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Political Campaign Memorabilia Auction at the Showplace in Binghamton, NY and on the Internet

Binghamton, NY July 8, 2005. Bob & Sallie Connelly will auction, without reserve, Political Campaign Memorabilia including pins, medals, ribbons, badges and posters on Saturday, July 15, 2006, starting at noon, with previews at 9:00 a.m., and by appointment. The auction will be conducted simultaneously at the Showplace in Binghamton, NY and live on the internet via Live Auctioneers and eBay Live Auctions. Included are over 1000 political items, spanning the period from 1840 through 1972, representing one large and three small Estates.

A large pin collection, in storage since 1982, comes from a Watkins Glen, NY collector who received many perks as an avid Republican Party supporter. The timeline of his collection begins with a Whig Party paper ballot, includes Lincoln, Douglas, Bell and Grant items from the Civil War era, and crosses parties to include FDR memorabilia.

Among the buttons, medals, pins, badges and ferrotypes included in this auction are white metal medals from the James Blaine/John Logan and Horatio Seymour/Francis Blair Presidential campaigns; a Blaine/Logan clothing button (Dewitt JGB-1884-46); political ferrotypes of Seymour, Ulysses S. Grant, John Bell/Edward Everett, Stephen Douglas/Herschel Johnson, and Abraham Lincoln/Hannibal Hamlin; a non-contemporary, copper Andrew Jackson medal (Dewitt A JACK-H circa 1860's), in very good to excellent condition, one of only 25 struck according to Dewitt; Prohibition Party pins and related items, including an 1888 Carlton B. Fisk pin; a lot of five 1953 Senate passes auto-signed by Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon and Estes Kefauver; and an 1898 3-piece Tammany bar badge from Syracuse, NY.

Other items include an 1892 Whitelaw Reid paper parade hat, Civil War carte-de-visites of Generals and Officers, Fireman's delegate badges, World Fair and Expo items, and even a large Robert F. Kennedy for President button. Advertising pins for bicycles, clothing, furniture, stoves, newspapers, etc. round out the auction catalog.

Bob and Sallie Connelly, whose business includes antiques, auctions, appraisals and an art gallery, have been conducting auctions in the Binghamton, NY area for more than 30 years. This Political Campaign Memorabilia Auction will be held at their 40,000-square-foot Showplace auction facility at Binghamton Plaza. The Showplace is located at 33 West State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901-2461. The auction will be conducted simultaneously on the Internet via Live Auctioneers and eBay Live Auctions.

Additional details, a partial listing, and photographs of selected items are available at <http://www.bobconnelly.com/calendar.shtml> and on request by phone (607-722-9593), fax (607-722-1266) or email to sallie@bobconnelly.com. Phone and absentee bids will be accepted online, by phone or fax on items over \$50. Please visit the website or call for directions, complete terms and conditions.

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