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The Decisive Presidential Ballots – Part III!

by John Vargo

This is the third article I've done for *Political Bandwagon* on the subject of Electoral College and Presidential Elector memorabilia. The first appeared in the December 2012 issue, and the second in the issue of December 2020. Like my second article, this one covers items and information I've come across in the time since my prior article appeared.

This is a timely subject, because as of the time this article is published, we'll be close to the end of the Electoral College process for the 2024 Presidential election cycle. Under provisions of the Constitution and implementing legislation enacted by Congress, on December 17, 2024 - that is, under the terms of the statute, the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday of the month - the candidates for Presidential Elector who prevailed in the November election will have met in each of the states and the District of Columbia to cast their votes for President and Vice President. They will also sign documents certifying their votes and oversee arrangements for transmitting the certificates to the U.S. Senate and other government officials.

Then, on the following January 6th - a date with which we're well familiar because of what occurred thereon in 2021 - Congress is to meet in a Joint Session to count the votes, consider and decide certain objections to any of them, and to declare, in the words of the statue, "the persons, if any, elected President and Vice President."

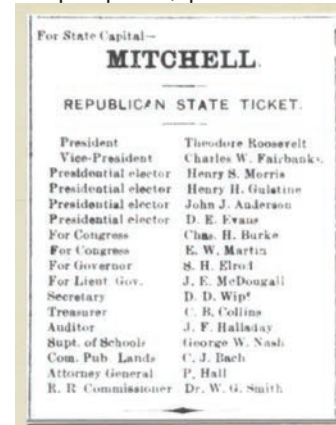
The remainder of this piece is organized in about the same way as my December 2020 article. First, "wearable" items issued in connection with this process are covered, although relatively few such items have ever been issued. My prior article discussed a total of seven buttons or pins that were issued at various stages of the process between 1936 and 2012. Since then, as detailed below, I've come across only three additional wear-able items.

Next, paper items issued at various stages of the process are discussed.

These include items issued in each of the states and D.C. in connection with (1) the nomination of candidates for Presidential Elector by each of the parties fielding a Presidential ticket in the state, and the selection of the victorious candidates by the state's voters in November, (2) the subsequent meeting of the Electoral College in each state, at which the chosen Electors cast their votes, and finally, with the scene shifting to Washington, D.C., (3) the Joint Session of Congress for the counting of the votes. One point I should note upfront on the paper items is that during the past four years, I happened to obtain a number of such items that were issued in California, and so a major part of this section of the article is devoted to the Golden State.

Just three additional wear-able item have come to my attention since my prior article.

The first item is a ribbon issued for the campaign of a South Dakota Elector for Theodore Roosevelt in 1904. As shown here, the ribbon's a simple piece, printed on fabric, measuring close to 7" x 2", and reading "Elector 1904 - H. H. Gulstine." Also shown here is that campaign's Republican State Ticket as printed in a South Dakota newspaper in mid-August 1904, along with oval portraits of TR and Fairbanks. On the ticket, Henry H. Gulstine appears as one of four TR Presidential Electors, and his name is fourth on the list. (As also shown in the newspaper, in 1904 South Dakotans were again voting on which city should be the state capital, with the city of Mitchell, in the southeastern part of the state, seeking to displace the more centrally located city of Pierre.)



In doing a quick check of South Dakota newspapers from 1904, I see that Mr. Gulstine was a longtime Republican activist in Lake County, which is in the southeastern part of the state. He and his three colleagues were nominated for the position of Presidential Elector at the Republican State Convention in Sioux Falls, which took place in May 1904. In the November election, Mr. Gulstine received slightly more than 72,000 votes, which was 400 to 500 votes more than any of his Republican colleagues did. In contrast, each of the Democratic Elector candidates each received about 50,000 fewer votes than the Republican candidates did.

I think it's likely the ribbon was originally made for use at the Republican State Convention. Nevertheless, since it appears that in the November election, the Elector candidates could be voted on individually - that is, voters were not limited to voting for an entire party slate of Electors - the ribbon would have also been useful during the fall campaign.

The other two wearable items are a matched set of badges, pictured here, that were issued for use at the meeting of the 1956 Pennsylvania Electoral College in Harrisburg on December 17th. One was to be worn by the Electors themselves, who numbered 32 that year, and the other was for the use of guests at the meeting. These had been in the extraordinary Eisenhower collection of John Pendergrass, and they were sold together in the July 2023 Anderson auction for \$236. They're well-made items, with both red/white/blue and gold ribbons, and with



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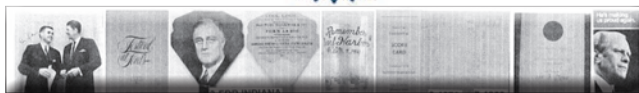
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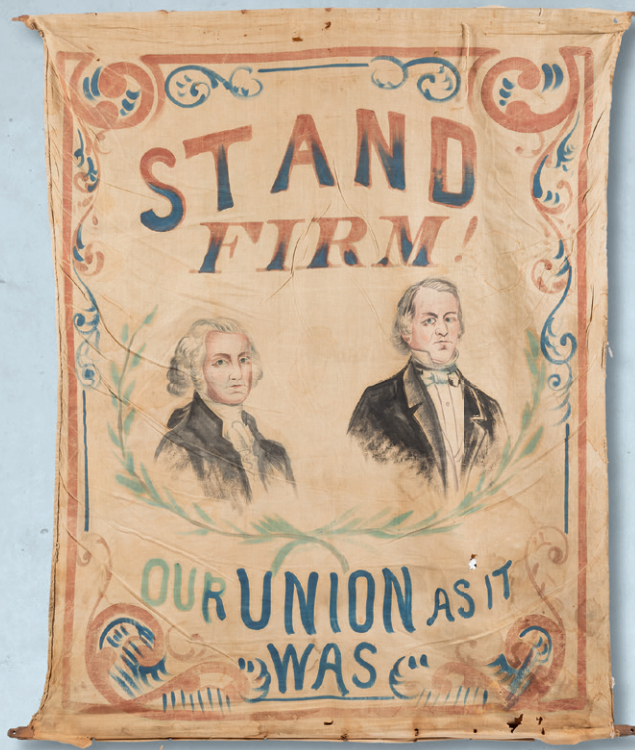
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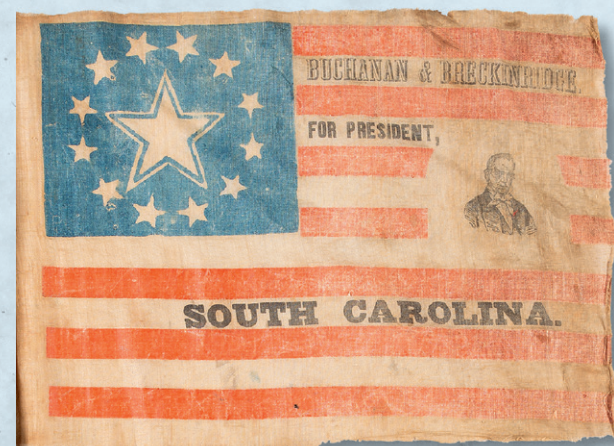
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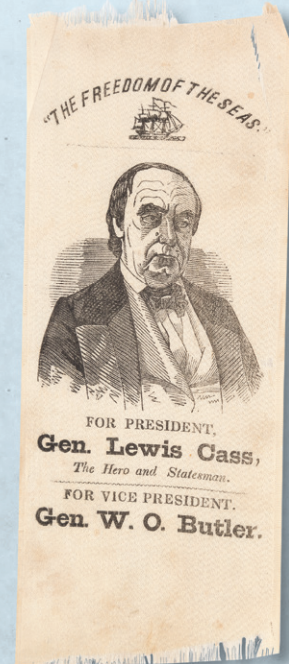
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60th INAUGURATION ON MLK DAY

There have been ten U.S. presidential inaugurations since the establishment of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (MLK Day) forty-one years ago.

During his first term in 1983 President Reagan signed the bill into law establishing MLK Day as a Federal Holiday annually on the third Monday of January. The federal holiday was first celebrated 1986 Jan 20th during Reagan's second term. Congress designated MLK Day as a National Day of Service in 1994 during President Clinton's first term. 2025 marks the 40th official King Holiday Observance (KHO) and what would have been MLK's 96th birthday. The official 2025 KHO theme is *Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy in the Spirit of Nonviolence365*.

The 20th Amendment to the Constitution specifies that the term of each elected President of the United States begins at noon on January 20 of the year following the election. Each president must take the oath of office before assuming the duties of the position.

For only the second time in our nation's history, the 60th Presidential Inauguration will fall on the same day as MLK Day, Monday, January 20, 2025. The first time these two days aligned was the second inauguration of Bill Clinton, January 20, 1997. The significance of this alignment in 2025 cannot be overstated as our nation debates two paths forward. . . one of violence/violent rhetoric, revenge and lawlessness, the other of nonviolence, justice and the rule of law.

For some, the exquisite timing of the alignment of these events will go unnoticed and/or unrecognized. For others, it is a reminder of MLK's vision from the mountain top and an urgent call to service in our communities. A call to love our neighbors. Both the inauguration and the MLK Beloved Community Commemorative Service will be live streamed.

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC)

For more than 200 years America's citizens have witnessed the Inauguration ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States. From the first Inauguration of George Washington, in New York City, in 1789, to today.

The turn of the century brought a milestone worth noting—the formation of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC). Until the twentieth century, the Inaugural ceremonies had been handled exclusively by the U.S. Senate. In 1901, one hundred years after the Inauguration of Thomas Jefferson, the Joint Committee was formed to plan and conduct the Inauguration ceremonies at the U.S. Capitol. Senator Marcus A. Hanna, a Republican from Ohio, became the first chairman, responsible for President William McKinley's second Inauguration.

Since 1901, and in accordance with the 20th amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the JCCIC has been responsible for the planning and execution of the Inaugural Ceremonies. The JCCIC is made up of members of both the House and Senate. Current members of the JCCIC include: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Chairwoman; Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY); Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE); Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA); Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA); and Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY). These eight events are the most common that fall under the jurisdiction of the JCCIC.

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258-16.00 Hillary/Kaine 2016 Circleville Pumpkin Show, Circleville, OH (mate to #259)

259-24.00 Trump/Pence 2016 Circleville Pumpkin Show, Circleville, OH (mate to #258)

260-34.00 Trump/Pence '16 Right Men, Right Place, Right Time, Wash/like/Reagan

261-12.00 (Earl) Warren (Dewey's running mate) rwb

262-15.00 Ike/Nixon jugate Vote Republican rwb

263-15.00 I Like Ike rwb

264-12.00 Peace & Prosperity With Eisenhower rwb

265-15.00 LBJ for the USA classic, rwb

266-10.00 Goldwater in '64 rwb

267-10.00 Goldwater in '64 Cold-Water in '66 Bread & Water in '66

268-8.00 Humphrey/Muskie Responsible Leadership, jugate, rwb

269-18.00 Nixon for Pres. rwb

270-8.00 Nixon/Lodge Experience Counts rwb

271-12.00 merica Needs Nixon, rwb

272-8.00 Johnson for King Wallace for Pres rwb (spots@6&11)

273-6.00 Ford/Dole 1976 rwb

274-15.00 Don't Settle for Peanuts, Elect Ford rwb caricature

275-10.00 America Needs Carter/Mondale 1976, green/r/w

276-10.00 Re-Elect Pres. Carter America's #1 Choice 1980 rwb

277-8.00 Californians for Carter/Mondale jugate, orange/green (pin missing)

278-8.00 McGov for Pres. r/blk/w

279-8.00 Mommy Says The Rich Need Their Tax Breaks yellow/blk

280-8.00 Bush '88 Repub.Integrity Lincoln/TR/like/Reagan

281-10.00 Clinton Inaug. 1993 Now Let's Get To Work, rwb/y

282-10.00 Bush/Cheney 2000 Vote Republican Lady Columbia, rwb

283-10.00 Bush (43), Repub. Presidents yellow/rwb

284-22.00 r/blk/w

285-15.00 Mondale & Dole, 1st Ever VP Debate 1976 Oct 15, jugate, pink/blu/w

286-8.00 South Dakota Reagan Country blu/w

287-8.00 Reagan/Bush jugate, rwb/gold

288-8.00 Reagan/Bush color jugate

289-8.00 Reagan & Nancy Welcome to Wash., DC Glad To Have You With Us

290-9.00 America Needs Reagan in '84

291-12.00 Goldwater for Pres. rwb

292-24.00 4" If I Were 21 I'd Vote For Kennedy r/blk/w

293-38.00 4" It's LBJ All The Way, rwb

294-18.00 4" Nixon/Agnew rwb

295-12.00 4" Clinton/Gore DNC '96 Chicago r/blk/w jugate

296-38.00 4" Hillsborough Co. 2016 FL Supports Trump/Pence MAGA Sunshine State

297-34.00 6" Trump/Pence 2020 White House rwb jugate

298-65.00 Don't Even Think Of It caricatures in boxing gloves

299-15.00 Our First Great President, Kerry Our Next Pres., Kerry Our Next Great Pres., rwb

300-20.00 Pres. Clinton, I'm Proud To Be A Dem. Putting People First

301-28.00 6" Clinton 42nd Pres. From Hope, AR, rwb

302-38.00 Re-Elect the Pres. DNC 1980 MSG, NYC Carter, rwb

303-28.00 6" Reagan/Bush '84 United for Victory, Lake County Repub. Central Committee coattail, rwb/gold

304-20.00 6" Vote LBJ in '64 Peace & Prosperity rwb

305-48.00 6" Bush/Cheney '04 Win One for the Gipper Not for the Flipper (Kerry)

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2. VICE PRESIDENT'S SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

For most of the nation's history, Inauguration Day was March 4, which was also the final day of the congressional session. During the morning, the galleries of the Senate chamber would begin to fill with family members and friends of Senators, Representatives, and the incoming and outgoing Presidents and Vice Presidents. Members of the House, the diplomatic corps, cabinet members, and members of the Supreme Court would enter next. Finally, the Vice President-elect, the President, and the President-elect would enter the crowded chamber, which would then grow quiet to hear the Vice President deliver their farewell address before gaveling the session closed.

