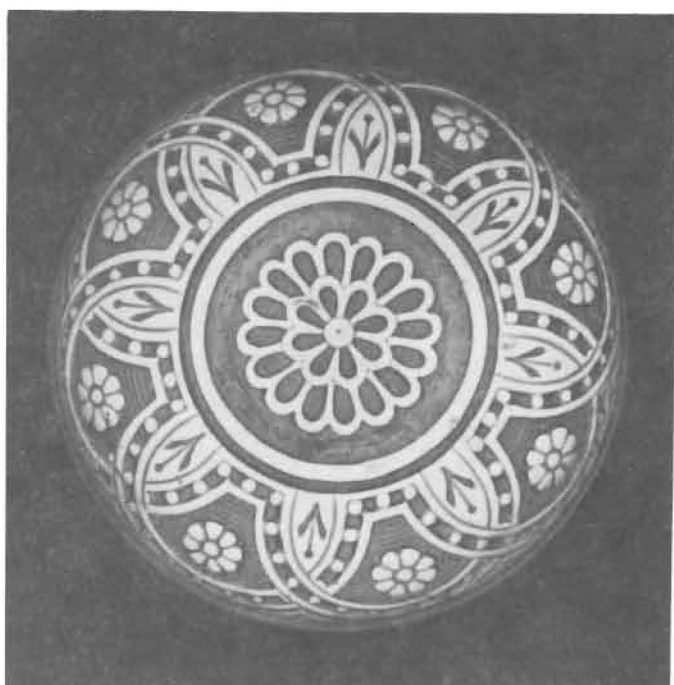


The Doorknob Collector

JULY 1986 - NUMBER 19

Convention

News



MALLORY, WHEELER, 1882 CATALOG
(Actual size)

Lee and Jim Kaiser will host the sixth annual convention of the A D C A which will be held September 19, 20, and 21, 1986, at The Normandy Inn, 405 South 8th Street in downtown Minneapolis. Free parking is available on site.

Room rates at the Normandy are \$47.00 single and \$49.00 double occupancy. These rates are available before and after the convention dates.

The registration fee for the convention is \$45.00/single, and \$75.00/couple. The registration fee includes two dinners, two pre-dinner get-togethers, a display table and chairs and incidental expenses. Also, we will have the use of an executive suite as a central place to gather.

A registration form is enclosed, please indicate the nights you will be staying, reservations will be made for you and a confirmation will be sent.

Weather in Minnesota is unpredictable, but late September is usually pleasant (60's and 70's), we will guarantee there will be no snow.

Father Pepper of Waverly, Iowa will again be present for our invocation.

PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - BUT NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15th.

The Doorknob Collector is published by the Antique Doorknob Collectors of America, Inc.

Editors: Lee & Jim Kaiser, 4125 Colfax Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
ANTIQUe DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA
NORMANDY INN, MINNEAPOLIS, MN.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th - Early arrivals gather in Hospitality Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

9 am	-	12 Noon	Set up displays and register items for auction - No Trading Please
12:00	-	1:00 p.m,	Lunch, on your own
1:00	-	5:00 p.m.	Trading
5:30	-	6:30 p.m.	Happy Hour
6:30	-	7:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30	-	8:00 p.m.	President's Message
8:15	-	10:00 p.m.	Auction

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

9:00	-	12:00 p.m.	Trading
12:00	-	1:00 p.m.	Lunch, on your own
1:00	-	4:00 p.m.	Open to the Public
4:00	-	4:15 p.m.	Display contest award winners announced
4:15	-	5:00 p.m.	Maudie's presentation
5:30	-	6:30 p.m.	Happy Hour
6:30	-	7:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:45	-	8:45 p.m.	"Insuring Collections" - David Kaiser St. Paul Companies
8:45	-	9:45 p.m.	Special Slide Presentation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

9:00	-	12:00	Reports and business meeting
12:00	-	1:30 p.m.	Last minute trading - pack up
2:00	-	?	Open house and lunch - Kaiser's 4125 Colfax Ave South

The convention display competition will be repeated this year. Vince Noe will handle details, ballots will be distributed.

