

711 NORTH OCEAN BOULEVARD
DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA 33444

April 10, 1972

Mr. Gordon Jones, Director
Planting Fields
Planting Fields Road
Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York.

Dear Mr. Jones,

When my sister, Mrs. Eunice DuPuy Culver, died, I tried to locate a golden carving of a Rabbi, which used to hang at our Grandfather's house in Pittsburgh, Pa. Later it was in our house in Indianapolis, Indiana. I have the companion carving hanging in my house, and I always wanted to have the two, because each complimented the other. This was our understanding, made at the time of our Mother's death in 1945. However, my sister took the Rabbi, unknown to me, and apparently presented it to you. I learned this from Mrs. Culver's daughter, Mrs. John Doerschuck. Because this carving belonged in our family so many years I have an attachment for it. I realize it is of little value otherwise. However, I would be happy to purchase it from you at a reasonable price for sentimental reasons. My sister had no right to give it away in the first instance, actually, because it belonged not to her but to me.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Sincerely,
Dorothy DuPuy Taggart
Mrs. Dorothy DuPuy Taggart

April 13, 1972

Mrs. Dorothy DuPuy Taggart
711 North Ocean Boulevard
Delray Beach, Florida 33444

Dear Mrs. Taggart:

I have received your letter of April 10 concerning the golden carving of a Rabbi which was presented to Planting Fields Foundation in December, 1970 by your sister, Mrs. Culver. We are sorry to learn that there was an apparent misunderstanding and that you would like to have it returned because of your attachment to it.

All of the lovely things which Mrs. Culver presented, were accepted as gifts by Planting Fields Foundation and the appraisal values were of course granted to her for tax purposes.

I am forwarding your letter to our Foundation attorney for his review and presentation to the Foundation Board at its next meeting sometime in June. He will be in touch with you as soon as the Board has had an opportunity to consider your request and the legal aspects of the request you are making.

If you have further questions I would suggest that you direct them to Mr. Edward Bachman, -Kelley, Drye, Warren, Clark, Carr & Ellis, 350 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

Sincerely,

Gordon E. Jones
Director

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