At noon (the doorkeeper often had to push the clock hands back to fulfill the noon adjournment requirement), the Vice President-elect would take the oath of office, and then deliver their Inaugural address. Following that, the newly-sworn Vice President would call the Senate into extraordinary session, and then the Senators-elect would come forward and take their oaths of office. Finally, the procession would form and make its way to the East Front Portico of the Capitol for the President's Swearing-In Ceremony.

In 1937, Inauguration Day moved to January 20, a change enacted by the 20th amendment to the Constitution. The Vice President's Swearing-In Ceremony also moved, from the Senate chamber to the Inaugural platform on the Capitol's east front. In 1981, the Inaugural ceremonies moved to the West Front Terrace of the Capitol, where they have been held ever since.

Although the Vice President's Swearing-In Ceremony lost some of its distinctness after it moved to the East Front Portico, it gained a public audience, and reflected the growing political importance of the Vice President as part of the executive branch of government.

The vice-president-elect repeats the same oath of office as senators, representatives, and other federal employees:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God."

3. PRESIDENT'S SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Around noon, the president-elect recites the following oath in accordance with Article II, Section I of the U.S. Constitution:

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Auctions on Parade

By Michael McQuillen

HERITAGE #6310, November 2024

A great assortment of Political & Americana items was offered by Heritage Auctions of Dallas, Texas recently. Here we will take a look at many of the lots selling in the \$200 and up range.



A real deal in my opinion was an Abraham Lincoln et al: Back-to-Back Ferrotypic set of four, for all 1860 Candidates with just a little aging which sold for \$2063 (all prices realized are rounded up to the nearest dollar and include a 25% buyer's premium.)

Zachary Taylor: Handsome Portrait Ribbon measuring 7 3/4" high brought \$2125. An Al Smith: 1918 Gubernatorial Mirror was a nice early career piece that made \$2125.

Despite missing a glass cover and some aging, a Zachary Taylor: Pewter Rim Medallion brought \$2250. The 19th Century was well represented in the sale, and a Martin Van Buren: Great Large Portrait Ribbon measuring 6 3/4" high got to \$2375. Adlai Stevenson: Large New York Committee Staff 4" Cello Button found a new home at \$2500.



Abraham Lincoln: Anti Emancipation Proclamation Cartoon CDV complete with a racist title was gavelled down at \$2500. Stevenson scored again with an unusual Nassau County, New York coattail button which made \$2750. Franklin D. Roosevelt: Two 1932 Coattail Ribbon Badges brought

the same price of \$2750.



George Washington: Presidential Liverpool Jug. 9" tall jug with transfer of Washington and goddesses poured out a cool \$3000 bid. William Henry Harrison and William Seward: Coattail Ribbon at 7" high got to \$3250. A rich sepia color helped a Roosevelt & Johnson: Real Photo "Progressives" 1 1/4" Jugate button realize \$3500.

Missing from most Truman specialist collections is the Harry S Truman: Very Rare "Eddie's Friend" Oval Pinback which rounded the corner at \$4000. John W. Davis and Al Smith: Ribbon Badge with a big



star top sold for \$4250. For only a few dollars more, a George Washington: "Linked States" GW Inaugural Button complete with original shank, ended at \$4500.

Dating a little more recently than most lots was a Donald Trump: Ceremonial Presentation Key to the White House complete with wooded box that took \$4750 to secure. At 7 1/4" high was a John Tyler: Silk Portrait Ribbon For One of the "Toughest" Presidents - and with a \$5000 price tag to boot. Hard to find in this nice of condition was a Woman's Suffrage: Votes for Women Umbrella For California which closed at \$5250.



A second nice ceramic in the sale was a George Washington: Outstanding Presidential Liverpool Jug which got to \$5500. Colorful and attractive was a William Henry Harrison: 1840 Log Cabin & Hard Cider Campaign Bandanna with only the lightest of aging. It exceeded expectations at \$6250.



The biggie of the day was an Al Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt: Rare Coattail Button. Very elusive 1 3/4" coattail pinback for the New York ticket featuring Al Smith for President and FDR for Governor which soared to \$7500!



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Auctions on Parade appears monthly in The Political Bandwagon. I invite readers to write me if they would like to suggest auctions to be reviewed or have any other questions or suggestions. Michael J. McQuillen can be reached by writing him directly at P. O. Box 50022, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250-0022, e-mail: michael@politicalparade.com or through his web-site: www.PoliticalParade.com

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the attached medal bearing high-quality, profile busts of Eisenhower and Nixon. The medal's keystone shape further identifies the badge to Pennsylvania.

I've rarely seen buttons, badges or similar items that were made to be used at an Electors meeting, and it's probably no coincidence that the only other Elector-Guest set I've seen is a pair of buttons that were made for the meeting of the 2000 Pennsylvania Electoral College. The button with "Gore Elector" printed on an outline map of Pennsylvania was pictured in my December 2020 article, and in the text I mentioned the existence of a similar "Gore Elector Guest" button.

If anyone's aware of items that were made to be worn at any other Electoral College meeting, I'd be most interested to hear about them. I'm aware that a special badge was issued to the Carter-Mondale Electors at the 1976 New York Electoral College meeting, as they can be seen in photos taken there. The badge consists of a card within a rectangular plastic pinback holder, attached to which is a ribbon with "ELECTOR" in vertical block letters.

On this subject, I should also caution that the Franklin Roosevelt Elector badges, pins and/or ribbons that appear in the hobby from time to time were almost certainly not issued for use at any of the state Electoral College meetings. Instead, as noted in both of my prior articles, the FDR Electors in each of his four Presidential campaigns were given a previously unprecedented opportunity to attend Inauguration events in Washington, including a special Electors' dinner, and the items were provided for use during their visit to the city.

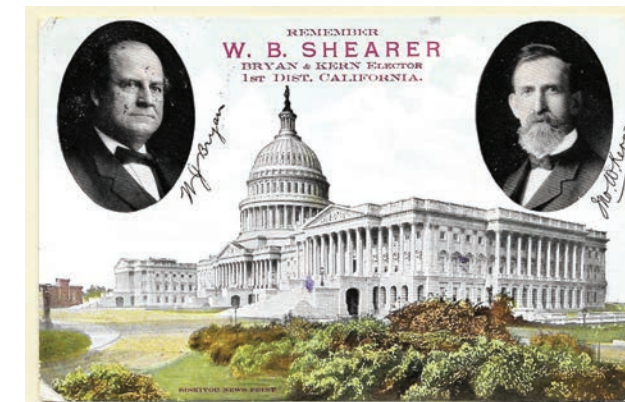
Paper items issued in connection with the campaign of a candidate for nomination or election as a Presidential Elector. Like the South Dakota ribbon considered above, the next several items return us to the early stages of the Electoral College process, and specifically how it operated in the decades surrounding the turn of the 20th century. At that time, South Dakota voters were by no means the only ones who had the ability to vote for individual candidates for Presidential Elector. Instead, voters in many other states, including California, had the same right at that time. Shown here are postcards for two individuals, W. B. Shearer and Harry P. Flannery, who were Presidential Elector candidates for Democrat William Jennings Bryan in the 1908 campaign in California.

There are interesting differences between the two cards. The one for Shearer features his support of the Bryan-Kern ticket, as his name and candidacy were printed on what was otherwise a widely used postcard for that ticket. In contrast, the Flannery card doesn't even mention Bryan, but instead touts Flannery's endorsement by the State Union Labor Party. Briefly stated, that party had been organized in San Francisco in 1901 in the aftermath of violent confrontations between workers and employers. The workers had been particularly enraged by the fact that the city had deployed its police force in support of the employers. As a result, the party enjoyed electoral success there for a time.

I haven't come across extensive information on either man, but from what I've seen on the internet, it seems that while both were Democrats, neither was a typical supporter of the Great Commoner. In 1908 Shearer was a State Senator representing Siskiyou County, on the state's northern border, and he subsequently held other government offices. A newspaper article about his nomination as a Bryan Elector referred to him as a "Bourbon Democrat" - i.e., one who was conservative and opposed to government intervention in the marketplace - and suggested that his nomination may have been related to a \$1000 donation that he had funneled to the state Democratic Party. And despite Flannery's endorsement by the Union Labor Party, it appears he was a successful San Francisco businessman who had been involved in commercial building and the retail liquor trade.

On Election Day 1908, all ten of the Republican Presidential Elector candidates in California won, and their margins over the Bryan candidates were around 85,000 votes each. Among the ten Democratic Elector candidates, Flannery finished second, and Shearer finished fourth, which suggests that at that time, the mailing of postcards had limited effectiveness as a campaign tactic.

Nevertheless, the Presidential election results from that era of voting for Electors individually show that where a Presidential candidate narrowly lost a state, one or two of his Electors might still win. In California, this was the case in 1896, when eight McKinley Electors won, along with one Bryan Elector. The California results were even more dramatic in 1912, when Progressive candidate Theodore Roosevelt won eleven of the state's thirteen Electors, but the other two slots were won by Woodrow Wilson Electors. It appears that during the campaign, the Roosevelt forces were concerned that such a thing might happen, as a palm card they issued, shown here, urged Progressives to vote for "ONLY candidates for Roosevelt and Johnson Electors." But as we've seen, a significant number of them did not heed that request.



Accordingly, in that era, where the prospect was for a close election both in one's own state and nationally, it made some sense for individual Elector candidates to wage their own campaigns. However, this era began to come to an end in the 1920s. According to a 1975 piece by Congressional Quarterly, the major reasons for its end were the increasing

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tendency of voters to cast a straight party-line ballot, and in some jurisdictions, the beginning of a movement to replace paper ballots with voting machines.

Not surprisingly, it seems that beginning in the 1930s, states that had been listing the names of names of the individual Elector candidates on their Presidential ballots began to omit them, and in their place, the system largely used today was adopted - that is, in each state, the votes cast for a Presidential candidate are treated as votes for his or her chosen slate of Electors. The last election in which California's ballot included the names of the Elector candidates was 1936. For collectors, the timing of this change was unfortunate, because in 1944, Walt Disney was a candidate in California for Presidential Elector for Tom Dewey. I think a Presidential election ballot with Uncle Walt's name on it would have been a desirable piece of memorabilia.

The pre-printed ballot cards used by the Electors in each state to cast their votes for President and Vice President at the Electoral College meeting. As I stated in my earlier articles, in my view, the prize collectibles of the Electoral College process are the high-quality, pre-printed ballot cards - printed or engraved on premium cardstock, and ornate in design - that have been used in some of the states. With (Continued on page 14...)

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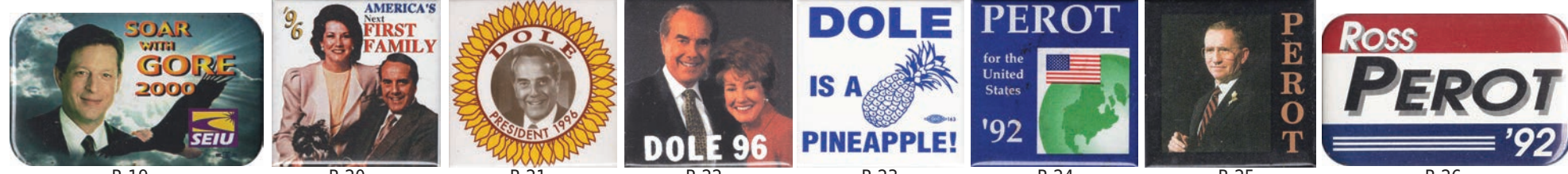
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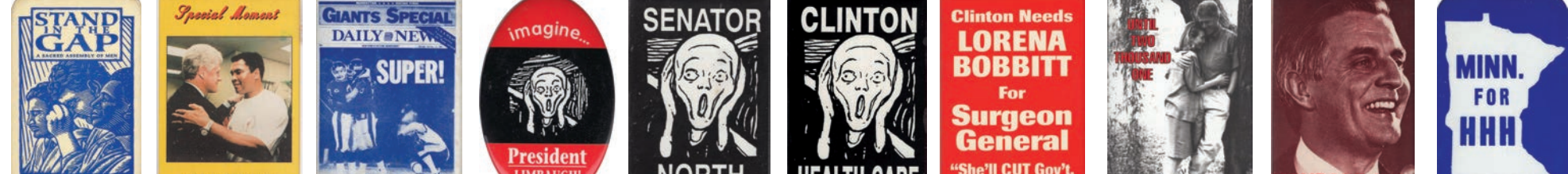
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R-3 Teachers for Clinton NEA union '96, 2"
R-4 Labor for Clinton'96 AFL-CIO union logo
R-5 Labor for Clinton'96 TWU union logo, 2"
R-6 Labor for Clinton Gore, 1996, 2"
R-7 Machinists for Clinton Gore, AIM union logo
R-8 AFT for Gore, 2" Teachers union logo
R-9 Building Trades AFL-CIO Support Gore



