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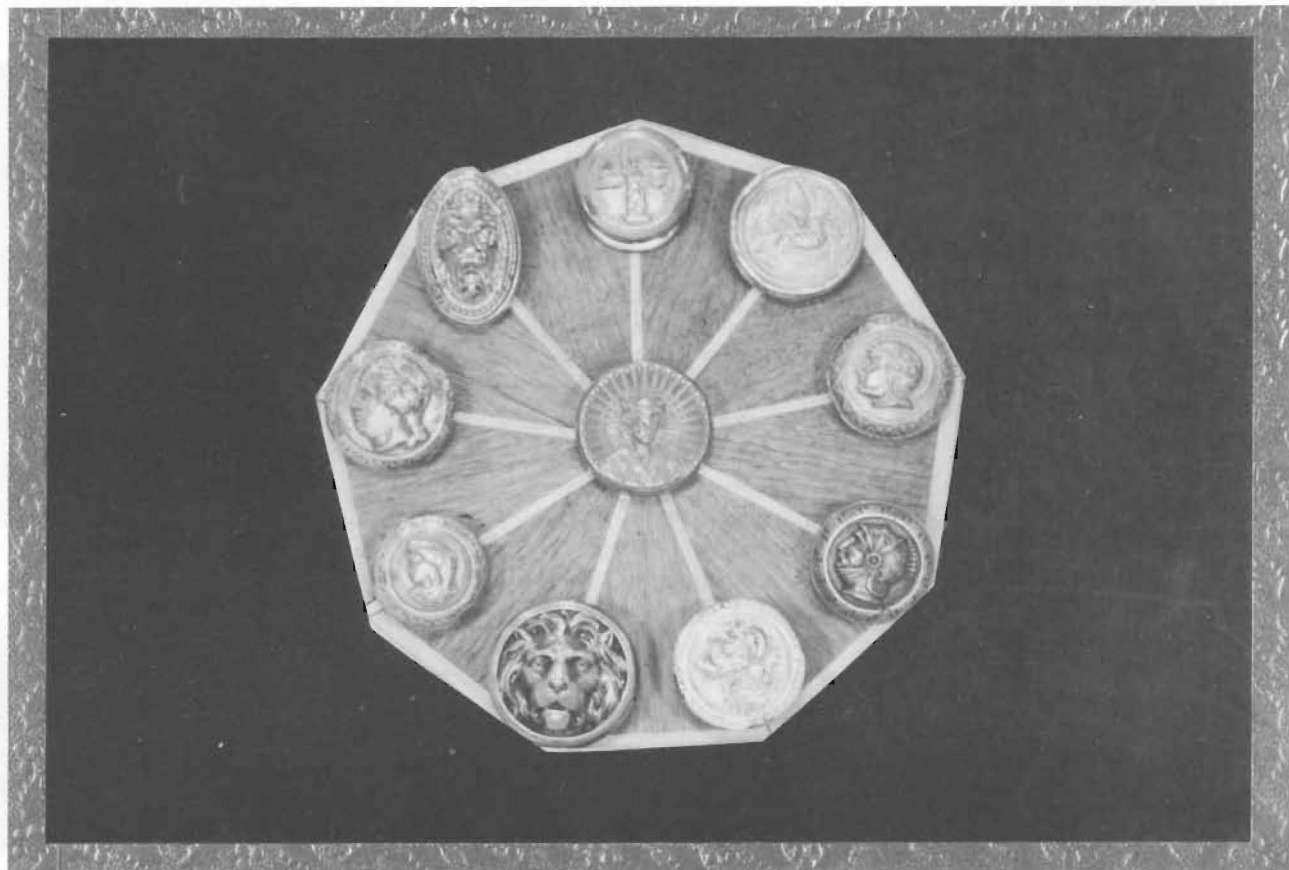


Photo above: Prize winning figural award
Bob Rodder's, 1993 display. (Photo by L. Nemec)

*May your Christmas be all that you hope for
and
The New Year bring you all you deserve!*

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THE OPEN DOOR

by ray nemec



Renewal notices to approximately 200 members went out with our September-October issue. As I write this column only 25% of the members have renewed. If you have not renewed, you will find another notice with this issue. This will be the final notice. Sending out renewal notices can be expensive. It can cost as much as 29 cents or 35 cents each time we send out a notice. If you plan on renewing, please do it now. If you do not plan to renew, we would like to know that, too.

