


THE ANTIQUE DETECTIVE

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**Lithophanes Coming
To Light At Auction**

There has always been something magical about lithophanes. For one thing you may have one and not even know it. Unfortunately many people have discarded lithophanes simply because they never held them up to the light. Mostly forgotten, until recently, when a few examples came to auction, collectors are now showing interest. At the James Julia spring lamp and glass auction a variety showed up and did well. Among them a lamp with a five panel lithophane shade that fetched \$977.50; a lithophane panel in a holder that sold for \$146.00.

Most collectors were initially introduced to lithophanes when they held a Japanese porcelain cup or saucer, to the light, often accidentally. Presto! Like magic an image of a Geisha girl or an erotic figure appeared. These 20th century examples are a far cry from the quality and diversity of subjects made in the 19th century. The same could be said for the German regimental steins, popular with collectors. Held to the light, the image of a soldier and other military subjects appeared.

So what is a lithophane and how does it magically show up against the light? To make a lithophane, first a wax positive of a subject was carved.

Next a plaster of Paris mold is made of the wax positive and porcelain paste poured into the mold. The lithophane is fired first at a high temperature. If color is to be used, it is fired again August 17, 2003 WITH ONE PHOTO

at a lower temperature. If the carver sharpens the details several times up to thirty molds can be made from a single wax.


The first lithophanes were made in Paris from a process invented by the Baron de Bourgoing in 1827. It was thereafter licensed to potters in England and Germany. None were known to have been made in America.

They were so popular that they were made in about twenty five factories in the 19th century. Not only England and Germany but France, Denmark, Portugal, Belgium and Czechoslovakia made them. By the 1860s they were at the height of their popularity.

Though they were not made in America, popular American subjects were used.

Portraits of famous Americans and American themes, such as Niagara Falls and the Capitol were exported to America. European subjects depicted generals and royalty as well as copies of famous

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Antiques, Furniture, China,
Glassware, Quilts, Gold Pc. Coins,
Guns, Tools, Farm Items, Tractor,
Snow Blower

Sat., Sept. 13, 2003 • 8:30 AM

Coins: 9 a.m. • Tractor, Snow Blower: 11 a.m.

Gun: 12 Noon

862 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA
Approx 1 1/2 miles South of Quarryville on Rt 472 Sale on night

