

Chicago**History**Museum

Fort Dearborn: Pack Your Trunk!

READ:

Indigenous people have lived in the area now known as Chicago for thousands of years. In the 1770s, the first non-indigenous permanent settler, Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable came to the area and established a trading post. In the years following, Fort Dearborn (the first star on Chicago's flag) was established in 1803 which made more people begin to move to the Chicago area. Many more non-native people came to Chicago including Rebekah Wells Heald. As she packed, she used the trunk below!



Rebekah Wells Heald's Trunk, circa 1811. IChi-064677

DO:

- **Imagine** you were moving to a new place.
- **Write** what you would bring with you.
- **Draw** a picture of those items in the trunk on the next page!
- **Ask** if you had relatives who moved from place to place. What did they use or bring with them?
- **Collect** six items you would take with you if you were packing for a move.

Approx. Time: 30 45 minutes

Materials:

- ⇒ Paper/Writing materials
- ⇒ Drawing Materials
- ⇒ Optional: Bag/Box for object collection

SHARE:

- **Talk** to your family about what you would bring.
- **Post** your trunk lists and drawings on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies to see what others have created.

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