

Speaker 1 ([00:00](#)):

So what's going on. Oh, I'm having an auction. I'm selling the estate of Robert and Dorothy Miles. And what's what includes what's included in there. Oh, some books, some Bibles, some pewter figurines. His typewriter is his camcorder, few religious articles. And what's the significance to this? Uh, he was a member of the Klan of the KKK. He died in 92. He died three months after his wife died. She died in 92. He was involved with the Pontiac school bus bombing to stop, uh, forced integration by busing. Uh, he went to, he went to prison for that. He was charged with, uh, rod Butler and some other people for sedition. And this course made national headlines. And I believe that's the violent overthrow of the U S government, uh, what he was charged with. Uh, I believe him and the others at that time believed the, uh, that, um, Zionist had infiltrated the government and were adversely influencing our government.

Speaker 1 ([01:25](#)):

So I don't think it was really our government. He was concerned about what the adverse influence from this group of people. So in his own mind, not, not glorifying him or, or anything of that nature, but in his mind he was protecting the United States. I think that's accurate in his mind from what I've been able to read, where did all this stuff come from? How did, how did this wind up you? Well, after, after Robert Miles, uh, died in 92, um, his heirs, which would be his children put, um, uh, so the furniture and the living arrangements, uh, donated some that they had a garage sale, which is not the preferred method. You know, I am an auctioneer. Uh, this was in 92.

Speaker 1 ([02:19](#)):

Um, they put the, the, uh, in some, they donated it to a church, uh, and the rest was packed up. Anything that, especially his library, his papers and stuff, and was packed up. And it's been in storage since 92, when they heard that I had sold something that I was here. And that's part of how well they decided to release this to me for sale. Uh, they did go through everything to make sure that things of, of real sentiment of value. They kept, uh, the belonged to cause it's sent to their parents. And, uh, uh, this is the standard way. All the States work, um, should, you know, somebody who has an estate for sale, take the sentimental stuff out and stuff you want and give me the rest and I will turn it into money for you. This is what we do here. Um, I know that some city officials would prefer I not sell this. And I believe they're encroaching on my rights to do that. The rights of people to own this is not illegal stuff to own. Um, the same that my same policy with firearms applies. I did not sell illegal firearms, but I will sell legal ones. And with all the documentation that is necessary, we do get rifles and from the States and we do sell them. I would not know him. We sell a rifle to someone who wanted to commit a crime, right?

Speaker 1 ([04:03](#)):

Uh, so if you, if I had a rifle for sale and you told me you were going to use this to shoot your wife, I would not let you have that rifle. The same with the merchandise that I'm selling here. If you told me you were going to use it for evil doings, I would not sell it to you. So you've tried to hold the sale a couple of times before. What's the story. Robert Miles was a small part of it. We have some other, uh, Klan items, uh, Nazim, uh, clam items, which are becoming highly collectible right now. Uh, Nazi items were war souvenirs, uh, which have been very hot for the last, uh, 10 years or so. And there's a lot of those collectors. And there are a lot of private world war II museums, and they're always seeking the new and the different, um, and black memorabilia, which is also a very hot collectible, um, are, uh, uh, they are collecting those.

Speaker 1 ([05:16](#)):

Oh, but all of them have a tinge of controversy to them. Uh, certainly some of the black memorabilia could be offensive, uh, to some people. And I could see, and this was actually created there's we sold a little plastic alligator with the head of a black kid in the alligator's mouth. And it was a souvenir of the Detroit zoo, cause it said on their souvenir of the Detroit zoo, and this was probably I'm going to, it was plastic, it was early plastic. So it really put it about 55, maybe 53, uh, basing on the plastic is a very early plastic. Um, and actually what it was done was they would make these in big, huge bulk Hong Kong. And, uh, then you apply the label onto it. So this said Detroit zoo, but they could have also sold them in San Diego or Los Angeles, same thing, just different little label on them. So for less than a dime, I got like \$50 for it. Yeah. But I could see where that was offensive, but it was also historical in the sense that this was done routinely. And there's a lot of his soul, especially in the souvenir shops around what possessed people to buy this. As beyond me, I seen some things which are somewhat humorous.

Speaker 1 ([06:50](#)):

Um, you've tried to sell stuff. You tried to sell it at Mason. And where was it in the first place was flat. Remember I made a huge auction out of it and I was expecting six, 700 people. This is why we had to rent a larger facility than my humble little abode here. Um, actually it was the paper that contacted them and it scared them. So they canceled. That was the first one, the second one, they were all right. Even that day, they called my representative called and said, everything was fine, final payment and all this, they want it five minutes later, the owner of the building call. And he says, I just got off with the paper with your local paper and up, we can't have that here. So it's whatever the questions the paper asked him or whatever they said. And it was the local paper that scared them now in Mason.

