

Mercer Museum Recent Acquisitions - 2006

MM2006.01.001



Knauss Dried Beef Company Sign, 1950s

Large plexi-glass company sign that hung outside the Quakertown factory during the mid 20th century.

Gift of Alderfer Premium Meats, 2006

MM2006.02.001



U.S. Grant Commemorative Coin, 1879

Gold commemorative coin minted by the United States. Coin commemorated General U.S. Grant's return to Philadelphia after his journey from around the world. Belonged to donor's grandfather, Henry Livezey, a Doylestown resident.

Gift of Dr. David Rockafellow, 2006

MM2006.03.002



General Electric Waffle Iron and Grill, 1951

Waffle iron and grill received as a wedding gift when donor was married in Doylestown in the early 1950s. Original Instruction book included.

Gift of Margaret Mumbauer, 2006

MM2006.03.005



Synthetic Silk Evening Dress, 1960-1962

Silk dress was from the line of clothing called the "Jacqueline Kennedy Collection." Worn by donor, a Bucks County resident, during the era when Kennedy was considered a fashion trendsetter.

Gift of Margaret Mumbauer, 2006

MM2006.05.013



Needlework Picture, Early 20th Century

Needlework of the seal of the state of Pennsylvania. Embroidery work is done in long and short satin stitch. The fill-in work done with couching stitch. Outlining in metallic thread. The piece appears to be produced commercially.

Gift of the Estate of Frank Grafly, 2006

MM2006.05.017



Saw-Knife Combination, Late 19th Century

Knife blade with saw teeth on back edge. Wooden handle is slit for half length; blade is inserted into slit and held in place by two iron rivets with brass washers. Iron screw eye for hanging at end of handle.

Gift of the Estate of Frank Grafly, 2006

MM2006.06.001



Painting of "Anna", ca. 1960

Acrylic on academy board painting of the doll "Anna." The doll "Anna" was acquired by the museum several years ago. Painting shows doll with cradle and quilt. Painted by the donor as a young girl.

Gift of Judith Sutton, 2006

MM2006.07.001

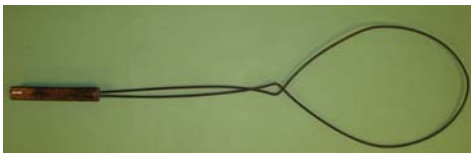


Fur Muff, ca. 1890-1920

Fur muff with imitation tortoise shell carrying ring attached by ribbon. Used by donor's mother.

Gift of Ann Elizabeth Williams, 2006

MM2006.09.003



Rug Beater, ca. 1930

Homemade. Heavy wire formed into oval loop (12x8); wire is bent and driven into a wooden handle.

Gift of John S. Moore, 2006

MM2006.09.005



Radiopticon, 1920-1930

Opaque projector used as a home entertainment device. Projected and enlarged postcards, comics, and other images for viewing.

Gift of John S. Moore, 2006

MM2006.11.001



Doll Cradle with Bedding, 19th Century

Wooden doll cradle. Cradle has two "rockers" on both ends and wooden "hood" at head of cradle. Cradle contains pillows, quilts, mattress, and mattress covers.

MM2006.12.002



Rolling Pin Trophy, 1950s

Rolling pin decorated as a trophy for a "Rolling Pin Throwing Contest." Hand painted. Lettering in red and black. "Championship Rolling Pin Thrower/New Britain Township Round-Up/Elsie Williamson 1953/80 Feet-6 Inches/1954"

Gift of David B. Long, 2006

MM2006.12.004



Folding Screen-Fox Hunting Motif, 1920-1950

Three panel folding screen. Inside of screen has painting of formal fox hunters. Hunters in red jackets, hard hats, and knee boots with spurs. On the outside is a painting of Bucks County, showing: Newtown, Lower Lambertville, Upper Fountainville, Horsham, and Hatboro. Used at Huntington Valley Hunt Club.

