

# Our Nation's history... at auction!

Guernsey's to present significant artifacts November 22nd

**Abraham Lincoln's Flag and Portraits:** The funeral train that carried Lincoln's coffin was viewed by 7 million mourners as it traveled from Washington to Philadelphia, New York City and on to its final resting place in Illinois. Draping the coffin was this 8-foot long, 37-star American Flag. The subject of extensive research, the Flag is being sold on behalf of the



Museum of Southern History which was recently forced to close due to contaminants discovered in the ground on which it was built. The Flag will be providing funding for the acquisition of a new structure. A study of Lincoln by F. B. Carpenter (Six Months at the White House) and James Burns poignant Death of Abraham Lincoln are two of the important paintings in this sale.

**Daniel Chester French's Lincoln Memorial and Minute Man Maquettes:** Universally considered amongst America's foremost sculptors, in 1887 Mr. French created the figure of the Minute Man, the Revolutionary War farmer-turned-soldier who



fought for our young Nation's independence. Standing proudly in the center of Concord, Massachusetts, that figure has often been used in times of conflict to raise funds for US Savings and War Bonds. Decades later, French was given the honor of creating one of our most recognized, and beloved, sculptural masterpieces -

Washington's Lincoln Memorial. Remarkably,

this auction will contain the plaster studies for both of these landmark works of art.



**The two 49-Star Oval Office Flags and the only 49-Star Presidential Seal:**

When General Dwight D. Eisenhower became President in 1953, our Nation had 48 states. But even then, rumors circulated about the admission of Alaska and Hawaii to the Union. In January, 1959, talk became fact as Alaska became our 49th State. Knowing, however, that Hawaii was



soon to follow, the US Government decided against producing a 49-Star Flag given that a 50-Star Flag was on the horizon. But for Eisenhower's Oval Office, a singular - and quite beautiful - Flag was created to stand behind the President's desk adjacent to his 49-Star Presidential Flag.

Remarkably, those two historic flags, along with the bespoke 49-Star Presidential seal - are in this important sale.



**Bachrach Studio Presidential Portraits:**

In the genre of Portrait Photography, no name rivals that of the Bachrach Studio which, since photographically capturing Lincoln at Gettysburg, went on to become the Studio of choice of American Presidents, world leaders and other figures of fame and accomplishment. For the first time - ever - vintage prints from the Bachrach archive are being presented at auction. In addition to Presidential portraits, they include images of family gatherings and special events such as the wedding portrait of Jacqueline Kennedy. Also to be sold: the actual Studio Chair in which many prominent individuals sat for their portraits.



**Robert Berks' Sculptural Busts:** The late sculptor Robert Berks (National Portrait Gallery, Kennedy Center, etc.) was widely known for his powerful Impressionist busts of prominent figures, including many American Presidents. The first sculptor to have his work on the cover of Time Magazine, Berks' likeness

of President Kennedy can be seen behind the podium of many White House presentations. On behalf of his Estate, a number of Berks' original Presidential busts will be proudly presented at this event.



**A locket containing George Washington's hair** has recently been added to the auction. Should you wish to discuss the possible addition of your treasured, historic item, please contact Guernsey's.

**The Auction:** November 22, 3 pm

**The Preview:** November 20 & 21, noon to 8pm

**Preview & Auction:** Arader Galleries, 1016 Madison Avenue, NYC

**Online bidding:** LiveAuctioneers.com

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