Speaker 1 ([07:52](#)):

And it was actually the antique dealers who, who supporting me. I said, dad, this facility wasn't quite as large as we wanted, but in the Mason antique district, they do sell a Nazi memorabilia and black memorabilia, teeny little bit of claim. Well, the reason they only sell a teeny little bit of clam is because you can't get your hands on. It's very, very hard to find as a collector. Now what happened, there is some group, some unknown group downloaded membership applications from the website of the mystic Knights, printed them off and went around at three in the morning and distributed on people's doorsteps. And not only did they, they didn't, um, there must have been 20 or 30 down in Mason. There was a few done around the auction hall here on the same night and in Farmville. Um, but the ones in Mason, it, people panicked over this and initially they were shocked and they call in.

Speaker 1 ([09:02](#)):

So because of some hysteria forming and I felt that someone innocent was going to get hurt. So of course I stopped and said, okay, well, we won't be able to have a sale. And so now what I did is I sold the Nazi memorabilia one day, the black memorabilia, another day, Robert Miles, the state will be sold now. And the other client merchandise is up in the air. Some has gone back to the consigner and I, because I don't know when I will feel like Simon. Um, I have a lot of things coming in and for sale and, um, uh, there's only so much I can sell in any given week. You've, uh, you've taken an awful lot of heat about all this or tremendous amount. Tell me about it's it's it's, it's been, it's been strainful and part of it is that we don't know, we understand, um, the Klan that is out of the box, uh, this other Klan members.

Speaker 1 ([10:19](#)):

Oh, which are very few, uh, I have had very few come in here, but, uh, I know one of the newspapers, um, interviewed a Klan member, um, and I don't know where they found it, but I have really that many haven't come in a few I've suspected, uh, could be. Uh, but then you read about the secret clamp. There are judges and lawyers and, uh, city council members, and they keep their affiliation secret and you hear these stories and you think, okay, well, what else is, what are their secret ones out there? And you start getting a little paranoid and started saying, Whoa, why would the Klan not want me to sell this? Well, in the article on that paper, this cleanse, remember they said it was disrespecting their organization to sell these ropes. And so this has me worried, this is a Holy item.

Speaker 1 ([11:27](#)):

And so then if you equate this, this robe would be equivalent to the religious people who revered him. This would be the equivalent of selling John Paul, the second row to Catholics only. You don't have to multiply it by millions because there's many more Catholics in there on this one, but it's the same rationale. The same thought goes into the, this is a, so am I battling them? If the, the paper overdoing the overdoing, this just for a story just to sell papers or are they actually trying to perpetuate the clamp? And I don't want my auction to be perpetuated in the client. All I want to do is sell my items. I don't want the city that I do my business in to be hurt. And my thought is by selling Robert Miles stuff here, people can see it, feel it, this was real. This is what he had the majority of people.

Speaker 1 ([12:39](#)):

In fact, the majority of people in here have no idea who Robert Miles was because they don't really read the paper and see every week Robert Miles was the grand dragon and blah, blah, blah, blah. Uh, you have to, most people don't really understand George Wallace. Now I was interested in history and the news and I watched the news and I saw George Wallace unfold to me. This is fabulous. And he helped him run it. I remember, uh, his campaign when he ran for president during that time. So to me, this, this is important. The historical aspects of, of this is very, very important. And, uh, it could have been taken out of state. I could have done that, but then all the people around here who I, those that wanted some of the items would have to have gone out of state to get it, including me. There's a couple items I'd like to have.

Speaker 1 ([13:35](#)):

You didn't know miles while he was alive, but your business professionally is meeting people once they're dead through their effects. Well, this is true. Actually. I didn't really know much about miles until I got a accident. The first plan oxygen, his name kept, uh, perking up, uh, started finding out more about it. I actually do remember reading the newspaper stories of a school bus bombing when I lived in the down river area at that time. And, um, I remember those stories about that and the school bus bombing. And I think in some sense, Robert Miles is a folk hero in that most people came out here. They want their kids in local school. They don't want them to bus to some city far away for whatever reason. They want their kids to stay close to home. When they go to school and this man stood up and said, okay, we are not going to let you bus our kids.