Rd. oak ext. table w/claw & ball ft., 10-pc. mahog. dining room suite, softwood hutch, oak 4-section bookcase, walnut marble top chest of drawers, roll-top double bed, oval marble top table, dovetailed blanket chest, chest of drawers w/wooden pulls, oak chest of drawers w/beveled mirror, oak washstand, single beds, cherry drop leaf table w/turned ft., Credenza, gate leg drop leaf table, oak drop leaf table w/turned ft., oak drysink, school desk & benches, 2-pc. uph. parlor set w/claw ft., RCA Victrola, 6 Windsor style chairs, ext table, walnut Empire framed mirror, approx. 20 handpainted plank bottom chairs, Boston & Granny rockers, oak parlor table, love seat, oak cane seat rocker - highchair, oak swivel chair, oak clothes tree, ladder back w/rush seat, 2 handpainted child's rockers, child's cane rocker - nursery chair, piano stool w/claw & ball ft., uph sofa & chair, wall tables, dough tray, wall shelf w/plate rail, 4-drawer file cabinet, wardrobes, softwood painted washstand, Singer & Kenmore sewing machines w/cabinets, Lane cedar chest, beveled wall mirror, corner shelves, quilt rack, 2 chest freezers, upright freezer, Frigidaire & Maytag refrig., Whirlpool HD washer - dryer, Sharp microwave, air conditioners, elec range, dishwasher, sm appliances, sweeper, select of pictures & frames, shadow box frame, lamps, kero oil lamps, vanity lamps w/prisms, Coleman & other lanterns, G E - Ingraham - Seth Thomas mantel clocks, Elgin wall clock, porcelain carriage clock, 1865 Godey's ladies book, 1874 Godey's fashion print, Les Modes 1869 Peterson print, 1899-1908 Chatterbox & other books, quilts, coverlet, wool & other comforters, braided chair covers, linens, Cabbage Patch & My Buddy dolls, clown toy, Elgin pocketwatches & other watches, 14K gold bracelet, Hager adv fans, Brownie camera, framed Bicent print, machete, games, chalkboard, Hamilton Mint 38-pc. Atlas of Presidents Washington to Carter, Washington DC Bicent., 1912 \$2 1/2 gold pc., Morgan - Peace - like dollars, seated - Barbara - Mercury dimes, nickels, wheat pennies, proof - mint - coin sets, Red Rose coin club medals, coin books, Lifetime china set, approx. 25 bone china cups & saucers, select. of dishes: Prussia - Noritake - Austria - Bavaria - German - Japan - England - Nippon, Ironstone plates & other pcs (some Dec), German & Bavaria veg dishes, soft paste cup, Wedgwood plates, copper luster pitchers, 3-pc. Roseville set - vase & candleholders, select. of Green - Blue - Opalescent vases & dishes (some 3-Ft. - fluted edge), select. of pink & green Dep. glass, blown creamer, pressed & pattern glass, fruit bowls, crystal & cut glass, Vaseline includ glasses - basket, stemware goblets & sherberts, Fostoria American & Colony Pat., Cobalt blue vase w/enamel, colored art glass - swan - birds - deer vases, etc. Royal Doulton creamer, teapots, Chicken-on-Nest, glass horse & cart, wooden animal carvings, Rogers silver-plated pcs., Fenton glass basket, old perfume bottles & dresser set, early kitchen utensils, savory roasters, agate blanchers & canners - kettles, zinc lids, cracker jars, C.I. skillet, corn dryer, Redware & other crocks, market & kitchen scales, seasonal molds, 12 pl setting Holmes & Edwards silverware w/extra pcs & Case, wooden ironing board, Bushel crates, hay knife, girl's bike, hand & garden tools, elec drills, saws, sm farm items, 2 24' alum ext ladders 40' alum ext ladder, C.I. kettle w/tin lid, Browning 12 ga. semi-auto. shotgun, Winchester 22 mag. model 255 lever act. rifle, Remington elec. chain saw, Echo portable generator - elec. start - 7000 watts, Brunco elec. wood/coal furnace forced hot air, Kodiak fireplace insert - wood burning, 3-pt. log splitter, 2 gal. high pressure washer #2000, David Bradley garden tractor, J.D. snow blower #524 w/chains, 1964 Oliver diesel tractor #550 wide front w/Sauder loader, 3 pt. 6' scraper blade, J.D. 3-pt. 1-bottom plow.

Partial listing • Selling w/2 auctioneers • No out-of-state checks • Sale held in tent
Food available

Sale for: Robert K. Hess

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AUCTION

FRI., SEPT. 12 & SAT., SEPT. 13, 2003

9:00 A.M. BOTH DAYS

Rev. Malvin Warntz, owner, 191 Coburn Road, Coburn, PA, Centre County SR 2011 at traffic light in Millheim on Route 45 between State College and Lewisburg.

FRAKTURS

PA watercolor Fraktur by Daniel Otto dated 1813, with central heart enclosing script, surrounded by 10 tulips in red, yellow and black; Haines Twp. Centre Co.; Pa watercolor fraktur, dated 1783 Northumberland Co., with checkerboard flower pots, tulips, flowers and 8 point stars, in red, green, yellow and blue; 8 Printed birth certificates dated 1813 to 1871; Marriage certificate 1918; Religious certificates; Death certificates; Old prints; 1840 & 1848 The Bricher German newspapers printed on Aaronsburg, Pa.