With this issue of **The Doorknob Collector** the story of Niles, Sager and the Chicago Hardware Company is concluded. However, additional information continues to be obtained. There is a great deal of material that could be put into a book. My guess is that a book of 300 or more pages could be done. The big questions are would it sell and is there a publisher who would take it? For now, we will try to get our files in order, add and re-write sections as information is received.

Every once in awhile one of our members ask if he is the oldest **ADCA** member. Our records are far from complete on the score. In December, Fred Magnus will be 90 years old. Does anyone want to challenge Fred for the honor?

Elsewhere in **The Doorknob Collector** is a listing of back issues of the publication that are available and the cost of each issue. If you are missing some of the issues and would

like to add to your file, now is the time to obtain them. We are running low on some issues.

In future issues we will tell you about some of the attractions in northern Michigan. Suffice for now is to tell you that people from Virginia and other eastern states come to Michigan for summer vacations. It is a great state enhanced even more by being surrounded on three sides by the Great Lakes. •

ADCA on the radio

Did you hear the **Antique Doorknob Collectors of America** mentioned on the radio on September 12th? If you did, you were among thousands who did as radio stations across the country saluted **ADCA** on the anniversary date of it's founding.

Hundreds of radio stations mentioned the event and five of them called Loretta and Ray Nemec for live interviews. Loretta was on the air at 6:15 a.m. on a station in Kentucky. At 6:35 a.m. it was a station in Findlay, Ohio. This was followed by a call from a station in Watertown, New York, Than at 8:10 a.m. Ray talked for five minutes to the listeners of a Huntsville, Texas, station. Later in the morning Loretta was interviewed by WPAD, a powerful radio station in Paducah, Kentucky.

The Nemecs received reports from friends and relatives around the country that they heard about the antique doorknob collectors on their local station. Did you hear the announcement? •

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Meet Your Board of Directors

Each issue **The Doorknob Collector** will feature the pictures of one or two **ADCA** members who are on the Board of Directors. In this issue we present:



Dale Sponaugle

Dale Sponaugle attended his first **ADCA** convention in 1990 at East Windsor, Connecticut. Since then he has missed only one, the 1995 event. Dale, a member of **ADCA** for over ten years, has been on the Board of Directors since 1991, serving as Vice President. •



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From Niles to Sager

The Story of the Chicago Hardware Company

by Raymond J. Nemec

(Continued from September/October 1995 issue 73 of *The Doorknob Collector*)

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The September 30, 1925, issue of the *Waukegan Sun* told of still another change at the North Chicago hardware plant. The headline read **"Sager Lock Co. is sold; Sager to stay as the head."**

This was followed by three lesser headlines which read:

"Big Concern in the east takes over the plant"

"Deal includes Barrows Lock Co. at Lockport, Yale and Towne firm purchases"

"To keep old name"

The text of the story read:

"The Sager Lock Company, located in North Chicago for years has been sold to the Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company, of Stamford, Connecticut, it was learned through C. W. Sager, President of the Sager Lock Company, today.

"The deal includes the Barrows Lock Company of Lockport, Illinois, which is a sister company to the local plant.

"The purchase covers physical assets, good will, trade names and book accounts.

"Mr. Sager was elevated to a post of vice president in the Yale and Towne Company through the transfer, and he is to remain at the head of the local business, and announces that the Sager Lock and Barrows Lock will be guided under policies under which they have operated in the past.

"The North Chicago plant will be known as the Sager Lock Works of Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company, and the Lockport plant will carry the name of the Barrows Lock Works of the Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company."

The story pointed out that Sager Lock "is one of the best established

manufacturing businesses along the North Shore." Chicago Hardware Manufacturing Company had moved to the site from Chicago thirty years earlier, in 1895. Sager, the article pointed out, had moved from Lockport twelve years ago to take charge of the business. About 250 employees were on the payroll of the North Chicago plant and almost that many at Lockport.

The Sager Lock Company had sold all of its assets but remained an Illinois Corporation until June 28, 1929, when it was dissolved. The stock holders at the time were Charles W. Sager (President-Treasurer), Hosmer L. Murphy, Fred H. Fellows (Secretary), Georgie Gann and David B. Gann (Vice President).

A little over two months later, on September 6, 1929, at the same location Sager was dissolved, room 1720, 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, the Barrows Lock Company was dissolved. Share holders were listed as Charles W. Sager, R. C. Moore (plant superintendent), Fred W. Forkel, David B. Gann, Georgie K. Gann and W. H. Harpham (Sager's brother-in-law).

Sager related to a grandson, he took a cash settlement rather than stock when closing the deal with Yale and Towne.

