"At Home in Bucks: Domestic Interiors and Furnishings"

A Guide to the Artifacts



Silver Table Utensils
Rogers and Hamilton
Waterbury, Connecticut
ca. 1890
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bowen, 2016

From the Russell W. Flack family in Lumberville, Bucks County.



Steeple Clock
Atkins Clock Company
Bristol, Connecticut
ca. 1870
Beguest of Calvin H. Ruth, 2015

Once owned by Henry and Emma (Nicholas) Ruth of Quakertown, Bucks County, the grandparents of the donor.



Rayo Kerosene Lamp

Bradley and Hubbard Manufacturing Company Meriden, Connecticut ca. 1910 Gift of Virginia and John Geyer, 2003

Used in the home of the Sensenderfer Family of Ivyland, Bucks County.



Glass Tumbler Set & Wire Caddy
Unidentified manufacturer
1950s
Gift of the Estate of Frank Grafly, 2006

Used in the Grafly home, Edison-Furlong Road, Doylestown.



Show TowelDoylestown, Bucks County
ca. 1830 *Gift of Mildred Klauder Robbins, 2013*

Possibly embroidered by Deborah Swartzlander Delp (1811-1890). Such examples of a young woman's sewing and needlework skills were often hung prominently on doors in the Pennsylvania-German home.



Parlor Stove

Roberts, Winner & Company Quakertown, Bucks County ca. 1890 *Gift of Harry T. Hinkel, 2003*

Stove descended in the Hinkel Family of Quakertown.



Side Chair

Unidentified maker Doylestown, Bucks County ca. 1830

Gift of Ruth A. Clawson in memory of Augustina L.F. Flack, Ludwig J. Flack, Cora A. Flack Stover, Frank Stover, Mary Jane Flack and Rachel Flack, 2000

Chair from the home of the John and Lydia (Frankenfield) Flack Family, Spring Valley Road, Doylestown.



Cherry Drop-Leaf Table

Unidentified maker Doylestown, Bucks County ca. 1860

Gift of Ruth A. Clawson in memory of Augustina L.F. Craft, Ludwig J. Flack, Cora A. Flack Stover, Frank Stover, Mary Jane Flack and Rachel Flack.

From the John and Lydia (Frankenfield) Flack Family home, Spring Valley Road, Doylestown.



Henry and Emma (Nicholas) marriage in 1880.

Rope Bed

Ephraim Singmaster (1823-1891) Richland Township, Bucks County ca. 1880

Beguest of Calvin H. Ruth, 2015

Believed to have been a wedding gift, part of the "setting out" for Henry and Emma (Nicholas) Ruth of Quakertownh at their



Side Chair
Unidentified maker
Bucks County or Philadelphia
ca. 1850
Gift of George M. Hart 2009

Dining chair from the home of banker Josiah Hart (1811-1885), Doylestown. The needle-point seat cushion is a later addition.



Decorated Wardrobe Cupboard

Attributed to "Joseph Watson" Kintnersville, Bucks County ca. 1960 Bequest of Shari E. Gladstone, 2001

Purportedly constructed of old church pews, this cupboard was once owned by Arnold J. (Arnie) Nocks (1926-1992), a noted early TV producer and director in New York City. Nocks also played hockey as a practice goalie for the New York Rangers, and was an accomplished organist. It was among the furnishings used in his home near Kintnersville.



Radio & Phonograph Player

Philco Corporation Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1950s Gift of the Estate of Frank Grafly, 2006

Used in the Grafly home on Edison-Furlong Road, Doylestown.



Television SetRCA Victor Corporation
Camden, New Jersey
Ca. 1950
Gift of David Bjornsgaard, 2002

According to the donor, this television set was among the furnishings of his family's Doylestown home. It was first used in the living room, and later dining room the moved to and eventually his bedroom. He to recalled first seeing the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show on this set.



Radioptican Projector

Keystone Manufacturing Company Boston, Massachusetts 1920s Gift of John S. Moore, 2006

A home entertainment device, this opaque projector enlarged postcards, comics, and other images on for viewing.

The donor recalled using it with his brother at his family's home on Ashland Street in Doylestown.

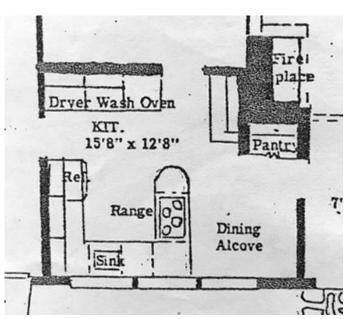


In-counter Mixer and Juicer Components

Nutone, Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio ca. 1957 *Gift of Carol Rudisill, 2002*

An original feature of the kitchen in certain Levittown, Bucks County homes was this

in-counter blender, juicer and other useful appliances.



"Country Clubber" Kitchen Floor Plan

Levittown, Bucks County 1950s

Mercer Library Collection, Levittown Community Archives

The "Country Clubber" was the most deluxe model home offered to Levittown residents. The blender and juicer came from one of these homes.



"Levittowner" Model Living & Dining Room

Levittown, Bucks County 1950s

Mercer Library Collection, Levittown Community Archives

Homebuyers could also choose a "Levittowner" model, a ranchstyle single-story dwelling.



Dining Room of Elmer E. Funk, 211 East Court Street Doylestown, Bucks County 1900 Mercer Library Collection, Gift of Terry McNealy



I. Chapman Warner Home
Wrightstown, Bucks County
Ca. 1900
Mercer Library Collection, Gift
of David Long, 2017

The Warner home featured a decidedly Colonial Revival interior.



Library and Study of William Watts Hart DavisDoylestown, Bucks County
Ca. 1900 *Mercer Library Collection*

Davis (1820-1910) served as president of the Bucks County Historical Society.



Fireplace in the Smyth House
Milton Rutherford, photographer
Doylestown, Bucks County
1941
Mercer Library Collection, Gift of the Rutherford Family



Home of Mrs. Webster Achey (on large doors at left) Milton Rutherford, photographer Doylestown, Bucks County 1943 *Mercer Library Collection, Gift of the Rutherford Family*