

Plato S. Wilson School of Commerce Art Collection



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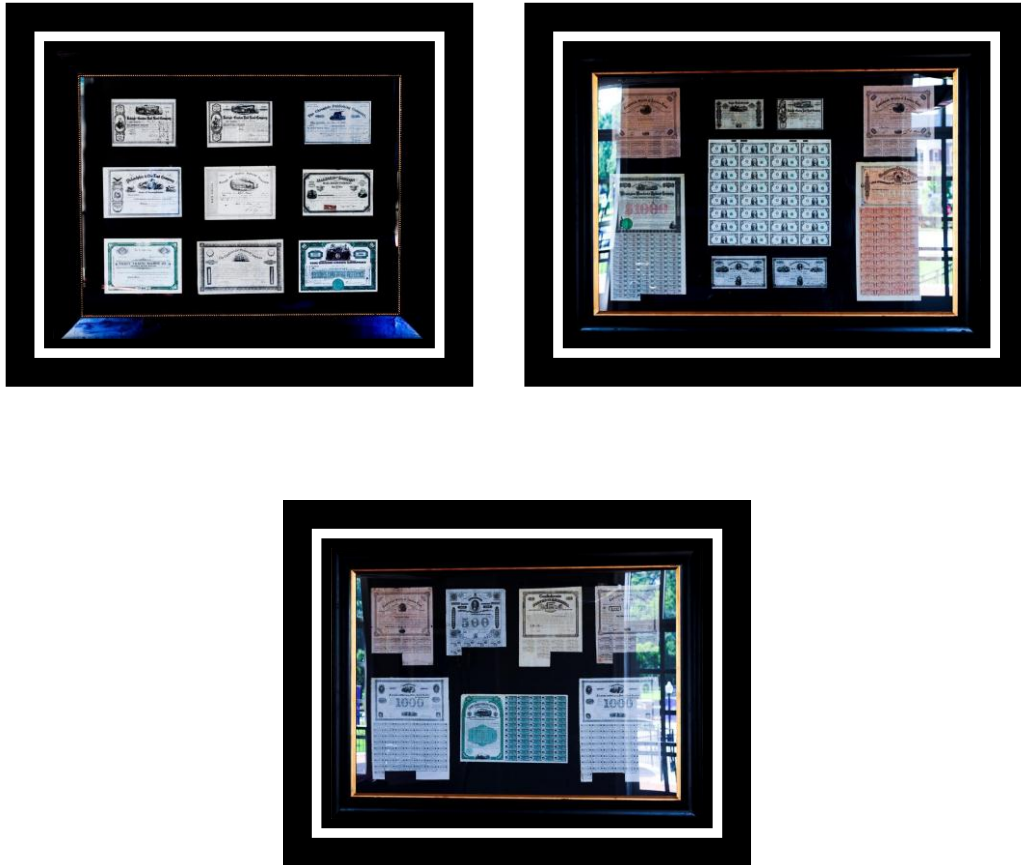


Title: Portrait of Plato S. Wilson

Artist: Doug Peninger

Plato S. Wilson was born in Morganton, NC in 1925. One of his first customers was Henry Wilson of Henredon. Plato's initial turndown by Henry Wilson was overcome, and Henry Wilson bought not one but two pages of advertising for Plato's high school yearbook. When Plato graduated from Duke, Henry Wilson was there and offered him a job selling furniture, and a brand new car. That was the first of only two jobs in Plato's career ... the other was with Henkel Harris. Although his Southeastern territory was small and average, he consistently worked so hard and trained his retailer sales people so well that he overwhelmed the competition. He produced several ten million dollar years and even scored a one million dollar day. After 2.6 million miles traveled, and life sales of \$154 million, Plato has written an autobiography, "A Dream to Sell" which is a "how to" manual woven into the story of his life. Plato Wilson is the archetype of the "Successful Salesman"...representing the forty or fifty thousand of those who carried bags along side him during almost fifty years. He has served on the High Point Board of the Salvation Army for twenty years receiving their highest award, "The Others". He has contributed substantially to High Point University's Home Furnishings Program. Mr. Wilson's portrait was painted by local artist, Doug Peninger.

Framed collections of bonds, stocks, and money



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Confederate Stock and Bonds

Displayed is a collection of Confederate bonds that were issued during the Civil War. Bond offerings, such as the ones shown here, were a method used by the Confederate government and by Confederate state governments to raise money for the war effort. These colorful multi-sheet sets are quite rare and were donated to High Point University by Thurman C. Lohr and his wife, Lake Montgomery Lohr, both from the High Point College class of 1936.

Stock certificates

Stock certificates that have been canceled or certificates of companies that have merged or gone out of business are vigorously collected. These certificates represent a wide range of industrial companies and show through the many illustrations the artistry that was involved in crafting these documents. These colorful stock certificates are very collectible and were donated to High Point University by Thurman C. Lohr and his wife, Lake Montgomery Lohr, both from the High Point College class of 1936.

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Early industrial stock certificates are a real visual treat. Highly decorated and intricately engraved they are symbolic of the industrial growth during this part of the nation's past. The pictures included on the certificates show the idealized image of industrial and national might. These stock certificates are very collectible and were donated to High Point University by Thurman C. Lohr and his wife, Lake Montgomery Lohr, both from the High Point College class of 1936.

Sheet of one dollar bills

This is a sheet of newly minted one dollar bills. Printed money goes through many processes before it is ready for circulation. These bills are printed on special paper and then go through several printings before they are finished. A finished stack of bills is then sorted and readied to be cut apart. You can see the serial numbers on each bill and all the bills are numbered in a like series. It seems as if the numbers on the bills would follow sequentially but they do not. Can you think why there is such a large numeric gap between the numbers on each of the bills? These bills were donated to High Point University by Thurman C. Lohr and his wife, Lake Montgomery Lohr, both from the High Point College class of 1936.