

BETWEEN THE COVERS RARE BOOKS

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Bonus Babies

[Cabinet Photograph]: Derry Aux[iliary] Bonus Marchers 100% [Bonus Army]

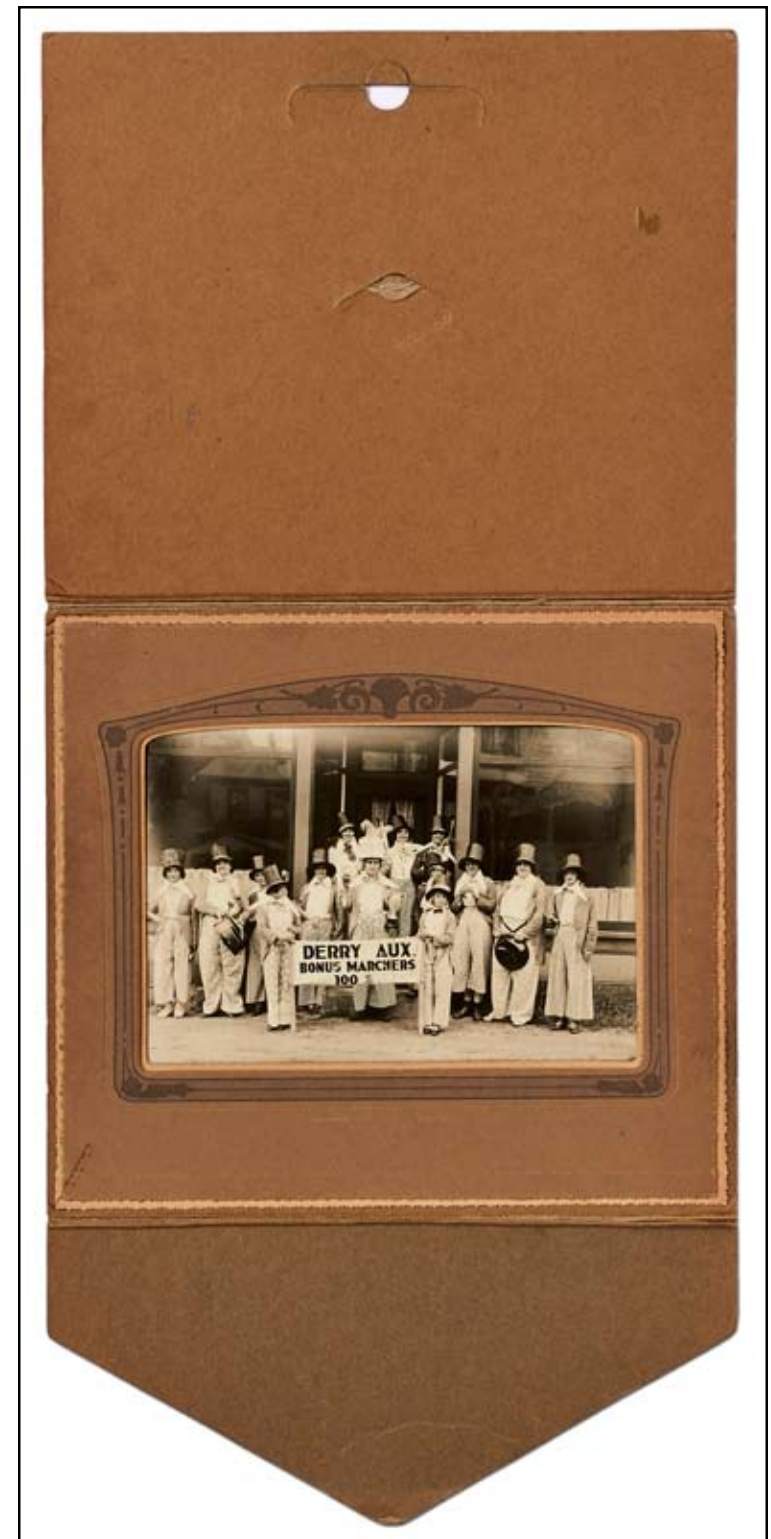
1932



Glossy gelatin silver photograph. Approximately 7" x 5" housed in decorative folding mat. Slight wear on the mat; the photograph is fine. The image displays 13 women and girls dressed in Uncle Sam-related costumes, posed in front of a building and bearing a sign reading "Derry Aux. Bonus Marchers 100%".



In 1924 Congress enacted a law paying bonuses to World War One veterans. Other than small amounts that were paid in cash, the bonuses were supposed to accrue as certificates that would pay out in 1945. However, because of the Depression Congress considered another bill that would allow for immediate redemption of the certificates. These became known as “bonuses” and in 1932 veterans and their families began to march on Washington to press the case for this bill. By Summer over 20,000 veterans and their families were camped out in Washington in unsanitary conditions, when the bill was finally defeated in the Senate. In July, troops forced the marchers out, killing one veteran and injuring many others. Additional marches and clashes followed, with the movement eventually subsiding when new President Franklin D. Roosevelt offered alternative jobs with the C.C.C. This image captures some of the female family members who were in support of the marchers. We cannot positively identify the “Derry” mentioned, but from provenance it seems to be either the Derry of New Hampshire or Maine. [BTC#400044]





**DERRY AUX.
BONUS MARCHERS
100 %**