

Furnishings

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Dear Al:

I have spent the entire day looking through all kinds of files, ledgers and checkbooks but I'm afraid I do not have papers going back to the time of the purchase of Caroline's portrait.

I came across an appraisal of \$500.00 made by O'Riley of the Plaza Art Galleries, but this was obviously done for tax purposes and I suppose they can do that where a family portrait is concerned. I may be very wrong but I feel almost sure that I drew a check for \$6,000 to pay Frank O. Salisbury.

Regardless of what the cost was, your appraisal is what counts so far as your deduction is concerned. But I am inclined to think that the man who did this appraisal for you also did it for family purposes rather than insurance. Could you contact this appraiser, tell him the situation, and ask him if it is possible to give you another appraisal and have the other one destroyed.

At any rate, I can send you a letter on Planting Fields stationery signed by me as Vice President and Treasurer accepting the painting; and if you want to use the \$2,500.00 figure and will send me a copy of the appraisal, I can put that in the letter.

I do have more ledgers in Day & Meyer and could go over there and look it up if you want me to, but I am beginning to think I cannot produce a bill and I'm wondering if I might have sent you a bill. I remember having it here and if it were to go to anyone, it certainly would be to you. Why don't you look through your files just in case and let me hear from you so that I will know what to do.

It was so nice seeing you on Friday but I was very disappointed not to see Emily. I hope she has gotten over her

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could and is feeling much better.

With love to you both,

Affectionately,

Marguerite Pettet