



Collections

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Our Mission

The mission of the Orange County Regional History Center is to serve as the gateway for community engagement, education, and inspiration by preserving and sharing Central Florida's continually unfolding story.

Our Collections

Our historic collection is owned by the Historical Society of Central Florida and contains artifacts, archives, photographs, audiovisual media, oral histories, digital materials, and more. The collection is held in public trust and is maintained in perpetuity in service of our mission, supporting exhibitions, programs, publications, research, and scholarship.

Our Scope

The focus of the collection is Central Florida, a region we define as seven counties (Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia). This includes material produced in Central Florida, used in Central Florida, or material related to historically important people, places, and events in Central Florida.

Our Collecting Criteria

Items added to the collection must fall within our scope and support our mission. In general, we also strive to acquire items that are complete and in good condition and for which provenance (the origin, ownership, and history of the item) is well documented. Some additional considerations that we may use to guide our decision-making include an item's relevance for research, exhibitions, or programs; whether or not an item will have use restrictions; and how well an item fills a gap in our collection.

Contact Us

If you have questions about our collection or the donation process, please contact Leslyanne Drake at Leslyanne.Drake@ocfl.net.