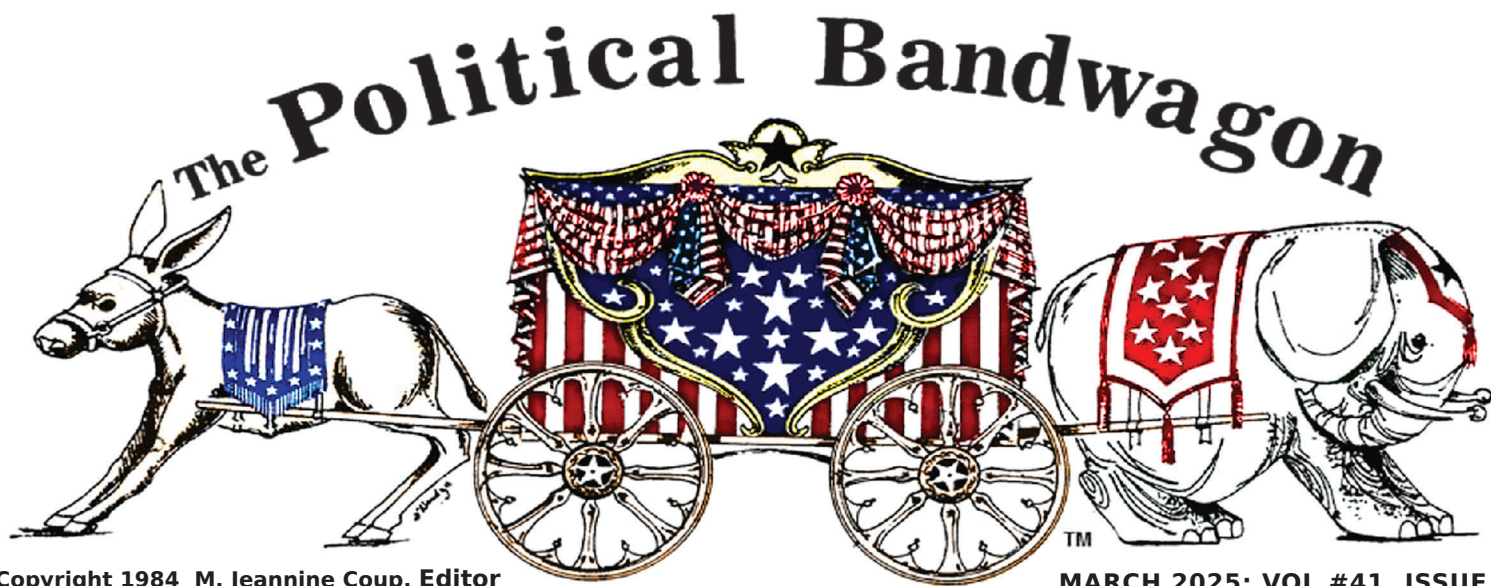




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## Collecting American Political History

# THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

By Harvey Goldberg

There are those who argue that George Washington was NOT our first president. When we think of the President of the United States, many people do not realize that we are actually referring to the presidents elected under the U.S. Constitution. In that regard, Washington WAS the first president.

However, under the Articles of Confederation, the predecessor to the Constitution, the United States had no separate "Executive Branch". The Articles did call for a "president". Eight men were appointed to serve one-year terms as president of the third Continental Congress period (known as the Confederate Congress because it fell under the Articles of Confederation) after the colonies had severed their relationship with Britain. One of them was John Hanson when in 1781 he became the elected president with the official title of "President of the United States in Congress Assembled".

But it's more complicated because Hanson was not the first to hold the office of "President." During the First Continental Congress, two men served as "President of the Congress Assembled." And there were six who served as "President of the Congress Assembled" during the Second Continental Congress before the Articles of Confederation were officially ratified.

The **First Continental Congress** met in Philadelphia in 1774 from September 5th to October 6th, with delegates from each of the 13 colonies (except Georgia) to discuss grievances



John Hanson, a closeup of a portrait attributed to John Hesselius, c. late 1760s

against the British government and to coordinate a response. These delegates were elected by the people, by the colonial legislatures, or by the committees of correspondence of the respective colonies. When the First Continental Congress convened the Delegates elected a presiding officer to oversee the revolutionary legislature's sessions. Given the title of "president," this officer's responsibilities included ruling on parliamentary issues, managing official correspondence, advancing or holding back legislation, and meeting with important allies and foreign dignitaries as the "first member" of the Continental Congress. Peyton Randolph of Virginia was the first to hold this position and Henry Middleton of South Carolina was the second.

While these responsibilities were similar to those held by speakers in the colonial legislatures, the president could not appoint Delegates to committees, take actions independent of the Congress, or control the voting process. The first president of the Continental Congress was Virginia Delegate Peyton Randolph, who had previously served as speaker of the Virginia house of burgesses. On October 14, the Declaration and Resolves established the course of the congress, as a statement of principles common to all of the colonies. Congress voted to meet again the following year if these grievances were not attended to by England. Soon after on October 20, the First Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Association.

The Continental Congress was the governing body by which the American colonial governments coordinated their resistance to British rule during the first two years of the American Revolution. The Congress balanced the interests of the different colonies and also established itself as the official colonial liaison to Great Britain. As the war progressed, the Congress became the effective national government of the country, and, as such, conducted diplomacy on behalf of the new United States.

John Hanson was born in Charles County, Maryland, on April 3, 1715. His first public office he was appointed sheriff of Charles County, Maryland in 1750. Seven years later he was elected to represent his county in the lower house of the Maryland General Assembly, then serving for a dozen years. He was a leading opponent of the 1765 Stamp Act and protested the Townshend Acts. While serving in the Maryland Assembly from 1757 to 1773 he was active in raising troops and providing arms.

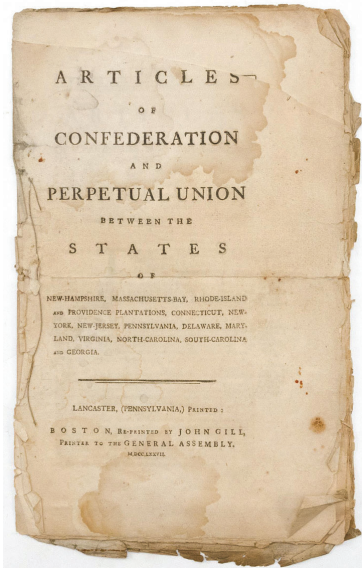
The **Second Continental Congress** delegates met in 1775 in Philadelphia. There they established the Continental Army naming George Washington as Commander-in-Chief; ratified the Declaration of Independence (1776); drafted guidelines for a governing body; and established itself as the central governing body under the Articles of Confederation. The Articles of Confederation were passed on November 15, 1777 after more than a year of debate. Still, they would not be ratified for almost four more years due to land disputes between various states — particularly Maryland and Virginia.

Hanson served as a Maryland delegate to the Continental Congress in 1779, where he helped to resolve the western lands issue, thereby facilitating the ratification of the Articles of Confederation March 1, 1781. When Maryland, the last holdout, hesitated to ratify, Hanson was persuasive enough to turn the tide and convince the state leadership to do so. The first constitution of the United States of America, the Articles of Confederation outlined the practice and procedure of the government of the United States until they

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John Hanson (1715-1783) Maryland  
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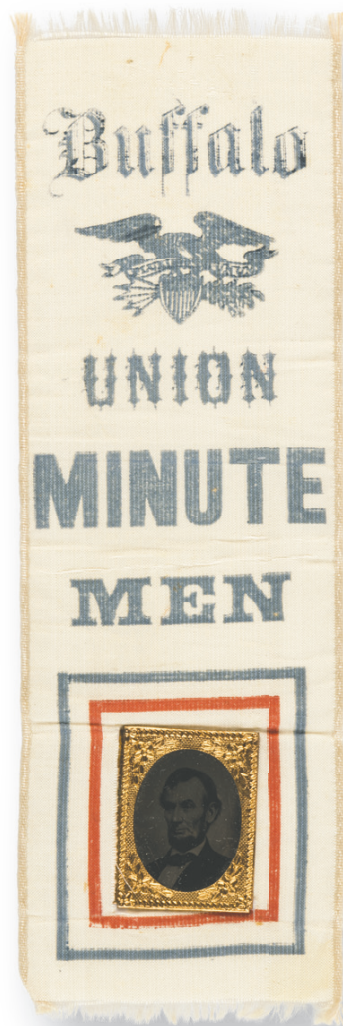
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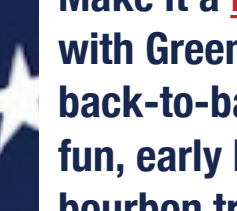
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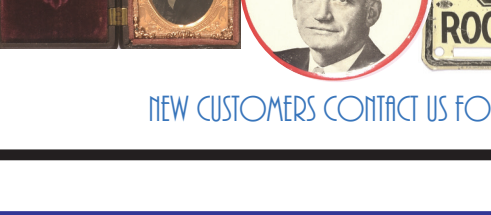
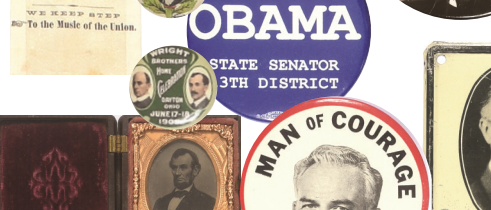
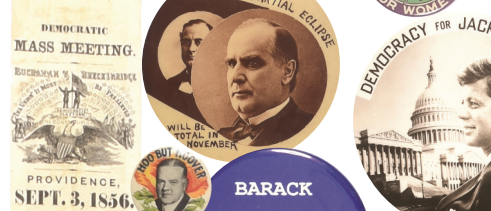
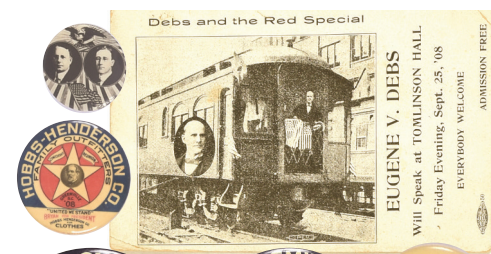
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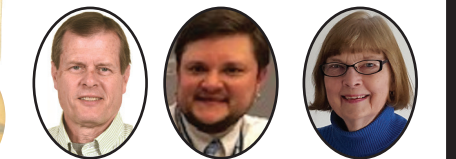


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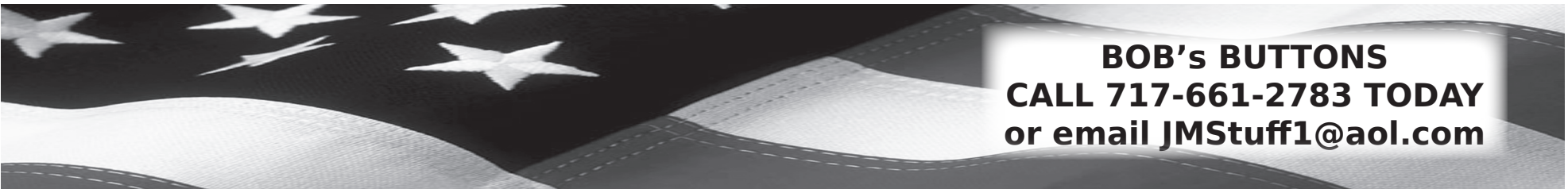
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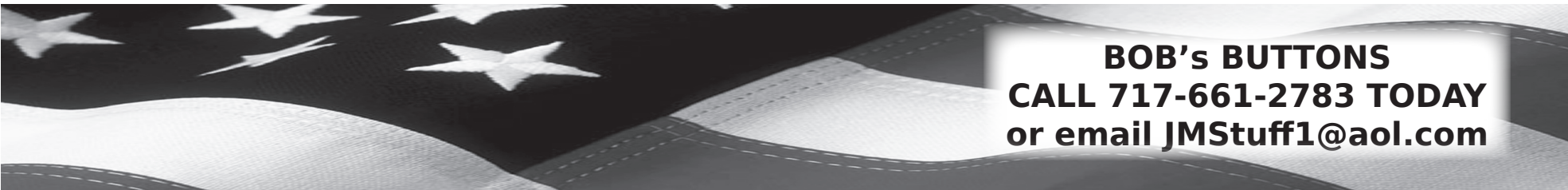
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## CLAYTIE vs. THE LADY

We found a 2.25" button in the shape of a heart with the text "A Lady for Claytie" shown here. So of course we did some research to see who this "Claytie" was. And it's a great story we thought we'd share. In fact, we found a book titled: "*Claytie and the Lady: Ann Richards, Gender and Politics in Texas*" by Sue Tolleson-Rinehart and Jeanie R. Stanley, 190 pages published by the University of Texas Press 1994 Jan.1.



