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THE ANTIQUE DETECTIVE

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Old Presidential China And Repros Popular

Presidential elections always rev up interest in political antiques and collectibles. This year is no exception, attracting a new generation of collectors. Always a winner are examples of Presidential china. Proof was the recent Skinner Auction that included a single plate from the dessert service of U.S. President James K. Polk. It sold over its estimated value of \$300-500 for a whopping \$3,250. It was part of a 400-piece service and made in France by Eduoard Honor'e in 1846.

Historically some of the china was made to order, while other

patterns were gifts to the various Presidents and their wives. The designs reflected not only Eagles and the Seal of the Republic, but the state flowers of the United States. Over the years, various First Ladies have believed new china was needed for official functions, and have selected patterns pleasing to them. They followed the design fashions and colors of the time.

One of the earliest sets was a gift to Martha Washington, in 1795 from Andreas Everardue Van Braam Houckgeest, the representative of the Dutch East India Company, of Chinese Ex-

port Porcelain. It consisted of 45 pieces. The border is a circular chain, each with the names of the 15 states in the Union at the time. There is also a snake that is a Chinese symbol of lasting forever. The gold sunburst has the intertwined letters, M.W.

Mary Todd Lincoln found only a fraction of tableware available to host large State dinners. She had been left with the remains of china from the administration of President Pierce known as the "Red Edge" set. She soon replaced them with plates showing the American eagle, pictured in the 1853 London, Crystal Palace Exhibition. She added her own touch by replacing the blue border with a bright, purple-red, then in fashion...and her personal favorite color. It numbered 190 pieces. After President Lincoln was re-elected, she bought another set of china. Two months later, the President was assassinated and the set wasn't used.

If Sevres porcelain was the china of French kings, then Haviland and company, Limoges, France, can be called the china of American Presidents. Documents have shown that the Lincoln plates were made by Haviland, as were the many sets for succeeding Presidents.

Clues: Over the years, Presidential china has been reproduced. "The Martha Washington" or "States" china was made and sold to the public to tie-in with the 1876 U.S. Centennial and celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Haviland and Company was commissioned to reproduce it.

In 1969, Haviland and Company began reproducing a series of plates in the original Presidential designs, beginning with the Martha Washington china. The series included the Lincoln and Grant plates, Presidents Andrew Johnson, Franklin Pierce, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur and Rutherford B. Hayes.

The most popular was the Lincoln plates. The edition of the first two issues was 2,500 each

in addition. They are sometimes stamped "Administration Abraham Lincoln," in red. Others have the mark of J.W. Boteler & Bros. and "Fabrique" par Haviland & Co./Pour J.W. Boteler & Bro/ Washington.

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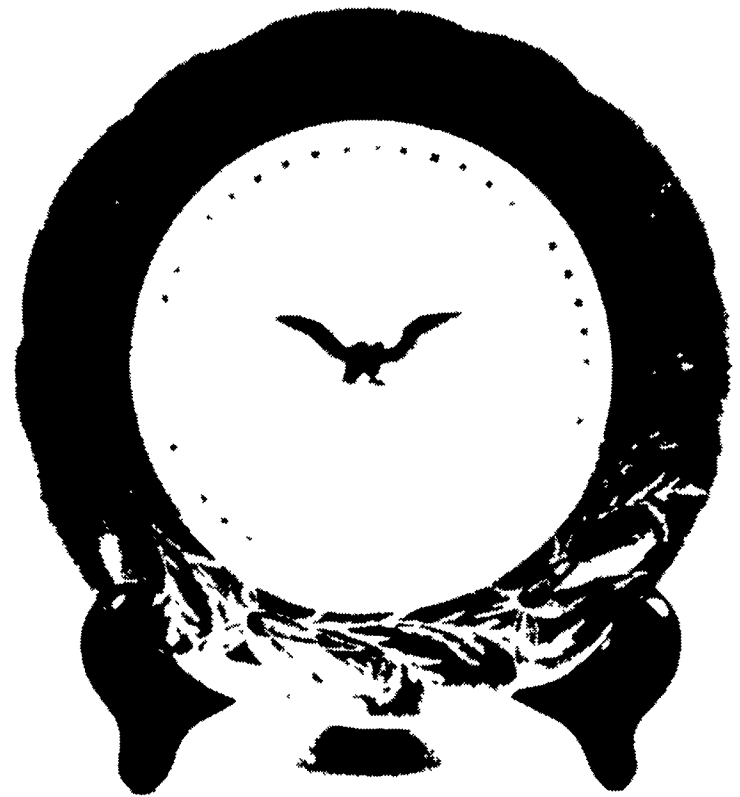
SAT FEB 3 - 9 AM Antiques, Collectibles HH Goods, Furniture, tools Al Starr Fireman's Building, Willow St, Lanc Co Pa Miller & Siegnst Auct AU1723L

SAT FEB 24 - 9AM For Lloyd & Anna Stauffer to be held at the Highville Fire Hall River Rd

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One of six Limoges dinner plates, official Presidential china, Harrison pattern, reproduced for the public, c.1900. Photo by Private collector.