The competition catagories are as follows:

CLASS 1 METALLIC Any metal knob or knobs, brass or iron, cast or wrought, plain or fancy.

CLASS 11 NON METALLIC Any material other than metal.

CLASS 111 BEST OF SHOW Best overall display - any material

Prizes will be awarded



"THE IRMA"

COLONEL W. F. CODY

EARNESTLY DESIRES YOUR PRESENCE ON THE

OCCASION OF THE OPENING

OF HIS NEW HOTEL

"THE IRMA"

AT CODY, WYOMING

ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER EIGHTEENTH

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWO

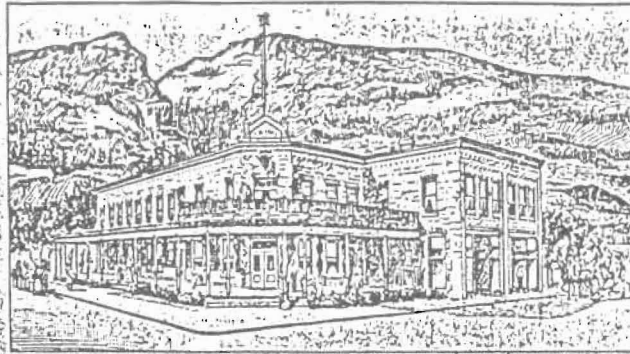
DANFORD

A D C A President, John Holland is the happy owner of a buffalo knob from the Irma Hotel.

The Hotel was named after Colonel Cody's daughter



LINCOLN TRADE REVIEW



The New Cody Hotel, Cody, Wyoming.
(Irma)

This hotel, costing upward of \$65,000, to be completed Oct. 1st, 1902, is situated 900 miles from Lincoln, at the terminal point of the Burlington Yellowstone Park line. This hotel is, notwithstanding its distance, entirely a Lincoln-built building, for in its entire construction Lincoln contractors and Lincoln business houses are represented. Alfred W. Woods, of Lincoln, is the architect; Stephen Bros., of Lincoln, are the general contractors; the L. W. Pomerene Plumbing company of Lincoln, are contractors for plumbing, heating, and wiring; Searles & Chapin company, of Lincoln, furnish lumber; R. S. Young, of Lincoln, furnishes cement and plaster; the Western Glass and Paint company, of Lincoln, furnish the glass; N. Westover & Co., of Lincoln, furnish the steel; Reddig Mossholder & Co., of Lincoln, furnish the iron columns; the Geiser Manufacturing company of Lincoln, furnish the cornice; the Nichols Roofing company, of Lincoln, furnish the roofing; the Rudge & Guenzel company, of Lincoln, furnish the nails, and the Lincoln Hardware company, of Lincoln, furnish the other hardware, while Lincoln bricklayers, stonecutters and carpenters perform the labor.

THIS ISSUE FEATURES THE COLLECTION OF

STEVE AND BARBARA MENCHHOFER OF SPEEDWAY, INDIANA

"A FAMILY AFFAIR"

What a place to discover antique doorknobs--at an automobile literature swap meet! But that's where it was that we bought our first doorknobs in the late 1960's. A dealer from the Chicago area had a box of them that he was selling to be used as gearshift knobs in automobiles.

We bought four, brought them home, and then we began to become curious about them. How many designs were there, how old were they, and where did they come from? We wanted to know. So we began to haunt the flea markets and antique shows to find more.

Then in 1983 a gentleman telephoned us saying he had heard that we collected doorknobs. He told us about the ADCA and the convention that was being held in Naperville. This was the first time we had heard of anyone else collecting doorknobs. We decided to drive to Naperville and see what other people had in their collections.