The "Claytie" in question is Clayton Wheat "Claytie" Williams, Jr. of Midland, Texas. He was a Republican west Texas oilman who ran for governor of Texas in 1990 against Democrat Ann Richards. In February 2020 the New York Times reported he "derailed his 1990 campaign for governor with a spate of crude remarks, including an offensive comment about rape." Apparently the Richards victory "followed a campaign in which both candidates made extensive use of negative advertising", according to the Editorial Review from Library Journal on the Amazon listing.

The description of the book is as follows: It was like a remake of *The Cowboy and the Lady*, except that this time they weren't friends. The 1990 Texas governor's race pitted Republican Clayton Williams, a politically conservative rancher and oil millionaire, against Democrat Ann Richards, an experienced progressive politician noted for her toughness and quick wit. Their differences offered voters a choice not only of policies and programs but also of stereotypes and myths of men's and women's proper roles.

*Claytie and the Lady* is the first in-depth look at how gender affected the 1990 governor's race. The authors' analysis reveals that Ann Richards' victory was a result of a unique combination of characteristics. She was simultaneously tough enough to convince voters that she could lead and feminine enough to put them at ease. At the same time, she remained committed to the progressive and women's issues that had won her the early support of feminists and progressives. The authors also show how Clayton Williams' appeal to the Texas cowboy myth backfired when he broke the cowboy code of chivalry to women.

The authors set their discussion within the historical context of twentieth-century Texas politics and the theoretical context of gender politics in order to pose a number of thought-provoking questions about the effects of women's participation in political life. Interviews with key players in the 1990 election, including Governor Ann Richards, add a lively and insightful counterpoint to the text. (<https://www.amazon.com/Claytie-Lady-Richards-Gender-Politics/dp/0292770650>)

The Associated Press would later call the Williams-Richards face-off "the biggest, bruisingest, costliest, nastiest, noisiest, wildest, woolliest Texas governor's race ever."

Mr. Williams spent lavishly, casting himself as an independent cowboy type who had risen from humble roots to become a powerful business tycoon. He promised to get tough on crime and "make Texas great again." The polls pointed to an easy victory.

But during the campaign, he repeatedly sabotaged himself.

His comment about rape came early in the campaign, when he was sitting around a campfire in bad weather with reporters he had invited to his ranch. He compared the bad weather to rape, saying, "If it's inevitable, just relax and enjoy it."

An Associated Press report quickly made the comment national news. He said he was joking and, *Texas Monthly* reported, was apologetic "but not contrite." (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/18/us/politics/clayton-williams-dead.html>)

The Richards campaign also challenged Clayton on his taxes "Like Clinton's campaign against Trump, ours also had the personal income tax issue. Like Clinton, Richards released her tax returns early in the race. When we challenged Clayton to do the same, he refused, saying 'it would take a Mack Truck to haul them.'

We dispatched a two-ton Mack Truck to his campaign headquarters to help him out."

Like Trump, Williams never turned over his tax records. And only three days before the election, when Richards was five points behind in the polls, Williams did the inexplicable. On a last campaign whistle-stop tour, with traveling Texas Capitol press on board, Williams admitted that, due to tough times in the oil patch, he hadn't paid any taxes four years earlier.

Claytie's final foot-in-mouth line meant the last days of the campaign were Richard's. Richards, her surrogates and throngs of dedicated volunteers across the state reminded folks that while millionaire Williams could afford a private jet, he couldn't afford to pay his taxes. (<https://www.houstonchronicle.com>)

THE MOST effective strategy we [the Richard's campaign] employed was to let the rooster crow. The more Clayton talked, the more people saw him for who he was, and that did not work not in his favor.

Consider these two classic Claytie lines:

Foggy weather, he said, was like rape: "If it's inevitable, just relax and enjoy it."

Or, talking about Richards — the Lady! — "I will head and hoof her and drag her through the dirt."

These zingers helped our team produce the devastating TV ad, "Clayton Williams in his own words." (<https://www.houstonchronicle.com>)

Known for her wit, Ann Richards won the governor's race of 1990. Is there anything he learned from his one run?, asked reporter Claire Poole of Clayton 10 years later for the *Texas Monthly*. "That a sense of humor has no place in politics," he said. Tell that to Richards.

Sources: <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/2016/10/13/no-taxes-paid-lewd-talk-and-bullying-women-clinton-vs-trump-no-the-1990-texas-governor-race/>

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## THE FRUGAL COLLECTOR - March 2025

By Mason St. Clair and Scott Jasnoch

This month we take a look at a few items found on the PME page on Facebook. Still just a click away from purchasing something you desire!



First is this 3 1/4" "I still like Ike" pin. An added bonus is the two elephants bearing GOP flags next to Ike's portrait. It was a quick pick up at \$40.



Next up is 1 1/4". "Democrats for Equality" featuring the jugate portraits of both running mates Humphrey and Muskie. It was an easy purchase for \$15.



It's not everyday you can find this very tiny 3/4" "Safety first, vote dry" pin featuring the state of Ohio under an umbrella available. It was snatched up for a bargain at \$20.



Although small in size at 1 1/4", this Warren and Dewey jugate pin has a lot to offer. It has a nice combination of the U.S flag and stars surrounding the classic pictures of the candidates. It was sold for just \$23.

A nice looking 2 1/2" "For President Harry S. Truman" with donkeys on the side pin is the best saved for last. The new owner is happy they only had to spend \$40 for it!

Until next time, happy collecting!

## APIC IN THE NEWS

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## BANDWAGON AVAILABLE ONLINE AT THE APIC WEBSITE

APIC President Tony Lee announced a new member service being tested -- "the ability to read the montly Political Bandwagon newspaper online".

Currently members can make the choice to receive the Bandwagon by standard bulk mail, or more quickly by first class mail for a small fee. This new method gives all members a third option to access the Bandwagon electronically on the APIC website in the members-only section at no additional fee.

If you like the new third option, you can opt not to receive the print edition. Don't worry. The print edition is not going away, but if you want to opt out, and get the electronic version instead of the print version, then it would help lower APIC's costs & help keep membership dues as low as possible.

Whether you prefer to receive the Bandwagon in print, electronically or both, we want to hear from you. Send your feedback to Tony Lee by emailing [tonylee08560@gmail.com](mailto:tonylee08560@gmail.com) and to Jeannine Coup at [polbandwgn@aol.com](mailto:polbandwgn@aol.com). If the feedback is positive, then the APIC will make this new member benefit a permanent fixture.

Some of you have already sent emails and we **thank you** for taking the time to respond.

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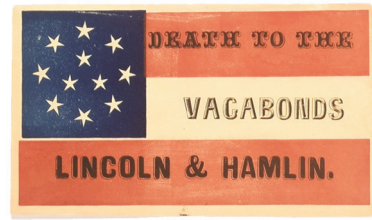
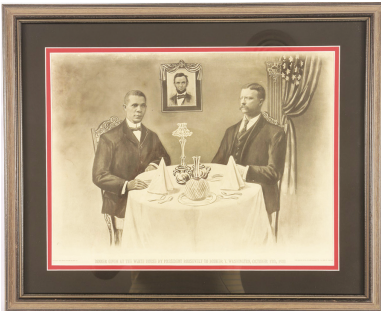


# Auctions on Parade

By Michael McQuillen

## ANDERSON AUCTIONS #212

Anderson Auctions of Troy Ohio continues to offer interesting and diverse sales of political and Americana buttons, 3-D and much more. Here, we will take a look at many of the lots selling in the \$1000 and up range. Measuring 7/8", a Hughes King County Young Men's Republican Club picture button sold for \$1062 (all prices realized include an 18% Buyer's Premium and are rounded to the nearest dollar.) Picturing TR, and Booker T. Washington,



Measuring an impressive 4" was a William Gibbs McAdoo Large Sepia Pin which dated to either the 1920 or 1924 campaign and got to \$1495. The 1920s were hot, and a 1 1/4" Harding, Coolidge Rare Brown and White Jugate in great shapesaw action to \$1610. Selling at the same price point was a 1 1/4" Roosevelt for Vice President Rough Rider picture button.

At 1 1/4 inch, this pin-back is a rare and classic celluloid showing William Jennings Bryan eclipsing William

## QUOTES BY WOMEN IN POLITICS

### ANN RICHARDS, GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

"Women need a seat at the table, even if they have to bring their own chair."  
"Let me tell you, sisters, seeing dried egg on a plate in the morning is a lot dirtier than anything I've had to deal with in politics."

"I get a lot of cracks about my hair, mostly from men who don't have any."  
"They blame the low income women for ruining the country because they are staying home with their children and not going out to work. They blame the middle income women for ruining the country because they go out to work and do not stay home to take care of their children."

"After all, Ginger Rogers did everything that Fred Astaire did. She just did it backwards and in high heels."

### SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, CONGRESSPERSON, NY

"Service is the rent that you pay for room on this earth."

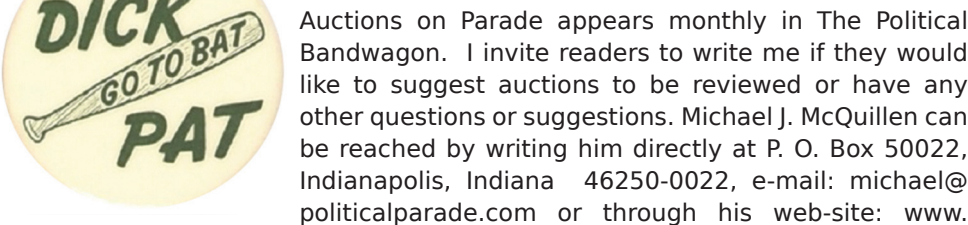
"Congress seems drugged and inert most of the time... its idea of meeting a problem is to hold hearings or, in extreme cases, to appoint a commission."

"When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses."  
"America has the laws and the material resources it takes to insure justice for all its people. What it lacks is the heart, the humanity, the Christian love that it would take."



Some light foxing afforded one lucky bidder the opportunity save \$10,000 over previous offerings. This 1 inch celluloid was made for the Harding-Coolidge Junior Booster Club and features the Harding "America First" slogan. It brought \$3738. Finally, the biggie of the day was a slightly more modern, and very scarce, pin-back which combined two great American pastimes -- politics and baseball -- join up on this scarce Richard Nixon campaign pin. Dick and Pat Nixon go to bat on this 1 1/2 inch celluloid from 1960. It hit a homerun at \$4025!

Anderson Auction offers subscriptions of 3 catalogues for \$30.00. Please visit their web-site at: <http://www.anderson-auction.com> e-mail [mail@anderson-auction.com](mailto:mail@anderson-auction.com) or call 1.937.339.0850 for more information. **See their ad on page 3.**



## MARCH - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Every year, March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history. Women's History Month started as Women's History Week.

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (CA) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week.

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well." President Carter's message designating March 2-8, 1980 as Women's History Week.

Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, each president has issued annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

The National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes the yearly theme. The theme for Women's History Month 2025 is

**"Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations."**

SOURCES: <https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/womens-history-month>

McKinley. The bids settled at \$2185. A beautiful 12-inch tall metal die-cut bird was produced for the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association. It sang out at \$2360. This rare 1 3/4 inch celluloid coattail pictures William Jennings Bryan with John Beckham of Kentucky and commanded \$2530.

A rare and beautiful William Jennings Bryan 1 1/4 inch celluloid that pictures Bryan in a patriotic shield rose to \$2714. One of the true classics of the Golden Age was a 1 3/4" Taft, Sherman Statue of Liberty Jugate which shone brightly at \$3163. You don't see jugates picturing Rutherford B. Hayes and running mate William Weaver very often. This 1 3/8 inch brass shell was gaveled down at \$3450.



## THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Leaders of the Continental Congress-- John Adams, Morris, Hamilton, Jefferson. A. (Augustus) Tholey, artist. Print c1894. Courtesy of the Library of Congress

Congress president had far fewer responsibilities, meaning the president's ability to manage official correspondence and maintain social relations with important allies became more important. The Confederation Congress also elected a chairman to facilitate proceedings and perform specific ceremonial functions when a president was unable to serve. The duties of the chairman and the president were virtually the same.

Ten delegates were elected from 1781-1788 to serve as president of the Confederate Congress, including: Samuel Huntington (CT), Thomas McKean (DE), John Hanson (MD), Elias Boudinot (NJ), Thomas Mifflin (PA), Richard Henry Lee (VA), John Hancock (MA), Nathaniel Gorham (MA), Arthur St. Clair (PA), and Cyrus Griffin (VA), in that order. The last, Griffin's term was from Jan. 22, 1788 to Mar. 2, 1789. On March 4, 1789, the Confederation Congress ceded power to the new U.S. Constitution, ending the Articles of Confederation and beginning the federal government.

By 1781 the Hanson Plan had assured unified nationhood by resolving the western lands impasse, and that March all thirteen states had ratified the Articles [of Confederation] authorizing a government to be created that fail. All that remained for full nationhood letting the United States take her place on the world stage was to launch the original government that November, the timing prescribed by the Articles. (Peter H. Micheal, *Remembering John Hanson, First President of the Original United States Government*)

By the time the Congress elected John Hanson as its president 1781 on November 5th, two others had already preceded him between March 2nd and Oct 23rd. Hanson was the first to serve a full one year term. Under the Articles of Confederation, both legislative and executive government were under the auspices of the recently formed Confederate Congress. The presidency of the Congress was mostly a ceremonial position with limited responsibilities. Hanson found this to be boring and almost resigned soon after being elected. He cited "poor health and family responsibilities". "And as they [the delegates] knew, weeks before his election Hanson had lost a second son to the war and his eldest daughter," wrote Peter Michael. His colleagues urged him to stay on because at that moment they did not have a quorum to choose a successor. So he stayed.

And so, on November 5, 1781, as its first action, the new government [chartered under the Articles of Confederation], including some of the greatest Americans ever to serve, unanimously elected John Hanson their nation's first president, the highest position in the land, as nationhood was thus completed and the Second Continental Congress passed into history. John Hanson became the first American recognized at home or abroad as head of state of the United States. His title was President of the United States in Congress Assembled, the same worn by his eight successors. As we shall see, he grandly succeeded. (Peter H. Micheal, *Remembering John Hanson, First President of the Original United States Government*)

The era of the Confederate Congress and it's presidents thus took their place as a significant part of our young nation's history. John Quincy Adams referred to this as the critical decade of the United States. And John Hanson is thus considered by some to be the "First American President".

Peter H. Michael's definitive Hanson biography is the first in over seventy years. Winner of the 2013 eLit Silver Award in Biography and named Finalist for the 2013 USA Book News Award in Biography, *Remembering John Hanson* re-illuminates the key Revolutionary War figure and Founding Father to whom George Washington reported when Hanson served as the first president of the original United States government chartered under the Articles of Confederation. A relative of John Hanson, he serves as president of the John Hanson Memorial Association and as publisher of *Underground Railroad Free Press* which published *Remembering John Hanson*. He is the seventh generation of the Michael family at Cooling Springs Farm, MD, an Underground Railroad historic site, where he lives with his wife, a painter. The farm is powered entirely by sun and wind.

A graduate of the University of Maryland, Berkeley and Princeton, he has taught at the graduate level at universities in the United States, Japan, Thailand and Costa Rica

Putting the significance of John Hanson's role in the birth of our nation post Declaration of Independence and Articles of Confederation in perspective, Michael wrote the following excerpted from a six-part synopsis in his article *Remembering John Hanson, First President of the Original United States Government*:

John Hanson: Indispensible National Founder

When they laid him to rest in 1783, he was sorely mourned by Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Franklin, Hancock and other American icons of his day, and the entire new breed he had helped bring into

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being, his countrymen now known the world over as Americans. Only the previous year he had been their president and he was their first former president to die.

Not long before, his fledgling nation had teetered on history's edge, its precariousness no match for its soaring ideals. Its starving army fought the mightiest on Earth. Revolutionary patriots were hunted down and executed. War funding was voluntary, sporadic and sparse. The United States were still plural, remaining independent sovereign states in nearly every respect, united in name and spirit only. The Second Continental Congress was weak, impoverished, poorly attended and no substitute for a government. Ratification of the Articles of Confederation to form the first government was held off in state after state for parochial interests, stalling nationhood in its tracks. No, in the years leading to his presidency, the grand American experiment faced the plausible prospects of a brief sickly life and collapse.

Even today, what followed seems miraculous. Not only were certain states convinced to subordinate their advantages for the sake of nationhood but, following the Declaration of Independence, the nation's first government was put forth in yet another ringing American document, the Articles of Confederation. But as the era played out, these crucial steps could happen only if fortune produced a transformational figure possessing the personal power to gather up and articulate the aspirations of his countrymen into a vision which would rise above dispute and to which all would subscribe.

Such a man, if he existed, would be the new nation's best, perhaps only, chance to bring forth its first breath. The esteemed Washington, leader of the heroic rag-tag army, eventually to claim the mantle of father of his country, did not step forward. The brilliant Jefferson, he of the incandescent prose of the nation's founding declaration, demurred. The polymath Franklin, perhaps brightest of them all, chose sage mentorship. Not Adams, nor Hancock, nor Hamilton, nor any other but one did the Founders summon to take on the challenge.

In 1781, a most timely providence called forth an American who by personal example gave his countrymen a heroic vision of what their nation might become, who gathered the blazing light of their aspirations into his prism and directed it to his and his country's ends, who imprinted his will and vision on his people and had them cherish it, who possessed the personal power to bring his country to life after its bloody birth, without diluting its visionary ideals.

As would no other American president, the new American leader would have to fashion a government from whole cloth, his country's first. This man, if he existed, would need such compelling character as could kindle from the embers of his countrymen's hopes the fire of a people transformed, a beacon of liberty and reason new to the world, charging them with his vision and beckoning others to its promise.

From Maryland, there was such a man and in 1781 the stage was his. He had attained colony-wide political power in Frederick, a roiling frontier where a raw electorate resonated with his ideas of nationhood. He had become a key Revolutionary War financier, militia raiser and arms agent. When Maryland alone demurred on declaring independence with the other colonies, he, with sheer persuasive force and at the last hour, had wheeled Maryland around into making the union whole. He had lost two sons to the war. He, when all others had failed, persuaded states with large trans-Appalachian land grants to cede them to the new nation assuring political parity among the states. Only this nation-saving plan that bore his name permitted the thirteen independent nation-states then to unite.

In the months after ratification of the Articles of Confederation chartering the first government, there was intense assessment of candidates to become the nation's first president that fall. On November 5, 1781, the new government's delegates, including the American icons mentioned, best of the best the nation had to offer, knew at that golden hour that they must choose the very best among them to head the government, he least likely to fail. In the all-important convening in Independence Hall that morning, when the last star finally aligned for the actual birth of the United States, all eyes fell on Maryland's John Hanson who was elected unanimously.

When they laid him to rest two years later and the nation he had done so much to usher onto the world stage grieved the loss of its first president, little could his countrymen anticipate that even his burial place would become forgotten, the astounding climax to a tragic historical obliteration of an indispensable and sterling American performance.

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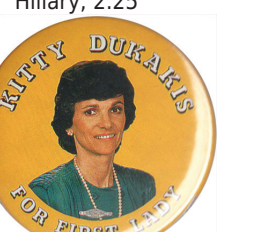
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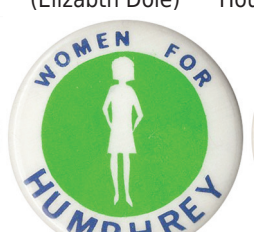
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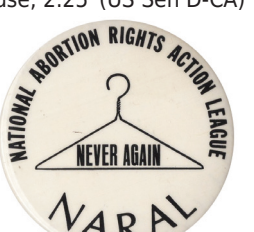
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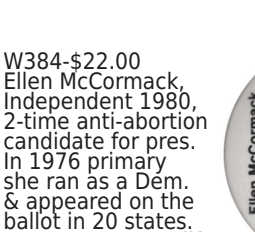
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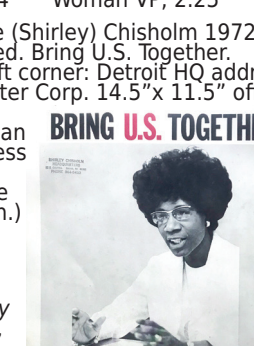
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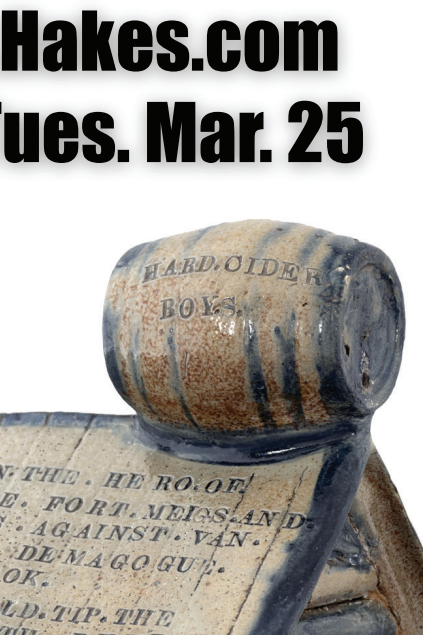
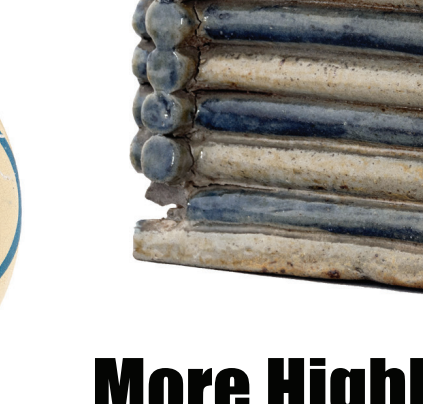
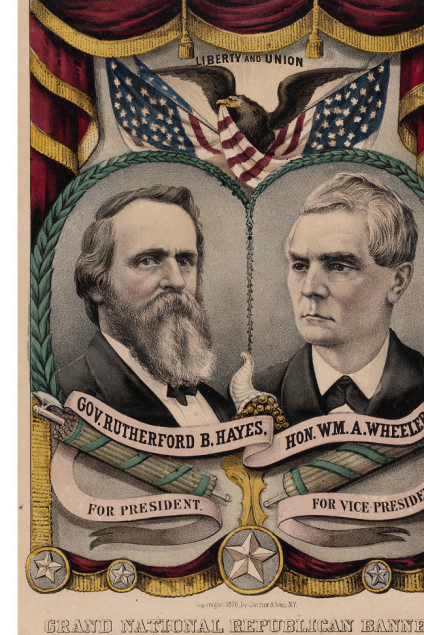
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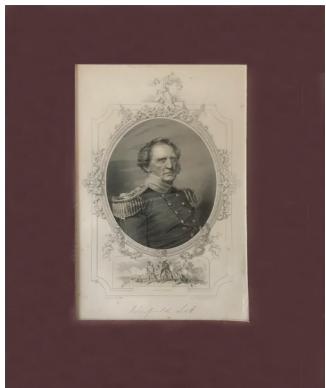
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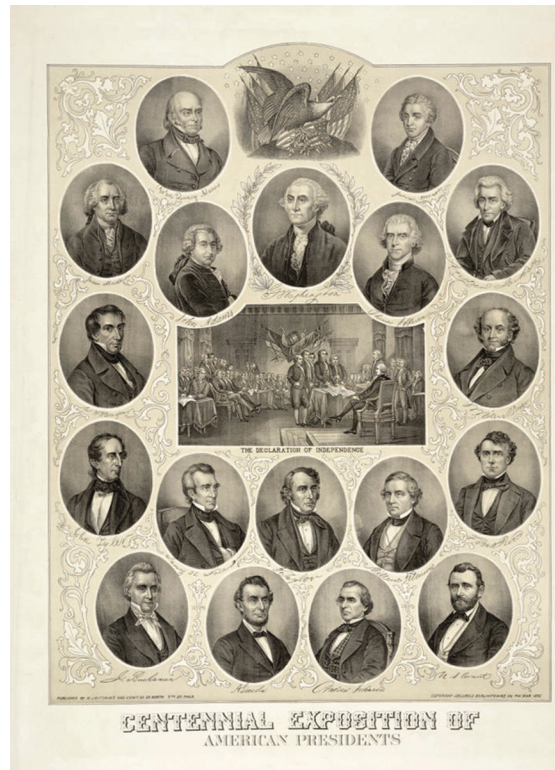
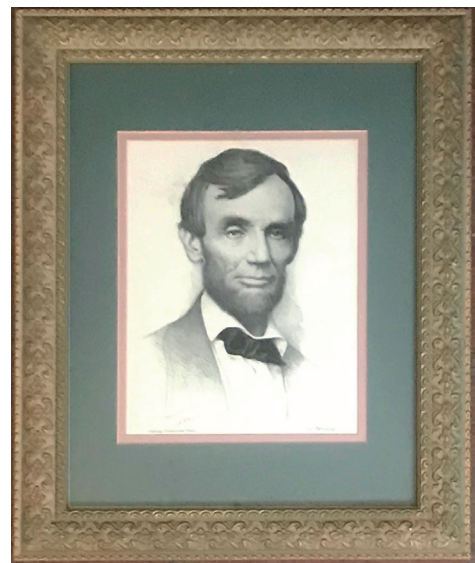


