

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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RONALD D. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

June 23rd, 2000

Dear Common Council:

Hi. My Name is Christina Laphman And My Husband is Stephen Laphman. My Husband Was Illegally Arrested, Illegally Incarcerated, And Merchandise Of Ours Was Illegally Seized - Not To Mention The Hell We've Gone Through Since This Nightmare Began!

On October 23rd, 1999 At Approximately 1:00am Racine County Sheriff's Come To Our Home At 15600 County Line Road Sturtevant, WI 53177. Our Phone Number is (262) 878-5306. They Handcuffed My Husband Stating They Were Here For Milwaukee On A Burglary Felon Arrest Warrant Which We Looked To See (there never was a warrant) We All Waited For Milwaukee. They Wanted To Search Our Truck, We Said No. Hours later Two Milwaukee Detectives Arrived Detective Daniel Thompson, And Detective Warren Allen Again No Warrants. I Asked If We Should Hire An Attorney They Seemed To Think That Was Funny. I Was Told We Could Either Let Them Search The Truck Or They Were Stopping Now And Impounding The Truck. They Said They Were Here For A Month. They Began Taking Things Off The Truck, We Have Since Signed Receipts For Everything They Were Taking

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Which to this day they still haven't returned to us. Of course we didn't have the mantle they were looking for. They told us they then wanted to bring my husband Steve in for questioning. He was incarcerated for three days, no charges were even filed. Detective Silvia Johnson is the person behind all of this. He will be filing violation of civil rights on this matter. In the near future Milwaukee P.D. also sent Channel 58 News to our home. As for the merchandise impounded Police sent us a letter stating we could pick up our merchandise. On February 29th, 2000 we went to get our merchandise at 951 State Street. We refused to sign the paper til we saw our stuff. We left the Police Station to follow officers to a warehouse on Hawley Road. We went inside one of our two piece oak cabinets wasn't there and the other cabinet that matched it was damaged terribly so were most of our items. As a matter of fact they broke the trim off the cabinet (see appraisal photo) and tried saying it was a mantle!!! Some of the items (2 bookcases) they were refusing to return to us. We had the detectives call Sergeant Sam He Come + we explained the situation. Steve + I decided not to sign on take anything at all til they straightened everything out. We had a court date for April 10th anyway.

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I Asked Sargent Seay to Find Out Where Our Other Cabinet Was (Mind you this is like a 40 pound cabinet!)
On March 3rd I Called Sargent Seay to Ask if
He Talked to Detective Silvia Johnson. He Said Yes.
She Claims A Victim Had Claimed Our 2 Oak Cabinets
The Police Have These People Payson Our Cabinets
And When They Got them to Their Home Our Cabinets
Didn't Fit and By the Time These People Returned
The Cabinets One of them had Stolen Out of Their
Home? I Asked Sargent Seay What Are We Supposed
to Do? He Said We Needed to File Suit with the
City and That's Why We're Writing You Today. We
Went Back on March 15th Sargent Seay Made Steve
Sign the Release Papers. We Went to the Hawley
Road Location Steve + Three Officers Loaded the
Furniture While I Took Pictures. They Have Us
Everything (broken of course) Except 2 Bookcases
+ the Cabinet Stolen from Police Impoundment.
On April 10th We Went to Court with Our Attorney
(Marty Kopler) the City Attorney (David Stanz) Said
Police Are Willing to Return the Rest of Our Things
And We Were Given an Adjourned Date for June 10th.
May 30th We Went to Get Remaining Items (2
Bookcases, Stolen Cabinet out of Police Impoundment)
The Cabinet they Got Stolen Still Wasn't Recovered
And the 2 Bookcases Had 19 Breaks by the Glass Doors.

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They were in worst condition last time we were there! So now we have to file suit for the missing cabinet, Damages, Attorney fees + Appraisal fees on this claim:

Bookcase Damages	0
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Bookcase Glass Repairs	208.00
Buffet Damages (many damaged but I didn't get appraisal)	0
2 Windows (green) the only items not damaged!	0
1 Window (this item had some breaks when we bought it) (police broke it more again, I didn't get appraisal)	0
Broken Oak Cabinet	3,250.00
Cabinet Stolen Out Of Police Impoundment	4,000.00
Appraisal Fee (Richard Radmick)	200.00
Attorney Fee (Marty Hapler)	200.00
Appraisal Fee (Peter Haitam)	0
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Total Due →	<u>\$9,658.00</u>

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OFFICE OF
CITY ATTORNEY

Thank-You,

Christina Dahlman
Stephen Dahlman

RICHARD MARTIN RASNICK

I have been asked by Stephen and Christina Dahlman, 15600 County Line Road, Sturtevant, Wisconsin 53177 to appraise an oak cabinet for the purpose of establishing it's Fair Market Value.

I affirm that I have personally inspected this cabinet, that I hold no ownership interest in it, that I make no warranty as to ownership or title, and that the fee for this appraisal is not contingent on the value assigned.

DESCRIPTION

This two-piece oak cabinet (circa 1910), made of oak with original color and varnish finish, measures 86 ½" wide by 94" high by 17" deep. The top half is comprised of a surround with a stepped cornice atop fancy corbels with the side members comprised of columns with capitals and fluted panel. (The surround is currently detached.) The body of the top half of the cabinet is of a three-door design (with glass fronts) with two small turned decorative columns below. The back of this cabinet top is wainscoted on the top portion and divided into three beveled mirrors on the bottom section. A wide serpentine shaped shelf, serving as the base of the top, slightly overhangs the front and sides of the cabinet. The bottom portion of the cabinet is comprised of three horizontally arrayed drawers over three centered vertically positioned drawers of raised panel design which, in turn, are captured by a door on either side.