There were no sales prices announced at the time of the deal nor was there any report of annual sales. The book, *History of Will County*, reported in the mid 1920s Barrows was one of the three large manufacturing industries in Lockport with sales of more than a quarter of a million dollars per year. Sager was probably doing close of half a million dollars in sales annually.

When Sager acquired Chicago Hardware, he kept the basic logo design. He would adopt it for Barrows and keep it for Sager when the name was changed from Chicago. There would be no change under the Yale and Towne name. In fact the catalog Sager Lock issued in 1919 was re-issued after Yale and Towne's purchase with the name changed from "company" to "works" and a few additions and deletions but otherwise the same. The 1920 Barrows catalog was almost identical to the 1919 Sager catalog.

Sager's grandson, Lewis Clarke, III, believes his grandfather had no hobbies, Sager did enjoy spending time at the office and working on the companies' catalogs.

Sager was 59 years old when he sold the two companies. Sager retired as a Yale and Towne Vice President in 1932. He received \$500 a month from Yale and Towne for five years to serve as a consultant. His son-in-law, H. Lee Murphy, became the "works manager," the highest ranking official at the site.

Hosmer Leland (Lee) Murphy was born January 22, 1892, at Sparta, Illinois, a city located about 40 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Gem City Business College, Quincy, Illinois and graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois in 1916.

His first business experience was at a bank in Alvord, Iowa, just south of the South Dakota border. He worked as a janitor, bookkeeper, teller and assistant cashier. In 1915 he joined the First National Bank of Lockport, Illinois, and a year later joined the Commercial Trust and Savings Bank of Joliet, Illinois. In



Hosmer Leland (Lee) Murphy

(photo courtesy of Lock Museum, Terryville, CT)

1917 he married Mabel Sager, Charles W. Sager's oldest daughter. That was the year he entered the United States Army where he attained the rank of Captain. He left the service in 1919.

Murphy joined the Sager Lock Company in 1921 and his father-in-law placed him in various positions in the plant. By the time Sager retired in 1932, Murphy was General Manager of the Sager Lock Works.

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The United States was in the grips of an economic depression in 1931. Sales were down at all Yale and Towne divisions. The company elected to close down the Barrows operation in Lockport and manufacture both the Barrows and Sager brands of builders hardware in North Chicago. The Barrows plant was closed in 1932. Yale and Towne would continue to hold title to the Lockport property until they sold it in 1945.

During the mid-1930s Lee Murphy was General Manager of the Sager-Barrows Lock Works. George J. Macklin was assistant manager and Fred H. Fellows was superintendent. In 1940 Verne C. Smith succeeded Fellows as the plant superintendent.

Murphy left Sager Lock Works in 1941 to become President of the Eagle Lock Company, at Terryville, Connecticut. Eagle Lock was formed in 1854. By 1922 Eagle had 1800 employees but with the depression of the 1930s and new ownership in 1936 the company had not fared well for a number of years prior to Murphy accepting the presidency.

In 1943 the Eagle Lock Company was wholly owned by Bowser, Inc. R. Hosken Damon was Chairman of the Board of Directors, H. Lee Murphy was President and George J. Macklin, who had been Murphy's assistant at Sager was one of Eagle's two Vice Presidents. Murphy and Macklin remained in those roles at Eagle until 1946. Murphy resigned the presidency in 1946 but remained with the company as manager of their Chicago sales office until he retired and moved to California.

A great deal of the information on Lee Murphy was obtained from a profile printed in the June 1943 issue of the Eagle Lock Company employee publication, **Loc-key News**. The publication goes on to tell it's readers that Murphy prefers to be called Lee by everyone and enjoys all sports especially golf. It was mentioned that he was fond of close harmony and will join in singing with anyone at any time.

George Macklin returned to Sager Lock in 1946 and became the General manager. When Murphy and Macklin left Sager in 1941 John P. Dunphy became General Manager of the North Chicago plant. Mervyn W. Osborne was the assistant to the general manager and Victor A. Mills was General Superintendent.

In 1950, nearly 25 years since Yale and Towne had bought Sager and Barrow, the North Chicago site employed 250 persons, about the same as when they took over the operation in 1925. However, gone

were the 200 or more employees in Lockport.

Samuel F. Rolph was the General Manager of the North Chicago plant in 1950. George McNulty was the plant superintendent.

On July 5, 1950, the Waukegan **News-Sun** told it's readers that "Sager-Barrows to quit county." The story said, "The Sager-Barrows Lock Works of Commonwealth Avenue, North Chicago, and the Norton Door Closer Company, Chicago, divisions of Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company, will be combined and moved to a new single story plant at Berrien Springs, Michigan, Samuel F. Rolph, General Manager of these divisions announced today."