W390-\$65.00  
Winfield Scott print matted 14-1/8"x 11" and shrink wrapped. There is some distortion in the picture because it was photographed through the plastic. Below the portrait is a small scene titled "Niagra". There is a verticle tear in the paper at the left shoulder fringe. Engraved by Charles Hall from a Brady daguerreotype. See the enlargement to the right.



W410-\$365.00  
Lincoln portrait is a beautifully done print of the stone lithograph, but not an original pulled directly from the stone (see below for more details). Artist signature printed under left collar: "J. DeCamp" (Joseph DeCamp). Lower left text: "Courtesy-Cramer and Tobias." Lower right script: "A Lincoln" Joseph DeCamp (American, 1858-1923). Framed and matted under glass 16.5"x 13.5" Excellent condition.

The original stone lithograph portrait of Lincoln dated 1897 is a rare piece, commissioned personally by printer Louis Prang in 1896. This was to be part of a series of famous Americans' portraits by Prang, but -- according to a 1930 letter from a Prang employee -- production was halted in 1897 after fewer than a dozen of these were taken from the stone. One of the original litho prints (#5) pulled from the stone sold at LiveAuctioneers 2018. At the time, LiveAuctioneers reported the only other known example is in the Boston Library collection. Joseph DeCamp was one of the most famous portrait artists at the time and was paid \$500 to make stone portraits of Lincoln and Webster for Prang. This is a print of the original stone lithograph. This art work was entirely DeCamp's, an image drawn from a photograph of Lincoln, curiously a photo showing him without a beard.



W409-\$325.00  
Text: "Centennial Exposition of American Presidents. Published by R.J. Hitchens and Comp, Phila. Copyright Secured by R.J. Hitchens in the year 1876." Lovely 29"x21" poster with names of each President printed below their portrait vinettes. Light age toning. Very good condition.

Group of portraits of US presidents until 1876 in celebration of the United States Centennial: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, and Ulysses S. Grant; presentation of the Declaration of Independence to Congress at center; bald eagle with Union shield and American flags at top center.



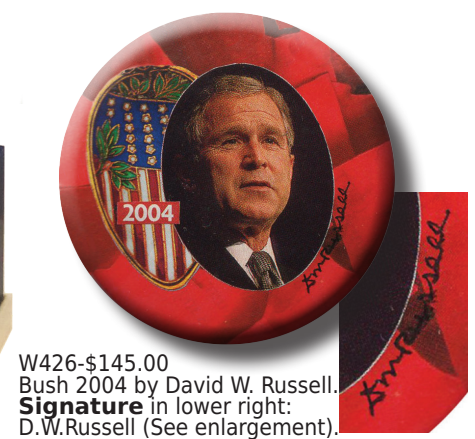
W411-\$145.00  
McKinley and TR jugate transfer portrait, 1901.glass 5-3/8" dia. plate



W412-\$120.00  
text under print: "Major Gen. W.T.Sherman, Engraved and Published by William Gartain 726 Sanson St. Phila." Framed and matted under glass 17"x 15.75" (Print itself is in excellent condition with some discolorization of the white edging around it. Frame has minor dings lower left edge and top edge.)



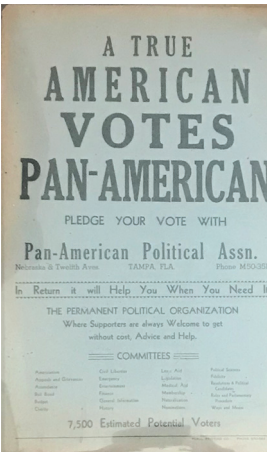
W420-\$55.00  
Pink Lustre Temperance bowl 5-3/8" dia.x 1-1/8" high. Banners: "Freedom & Be Thou Faithful Unto Death". Flag held by man on left: "Sobriety". Flag held by woman on right: "Domestic Comfort".



W426-\$145.00  
Bush 2004 by David W. Russell. Signature in lower right: D.W.Russell (See enlargement). 2.25" cello pin back button



W407-\$345.00  
Democrat Nominee for President, signed "Faithfully Yours, James M. Cox", 16.5"x10.75" poster, lower right: "Baker Art Gallery"



W408-\$85.00  
text: A True American Votes Pan-American. Pledge Your Vote With Pan-American Political Association, Tampa, FL. In Return It Will Help You When You Need It. The Permanent Political Organization Where Supporters Are Always Welcome to Get Without Cost, Advice & Help. 21"x13.25" poster. Age toning/edges.



W416-\$75.00  
FDR 3-D metal portrait bust. "Franklin D. Roosevelt" inscribed under bust on pedestal. 6-3/8" tall. Base is 4.25"x 3.25" w/felt bottom.



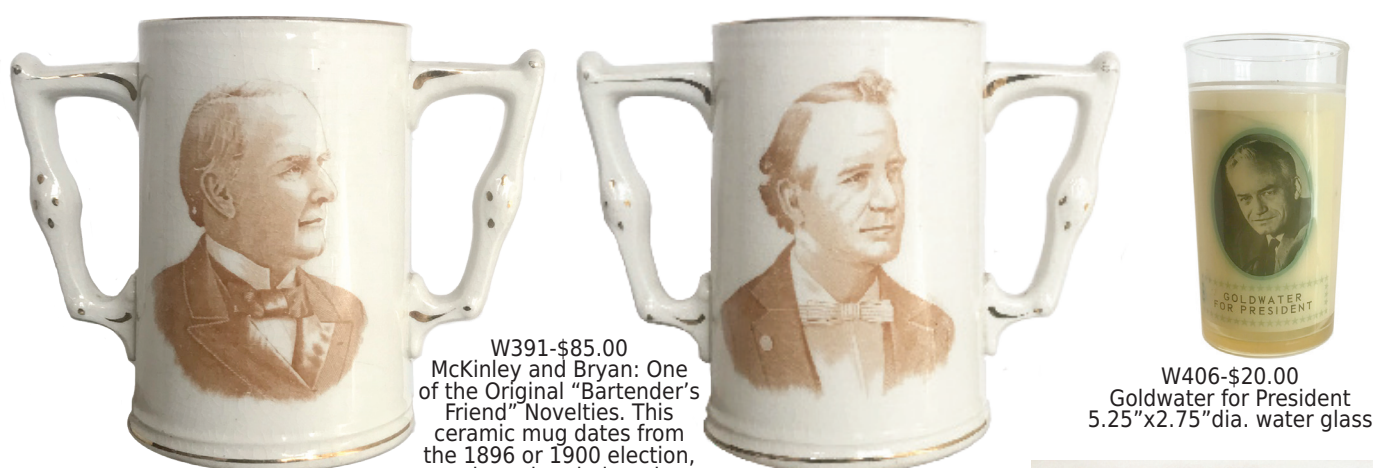
W417-\$32.00  
Winner/Loser Pioneer Spinners "On the Level" hand dexterity game. Front cello. Back plastic cover over game



W419-\$45.00  
T.Roosevelt 3.25" tall 3-D plaster statuette. (missing right eye glass lense)



W425-\$35.00  
Salt & Pepper Shaker. George Wallace 1972. Stand Up For America. Plastic 2.5" tall x 3" x 1"



W391-\$85.00  
McKinley and Bryan: One of the Original "Bartender's Friend" Novelties. This ceramic mug dates from the 1896 or 1900 election, and was handed out by a Pittsburgh whiskey distributor. It was intended to offend no one by picturing both opposing presidential candidates. Depending which way you hold the mug, you can have your preferred candidate displayed to the person opposite you. "Compliments of Raphael & Zeugschmidt Wholesaler Liquor Dealers, Pittsburgh, PA." printed on bottom. 5"x 3" dia. gilt embellished glazed ceramic with transfer prints of the candidates. Lightly crazed. Very good condition.



W398-\$28.00  
text in gold: "Carter for President 1976". Peanuts in resin 3.5" dia. x1" paperweight. (Chip underneath at edge, not visible unless you turn it over. Otherwise in excellent condition.

W399-\$42.00  
Carter grinning peanut standing on black shoes. Glazed ceramic piggy bank. Coin slot on back of head. 3-D 10.75" tall.



W400-\$52.00  
Bill Clinton hand dexterity pocket game moving small silver rolling balls into five holes on the cardboard surface. 2.75" dia. metal case with clear plastic window. We haven't seen this before.



W415-\$18.00  
FDR textile portrait 16" x 11"



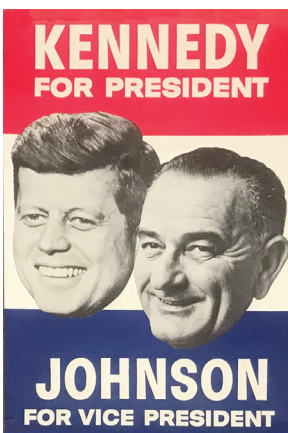
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America Needs Nixon-Lodge. Side by Side Our Strongest Team. NY State Independent Citizens for Nixon-Lodge. Poster 18.25"x 13.75"



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Vote Nixon Lodge Experience Counts 21.5"x14" poster



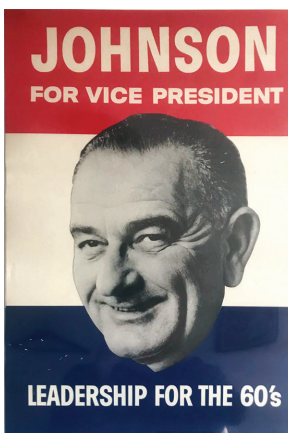
W421-\$32.00  
Carry On With Roosevelt, poster reprint from a 1940 campaign image. Text at bottom left: "All Rights Reserved @ AIC - 1967 PP11"



W422-\$375.00  
JFK/LB) double floating head poster 20.5"x 13.5"



W423-\$350.00  
JFK for Pres. Leadership for the 60's floating head poster 21"x13.25"



W424-\$325.00  
LBJ for VP Leadership for the 60's floating head poster 20.5"x13.5"



W395-\$195.00  
Vote, It's a Duty and Privilege. Stevenson/Eisenhower jugate. VP jugate. How we elect our presidents. Highlights of past elections. Presented in the Interest of Good Citizenship by Shaw-Barton Calendar & Specialty Advertising Coshocton, OH. Brief Bios of the Presidents. 32.25"x 15.75" poster.



front back lid inside w/mirror bottom inside



W396-\$95.00  
Carter/Mondale A Clear Choice, Washington Building Craftsman, Vol.5, No.44, Nov.1, 1980 coattail campaign poster. Mike Barnes, Joseph Fisher, Herb Harris, Charles Mathias, Jr., Gladys N. Spellman, Roy Dyson. Official Publication of The Washington, D.C. Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. 16.25" x 11"

W397-\$20.00 (right)  
JFK 3D portrait bust 4.25" tall. Text omscribed on pedestal: "Kennedy".