Speaker 1 ([14:41](#)):

And then that sense is part of why, in some sense, he's a folk hero. In that sense, I do believe that the majority of people didn't even know where his farm was. I get asked that, where was it? Um, where's he buried at? I don't know these answers. This is stuff I do, by the way, none of the answers I found out he was cremated and his ashes are on the, on the farm. What do you know about Banos from his stuff?

What do you learn about this guy from going through his stuff? What's fascinating. What's not in his own sense. He was very pro-American. He believed in this country a great deal. He was a Republican, a conservative Republican, uh, and he believed in less government, not more government, less government. And, um, uh, he did believe that, uh, the Zionist had infiltrated our government.

Speaker 1 ([15:45](#)):

And, um, interestingly it made me really look at the history pre miles to the conspiracy theories, that one rampant through this country for centuries, there've been all kinds of conspiracy theories about different things, not only this, uh, McCarthy and, and, um, uh, communism, but the Zionist being able to control our country was pre world war II. They had father Kaufman was trying to the little flower. Um, uh, there was fear that the, that, uh, African Americans were going to take control of the country. Uh, the, the Zionist though is the, been the biggest, I think one of the things I had to get from miles with that, the Jews and the communists were working together to take us down and using the blacks as the pump, right? So they got us so busy, worried about the blacks that they can come in and take control. That's according to miles, I, some of the writings that may not be miles. So I have to be real careful cause miles wrote some things. And then some things are in some of the books that are read. And as you can see, from what I have here, I'm going to confess something to you right here, right here, life. I have not read everything I'm selling.

Speaker 1 ([17:30](#)):

I'm not even close, but I've glanced through a lot of it. It's Oh God, this is interesting. And read a, read a page or two of it or something. And I picked up a little bit in a, in a way I kind of wish I could take years to go through this. And really, but it would take a lot of work. Miles had to be, well, we've heard others say one very bright guy. Yeah. He was, um, I had somebody in here and they said that he went up before the civil rights commission and they were having a meeting in Howell and he went there and spoke very, very little, but what he said, and it's not recorded. I don't know what was said, but on this few minutes, speech that he gave the civil rights commission commissioners that were, there were absolutely stunned at what he was said.

Speaker 1 ([18:32](#)):

And he left and the man told me, he said, from that moment on, he said, I knew that our government feared this man, the way he said what he said, how he said it, the way he articulated his words, the way he conveyed his thoughts, they definitely considered him, um, running contrary to what they wanted to promote. Who do you expect? It's going to be here. This is going to be, Oh, a variety of people. There'll be, there may even be, if they're still alive. Some people who attended the mountain church that wanted a souvenir, this is possible. I would imagine this most logistic story and people, we should have some dealers that recognize like, um, George Wallace has pitcher, uh, signed to Bob Bob's wishes. George Wallace would be something sellable on the, on eBay and they could make a profit off of it. So I do expect a lot of, um, of, uh, dealers to be here that can, that can make money. We're a capitalist organization likely to be full. How many seats do you have here? Around a hundred? I would expect that. Do you have any sense? Hopefully they're all buyers, but my luck half will be gawkers and the other half would be reporters.

Speaker 1 ([20:02](#)):

A lot of reporters out there. I probably won't be here with the camera. I'm going to spare you that, uh, you, you got work to do any idea what this, what this auction should bring. Did you go to J school? Did I

go to J school for a master's but my undergraduate was that's a J school question. Yeah, it is. Do you ever know what an auction should bring? No, it's going to bring one me. He asked when we we're off he's off, but we estimated in terms because when you estimate the auction, you know what, uh, you can set up a budget and, um, obviously four or \$5,000 auction, I would spend less on advertising than a hundred thousand dollar auction, a hundred thousand dollar auction. You should spend more, um, unless you're selling plan may were ability and then you don't need to advertise it all.

Speaker 1 ([20:55](#)):

Cause they'll give it to, you may give you too much to scare people away so they don't want to come. I don't know. I'd be able to live for and to be in. There's a couple of things that I want. I've been elaborate. Has all of them, all of a, of a hype, um, bill elaborate heads of about coming. Aren't you worried for your own safety? There have been moments and it has to do with, um, um, you are still in a secret society. Uh, how secret are there? And are they out there? And even though they haven't told me do they are there, they don't want me to, um, but I pretty much dismissed all of that. I figured that they would have, they would have told me, um, the, the politicians in town and excuse me a second. I do worry about that because, uh, um, Oh, politicians, politicians.

