

# **“Which Side Are You On? Politics, Elections & Social Movements”**

***A Guide to the Artifacts***



## **Automatic Voting Machine**

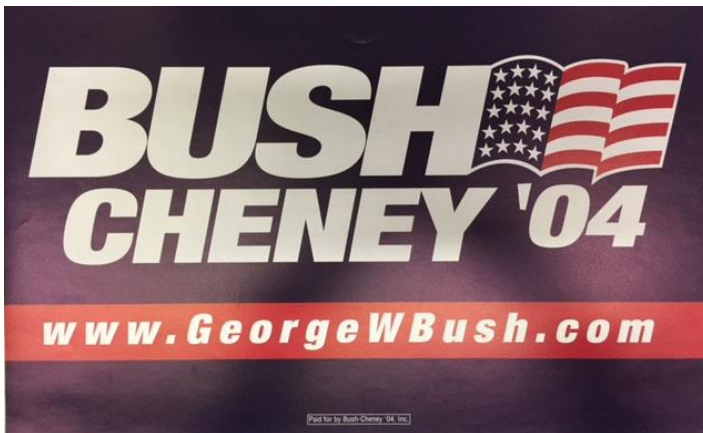
AVM Company

Jamestown, New York

ca. 1955

*Gift of the County of Bucks, Office of the Commissioners, 2007*

This "gear and lever" voting machine was in use in Bucks County from the 1950s through 2006. At the close of its service it recorded the ballots of citizens in Bedminster Township.



## **Bush-Cheney Presidential Campaign Broadside**

2004

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## **John Kerry Presidential Campaign Broadside**

2004

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## Register of Voters

Warrington Township, Bucks County  
1872

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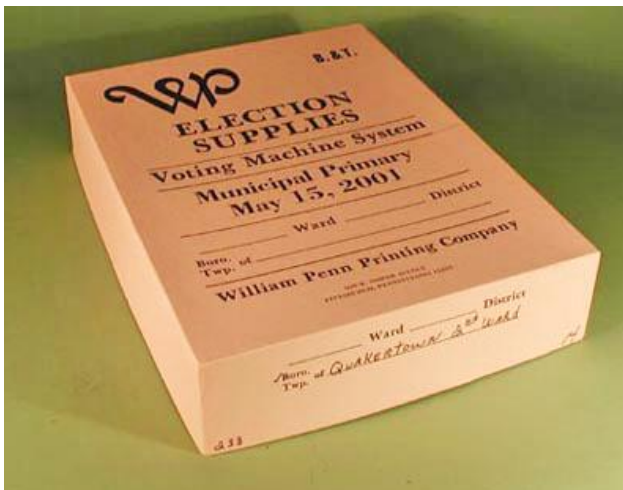


## Ballot Box

Northampton Township, Bucks County  
1930s-40s

*Gift of David B. Long, 2007*

This galvanized metal box brought paper ballots securely back to the County Courthouse for counting.

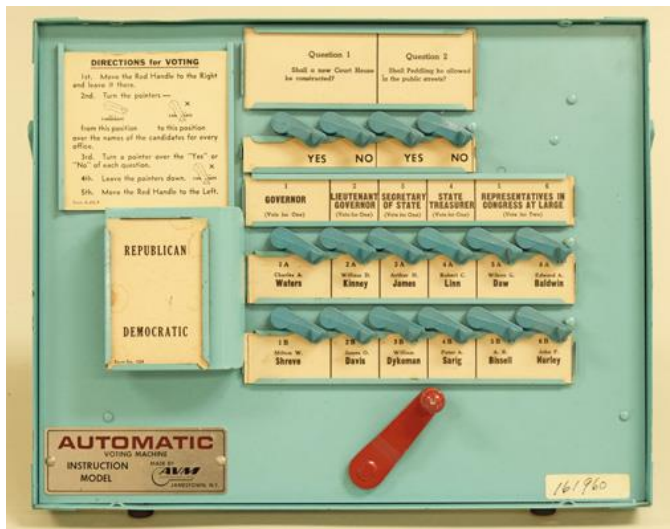


## Election Supplies Box

William Penn Printing Company  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
2001

*Gift of Donna Humphrey, 2001*

This particular box contained supplies for voting machines used in the 2001 municipal elections in Quakertown Borough.



