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Preservation of Historical Documents and Artifacts

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) maintains a system of archives and artifact collections for the purpose of preserving, studying, exhibiting, and interpreting the history of the agency.

I. Responsibilities

Each facility/unit head will designate an employee to be the unit curator who will maintain a collections management system.

II. Unit Curator

The unit curator strives to implement preservation procedures outlined in accordance with this procedure. Paper items, photographs, and artifacts will be collected which serve to illustrate and document the history of the facility utilizing the “Examples of Documents and Artifacts to be Preserved” form ([Attachment A](#), attached).

III. Collections Care

Reasonable effort, consistent with professional museum standards defined and

provided by the Oklahoma Historical Society and available resources, will be made to properly care for the collections including exhibition, storage, cleaning, and other processes designed to prolong the physical integrity and lifespan of the object, document, or photograph. When needed, restoration and repairs of objects will only be done by a trained conservator who has been trained by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The cleaning, repair, and conservation of collection items will not alter the historical value of the piece, and will be reversible.

A. Exhibition

1. Collection items will be exhibited for the purpose of disseminating knowledge about the history of corrections in Oklahoma and the nation.
2. All collection items and their origins will be thoroughly researched and presented with objectivity. The perpetuation of myths or stereotypes will be avoided.
3. Exhibition techniques for all collection items will take into account an item's physical condition to prevent undue stress or damage. Exhibition techniques that cause new damage, such as holes, marks, or creases will not be used.
4. Adequate security measures will be taken to protect all items on exhibit.

B. Storage

1. If possible, all collection items will be stored according to professional museum recommendations using archival materials where necessary as outlined in guidelines provided by the Oklahoma Historical Society.
2. Each facility/unit will provide a limited access area for the storage of the museum collection.
3. Documents that are retained because of records retention requirements in accordance with [OP-020202](#) entitled "Management of Office Records" (e.g., logs, serious incident reviews etc.) will be stored as required.
4. Storage areas will be inspected on a regular basis for insect infestations and other problems that may cause damage to the collection.

IV. Collections Management

The facility/unit collections management system will ensure all items of historical significance designated for preservation will be accessioned and catalogued according to professional museum standards.

A. Donations

A signed "ODOC Donor Gift Form" ([DOC 020308A](#), attached) will be completed for items received through donation by the public (i.e., retired staff member, etc.). The unit curator will sign an "ODOC Donor Gift Form" ([DOC 020308A](#), attached) for which the donor cannot be identified.

B. Records

The following records will be kept on each collection piece:

1. A signed "ODOC Donor Gift Form" ([DOC 020308A](#), attached) transferring to the agency all rights, title, and interest in and to the property; and
2. Entry into a collections log listing the object's name, method of acquisition, date of acquisition, and accession number. Photographs will be recorded as a group if individually provided or as a single item if a book/album.

C. Loans of Collection Items

The facility/unit head will approve all incoming and outgoing loans for each facility/unit.

D. Disposition of Collection Items

When it is deemed necessary to remove or dispose of a collection piece due to deterioration or damage, approval will be obtained from the facility/unit head. A unit curator or inmate will be ineligible to take possession of any collection piece that has been removed. All objects donated to ODOC become state property and will be disposed of through the surplus property system. A log of all removed items will be maintained by the affected facility.

V. References

Policy Statement P-020100 entitled "Management of Oklahoma Department of Corrections Information"

OP-020202 entitled "Management of Office Records"

VI. Action

Division/facility/unit heads are responsible for compliance with this procedure.

The chief of Strategic Engagement is responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this procedure will require prior written approval from the agency director.

This procedure will be effective as indicated.

Replaced: OP-020308 entitled "Preservation of Historical Documents and Artifacts" dated November 9, 2021

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<u>Referenced Forms</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
DOC 020308A	"ODOC Donor Gift Form"	Attached

<u>Attachments</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
Attachment A	"Examples of Documents and Artifacts to be Preserved"	Attached