

SWORD ADORNMENT

A small gold ornament was likely decoration for a Japanese sword scabbard. Family tradition states that it was presented to Commodore Perry during his 1850's expedition to Japan, and that it had once belonged to the Mikado of Japan.

The Consulate at Kanagawa, Japan, burned during Johnson's presidency, on November 26, 1866. In Johnson's 1868 address to Congress, he affirmed that the U.S. had maintained neutrality in the face of Japan's "theater of Civil War."

OLIVE WOOD CASK

A barrel-shaped cask held needles and thimbles – an appropriate belonging for a former tailor. The Hebrew inscription on the cask reads "Jerusalem." The Ottoman Empire supported the Union during the Civil War because of trade agreements.

GOLD SNUFF BOX



Delos Lake, California District Attorney during Andrew Johnson's administration, sent a snuff box to Johnson made from "the product of our State of California, the workmanship by one of our citizens, and the quartz gold forming the cover represents the mining District of Grass Valley."

FAN, BOX, CARD HOLDER



On June 5, 1868 a delegation from China with Ambassador Anson Burlingame arrived at the White House. The delegation presented Eliza with an ornate fan, box, and card holder.

CANDY BOX



Napoleon III violated the Monroe doctrine in 1863 when he put Maximilian on the throne as emperor of Mexico. Andrew Johnson sent a combat army to the border and issued an ultimatum. The French withdrew in 1867. Eliza Johnson received this elaborate box filled with 40 pounds of chocolate bon-bons from France during her husband's presidency.

"Then this box, of, of candy, with the artificial flowers and what have you, was given, was given by the French people. And, uh, it carried chocolate bon-bons. Now there's another gift." Margaret Johnson Patterson Bartlett (Johnson's g-granddaughter)

RUINS OF FORT ERIE PAINTING



The Johnson administration avoided a crisis with Great Britain by enforcing neutrality laws, which prohibited U.S. citizens from using military force against other nations. The Irish-American Fenians had made several armed forays into Canada in an attempt to annex Canadian territory and create a base for Fenian operations in Ireland. This painting was a gift from Mrs. HM Blake, wife of the US consul to Ontario.



GAMING TABLE

TILT TOP TABLE, INLAID, WITH VARIETY OF WOOD (500 PCS) FROM IRELAND. CENTER INLAID WITH HARP & "ERIN GO BRAGH 1866".

"And then there is a table there which has 500 pieces of inlaid wood, came from Ireland. The Irish people presented it, and

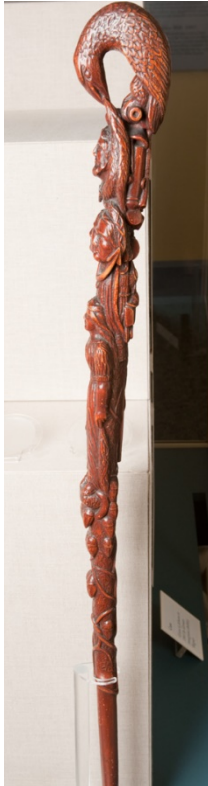
there is a Irishman's harp, and the six stars in favor of home rule at that time.”
Margaret Johnson Patterson Bartlett (Johnson's g-granddaughter)

IVORY BASKET



Queen Emma of the Sandwich (Hawaiian) Islands came to visit Andrew Johnson on August 14, 1866. She was the first Queen to visit the White House, and she brought the Johnson's an intricately carved ivory basket.

CANE



“Anthony Wagner gave Andrew Johnson this beautiful wooden cane, hand carved. And on the top of it, the handle, is an American eagle, and uh, and when people would come down there, I never had to go by anything, I always knew, exactly from – I’ve said it so often to people. This is it:

‘I present to you through my representative in Congress, a wooden

cane carved in my own hands in my leisure hours. Allow me to call your attention to a few of the many carvings upon it. You’ll first notice the American eagle with a laurel wreath of victory in her mouth. The heart, the cross, the anchor – emblems of love, faith, and hope. Also the...portraiture of yourself and Mr. Seward under a crown of thorns, indicating that you both have a hard road to travel with traitors and assassins all around you. There is the goddess of liberty, standing upon the serpent secession, with a rope for traitors in her right hand, and a wreath of peace in her left. On the reverse side, behold all the implements of war. The cap, the canteens, the bugles, the bullets, the shells, and tri . . .and at the bottom of the cane, the triumph of the American flag indicating the slaves are all liberated.” I mean there, “The broken chain indicating that the slaves are all liberated. And finally see all the acorns at the bottom of the cane indicating the good state of stru. . . uh, of live oak structure and can ride safely through all the storms of treason. These are the ideas of a general mechanic, so that when you walk abroad, you may have them with you. And may God make you the instrument of engraving them upon the heart of the American people. Your German friend, and American fellow citizen, citizen by adoption, Anthony Wagner.’

Now that’s the letter that came with the cane, and I remember as a child, that um, the letter was with the cane.”

Margaret Johnson Patterson Bartlett (Johnson’s g-granddaughter)