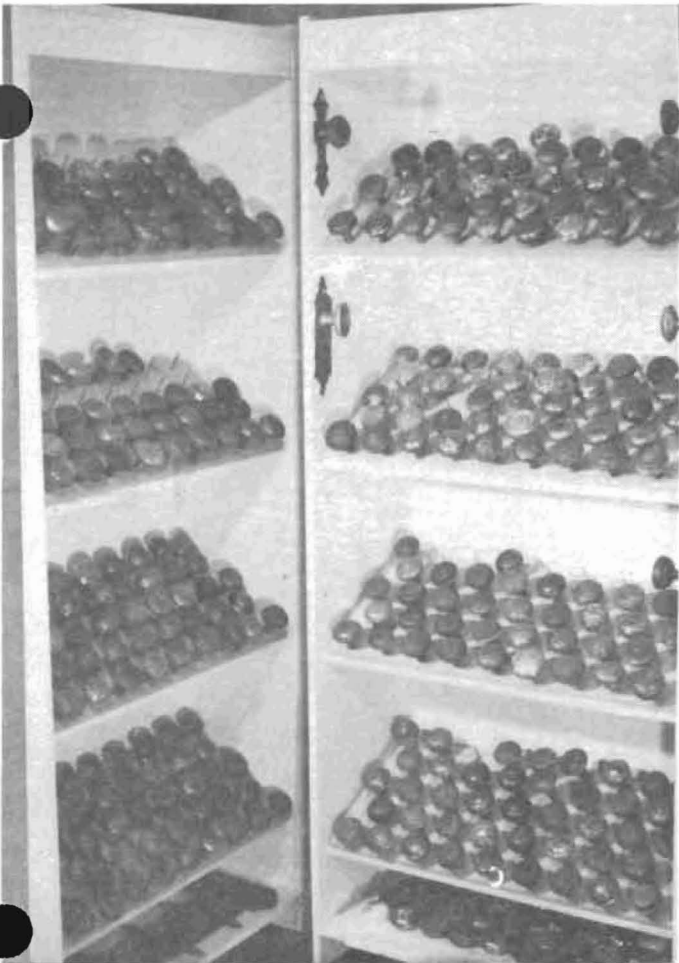
When we arrived we were astounded! Only being able to be there for one hour, we tried to take in and digest everything we saw. Needless to say, we were hooked! We knew when we left the convention that day that we would have to join the club. Besides all of the eye-catching, unusual displays of doorknobs, the club members knowledge of doorknobs and their friendliness toward us persuaded us that we had to be a part of this group.

We joined the ADCA and attended our first convention in 1984. It was both a learning experience and one where we made many great friends. That convention was so nice that we decided to go again in 1985. We left this convention with such a good feeling that we are planning to attend the next one. Our family came to visit the 1985 convention and what was a husband-wife hobby has now turned into a family affair. Our son-in-law and daughter have joined the club and have started their own collection and our 12 year old son has the beginning of a good hobby.

When anyone laughs when we say we collect doorknobs, we really snicker to ourselves knowing what a terrific collection they make. P.S. They are not laughing now as much as they used to.



The Menchofer Family



The Fruits of a "Family Affair"