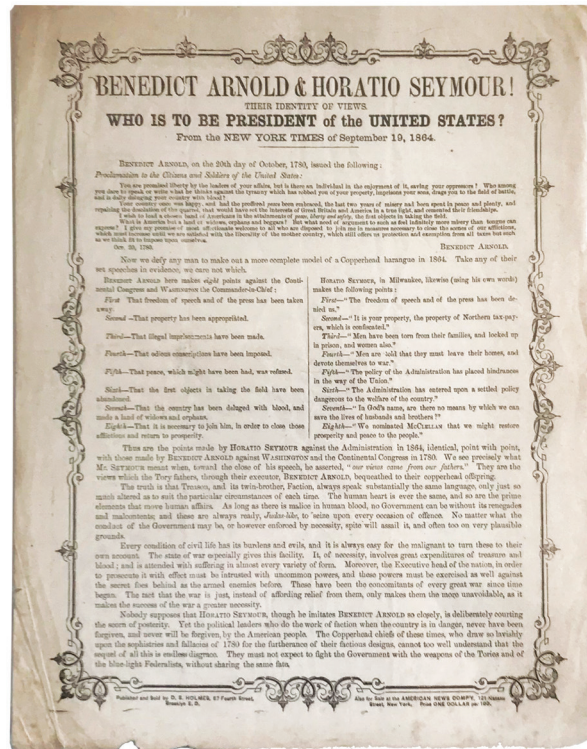
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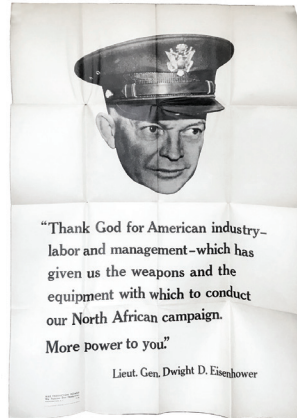
W430-\$245.00 **SCARCE**  
Civil War era anti-Horatio Seymour broadside pulled from the Sept. 19, 1864 *New York Times*. Comparing eight statements by New York Gov. Horatio Seymour assailing the Lincoln administration w/weight statements by the Revolutionary War turncoat Benedict Arnold Against George Washington And The Continental Congress. "Published and Sold by D.S.Holmes Brooklyn E.D." is printed in lower left. (Age toning with worn edges. Center horizontal fold is visible.) 13"x10" paper printed on 1 side.

Text: "Benedict Arnold & Horatio Seymour! Their Identity of Views. Who is to be the President of the United States? From the New York Times of September 19, 1864. Benedict Arnold, on the 20th day of October, 1780, issued the following: Proclamation to the Citizens and Soldiers of the United States: . . . Now we defy any man to make a more complete model of a Copperhead harangue in 1864. Take any of their speeches in evidence, we care not which." The text lists 8 points made by Arnold "against the Continental Congress and Washington the Commander-in-Chief," and then compares these to eight points made by Seymour in Milwaukee ("using his own words").

The article claims these are point by point the argument by Seymour against the Lincoln administration in 1864. The closing paragraph sums it up thus: "Nobody supposes that Horatio Seymour, though he imitates Benedict Arnold so closely, is deliberately courting the scorn of posterity. Yet the political leaders who do the work of fiction when the country is in danger, never have been forgiven, and never will be forgiven, by the American people. The Copperhead chiefs of those times, who draw so lavishly upon the sophistries and fallousies of 1780 for the furtherance of their factious designs, cannot too well understand that the sequel of all this is endless disgrace. They must not expect to fight the Government with the weapons of the Tories and of the blue-light Federalists without sharing their fate." Seymour was the 18th Governor of NY. He was the Democratic nominee for President in the 1868 election in which he lost to Republican U.S. Grant.



W450-\$38.00  
Pearl Harbor newspaper 12 page Extra. Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY, Mon., Dec. 8, 1941. Headline: Japs Bomb U.S. Bases; Fire Warship; 350 Die. Map shows "Pacific Fighting Arena Where Japanese Bombers Launched Attack". 22.75"x13.25" (Age toning, fold creases visible, tear at top center fold & lower right, & bottom right corner) otherwise good condition



W451-\$55.00  
Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower large floating head WW2 poster. Quote: "Thank God for American industry-- labor and management -- which has given us the weapons and the equipment with which to conduct our North African campaign. More power to you." 40"x28.25" paper poster, folds visible, very good condition.



side1 --- W431-\$25.00 --- side 2  
Side 1: Army & Navy, crossed swords & anchor. Side 2: The Federal Union, It Must & Shall Be Preserved.13 stars. Gold lustre highlights still on surfaces. 3/4"



W433-\$225.00  
Ceramic box w/Benjamin Butler's face on all 4 sides. 3"h x 2.25" x 2.25" One leg chipped (left above). Civil War Union Gen.aka "Beast Butler" for cruelty in New Orleans.



W441-\$138.00  
U.S. Grant in profile on thin pressed metal foil 1-3/8" dia. Shiny lustre.



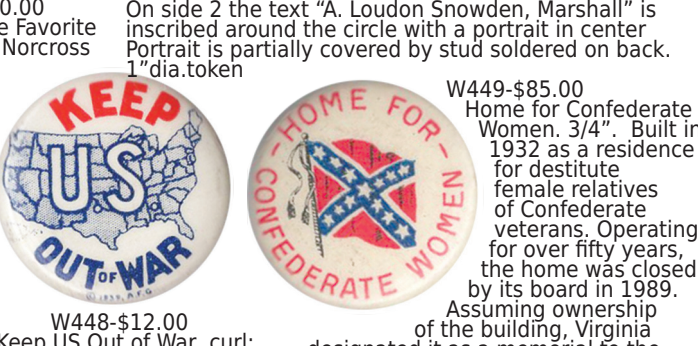
W452-\$30.00  
Box of Uncle Sam Patriotic Cut-Outs No.P-366. Dennison Mfg.Co., Framington, Mass, USA. 3 of the original 6 cut-outs are in the 4.25"x1.75"x1/4" box.



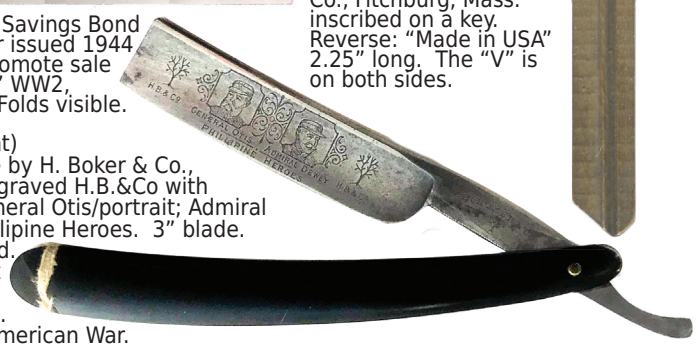
W434-\$65.00 (right)  
World War II US Armed Forces certificate of service with real photo of soldier in oval under flags. The soldier's name is not written on the line provided. But on the reverse where the photo is pasted there is a handwritten personal message "With Love, Walter as shown in the enlargement window. 2"x15.75"



W435-\$24.00  
pressed metal Eagle w/ shield on chest, stick pin 1"x1.75" brooch



W444-\$30.00  
Side 1 text: Centennial of Constitution 1787-1887. Struck & Distributed in the Civic and Industrial Procession Sept.15.



W455-\$18.00 (right)  
V-Victory Key by Independent Lock Co., Fitchburg, Mass. Inscribed: "Made in USA" 2.25" long. The "V" is on both sides.



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W456-\$18.00  
Unc Sam, Fear Fuels Hatred Feeds War, Breeds Fear... 1.5", anti-Iraq War slogan, Donnelley Coit



W462-\$12.00  
Pray for Peace 2.25"



W469-\$18.00  
Taxes For Peace World Peace Tax Fund peace dove w/dollar sign 1.5"



W475-\$16.00  
Peace, No War 2"



W481-\$12.00  
World Peace 1.75"



W489-\$20.00  
Take the Toys Away From the Boys, Disarm 1.5"



W497-\$24.00  
1984 Aug 18-23 Rally for Peace & Freedom Dallas, TX, Republican Convention Protest,1.75"



W457-\$15.00  
Honor the Troops Mourn the Dead End the War, 1.25"



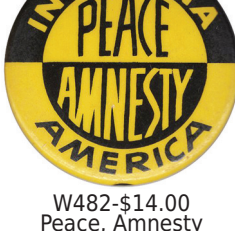
W463-\$22.00  
Human Rights Are God-Given Rights, Baha'i (a religion), 1.5"



W470-\$28.00  
ROT C Will Go, SDS, 1.25"



W476-\$15.00  
Make Love Not War (pictures the White House) 2.25"



W482-\$14.00  
Peace, Amnesty Indochina, America c.1973, 1.75"



W490-\$14.00  
Honor America Leave Vietnam 1.5"



W498-\$55.00  
Obama/Biden '08 Peace Candidates, Vote for Them & Save Our Troops 2.25" rainbow peace sign



W458-\$10.00  
Mother Earth 1"



W464-\$34.00  
Peace Dove Absolutely The End 1977, 1-5/8" litho



W471-\$22.00  
S.O.S. Save Our Sons (anti-Vietnam War org. founded in 60's, supports conscientious objectors) 1.75"



W477-\$85.00 RARE  
PooH For Peace, 1.5" Winnie the Pooh holds balloon w/peace sign



W483-\$30.00  
Freeze War Not Wages March Nov 6, Out Now N.P.A.C. (National Peace Action Coalition), 1.75" curl: N.G.Slater



W484-\$20.00  
Make Love Not War curl: SPU (Student Peace Union), 7/8"



W491-\$22.00  
Veterans for (Mike) Gravel 2007 presidential campaign (D-AK,US Sen '68) platform, fair treatment for veterans,3", re released Pentagon Papers '71-72



W459-\$20.00  
UNO (United Nations Organization) Peace On Earth, 1.25"



W465-\$32.00  
Peace Begins In The Kitchen, Go Vegetarian Animal Rights Mobilization peace sign, 2.25"



W472-\$18.00  
iconic peace dove Peace With Honor 1.75"



W478-\$14.00  
People Above Politics iconic happy face 1.5" litho



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Make Love Not War curl: SPU (Student Peace Union), 7/8"



W493-\$16.00  
Save the Human Race Stop the Arms Race curl: 1983 Larry Fox Buttons, 1.5"



W501-\$12.00  
Peace & Freedom Party, broken chains & peace dove, 1.25" [Party's 1st candidates were on 1966 NY ballot]



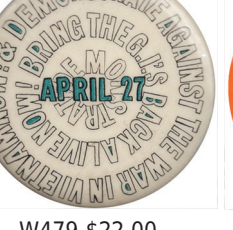
W460-\$18.00  
Bush/Cheney, Chicken Hawk: A person enthusiastic about war, provided someone else fights it. 3"anti-war caricature



W466-\$12.00  
Stop Torture, Amnesty International, 1.75"



W473-\$24.00  
JU, Jess M. Unruh (D-CA) Peace For All People peace sign, 2.25" (Big Daddy Unruh)



W486-\$10.00  
Nixon/Agnew jugate Peace in Vietnam 1968,presidential campaign, 7/8"



W487-\$20.00  
Women's Peace Camp Greenham Common (RAF base,England) 1981-2000 protest against American nuclear weapons stored there 1.75"



W495-\$24.00  
Stop Repression, Stop Genocide, Vietnamese, Black Americans, Political Prisoners, GI's, 2.25" curl: Hom. Co. Phila.



