

## **Over 400 fresh-to-the-market lots to be sold March 7th by Tom's Auctions in Ivor, Virginia**

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(Ivor, Va.) – More than 400 fresh-to-the-market lots, drawn from prominent area estates, will be sold at auction Saturday, Mar. 7, by auctioneers Tom Perry and Jay Bradshaw of Tom's Auctions & Appraisals, beginning at 9 a.m. The sale will be held in a former schoolhouse building now used for community activities, located at 8420 Bell Avenue in Ivor, a lovely rural town in eastern Virginia conveniently located off Route 460.

Consignments from four important estates will headline the event – two from Virginia Beach and one each from Smithfield and Drewryville. All are in Virginia. Other estates will also be represented, from Virginia, the Carolinas and other nearby states. “Combined, these estates make for a really nice selection of merchandise,” said Tom Perry of Tom's Auctions & Appraisals. “I'm looking forward to a great sale.”

The event is Tom's Auctions & Appraisals' 26th annual Antiques & Collectibles Auction. It will be a cataloged sale, meaning all lots will be presented in order as they appear in the catalog (and online, at [www.tomsauction.com](http://www.tomsauction.com); also, click on [Auctionzip.com](http://Auctionzip.com), ID #1328). There will be no online bidding, but phone and timely absentee bids will be accepted.

Many items slated to cross the block are indigenous to the area, specifically South Hampton County, Va. These include several log cabin quilts made around 1900 by a descendant of the consignor and measuring about 72 inches by 54 inches; an early framed print of the Confederate monument, placed in Courtland, Va.; a collection of locally dug Indian arrowheads; and an enormous hand-carved wooden arrowhead, over two feet tall.

Other Virginia-specific lots include a handwritten land deed, dated 1861 and with an additional related court document summoning local residents to court in 1907; an ambrotype; several daguerreotypes; and other early pictures and photos of various unidentified local residents, some in cases and ranging in dates from around 1860 to 1920.

Pennsylvania will also be represented, in the form of a beautiful six-board early blanket chest (circa 1840-1880), Pennsylvania Dutch painted, with feet; an early settle table that cleverly converts to a chair (circa 1850), pine, with huge boards, one drawer and a two-board top; a matching set of six early plank-bottom chairs (circa 1850s); and several other pairs of lovely early Pennsylvania painted chairs.

Victorian furniture will be offered in abundance. Examples include a large fancy side-by-side mahogany secretary; a walnut secretary (circa 1860s-1880s); an oak hall seat; a high-back bed; and a nice corner chair. Fine artwork will include a large oil on canvas rendering of St. Paul's Church by Jean Batail (French, born 1930); and a large oil painting of Mary and Jesus by an unknown artist (circa 1880).

From the toys category, top lots promise to include a Betty Taplin child's hand mixer; a Marx train set; model airplanes and cars, sold in groups; an early cast-iron pig bank; an early buggy blanket with images of foxes; early noddies, mouse and duck; Buddy Lee; and a Mickey Mouse night light. Dolls will feature Madame Alexander; H. Gunzel; Susan Walkeim; Carlos Gor; and Cabbage Patch.

In the decorative accessories group, the following will be offered: solid brass early andirons and fire fender; a silver plate coffee and tea service with tray; a large sterling silver Reed & Barton Francis IX footed bowl; an early coin silver butter knife with hallmarks; Tiffany sterling pieces; Bailey, Banks & Biddle sterling silver; a signed C.F. Rudolph hand-chaste coin fork; and a 41-piece Gorham silver service.

Clocks and lamps will also cross the block. Star lots will include a nice Seth Thomas pillar-and-scroll clock and an Ingerham mantle clock with alarm; an early panel-glass lamp from the 1920s with filigree, electric; a reverse painted vase lamp with forms and floral decorations, also electric and from the '20s; and numerous oil lamps and miniatures.

Advertising material will feature a unique chair promoting Piedmont (Virginia) cigarettes, with a porcelain sign embedded in the chair; a pin case for the G. Howard Hunt Pin Company; and a Hickok advertising display case. Other items include barber shop memorabilia; walking canes; salt glaze items (pitcher, butter, etc.); patches from an aristocratic society; and a blown-glass, hand-painted liquor set.

Returning to period furniture, items of interest include a handsome mahogany drop-leaf table in the period of Duncan Phyfe (early 19th century or late 18th century); a walnut cylinder roll-top secretary bookcase; a large mahogany side-by-side secretary bookcase; a very clean English armoire with single mirrored door in the center; a walnut lady's fall-front desk; and an early 1900s iron and brass bed.

A last-minute consignment that will appeal to outdoorsmen in the crowd is a gorgeous 1995 Rinker Capri 24 motorboat with an inboard/outboard Mercruiser engine (454 w/370 horsepower and IEF exhaust) and a 2002 trailer with electric winch. The boat, with low hours logged, is about 23 feet long.

Rounding out the top lots: an early Knabe square grand piano (circa 1890-1910); a signed Pennsylvania crock and a Hamilton & Jones jug; a U.S. Marines sword with original box, Vietnam vintage; signed prints, by Currier & Ives and others; a two-part, two-color coverlet (circa 1780-1820); a reverse painting on glass of the White House (circa 1880-1910); a Navy pea coat; crystal; and china.

To learn more about Tom's Auctions & Appraisals and the 26th Annual Antiques & Collectibles Auction, click on the website, at [www.tomsauction.com](http://www.tomsauction.com). Directions are posted, along with hundreds of photos of lots to be offered. New images are being added as other consignments are secured until the day of sale. A buyer's premium of 10% will apply to all purchases.

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