R-10 FDR/Clinton Trusted Leadership 1997, 2"
R-11 Clinton/Gore coattail Engel '92 NY US Rep.
R-12 2nd Clinton/Gore '97 52nd Inaug, US Seal
R-13 Women for Clinton Gore '96, 2"
R-14 Re-Elect Clinton Gore '96, 2"
R-15 Young Democrats for Clinton/Gore '96, 2"
R-16 Fire Fighters for Gore, IAFF, Local 42, Kansas City, MO
R-17 The Kiss, Al & Tipper 08/17/00
R-18 Vote Clinton coattail Caputo, 2"



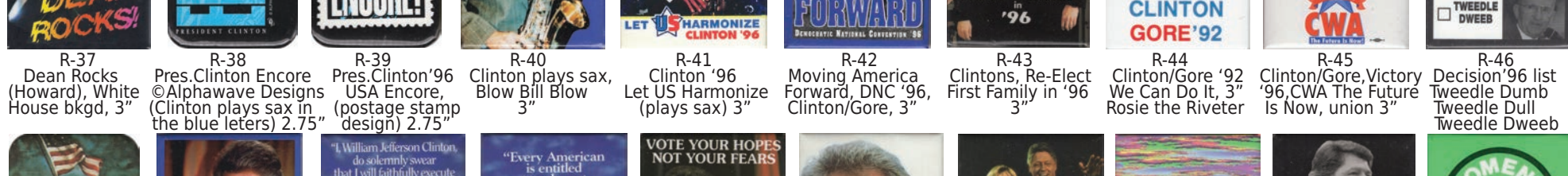
R-19 Soar with Gore 2000 SEIU union logo, 1.75"
R-20 Eliz.&Bob Dole, America's Next First Family '96, 2"
R-21 Dole for Pres.'96 sunflower, 2"
R-22 Eliz.& Bob Dole '96
R-23 anti-Dole, 1.5"
R-24 Perot for the United States '92, 2"
R-25 Perot, 2"
R-26 Ross Perot '92 1.75"



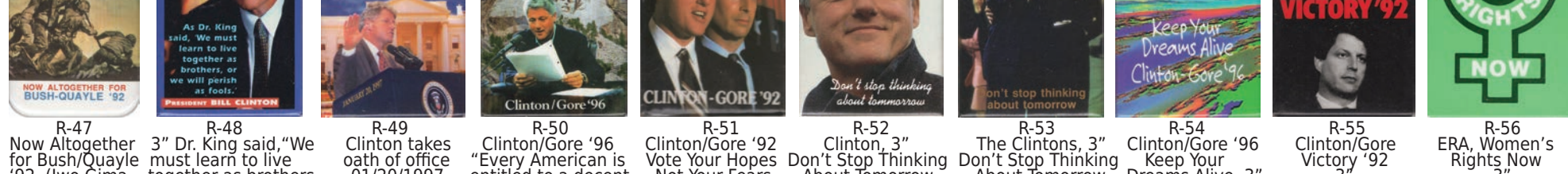
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R-28 Special Moment Pres. Clinton & M. Ali "The Greatest" 3"
R-29 Giants Special 1987 Jan. 12, Super Bowl NY Daily News, 3"
R-30 Imagine Pres. Limbaugh, 2.75" ("The Scream" by Edvard Munch)
R-31 Senator North ('The Scream' by Edvard Munch) 3"
R-32 Clinton Health ('The Scream' by Edvard Munch) 3"
R-33 Clinton Needs Lorena Bobbitt for Surgeon General, She'll Cut Gov't Waste & Flab... 3"
R-34 The Clintons, Until Two Thousand One 3"
R-35 Mondale '84 3"
R-36 Minnesota for HHH, Humphrey 2.75"



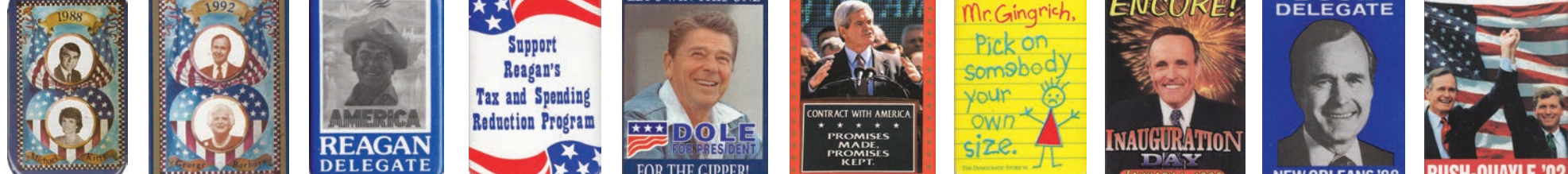
R-37 Dean Rocks (Howard), White House bkgd, 3"
R-38 Pres. Clinton Encore ©Alphavave Designs (Clinton plays sax in the blue letters) 2.75"
R-39 Pres. Clinton '96 USA Encore, (postage stamp design) 2.75"
R-40 Clinton plays sax, Blow Bill Blow 3"
R-41 Clinton '96 Let US Harmonize (plays sax) 3"
R-42 Moving America Forward, DNC '96, Clinton/Gore, 3"
R-43 Clintons, Re-Elect First Family in '96 3"
R-44 Clinton/Gore '92 We Can Do It, 3" Rosie the Riveter
R-45 Clinton/Gore, Victory '96, CWA The Future Is Now, union 3"
R-46 Decision '96 list Tweedle Dumb Tweedle Dull Tweedle Dweeb



R-47 Now Altogether for Bush/Quayle '92, (Iwo Gima image) 2.75"
R-48 3" Dr. King said, "We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish as fools"
R-49 Clinton takes oath of office 01/20/1997 3"
R-50 Clinton/Gore '96 "Every American is entitled to a decent minimum wage.", 3"
R-51 Clinton/Gore '92 Vote Your Hopes Not Your Fears 3"
R-52 Clinton, 3" Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow
R-53 The Clintons, 3" Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow
R-54 Clinton/Gore '96 Keep Your Dreams Alive, 3"
R-55 Clinton/Gore Victory '92
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R-119 Humphrey, HHH-90, Minnesota 10,000 Lakes, 1.75"
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R-122 Gore/Lieberman, Leadership for New Millennium, 1.75" jugate
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R-124 Newt & GOP dumb & dumber, 2"



R-125 Clinton, Control Costs, Not People, Support Health Care
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R-76 Bush/Quayle '88 "I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag..." 2"
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R-78 Republicans in Convention '92 Houston, 2"
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R-80 Jesse R. Jackson for Pres. '84, 2"
R-81 Jesse Jackson for Pres., 2"
R-82 Freedom Summer '94, Organize, 2"
R-83 TIME, If it's important to you you'll find it in TIME.
R-84 Bill Clinton 1992 2"
R-85 George Bush 1988 2"
R-86 George Bush 2000 2"
R-87 Tom Harkin 1992 (D-IA) US Sen, 2"
R-88 Nixon In Memoriam 1913-94, 2"



R-89 Reagan/Bush '84 2"
R-90 2" Gen. Schwarzkopf The Bear, Gulf War
R-91 Bush (41) 2"
R-92 Re-elect our First Family Best Wishes, George & Barbara Bush, 2", 1992
R-93 Bush for Pres. '92 2"
R-94 George Bush (41) 2"
R-95 Bush/Quayle '88 We Did It With You America, 2"
R-96 Bush (43) 2000 We The People 2"
R-97 G.W. Bush for Pres. Republican Dignity 2"



R-98 Bush/Cheney 2000 Integrity, Honor, 2"
R-99 Bush Wins, Let the Oval Office Scrubbing Begin, 2"
R-100 Dole for Pres. 1996, 2"
R-101 John Kerry for Pres. 2004, 2"
R-102 Bush for Pres. 2000, 2"
R-103 Bush 2000, Republican Integrity, 1.75"
R-104 2" RNC 2004 NYC, Bush Virginia Delegation, Virginia Republican Party
R-105 Renewing America's Purpose Laura, George, Cheney Inaug. Day 2001, 2"



R-106 2" Bush '88, As Massachusetts Goes, So Goes Massachusetts, 2"
R-107 (US Sen. Lamar) Alexander for Pres., Come On Along, 2" (R-TN)
R-108 Humphrey/Muskie 1.75" jugate
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R-111 Dukakis for American Workers, 1.75"



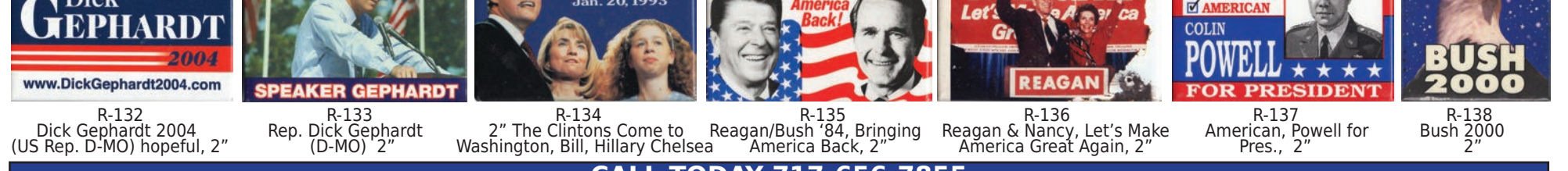
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R-113 Capitol Celebration Jan 20th 1993, Clinton Inauguration 2"
R-114 It Takes a Village, Inaug. '97, Bill, Hillary, Al, Tipper 2"
R-115 RNC 1984 Dallas, National Assoc. Urban Republican County Chairman Reagan, 2.75"
R-116 In Reagan We Trust, One Dollar, Win GP 1980 2.75"
R-117 The First Family Renewing America's Purpose, Laura, George, Dick, Lynne, 2"



R-119 Humphrey, HHH-90, Minnesota 10,000 Lakes, 1.75"
R-120 UAW for Gore 2K Pres. 2000 union, 1.75"
R-121 1.75", Bush, Wisconsin, Win '89 Paid for by Republican Party of Wisc.
R-122 Gore/Lieberman, Leadership for New Millennium, 1.75" jugate
R-123 Clinton/Gore '92, New Generation of American Leadership, 2" jugate
R-124 Newt & GOP dumb & dumber, 2"



R-125 Clinton, Control Costs, Not People, Support Health Care
R-126 Ryan's Round-up June 11, '96 PA, Dole for Pres., #120, 2"
R-127 Dole '96, We Share Your Values, 2" Eliz. & Bob
R-128 Re-elect George & Barbara 1992 jugate, 2"
R-129 Texans with Hart 2"
R-131 Carpe Diem Seize the Day, 2"



R-132 Dick Gephardt 2004 (US Rep. D-MO) hopeful, 2"
R-133 Rep. Dick Gephardt (D-MO) 2"
R-134 The Clintons Come to Washington, Bill, Hillary Chelsea
R-135 Reagan/Bush '84, Bringing America Back, 2"
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W150-\$34.00 Reagan/Bush gift set includes: stick pin, tie tack, lapel pin, & pair of cufflinks, necklace on 18" gold filled chain. Each piece has 7/8" dia. embossed image shown above, inscribed "Inauguration of President and Vice President" ©Jan 20, 1981 gold imprint inside lid. Nestled in blue velvet original gift box 7" x 4" x 1-1/8". NEAR MINT.



W151-\$15.00 Win With Reagan 1" embossed portrait charm on key ring



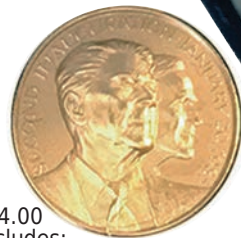
W152-\$28.00 Bush/Cheney 2000 jugate American flag pocket knife. (3" long closed; two 2.5" stainless steel knife blades) in original 1.75" x 4.75" x 3/4" gift box. Knife handle has stamped metal ends fancy decoration on both the back & front. Nicely weighted & feels balanced in the hand. Unused pocket knife in NEAR MINT condition.



W157-\$28.00 Reagan pocket knife in original case. 2.25" long pocket knife with gold printed Reagan signature on one side & gold printed Presidential Seal on the other, blade, nail emory blade & a scissors. Plastic 3.25" x 2.25" x 5/8" gift box with gold "Victorinox Switzerland" printed inside lid. NEAR MINT condition.



