

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

No. 114-1937

RESIDUARY TRUST UNDER WILL OF  
GEORGE F. PENNOCK FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF THE PROHIBITION PARTY

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AFFIDAVIT

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)  
  )SS  
COUNTY OF SONOMA )

Dale E. Wagner, Ph.D., being first duly sworn, deposes and says

1. This affidavit is made upon personal knowledge, information, and belief.
2. I have two M.A. degrees (Political Science and History) and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland (1975). I have been a professor of American History, and of Political Science, in universities in Ohio and California. I am now retired.
3. I have met Earl F. Dodge at a number of political button shows including those by the American Political Items Collectors (APIC).
4. I used to serve as the elected Ohio State APIC president in the 1960s.
5. Mr. Dodge was about to be expelled from APIC in the early 1970's after a series of incidents culminating in an accusation of theft from the booth of an elderly couple exhibiting at the Northern Ohio chapter's annual show/meeting.
6. I recall that then Regional Vice President, Mr. James J. Gifford #1238 and wife, Pat Gifford, longtime antiques dealers, P O Box 51, Bath, Ohio 44210, telephone (330) 666-3692, presented the national exclusion case against Dodge before the lawyers seated on the National APIC Board.

7. I recall that Mr. Dodge was confronted by show security at a Northern Ohio Gifford-sponsored APIC event when he, Mr. Dodge, was observed hurrying outside to open the trunk of his rental car, and quickly depositing items evidently just taken by Mr. Dodge from the bourse table of an elderly APIC couple, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weinrich of Columbus, Ohio, founding Charter members of APIC since its 1957 founding. This quick exit by Mr. Dodge from the hotel ballroom event-site came after the Weinrich's shouts "Stop, Thief!"

8. I believe that to to head off expulsion, Mr. Dodge opted for 'no trial' and tendered his sudden, quick, in essence, forced, resignation from APIC the day of the scheduled trial. I have confirmed this fact via then National APIC Secretary Joseph D. Hayes of Texas, Box 1149, Cibola, TX 78108.

9. I recall that this forced resignation pursuant to Mr. Dodge's behavior came about after a number of prior incidents, including items becoming 'missing' after Dodge's attendance at national exhibits and unattended displays of antiquarian political memorabilia at conventions throughout the country at which Dodge had been an attendee—even after his formal near-expulsion and resignation. Mr. Dodge since that time and still today attempts entry and sometimes setting up his own sales tables where he is permitted, on a case by case basis by the show manager.

10. I understand that Mr. Dodge's "defense" or explanation of this evident criminal behavior, is that he is "untreatable" for his ongoing kleptomania. Mr. Dodge has claimed this is a "permanent disorder," one which is, in Dodge's own words when confronted with accusations of yet another theft: simply "out of my control."

11. I feel that this alibi / self-diagnosis of such a pattern of ongoing thefts over a period of years or decades is a dubious one, in view of modern mental health and the clinical *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV) by the American Psychiatric Association.

12. This type of condition or self-excused behavior by Mr. Dodge has been called to the attention of some Prohibition Party officials.

13. I believe that this type information is common knowledge, and was published in the January 2005 issue of the *National Prohibitionist*, online at [http://www.prohibitionists.org/History/Bios/dodge/body\\_dodge.html](http://www.prohibitionists.org/History/Bios/dodge/body_dodge.html), citing "American Political Items Collectors [having] refused to renew Dodge's membership sometime before 1995, after complaints by several members that Dodge had visited their homes, distracted them, and pocketed things he liked. He is no longer allowed into display areas at APIC meetings (although the meetings are open to the public)."

14. I personally have been a Dodge victim. I made a mass mailing to some 2,000 APIC members in December, 2004 about my own experience of what I consider to have been theft by Dodge from me in an Ebay purchase and following his retraction of prior payment for said Ebay item and Dodge's subsequent renegeing on his payment due me, as agreed thru a formal Paypal contract.

Respectfully,

*Dale E. Wagner*

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Subscribed and sworn before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ th  
day of January, 2006, a Notary Public in and for  
Sonoma County, California

*See attached Jurat*

CALIFORNIA JURAT WITH AFFIANT STATEMENT

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this  
15th day of February, 2006,

(1) *Dale E. Wagner*

Proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence  
to be the person who appeared before me.

*Teresa A. Griffin*