

Contemporary Collecting Addendum

Orange County Regional History Center

The Historical Society of Central Florida (hereafter, “Society”) collects, preserves, documents, exhibits, interprets, and makes available as a public learning resource material, evidence, primary testimony, and expanding historical record of response to contemporary issues and events, including those that are linked to catastrophe, terrorism, or may be considered contentious in nature.

With the goal of serving as an authoritative gateway of information about these incidents, the Society will acquire wide-ranging materials in various media, in original as well as reproductive and born-digital forms. Collections shall have value for commemoration, education, display, publication and scholarship. Applicability for the Society’s future-planned exhibitions will effect acquisition, however, the permanent collection is envisioned to function as an extensive reservoir of historical facts, trustworthy content and cumulative insight that will deepen over time, with uses beyond physical exhibition.

When evaluating prospective acquisitions, the Society will follow the scope of its overall Collecting Mission and Collections Policy, considering its institutional capacity to adequately store, take care of, conserve, and provide public access to materials of importance to Central Florida.

Items comprising the Society’s collection may be acquired by individuals, organizations, agencies, and institutions through proactive search and outreach, as well as by unsolicited donation and bequest, purchase, commission, transfer from other museums, archives, public agencies and affiliate organizations, and “field” finds consisting of tributes left by effected parties or communities. Only items known to be free of legal encumbrance will be collected.

The Society respects the efforts of other organizations to collect and safeguard visual, physical, oral, sonic and web-based records of events. It is committed to working collaboratively with all such institutions and agencies toward the goal of expanding our shared understanding of these defining events and their continuing legacies. In all activities the Society staff and its governing body will act with integrity, sensitivity, and in accordance with standards as codified by the American Alliance of Museums.

APPENDIX B: Contemporary Collecting Policy

The Historical Society of Central Florida (hereafter, “Society”) collects, preserves, documents, exhibits, interprets, and makes available to the public material related to contemporary issues and events. These issues and events may reflect a wide variety of subject matter, including but not limited to those linked to catastrophe or terrorism and those that may be considered contentious in nature.

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When evaluating prospective acquisitions, the Society will follow the directives outlined in [1. Mission](#), [5. Scope of Collections](#), and [7.1 Criteria for Acquisition](#), considering its institutional capacity to adequately store, take care of, conserve, and provide public access to materials of importance to Central Florida.

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