The consolidation of the two divisions was expected to cut down administrative costs and achieve other important economies in production, Rolph reported. The transfer was scheduled to begin in October 1950.

The **News-Sun** reported, "in a letter to Sager-Barrows employees mailed yesterday, Rolph explained the transfer, giving them 'ample time in which to make personal adjustments'. They are just returning from their vacations as are Norton employees."

"We realize that many of our present employees will find it hard to pull up stakes here to accept the opportunity to work at Berrien Springs," Rolph wrote.

Rolph indicated a management official would work with employees in the matter relating to the closing of the plant and the move to Berrien Springs.

It should be pointed out that Norton Door Closer Company was in no way affiliated with the Norton Family who once owned the Barrows Lock Company.

Both the North Chicago and Chicago plants were being offered for sale.



Final resting place of Mabel & Hosmer Murphy at Forest Memorial Park Glendale CA. (Photo by L. Bolen)

The plant at Berrien Springs was purchased June 20, 1950 from Clark Equipment Company. It had 140,000 square feet of floor space and was located in a 13-acre tract. The North Chicago plant did not provide for expansion because of limited ground space.

By November 1, 1950, the work force at the Sager Lock Works had dwindled from 250 on July 1 to 135 as employees left the company for employment elsewhere in the area. The plant would be closed on November 15, 1950, after 55 years of continuous operation. Key men and department heads were expected to move to Berrien Springs. For those not moved, Sager Lock Works was giving employees one to three weeks severance pay, depending on their length of service.

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The Sager and Barrows brand or trade name products were manufactured at Berrien Springs, Michigan, for about three years. In 1953 the decision to discontinue them was made

The year 1953 was also the year Charles Warner Sager died. He and his wife, Corinne, moved to Los Angeles in 1932, after his retirement from Yale and Towne. Sager died on September 4, 1953 at his home, 826 S. Cochran Ave, Los Angeles, the result of heart disease. He was 87. Sager was born in England but had been a resident of the United States since he was one.

He was survived by his wife, his two daughters, Mabel Murphy and Jean Clark and four grandchildren, Lewis D. Clark, Jr., Charles Sager Clark and David and Nancy Sager.

Sager's son, Charles H., had preceded him in death by three years.

Corinne Sager died October 28, 1956. She was 88. Corinne was born in Havana, Illinois in 1868. She married Charles in 1898.

Sager's oldest daughter, Mabel, and her husband, Lee Murphy, had no children. After Lee's retirement from the builders hardware industry they moved to LaCanada, California, a Los Angeles suburb.

On October 31, 1965, while cleaning his gun, Lee Murphy accidentally shot his wife in the head which resulted in her death. She was 72. Apparently filled with despair, Murphy took his own life with the same gun. They were found by a neighbor later that day. Murphy was 73.

Deputies said a gun and noted lay near Murphy's body. The note read: "Oh my god, I shot Bub (his wife's nickname) while cleaning my gun. I must join her in heaven."

Charles Sager's youngest daughter, Jean Clark died about ten years later. Her son, Lewis, remembers taking trips to California to see his grandparents. He also remembers his grandparents coming back to Waukegan occasionally to visit his daughter, her family and the many friends he had in the area.

Charles W. Sager was proud of his accomplishments, a man who's formal education was limited but through hard work and dedication he succeeded in achieving a large amount of success and an honored place in the history of builders hardware and locks.●



**Crypt of Corinne Harpham Sager
1868 - 1956
and
Charles Warner Sager
1866 - 1953
At the Forest Lawn Memorial Park
Glendale, California**



(Photo by Mark Davidovich)

Niles Knobs

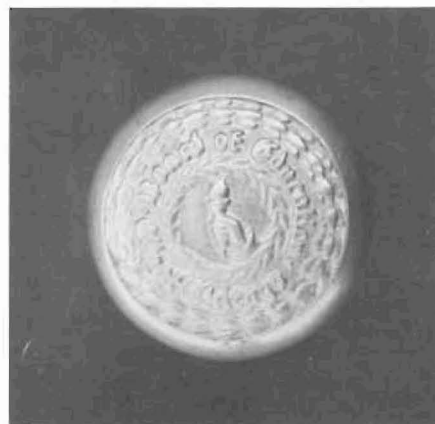
A supplement to Ornamental Design in Antique Doorknobs by Len Blumin

- O-120** **Niles No. 14** Originally shown in issue No. 37 (Sep-Oct 1989). From the U. S. Federal Building in Chicago. Diameter 2-7/16 inches. Weight 10.7 ounces.
- O-162a** **Niles No. 15.** (See No. 61, Sept-Oct. 1993). Board of Education, City of Chicago, lower case letters. In bronze. Diameter 2-1/4 inches. Weight 7.5 ounces.
- O-162b** **Niles No. 16.** (See No. 15, above). Board of Education, City of Chicago, Bower-Barff finish. Diameter 2-5/16 inches. Weight 7.0 ounces.
- O-174** **Niles No. 17.** Either TW of WT Co. (Readers, can you help?) Diameter 2-7/16 inches. Weight 9.8 ounces.