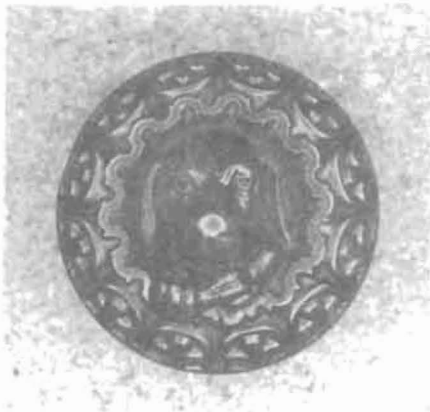
STEVE AND
BARBARA'S
FAVORITES



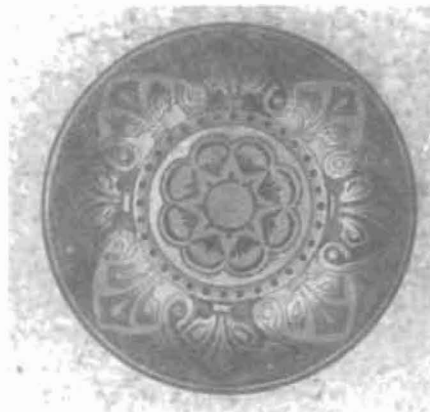
Gutta-Percha



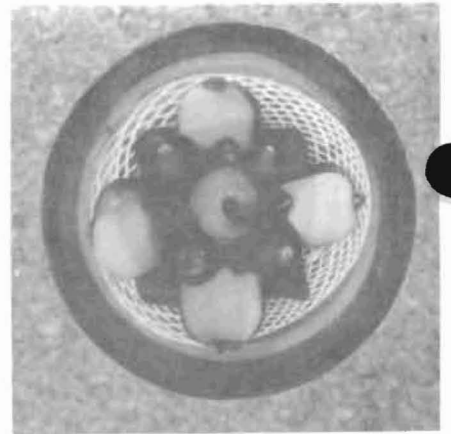
Gutta-Percha



"Doggie" Variation



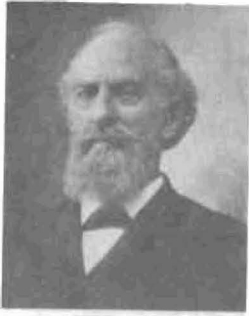
Black & Blue Enamel



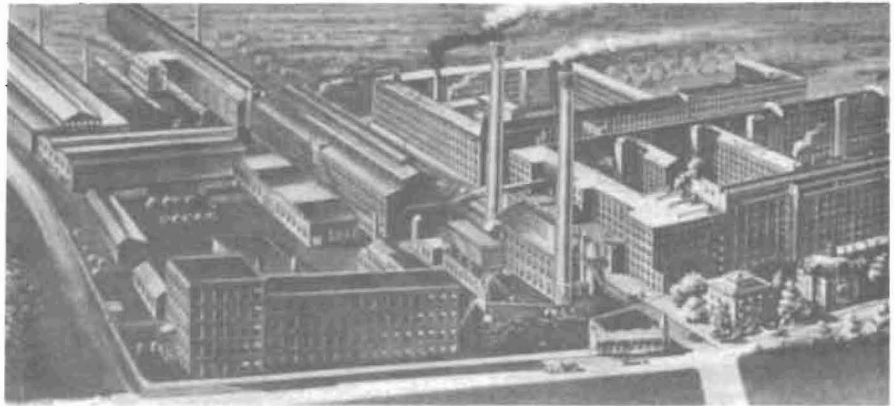
Paperweight Type
New England Glass Co.



Pioneers in the Hardware Industry



Philip Corbin



P & F Corbin plants, New Britain, Connecticut

Philip Corbin was born at Willington, CT on October 26, 1824. His family moved to West Hartford where his father had a large farm (now Corbin's Corner). At the age of nineteen, he went to New Britain where he worked for the Matteson Russell & Co. The next year he worked for the North & Stanley Co., and learned the art of lockmaking from Stephen G. Bucknall, a lock contractor for this company. Mr. Bucknall was an excellent teacher, as he learned the trade in his native England.

In 1849, Philip Corbin formed a partnership with Edward Doen called the Deon, Corbin & Co. They manufactured brass flush bolts, hinges, etc. In 1852, he formed a partnership with his brother Frank called The P & F Corbin Co. This new company prospered and in 1879 he started a new practice of paying his employees weekly instead of monthly which had been the practice of the other shops in New Britain.

The plant had grown in size and the product line expanded to a complete line of builders' hardware. This company produced all of the locks and ornate hardware for the Connecticut State Capitol building in 1879. They added the famous "Corbin master ring cylinder" to their mortise locks and in 1900 were the first to produce the "Unit Lock", a revolution in door locks which only required cutting a notch in the door to install this factory pre-assembled lock.