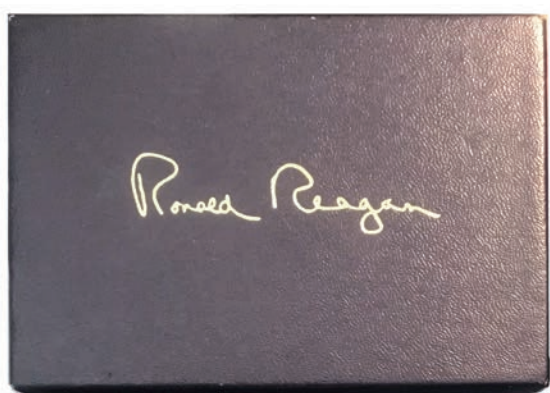
W153-\$14.00 enamelled USA patriotic 2000 election flag 3/4" clutch back lapel pin



W154-\$24.00 Reagan/Bush gift set includes: stick pin & necklace. Each piece has 3/4" dia. embossed double profile portraits image shown above, inscribed "Second Inauguration January 20, 1985. (Same image as the Reagan/Bush 1985 Official Inaugural Medal.) Reverse: "©1984 C.50th A.P.L.-MACO". Nestled in original 3.25" x 2-5/8" x 1" black velvet gift box. NEAR MINT



W155-\$28.00 Roosevelt beautiful enamelled lapel pin with 2 stars 5/8" pin back



W158-\$30.00 Carter embossed and enamelled 2" fob, inscribed "Carter, Leaders For A Change, Jan 20, 1977" inaugural, housed in original 3-1/8" x 2.25" x 3/4" gift box with a clear lid



W164-\$134.00 Beautifully designed belt buckle with embossed/low relief image of The White House and Ronald Reagan riding a bucking horse. "THE BUCKAROO STOPS HERE" is inscribed across the bottom, in reference to President Truman's "The Buck Stops Here" slogan. In original gift box with the printed signature in gold of President Reagan on the lid. The reverse of the buckle is inscribed: "With Best Wishes, Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States. 3.25" x 2-1/8" belt buckle in 4.5" x 3.25" x 1-1/8" gift box



W156-\$24.00 Ike '56 cloth pin brooch embellished with faux pearls & embroidery, 2..25" dia.



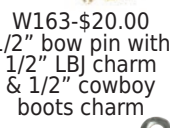
W159-\$20.00 Ike brooch 1-3/8" dia. with dark blue round ball faux jewels



W165-\$24.00 FDR portrait embossed lapel pin, 5/8" pin back



W166-\$18.00 Reagan tie clip, printed signature & 7/8" dia. enamelled Presidential Seal in original gift box 2.25" x 3-1/8" x 1".



W163-\$20.00 1/2" bow pin with 7/8" LBJ charm & 1/2" cowboy boots charm



W169-\$14.00 Kennedy (JFK) 1-5/8" dia. silver color metal pendant



W168-\$14.00 Kennedy (JFK) 1-5/8" dia. silver color metal pendant



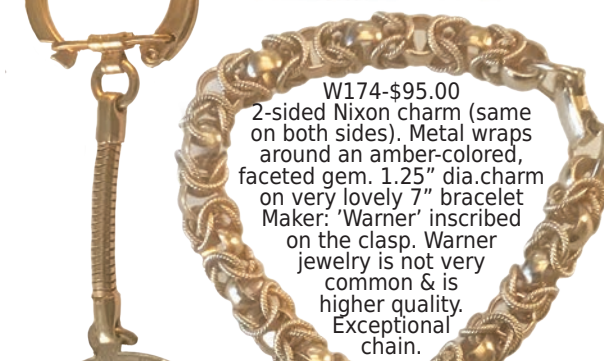
W170-\$12.00/set. Set includes tie clip and pair of cuff links, Richard Nixon 37th President 1/2" enamelled USA map



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W172-\$18.00 Stevenson shoe tie clip 1-5/8"



W174-\$95.00 2-sided Nixon charm (same on both sides). Metal wraps around an amber-colored, faceted gem. 1.25" dia. charm on very lovely 7" bracelet. Warner jewelry is not very common & is higher quality. Exceptional chain.



W173-\$22.00 Keychain. 1.25" charm with spin bubble picturing RFK on one side and the USA flag on the other.



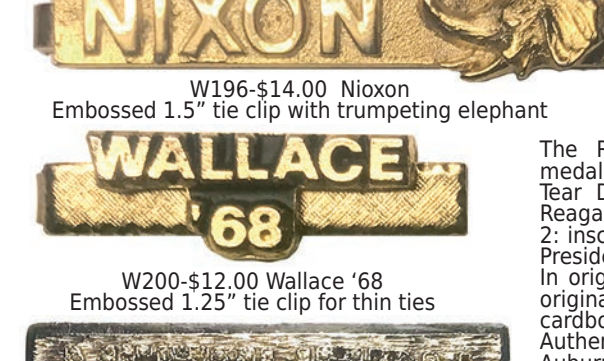
W181-\$25.00 Nixon unusual well-made 1.75" x 2.5" oval pendant featuring elephant with enameled blanket & red eye on a nice 22" chain. NEAR MINT



W185-\$25.00 Eisenhower Embossed 1.5" x 5/8" clutch back tie tack/lapel pin NEAR MINT



W192-\$28.00 Vote Adlai, 1.5" dia. portrait flasher on Pictorial Productions Tuckahoe, NY tie clip



W198-\$14.00 Nixon/Agnew embossed waving flag 3/4" x 1.5" brooch, c.1968, reverse: "OSEARS"



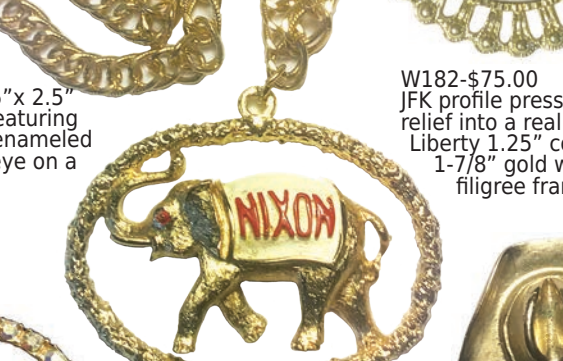
W201-\$12.00 McGovern Embossed & clear faux stone embellished 1" x 2-7/8" pin back brooch (some stones missing)



W175-\$42.00 Adlai & Estes 6" faux pearl bracelet with 1/2" silver color letter charms & one donkey charm.



W176-\$40.00 Wilson U.S.A. enamelled shield shaped lapel pin, tiny 1/2" pin back



W179-\$15.00 Elephant head inscribed "Willkie" in high relief w/ pin back



W183-\$10.00 Stone-polished 1" carved wood elephant pierced earrings. Originally purchased with other Republican elephants



W182-\$75.00 JFK profile pressed in high relief into a real 1974 JFK Liberty 1.25" coin set in a 1-7/8" gold washed filigree frame pendant



W188-\$10.00 Reagan cowboy hat 1" clutch back lapel pin



W189-\$14.00 Carter embossed peanut 5/16" x 3/4" clutch back lapel pin



W177-\$22.00 Carter embossed name peanut 7/8" charm on a very nice quality chain 7" bracelet



W178-\$20.00 Clean Sweep brooch, GOP elephant on broom handle, 3-3/8" NEAR MINT



W180-\$14.00 Inscribed "Franklin D. Roosevelt, John N. Garner" double portrait embossed pin back. Reverse inscribed: "Green Duck Co., Chicago"



W190-\$18.00 Nixon embossed 1.5" four leaf clover 2-sided charm on 7" faux pearl bracelet



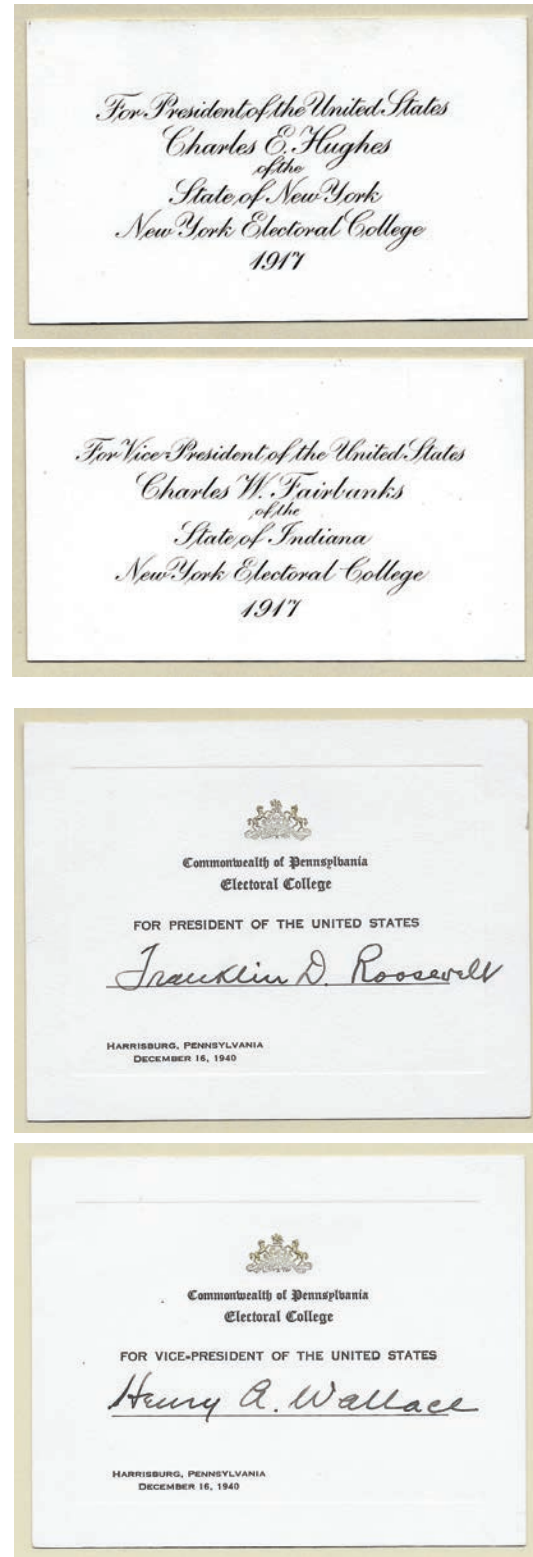
W195-\$25.00 Rare McGovern clear faux jeweled brooch with faux blue stone in center of star



W199-\$20.00/set ESM (Muskie) set includes pair of earrings, ring & 1/2" lapel pin. Earrings & ring are enameled. Lapel pin is a clutch back. The tree charms are 5/8" tall.



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my previous article.

The above group well represents the three states from which, in my experience, such ballot cards are most available: New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In addition, among these three states, I have found that ballot cards are far more available from New York than the other two. This is shown in my own collection (which, I should add, has been assembled with a relatively modest budget). I have nine different sets of New York ballot cards from the period of 1892 through 2000, as well as four other single ballot cards, for either the Presidential or the VP candidate.

The possible reasons for New York's dominance on this matter probably include the following. First, the state has a long history of using such pre-printed ballot cards, which goes back at least to 1832 (with, of course, numerous design changes in the cards having been made along the way). Second, through the 1968 election, New York's population accorded it the largest number of Electoral Votes of any state, with 43 votes in 1968, and as many as 47 throughout the 1930s and 1940s. The larger the number of Electors, the higher the number of ballot cards that need to be printed.

Finally, there are some indications that at least at times, the individuals who act as staff to the Electoral College - probably officials and employees of the NY Department of State - print more ballot cards than are necessary for the Electors' use, and make those extras available on a limited basis, perhaps to other staff and to VIPs. But I haven't seen any indication that the staff has made any of the extras available to the public.

Before concluding on these "big three" states, there's a phenomenon I've noticed regarding the availability of ballot cards from more recent decades that applies even to those states. For present purposes, I define the more recent elections as those that occurred in the past 50 years. The phenomenon I've noticed - which will probably come as no surprise to anyone - is that the ballot cards issued for candidates who won the Presidency in the more recent elections are considerably more difficult to obtain than those issued for the losing candidates. For example, the most recent President for whom I have a ballot card is Ronald Reagan - a card from the 1980 New York Electoral College, as well as the matching one for George Bush. On the other hand, I've yet to see one even offered for Jimmy Carter, either President Bush, Bill Clinton, or Barack Obama.

My guess is that a significant number of those who have served as Electors for a winning candidate for President, and thereby played a necessary part of the success of their chosen candidate, prize the ballots they had cast and are strongly inclined to retain them as keepsakes of that effort. For that reason, the ballot cards they had used will likely become available to collectors, if at all, only after the original owner has passed away, or at least has started to downsize.

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the total number of Presidential Electors in the U.S. at 538 for the past six decades, these cards are by definition extremely limited-issue items, and they appear in the hobby only occasionally.

Pictured below are four sets of ballot cards I obtained over the past four years, with the source of three of the sets being one of the masters of collectibles, Ted Hake (thank you, Ted!). These sets are pictured here, in chronological order, and they can serve as a starting point for discussing the parameters of collecting ballot cards such as these.

A quick look at these four sets shows that they are from three different states, and three different eras -

- From the early 20th century, a set of ballots for the 1916 Republican ticket of Hughes and Fairbanks that were issued for use at the meeting of the New York Electoral College.

- From the Franklin Roosevelt era, a set that was used to cast votes for FDR and Henry Wallace in the Pennsylvania Electoral College meeting on December 16, 1940,

- From the turn of the 21st century, another set of New York ballot cards, this one for the Democratic ticket of Al Gore and Joe Lieberman in the highly controversial 2000 Presidential Election, and finally,

- From the State of New Jersey - the Great Seal of the State appears at the top - a set of 2004 Election ballot cards for the Democratic ticket of John Kerry and John Edwards.

An obvious difference between the Pennsylvania cards from all the others is that on the Pennsylvania ones, the Elector must write in the names of the candidates for whom he or she is voting, as they are not printed on the cards. The likely bases of this different format are discussed in

Finally, on the subject of the availability of pre-printed ballot cards from states other than the above-noted three, I have relatively little information. I have a set from just one other state - a 1912 Wilson-Marshall set from the Connecticut Electoral College. Otherwise, I have seen ballot cards either offered for sale or placed on display from only two other states - Ohio (an 1896 McKinley-Hobart set, a 1920 Harding-Coolidge set, and a 1924 Coolidge-Dawes set), and Florida (a 1948 Truman ballot card).