## Demonstration Lever Voting Machine

AVM Corporation  
Jamestown, New York  
ca. 1940

*Gift of Joe Widhson, 2009*

This model of a gear-and-lever voting machine let citizens rehearse its mechanics before they stepped into the voting

booth. Most of the names on this demonstration model were not politicians. A few were Pennsylvania state candidates, but not for any of the offices listed here.

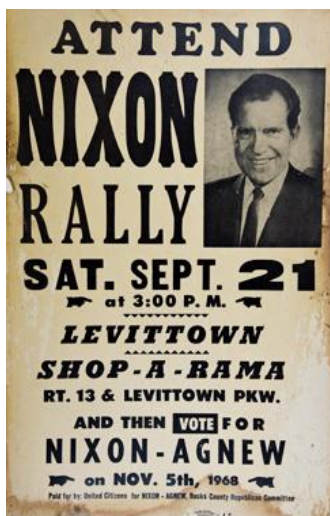


## Doylestown "Garfield & Arthur Club" Belt or Sash

ca. 1880

*Gift of David B. Long, 2014*

From the presidential campaign of 1880, won by James Garfield and Chester A. Arthur.

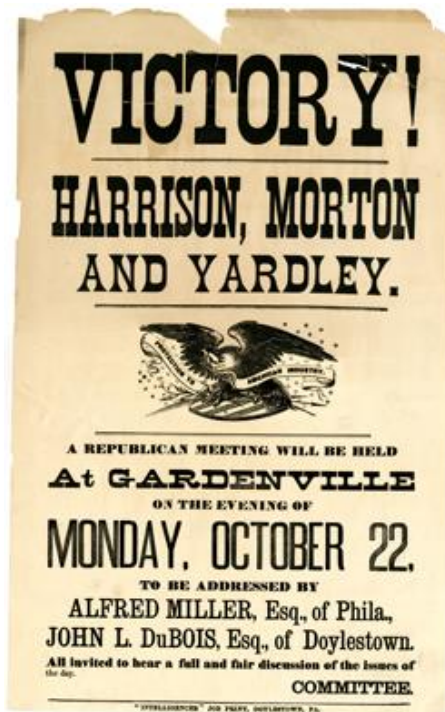


## Nixon-Agnew Rally Poster

Levittown, Bucks County  
1968

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The rally, supporting the Nixon-Agnew ticket in 1968, was held at the Levittown "Shop-a-rama," the shopping center that essentially served as Levittown's "Main Street."

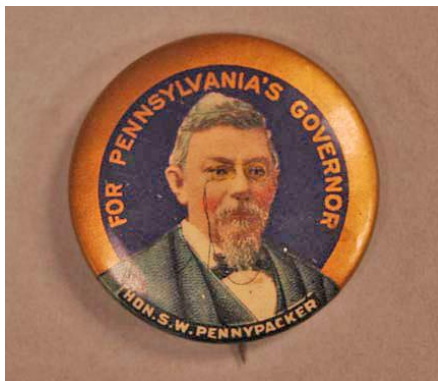


## **Harrison & Morton Presidential Campaign Broadside**

1888

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Harrison and Morton, the Republican candidates for President and Vice President, triumphed over Grover Cleveland in the 1888 election – though Bucks County residents narrowly voted for the Democrat. “Yardley” on the broadside was Robert M. Yardley, the congressman representing Bucks County in the House of Representatives



## **Gov. S. W. Pennypacker Campaign Pin**

ca. 1902

*Gift of the Estate of Frank Grafly, 2006*

Pennypacker served as Governor of Pennsylvania from 1903 to 1907.



## **Landon & Knox Presidential Campaign Pin**

1936

*Gift of the Estate of George M. Hart, 2009*

Alfred Landon was the Republican Party's nominee for President in 1936, losing to Franklin Roosevelt in a landslide.