The P & F Corbin salesmen (in brown derbies) became leaders in the builders' hardware field. The Chicago office & warehouse employed 500 people writing specifications and bidding on contracts. The locks and hardware from the factory which was constantly expanding was shipped in freight car loads all over the country.

In 1902 P & F Corbin and the Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co. merged and formed the American Hardware Corporation with Philip Corbin president.

Philip Corbin died in New Britain at the age of 86 - Nov. 3, 1910



Joseph B. Sargent



Sargent & Co. plant, New Haven, Connecticut

Joseph Sargent was born at Leicester, MA in 1824. He started his career as a clerk in a Boston dry goods store and advanced to the position of manager. He then moved to Griffin, Georgia with his older brother Edward, where they conducted a successful mercantile business.

In 1854 they formed the Sargent & Brother Co. in New York City as sales agents for the Peck & Walter Mfg. Co. of New Britain, one of their accounts. This company failed in 1857 and Joseph Sargent, a stockholder, purchased the assets and formed the J.B. Sargent & Co. in New Britain. He moved this company to New Haven, CT in 1865. The company name was changed to Sargent & Co.

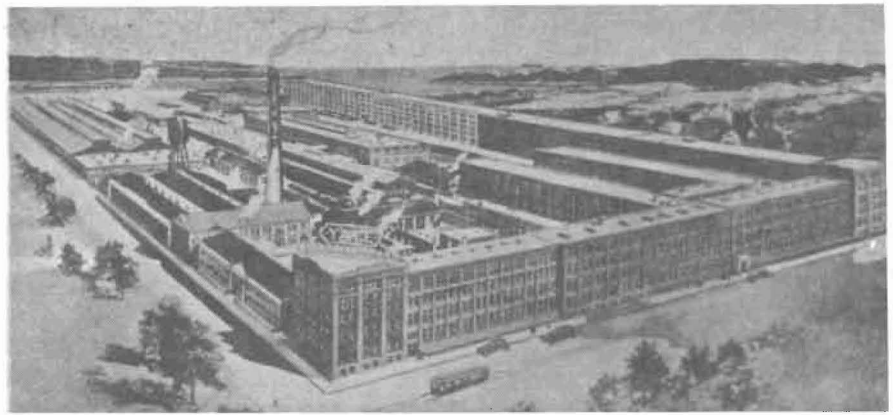
This company's sales office in New York was the sales agent for Mallory, Wheeler & Co., lock manufacturers in New Haven. In 1870 Mallory, Wheeler & Co. decided to set up their own sales office in New York City and Sargent & Co. which manufactured carriage and coffin hardware then started making locks and builders' hardware.

In 1900 Sargent & Co. employed 2,000 workers in their greatly expanded plant on Water Street in New Haven. Joseph Sargent died in New Haven in 1907 at the age of 89.

Pioneers In The Hardware Industry



Henry R. Towne



Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. Plant Stamford, Ct.

Henry Towne was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1844. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and started his career as a draftsman for the Richmond Iron Works. He was placed in charge of erecting the machinery used to build the famous iron ship, the U.S.S. Monitor, built during the Civil War. In 1865 he toured Europe and studied engineering at the Sorbonne in Paris, France. He returned to Philadelphia in 1867, and went to work for William Sellers & Co.

In 1868 he teamed up with Linus Yale, Jr. of Shielburne Falls, MA, and they formed the Yale Lock Mfg. Co., building a new plant in Stamford, CT. Linus Yale, Jr. died that same year and Henry Towne was made president of this new company. The Yale Lock Mfg. Co. name was changed to the Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. in 1883 and this company became the largest single lock and builders' hardware manufacturer in the country with 6,000 employees. The company also had a large plant in Philadelphia, PA where they manufactured chain blocks, electric hoists, and industrial fork lift trucks.

Yale & Towne brought out several other lock companies including the United States Lock Co. of Shielburne Falls, MA, The American Lock Co. of Cazenovia, N.Y. and the Branford Lock Works of Branford, CT.

