

April 15, 1973

Mr. Don E. Crabtree
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Dear Mr. Crabtree:

My father-in-law, Mr. Hugh Ducker, recently passed away here in Pocatello. My wife is co-executor of the estate. Among other items is a (to me) most impressive collection of stone artifacts: arrow and spear points, tools, and ceremonial objects, which he has left to my son David. There are perhaps 400 artifacts, of which 175 appear to be cataloged.

We have no intention of disposing of this collection, but we require an appraisal of its value, for the purposes of settling the estate. I would appreciate it very much, and would be happy to reimburse you for your time, if you would be willing to visit us and make such an estimate on your next trip to Pocatello.

Some of the artifacts were part of a collection assembled by Mr. Ducker's parents in Wisconsin, but others are claimed to be of Persian or Egyptian origin, and a large number come from the Western U. S. If some of the pieces would be useful for study, we would be happy to loan part or all of it to the ISU Museum; I am a member of the faculty (chemistry).

If you would not be able to do this, we would appreciate the name of someone in this area to whom we could turn for help. I have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your convenience in responding.

Gratefully,



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