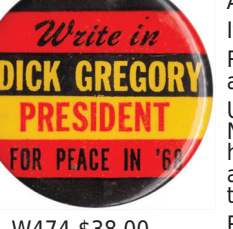
W503-\$16.00  
Peltier for Pres, Jordan for VP 2004, Peace & Freedom Party,2.25" broken chains,dove



W461-\$45.00, 1.5" Yippie! Light Up For Liberty White House Smoke-In, (annual) 1977 July 2-3-4, Youth International Party(YIP)



W467-\$12.00  
All The Way With LBJ mushroom cloud anti-war, anti-nuc, 1.25"



W474-\$38.00  
Write In Dick Gregory President For Peace in '68, Campaign For Peace & Freedom Candidate ,1.5"



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Korea Peace Campaign End the Korean War Now, 1.75" VeteransforPeace.org



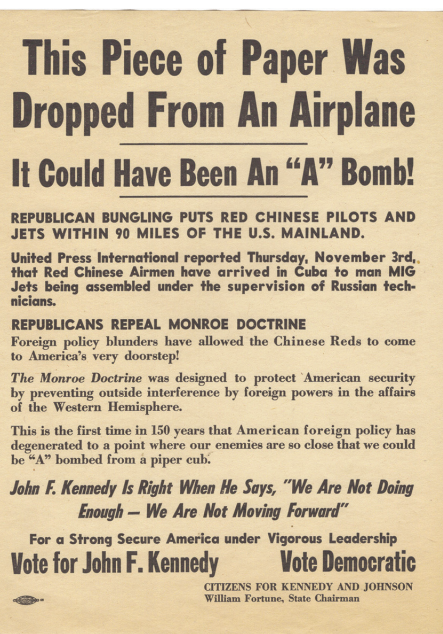
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W496-\$18.00  
Register For Peace hand gesture of a peace sign on flag, 1.75"



W468-\$55.00 **SCARCE**  
JFK paper campaign flyer, 8.5"x11", printed on 1 side with the following text: This Piece of Paper Was Dropped From An Airplane

It Could Have Been An "A" Bomb!  
Republican bungling puts Red Chinese pilots and jets within 90 miles of the U.S. mainland. United Press International reported Thursday, November 3rd, that Red Chinese Airmen have arrived in Cuba to man MIG jets being assembled under the supervision of Russian technicians.

REPUBLICANS REPEAL MONROE DOCTRINE  
Foreign policy blunders have affected the Chinese Reds tocome to America's very doorstep! The Monroe Doctrine was designed to protect American security by preventing outside interference by foreign powers in the affairs of the Western Hemisphere.

This is the first time in 150 years that American foreign policy has degenerated to a point where our enemies are so close that we could be "A" bombed from a paper cub. John F. Kennedy Is Right When He Says, "We Are Not Doing Enough -- We Are Not Moving Forward!"

For A Strong Secure America under Vigorous Leadership  
Vote For John F. Kennedy. Vote Democratic. Citizens for Kennedy and Johnson William Fortune, State Chairman



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W503-\$16.00  
Peltier for Pres, Jordan for VP 2004, Peace & Freedom Party,2.25" broken chains,dove

W504-\$18.00  
Nixon Has Secret Plan for Ending the War. It's Voting for McGov,2.25" anti-Vietnam War, '72



## THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Continued from page 9 . . .)

Peter H. Michael, excerpted from a six-part synopsis. This part is titled “Remembering John Hanson, First President of the Original United States Government”. Pulished in *CSUS Retirees Association at Sacramento State*. <https://www.csus.edu/experience/retirees/publications/articles/remembering-john-hanson>.

From 1781 to 1782 John Hanson served as President under the Articles of Confederation. As the presiding officer of the Confederate Congress, Hanson was responsible for initiating a number of programs that helped America gain a world position. As you read this remember this was a one year, not a four year, term. During his tenure the first consular service was established, a post office department was initiated, a national bank was chartered, progress was made towards taking the first census, and a uniform system of coinage was adopted. As President, Hanson also signed a treaty with Holland affirming the indebtedness of the United States for a loan from that country. In addition, he signed all laws, regulations, official papers and letters.

As its second order of business that day [1781 Nov 5], the new government legislated that, “The President takes precedent of all and every person in the United States; next to him, members of Congress have precedence; then the Commander-in-Chief of the Army; then the great officers of Congress.”

While all other presidents of the first government and those under the Constitution inherited a functioning government, Hanson and his cabinet had to fashion one anew from whole cloth.

Cabinet positions were created in the order of Foreign Affairs, Finance and War, today’s Secretaries of State, Treasury and Defense, the hierarchy followed in modern protocol and presidential succession.

Weeks into Hanson’s administration, the nation’s first central bank, the Bank of North America, predecessor to today’s Federal Reserve, began operation near Independence Hall.

Hanson’s appointments of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, John Jay and Henry Laurens as the American team sent to Paris to negotiate peace with Britain were singularly instrumental in what has been reckoned “the greatest victory in the annals of American diplomacy,” a negotiating triumph doubling the area of the United States. With Hanson’s sure-handed guidance and dazzling appointments, brilliant is not too strong a term describing his administration’s foreign affairs performance. Few administrations since can claim diplomatic advances matching those of Hanson’s presidency, all not in a four-year span of modern administrations but in a single year.

John Hanson’s administration also launched a number of lasting national customs.

First of these was that Americans had in Jane Contee Hanson their first First Lady, the title originated in the United States and now used widely elsewhere. Into the mid-nineteenth century, the title had not come into usage, Martha Washington, for example, having been referred to as Lady Washington. Nevertheless, the nation has always had at the side of its president a woman serving as the nation’s hostess and acknowledged as such in her own time. Titled or not, capitalized or not, all of these women from Jane Hanson through Michelle Obama served their nation as its First Ladies.

An executive mansion and presidential portraits were established during the Hanson administration. Days following Hanson’s inauguration, Congress provided a nearby mansion, household staff, coach, horses and household expenses to the Hanson family. During 1782, the president sat for his Charles Willson Peale portrait, now in the Independence Hall collection.

Two other enduring customs from the nation’s first presidential administration are official annual observances of the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving established by Hanson presidential decrees. (Peter H. Micheal, *Remembering John Hanson, First President of the Original United States Government*)

So who was our First President? The office of President of the United States had its origin in the Continental Congress. But the position held by John Hanson and those who preceeded him, were “President of the Congress Assembled”. The Second Continental Congress dissolved and the Confederate Congress began framing the new government called for in the Articles of Confederation. Hanson served as President of the United States of the Congress Assembled. Finally, beginning with George Washington, under the new U.S. Constituion, “President of the United States”. Is this whole argument a matter of semantics, an opposing approach to history as it occurred, or as some believe, an “historical whimsey”? Your choice.

One must wonder how history would have reckoned the presidents of the original government and the early presidents of the second government had they switched places. Was it sheer charisma, weight of accomplishment or executive brilliance which have emblazoned Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Madison in their nation’s memory, or were they more able to make their marks by serving four or eight years with far greater authority under a strengthened government charter, the Constitution? Excepting Adams who served a single term, these presidents each served a year longer than did all nine first-government presidents together. If these four had served as the first presidents of the original weaker government, each with a single twelve-month term, would they still have been able to attain their lasting recognition or would they, too, have been relegated to the dusty back shelves of history as those who first served have been? (Peter H. Micheal, *Remembering John Hanson, First President of the Original United States Government*)

More than 100 years later John Hanson was honored with a statue to represent Maryland’s in the US Capitol Statuary Hall. Some historians have questioned the validity this honor. According to some of them, Hanson was not one of Maryland’s foremost leaders during the Revolution, but the consensus of the group in 1975 was that “Hanson probably contributed as much as any other Marylander to the success of the American Revolution” and in retrospect, to the founding of the United States. Maryland lawmakers have considered replacing Hanson’s statue in Statuary Hall with one of Harriet Tubman.

In 1898, Douglas H. Thomas, a descendant of Hanson, wrote a biography promoting Hanson as the first true President of the United States. Thomas was a driving force behind the selection of Hanson as one of the two people who would represent Maryland in the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington, D.C. He was not originally under consideration, but was selected after some intense lobbying activities by the Maryland Historical Society. In 1903 a bronze statue of Hanson (shown on page 1) by sculptor Richard E. Brooks was added to Statuary Hall. It was most recently located in the corridor of the second floor of the Senate. A small version of the statue is exhibited on the president’s desk in the Maryland State House chamber.

After completing a draft of this article, I came across some additional information. It seems there are proponents of Hanson as the First President of the United States. Supporters of Hanson insist that he was the “first” President. According to Hanson opponents, he was not. Read on:

“The issue at hand centers on the question, “*Who was the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled?*” (USCA President), rather than “*Who was the first President of the United States under the current U.S. Constitution?*” (U.S. President).

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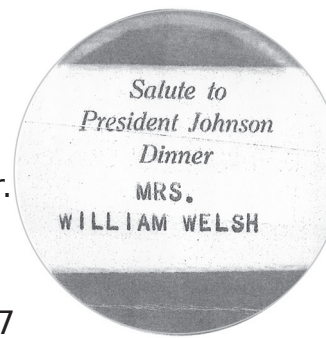
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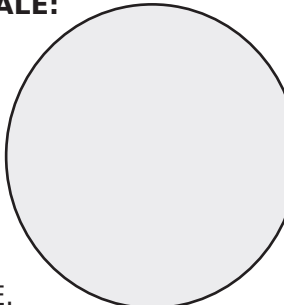
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— Madeleine Albright, Memo to the President Elect:  
How We Can Restore America’s Reputation and Leadership

## PHILLY MAYOR SHIPWRECKED AT SEA



Richardson Dilworth

By Harvey Goldberg

Richardson K. Dilworth (August 29, 1898 – January 23, 1974) was an American Democratic Party politician who served as the 91st mayor of Philadelphia from 1956 to 1962. He twice ran as the Democratic nominee for governor of Pennsylvania, in 1950 and in 1962.

Dilworth had grown up as a Republican, but became a Democrat out of frustration with the city’s longstanding Republican machine. Along with Joseph S. Clark Jr. and others, he was at the forefront of a post-World War II reform movement in Philadelphia that led to the adoption of a modern city charter that consolidated city and county offices and introduced civil service examinations on a broad scale to replace much of the existing patronage system.

Dilworth ran for mayor the first time in 1947, losing to the incumbent by a large majority. But it was the last time a Republican was elected Mayor of Philadelphia to date. In 1949 Dilworth was elected city treasurer with Joe Clark as city controller. He ran for Pennsylvania governor in 1950, losing in a close race. The following year he was in the office of Philadelphia District Attorney and Clark became mayor. These elections ended a 67-year run of GOP control in Philly, giving the Democrats control that continues today. Meanwhile, Richardson Dilworth was finally elected Mayor of Philadelphia in 1955.



Andrea Doria



Mayor & Mrs. Dilworth (Anne) following their rescue from the Andrea Doria. Anne got a black eye after banging into a door while abandoning the sinking ship.



Crushed bow of Stockholm

The collision awoke Mrs. Dilworth to find her husband on the floor between their beds. She had recently read Walter Lord’s best-selling account of the Titanic sinking, A Night to Remember. She told him “I think we have hit an iceberg like the Titanic! She was clearly wrong on that count. Icebergs don’t get as far south as Nantucket. Whether the fate of the Andrea Doria would be like that of the Titanic was a realistic question as the ship listed further and further onto its side.

The Dilworths survived. Mayor Dilworth and his wife Ann climbed down a rope ladder into one of the last lifeboats and arrived at the Ile de France at 5:30am. He had been on the Promenade Deck helping passengers down the rope to the lifeboats. Stockholm was eventually repaired, sailing until 2023 when she was retired. Andrea Doria rests in 240 feet of water in the North Atlantic. She became a popular and dangerous site for scuba divers, called the “Mt. Everest” of diving; The almost 70-year-old wreck is still claiming lives; Some two dozen divers have died while trying to explore its watery grave.

Andrea Doria at sea bottom. 2020 diver photo.

During their respective terms as mayor, Clark (1952 to 1956) Dilworth (1956 to 1962) established a variety of reforms and innovations, strengthening the city planning and development of the Philadelphia city government. Joe Clark also served as a United States Senator from Pennsylvania from 1957 to 1969.