FURNITURE

1 Piece corner cupboard with 2 drawers and 8 panes on top doors; Set of 6 plank seat Bollinger chairs, 4 spindle with original decoration; Blanket chest with front panel, turned feet and original green and mustard paint; Plank seat rocker with original decoration; Set of 4 Victorian cane seated chairs; Tilt top candle stand; 2 Victorian upholstered side chairs; Drop leaf table; Child's plank seat rocker with original paint and decoration; Large woodbox with turned feet and original red and black paint; Square top trunk; 5 Piece Waterfall bedroom suite; Night stand with 1 drawer and turned legs; Oak wardrobe; 2 Cane seat rockers; Candle stand; Bow front Sheraton chest of drawers; Sessions mantle clock; Platform rocker; 2 Doughtrays; 3 Washstands; Walnut cradle with dove tail; Wooden slide top candle box; Empire chest of drawers; Cedar wardrobe; Pressed back rocker; Ladder back chair and rocker; Large Chestnut desk; Reed rocker; Deacons bench; File cabinet; Bookcase; Lawnchairs; Chestnut blanket chest made by Clayton Vonada; Cedar chest; Elec. sewing machine; Coffee and end tables with inlay; Baldwin elec. organ; Victorian settee and chair; Empire chest of drawers; Marble top stand; Organ stool; Victorial hall mirror; 27" Television; Oak square top stand; Lift chair; Set of 4 plank seat chairs with 5 spindles; Stands; G.E. refrigerator; Elec. stove with oven and microwave overheads; Pine low dry sink; Oak bow front china closet; Walnut gate leg table; 2 Piece pine corner dry sink; Server; China closet; Small dresser; Piano stool with ball and claw feet; 3 Utility cupboards; Lap board; Lawn chairs; Oak pedestal table with boards; Washer; Dryer; Freezer; Pace saver - Titan outdoor handicap cart, battery operated; Old red flour chest; Carpenters chest; Small table; Day bed; 2 Benches; Clarks miniature sewing chest; Old cherry box; Wooden pitch fork; Folding wheel chair.

GUNS AND FISHING RODS

H & R 22 pistol, 7 shot rim fire; Rem. 760 Gamemaster 308 with scope; J. Stevens 16 ga. double barrel; Wards Western Field #15A-410 bolt action shot gun; Wards Western Field Model 93M-495A bolt action 22; Bows & arrows; Tooled leather gun case; Gun cabinet, holds 7; 2 Piece bamboo fly rod; Whirl away rod and reel; Auto. fishing reels; Fishing equipment.

TOYS

Reed doll buggy; Wooden geese riding toy; Child's roll top desk; 2 Doll cradles; Schoenhut toy piano; Marx elec. train set in original box; Chug Chug wooden railroad set; All state, key wind 9512 tin train; Lionel freight carrier; Steiff teddy bear; Bye Lo Baby; Mini 4" China doll with movable arms and legs; German Amanda Marseille porcelain head doll 370 AM 2-06 DEP, kid body, glass eyes and teeth; 2' Composition doll; 18" Century doll; Ideal doll; Child's C.I. meat chopper; Iron; Dishes; Rolling pin; Flatware; Mini C.I. Stove; Wooden pull toy; Top; Tin toys; ABC Blocks; Toy telephone; Toy luggage with Little Red Riding Hood; Globe bank; Watering can; Tin sand bucket; Telephone; Ring toss; Toy Whirly Tinker; Composition rabbit and Chicken; Early 1900 Children's books; "Private Berger"; Snow crest bear bank; Wooden rocker; Dominos; Board games; Carom board; Coca Cola whistle; Paper dolls; Snow shovel; Kiddie Cart wooden wagon; Croquet set; Wooden top; Triumph bicycle, etc.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