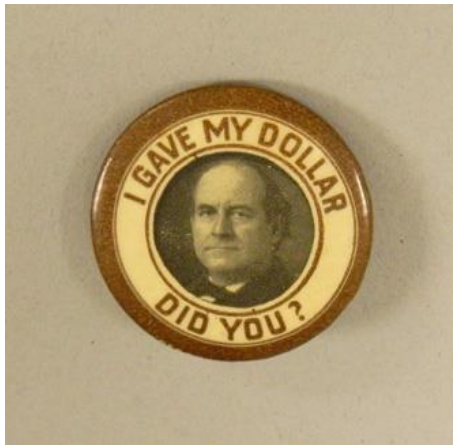


**Landon & Knox (Norman Thomas)  
Presidential Campaign Pin**

1936

*Gift of the Estate of George M. Hart, 2009*

Applied over the front of a scratched out Republican campaign pin, someone added their own typed preference for Norman Thomas, the Socialist Party candidate in the 1936 election.



**William Jennings Bryan Presidential  
Campaign Pin**

1908

*Anonymous Gift, 2014*



**Wilkie & McNary Presidential  
Campaign Pin**

1940

*Anonymous Gift, 2014*

Wendell Wilkie was the GOP nominee for U.S. President in the 1940 election, losing to Franklin Roosevelt.

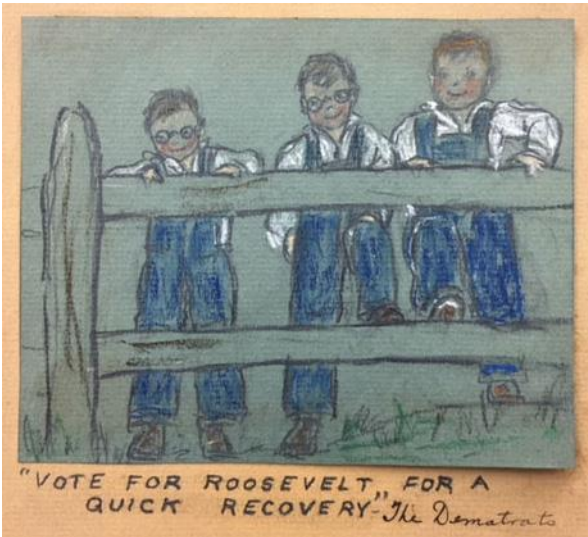


## Seymour & Blair Presidential Campaign Pin

1868

*Anonymous Gift, 2014*

Democrat Horatio Seymour lost the 1868 race for President to Republican Ulysses S. Grant.



## Pro-Franklin Roosevelt Campaign Drawing

Unidentified artist

Bucks County

1930s

*Willett Family Collection, Gift of Christopher Willett, 2011*

"Vote for Roosevelt for a quick recovery - The Democrats."

**TAXPAYERS TAKE NOTICE**

After 250 years of existence as a County, and with all the improvements of every kind that have been made during two-and-a-half centuries

**BUCKS COUNTY'S BONDED INDEBTEDNESS IS ONLY \$125,000**

The assessed valuation is \$75,000,000.

BUT during the first 18 months of the NEW DEAL, the Administration's colossal spending of borrowed money has laid a debt of a THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS upon Pennsylvania, and

**BUCKS COUNTY'S SHARE OF THAT FEDERAL DEBT IS TEN MILLION DOLLARS**

Within a period of 18 months the NEW DEAL has put upon the people of Bucks County 80 TIMES MORE DEBT than they had standing against them after 250 years of existence as a County.

Within a period of 18 months, the NEW DEAL has thrust a debt upon Bucks County amounting to ONE-SEVENTH of its entire assessment.

**THAT, ON A CONSTANTLY INCREASING SCALE, IS WHAT THEY ASK YOU TO APPROVE WHEN THEY ASK YOU TO VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.**

At the terrific rate of public spending make your own figuring of what Bucks County's share of Pennsylvania's debt will be at the end of the next two years.

## "Taxpayers Take Notice" Anti-New Deal Broadside

ca. 1934-35

*Mercer Library Collection*

Bucks County Republicans blasted the Democrats' New Deal spending plans and programs, claiming they would place County resident under a crushing debt.



