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HONUS WAGNER 1909-11 T206 CARD AND HIS PERSONAL SAFE TO BE AUCTIONED AS PART OF SCP AUCTIONS' 'FALL PREMIER'

Auction of Wagner's T206 Card and Safe Winds Down Saturday, Dec. 6

Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Dec. 3, 2014) – SCP Auctions' "Fall Premier" online auction ends this Saturday, Dec. 6, at www.scpauctions.com. It features more than 1,150 lots including the coveted Chesapeake Honus Wagner 1909-11 T206 card and a small but highly significant group of Jackie Robinson related memorabilia including his spectacular Hillerich & Bradsby Model S100 ash bat, one of only two Robinson game-used bats that can be definitively documented as having been used during his 1949 MVP season. Also included is Wagner's personal safe which was part of Wagner's estate collection received directly from the Wagner family's home in Carnegie, Pa. and sold by SCP Auctions in 2003 on behalf of Leslie Blair Wagner (Honus's granddaughter).

Can you imagine a more ideal place to store your prized T206 Honus Wagner card? For decades, Honus Wagner himself stored some his most important possessions in this floor safe. The safe, manufactured specially for Wagner by the F.L. Norton Safe Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., dates from the turn-of-the-century. Its dimensions are 25" high by 16" wide by 17" deep and weighs about 250 pounds. Wagner's name "J.H. Wagner" is stenciled across to top in gold paint. A decorative border is stenciled around the perimeter of the door, which also bears the manufacturers markings below the dial. The safe is in original working condition and ready to take a place of honor in anyone's memorabilia room. This is one of the most intriguing and functional personal effects that has emerged directly from the Wagner estate.

The Chesapeake Honus Wagner Card

In August, SCP Auctions' company principals' David Kohler and Dan Imler secured an astounding collection of more than 3,500 T206 Cards from a private collector living in the northeast. His lineup included the incomparable Honus Wagner 1909-11 T206, which was graded by Professional Sports Authenticator (PSA) on site at the 35th Annual National Sports Collectors Convention in Cleveland. It received a PSA 1 designation, making it only the 33rd example authenticated and encapsulated by PSA.

"Unveiling a fresh T206 Honus Wagner card is a dream scenario for any hobby professional," said Imler. "The known supply of T206 Wagner's will never begin to quench the exceeding collector demand for what is not just the most famous baseball card in the world, but one of our nation's most celebrated treasures. And to have it be a part of such an immense and diverse group of previously unknown T206s makes this one of the most exciting tobacco card finds in recent years." ***Pre-sale estimate: \$400,000***

Bidding opened to registered bidders on Wednesday, Nov. 19 and concludes this Saturday, Dec. 6. The auction is being conducted online at www.SCPAuctions.com. For more information on how to participate, visit www.scpauctions.com or call (949) 831-3700.

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