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Dear [Member Name],

In a letter dated 1889, Colonel George Thew Burke's daughter Margaret Crawford wrote "*I give into your hands for safe keeping my dear father's medal. I know you are careful. I don't want it to go out of the family.*" Colonel Burke's personal treasures, including his Medal of Recognition for service in the War of 1812's Battle of Chateauguay, were passed down through his family for over 150 years before being generously donated to the Goulbourn Museum.

Colonel Burke was a key figure in the settlement of Richmond and the former Goulbourn Township. Many of his personal belongings are proudly on display in the Goulbourn Museum and will be preserved for generations to come. In July of this year, Barbara McCourt – a direct descendant of Burke – entrusted the Museum with his 1822 militia sword. She wrote "I wish to share this artefact with the Museum so that others will have an opportunity to see it... I cherish the many literary efforts that have kept his memory alive."

The Goulbourn Museum is grateful to be entrusted with these donations. Our mandate is to preserve and share Goulbourn's heritage, which is only possible with your support. We currently care for over 8,000 artefacts in our collection, and preserving them is a great undertaking. Our team works tirelessly to ensure:

- artefacts are meticulously documented, labeled, photographed, measured, researched and described
- proper storage materials are purchased
- storage rooms are kept clean and maintained to the correct conditions
- exhibitions display the collection safely while still allowing access

I would like to thank you for all we have accomplished with your past support, and for your continued help. Your dollars help us to preserve and share the story of Colonel Burke and Ottawa's oldest military settlement. The Goulbourn Museum is a Registered Charity (#82991 3607 RR0001), and we invite you to make a donation at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/goulbourn-museum/ or by mailing a cheque to the Goulbourn Museum.

[FirstName], if you have any questions, please contact me at 613-831-2393 or kathryn@goulbournmuseum.ca.
Sincerely,

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