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Kaminski's January Estates Auction Takes Off With a Flash **Eleanor Park Custis Collection Realizes \$28,750**

(Lynnfield, MA) – Consignors prospered at Kaminski's January Estates Auction, held January 27 in Lynnfield. In spite of a snow squall, attendees hailed from across New England, enticed by an array of consignments including fine furnishings, antiques, furniture, oriental rugs and an important collection of photographs. Represented estates spanned east to west, with consignments hailing from Massachusetts, Virginia, and California. (All prices reflect a 15% buyers premium).

A major discovery in the January Estates Auction was an impressive collection of photographs by renowned painter and photographer, Eleanor Parke Custis. Included in the collection were some of Custis' most well known images, most notably "Port of Dreams" and "Three Penguins". The grouping of 63 photographs, many accompanied by various award and exhibition labels, garnered serious interest and sold for \$28,750 to a Midwest institution over the phone.



Hailing from the illustrious Crowninshield estate of Marblehead, a grouping of ship's half-hulls fetched high prices, with five individual lots totaling almost \$20,000. The most impressive of the group, a late 19th Century half-hull made by B. B.



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Crowninshield, boasted its original paint and finish and realized a final price of \$4,945. The Crowninshield family, which originally emigrated from Germany in the 17th Century, is one of the founding families of Boston and one of the oldest families in the United States.

An unusual Anglo Indian spice box brought applause when it was hammered down. The box, constructed of ebony and other exotic woods with a fine ivory inlay and brass hardware, dates to the late 18th/early 19th Century. After a feverish bidding war, this unique piece realized a final price of \$4,830, nearly five times its high estimate, selling to a buyer in England over the phone.



“Our bi-coastal status gives us the opportunity to bring consignments from across the country to the heart of New England, where they can realize the best prices.” comments Frank Kaminski. “We are always looking for items to include in upcoming auctions and can take consignments in any volume, from a single piece to an entire estate.”

Kaminski’s next auction takes place in April. The two-day auction will feature estate collections from Massachusetts to California one day and a Fine Art Auction the second day. For more information, please visit www.KaminskiAuctions.com or call 978-927-2223.

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Editor's Note:

- Interviews with Frank Kaminski can be arranged
- Additional background and photos on request.