O-120



O-162a



O-162b



O-174



Niles Knobs

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- O-175** Niles No. 18 Initials **E H** are shown. Probably a hotel. Can anyone identify it? diameter 2-1/4 inches. Weight, 6.0 ounces.
- O-176** Niles No. 19 "**B**" for the founder of the Pabst Brewing Company, Mr. Best. He was Pabst's father-in-law. Knob is Bower-Barff. Diameter 2-9/16 inches. Weight, 12.0 ounces.
- O-177** Niles No. 20. Initials seem to be **TM**. Again, this one needs to be identified. Bower-Barff finish. Diameter 2-5/16 inches. Weight, 9.5 ounces.

O-175



O-176



O-177



Member #398

William J. Rigby (#398) and his wife Janet, live in Cooperstown, New York, a city known as the site of the Baseball Hall of Fame. It is at this location Rigby operates the William J. Rigby Company, an Antique Hardware Store. They also cast puretin[sic] Christmas ornaments in original 1870's molds.

In addition, Rigby is a building restoration consultant. His company also provides information or correct installation methods for most hardware.

Antique door hardware is not Rigby's only interest. He lists antique autos (pre-1918), tin plate train collecting and the collecting of electric related items as other hobbies.●

The Business side of Things '95

by Win Applegate
President

Some of the topics that come under the heading of 'business' from the convention of 1995 have been mentioned in the previous news letter.

Organizationally:

With Len Blumin declining to run for another term and the death of Arnie Fredrick, two vacancies were created on the Board of Directors. As you should now be aware, these have been filled by Linda Smeltzer and Steve Rowe. Both were duly recommended by the Nominating Committee, unanimously approved by the Board and elected by those present at the 1995 Business Meeting.

Julie Mann after serving as Secretary to the Board for six years, decided not to continue. Julie had done a fine job and will be missed. Personally, I truly appreciated her professional effort in compiling and publishing the minutes of both the Board and the Business Meetings for those years.

Carol Applegate has agreed to assume the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Board.

The Auction:

The auction was Arnie Fredrick's. These responsibilities are currently being handled by me. This year Jackie Rode was in charge of auctioneering and it looks as though she has worked herself into a permanent job.

One of the changes this year was the lack of a computer to run the auction software. During the year, the Board had approved funds for the acquisition of a portable computer, printer and necessary accessories. It had been decided that other alternatives such as renting a computer locally every year was not practical.

Maud Eastwood, in memory of Arnie Fredrick donated the full cost of \$1,900. It was certainly an appropriate memorial. . . Arnie would have liked that!

The 1996 Convention:

The DeLanges are deep into the process of planning for Grand Rapids.

As an update, the dates are now set for July 25-27, 1996 with tours on Wednesday July 24th.

Commemorative Stamp:

The re-issuance of the ADCA proposal for a commemorative stamp series honoring the Hardware Industry has not been completed. This will be done for the third or fourth time before the end of this year.

Update of Victorian Decorative Art:

All supplements previously published in the newsletter will be scanned and rough copies sent to any member contemplating offering additional knobs for review, numbering, and inclusion.

A pending article in the newsletter will enlarge upon this subject and the suggested procedure. As previously reported, Rich Kennedy has offered to be one of the photographers.

Revision of Membership Charges:

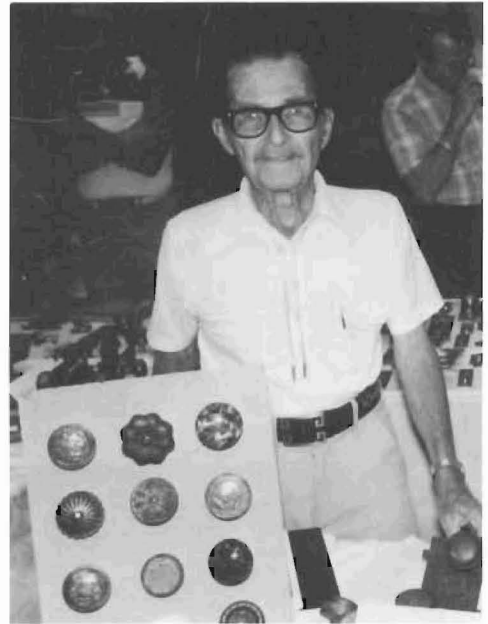
The Board had discussed Ray Nemeck's suggestions regarding new fees. During the year board members will be reviewing these with a hopeful resolve for a vote at the 1996 Business Meeting.