Henry R. Towne remained as president of the company until 1915 when he became Chairman of the Board. He died in 1924 at the age of 80.

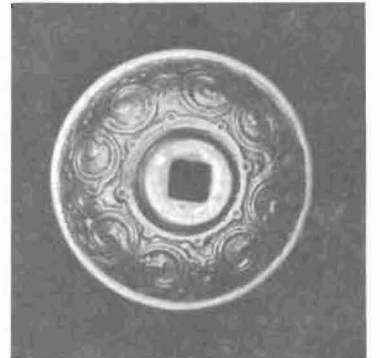
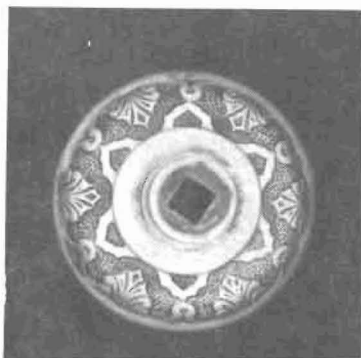
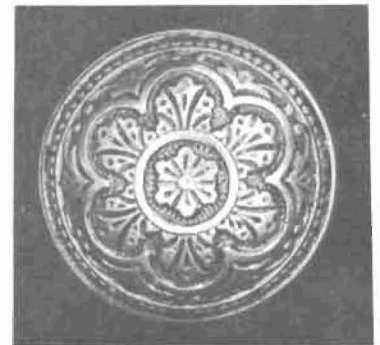
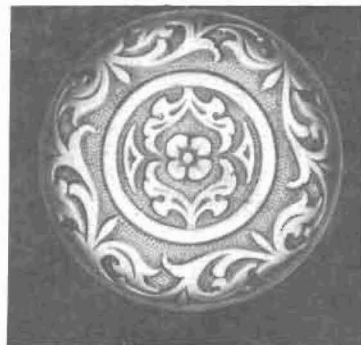
THE FRONTS AND BACKS DON'T MATCH
These knobs have an apparent "marriage of convenience".

The Editors thank Mr. Thomas Hennessy, author of "Early Locks and Lock-makers of America" for permission to use the material for the "Pioneers" feature

Also please note:

Mr. Hennessy has set up a display of Sargent & Co. hardware at the Lock Museum of America and would appreciate loans or donations of ornate Sargent knob and escutcheon sets.

Address: P.O. Box 104
Terryville, Conn. 06786
Telephone-203-589-6359



MEMBERSHIP, JULY 1986 - ANTIQUE DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA

ARIZONA

Walter & Mildred Bright
11 East Papago Drive
Tempe 85281

Denise Green
3902 W Tierra Buena Ln
Phoenix 85023

Mr & Mrs Wm Gwilliam
11242 S Shoshonie Dr
Phoenix 85044

John & Chlorene Holland
3434 N 47th Way
Phoenix 85018
Tel: 602-840-1945

Marjorie & Emmet Wiemer
Box 3088
Sedona 86340
Tel: 602-282-4516

ARKANSAS

Jim & Beverly Meadows
10317 Meandering Way
Fort Smith 72903

CALIFORNIA

Betty Kay Bjornsen
Box 13
Vendale 91209-0013

Len & Pattie Blumin
382 Throckmorton Ave
Mill Valley 94941
Tel: 415-388-4990

Mark Davidovich
919 Palm Ave #3
Carpinteria 93013

Pat Droubay
6 Friendly Lane
Novato 94947

Steve Efnor
12327 Louise Ave
Los Angeles 90066

A P Fenderson
221 El Rio
Modesto 95354

Fritz Fleischer
1873 Paseo Del Cajon
Pleasanton 94566

Edwin & Lois Hutchings
576 Parker Ct
Cuba 94559

Frank E Johnstone
Box 291
Vineburg 95476

CALIFORNIA (Cont.)

