

INVENTORY OF CONTENTS, FIRST PARISH "SILVER TRUNK", BANK FIVE OF ARLINGTON VAULT
ROUGH APPRAISAL OF COINS, BY ROBERT OLSON, TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1989

No.	Metal	Denomination & description	Date	Approx grade	Catalog price
1.	copper	Button, blank on obverse "GW" monogram in center, words "Long Live the President" around the monogram in circle. Around outside, 13 oval links of chain with initials of the thirteen original states within each oval link.	none		
2.	copper	Mass. Indian cent	1787		
3.	copper	Mass. Indian cent	1787		
4.	copper	Mass. Indian cent	1788		
5.	copper	Franklin cent	1787		
6.	copper	U.S. half cent	1851	Fine - 12	\$43.00
7.	silver	U.S. half dime	1856	Extra fine - 40	\$40.00
8.	silver	U.S. dime	1856	Mint state - 60	\$400.00
9.	silver	U.S. quarter-dollar	1856	Mint state - 60	\$300.00
10.	gold	U.S. dollar (date has slanted 5)	1856	Mint state - 60	\$525.00
11.	gold	U.S. Half-Eagle (\$10)	1856	Almost uncir- culated	\$700 - \$1000

The above items were removed from the lead cornerstone box found in the foundation
cornerstone of the fourth meetinghouse. The cornerstone was laid July 1, 1856.

Items 1 through 5 were not appraised due to lack of information about coins of
this type.

In the opinion of Mr. Olson, the coins represent an excellent investment as they
are, and should not be sold.

Dec 2006
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Coins ~~being~~ ⁱⁿ
~~gone~~ back to vault
by Carlton & Cecile.
I remember the two of
them took something

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COMMUNION WARE FROM FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

<u>No.</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description & markings</u>	<u>Measurements</u>
1.	silverplate	Two (2) identical tall flagons or tankards with hinged lids. No inscriptions or marks.	Height: 29 cm
2.	silver plate	Six (6) identical goblets or chalices, on stems. No marks or inscriptions.	Height: 18.5 cm
3.	silver plate	Christening bowl, on stem or foot. No inscriptions or marks, except maker's mark in center of bottom, inside hollow base:	Height: 18 cm Diameter: 19 cm

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REED & BARTON.

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The First Universalist Society of Arlington was organized in 1840 and merged with the First Parish, Unitarian, in 1965.

Item No. 3, the christening bowl, was retained in the church on May 30, 1989, for general christening use. The rest of the items were returned to the bank vault on that date.

--Charles Grady, Minister

#1

Should never be
sold

#4.

Belmont aieg. part
of Arlington (Combined
NW Precinct)

#9

George Abbot Smith
son of Samuel Abbot
Smith, Minister
in 1856 when 4th
meeting house built.
Elizabeth Abbot Smith,
dau of Samuel, gave
\$50,000 toward 5th bldg
1975.

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LIST OF SILVER COMMUNION WARE et al. FROM 1st PARISH.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Description, inscriptions, marks</u>	<u>Measurements</u>
✓ 1.	sterling silver	Tankard with hinged lid, gift of Jonathan Butterfield, 1769. Stolen by British troops April 19, 1775 & later redeemed. A spout was added later, probably in 1856, to conform to changing practices in serving communion and to match with the new (1856) matching tankard acquired at that time. Various maker's marks on bottom.	Height: 21.7 cm
✓ 2.	sterling silver	Tankard with hinged lid, roughly matching item #1, gift of "Ladies Connected with the Social Circle, 1856." Maker's mark on bottom.	Height: 22 cm
82 3.	sterling silver	Two stemmed chalices or goblets, same donor and date as #2 above. Larger beading around rims, approx 2 mm diameter. Approx copies of #4, below.	Height: 18.7 cm
4.	sterling silver	Two stemmed chalices or goblets, gift of Mrs. S. O. Mead (of Belmont), 1853. Approx. match of #3, above. Smaller beading around rims, approx 1 mm diameter.	Height: 18.7 cm
5.	sterling silver	Christening basin on stemmed base, gift of "Subscribers", 1852. Marked on bottom: S. T. CROSBY PURE COIN V.L.&B. BOSTON	Height: 13.5 cm Diameter: 23 cm
6.	silver (plate?)	Two caudle cups (or loving cups?) with twin handles; low footed bases. Perhaps used after 1769, when the silver tankard was acquired. Apparently, pewter was used between 1739-1769.	Height: 16 cm
7.	silver (plate?)	Two small caudle cups (or loving cups?) with twin handles; low footed bases. No inscriptions or maker's marks on any of the four caudle cups, items 6 & 7.	Height: 12.2 & 12.7 cm
8.	silver plate	Two Sheffield silver-plated plates, perhaps given by Mrs. Mead, 1853. No inscriptions or marks.	Diameter: 29.5 cm
9.	sterling silver	Plate (1) given by George Abbot Smith, 1939 Gift inscription on bottom, and mark "Sterling."	Diameter: 29.8 cm

Powter dated 1739
would be first
Communion were when
1st Church built.

