

# Belongings of James Couzens to be sold

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special writer

An extraordinary collection of fine art, French and English antique furniture, and object of vertu, with connections to one of the area's most historically significant families, will be auctioned at the Frank H. Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills this weekend.

The collection is part of the estate of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Yaw of Grosse Pointe Farms. She was the daughter of U.S. Sen. James Couzens and many of the pieces originally belonged to Sen. and Mrs. Couzens.

SEN. COUZENS (1872-1936) started work at 16 as a railroad car checker. In 1903 he bought \$1,000 worth of Ford stock and in 1906 he bought another \$25,000 worth. In 1919, he sold 2,180 shares of Ford stock for \$29,318.87, which is almost the exact amount he and Mrs. Couzens eventually gave to charity.

He was mayor of Detroit (twice), a state senator (once), and a U.S. senator (twice). He was one of the founders of the Bank of Detroit.

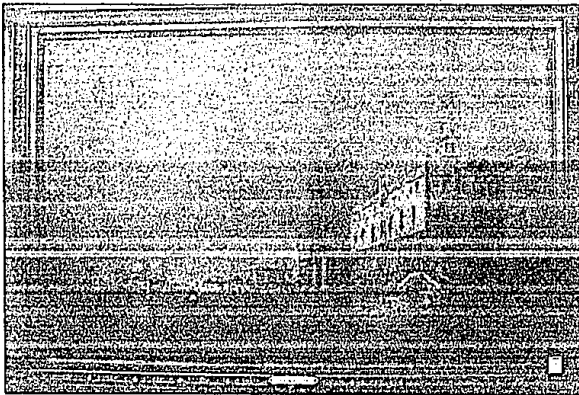
In 1917, the Couzenses were living on Longfellow in Detroit. They had an inventory made of their home's contents and every item purchased from that day on was recorded. Many of the items in this week's auction are recorded in that inventory book, so you know you're acquiring a piece of history along with exquisite pieces of art.

"There's been a lot of interest internationally, and it's likely that many of the best pieces will wind up back in Europe," said Frank Boos. "This mirror, for example, there are very few pieces like this that are not already in museums."

Boos was referring to an 18th century rococo carved and gilded wood mirror. The central oval glass is surrounded by small free form glass panels framed in floral, acanthus scroll and vine decorated framing and surmounted by a classical urn filled with fruit and flowers. Like many of the pieces from the Couzens's Longfellow home, and, especially, from the Wabeek estate to which they moved in 1928, the mirror is monumental (39 1/4 by 75 1/4 inches) in size.

"WABEEK HAS recently been sold to a couple who want to restore it to its former glory," said Boos. "They have been haunting the gallery with tape measures, frantically making notes. So, maybe some of these pieces, like Senator Couzens's 18th century Chippendale double pedestal writing

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Oil on canvas of the Grand Canal of Venice by Felix Zlom is considered one of the major pieces in the weekend auction. It is about 17 by 22 inches.



Pencil drawing, circa 1801, by Mary Cassatt is titled "Baby with Left Hand Touching a Tub Held by her Nurse."

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