Mountain View Door
Closer, Key and Lock
Service
171 Castro St
Mountain View 94041

Mr & Mrs Richard Nichols
1220 Meade Ave
San Diego 92116

Frank Peters
495 Carr Ave
Aromas 95004
Tel: 408-722-6090

Pete & Violet Raffin
990 So 6th Street
San Jose 95112
Tel: 408-298-5935

Matylda Richey
428 Orchard Ave
Arroyo Grande 93420
Tel: 805-489-7186

Betty Rothaerme1
Box 2074
Newport Beach 92663

Carlos Ruiz
1232 Fountain St
Alameda 94501

Clifford & Adair Stroing
Box 74
Elk Creek 95939

Bud & Margaret Wolski
9120 - 7th Ave
Inglewood 90305
Tel: 213-756-3868
Wk: 213-759-0344

CONNECTICUT

George S Clark
254 Pond Point Ave
Milford 06460

Ed & Flicka Thrall
145 Chamberlain Road
Broad Brook 06016

FLORIDA

Fred & Ethladel Magnus
370 Washington Court
Ft Myers Beach 33931
Tel: 813-463-9216

Roberto Samuel
180 N E - 39th #206
Miami 33137
Tel: 305-576-6322

IDAHO

Alex Kunkel
Star Route
Twin Falls 83301
Tel: 208-655-4381

ILLINOIS

Richard & Lillian
Balasa
2060 Carleton
Hoffman Estates 60195

Florence & Ralph
Chelin
RR 5
Princeton 61356

Jeff Francik
324 S Fairfield Ave
Lombard 60148

Peter & Laura Hastings
2264 N Lincoln
Chicago 60614

Lavonne & Charles King
3517 - 13th St
Moline 61265

Glenn & Junella Leach
42 Nottingham Road
Springfield 62704
Tel: 217-546-8442

Stefan Lys Jr.
4412 No Ashland
Chicago 60640
Tel: 312-728-8911

Roger Merenkov
3807 S East Ave
Berwyn 60402
Tel: 312-749-8619

Loretta & Ray Nemec
1424 Heatherton Drive
Naperville 60540
Tel: 312-357-2381
Wk: 312-840-3309

Florence & Vince Noe
402 W. Walnut St
Metamora 61548
Tel: 309-367-4733

David Olafsen
20048 Free Church Rd
Caledonia 61011

Arthur R Paholke
5208 S Christiana Av
Chicago 60632

Tim Samuelson
11432 S St. Lawrence
Chicago 60628

ILLINOIS (Cont.)

Roy & Dorothy Schourek
3217 - 15th Street 'C'
Moline 61265

INDIANA

Joe & Julie Mann
5817 Oak Ave
Indianapolis 46219

Steve & Barbara Menchhofer
5538 West 25th Street
Speedway 46224
Tel: 317-291-6043

A G Terry Shaffer
5688 No Broadway St
Indianapolis 46220
Tel: 317-253-5203
Wk: 317-875-8755

IOWA

James P Anderson
1104 - 5th St N W
Waverly 50677

Nick & Diane Bogenrief
Box 1018
Hinton 51024

Helen & Bill Byington
415 Magowan Ave
Iowa City 52240

Mr & Mrs Donald Cook
Box 121
Webster City 50595

Jack Cooney
105 S 3rd Ave
Villisca 50864

David C Dvorak
747 Alpine Drive
Iowa City 52240

Arnie & Tedi Fredrick
221 - 2nd St S E
Waverly 50677
Tel: 319-352-4070

Gerald & Ardythe Leaders
901 Jeroleman
Dunlap 51529

Max & Barbara Liesman
4004 Oxford
Des Moines 50313
Tel: 515-243-4025

Eugene & Helen Morris
Box 467
Forest City 50436

MEMBERSHIP, JULY 1986 - ANTIQUE DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA

IOWA (Cont.)