Betty lamp; Fat light on stand; Wooden coffee grinder; Rye and oak splint baskets; B & H bracket light; 16 Kerosene lamps; Barn lantern; Coverlet; 12 Quilts; Briar stitched haps; 4 Pieces of Roseville pottery; Hulls pottery; Victorian light with beaded shade; Tramp art comb cases; 3 Tin candle holders; O. G. mantle clock; 1 gal. white, Noah Eby jug; Crocks and jugs; Moxie bottle; Quart and pint Harsbarger milk bottles with baby faces; Quart Hoffmans milk bottle; Ironstone pitchers; La Belle china 6 piece bowl and pitcher set; Celluloid dresser set; Soft paste dishes; Pressed and pattern glass; Green depression, Moon and Star, Coin spot, Milk glass; Ironstone, carnival and Fostoria glassware; Blown bottle; Berry set; Tureens; Cruets; Spongeware bowl and platter; Sherberts and goblets; German chocolate set; Fan and feather pattern glass; Salt and peppers; Green opalescent; Shirley Temple bowl and creamer; Souvenir glass; Noritake china service for 8; Tree in the Meadow pattern; Decorated ironstone Zamara pattern; Tea pot, platter, plate cup and saucer; Franciscan ware service for 8; Granger's Picnic toothpick holder and saucer; Serving and miniature I.S. tureens; Set of 12 salt dips and others; F.B. Rogers Silver Co. silver coffee and tea service set; Fostoria candle wick service for 12; Bennington, Granny Ann and man more tea pots; Milk glass snack sets; Lazy Susan; M.G. punch bowl; tin cookie cutters; Little Orphan Annie Cup Granite ware; Doughtray scraper; Tin I.C. scoop; 3 Gillcrest I.C. dippers; Ice picks; Griswold fry pans #3, 5, 8 & 12; C.I. fry pans 5 & 8, griddle, corn mold and square fry pan; Vegetable slicer; Meat saws; Pressure cooker; Hammered aluminum dishes; Carnwood Ivory china, service for 8 Iris pattern; Skaters lantern; Spoon holders; Sugars and creamers; Cake stand; Compotes; Water pitchers; Meat platters; Handless cups; Toothpick holders; Glass balls; Rayo light; Food dryer; Child's bone handle knife and fork; Redware crocks; Coca Cola and Orange Juleps trays; 1847 Roger Bros. silver service for 6; 1881 Rogers service for 12; Match safes; WWII Army uniform; Army blankets; Army book and newspapers; Ration books; Shoe certificates; Tobacco rations, WWII Esso map; Flag with 48 stars; WWII scrapbooks; 1944 Official military ballet; 1918 WWI enlistment character; 1933 World Series mini bat; Wooden tie box; Hat box; 1938 E.P.V. band hat and skirt; Vintage clothes, baby, childrens and adult; 2 Fancy parasols; 1941 Bridal dress and accessories; Costume jewelry; Welby anniversary clock; Mink stole and collar; Crochet tablecloths; Hooked rug with dogs; Rag rugs; Chenille spreads; Afghans; Butter bowl and paddle; Butter print with sheaf of wheat butter print; Deep dish frames; Figurines; Occupied Japan figures; Dresser bottles; Floor lights; Rolling pins; 6 x 30 Binoculars; Polaroid camera; Kodak Jiffy camera; Cannon QL 17 camera; Lewistown bank bags; Kay Kraft guitar with case; Concertmate 950 keyboard with stand; Silvertone auto harp; Ladies and mens golf clubs; Sewing boxes; Music boxes; Picnic basket; Crockery bowls and pitchers; Grain and adv. bags; Butcher knives; Bissel sweeper; Samsonite luggage; Books "Andrew Jackson"; 1880 "Life of James Garfield"; 1912 "Titanic"; 1872 Grand Union Tea Co. Cookbook; 2 German Bibles; Old German book with latches; 1814 Bible; Henry W. Shoemaker "Extinct PA Animals"; 1897 PA "Report of the State Commissioners of Fisheries"; 1889 "Needlecraft"; Old photo albums; Postage stamps; Old Millheim journals, P.V. Post and other local newspapers; Scrapbooks with local events; 2 Post card albums; Wooden measure; 2 C.I. frogs; Pr. of dresser lights; 2 Stove pipe covers; Hanging light; 1887 Pen and ink Lord's Prayer; Printed & framed Lord's Prayer and 10 Commandments; Map of Roman Empire; Post toasters and framed; Elec. heater; Sterno stove; Flower pots; many other items.

LAWN EQUIPMENT & TOOLS

Oliver 12 HP riding mower; Hyd.; Lawn cart; Wheelbarrow; Pressure washer; Stihl string trimmer; Stihl O11 AVT chain saw; Circular saw; 2 Hand cultivators; Saw horses; Hammers; Pliers; Battery charger; Jumper cables; Elec. drill; Pipe wrenches; Cross cut saw; Tow chains; Hand saws; Brace and bits; Sythe; Garden tools; Hose and reel; Coal bucket; Oak and chestnut lumber; Wooden and aluminum extension ladders.

Amenities available - Bring chairs

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Preview: September 11 Noon to 6:00 pm
September 12 & 13, 7:30 to 9:00 am
No preview during auction.

TERMS: Cash or PA check. No out of state checks or credit cards.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE. Most all items are good clean antiques from several generations. Order of auction: Friday: Furniture, antiques, collectibles, 11:00 AM Birth Certificate; Saturday: Furniture, antiques, collectibles, NOON - guns & fishing equipment. Owners and Auctioneers not responsible for accident on premises. Announcements day of sale precede written ads.