

“What We Wore”

A Guide to the Artifacts



Top Hat

Lincoln Bennett & Company

London, England

Late 19th century

Gift of Katherine Kelton Fabian, 2002

Bearing the initials "EBH" inside the crown, this hat is believed to have belonged to a member of the Hicks family of Newtown.



Panama Hat

New York Hat Company

New York City

ca. 1980

Gift of Martin and Sharon Stern, 2017

This hat was one of Coach "Uncle" Marty Stern's favorites. Stern, a Doylestown resident, coached track at Central Bucks High School East and Villanova University.



"M.P." Military Helmet Liner

Unidentified maker

1970s

Gift of the Doylestown National Guard Armory, 2003

Marked inside with the name "John Dahlonge," this helmet liner appears to have been painted to serve as impromptu Military Police headwear. It was found inside the National Guard armory in Doylestown as the building was being cleared and later razed.



Bonnet

Unidentified maker

Pennsylvania

19th century

Gift of Jean Rutherford, 2008

This bonnet once belonged to Laura T. Van Artsdalen (1855-1940), the grandmother of photographer Milton Rutherford of Doylestown.



Straw Hat with Feathers

Unidentified maker

1940s

Gift of Elyn Rubin, 2003

Worn by Winifred Tracy Korz (1909-1993), a style-conscious music and dance teacher in Bristol, Bucks County.



Boy Scout Beret

Boy Scouts of America Supply Division

1980s

Gift of David B. Long, Eagle Scout, in honor of George Sanford, Ed Moshinsky and Bill Dorgan, 2000

Worn by the donor.



Warner Company Hard Hat

E.D. Bullard Company
San Francisco, California
Mid-20th century

Gift of David B. Long, 2016

Located in Lower Bucks County, the Warner Company produced sand, gravel and other building materials.



Quilted Petticoat

Solebury, Bucks County
Early 19th century

*Gift in memory of Eleanor Janney
Parsons and Robert C. Parsons, 2016*

Petticoat descended in the Janney Family of Solebury Township, Bucks County.



Victorian Dress

Unidentified maker
Pennsylvania
c. 1885

Gift of Otilda L. Hacker, 2010

Worn by the grandmother of the donor in Upper Bucks County.



Beaded "Flapper" Dress

Unidentified maker
1920s

Gift of Camilla Ross Lloyd Smith, 2004

Worn by Mary "Molly" Ross Lloyd (1888-1977) of Doylestown.



Chiffon Dress

Unidentified maker
1930s

Gift of Keith & Barbara Wiley in Memory of Lillian Wiley, 2009

Worn by Jane Cassidy Smith (1877-1958) of Fountainville, or by her daughter, Lillian G. Smith Wiley (1911-2008) of Doylestown, Bucks County.



Black Velvet Coat

Catherine Fullam Meyers (1918-2005)
Gardenville, Bucks County
ca. 1940

Gift of Mary K. Segal, 2018

Made and worn by Catherine Fullam Meyers of Plumstead Township, sister of Federal District Judge John P. Fullam.



Navy Nurse's Cape

A.D Ellis Mills, Inc.
Monson, Massachusetts
1940s

Gift of Stanley Gorski, 2003

Worn by Bernice M.Gorski (1914-2001) during her service as a U.S. Navy Nurse during World War II.



Leopard Skin Style A-line Dress with Collar

Ann Marie Elbert
American
1960s

Gift of Elyn Rubin 2003

Worn by Winifred Tracy Korz (1909-1993), a music and dance teacher in Bristol, Bucks County.



Black Dress

Unidentified maker
American
1960-65

Gift of Margaret Mumbauer, 2006

The owner and donor of this "Jacqueline Kennedy-style" dress, Margaret Mumbauer, recalled: "[Jacqueline Kennedy] was our First Lady and she became the leader in fashion. Everybody wanted to look like her – not only dress like her but hair style also. You would always wear white gloves and a pill box hat with the dress."



Corduroy Jacket

Lou Foster Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
ca. 1960
Gift of Willam Kohn, 2002

A former volunteer at the Mercer Museum, Bill Kohn (1924-2007) was a World War II veteran, sportsman, rifle enthusiast and Civil War reenactor. The patches on his jacket commemorate many of these life experiences and interests.



Blue Print Dress

Schmitt-Orlow Company
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Early 1970s
Gift of Margaret Mumbauer, 2006

Worn by the donor, a resident of Warminster Township, Bucks County, and long-time volunteer at the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle.



Metal Pourer's Safety Overcoat

Safepro, Inc.

Cleveland, Ohio

1980s

Museum Purchase, 2008

Worn by Jim Shillingford of Levittown, Bucks County while working at the United States Steel Company's Fairless Works plant in Falls Township, Bucks County.



"Ayrshires" Collared Shirt or Jacket

Unidentified maker

Late 20th-century

Gift of the Stone Family 2015

Worn by Broadway actor Sara Seegar Stone (1914-1990) at Stone Meadows Farm in Newtown, Bucks County. Sara and her actor husband Ezra established the farm in 1948, and expanded it in 1952. They added a large herd of

Ayrshire cattle, which Sara managed while also performing in local theater.



Hospital Auxiliary Uniform

Ship N' Shore

American

ca. 1960

Gift of Elyn Rubin, 2003

It is believed that this uniform was worn by volunteers at the Lower Bucks County Hospital, established in Bristol in 1954. It may have been worn by Winifred Tracy Korz (1909-1993), or by a relative.

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Cadette Girl Scout Uniform

New York City

ca. 1970

Gift of Cape Fear Museum of History and Science, 2017

The scouting attire of Barbara Rowe, a girl scout in Yardley, Bucks County. Rowe first wore this uniform in 1970.