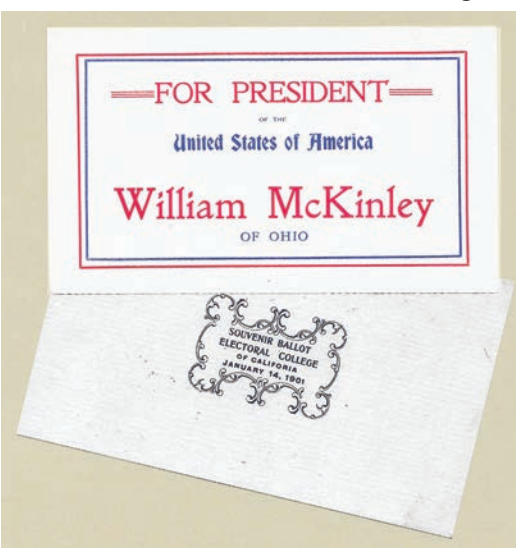
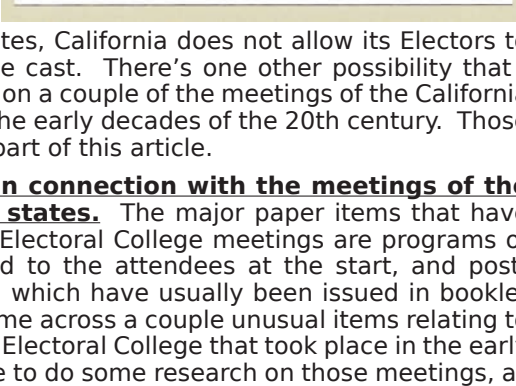
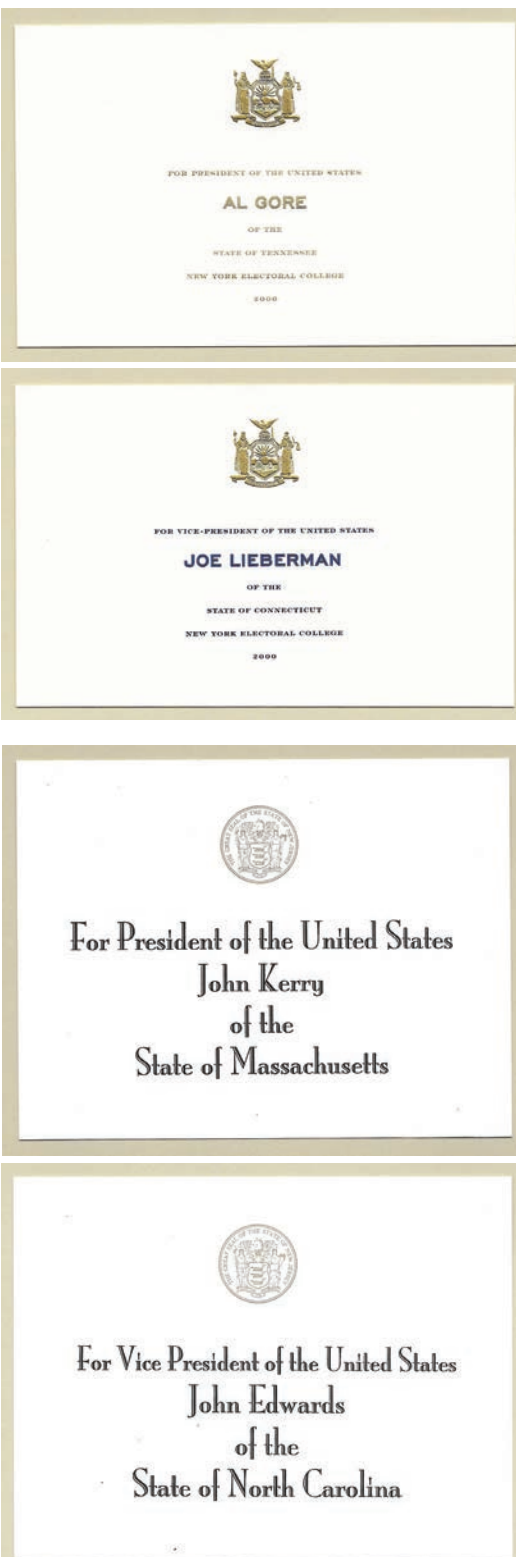
One likely reason for the relative absence from the hobby of ballot cards from other states is that the majority of the states have relatively low populations, and thus the number of Electors from each is relatively small. For example, for the 2024 election, my count is that 33 states plus the District of Columbia had 10 Electors or less. For any of those states that decide to have its ballot cards printed, the print run would likely be in a very low number. However, I've also been informed that such states have at least at times decided to forego printing ballot cards, and instead to use cards on which the required information is either typed in advance, and/or is handwritten on by each Elector.

I hasten to add that the number of Presidential Electors that a state has is only one factor in determining the availability of its ballot cards in the hobby. A case in point is California. As indicated above, in 1972, California surpassed New York as the state with the largest number of Electors - 45, as compared with New York's 41 at the time. In the 2024 election, California's number of Electoral votes is up to 54, with New York at 28. Yet I have never seen a California Electoral College ballot card either offered for sale, or in a collection. I have not yet had an opportunity to explore this matter, but I have to wonder whether, contrary to the practice of other states, California does not allow its Electors to keep the ballot cards that they have cast. There's one other possibility that I came across in doing some research on a couple of the meetings of the California Electoral College that took place in the early decades of the 20th century. Those meetings are discussed in the next part of this article.

Other paper items issued in connection with the meetings of the Electoral College in the various states. The major paper items that have been issued in connection with the Electoral College meetings are programs of the proceedings that are distributed to the attendees at the start, and post-meeting reports of the proceedings, which have usually been issued in booklet form. However, in the past year I came across a couple unusual items relating to two of the meetings of the California Electoral College that took place in the early 20th century, and they prompted me to do some research on those meetings, as noted immediately above. I'll cover those items next.

The first is an item that's characterized on back as a "souvenir ballot" for William McKinley for President from the 1901 meeting of the College. It's about the same size as the ballot cards discussed above, but it was printed on paper, rather than on cardstock. I don't know whether the actual ballots used in California were similarly printed on paper.

In checking newspaper articles on that meeting, I learned that it was the first one that was held in the state as a large-audience event. It took place in the Assembly Chamber of the California State Capitol, and there were over 2000 people present to watch the proceedings. It included speeches by both the Governor, who was a Republican, and the head of the state's Republican Party, which suggests that the event was in part in the nature of a partisan celebration. There was also entertainment in the form of patriotic songs sung by a men's quartet. Finally, the Electors voted to give a gift made of California woods to each of the two candidates for whom they had just voted. For President McKinley, the gift was the specially made ballot box (Continued on page 22 . . .)



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<p>W216-\$24.00 LBJ Inaug. Day 1965 36th Pres., 3.5"</p>	<p>W217-\$34.00 LBJ Inaug. Day 1965 3.5"</p>	<p>W218-\$24.00 LBJ Inaug. Day 1965 3.5"</p>	<p>W219-\$12.00 Nixon 37th President 46th Inaug., 3.5"</p>	<p>W220-\$22.00 Nixon/Agnew jugate Inaug. 1973, 3/5"</p>	<p>W221-\$12.00 Nixon 37th President Inaug. Day 1973, 3/5"</p>	<p>W222-\$18.00 Carter 39th Pres. Inaug. Day 1977, 3.5"</p>	<p>W223-\$35.00 Carter Family, Welcome to Washington, inaug. Jan 20th 1997, 4"</p>
<p>W224-\$24.00 Inaug. Pres. Reagan 1985, 3"</p>	<p>W225-\$20.00 Reagan, 50th Inaug., Celebration, 1985, 3"</p>	<p>W226-\$22.00 Reagan, Republican Integrity, Inaug. 1985 40th Pres., 3.5"</p>	<p>W227-\$18.00 Pres. Reagan & First Lady Nancy, Inaug. Day 1981 The Nation's Capitol, 3"</p>	<p>W228-\$20.00 Reagan, 50th Inaug., Celebration, 1985, 3"</p>	<p>W229-\$20.00 Reagan, 40th US Pres. Inaug. Day 1981, 3.5"</p>	<p>W230-\$22.00 Ronald, Nancy, George, Barbara, 51st Inaug., 1985, 3.5"</p>	<p>W231-\$18.00 Reagan Second Term Inaug. Day 1985 3.5"</p>
<p>W232-\$22.00 Nancy & Ronald, George & Barbara, Inaug. Day 1985 Jan 21, 3"</p>	<p>W233-\$18.00 Reagan/Bush, 50th American Inaug. Day 1985, 3"</p>	<p>W234-\$20.00 Reagan/Bush Inaug. 1981, 3"</p>	<p>W235-\$25.00 Reagan/Bush Inaug. 1981, 3" (small quantity made)</p>	<p>W236-\$16.00 Bush/Quayle, GOP 51st American Presidential Inaug. 1989, 3.5"</p>	<p>W237-\$18.00 Bush/Quayle Inaug. Day 1989 3.5"</p>	<p>W238-\$18.00 Bush Inaugurated 1989 Jan 20th, 3.5"</p>	<p>W239-\$28.00 Bush/Quayle, Peace, Prosperity, Independence Bicentennial Inaugural 1789-1989, 3.5"</p>
<p>W240-\$24.00 Clinton/Gore, Inaugural Bus Ride, Bringing Our Nation & People Together 1993 Jan 17th, 3"</p>	<p>W241-\$22.00 California Salutes Pres. Clinton Inaug. Day 1993, 3"</p>	<p>W242-\$20.00 Clinton 42nd Pres, Gore 45th VP, Inaug. Day 1993, 3"</p>	<p>W243-\$25.00 Clinton Inaug. 1993 A New Bill in The House 3"</p>	<p>W244-\$26.00 Clinton/Gore, JFK pictured With Hope & Justice For All, 52nd Inaug. 1993, 4"</p>	<p>W245-\$18.00 Clinton/Gore 53rd Presidential Inaug. 1997, 3"</p>	<p>W246-\$16.00 Vice Pres. & Mrs. Gore Inaug. 1997, 3"</p>	<p>W247-\$20.00 Bill & Hillary Clinton 53rd Pres. Inaug. 1997 3"</p>
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<p>W256-\$20.00 Inaug. of Pres. Obama 44th Pres., 2009, 3"</p>	<p>W257-\$20.00 Obama 44th Pres. Inaug. 2009, 3"</p>	<p>W258-\$20.00 Obama 44th Pres. Inaug. 2009, 3"</p>	<p>W259-\$24.00 Pres. Obama & VP Biden Inaug. 2009 jugate, 3"</p>	<p>W260-\$24.00 Obama/Biden jugate Inaug. Day 2009, 3"</p>	<p>W261-\$24.00 Obama/Biden jugate Inaug. Day 2013, 3"</p>		

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Sholom Schwartz, Sean Solomon, Frank Acker, Paul Lang

Every four years this show receives a great boost because it is held the weekend after our national presidential election. Everyone attending was buying, selling, and/or collecting the newer 2024 election buttons. But never fear -- old and historic items were also for sale.

Karen Gagliardi displayed and sold her wonderful historic games and toys. Some of them are pictured on the next page. One of the walk-in auctions had a beautiful 1835 English Tea Sugar & Creamer set. Each piece is beautifully decorated with handpainted vignettes of the State Seals.

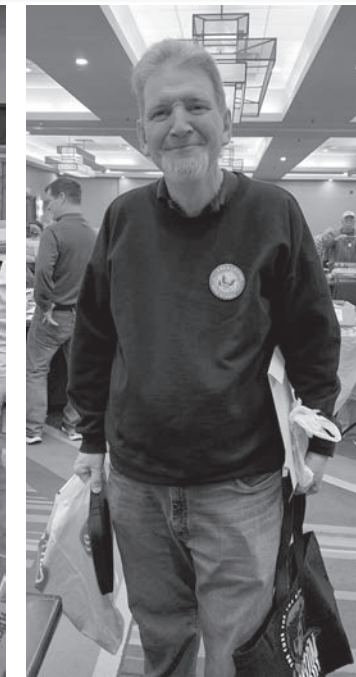
One of the chapter members who passed away left a gift in his will. Any dealer who rented tables for the 2023 show was given tables at no cost for the 2024 show. Everyone was grateful for his generosity. As usual, Stahl and Harvey Goldberg did another great job hosting this annual show commonly referred to as "The Langhorne Show."



