

SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION

- Medical collections, incorporating surgery, obstetrics, pediatrics, dentistry, apothecary; includes patent medicines, instruments, office furniture, and books relating to Dr. Stonestreet's practice, a country doctor's office in the 19th century; modern medicine such as books, pamphlets, or small instruments; veterinary medicine including books and instruments used from the 19th century to the present.
- Agriculture collection comprising of tools that dealt with planting, harvesting, and storing food products; implements by slaves and farmers; hand-held or animal driven equipment.
- Kitchen and housewares, from the earliest Native American residents through present day, including items used for food preparation and service; items used for domestic chores such as spinning wheels, irons, candle molds, baskets, brassware, pewterware; lamps and lighting implements.
- Recreation collections consisting of dolls, games, toys, and entertainment for children and adults.
- Textiles including clothing, quilts, linens, bedding, coverlets, accessories (which includes hats, fans, jewelry, gloves, shoes, and dressing table paraphernalia); general household textiles and sewing equipment.
- Weapons collection primarily includes firearms and their accessories; military accouterments (excluding uniforms/uniform accessories); edged weapons; miscellaneous hand-held weapons; military and civilian weapons used or manufactured within Maryland; weapons used or owned by Frederick and Montgomery County residents.
- Tools used in various professions other than agricultural, household, or medical, such as blacksmith, carpenter, cobbler, sail-maker, surveyor, etc.; hand-held and small machine tools.
Decorative Arts collection includes items used by the Beall and/or Dawson families in Beall-Dawson House from 1815-1940; includes furniture owned by the Beall-Dawson family and reflects the time period; furniture used by Montgomery County families; glass, ceramics, and silver items that were used from 1815-1940. Books, periodicals, archives, manuscripts, newspapers, pamphlets, maps, architectural drawings, posters, and microfilm.
- Over 25,000 photographs, including prints, negatives, and slides.
- AV materials, including cassette tapes, videotapes, and sound recordings.
- Miscellaneous collections including art on paper and framed pieces, greeting cards, archaeology (containing Native American tools), and county and state memorabilia.