

Collections Guidelines

OVERVIEW

The museum collects items in the form of donations, purchases, or bequests for exhibition or educational purposes. Items in the MHHE collections shall relate directly to the mission, vision, and purpose of the museum and shall be used solely for exhibitions, research, public programming, publication, and exhibition loans. The MHHE's mission is as follows:

The Museum of History and Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University presents public events, exhibits, educational resources, and training rooted in World War II and the Holocaust and the generational shifts that relate to those events.

The MHHE illuminates the role that individuals play in history and the effects of history on individuals.

Through educational dialogue primarily focused on twentieth century history, our programs emphasize:

- Multiple and complex human experiences
- Ethical and political consequences
- Respect for difference and diversity of life
- Acceptance of civic and personal responsibility

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The MHHE collection preferences historical significance. Historical significance is judged on an object's association with events that occurred in the twentieth century between World War I and the Civil Rights Movement. We are especially interested in documenting the experiences of active participants in these historical events.

EDUCATIONAL POTENTIAL

The MHHE considers objects for inclusion in our collection only if they may be used for educational purposes. These purposes include but are not limited to display in an exhibition, travel to schools through in-school programs and the traveling trunk program, and inclusion in on-site educational programs like field trips and homeschool days. Objects that cannot be handled or cannot stand up to the requirements of display may be reproduced digitally but will not be preserved in our collection.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

All else being equal, items under consideration will also be judged based on their relationship to the state of Georgia. For the purpose of our educational programs related to Georgia history social studies standards, we are most interested in objects associated with people who came from or spent time in Georgia. Similarly, we are especially interested in objects associated with Holocaust survivors who eventually came to make their homes in Georgia.

CRITERIA FOR LOANS

The MHHE will consider accepting a short-term loan of an object from an individual or another institution for exhibition purposes if the object meets all the above criteria but the lender has a vested interest in maintaining ownership of the property. This is a particularly good option for objects of personal significance (including those connected with the Legacy Series oral history program participants), where owners would prefer that the objects be used for a single purpose and then returned with the condition minimally affected. Loans will only be considered for specific exhibits or educational programs.