Gift of David B. Long, 2006

MM2006.12.008

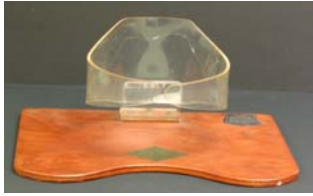


Grater, 19th Century

Snuff or Nutmeg grater in the shape of a woman's shoe. Sole of shoe is hand punched metal, with opening that allows material to be dumped out. Entire shoe is hand carved with decoration over the top of the shoe and on back. Hole through "toe" of shoe, probably for hanging.

Gift of David B. Long, 2006

MM2006.12.009



Photographers Poser for Babies, Mid 20th Century

Clear plastic ring with wide back and narrowing "arms." Open in front to be adjustable to adapt to baby's size as she/he is held into position while being photographed. Originally used by Nichols Photo Service, Bristol, Bucks County, Pa.

Gift of David B. Long, 2006

MM2006.12.025



Foot Warmer, Mid 19th Century

Wood box with glass on three sides. The fourth side is composed of perforated tin and provides access to the oil container/heat source.

Gift of David B. Long, 2006

MM2006.12.041



Knitting Machine, ca. 1924

Home knitting machine used for home cottage work to make stockings. Used by Elsie Limback, Pipersville, Pa.

Gift of David B. Long, 2006

MM2006.13.001



Ku Klux Klan Robe and Hood, Early 20th Century

Long white muslin robe with button front opening, long flared sleeves, and belt stitched at back area and tied in front. Red patch over left breast of a white and black cross with diamond in center. Center of diamond has a red motif. Hood has a pointed crown with a brown tassel at tip of point. Hood has flaps at bottom back edge that hangs down below neck area. Front area of hood may have had a veil to cover face at one time. Found in attic of a Doylestown home.

Gift of Larry Shade, 2006

MM2006.14.001



USMA Uniform, ca. 1918

A military uniform made of cadet blue wool. Worn by former Bucks County resident, Col. Esher Clafin Burkart, who saw service in World War II and Korea.

Gift of Charlotte and Donald Burkart, 2006

MM2006.16.005



Chalkboard Sign: Trainer's Restaurant, Quakertown, PA, 1970s-1980s
Wood frame around chalkboard. Cut-out of a whale at top of sign. At bottom of sign is a red lobster with black lettering. Around the inside of frame is a heavy, twisted rope to accentuate nautical theme.

Gift of David B. Long, 2006

MM2006.18.008



Sign: Goodnoe Farm Dairy Bar, Late 20th Century

Sign board that hung over the serving counter in Goodnoe's Family Restaurant, Newtown, Bucks County. A four-sided wood frame box. Two access panels on top to get to a circular florescent bulb and rotating motor. Sides are milk colored plastic and divided into eight strips. Grooves are above and below strips, which allow a plastic strip to be inserted. Plastic strips have ice cream flavors printed on them.

Gift of Raymond "Skip" Goodnoe, 2006

MM2006.21.027



Bootjack, 19th Century

Natural tree branch with a "V" in one end where heel of boot would be placed. Stump of branch is on the underside of "V" to gain height. Hole in one end for hanging.

The Myrtle and Rev. George E. Barnes Collection, donated by their grandchildren, George and Jane Barnes

MM2006.23.001



Stoneware Vase, Late 19th-Early 20th Century

Vase originally purchased by Henry Mercer during one of his many travels in Europe. Mr. Mercer gave the vase as a wedding gift to a Doylestown couple in 1920, and this couple in turn gifted the vase, also as a wedding gift, to the donor in 1956.

Gift of Dr. David Rockefeller, 2006

MM2006.25.002



Doylestown Hornet's Pennant, 20th Century

Gold felt pennant with black felt edging and black printing.

Gift of Marianne Gilmour, 2006

MM2006.26.001



Enfield Pottery & Tile Works Mold, 1906-1936

Plaster tile mold. Design is a Zodiac sign (Sagittarius) of a kneeling hunter with bow and arrow.

Gift of John Tracy, 2006