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TCI Historian – 1988-1992
TCI 1st V-P 2000-2004
TCI Communications Liaison – 2004-2008
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Gary and I were married in 1965. We have two daughters, two granddaughters and one grandson and several cats. I have always lived in Ohio.

I graduated from The Ohio State University with a BS in Education in 1965 and a Master's degree in 1969. I taught grades 1 thru 5, was elementary Math Coordinator for Columbus City Schools before retiring in 1998. I traveled through out the US doing calculator workshops for Texas Instruments. Since retiring I have led a volunteer program that mentors kindergarten students in reading at an inner city school in Columbus, Ohio.

I am a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary women's education society. I served as Recording Secretary, First Vice President and President of my local Beta Lambda Chapter. This organization promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. It sponsors many scholarships with an emphasis on women in education. I am a lifetime member of Ohio Education Association and continue to work for the improvement and the general perception of the excellence of the education profession.

When we were building our home in the seventies, I wanted to decorate my sewing room. I saw thimbles advertised in the back of a **Better Homes and Gardens** magazine. I thought they would look nice on the wall. I wrote to the company listed in the ad – **Collectors Circle** (Roz Belford). When I showed my mother the thimbles I ordered, she said "I think I have your Grandmother and Great Grandmother's thimbles in my sewing basket. That got me started on antique thimbles.

I wrote to "Collectors Circle" asking if there were other collectors in my area. Roz wrote me back that she had forwarded my letter to a collector in my area. I heard from Evelyn Eubanks a short while later. She gave me information to attend the first TCI meeting near Chicago. In 1988 at the Spokane Convention I was surprised and proud to be awarded the TCI Warren Ohio Award for Friendship and Service. About eight collectors met at my house in 1982 and soon Ohio Thimble Seekers was born.

As my collections grew, my interests broadened to include many different sewing tools. This has evolved to include sewing kits, tatting shuttles, scissors, thimble holders, bodkins, etuis, knitting Nancy's, pin safes, toy sewing machines, hem gauges, thimble jiggers, Tom Clark thimble figurines, thread boxes, spool cabinets and various other sewing tools.

In 2000, with the support and input of the members of Ohio Thimble Seekers, I authored the book "Pocket Sewing Kits". Ohio Thimble Seekers self-published and sold over 200 copies of this book. I am President/Secretary of the Ohio Thimble Seekers.

I have traveled to Germany, Austria, and England in connection with my toy sewing machine collection. Of course, when I get the chance, I also find thimbles in these countries. When visiting a downtown Berlin, Germany Antique Mall, I was thrilled to purchase several stone topped thimbles. The flea markets in Newark, England, Nuremburg Germany and Vienna Austria were fun and had a few thimbles for me.

Over the years, I have been fortunate to have attended every TCI Convention except the one in Pasadena. I have enjoyed every convention and have met so many very friendly and interesting people.



**English, 12K gold
Turquoise enamel
w. tiny seed pearls.**



**Swedish, 18K gold
Carnelian stone top
Engraved M.D. Taft 66
on the inside rim.**



**English, 14K gold
Raised grape &
leaf design.**



**French, 18K gold
Band two-tone gold.**



South American, 18K gold.



**American, 14K gold. Centurion.
Unknown maker.**



**American, 14K. Carter
Gough. Enamel rose buds.**



**American, 14K. KMD
Blue enamel flowers.**



This is an especially treasured thimble. It was given to me by my friend from Canada. She purchased it as a young student touring/working her way through Europe (perhaps the 60's?).

Notice the rings in place of the usual indentations. It has the glasslike enameling with the Delft scene and a bright blue top that is probably glass. The ZI mark on the rim is an import mark.