This cabinet has significant distress and damage. Eight of a total of 15 corbels are either missing or damaged. The cornice is either missing wood or indented in several locations. Three capitals from the surround are missing. The center beveled mirror is cracked. The entire front edge of the central shelf has been broken-off and is

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damaged. Over half of the pulls and door latches are either damaged or missing. The cabinet is in need of extensive restoration consisting of parts fabrication, a re-fitting of broken elements, color matching of new and restored pieces, and mirror and hardware (i.e. drawer pull and latch) replacement.

Estimation of Fair Market Value

In my opinion this cabinet in it's present condition has an estimated Fair Market Value of \$850.00. Based on an estimate from an experienced restorer, it would cost \$3000.00 to repair the damages. An identical cabinet in excellent to very good condition (i.e. with normal wear-and-tear) would have an estimated Fair Market Value of \$4000.00.

Qualifications

My opinion is based on 15 years experience as an antique dealer and appraiser. As a specialist in early 20th century American design and architectural artifacts, I have bought, sold, and appraised several thousands items including important works designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Sullivan, and George Niedecken. I have sold items to numerous museums, and have been interviewed by such publications as The Milwaukee Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune, and Milwaukee Magazine. I have served as a consultant in regards to architectural artifacts and early 20th century design to some of the country's most important auction houses, including Sotheby's (Chicago), David Rago Inc. (Lambertville, New Jersey), and John Toomey Gallery/Auctions (Oak Park, Illinois).

Richard M. Rasnick 30 March 2000

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**Stephen and Christina Dahlman
15600 County Line Road
Sturtevant, Wisconsin 53177**

**For professional services rendered in preparation of an appraisal
report.....\$200.00**

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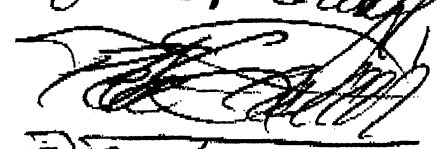
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To: William Day Antiques

Re: appraisal on oak built-in
circa 1880-1910

I, Peter Easton of AAAS feel the oak built-in which measured 66 1/2" w x 94" h x 17" d to be victorian in style in original finish. There is alot damage to the article such as 15 carrels damaged, 3 capitals of the surround missing, beveled mirror cracked, beveled window cracked, and alot of surface damage. In present condition, I would value the piece at \$625 - to \$875. In restored or original condition the value be between \$3,200 - to \$4,000.

Yours Truly

Peter Easton

RECEIPT

DATE OCTOBER 26, 1999 No. 329433

RECEIVED FROM CHRISTINA DRIFLIMAN \$ 2000.00

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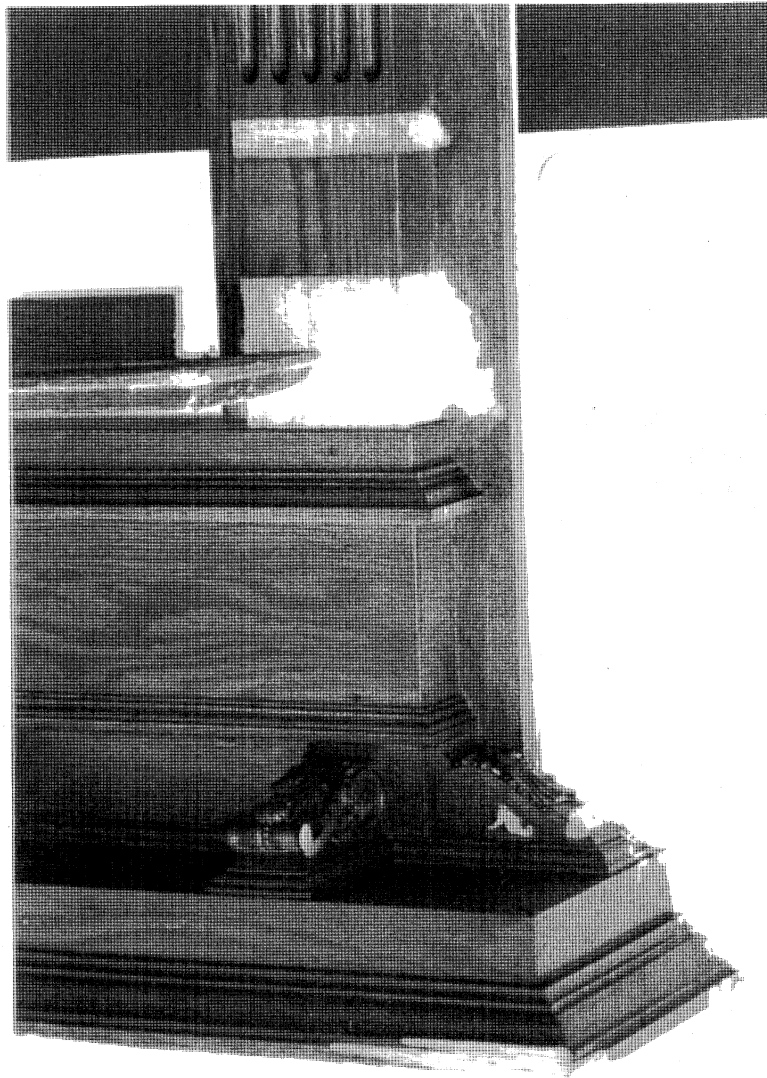
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Attorney Fees



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