Have a fine Holiday Season.●



(Photo by L. Blumin)

Marbelized Mineral Knob (Blue, Tan & Brown)



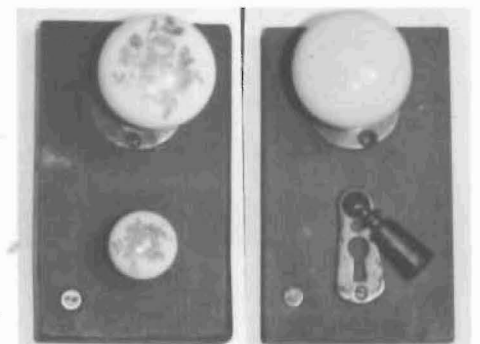
Happy 90th Birthday

ADCA wishes Fred Magnus a very happy 90th birthday. Fred was born on December 19, 1905, at Chicago, Illinois.

Fred was already an established collector of doorknobs when he appeared on the popular television program, "What's My Line," in 1971. His hobby of collecting antique doorknobs stumped the panel.

In 1981, Fred, and his late wife, Ethladel, attended the formation meeting of the **Antique Doorknob Collectors of America**. They were regular convention attendees through 1990.

Happy Birthday, Fred, and hope you have many years of good health.●



The "N" Knob

by Edice Wagner

Back in 1940's, 50's and 60's, the National Cash Register Company, headquarters in Dayton, Ohio was comprised of 30 buildings, some of them ten stories in height. Anything that went in to a cash register was manufactured here from the nuts and bolts to the plating and woodworking.

One of the buildings was an auditorium which was used to entertain

the children of some 30,000 employees and also used for high school graduation ceremonies. One of the larger buildings contained the corporate offices and although I cannot be sure, I suspect that was the location of the "N" doorknob.

Subsequently, National Cash Register became known as NCR and with the advent of computer technology, the company decentralized in the 70's and downsized to about 7,000 employees. There are only four buildings remaining today, the rest were demolished.

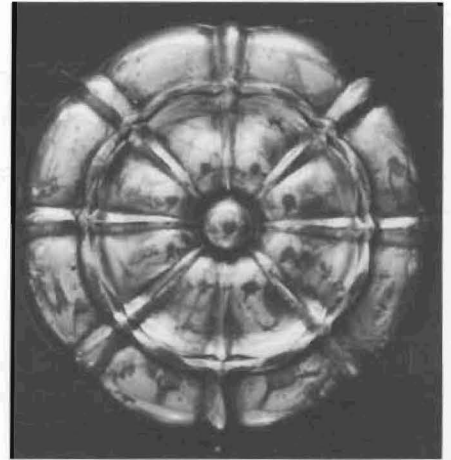
Within the past few years, NCR was purchased by AT&T and is now known as AT&T Global Information Solutions. Recent reports indicated that the company is not doing well financially and rumors are there will be many more jobs eliminated. It is indeed a sad ending to a once magnificent company founded in the early 1900's. •



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National Cash Register

Correction



K-320

The above knob (Niles No. 3) was listed as H-497 on page 9, May/June 1995 issue of **The Doorknob Collector**. This is an eight-fold knob and the correct number is K-320. (The number H-497 will be re-assigned to another doorknob in the future. •

Hardware Puzzle

The following is a list of 20 Hardware Manufacturing Companies. The vowels and spaces have been omitted. Can you name the companies? If you can name all of them, you will become eligible for a free year's membership to ADCA. A drawing from all the correct entries will take place at the 1996 convention to determine the winner. Send your answer to: PUZZLE, ADCA, P.O. Box 126, Eola, IL 60519-0126. Deadline: December 31, 1995.