The original china had no makers' mark.

Another popular White House china reproduction was the President Grant series. The original design known as the "Flower Set" depicted almost every native American flower documented at the time along with the gold crest of the United States, and made in 1870. The reproduction has a center design of a rose with 21 different color changes. The scal-

loped border has a tan band with the Seal inset.

When pieces of Presidential china make a rare auction appearance, prices are high...even for an early reproduction. In 1992, a set of President William Henry Harrison, reproduced in 1900, came to auction. The Limoges service, consisting of 36 pieces sold at Goldberg Auction Galleries for \$8,140. These days, the price could be almost double.

PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2001 8:30 A.M.

The following Personal Property of the Hanover Lodge #227, Loyal Order of Moose Inc., 34 Broadway, Hanover, PA (York Co.) at center square will be offered on site.

RESTAURANT EQUIP. - 2 LG. SAFES ANTIQUES - COLLECTIBLES

SAFES & OFFICE RELATED: Silver Reed Electric Typewriter, Lg. Work Desk, Old Handcrank Coin Separator/Counter, Old Mail Scale, 2 Drawer Work Table 37"W x 61"L x 30"H, V.N. 2 Drawer Walnut Conference Table 36"W x 95"L x 31"H, V.N. Rolling York Floor Safe w/Orig. Paint Dec. 54"H x 30"D x 36"W, York Rolling Safe 46"H x 30"W x 24"D, Wood Office Chair, Work Table, 486 Computer w/Monitor, Old Divided Box w/Letters, Old Stamp Set, 2-28" x 28" Softwood Table, Kneehole Desk, Mita DC1205 Copy Machine - 44,860 Copies, **2 NOV-ELTY COIN OPERATED SCALES & ANTIQUES:** Watling Novelty Coin Mechanism Weight Scales-all original-working condition, The Lowboy Personal Weight Scale Blue Color Coin Operated in Orig. Condition, Several 40's Deco Lounge Chairs/Love Seats, 1-60" & 1-65" Poker Tables, Nice Oak Desk 30"W x 48"L x 31 1/2"H, Old Battery Operated 18" Ringing Bell Santa, Ca. 1930 Shure Brothers Microphone, 2 Other Old Mics, Budweiser Clock (newer), V.N. 5' Old Bortner Hanover, PA Soft Drink Cooler w/Green & Orange Paint, V.N. Old Brodbeck Chevrolet-Glen Rock, PA Wall Clock, Assorted Beer Signs, 10-Slat Back Open Arm Chairs, Wood Open Arm Chairs, Old Wood Clothes Tree, Oak Empire Style Library Table, Old Beckers Watch Repair Wall Clock, 2-Childs Tom Thumb Booster Chairs, 31 Oak Round Back Captains Chairs, **RESTAURANT EQUIP.** 25 Sq. Restaurant Tables, Stainless Alum. Stackable Commercial Chairs, Assortment of Iron Base Banquet Pedestal Tables, 3-Double Back Seats & 2 Singles 43"W, 2 Black Laquer Top Tables 30" x 30", Wall Clock, Half Round Rolling Dry Bar, 3 Folding 8' Tables, 3 Old #10 Griswald Fry Pans, Nice Old Butcher Block Stand 18" x 18" x 31"H, 24" Old Crome Creamer 4 Shelf Banquet Style Rolling Meal Serving Cart, Assorted Glassware/Lot of Ice Cream Dishes, Rolling Bus Cart, 8' Beverage Aire Under Counter Can Drink Cooler 27"W, Approx. 100-40's Tube Steel Chairs w/Green Vinyl Seats & Backs in Good Cond., Nice Assortment of Commercial Cooking Kettles 5 thru 40 Gal., 2 Blue Granite Pitchers, Roasting Pan, W-Enamel Coffee Pot, 36" Alum. Serving Trays, 2 Boilers, Pipe Coat Racks, Old Bingo Machine, Old Knight Amplifier, Hand Meat Grinders, Hundreds of Ironstone Dishes/Platters/Cups/Gravy Boats, Etc., NCR and Sharp Cash Registers, Sign Board, Old National Brown Cash Register/Other, Old Crome Drink Pourers, Old French Fry Cutter Becky Porter #15, **LOUNGE RELATED & MISC.** 15 - 40's Crome & Leather Cordovan Color Lounge Chairs, 2 Red Leather Lounge Chairs w/Crome Arms, Commercial Floor Polisher, 2 Upright G.E. Adj. Commercial Floor Fans, Old Westinghouse Fan, 40's Electro Voice Mic on Stand, 12-40's Pedestal Crome Bar Stools, Platform Scales, 2 Old Wainscoat Cabinets, 37 Blue Band Uniforms, 500W Light Bulbs, 7 Red 40's Bar Stool Tops, 8-Pine Tables 28"W x 4'L x 30"H, 12' & 14' Step Ladders, Etc.

PREVIEW: Friday Night, January 5, (5 to 7P.M.) - Please use rear entrance.

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