Speaker 1 ([22:06](#)):

Oh, they want to, the Klan had their belief and you either believe what they believe or you want to them, the politicians in town had their belief. And either you believe what they believe or you want to them. There's not a whole lot of difference between the two they're forcing their belief structure down on you. Um, you're supposed to accept everybody and love everybody. A good example of this was an email I got from an antique dealer in Ohio. And what she said on that it's I am so glad you canceled your auction. I am an antique dealer. I do not allow any Nazi stuff in my building. I don't allow any Klan stuff. I don't allow any black memorabilia. I don't allow those people that sell that or want to sell that to come into my shop because I hate them.

Speaker 1 ([23:18](#)):

Okay. And that's what I'm dealing with here, Jameson, because they hate others. When we study something like the Klan and we see why do they hate, what is it about the Jews that they're scared of? What was Henry Ford, the first scared of with the Jews? So you read something like the international Jews. See, where is he coming from? And does this make any sense that was written a long time ago, historically? Has it proven anything? No. Can we look in today's like, this is kind of the whole real purpose of history. Anyway, we can, we can learn from some of these FDR had many, uh, public works programs to help with the depression era. Um, Lyndon Johnson had his war on poverty. Is there less poverty now than there was? So we learn from this, we look at this, we see what programs worked, what didn't and, and nobody wants poverty, but yet we still have it.

Speaker 1 ([24:33](#)):

Nobody wants a kid to go hungry, but yet we still have kids that go hungry, but we work on different programs that would make them better. We learn from our mistakes, find out the reasons why the Klan disliked. I don't want to change it to dislike. Why did they dislike some group? Why did they dislike the Catholics and then changed their mind? Decided they liked the Catholics. Why did they dislike the Irish and then change their minds and like them, why do they dislike the blacks now? What's going on there? What are they thinking? And you find out what's going on there. You find the facts and then you can deal with it.

Speaker 1 ([25:17](#)):

When a person comes in. And they actually, I talked to them and I find out they hate some group. Find out why, you know, interestingly, like say you, you hated blacks. He told me, you hate blacks. I would say, gee, what's the block ever done to you? Has an African American, never done anything to you. Find out if this is what's going on. The same thing. If a, if a black man came in to me and said, gee, I hate whites. You hate all white. He is why and find out what's going on in their mind because each individual has a different reason. Now it's true that they all like to get together and then compare notes. And then you have a group that hates. And, uh, it that's the bad because when you get a whole group that hates it just perpetuates itself, but on a one to one basis, and you really look, look at the facts and find out why what's going on. Then you can deal with it and make good problem. I don't, I don't put my program out on anybody, but we look at it logically and you should be able to arrive at a conclusion. That's livable that mr. Miles was an individual beliefs, but he served as a spokesman for a group that certainly got together. And it makes him a lightning rod, if you will.

Speaker 1 ([26:47](#)):

Yeah. He had a charisma about him. My real guess is that if it wasn't for his affiliation, with the Klan, if he went, uh, he was a Republican. I think that if he had channeled that energy into the Republican party could have gone very far as a politician very far. Cause he was very, very skillful. Um, Clinton had charisma was, was skillful. What if he became a Klansman earlier before president, if he became a Klansman, but he would have been a great Klans member. What the different paths that we take along the way, but the what, what a waste of Clinton's talent. This is coming from a Republican, what a waste of miles, talent. Sure.

Speaker 1 ([27:48](#)):

But he had his reasons. He became more importantly than the lightening rod. He became a martyr for his cause. And that is why, uh, his merchandise is, has national significance on a national level. A national museum could want something. Um, uh, while he isn't well known by a lot of the local people who may not know too much about history, he is well known among people who are historians, um, people who frequent museums, um, political scientist, I'm a political scientist first and then a politics, uh, historian. Uh, I'm really limited to American history had known very little about world history. Uh, cause I could go to your school and I could change. You could change. We could change that. What have I not asked about that is important to you? Not just a J school question, but here's a chance to say anything you want to say.

Speaker 1 ([29:02](#)):

It's actually, it's my hope that how it gets over its problem, uh, with their affiliation for decades with the client, which really isn't deserved. And it's perpetuated both by the paper and by the fear of some of those, uh, um, certainly the diversity council and the, the chamber of commerce because, um, one of the elements the Klan uses, one of their tools is fear. And it's that fear that gets, uh, uh, turn into talk. And you're constantly thinking about it. These, the paper has wrote way too much about it. The politicians have thought way too much about it. You're thinking about the organization. What you need to do is to think about some of the things that they're saying. I was asked earlier if I was against everything the Klan stood for. And I can't say that because they were anticommunist, I'm not, I'm not against the communists. I mean, I am against the communist, uh, and they were very pro America. I am pro-American. They just have a different way of looking at it.