decision to place emphasis on objects directly related to Wilmot and its current or former residents.

When WHS *accesses* an object, it adds the article or document to its permanent collection and promises to care for it using the best, affordable method. If we find that items in the collection no longer meet the WHS criteria, or are redundant, they can be de-accessioned.

In practical terms, this means that the WHS methodically and judiciously will remove non-Wilmot-related artifacts and documents from its permanent collection.

A de-accessioned item may still have general historical value, thus we will offer it to another historical society, use it in our educational collection, or sell it.

All proposed de-accessions must be approved by the WHS Board. As a courtesy to original donors, we will endeavor to notify them, or their heirs, of the de-accession.

as of Feb 24, 2014

Wilmot Historical Society Collection Criteria

The purpose of the Wilmot Historical Society (WHS) is to preserve and maintain items related to the history of Wilmot, to promote public education and appreciation of local/regional history, and to foster greater historical awareness among members of the community.

We propose that any item to be collected or retained by the WHS must be significant to the town (but not always limited to Wilmot origin).

All items should be in good condition and/or visually appealing to different audiences.

Some areas of interest important to the collection include, but not limited to:

- Wilmot Businesses
 - Products
 - Tools necessary to conduct business
 - Signs/advertising
 - Records
 - Transportation
- Objects of import associated with indigenous, famous (or infamous) Wilmot residents
 - CDs, DVDs (with content printout and associated items)
 - Kitchen implements
 - Small farm implements
 - Objects used in the home of special people
- Documents important to town history
 - Personal documents
 - Town government
 - School records
 - Town-based organizations: Grange, camps, churches, etc.
 - Diaries, account books, journals,
 - Town properties - cemeteries, town pound, dump
- Events important to town history
 - Performances
 - Celebrations
 - Anniversaries

Another category for donations is items that are suitable for educational purposes or resale by the Curiosity Shop.

Although our basic mission has not waivered, our collecting focus has changed several times over the decades. Thus, items no longer accepted for the permanent collection may include:

- Items that require off-site storage
- Clothing and textiles
- Large pieces of furniture
- Vehicles
- Large farm equipment

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