Sean Solomon models his shirt of presidents



Tony Lee



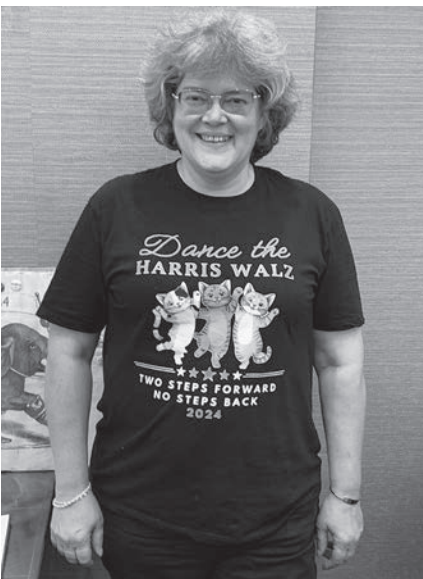
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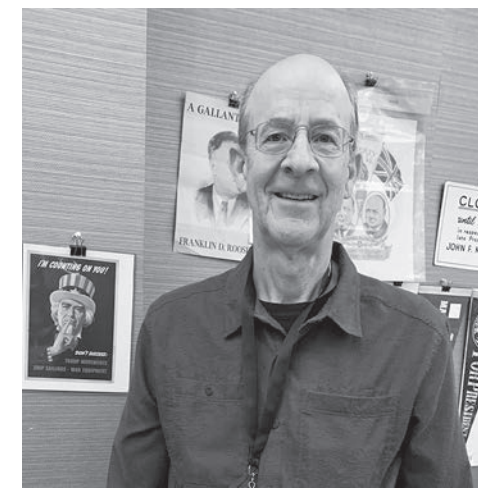
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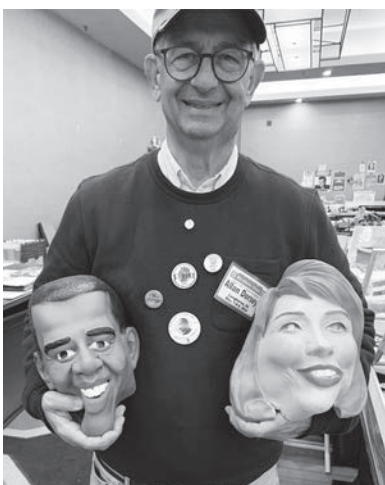
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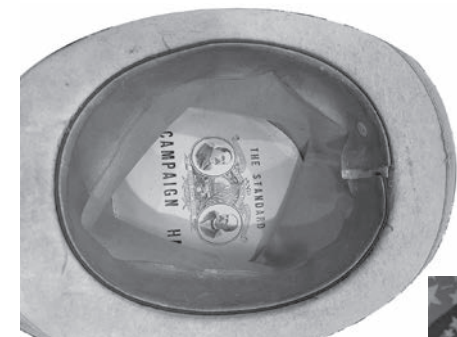
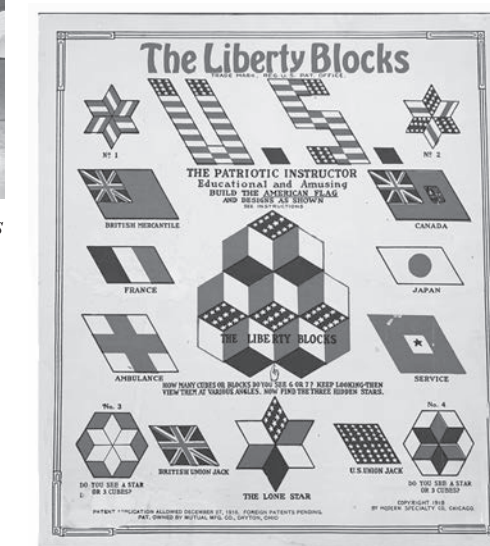
Rob Payne showing his I Like Adlai hat



Karen Gagliardi shows her games & toys
The Liberty Bloxks game (right)



donkey & elephant glazed clay critters



Cleveland & Stevenson jugate campaign hat, 1892 The Standard, Tariff Refom

Uncle Sam pull toy (right)

Whitman's Chocolate Christmas advertising sign (far right)



Jeannine & Ryan Coup carry on the tradition of the popular BOB's SILENT AUCTION at the Nov. 2024 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL SHOW in LANGHORNE, PA. Below are Ryan & the fantastic Phil Kellerman hard at work at the Silent Auction tables.



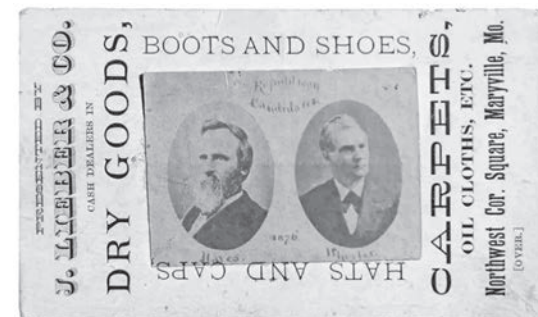
TREASURES on the WEB

By Paul Bengston

Happy New Year to my APIC friends.

This article has tended to focus just on eBay sales. In the future I will do my best to include more offerings on some of the other on-line sales and auctions. If you won something that you would like featured, please send me a link at hhhman68@gmail.com or post it on the Treasures On The Web Facebook group page.

One of the more active places to buy political items is now on Facebook. There are numerous candidate specific specialty pages (FDR, TR, McCarthy, Landon etc.) where selling and trading is permitted.



1st up is a very unusual 3 3/4" x 2 1/4" 1876 trade card from a dry goods store in Maryville MO. Glued to the card is a paper photo of Hayes and Wheeler. I had no idea how high this would go; the answer is \$389.



IL collectors tell me that this "I am for Bryan and you (picture of John Peter Altgeld, 20th Governor of IL) 16 to 1" ribbon is a very rare item. The final price of \$1,313 confirmed it.



The 1896 Populist Party candidates Bryan and Watson appear on this rare sized 1 1/4" pinback. This is almost always seen as a 7/8" size. It sold on eBay with some foxing for \$598 after a mint example had just sold in the last Anderson Americana auction for \$3,200.



A fun pair of 7/8" "Fixers and Twister's Fair Oct. 13th to 29th" pinbacks were offered. The McKinley was mint and sold for \$128 while the Bryan with a couple cracks and light foxing sold for \$58.

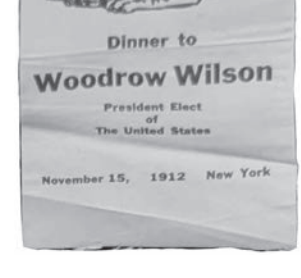


The classic 1 1/2" McKinley on his porch in Caton OH promoting American mills sold for \$301. It might be a little faded.

This wonderful TR Fairbanks inaugural badge was offered as a Buy It Now for \$1,050 but had a Best Offer option. A best offer of \$400 was accepted.



The metal version of the TR Fairbanks jugate spectacles pinback sold for \$220. Fun to pair this up with the sepia photos stick pin version.



A very unusual Woodrow Wilson ribbon from a gathering of his Princeton class of 1879 alumni was offered with a news clipping about the event. This is dated November 15, 1912, and says "President elect". It sold for a very reasonable \$129.

From his failed 1914 Senate campaign, this 7/8" FDR pin is a must have for any FDR collection. A small batch of these were found in the 1970s. These were almost unheard of before that find. This one sold for \$596.

A nice dated 1924 La Follette and Wheeler fob sold for \$92.

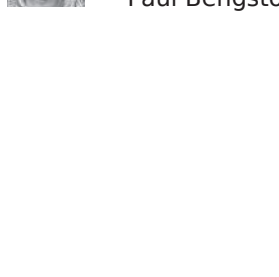
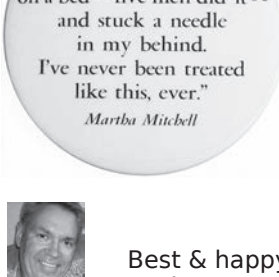
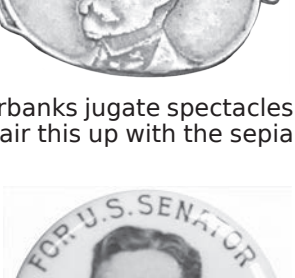
The poor man's Davis jugate



The Political Memorabilia Exchange group is nearing 5,000 members. 3 of my last 5 purchases have been from that group. Join the fun if you are not already a member of these groups. The action is on the web.



Someone got a great \$20 Buy It Now on this large Huntington WV Landon pinback with attached "Assistant Sergeant at Arms" ribbon.



featuring Augustus Owsley Stanley of KY sold for \$281. The only Davis jugate I have.

I am unsure of the size of this "Mass Meeting Franklin D. Roosevelt Fifth Regiment Armory Oct. 25, 1932" pinback. I suspect 2 1/4" based on the style of pin on the back. This one had a "Young Democrats Stamp Committee" ribbon attached. A very rare item that sold for \$327. I suspect it would have done better had it been listed better.

The "Democratic Club of Denver" 1 1/4" FDR pinback sold for \$140, about half of what it used to sell for. There is also a version with no wording (both 1 1/4" and 7/8") a "Democrat Club" 1 1/4" version.

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Some debate if this 7/8" "3rd Term Club" pinback is TR or FDR. I lean in the FDR camp. The reason for the debate is the Torch & Franz back paper which in not usually seen on items from the 1940's. It sold for \$69 with me as the underbidder (rats!).

The 3 1/2" version of this Truman is tough. There are many past auction results for over \$1000. This one had some marks on it that I suspect was just dirt. It sold for \$677.

The 1" "Garment Workers Wallace '48" sold for \$312.

The always popular 1956 JFK for VP litho sold for \$462. Often seen with dings, this one was minty. A must have JFK item.

Offered on an online auction was this 4" "Be A Citizen for Kennedy". There was about \$2000 worth of other items in the lot and the lot sold for \$3,500 + BP. A super rare JFK and a good buy.

This 4" "Victory with Kennedy in 60" ashtray or coin tray sold for \$65. A fun 3d item.

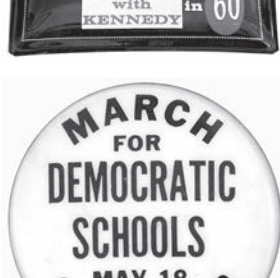
Someone got a great \$78 deal on a mint example of the 4" floating head Kennedy.

From a 1964 integration march in NY City this 1 1/4" pin sold for \$285.

This 3" "They stuck a needle in my behind" Martha Mitchell quote Watergate pin sold for \$61. This one cracks me up.

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

Best & happy New Year. Paul Bengston APIC #3514



APIC IN THE NEWS

Every Two Years: Opening Day of Congress

By E.K. Murphy, APIC#17979

I used to reserve places in line for lobbyists and others who wanted to attend hearings and other events on Capitol Hill for 25 years. We were called "line standers" a niche of folks who served a specialized service with mixed reviews.

Most of my coworkers rushed home after our clients took their spots in line, but I would make the rounds to attend whatever I could get into as one without media credentials. Lectures, press conferences, receptions and product demonstrations would fill my days.

But the most exciting were the Opening Day receptions every two years to mark the beginning of each congress. They were a rare opportunity to see the members in their happiest and most hopeful moods. Children and spouses filled the hall, dressed their best, here to watch history with their loved ones in real time. The only time children under 6 can be in The Gallery, let alone the Floor.

I could walk into any office and have something to eat or drink. I could sit in a chair and watch the ceremonies on big TVs. The festivities also spilled out into the spacious hearing rooms. They usually started at 10 AM and ended at noon when the new congress was sworn in.

The funniest memory I have is from 2011 when two Republican Congressmen missed the noon hour ceremony. Pete Sessions, the Republican campaign chief, and a new member to be, Mike Fitzpatrick, were at a reception in The Capitol Visitor Center. Time crept up on them as they saw then Speaker John Boehner swearing in the members. They raised their hands TO THE TV SCREEN, then proceeded to cast votes throughout the day. They had to be officially sworn in hours later.

I also could walk into the main offices of the members. The public is usually confined to the outer office unless you have an appointment with members themselves.

I met former Rep Jackie Speir in her office where my photo shows her speaking with a constituent.

Speir survived the Jonestown massacre in 1978 where Rep. Leo Ryan was assassinated, and she was critically injured. She survived to serve in The California State Assembly and the State Senate before being elected to congress in Ryan's district 12 in 2008.

Former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was serving Arizona's 8th district. She was a moderate democrat who supported gun control and was considering a senate run. But on January 8, 2011, she was shot near a Safeway store at a "Congress on your corner" event where constituents can meet their congress members. The shooter hit 19 people killing 6 of them, including a 9 year-old girl. NPR mistakenly reported her death, but she survived.

After months of hospitalization, she recovered enough to cast a vote to raise the Debt Ceiling in August 2011. She resigned from congress on January 22, 2012 to focus on her recovery.

Joseph Kennedy III is Robert Kennedy's grandson. He has a twin brother named Mathew. He served the 4th district of Massachusetts in 2012 and lost a Senate election in 2020. I posed with him in 2012 when he was first elected and gave him a framed essay "The Pint-Sized Activist."

"The Pint-Sized Activist"

In 1968 I was eleven years old so I have strong memories of Robert Kennedy. My brother was 15 and worked in his campaign. I could feel the excitement ringing all around me, and my hometown of Los Angeles was shining with the promise of Kennedy's electoral victory.

For my part, I would go to the Headquarters to help in any way I could—handing out leaflets, stamping letters and generally getting in the way. I was determined to ensure the election of the best-looking man since his brother John. I kept my girlish crush to myself, however, all the while stealing glances of Bobby's smiling face. I'm proud to have a nice collection of these items today.

In early June of that year school was almost over and so was life as I knew it. The awful news was all we talked about for days. The words and images have stayed with me. "... now it's on to Chicago and let's win there!" And with a sweep of his hair, he took his last few steps into history.

The filmed account as he lay on the floor—the detailed charts of where the bullet traveled . . .

In my grief days later, I once again stopped by Kennedy Headquarters. The place was mostly emptied but for a few pieces of literature scattered about. And I picked up Bobby's smiling face from the floor.