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| 1. MRCNHRDWRCRPRTN | 11. SRGNTNDCMPNY |
| 2. BRRWSLCKCMPNY | 12. SCHLGLCKCMPNY |
| 3. RSSLLNDRWNCMPNY | 13. LCKWDMNFCTRNGCMPNY |
| 4. SGRLCKCMPNY | 14. BRNFRDLCKWRKS |
| 5. RDNGHRDWRWRKS | 15. NSHLCKCMPNY |
| 6. PFCRBN | 16. PRKRNDWHPPLCMPNY |
| 7. HPKNSNDDCKNSNMNFCTRNGCMPNY | 17. NRWKLCKCMPNY |
| 8. CHCGHRDWRMNFCCTRNGCMPNY | 18. PNNHRDWRCMPNY |
| 9. TCHNCLGLSSCMPNY | 19. GLLCKCMPNY |
| 10. YLNDTWNMNFCTRNGCMPNY | 20. MLLRYWHLRCMPNY |

Member Number One

by Win Applegate

There was just something about Arnie Fredrick that made you like him.

I first met Arnie at the 1987 Convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

Perhaps it was because it was my first convention, perhaps it was because we were both alone, but I have since decided that it was just because. There was just that undefined, at times evasive, factor between two people.

All that weekend, there was never any discussion about who he was, his past role in the organization. . . no words of him being in anyway instrumental with others in helping to form the organization or the by-laws, or the legal issues, or the insurance, etc. and no words about the Waverly Convention.

There was just a lot of talk to a new comer like me about each of the fine people that were there. Doorknob collecting and trading caveats were unselfishly and freely given. . . a valuable thing for a person at his first convention.

We became friends that weekend.

Out work together since 1987 had brought us closer. Regardless of the situations, rarely a harsh word from him about anyone.

Arnie always seemed to put his whole effort and his undivided attention into anything that dealt with the ADCA whether it was a bylaws change or the auction. Once I asked where the carvings came from that were being contributed to the club for the auction . . . his reply was "from some old retired guy in the mid-west". Yes, many of us give of our time to the organization; Arnie's donated carvings represented many many additional hours of effort.

Only the Charter members of the ADCA knew fully of his contributions and at Ray Nemec's suggestion, membership #1 was honored at the 1993 Convention. His plaque read:

Arnold Fredrick

Let It Be Known That At Its Thirteenth Annual Convention,

The ADCA Recognizes "Arnie" As Its Key Founder.

It Was Through His Guidance And Wise Consel That The Foundation For This Lasting Organization Was Established.

For His Consistent Support And Tireless Effort The Organization Honors Its Member #1.

In the ADCA many good people make for some fine relationships. But I will say that while others knew him longer, on one knew him better or thought more of Arnie Fredrick than Win Applegate . . . and no member will miss him more.

To paraphrase the hymn The Old Rugged Cross: "...When his trophies at last he laid down, those he left behind said, 'There were few finer gentlemen than Arnie Fredrick'".

Niles Knob

A supplement to *Ornamental Design in Antique Doorknobs* by Len Blumin



F-104 Niles No. 13. Originally shown in **Victorian Decorative Art**, page F-2. Vernacular. Circa 1885. Diameter 2-1/8 inches. Weight 7.7 ounces.



D H M CO.

Denver Hardware Mfg. Co.

Plate measures 16-7/8 in.

Knob diameter 2-1/2" and 8-1/2 ounces.



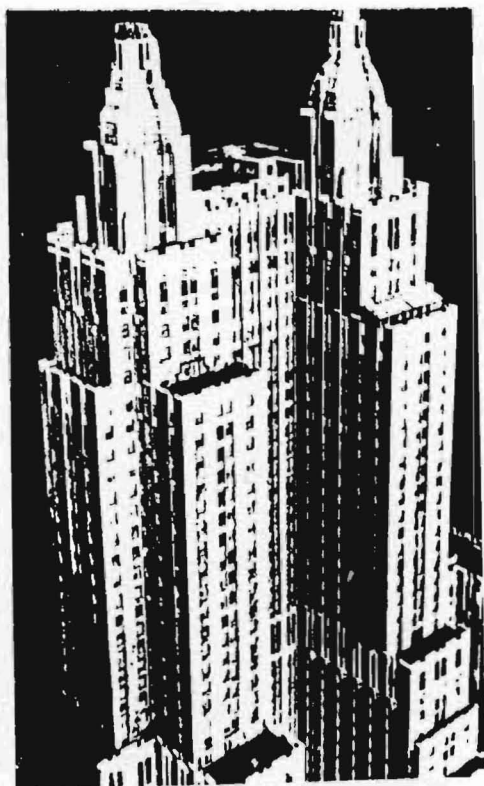
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The New Hotel Waldorf Astoria

by Maud Eastwood



Hand-crafted Russwin escutcheon



The Waldorf Astoria . . .
its doors still bear Russwin hardware.