Dilworth resigned as mayor in February 12, 1962, to launch a second bid for governor. He had President John Kennedy actively campaigning for him, but still lost the fall election by half a million votes to Republican William Scranton in one of the bitterest campaigns in the state’s history. The GOP was back in control in a landslide election.

In 1960 and 1961 Dilworth served as president of the United States Conference of Mayors. Following his tenure as mayor, Dilworth served as partner in the Philadelphia-based law firm of Dilworth Paxson LLP, which bears his name.

He also served as president of the Philadelphia School Board, and in 1971 was appointed as a bankruptcy trustee for the Reading Railroad Company which was headquartered in Philadelphia.

Dilworth died from a brain tumor at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia on January 23, 1974, at the age of 75. A 1993 survey of historians, political scientists and urban experts at the University of Illinois in Chicago ranked Dilworth as the eleventh-best American big-city mayor to have served between the years 1820 and 1993. Dilworth Park, adjacent to



Joseph Clark (left) & Dilworth

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Sources: <https://www.buttonmuseum.org/buttons/peace-viet-nam>



Campaign items shown  
here are not to size or scale.



Philadelphia City Hall, is named in his honor.

## WHY THIS ARTICLE?

Aside from campaign items, I also collect ocean liner memorabilia. A key item in my collection prompted me to do further research. This glass from Italia Steamship Line came from the wreck of the Andrea Doria. It was brought up by a veteran deep sea scuba diver named David Bright of Flemington, New Jersey (1957-2006). I obtained the glass from him in 2003. He had dived on RMS Titanic, RMS Empress of Ireland, USS Monitor, and had over 100 dives on the wreck of the SS Andrea Doria. David was an avid participant and provider for many TV and movie presentations on these subjects. On his last dive (July 8, 2006) Bright suffered from decompression sickness and went into cardiac arrest. He was flown to the nearest hospital on Cape Cod where he died of cardiac arrest. He was only 49 years old, diving since he was 12 and obtained





# TREASURES on the WEB

By Paul Bengston

I am writing this the day before the start of the Heritage auction of the Roger Kimmel collection. What an amazing accumulation of Teddy Roosevelt items. There is something to be said for specializing on a specific genre or candidate. One of the 1st collections I ever saw was the Charlie Robinson collection of Bryan items. I was simply blown away by the volume of items for one candidate. My appetite is simply not suited to collect just one thing, but I applaud those who put in a lifetime of concentrating on just one area. One of the nice things to see on Facebook is the groups that have formed for candidate specific collectors. There are groups for FDR, TR, McCarthy, Landon, Humphrey, Kennedy and many others. This is a tremendous help to those that specialize. The library of images being stored on these group pages will help collectors for decades to come. There are also state and region-specific groups that help bring together people who otherwise might never have met. These groups have been a blessing for my collecting.

1st up is a “Harrison & Reform” sulfide complete with a barrel of cider in front of a log cabin. What makes this version so interesting is the fancy frame and the inclusion of “H & T” in the flying flag. This sold for \$463.

This Anthony Brady stamped back Lincoln CDV Sold for \$660. An incredibly handsome Lincoln item for a reasonable cost.

This 1 ½” “Fargo McKinley Roosevelt 1900 Club pin was offered with a starting bid of \$599 and a Best Offer option. A best offer of \$250 was accepted. A beautiful item.

Listed as 7/8”, this McKinley TR jugate was clearly the 4” version. I won this for \$449. This design comes in sizes from 7/8” up to a whopping 10” size. There are also Bryan and Stevenson jugates in the same sizes.

The seller of these 2 McKinley TR jugates did themselves a disservice by only picturing one in the main photo. You had to click on several photos to realize there were 2. A terrific buy at \$621. Unusual items.

The classic “Do You Smoke?” factory pin is a terrific item. Large (2”), graphic, colorful and it captures the issue of the time, the economy. This sold for \$685.

I really like this 1 ¼” “Col. Wm. J. Bryan” pin because of the simplicity and silver background. Complete with Baltimore Badge Co. back paper, this sold for \$160. Not one you see very often.

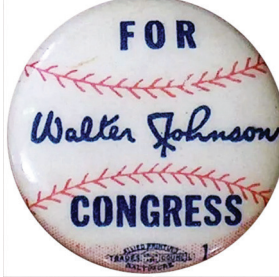
Often seen as a re-pin, this Teddy “Get in the Bandwagon” was the original Baltimore Badge Co. version. It sold as Buy It Now for \$25.

There were 43 bids on this deep sepia 1 ¾” Teddy jugate, 21 one of them were from the same bidder. It sold for a strong \$874.

A neat 11” x 15 ¾” broadside advertising the visit of Vice President Charles Fairbanks in London Kentucky was sold for \$177. This will look terrific once framed.

My bid didn’t come out on top for this stunning 1 ¼” graphic real photo sepia Parker jugate. It sold for \$516. A beautiful and rare item.

The “My Hat’s in the Ring T.R.” 1 ¼” pin came with attached Rough Rider hat and sold for \$470. There are many versions of these hat designs as seen in the upcoming



Best & happy hunting,  
Paul Bengston APIC #3514

Heritage Auction.

Someone got a good deal on this 1912 Chafin Watkins jugate watch fob. I don’t recall ever seeing this before. It sold as a Buy It Now for \$69.50.

A \$200 best offer got this 7/8” TR from PA that says “445,000 Votes in 1912 - More in 1916”.

Adding a 1 ¼” Coolidge jugate to your collection is difficult. This inaugural sold for \$664 which I thought a good buy.

This odd 1 ¼” Al Smith came with a fancy frame and an unusual ribbon attachment. It sold for \$395

From the Republican State Convention in Huntington WV, this large 2” Landon pin sold for \$308. A very nice addition to any Landon collection.

Baseball and politics combine on this Walter Johnson for Congress from Maryland’s 6th congressional district in 1940. It sold for \$138.

This nice 11” x 14” Roosevelt and Truman jugate poster sold for \$316. With the slogan “For Lasting Peace - Security for all”, this is a terrific item for both political and WWII collectors.

This Truman Inaugural comes in a variety of sizes from 1 ¼” up to 4”. This 1 ¼” size sold for \$338.

Hoopes and Friedman ran on the Socialist Party ticket in both 1952 and 1956. This 7/8” pin sold for \$143.

The classic “A Time for Greatness Kennedy for President” 13 ¼” X 21” cardboard poster from Boston sold for \$346.

This 3” “Essex County Democrats for Johnson” sold for \$280. One of the scarcer LBJ pins.

A framed and matted “Carter for Governor” poster sold for \$630. One I want but it has eluded me so far.

This 4” “Missourians for Ford” was worn by Missouri delegates to the 1976 Republican National Convention. It has several auction records in the \$1000 range, but those days are gone. This one sold for \$190.

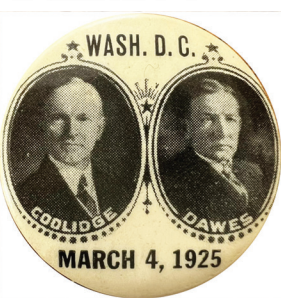
Join us on the Facebook group Treasures on the Web for more detailed comments on these and many other items sold on the web.

## PRESIDENTIAL QUOTES

### DEMOCRACY

JFK: “The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.” -- Remark at the 90th Anniversary Convocation of Vanderbilt Univ., TN, 5/18/1963  
B.Clinton: “Democracies don’t go to war against each other.” -- Speech at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 12/12/1991  
G.W.Bush: “Lasting peace is gained as justice and democracy advance.” --Remark on US-British Relations and Foreign Policy at Whitehall Palace, London, 11/19/2003  
B.Obama: “The practice of listening to opposing views is essential for effective citizenship. It is essential for our democracy.” -- Commencement Address, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI, 5/1/2010

Source:Pierce Word, *Wisdom From the Oval Office*. 2013, History Publishing Company, LLC, NY



## THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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“Scholars of U.S. presidential history have long examined the distinctions between the modern presidency established by the 1787 U.S. Constitution and the earlier presidential offices that presided over the American Continental Congress and the United States in Congress Assembled (USCA). Yet, research on the differences between the presidents of the American Continental Congress (September 5, 1774 - February 28, 1781) and those of the United States in Congress Assembled (the presiding officers serving under the Articles of Confederation from March 1, 1781, to March 3, 1789) remains inadequate. Many works on these early presiding presidents mistakenly lump together the USCA, Colonial, and U.S. Continental Congress Presidents as mere “Continental Congress Presidents,” a simplification that fuels misconceptions. This lack of scholarly distinction is a major reason why myths like “John Hanson: The First President of the United States” persist into the 21st century.

“Biographies, articles, genealogical discussions, and other works on John Hanson, particularly regarding his role under the Articles of Confederation, often contain more misleading “facts” than those about any other President of Congress serving from 1774 to 1788. Errors in 21st-century accounts of John Hanson are especially widespread due to major online sources like Wikipedia and the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, which categorize all 14 presiding officers as “Continental Congress Presidents.” Recently, Hanson-related myths have reached new extremes, with claims that he was the “First Black President of the United States.” Adding to this misrepresentation, the State of Maryland has funded and erected a new “John Hanson First U.S. President Memorial,” which even promotes his wife, Jane, as the first “First Lady” of the United States.”



Harriet Lane

Stanley Yavneh Klos  
JohnHanson.org

Editor’s Note: Stanley Klos is the author of “*PRESIDENT WHO? FORGOTTEN FOUNDERS*”. So far as “First Lady”, the term was used in various forms, including “First Lady of the land”. The earliest use of the term “First Lady” was in reference to person of a high ranking or an outstanding person in their field. The term used as describing the wife of the President of the United States was first used in 1838 in reference to Martha Washington, who was never referred to as such during George Washington’s time as President. The first person referred to the U.S. President’s wife as “First Lady” on a regular basis during their actual time in the White House was Harriet Lane, who was James Buchanan’s niece. Buchanan, unmarried, was a lifelong bachelor.

There is a well-known cliché, “Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it”. In the case of John Hanson, perhaps that should be revised to state “Those who do not learn from history are intent with trying to change it”.

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## PRESIDENTIAL QUOTES

### THE CONSTITUTION:

G.Washington: “The Constitution is the guide which I never will abandon.”  
J. Madison: “The people are the only legitimate fountain of power, and it is from them that the constitutional charter is derived.” -- *The Federalist*, 2/2/1788  
A.Lincoln: “We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.” -- Speech in Cincinnati, OH, 9/15/1859

### OUR COUNTRY:

TR: “A man who is good enough to shed his blood for the country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards.” -- In *His A Square Deal* (1906)  
C.Coolidge: “Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country.” -- Memorial Day Speech in Northampton, MA, 5/30/1923  
JFK: “And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.” -- Inaugural Address 1/20/1961  
B.Clinton: “Let us all take more responsibility, not only for ourselves and our families but for our communities and our country.” -- Inaugural Address 1/20/1993

### DEMOCRACY:

W.Wilson: “Democracy is not so much a form of government as a set of principles.” -- Atlantic Monthly, Boston, MA, March 1901  
FDR: “The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country.” -- Address at Marietta, OH, 7/8/1938  
J.Carter: “The best way to enhance freedom in other lands is to demonstrate here that our democratic system is worthy of emulation.” -- Inaugural Address 1/20/1977  
R.Reagan: “Democracy is worth dying for, because it’s the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man.” -- Remark at a ceremony commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion, D-Day 6/6/1984

Source:Pierce Word, *Wisdom From the Oval Office*. 2013, History Publishing Company, LLC, NY

## NATIONAL STATUARY HALL COLLECTION



### Comprised of statues donated by individual states to honor persons notable in their history.

The concept of a National Statuary Hall area of the U.S. Capitol originated in the middle 19th century, even before the completion of the present House wing in 1857. At that time, the House of Representatives moved into its new larger chamber and the old vacant chamber became a thoroughfare between the Rotunda and the House wing. Suggestions for the use of the chamber were made as early as 1853 by Gouverneur Kemble, a former member of the House, who pressed for its use as a gallery of historical paintings. The space between the columns seemed too limited for this purpose, but it was well suited for the display of busts and statuary.