Allen & Janet Still
2901 Shady Oak Dr
Des Moines 50310

MARYLAND

Karen Ramey
Rt 1 - Box 399
Hollywood 20636

Richard & Pat Simons
20113 Darlington Dr
Gaithersburg 20879

MICHIGAN

Gene De Lange
1010 Applewood Dr N E
Grand Rapids 49505

Florence Jarvis
127 Prospect N E
Grand Rapids 49503

Norman & Evelyn Nichols
1423 Williamsburg Rd
Flint 48507

MINNESOTA

Charles & Elva Bednar
1132 Roselawn
St Paul 55113

Steve Blumberg
1605 Hennepin Ave
Minneapolis 55404

E P & Irma Dick
3701 Bryant Ave So
Minneapolis 55409

Jim Huntsman
416 So 4th St
Stillwater 55082

Lee & Jim Kaiser
4125 Colfax Ave So
Minneapolis 55409
Tel: 612-827-7080
Wk: 612-827-5677

Martin & Harriet Meldahl
1103 Missouri Ave
Duluth 55811

Charles Meskin
819 E Franklin Ave
Minneapolis 55404

Gene Moen
4813 Vincent Ave So
Minneapolis 55410

Bradley Widseth
732 E 16th St #24
Minneapolis 55404

MISSOURI

Debbie Fellenz
2216 Cherokee St
St Louis 63118
Tel: 314-776-8363

Bill & Dolores Fellenz
439 North Euclid
St Louis 63108

Norman M Landis
135 Marbendale
Kirkwood 63122

Joe & Martha Mueller
1227 Roxton Drive
St Louis 63137

Ray E Robertson
Rt 2 - Box 213
Nixa 65714

NEBRASKA

Alice Chadonich
4701 Harrison St
Omaha 68157

Dorothy Ann Miller
8074 Cedar St
Omaha 68124

NEVADA

Jean P Hand
870 Antelope Road
Reno 89506

NEW JERSEY

Susan Detoro
63 Lowell Street
Westwood 07675

Allen & Gunilla Joslyn
249 Valley Road
Montclair 07042

NEW YORK

Evelyn Bicknell
471 Orangeburg Road
Pearl River 10965

Donald Pearson
38 Judson St
Canton 13617

Dale Sponaugle
539 Linwood #3
Buffalo 14209

NORTH CAROLINA

Donathan Boothe
Box 30864
Charlotte 28230

NORTH CAROLINA (Cont.)

Roddy & Caroline Brown
1252 Andover Road
Charlotte 28211
Tel: 704-364-5084
Wk: 704-554-1421

Charles Wardell
Box 195
Trinity 27370
Tel: 919-434-1145

NORTH DAKOTA

Lois & Phillip Warrey
Box 3
Page 58064

OHIO

Carol K Meermans
30516 Maple Drive
Bay Village 44140

OREGON

Dean & Edith Campbell
612 N Meridian
Newberg 97132

Maudie Eastwood
3900 Latimer Rd N
Tillamook 97141
Tel: 503-842-2244

Lynn Fowler
8070 S E - 13th Ave
Portland 97202

Don & Elaine Shreve
8550 S W Holly Lane
Portland 97223

Bill & Marge Varitz
17828 S Robinview Ct
West Linn 97068

PENNSYLVANIA

Darryl Dudash
1603 Maratta Road
Aliquippa 15001

Julius Goldman
8822 Revere St
Philadelphia 19152

Steven M. Stabley
RD 2 - Box 72
Wrightsville 17368

TEXAS

Hugh Lowe
400 Academy Drive
Austin 78704

VERMONT

Phoebe & Alden Bryan
68 N Williston Road
Williston 05495

WASHINGTON

George Doyle
3700 Elizabeth Ave #131
Olympia 98501
Tel: 206-491-6312

Art Smith
936 N 76th St
Seattle 98103

WISCONSIN

Lois Hatch
342 South 23rd
LaCrosse 54601
Tel: 608-782-8741

Robert H Miller
Box 278
Walworth 53184

Dan & Judy Peterson
Rt 2-5372 Mahocker R
Mazomanie 53560

Kae & Ray Zyc
1042 Milton Ave
Janesville 53545
Tel: 608-754-2643