

# **“The Times of Our Lives”**

***A Guide to the Artifacts***



### **Baby Carriage**

Collier-Keyworth Company

Gardner, Massachusetts

ca. 1954

*Gift of Mr. and Mrs. David Carroll, 2003*

The donors recalled pushing their two children around Doylestown in this carriage, including trips to Fonthill Castle and the Moravian Pottery & Tile Works.



### **Wicker Bassinet**

Unidentified maker

ca. 1935

*Gift of Susan Gares Farrell and Carol Ort Degenhardt, 2020*

This bassinet belonged to the donor's maternal uncle C. James Ort and his wife

Thelma Ort, residents of Quakertown, Bucks County, who used it during the infancy of their son, James Ambler Ort (b. 1935).



### **James Ambler Ort in Wicker Bassinet**

Quakertown, Bucks County

1935-36

*Gift of Susan Gares Farrell and Carol Ort Degenhardt, 2020*



### **Birthday Candles for George M. Hart**

ca. 1918-1924

*Gift of George M. Hart, 2005*

George Hart's mother saved the candles from her son's birthday cakes following his first through his sixth birthdays, all celebrated at the family's home on Clinton Street in Doylestown.



### **Baby Shoes of George M. Hart**

Doylestown, Bucks County

ca. 1920

*Gift of George M. Hart, 2005*



### **George M. Hart in High Chair**

Doylestown, Bucks County

1919-20

*Mercer Museum Library, Gift of George M. Hart*

Young George Michener Hart (1919-2008) is pictured with "Jeff," his stuffed rabbit.



**Varsity Letter of Philip Rodel Jr.  
(1930-2007)**

Standard Pennant Company

Big Run, Pennsylvania

Late 1940s

*Gift of Laura Rodel in Memory of Philip V. Rodel, 2008*

Rodel attended Langhorne-Middletown High School in Bucks County, a forerunner of present-day Neshaminy High School.



**"Metropolis" Bedroom Phone**

Conair Corporation

China

Late 20<sup>th</sup> century

*Gift of the White Family, 2001*

Pushbutton phone used by the White's teenage daughter in Doylestown Township, about 1990.



**Fraktur Taufschein for Jacob Eschbach (1797-1876)**

Johannes Mayer

Bedminster or Nockamixon

Townships, Bucks County

1798

*Museum Purchase through bequests from the Estate of J. David Miller and the Estate of George M. Hart, 2011*

Although born in Lehigh County, it is likely that this child was baptized in Bucks, where Mayer, the fraktur artist, was working as a school teacher and scrivener.



**Wedding Dress of Edna Beans Wood  
(1883-1978)**

Solebury, Bucks County

1913

*Gift of Caroline Beans Smith Hoffman,  
2004*

This wedding dress was custom made for Edna Beans Wood, who married Philip Winchester Smith on August 7, 1913 in New Hope, Bucks County. Wood's daughter, Caroline Beans Smith, wore the same dress at her own wedding in 1947 at the Buckingham Friends Meeting House in Lahaska.

**Wedding Photo of Agnes  
Darlington and John C.  
Swartley, and Attendants**

Doylestown, Bucks County

October 23, 1900

*Mercer Library Collection*

Swartley, an attorney, was 35 years old at the time of his marriage to 23-year-old Agnes Darlington.





### **Drop-leaf Table**

Ephraim Singmaster (1823-1891)  
Richland Township, Bucks County  
1880  
*Estate of Calvin H. Ruth, 2015*

Singmaster, a local cabinet and coffin maker, built this table for John Nicholas as a wedding gift for Nicholas' daughter Emma at her marriage to Henry Ruth in 1880.



### **Waffle Iron and Instruction Booklet**

General Electric Corporation  
Bridgeport, Connecticut  
ca. 1950

*Gift of Margaret Mumbauer, 2006*

At their 1951 wedding, William and Margaret Mumbauer – long-time residents of Warminster Township – received this popular gift of the era.