The man at the desk had a petition advocating gun control and he wanted my signature. "But aren't I too young?" "If you're old enough to get hurt by a gun, you're old enough to sign," came the reply.

And so I did. I was honored to help my fallen hero one last time.

E. K. Murphy

Photos: E.K.Murphy



Former Congresswoman Jackie Speir of California in her House Office suite with a constituent. for reception. The offices host these public parties every two years.



Former and late Senator Daniel Inouye (right) walks the Halls of The Dirksen Senate Office Building. A decorated World War II army veteran, he lost his arm while trying to throw a grenade at a German soldier.



Here I am with former Rep. Joe Kennedy III, RFK's grandson. He holds my framed essay of my memory of his grandfather. "The Pint-sized Activist."

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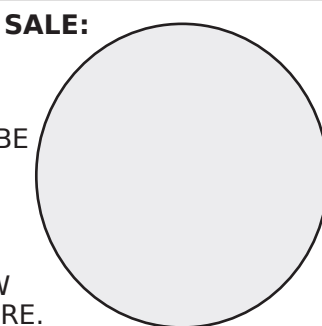


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-- Robert F. Kennedy

OATH OF OFFICE FOR CONGRESS MEMBERS

5 USC 3331: Oath of office

An individual, except the President, elected or appointed to an office of honor or profit in the civil service or uniformed services, shall take the following oath: "I, ____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God." This section does not affect other oaths required by law.

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Former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, (D) of Colorado and I relax for a pose. I am wearing an Ann Hand pin creation for President Obama's inauguration.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

THE 2026 NATIONAL

The National will be held at the DoubleTree Boston North Shore in Danvers MA running from Mon July 27, 2026 through Sat August 1, 2026. Guest room rates are \$149 + tax per night and that rate will be honored 3 days prior to event and 3 days following. The bourse will run Thurs.-Sat. Hal Ottaway and Wes Berger have agreed to steer the Auction Committee with the event planned for Thurs of the show week. We are hoping to have a wonderful private collection to offer at auction as well. We're planning on all the usual activities including room hopping, exhibits, chapter meeting and seminars along with some side trips into Boston and Salem MA. The New England Chapter is working on organizing special events during the week.

JIMMY CARTER CHAPTER

The Carter Chapter has held 35 CPIC conventions. This month marks the chapter's 40th Anniversary of honoring President Carter.

Regular membership is \$20.00 per person. Associate membership is for those who are not members of the APIC and that is \$17.00 per person. Associate members enjoy club privileges except that of voting for officers or other chapter policies.

You may also get a 2-year membership (2025-2026) at \$40.00 for the regular membership or \$34.00 for an associate membership.

Send your contact information to Michael Motes, CPIC Secretary, 701 Powell St., Williamsburg VA 23185. You may contact the chapter at P.O. Box 262, Chandler AZ 85244, phone 602-935-5258, or www.apic.us.

KPIC-KENNEDY CHAPTER

This year the Kennedy Chapter of APIC will be celebrating their 51st year of serving Kennedy collectors. Founded in 1974, KPIC has been publishing its *Hyannisporter Newsletter* on a bi-monthly basis since the beginning.

Over the years KPIC has published a number of reference books and catalogs on the campaigns of John, Robert, and Ted Kennedy, as well as articles and features about other members of what some called "America's Royal Family". Most are out of print at this time, but the group is negotiating with a printing house to reprint The JFK Book, The RFK Book, and The EMK Book. They will announce if or when the books will again be available.

Annual membership and subscription to the newsletter is \$17.00 for email; delivery in pdf format, \$32.00 for regular U.S. Mail hard copy, and \$42.00 for overseas delivery. Contact KPIC at P.O. Box 922, Clark NJ 07066 or 732-382-4652. Email heg1@verizon.net.

A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!

MARCH DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2025

THE APIC CALENDAR

ANNOUNCING A NEW SHOW!

Save the date: JANUARY 23-25, 2025 for the inaugural **LAS VEGAS WESTERN REGIONAL SHOW** at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, Arizona Room, 4000 West Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Room reservations: 888-402-6278 and use the group code **APCB25C**.

Wall tables are \$85.00 each, interior tables \$75.00 per table. Dealer setup on Saturday, January 25 from 7am-9:30am.

Political, sports, advertising, historic, thousands of pinback buttons, paper items, and 3-D. Free appraisals for the public. General admission \$5.00.

For APIC Members only: Room hopping January 23-24; Member Hors d'oeuvres Reception January 24, 4:30-7:00pm. Member Early Admission \$40.00 (Jan. 25, 8:00am) Questions? Call or email Cary Demont 763-439-0957 or caryd8@comcast.net

APIC WINTER SHOW

The New England Chapter
Saturday, January 25, 2025

The New England Chapter will meet on Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 9:00am-1:00pm. (Snow Date Feb. 8, 2025) at the Hartleb Tech. Center, Northern Essex Community College, 100 Elliott Street, Haverhill MA Admission: Adults \$3.00. Free w/this ad. Under 12 Free. For table information call Susan Roman at 603-868-2293. You can pay at the show. (reganroman@comcast.net).

SUPER BOWL WEEKEND SHOW

Sat, Feb 08, 2025, 9am - 3:00pm

Show Address: Titusville United Methodist Church, 7 Church Rd., Titusville, NJ 08560 (our old location)
Tables: \$50 each Parking: Free Admission: \$3.00
Free appraisals—Auction your items: with a 10% commission.

We're back at our old location while the firehouse is being renovated. If you want dealer tables, reserve NOW because they sell out every year!

Questions? More information?
Contact Tony Lee at 609-310-0817
tonylee08560@gmail.com

NATION'S CAPITAL CHAPTER

We have the reservation in place for the 2025 National Capital Chapter political memorabilia show and sale, scheduled for Saturday, March 22, at the Rockville Hilton, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. 20852. At the Twinbrook stop on the Metro Red Line. 866-994-9656.

Same time as always, 10 am-4 pm. Tables once again are \$65 for wall and \$60 for interior. There will be free parking for dealers and discount hotel rooms for Friday and Saturday night.

Please make checks payable to the APIC National Capital Chapter and mail to Jonathan D. Salant, 11609 Hitching Post La., Rockville, Md. 20852. Or you can pay me at the show.

Reservation Link:
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/iadmrhf-927-49d0fb71-dd9e-460b-afa6-123820f31867/>

Vernon Houston (Dixie) Chapter

The Vernon Houston (Dixie) Chapter will hold its 2024 annual show Friday/Saturday, April 4-5, 2024 at the Wyndham Garden Greensboro, 415 S. Swing Road, Greensboro, NC 27409.

Room Hopping/Hospitality on Friday night with a full day of bourse 9am-3pm Saturday. Tables are \$60.00 for wall, \$50.00 interior. Make checks payable to WINSTON BLAIR. (PO Box 1455, Clemmons, NC 27012)

Rooms are \$109/night (plus tax). Call the hotel at 336-399-7650 and select "Sales" from the menu and mention the "APIC Show".

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to what should be another great year of political collecting. I'm pleased to share two exciting updates:

The APIC Board has approved and the contract is signed for our next National Convention, which will be held on July 27 to Aug. 1, 2026, at the Doubletree Hotel in Danvers, Mass. The bourse will be held from Thursday, July 30 through Saturday, Aug. 1, with the awards banquet on Friday night, July 31.

The hotel has many terrific features: A guaranteed nightly room rate of \$149 with free parking and no resort fee.

A location just 20 miles from Boston's Logan Airport, with shuttle service available to the hotel for those who will be flying in. The hotel's ballroom and foyer can hold more than 200 dealer tables, or about the same amount as the ballroom at last year's convention in Seven Springs.

The hotel features several restaurants and the largest indoor water park in New England. Nearby attractions include two malls (within 5 miles), historic Salem (6 miles away) and the many public beaches of Cape Ann (15 miles away).

Big thanks to Susan Roman and Mike Dunham for creating the proposal and negotiating our contract with the hotel. Susan, Mike and the rest of the New England chapter are excited to be our hosts, and they'll start their planning soon, which will include seminars, displays and interesting side trips. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the planning or any other aspect of the convention, please feel free to reach out to them. Stay tuned for more details soon on how to make a reservation at our preferred rate.

APIC membership is flourishing thanks to a range of new initiatives we've launched recently. Total paid membership is approaching 1,400, our highest total membership count in several years and up from about 1,250 last summer. Hopefully, that number will continue to climb as more PME participants decide to join. We've added a promotion for APIC membership at the top of the PME page on Facebook, which has generated several new members. In addition, you can now renew your membership for more than one year, which has attracted quite a few longer-term renewals. And collectors age 25 and younger can now join at our lower student rate, thanks to the generous support of several members. I'm hopeful that 2025 will bring a continued rise in both new members and longer-term renewals.

With the new year comes a range of both inaugural and recurring APIC gatherings across the country. I'm looking forward to attending later this month the first Western Regional conference to be held in Las Vegas in many years, followed by the annual Super Bowl Saturday show in Titusville, N.J., in early February. Then comes the much-anticipated Fun in the Sun/Beat the Winter Blues South Florida show in Palm Beach Gardens later in February. Soon after, many APIC members will meet in Rockville, Md., in mid-March for the annual National Capital Chapter show.

As I've written before, one of the greatest benefits of our hobby is the ability to gather together with fellow collectors in person to buy and sell items, but also to share collecting stories, tips and laughs. Once you've attended an APIC show, you'll want to visit many more. So if you've never made it to an APIC show, perhaps your New Year's resolution should be to attend one this year. It may require some travel, but I promise that you'll have a great time. To see a list of coming shows, please see the calendar in this issue. And don't forget to check the apic.us website, where the event calendar is on the homepage and is frequently updated. Hope to see you soon at an APIC show!

Tony

INAUGURAL BRIEFS

Every Presidential Inauguration is a moment in our nation's history and each President has left their own legacy that shaped the country. Some Presidents are honored with monuments and memorials for future generations to reflect on their life and legacy, including many iconic sites in the nation's capital. After every Presidential election, the nation comes together to witness the newly-elected President and vice President take the Presidential Oath of Office in the heart of the nation's capital. This peaceful transition of power to the next leaders on Inauguration Day has grown and changed over time, but continues to bring people from across the country to be a part of history and celebrate democracy.

The 1st Inauguration of George Washington took place on April 30, 1789. All subsequent public Inaugurations from 1793 until 1933 were held on March 4, except in 1821, 1849, 1877, and 1917, when March 4 fell on a Sunday and the public Inauguration ceremony took place on Monday, March 5. Since 1937, it has taken place at noon **EST** on January 20, the 1st day of the new term, except in 1957, 1985, and 2013, when January 20 fell on a Sunday. In those years, the Presidential oath of office was administered on that day privately and then again in a public ceremony the next day, on Monday, January 21. Those Inaugurations were all coincidentally the re-Inauguration of the incumbent President to a second and final term. The most recent Presidential Inauguration was held on January 20, 2021, when Joe Biden assumed office.

Recitation of the Presidential oath of office is the only component in this ceremony mandated by the United States Constitution (in Article II, Section One, Clause 8). Though it is not a constitutional requirement, the chief justice of the United States typically administers the Presidential oath of office. Since 1789, the oath has been administered at 59 scheduled public Inaugurations, by 15 chief justices, one associate justice, and one New York state judge. Others, in addition to the chief justice, have administered the oath of office to several of the nine vice Presidents who have succeeded to the presidency upon their predecessor's death or resignation intra-term.

Over the years, various traditions have arisen that have expanded the Inauguration from a simple oath-taking ceremony to a day-long event, including parades and multiple social gatherings. The ceremony itself is carried live via the major U.S. commercial television and cable news networks; various ones also stream it live on their websites.

When a President has assumed office intra-term, the Inauguration ceremony has been conducted without pomp or fanfare. To facilitate a quick Presidential transition under extraordinary circumstances, the new President takes the oath of office in a simple ceremony and usually addresses the nation afterward. This has happened nine times in United States history: eight times after the previous President had died while in office, and once after the previous President had resigned.

While most outgoing presidents have appeared on the inaugural platform with their successor, six did not: John Adams left Washington rather than attend the 1801 Inauguration of Thomas Jefferson. John Quincy Adams also left town, unwilling to be present for the 1829 Inauguration of Andrew Jackson. Martin Van Buren was, for reasons unknown, not present for the 1841 inauguration of William Henry Harrison. Andrew Johnson conducted a final cabinet meeting rather than attend the 1869 Inauguration of Ulysses S. Grant. Woodrow Wilson, due to poor health, remained inside the Capitol Building during the 1921 inauguration of Warren G. Harding. Donald Trump held a "departure ceremony" and then left Washington, D.C. prior to the 2021 Inauguration of Joe Biden.

Note: Words "Inauguration" & "Inaugural" are capitalized to indicate U.S. Presidential Inauguration.



The First Inauguration, Thursday, April 30, 1789, on the balcony of Federal Hall in New York.