The New Hotel Waldorf Astoria in New York City erected by the firm of Schultze & Weaver, was fitted with not just one design of builders hardware, but several. Robert O. Miller, *DAHC*, a former Russwin man in contract sales, noted that at least fourteen designs were created by Russwin for this noted hotel in 1930.

Why multiple designs? To correctly compliment the several architectural periods involved. Designs on combs, match book covers, door hardware, etc., were all to be coordinated on several floors where distinctive schools of design were featured in the decorating scheme.

Isaac Black (Russwin Sales Manager at the time) oversaw this job, working with the architects to develop the designs. The specification allotted \$60,000 for hardware for the special areas, the hardware to be contracted from foreign sources. Black seized the opportunity. Models and drawings were submitted that convinced the builder to use domestic Russwin hardware.

Russwin highlighted three of the Waldorf Astoria designs on page 58 in catalog No. 16, (1931). The Lock Museum at Terryville, Connecticut, displays examples of this hotel's hardware. •

[*Editor's note:* The original **Waldorf Astoria** opened on March 13, 1893. William Waldorf Astor tore down his house on the corner of Fifth Avenue and 34th Street and erected the 13-story Hotel on the site. The hotel was torn down in 1929 after it was severely damaged by fire. The **Empire State Building** now stands on the site. The **New Waldorf Astoria Hotel**, on Park & Lexington Avenues and 49th & 50th Streets opened its doors to the public on October 1, 1931.]





From The Archives

by Steve & Barbara Menchhofer

What a nice time we had in California. The nicest people attend the **ADCA** conventions. Guess that's why it is like a family reunion to us. It's our opportunity to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. These people seem to become a part of our family. So come to a convention and experience the warmth, friendliness and caring that members feel for one another. You won't be sorry. You will meet many fellow collectors, have the opportunity to buy, sell and trade hardware and learn more about your hobby from the educational programs.

Two donations were received by the Archives at this years convention. Steve and Barbara Efnor donated the March 1933 issue of *Home & Field* magazine that highlights hardware. Bud and Margaret Wolski donated a copy of a book about sun colored glass.

If you would like to donate or loan us a catalog to copy we would appreciate it. Please write or call us and we will discuss it. •

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DEADLINE

All ads, material and articles for the January-February 1996 issue of *The Doorknob Collector* should be in the hands of the editors by December 15, 1995.

The Doorknob Exchange

Members are reminded that your dues entitle you to advertise items for sale, trade or wanted at no charge. **ADCA** is not responsible for any transaction or the condition of the items advertised.

Wanted: F-218 Milan -
Allen Still (#37)
415 46th Street
West Des Moines, IA 50265-2986
PH: 515-224-0473

Wanted: Door Bells all types.
Gene Moen (#66)
4813 Vincent Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55410
PH: 612-925-3201

Wanted: The following doorknobs.
A-101, A-102, A-103, A-104, A-105,
A-201, A-202, A-203, A-205, A-302,
A-303, A-304, A-305, A-306, A-311,
A-312, A-313 and A-314.
Homer Snow (#149)
732 Sherman Street
Nashville, MI 49073
PH: 517-852-9455

For Sale Back Issues

The Doorknob Collector

Issues 14, 20	\$2.50 each
Issues 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31	\$2.00 each
Issues 32, 33	\$2.50 each
Issues 34, 35, 36, 37, 38	\$2.00 each
Issues 39	\$3.00
Issues 40, 41	\$2.00 each
Issues 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48	\$1.50 each
Issues 49, 50, 51, 52	\$2.00 each
Issues 53, 55	\$1.50 each
Issues 54, 56	\$2.50 each
Issues 57, 58, 59, 60	\$1.50 each
Issues 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68	\$2.00 each

Send your list of back issues wanted along with your check or money order, payable to **ADCA**. Mail to: **ADCA**, P.O. Box 126, Eola, IL 60519-0126.

Supplies are limited

1996 Convention

The dates are set. The site has been secured. The 1996 **ADCA** annual convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be July 24 to 27. It will be held at the Grand Rapids Hilton Inn. Now the convention committee hopes you will make the commitment to attend **ADCA's** convention in the Great Lakes State.

Auction Success

Would you do it again? Ray Zyc said, "Yes, I would do another auction in *The Doorknob Collector*." Zyc said he felt it was a success. He received bids from members in the east and midwest and expresses his thanks to all those who participated.



F-218 Milan

1996 Convention Theme



Porcelain Hardware



Grand Rapids, MI
July 24-27



Gene & Miriam DeLange
Chairpersons