



COLLECTING PLAN

The most important initial criterion with which to evaluate a potential acquisition for the Stratford collections is the object's contribution to interpretation and exhibition at Stratford Hall.

Categories of objects are classified into three levels of priority based on their potential benefit to the collections. These categories are used to prioritize collecting activities for the collections.

First Priority:

Objects original to Stratford or its residents during the focus interpretive period of 1738 to 1822.

Objects related to the non-domestic life of the Lee family, including family members' roles as military leaders, politicians, and entrepreneurs.

Second Priority:

Objects original to Stratford or its residents outside of the focus interpretive period of 1738 to 1822.

Objects similar to those that were at Stratford or that replicate objects that were at Stratford during the focus interpretive period, for the purpose of enhancing the interpretation and understanding of the estate and its residents.

Third Priority:

Memorabilia, commemorative items, and other objects that relate to members of the Lee family after their death, to the Lee family's legacy, to the development of Stratford, or to the history of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association.