INAUGURAL FIRSTS:

- 1801 1st Inauguration of Thomas Jefferson, 1st newspaper extra of an inaugural address, printed by the *National Intelligencer*.
- 1845 inauguration of James K. Polk, 1st inauguration to be covered by telegraph, and 1st known newspaper illustration of a presidential inauguration (*London News*)
- 1857 Inauguration of James Buchanan, 1st inauguration to have been photographed.
- 1897 1st Inauguration of William McKinley, 1st Inauguration to be recorded on film.
- 1905 2nd Inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt, telephones were installed on the Capitol Grounds for an Inauguration.
- 1925 2nd inauguration of Calvin Coolidge, 1st Inauguration broadcast nationally by radio.
- 1929 Inauguration of Herbert Hoover, 1st Inauguration recorded by a talking newsreel.
- 1949 2nd Inauguration of Harry S Truman, 1st Inauguration to be televised.
- 1961 Inauguration of John F. Kennedy, 1st Inauguration to be televised in color.
- 1981 1st Inauguration of Ronald Reagan, 1st closed-captioning of television broadcast for the deaf and hard of hearing.
- 1997 2nd inauguration of Bill Clinton, 1st time that the ceremony was broadcast live on the Internet.

Inauguration procedure is governed by tradition rather than the Constitution, the only constitutionally required procedure being the presidential oath of office (which may be taken anywhere, with anyone in attendance who can legally witness an oath, and at any time prior to the actual beginning of the new President's term). Traditionally, the President-Elect arrives at the White House and then proceeds to the Capitol Building with the out-going President. Around or after 12 noon, the President takes the oath of office, usually administered by the Chief Justice of the United States, and then delivers the inaugural address.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shows & events of interest to political items collectors.
It is recommended you confirm dates & times of each event before traveling.

ANNOUNCING NEW SHOW - SAVE THE DATE
JAN 23-25, 2025 INAUGURAL LAS VEGAS WESTERN REGIONAL SHOW at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, Arizona Room, 4000 West Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89103. Room reservations: 888-402-6278 and use group code APCB25C. Group rates good thru 12/23/2024. Reserve your tables today! Wall: \$85/table. Non-wall: \$75/table. Dealer set-up Sat. Jan 25 from 7am-9:30am. Political, Sports, Advertising, Historic, Thousands of pin back buttons, paper items, 3-D. Free appraisals for the public. Public admission: \$5. For APIC Members Only: Room Hoppin' Jan 23-24; Member Hors d'Oeuvres Reception Jan 24, 4:30-7pm; Member Early Bird Admission \$40 Jan 25, 8am. Got Questions? Call or email Cary Demont. 763-439-0957 or caryd8@comcast.net. (See our ad on pg3)

FEB 8, 2025 - SUPER BOWL WEEKEND SHOW
 Sat from 9am - 3:00pm, at Titusville United Methodist Church, 7 Church Rd., Titusville, NJ 08560 (our old location) Cost of Tables: \$50 each. Parking: Free. Admission: \$3.00. Free appraisals. Auction your items with a 10% commission. We're back at our old location while the firehouse is being renovated. If you want dealer tables, reserve them NOW because they sell out every year! Questions? More information? Contact Tony Lee at 609-310-0817, tonylee08560@gmail.com (See our ad on pg9)

FEB 22, 2025 SOUTH FLORIDA POLITICAL & HISTORICAL COLLECTIBLES SHOW Sat., Feb 22 at NEW LOCATION: Palm Beach Gardens Moose Lodge, 3600 RCA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410. Show hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dealer 6' tables \$60/ea.

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into which the Electors had deposited their ballots in each round of the voting - a gift that one newspaper described as "a beautiful creation of art." For incoming Vice President Theodore Roosevelt, the gift was the gavel that had been used at the meeting.

I had obtained this souvenir ballot earlier this year, and shortly thereafter, I by happenstance obtained the other item shown here, which is a news photo taken in 1929. This too concerns a gift that the California Electors had, at their recent meeting, decided to present to Presidential candidate for whom they had just voted, President-Elect Herbert Hoover. The gift, which is shown in the photo, was described in one newspaper as "a sculptured California golden grizzly bear surmounting a pedestal of California onyx and ebony." The grizzly itself had been "worked from a solid block of California redwood."

The bear sculpture had been on display during the Electors' meeting, and what makes this gift especially interesting here is that it was built with a small drawer in the base, in which were deposited all the ballots that the Electors had cast for Hoover and his running mate, Charles Curtis. Thus, we now know why the 1929 California Hoover-Curtis Electors' ballots have never entered the collectors' market: they're probably in the Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch, Iowa.

It's not clear to me whether the ballot box that the California Electors had gifted to President McKinley in 1901 included the ballots they had cast, or whether - and if so, when - any other of their successors had done the same thing with their ballots. To the extent any of them did, that would provide at least a partial explanation for the absence of California Electoral College ballots from the hobby. It seems the California state archives should be able to provide answers to at least some of these questions.

Finally, a few words about the other paper items shown on page 23 - a pass and a program for the 2004 meeting of the Indiana Electors, and a program for the 2020 meeting of the California Electors. The prominence of President Bush's image on the Indiana items, as well as several items on the agenda suggest that this meeting too included aspects in the nature of partisan celebration.

The Passes for the Joint Congressional Sessions to Count the Electoral Vote. This is the final step in the Electoral College process, and the one related collectible that immediately comes to mind is the special passes issued for those sessions for admission to the House Gallery or the House Floor. Pictured here, in chronological order, are four passes that range from 1901 to 2017.

The second one pictured, from January 6, 1941, is a favorite of (Continued on page 23. . .)

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Rowena Tucker of Los Angeles at White House with the box containing the 13 original electoral votes cast by California for Hoover. The box is topped by a grizzly bear figure made from gold. It was presented by the California delegation as a gift when they came to Washington for the inauguration. Mar1929 news photo

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California Electoral College
 for
 President & Vice President of the United States

Monday, December 14, 2020 • 2:00 p.m.
 Assembly Chamber, State Capitol, Sacramento, California

Program

- Call to Order
Hon. Kevin Mullin, Assembly District 22, Presiding
- Pledge of Allegiance
Tayle Williams
- Roll Call of Electors
- Oath of office Administered to Electors
- Election of College Chairperson
- College Chairperson Fills Vacancies
Hon. Shirley Weber, Presiding
- Election of College Secretary
Franklin Lima
- Appointment of Tellers
- Ballots are Cast for President of the United States
- Ballots are Cast for Vice President of the United States
- Signing of Official Documents
- Adjournment

2020 CA Electors meeting program card (above)
 1877 House pass for Counting the Vote (below)

Counting the Vote for President and Vice-President

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TO GALLERY OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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February 12, 1877. *T. H. Starn*

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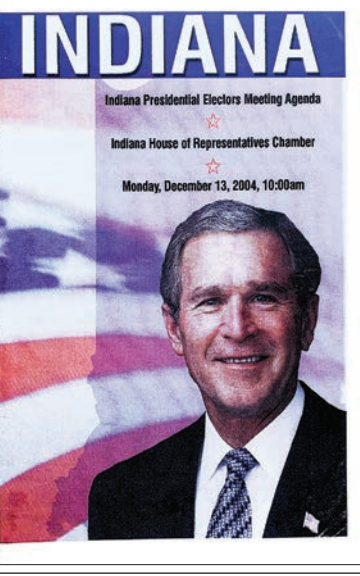
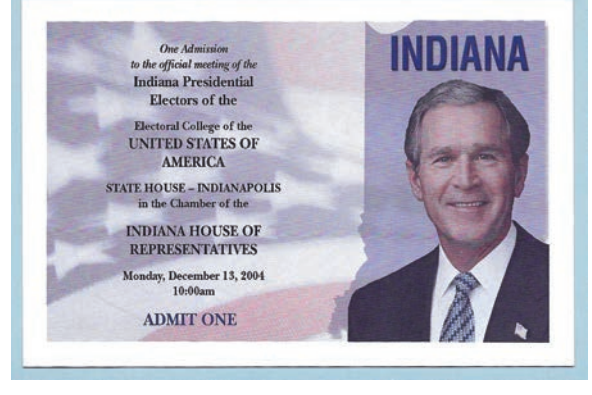
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mine, as it's a "two-fer" - that is, it provided admission to both the vote-count Session, and shortly after that was completed, a vitally important address of recently re-elected President Roosevelt on American policy regarding the war in Europe. A pass for the Joint Session that took place on January 6, 2021 would be a historical collectible, but it's my understanding that because of the Covid restrictions that were then in effect, no such passes were issued for that session.

I'm not certain which was the first such Joint Session for which special passes were issued, but there were passes for such sessions taking place in the month of February 1877 - indeed, there was a multitude of them. Our colleague Matt Dole has extensively studied the Hayes-Tilden contested election, as well as the related gallery passes. If I'm understanding his conclusions correctly, Congress met 11 times during February, but because of uncertainty at the outset on how often and when, exactly, Congress would meet that month, gallery passes were printed for 24 dates. The one pass I have, dated February 12, 1877, is pictured on page 22.

There's no question that Presidential Elector and Electoral College memorabilia is a challenging field to collect, and I expect that not many collectors would be interested in trying to build an extensive collection of such items. However, it seems to me that collectors who already specialize in certain fields - such as a particular Presidential candidate or election, or the memorabilia issued in a particular state - might find the related Elector/Electoral College memorabilia to be interesting additions to their collection.

As always, I'd be glad to hear any comments or questions on this article. My contact information is in the online APIC Directory that's available through the APIC web site, and I'm active on the APIC Facebook page and can be contacted there as well. It's also possible to reach me through the Bandwagon office.



House of Representatives

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05

115th Congress

Joint Session To Count The Electoral Vote

January 6, 2017

1:00 P.M.

60th INAUGURATION on MLK DAY

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5. HONORARY DEPARTURE
 Following the Swearing-In Ceremonies on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol, the outgoing President and First Lady leave the Capitol to begin their post-presidential lives.

6. SIGNING CEREMONY
 The first official actions taken by the newly sworn President of the United States occur in the President's Room just off the Senate Chamber in the U.S. Capitol.

7. INAUGURAL LUNCHEON
 Since 1953, the JCCIC has hosted a luncheon at the U.S. Capitol for the new President, Vice President, and guests.

8. PASS IN REVIEW
 After the conclusion of the Inaugural Ceremonies and the luncheon, the President and Vice President will make their way to the East Front steps of the Capitol where they will review military troops before leading a procession of ceremonial military regiments, citizens' groups, marching bands, and floats down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House.

Presidential inaugural ceremonies are perhaps the most widely known of the numerous ceremonies held at the U.S. Capitol. Although Inaugural traditions have changed through the years, their fundamental premise remains unchanged and unwavering. The American Inaugural Ceremonies, with its speeches and attendant festivities, has represented both national renewal and continuity of leadership for the past two hundred years and will continue to do so into the future.

Four passes to Joint Session for Counting Electoral Votes 1901-2017

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COUNTING OF THE ELECTORAL VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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107th Congress

Joint Session to Count The Electoral Vote

Wilson Livingston

Sergeant at Arms

January 6, 2001 1 P.M.

Count of Electoral Vote, Joint Session, Hall of House of Representatives.

Admit One to House Galleries,

Wednesday, February 13, 1901,

In accordance with provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 87.

W. H. King *W. H. King*

President pro tem. of the Senate. Speaker of the House.

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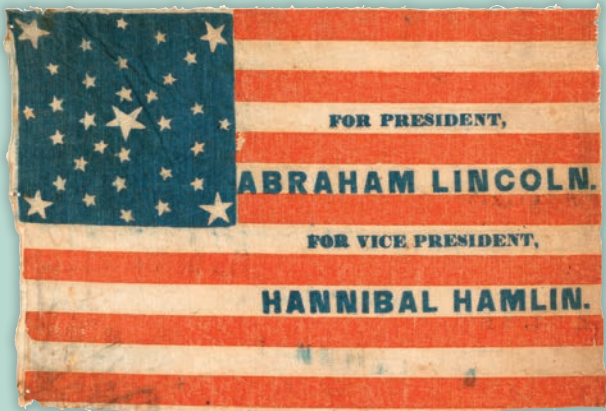
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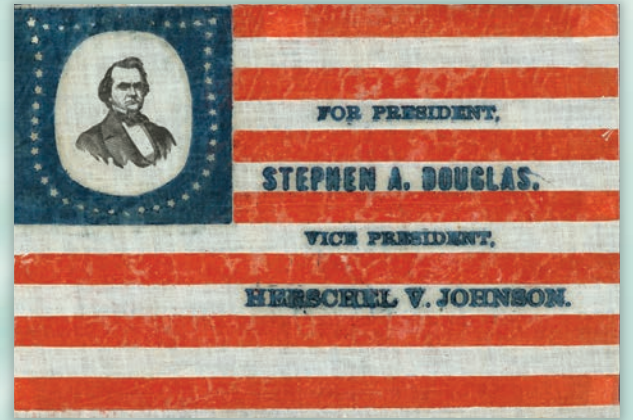
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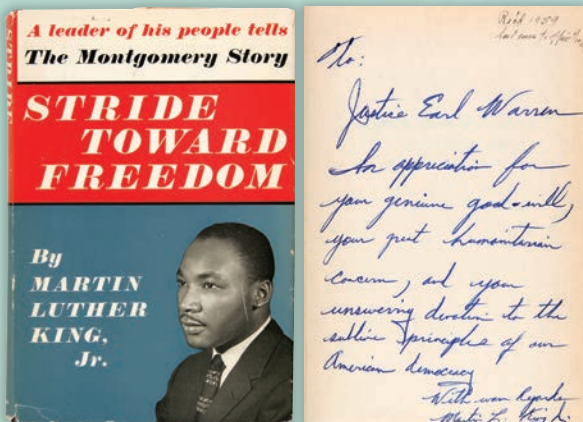
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