On April 19, 1864, Representative Justin S. Morrill asked: “To what end more useful or grand, and at the same time simple and inexpensive, can we devote it [the Chamber] than to ordain that it shall be set apart for the reception of such statuary as each State shall elect to be deserving of in this lasting commemoration?” His proposal to create a National Statuary Hall became law on July 2, 1864 (sec. 1814 of the Revised Statutes). It provides that:

...the President is hereby authorized to invite each and all the States to provide and furnish statues, in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each State, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illustrious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military services such as each State may deem to be worthy of this national commemoration; and when so furnished the same shall be placed in the Old Hall of the House of Representatives, in the Capitol of the United States, which is set apart, or so much thereof as may be necessary, as a national statuary hall for the purpose herein indicated.

All state statues, in accordance with this law, were placed in National Statuary Hall. However, the aesthetic appearance of the Hall began to suffer from overcrowding until, in 1933, the situation became unbearable. At that time the Hall held 65 statues, which stood, in some cases, three deep. More important, the structure of the chamber would not support the weight of any more statues.

Thus, on February 24, 1933, Congress passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 47 to provide for the relocation of statues and to govern the reception and placement of future additions (this resolution was enacted into law in 2000):

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (THE SENATE CONCURRING), that the Architect of the Capitol, upon the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library, with the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, is hereby authorized and directed to relocate within the Capitol any of the statues already received and placed in Statuary Hall, and to provide for the reception and location of the statues received hereafter from the States.

Under authority of this resolution it was decided that only one statue from each state should be placed in Statuary Hall. The others would be given prominent locations in designated areas and corridors of the Capitol. The first statue was placed in 1870. By 1971 all 50 states had contributed at least one statue, and by 1990 all but five states had contributed two statues.

A second rearrangement of the statues was made in 1976 by authorization of the Joint Committee on the Library. To improve the crowded appearance of the collection, 38 statues were rearranged in Statuary Hall according to height and material. Statues representing 10 of the 13 original colonies were moved to the Central Hall of the East Front Extension on the first floor of the Capitol. The remainder of the statues were distributed throughout the Capitol, mainly in the Hall of Columns and the connecting corridors of the House and Senate wings. In 2008, the Joint Committee on the Library approved another relocation of statues to improve their display in numerous areas of the Capitol, including the Capitol Visitor Center.

Each statue is the gift of a state, not of an individual or group of citizens. Proceedings for the donation of a statue usually begin in the state legislature with the enactment of a resolution that names the citizen to be commemorated and cites his or her qualifications, specifies a committee or commission to represent the state in selecting the sculptor, and provides for a method of obtaining the necessary funds to carry the resolution into effect. When the donated statue arrives at the Capitol, it is placed in a location specified by the Joint Committee on the Library.

The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) is responsible for the care and preservation of the artwork in the U.S. Capitol, but our role also extends to the process before they even enter the building. The AOC Curator Division is involved in the evaluation and advising on new statues and busts, and also in when a state decides to replace a statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection.

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Sources: *Architect of the Capitol*  
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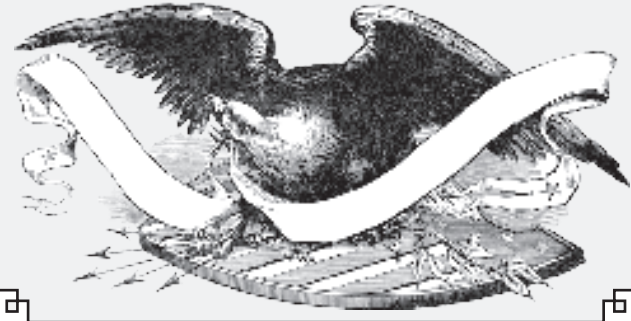
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Rd., Louisville, KY 40207. Sat, Apr 12, 9am-3pm. 8ft tables: \$35 each or 3 for \$100. Contact: Gene Heid, (502) 499-1543, or email g.heid@twc.com. (**See our ad on pg 3**)

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#### PRESIDENTS & A BIT O' BLARNEY, OH MY!

A "Bit O' Blarney", you say. What exactly is "Blarney"? According to Mirriam-Webster, "skillfull flattery." Or as used in Irish slang it's "clever, flattering, or coaxing talk". Irish politician John O'Connor Power defined it this way: "Blarney is something more than mere flattery. It is flattery sweetened by humour and flavoured by wit." Skillfull clever flattery. Well that certainly applies in the arena of politics, eh?

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day we went looking for shamrocks and Irish stuff among historical political items. Here are a few of the ones we found. Hope you enjoy them too.

The best story we found was for this TR Badge for a 1905 Irish dinner at Delmonico's on the day Teddy Roosevelt gave his niece Eleanor in marriage to F.D.R. Seriously, that really happened. It's a 2-7/8" tall silvered brass badge by Whitehead & Hoag, missing a ribbon once on the reverse bar below the pin. This is an incredible one day event badge. Two weeks after his March 4, 1905 inauguration, TR and his wife traveled to NYC so TR, at an afternoon wedding, could give his niece Miss Eleanor Roosevelt in marriage to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, her fifth cousin once removed.

The second purpose of the trip was for TR to make an address to honor St. Patrick's Day at a dinner that night before the group named on the badge "Friendly Sons of St. Patrick". The badge obverse includes portraits of George Washington and TR, the group founding date of 1784 and the slogan "Erin Go Bragh". All this surrounds the word "Hier" below an image of a serpent at the feet of St. Patrick. Reverse text: "121st Anniversary Banquet Friendly Sons Of St. Patrick In New York Delmonico's March 17, 1905". At the time of it's posting in Hake's Auction #230 Part 1 (Item #193), they reported it was the only one known to them. The winning bid was \$414.19 (all the final prices in this article Include a Buyer's Premium).

This is a rare Van Buren 2.5"x8" ribbon from Hakes Auction #234 Session 1 (Item 59). The actual ribbon is darker. We've lightened it a bit so you can see some of the design details. The text at the top says "Spartan Association," which was an Irish Catholic Democratic club of New York. The eagle holds a ribbon "New York Must Be Redeemed". To the bottom left of Van Buren is the US Capitol. Below his standing portrait reads "The Workingman - He Is To Society What The Main Mast Is To The Ship." This was likely produced for the 1844 campaign. Van Buren was the front runner heading into the Democratic convention only to be defeated by Polk. It closed at \$1,888.59.

This is a scarce 1910 Taft 2"x 4.25" ribbon Press badge. The attached ribbon's gilt letter text is "Irish Fellowship Club Chicago Taft Banquet St. Patrick's Day 1910". Retains original "Geo. Lauterea" paper label on reverse. It was won with a \$115.00 bid in Hakes Auction #215 - Part I (Item 110).

Winfield Scott Hancock is pictured on one side of this 1" brass token picturing the symbol of his Civil War army corps in the form of a shamrock on the reverse. It is inscribed: "A Superb Soldier, A Model President." The lucky buyer won this gem for \$18 on Anderson Auctions.

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H.Hoover: "It is a paradox that every dictator has climbed to power on the ladder of free speech"

"Immediately on attaining power each dictator has suppressed all free speech except his own."

IKE: "If you want total security, go to prison. There you're fed, clothed, given medical care and so on. The only thing lacking is freedom."

R.Reagan: "Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women." -- Inaugural Address 1/20/1961

Source: Pierce Word, *Wisdom From the Oval Office*, 2013, History Publishing Company, LLC, NY

The very rare 1" real photo Bryan & Stevenson Anti-Imperialism jugate button with portraits of the 1900 Democrats flanking a torch, above a tiny shamrock, inscribed "Bryan Stevenson 16 to 1. Anti-Imperialism. Anti-Trust." Even with it's flaws, the final bid was \$687.50 at Heritage Auction #6183 (Lot #43703).

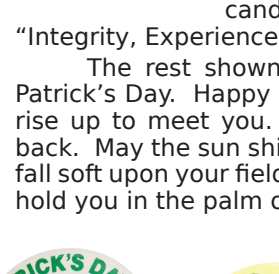
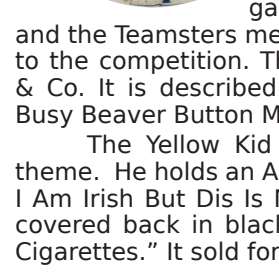


Hakes advertised a buyer could start "An instant and comprehensive collection from JFK's famous 1963 visit to his ancestral home of Ireland" when they sold a lot of 23 items from that trip. Here are two of them.

First is this 34"x44" large portrait banner. Text above portrait reads "Cead Mile Failte" which translates to "100,000 Welcomes" in Gaelic. The smaller souvenir banner pictured here is 19.5"x30" on Irish woven linen in bold colors. The 23 pieces sold for \$666.04.

Our next find was a rare 1.25" button with a striking design picturing a maid of Erin harp flanked by shamrocks in gold on a green background. Above the harp are the initials "I.L.W.S." or Irish League for Women's Suffrage. The colors are darker on the original. We've lightened the picture a little bit in the hopes it will be easier to see the design. Hakes said it was only the third they'd encountered in their 54 years. The buyer paid \$973.50.

This 1 inch "Steward" button represents Chicago's Beer Drivers and Helpers Union, Local 744, 1940 A.F. of L. The local was part of the Teamsters. There was fierce competition between the Teamsters and the United Brewery Workers (UBW) about who would represent the beer drivers. In 1913, the American Federation of Labor awarded jurisdiction to UBW. In 1933, after the repeal of Prohibition, the Teamsters gained jurisdiction. The UBW and the Teamsters merged in 1973, putting an end to the competition. The Manufacturer is Geraghty & Co. It is described and shown courtesy of the Busy Beaver Button Museum.



The Yellow Kid No.30 has an Irish/American theme. He holds an American flag with shirt text "Say I Am Irish But Dis Is Me Flag." The 1.25" button has a covered back in black tin with incised text "High Admiral Cigarettes." It sold for \$49.34 on Hakes Auction #194 Part II.

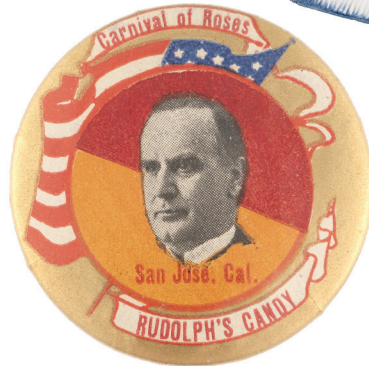
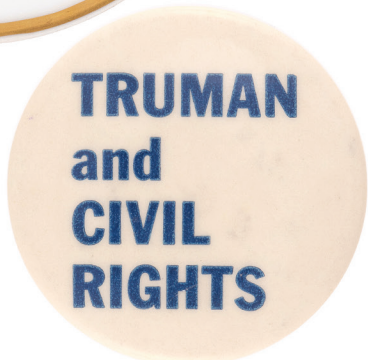
Chicago, Boston, New York and other city's are famous for their St. Patrick's Day parades. Most issue special souvenir buttons annually. This 4" button depicts the Apollo XVII Dec 1972 crew patch and the names Cernan, Evans and Schmitt (the last Apollo Program moon landing). Rare issue for "Chicago St. Patrick's Day 1973." It's shown courtesy of the Hake collection. Winning bid was \$108.42 at Auction #187 - Part I (Item 579).

The jugate "Adlai and Estes Are Best For You, 'Right' Will Prevail" pictures the candidates in a four leaf clover with text "Integrity, Experience, Maturity, Stability."

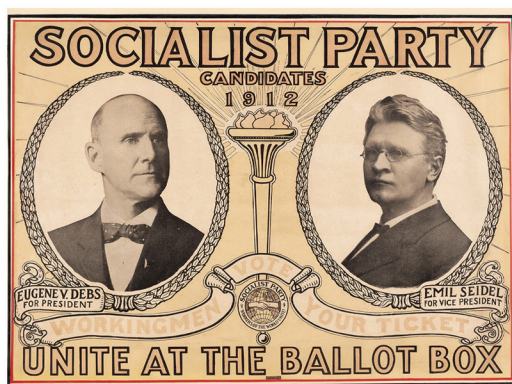
The rest shown are self explanatory. Happy St. Patrick's Day. Happy First Day of Spring. "May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."







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