

**Museum of American Finance
48 Wall Street
New York, NY 10005**

OBJECT DONATION PROCEDURE

Making a Donation to the Museum Collection

The Museum of American Finance is home to an impressive collection that represents the richness of American financial history, thanks largely to donors and collectors who have generously made gifts to the Museum. The Museum welcomes donations of documents and objects that are in line with its collecting objectives. The Museum has a Collections Committee that meets on a monthly basis to consider potential donations. Considerations that may go into the Museum's decision to accept an object include space and conservation requirements, relevance to the mission of the Museum, and whether or not the Museum already has similar items in the collection.

If you are interested making a donation to the Museum, please send an email to curator@moaf.org with a thorough description of the object(s), as well as photographs/scans if applicable. This will be passed on to the Collections Committee, which will deliberate and communicate its decision to the donor. If the Museum is unable to accept the donation for any reason, it will endeavor to suggest alternative institutions where the item may be placed.

The Museum will then issue a letter acknowledging the donation, and send a deed of gift form to the donor to transfer right of ownership. **Please note that the Museum cannot provide an appraisal of any donated item. The donor is responsible for obtaining an appraisal of the item, and should do this before the object is donated if he/she would like to take a tax deduction.** As a recipient institution, the Museum cannot endorse or recommend an appraiser. The appraisal must come from an independent, accredited source.

You can search for an independent appraiser here: <http://www.appraisersassoc.org/>

Collecting Objectives

To obtain significant objects of cultural, artistic and educational value directly relating to commerce, finance and entrepreneurship. Collection items will be directly related to and utilized to further the Museum's mission through exhibits, educational programs and research facilities. Collection may include, for example, mechanical devices such as stock tickers and financial communications equipment, relevant personal or corporate possessions, stock and bond certificates, paper currency, published works such as books, and unpublished works such as manuscripts, diaries and correspondence, as well as oral, video and/or written histories.