CAE Collections Team: Museums Disposal Panel Report Lincolnsh

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SECTION 1

(to be completed by Collections Officer)

1.1 Description of Object/Objects

LCNLL : 1978/908 – photocopy of the Silver Jubilee booklet for Canterbury Agricultural College 1880-1930 – 31 pages

This booklet is made up of sheets of glossy paper wider & shorter than A4 onto which has been copied the print from the original. The sheets have been folded and stapled to form a booklet. There are 2 blank pages between every 2 copied pages. The staples have been inserted 1cm in from the spine and have corroded.

The content is the history of Canterbury Agricultural College in Lincoln, New Zealand between 1880 & 1930.

This photocopy is an untraced find from stores. Presumably this was acquired via research into places around the world that are named after Lincoln & should not have been accessioned. There is no record of display.

This is poorly put together with corroding staples which have marked the paper, however the text is in quite readable condition.

Currently stored in the Small Stores of the Museum of Lincolnshire Life.

Image of the front cover and example of the basic content in the booklet, below (paper type doesn't scan well):

Staff Canterbury Agricultural Collega Øiretør) F. B. E. ALENANDEB, A.B.C.Sel ssistant in Field Husbandry R. J. GEDDES, M.Agr.Sc. HISTORY Biologist: W. HILGENDORF, M.A., D.Sc., F.N.Z. ORIGIN AND ESTABLISHMENT Assistant: J. W. CALDEB, B.Agr., M.Sc. Chemist: SCOTT, B.A. (Cantab.), B.Sc., A.LC Assistants: D. J. SIDEY, B.Agr., H.D.D. J. C. FRANKLIN, M.Sc., A.I.C. JUBILEE Veterinary Surgeon: A. LESLIE, M.R.C.V.S. SOUVENIR Farm Economist: I. W. WESTON, Ph.D. 1880-1930 I Research Officers asture Management: FLAY, B.Sc., M.Agr.Sc Wheat Research: O. H. FRANKEL, D.Agr.Sc. Farm Oversees: A. FOUGERE, Dip.Agr.C.A.C

1.2 Reason For Disposal

Under the LCC Acquisition and Disposal Policy (section 6.1.2) justifiable reasons for disposal include:

 Items that fall outside Lincolnshire County Council's Collections Development Strategy

- Un-contextualised or un-provenanced items
- Under-used items

It is likely that this booklet was acquired via research into places around the world that are named after Lincoln or Lincolnshire connections with New Zealand. We do not as a rule accept photocopied material into our Museum collections as we look to display original material or our own surrogate copies where the environmental conditions warrant this. As a poor copy this booklet has no display potential. This booklet also falls outside the Collections Development Strategy (Sections 4 & 5) in terms of material we wish to have in our collections & should never have been accessioned.

There is no record of this booklet being used since it was accessioned in 1978.

1.3 Suggested Means of Disposal & Reason

It is unlikely that we will identify accredited museums with suitable collections that we can approach directly. A notice should placed on the disposal noticeboard on the Museums Association website and/or in the Museums Journal as a free gift to an Accredited Museum before disposal to other interested individuals or organisations is considered as per the LCC Acquisition & Disposal Policy (Sections 6.17 to 6.2).

1.4 Impact Statement

1.4.1 Potential Risks

• Risk of negative impact on LCC if it is thought by the local community that LCC cannot care for its collections.

1.4.2 Potential Benefits

- Storage: a minimal amount of space will be created for the collecting of new material to continue and be cared for in line with the Accreditation Standard and the LCC Acquisition and Disposal Policy (Section 5.1.13).
- Use of resources: if the disposal goes ahead this will allow staff time and financial resources to be used on other parts of the collection that are used more fully for research and display.
- Significance of the Collection: by removing items from our collection that do not serve the people of Lincolnshire we can improve the significance of what remains in line with our core principles outlined in the LCC Acquisition and Disposal Policy (Sections 4.1.1 to 4.1.12) & the Collections Development Strategy (Section 5).

1.5 Other Considerations

Time necessary for creating and posting advertisement for *Museums Journal* and/or MA website and then waiting for offers before disposal could take place.

1.6 Recommendation

It is proposed that the Disposal Panel recommend disposal of these 3 books, freeing up resources for other collection objects.

SECTION 2 (to be completed by Disposal Panel)

2.1 Panel Decision

Fully agree with Disposal Report Section 1 recommendation

Agree with Disposal Report Section 1 recommendation, with additional requirements/ comment (section 2.2)

Disagree with Disposal Report recommendation for reasons given below (section 2.2)

2.2 Additional Comments

Caveats/questions regarding disposal; reasons for disagreeing with recommendation; raise points requiring further clarification, for inclusion in Exec. Cllr. Report or resolution prior to submitting this report..

If proposal ratified then offer to the Banks Society (Horncastle) who are trying to build up a library.

Signed: __Jonathan Platt__ (Chair of Disposal Panel) Date: __08/06/11__

SECTION 3

(to be completed by Collections Officer)

- 3.1 Exec Report No
- 3.2 Exec Decision No
- **3.3** Action / Date Completed ______ Ensure a copy of the Authority deaccession/disposal form is attached to this sheet
- **3.4** Name, Contact Details & Status of Recipient *Accredited museum, private museum etc.*
- **3.5 New Location and Number of Object** For future access, should enquiries come in.
- **3.6 Benefits Achieved for the Service/Object:** *Short summary tying back to section 1.4*