

Museum of East Tennessee History “Wish List”

ETHS collects artifacts in a wide range of categories. Below are areas in which ETHS wishes to strengthen collections:

- **African American history**
- **Artifacts and photographs**
- **Appliances**
- **Cast-iron stoves** made in East Tennessee; early stoves and refrigerators (such as Magic Chef from Cleveland)
- **Cherokee, 1800 to 1838**
- **Children's clothing and accessories** from early 20th century and before
- **Firearms**, including rifles and pistols. Types made in East Tennessee; also those marketed in the region, with markings of the seller (such as C.M. McClung & Co.); 18th or 19th century gun-making tools are also desired.
- **Folk art**
- **Furniture (with clear East Tennessee maker or provenance)**
- **Beds**--cannonball, primitive chairs: Windsor, Wilder, mule-ear
- **Cupboards and Chests**--corner cupboard, chest of drawers from early to late 19th century
- **Pie Safes**, circa 1900
- **Sideboards**
- **Tables**--banquet, side, ordinary kitchen
- **20th-Century Manufactured East Tennessee Furniture**--High Victorian parlor and decorative furniture
- **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**
- **Ku Klux Klan** memorabilia and artifacts
- **Medical artifacts**
- **Musical instruments**
- **Authentic instruments** and artifacts of popular musicians, sound recordings
- **Political memorabilia** of notable East Tennessee political figures
- **Pottery**--a cross-section through time of typical examples of East Tennessee potters as well as more unusual pieces.
- **Quilts and coverlets**, 1780-1920. Each should be accompanied by identity of maker, place, date, pattern name, story behind the quilt, and photograph of the maker, if possible.
- **Railroads**, 1850s and after
- **Small artifacts**, photographs, maps, and ephemera, such as timetables
- **Sewing machines**, early
- **Tennessee Valley Authority**
- **Removal documentation (Great Smoky Mountains, Tennessee Valley Authority, Manhattan Project):** electrical objects, photographs, pottery, family items, memorabilia)
- **Tools**
- **Toys**
- **Wartime memorabilia**--authentic uniforms, weapons, portraits, artifacts from each conflict--War of 1812 (1812-1815), Cherokee Removal (1838), Mexican War (1846-1848), Civil War (1861-1865), including *Sultana* artifacts and photographs, Spanish-American War (1898), World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and later conflicts