

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to Sell Items at Auction

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Pieces to be sold include a Conestoga wagon, books and tools

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 15, 2014 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) is inviting the public to an auction of items removed from its collection on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014. The auction will start at 10 a.m. at 1500 Paxton St. in Harrisburg. Public inspection of the items begins at 9 a.m.

The pieces being sold have no special significance to the history of the Commonwealth or duplicate what is already in the state's collection.

The auction is being conducted by Cordier Auctions & Appraisal, Harrisburg under contract with the Commonwealth's Department of General Services.

Prior to being consigned for sale, the objects were offered to other PHMC properties as well as other historic museums state and nationwide. Money raised from the auction can only be used to buy or conserve artifacts that enhance the PHMC's mission of preserving the Commonwealth's natural and cultural heritage as steward, teacher and advocate for the people of Pennsylvania.

The auction will feature a diverse array of items including books, furnishing, agriculture tools and equipment, prints, engravings, a Conestoga wagon, and an assortment of 19th and 20th century household and merchandising objects.

The items were formerly held at the Anthracite Heritage Museum, Brandywine Battlefield, Bushy Run Battlefield, Conrad Weiser Homestead, Daniel Boone Homestead, Drake Well Museum, Ephrata Cloister, Eckley

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Village, Fort Pitt Museum, Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum, Pennsbury Manor, Joseph Priestley House, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Somerset Historical Center, and the State Museum of Pennsylvania.

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