## **"Abbie Lives," Save the Delaware T-Shirt**

1989

*Gift of David Long, 2006*

The shirt's silk-screened design refers to 1960s activist Abbie Hoffman, who became a figurehead in local efforts to prevent the construction of a pump to divert water from the Delaware River to the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant in Montgomery County. Hoffman committed suicide in Solebury Township in 1989. A picnic was held in his honor at Washington Crossing Park on June 10, 1989. In attendance were a number of notables including attorney William Kunstler, poet Allen Ginsberg, Singer Richie Havens and former Black Panther Bobby Seale.



## **Anti-Pump Political Pinback Buttons**

1982-83

*Anonymous Gift, 2012*

"Vote Yes!" refers to a 1983 non-binding referendum on the Pump, in which a majority of Bucks County voters expressed their opposition to the project. Ultimately the project went forward, however, and the pumping station went into operation in 1989.



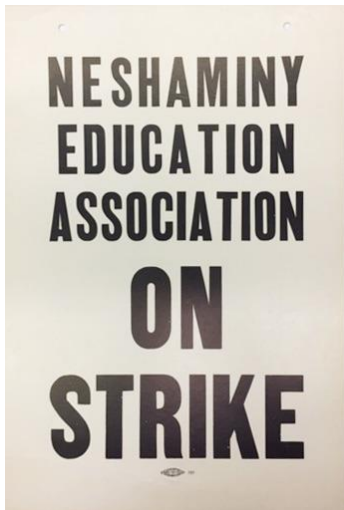
## **"Dump Abbie," Pro-Pump Political Poster**

1983

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In response to the language of the referendum, citizens were asked to vote "yes" to oppose the Pump, and "no" to continue the project.

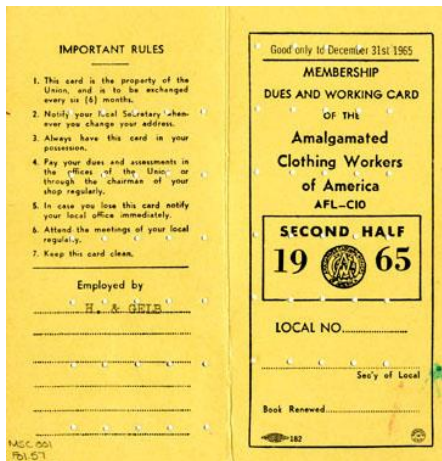




## Teacher's Strike Poster

Neshaminy Education Association,  
Neshaminy School District  
Langhorne, Bucks County  
ca. 1975

*Gift of James Wiley, 2008*



## Union Membership Card

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America,  
AFL-CIO

Local 119C

1965

*Mercer Library Collection*

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, many workers in Bucks County's clothing, cigar and other industries were represented by unions.

This union card belonged to Jennie Ruth, employed by the clothing firm of "H. & Gelb" in 1965.



## Promotional Match Case

Cigarmaker's International  
Union

Quakertown, Bucks County

Early 20th century

*Gift of David B. Long*

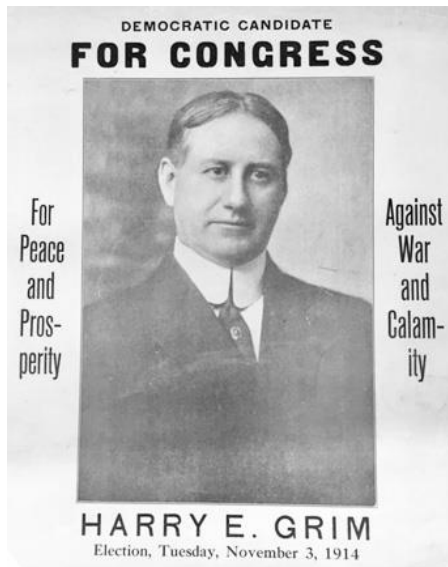


### **Souvenir Pendant or Fob**

Cigarmaker's International Union  
1908

*Gift of Cory Amsler and Eileen Shapiro,  
2020*

Object marked a union Labor Day  
celebration in Sellersville, Bucks County.



## Harry E. Grim Congressional Campaign Broadside

1914

*Mercer Library Collection*

Grim, a Perkasié attorney, ran for Congress as a Democrat but lost to his Republican opponent by nearly 7,000 votes.