**Memorial Quilt for Sarah Wood**

Bucks County

1848

*Museum Purchase, 2000*

Sarah Wood died on March 27, 1848 at the age of 19. In their grieving, her family and friends prepared this quilt as a memorial. The various blocks bear the

names of members of the Quaker communities of Solebury and Buckingham Townships. Included on the quilt are these lines:

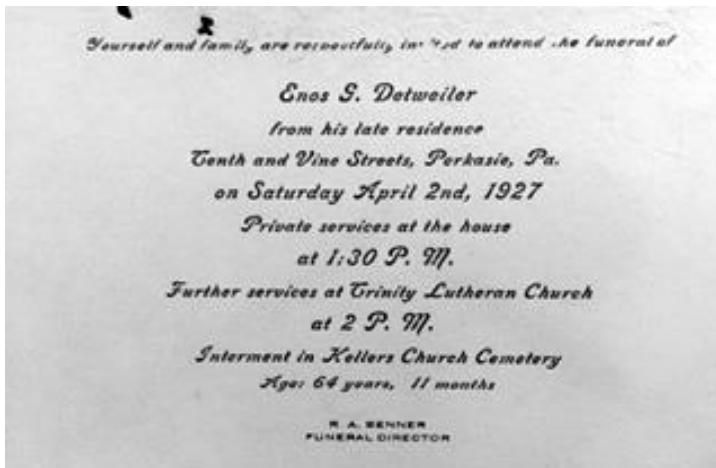
*"Sarah has gone to dwell with Kindred spirits/who long since left their earthly spheres/The world with all its glories and merits/form one throne this veil of tears/where before her heavenly fathers throne/& trust she stands sad in a garment/there saints and angels do her own/and greet her with delight."*

**Advertising Fan for Stacy B. Brown Funeral Home**

The Osborne Company  
Clifton, New Jersey  
ca. 1965

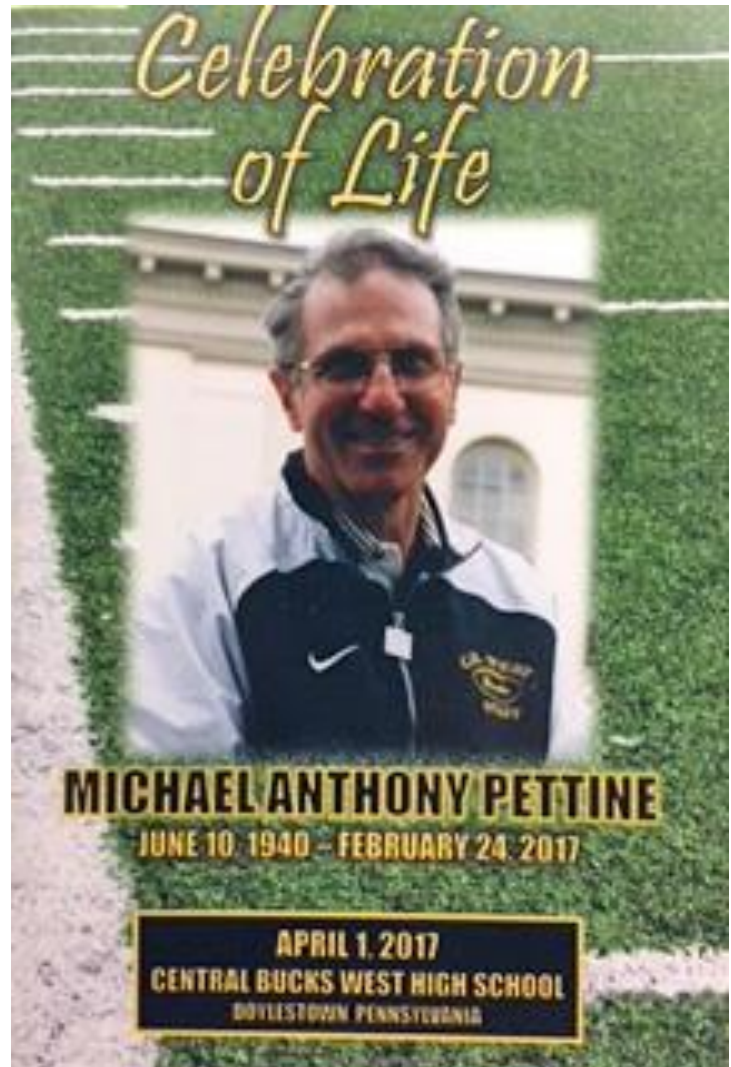
*Anonymous Gift, 2014*





**Funeral Card of Enos G. Detweiler**  
Perkasie, Bucks County  
1927  
Mercer Museum Library

**Celebration of Life Memorial Program, Coach Mike Pettine, Central Bucks High School West**  
Doylestown, Bucks County  
2017  
Mercer Museum Library







## **Cast Iron and Porcelain Embalming Table**

Manufacturer unknown

Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century

*Gift of James P. Scanlin,  
2005*

Although nearly a century old, this table was still in use at the Scanlin Funeral Home in Chalfont, Bucks County in the 1990s.