

## Liberty Bell Project

[Item description: A bronze replica of the Liberty Bell with an engraved cast number 14 hung on a dark wooden frame. End item description.]

In 1950, bronze copies of the Liberty Bell were made for every state and territory. They were part of a national program that celebrated freedom after World War II and encouraged people to buy savings bonds to help the country. Arizona received one of these bells, which became a symbol of unity and patriotism.

Bell on loan from the Arizona Capitol Museum.

What message is written on the Liberty Bell Plaque?

The plaque reads: “Dedicated to you, a free citizen in a free land.” It reminds visitors that freedom belongs to everyone.

What makes Arizona’s Liberty Bell especially local?

Liberty Bell was not just sent here – it was partly made here. More than half of the copper used to cast the bell came from Arizona mines. That means the bell represents both freedom and the workers who helped build the state.

Why did California use a Liberty Bell from another state?

In 1950, California was so large that one bell could not reach every city in time. Arizona finished its tour early, so it loaned its Liberty Bell to California. The Arizona bell even rang in Los Angeles on July 4, 1950.

What unusual accident happened to Delaware’s Liberty Bell?

Delaware’s Liberty Bell was on display when it was accidentally hit by a car. A small piece broke off. Today, the bell still shows that damage, reminding visitors that history can have surprises.

What happened to Washington, D.C.'s Liberty Bell?

Washington, D.C. received a Liberty Bell replica just like the states. Years later, during building work, the bell was removed – and then it disappeared. No one knows where it went, and it has never been found.

Who drove Wyoming's Liberty Bell across the state?

Wyoming's Liberty Bell was driven by Walter Albertson, a World War II veteran. During the war, he helped free towns in France. In 1950, he drove the bell across Wyoming, sharing its message of freedom.

Why is Texas's Liberty Bell at a university instead of the capitol?

Texas chose to give its Liberty Bell to Texas A&M University. The school had many students who served and died in war. The bell honors their sacrifice and reminds students of the cost of freedom.