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Brown County Library Treasures: Collection Acquired by Green Bay & De Pere Antiquarian Society Opens at the Neville

Green Bay, WI—September 16, 2008—The Neville Public Museum of Brown County announces the opening of *Brown County Library Treasures: Collection Acquired by Green Bay & De Pere Antiquarian Society*. This significant collection of original art, Middle Eastern rugs, and historic artifacts opens September 20 and continues through November 12 at the Neville Public Museum.

The collection was purchased by the Antiquarian Society in 2007 through generous donations from the community and beyond. The artifacts are important to the history of Northeast Wisconsin. The majority were given to the Library by early community leaders. Even though the collection was purchased by the Antiquarian Society, the Neville Public Museum will store and care for the collection. Eugene Umberger, Director of the Neville Public Museum, stated that “the acquisition of Brown County Library’s collection of artifacts by the Antiquarian Society for safe-keeping and use by the Neville Public Museum represents a wonderful community effort to retain these important historical and artistic objects as part of our cultural heritage.”

Highlights of the exhibit include an extremely rare, signed photograph of Abraham Lincoln and his son, Tad, from the studio of Mathew Brady; twenty-two oil paintings by Howard Pyle, known as the “Father of American Illustration”; and a portrait of Rufus B. Kellogg by noted American artist George P.A. Healy.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Marilyn Stasiak, Curator of Art, at (920) 448-7846 or Trevor Jones, Curator of History, at (920) 448-7848.

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