



17 October 2003

Dear Mr. Donoghue,

After speaking with you regarding the refectory table returned to Coe Hall this past July, I wrote to Mike Coe and inquired as to how he wished the gift to be handled. Since the table was the property of the Peabody after the dispersal of the W.R. Coe estate, a representative of the organization should sign the deed of gift to legally transfer the property to the Foundation. I did change the deed to have the gift made in the name of Michael D. Coe and hope you'll think this a good compromise.

I've enclosed two copies of the deed of gift. Please sign both copies and return one of them to me for our files at:

Ellen Cone Busch

Coe Hall

P.O. Box 58

Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Upon receipt of the signed Deed, I will send you a formal acknowledgement of this gift.

I've also enclosed a photo of the table's new home in the room for which it was purchased in 1921. Everyone here is very excited to have it back. Thank you again on behalf of the Foundation and our visitors.

Sincerely,

Ellen M. Cone Busch

Collections Manager, Coe Hall