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 May 30, 1989 - LISTING OF PEWTER COMMUNION WARE BELONGING TO FIRST PARISH, UNITARIAN.

- ✓ 1. Christening basin, flat bottom, no stem or base. Octagonal rim, round basin. Maker's marks and inscription "Gift of Wm. Brattle Esq to ye Northwesterly Precinct in Cambridge, 1739." (on bottom) Diameter: various measurements from flat edge to flat edge: 29.5, 30.0, 30.5, and _____ cm.
- ✓ 2. Tall tankard with hinged lid, no spout. Finial bent. Inscription on side: "Gift of Rebeckah Whitmore, 1739." Height: 33 cm
3. Tall tankard with hinged lid, spout, bright color. Finial broken off but preserved. No inscription or marks. Height (without finial): 31 cm.
4. Six (6) smaller tankards with hinged lids, pear-shaped sides. All identical, except: three are marked with the capital letter C near the top of the handles; the other three are marked with the capital letters I B near the top of the handles. Dull color. Height (to top of thumbpiece): 20 cm.
5. Two (2) large platters, heavyweight, round; dull color. Diameter: 34 cm
 Inscription on one of them, upper edge:

2^{ch}

 Both have 4 maker's marks on lower edges as follows:

three grouped together,	GRACIOUS STREET (figures of crown & rose above)	SUPERFINE HARD METTLE	RICHARD KING (spread-winged bird in center)
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 and one alone, opposite the three:

R. D. KING
IN LONDON
6. Two (2) large platters, similar to #5, above, but brighter in color on upper surface--some sort of plating. On one, inscription on upper edge as follows: Diameter: 34 cm

The Gift of Rebecckah Whittmore to
ye 2^d Church of Christ in Cambridge
1739

 On both, maker's marks similar to those on #5, above, on lower edges. Also, a small crown surmounting the letter X.
 Also, on both, marks of a "Dr. B. Cutter, Woburn, 1862" with the name arranged in a semicircle. These also on lower edge. Apparently these two plates, at least, were in the custody of Dr. Cutter, 1861 & 1862.

Note: the tall tankards, or flagons, items 2 and 3, have straight, tapering sides.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Barbara A. Whittaker-Johns
Assistant Minister: Rev. Carlton E. Smith

Parish Manager: Butch Redding
Director of Religious Education: Tina Schultz
Music Director: Laura Prichard
Organist/Children's Choir Director: Wendy Covell
Office Assistant: Kim Tracy

TO: The officers of Cambridge Savings Bank in Arlington at 626 Massachusetts Avenue

RE: Access to the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church communion Silver Trunk located in the basement vault of Cambridge Savings Bank.

DATE: February 17, 2005

By vote of the Parish Committee (Governing Board) held on February 14, 2005, access to the First Parish silver storage trunk is limited to the following individuals:

NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON

TITLE

Rev. Dr. Barbara Whittaker-Johns
Rev. Dr. Barbara Whittaker-Johns

Senior Minister

(Rev.) Carlton Elliot Smith
Rev. Carlton Elliot Smith

Assistant Minister

Cecile Strugnell
Cecile Strugnell

Parish Clerk

Sandra King
Sandra King

Parish Archivist

The following statement shall govern the number of persons required to be present in order for the bank to allow access to said storage:

"Two of the above authorized persons shall be present in order for the bank to allow access to the said storage"

Upon presentation of this letter and adequate identification the bank shall allow access to the trunk.

Cecile Strugnell
Parish Clerk (Secretary of the church)

To: Butch Redding <parmanfparl@covad.net>,
...snip... Johns <revdrbwj@comcast.net>
From: Assistant Minister <assistminfparl@covad.net>
Subject:

Hi, Sandy, Cecile, Barbara, Jerry and Butch --

The intention of this email is to track the movement of the 10 coins and one button removed from the trunk in the vault at Cambridge Savings Bank by Sandy King and me this morning, March 7, 2005

I have passed the following to Butch, who will in turn pass them on to Jerry Hallee for the purpose of having them appraised:

1. Copper GW "Long Live the President" button
2. Copper Mass Indian 1787
3. Copper Mass Indian 1787 "whole copper"
4. Copper Mass Indian 1788
5. Copper Franklin 1787
6. Copper half cent 1851
7. Silver half dime 1856
8. Silver dime 1856
9. Silver quarter 1856
10. Gold dollar
11. Gold half Eagle (\$5) 1856

Thank you all for your participation in our shared understanding of what has been handed down to us through the ages!

Yours,
Carlton