**American, SS w. enamel.
Simons Bros. Medallions.**



**American, SS. Marked for
Stern Bros. Fancy band.**



**Germany, .800
Bow & garland band.**



**Germany, .800. Shield
Cartouche, enamel on
band.**



**French, Silver w. gilding.
Wall of Troy band.**



**Germany, .800. Amethyst
stone top, scalloped edge.**



**Germany, .800. Carnelian
stone top, scalloped edge.**



**Germany, .830. Carnelian
Stone top. Maple seed
pod on band.**



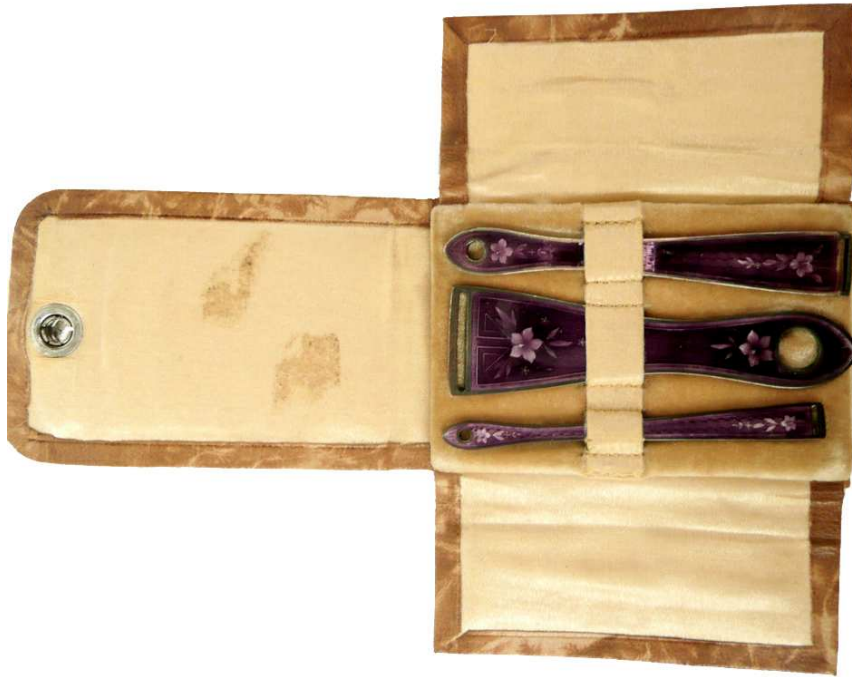
**English, brass sewing machine
Tape measure.**



**American, Sewing etui. Combo.
Tape measure, thimble & thread.**



**American, "Little Orphan Annie"
Knitting Nancy. Paper over wood.**



The Thomae Company was a division of the Watson Co. and was located in Attleboro, Massachusetts. They were manufacturers of sterling silver novelties and toiletware, enameled novelties and toiletware, silver and gold stripe novelties and gold and silver medals.

American, The Tomae Co. Leather cased bodkin set. Sterling silver w. fine enamel detailing.



American, Pewter boot pincushion. Souvenir World's Exposition, Chicago 1893.



Provenance unknown. Unusual scissors/tape measure combination. Sterling silver & enamel.
The enamel scissors have the tape measure attached to the scissors guard.



Unknown provenance. Sterling thread holder.



Unknown maker.
Silver over brass.
"BRUGES" on shield.



Germany, Soergel & Stollmeyer.
Sterling silver w. enamel.



English, modern. The cast sterling silver dog thimble holder dates to 1981. It has in a rectangle, a star, 278 FI, .925 (in two places) Sterling, the London import mark AB in a rectangle with pointed ends.



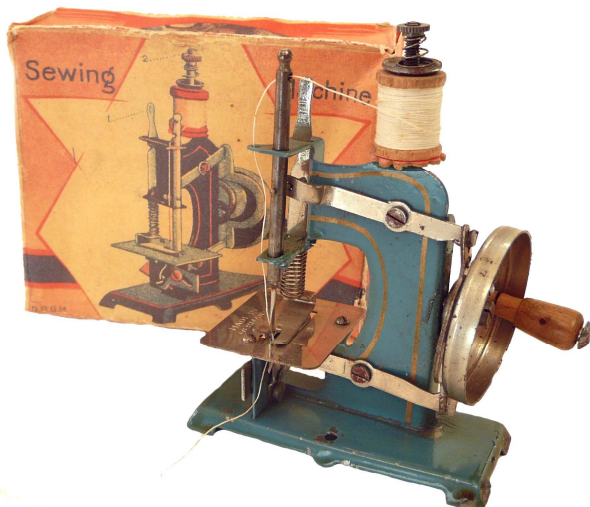
American, Simons Bros. Sterling silver fish tatting shuttle.



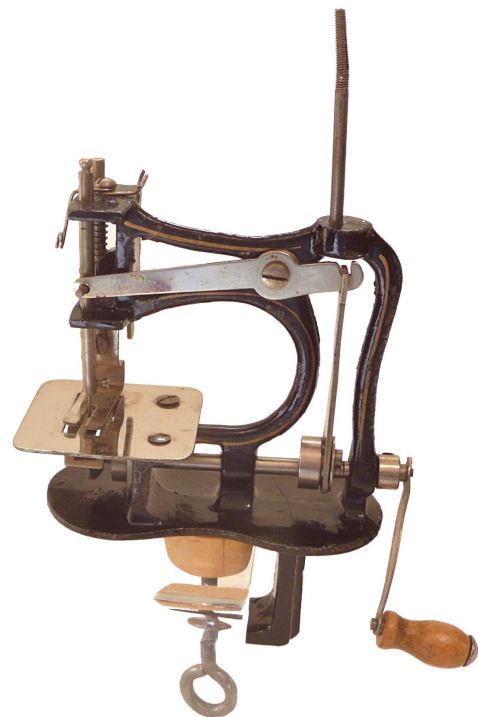
**Scottish, Transfer Ware.
Tatting shuttle.**



**Scottish, Tartan Ware. "Albert"
Pin disc with a religious scene.**



**Germany, Made by Vierfach Geschultz.
Commonly called the "Lilliputian".
The turquoise sewing machine is only 3" high.
*Advertised as the smallest sewing machine that sews.***



**Germany, distributed by Bayerische
Nähmaschinenfabrik A.G. Machine is cast
iron. Commonly called the "Skeleton".
It was also made without the clamp.**