

Pair of monster estates will cross the block on New Year's Day in Ivor, Va., at 10 a.m.

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Dec. 9, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- (IVOR, Va.) – A pair of prominent and important local estates will headline the 26th annual New Year's Day sale planned by Tom's Auctions & Appraisals of Suffolk, Va. The sale will be held at the old Ivor High School (now the Ivor Municipal Building), at 8420 Bell Avenue in Ivor, off Route 460, at 10 a.m. A preview will be held Thursday, Dec. 31, from 2-6 p.m., and on the day of sale from 9-10 a.m.

Over 600 lots will come up for bid and more than 400 of them will come from the estate of the late Col. Carl Moulton, a former antiques dealer and auctioneer. Mr. Moulton had planned to assist in the sale of his merchandise before his recent untimely death. He owned and operated Carl's Antiques in Chesapeake, Va., maintained booths in area antique malls, and previously owned a local pawn shop.

“Carl Moulton was a larger-than-life figure and a real friend who was known and liked by everyone in the area,” said Tom Perry of Tom's Auctions & Appraisals. “Barbara, his wife, also recently passed away, and when he contacted me about handling his estate, it was with the agreement he'd help out. Although he was in poor health, Carl was one of the area's most talented auctioneers and knew the auction business inside and out, but it wasn't to be. The sale will proceed as he wished, and most of it will be Carl's items.”

Mr. Moulton bought and sold antiques over a 40-year period, but he kept some the best of what he acquired for himself. Some of those items will be sold Jan. 1, but he owned so much, Mr. Perry said his estate will be broken up into several sales. The same will be true of the other major estate in the auction, that of the late Anne B. Jennings, formerly of Chesapeake, Va., and wife of the prominent physician Dr. W. Stanley Jennings. Dr. Jennings was recently referred to as “The Father Of The Chesapeake General Hospital” in a local article published at the time of the dedication of the W. Stanley Jennings Medical Clinic.

Mrs. Jennings loved primitives; her estate also includes stoneware, baskets, quilts and lots of country collectibles. Mr. Moulton specialized in jewelry, coins, period American furniture, stoneware, collectibles, and guns. “He had a reputation for collecting only primo items, in mint condition,” Mr. Perry said. “Mrs. Jennings was also a very discriminating buyer and she had the means to buy the best.”

Bidders will have much to peruse on New Year's Day. Period furniture items will include a yellow pine Virginia corner cupboard from Sussex County (circa 1800-1810); a meat safe from Isle of Wight County, Va., heart of pine with milk green paint (circa 1780-1820); a large oak bow front china cabinet (circa 1880s), with leaded glass, claw feet and nice carvings; and many other wonderful pieces.

The sale will also feature a Civil War Union sword made by Ames Mfg. Co. of Chicopee, Mass., in excellent condition, all original and with a scabbard; other Civil War items; sterling silver items, including a spectacular early 20th century Tiffany ladle; gold coins, including an 1852 \$1 gold coin as part of a necklace with a diamond and a 1909 \$5 Eagle gold coin with diamonds mounted on a pendant.

Also offered will be cast-iron and tin toys and banks, model trains and accessories, old candy containers, some rare antique telephones (including a stick), a nice assortment of antique baskets, Coca-Cola and Pepsi collectibles (to include a rare Coke tray in excellent condition), and Civil War-era daguerreotypes (to

include a portrait photo in a display case of a fireman).

Other items will include an old Dick Tracy key-wind toy car still in the original box plus a Dick Tracy friction toy car, turn-of-the-century Putnam Dyes & Tints, a rare Adolf Hitler pin cushion, a Lucky Lucy toy bank, a Speaking Dog mechanical bank (circa 1855), Bradley & Hubbard bronze plaques and lamp, and World's Fair items.

60+ pieces of stoneware items will be served up, originating from North and South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and other states. Sold will be face jugs, a rare crock attributed to H. Lowndes (Petersburg, Va., circa 1860s), a hard to come by pig-in stoneware piece with lots of blue, early G. Benton and L. Stewart jugs (Hartford, circa 1800-1820), an N. Clark & Co. stoneware jug (Lyons, N.Y.), scarce Norton and Fenton bulbous jugs, and chicken pecking corn crocks.

Collectors of vintage walking canes will be impressed with the nice assortment that includes a Civil War reunion example dated Aug. 1, 1879. Also slated to come under the gavel will be Cream of Wheat original advertisements, Currier & Ives prints, Disney collectibles, Carnival glass, Fenton pieces, Scotty wind-up toys, dolls, glassware, china, a vintage stereoscopic viewer, vintage school bells and a collection of Royal Doulton figurines.

Also sold will be Black memorabilia (to include a log cabin bank), an Imari bowl, Rose Medallion, rare and vintage books, country store items, old hotel bells, several antique baskets, including a miniature, a Lone Ranger and a Mickey Mouse toy bank, a sterling silver mother-of-pearl baby pacifier/whistle with chain, a one-quart glass butter churn, old bottles and bottle boxes, and a cast-iron miniature square egg skillet by Griswold (#129a).

Rounding out the day's lots will be a selection of door stops, an antique automatic pencil sharpener with hand-crank, showcases from Mr. Moulton's mall booths, additional furniture items and more. A date has not yet been set for the future auctions of the remainder of Mr. Moulton's estate. Mrs. Jennings' estate auction will be held at the same Ivor venue on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 10 am. More information about this auction will be forthcoming. Watch the Tom's Auctions & Appraisals website for details: www.TomsAuction.com.

To learn more about the New Year's Day sale, and for directions to the old Ivor High School, log on to www.TomsAuction.com. Many photos of the items to be sold have been posted, and more images were being added at press time. There will be no online bidding component for the sale, but phone and absentee bids will be accepted. The buyer's premium is 10 percent, cash and good check only.

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