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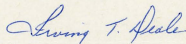
Dear Dr. Raddall:

In your book "Footsteps on Old Floors", there is a picture of a model of the MARY CELESTE, shown as it was found when it was abandoned in the Atlantic in 1872. In the photo credits at the front of the book, you give the source of the photo as the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Virginia. I have written to the museum, and they state that they have no model of the MARY CELESTE..I wonder if perhaps you could clear up this minor mystery?

If you do have a photograph of the model in your possession, I would like very much to have a copy, if it is possible. I would be glad to pay any expence in getting a print made.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Sincerely,


Irving T. Deale

January 7, 1974

Mr. Irving T. Deale,
5300 Morris Street,
Apt. 53
Halifax N.S.

Dear Mr. Deale:

My copy of the photograph showing a model of the "Mary Celeste" was furnished by the Mariners Museum. It bears on its back a rubber-stamped inscription with pencilled details as follows:-

"Copied by The Mariners Museum
Newport News, Virginia

From A.G.Law
Negative No..... P.M.718

Credit line should be inserted if this
print is reproduced."

I obtained my copy through my friend Fred Hill, a Nova Scotian whom I met when I visited the Mariners Museum years ago. He was then chief curator. He is now retired, spending his summers in Nova Scotia and his winters in Florida.

I suggest that you write the Mariners Museum again, quoting the inscription on the back of my print.

If that fails, I can lend you my copy, although in the present chaotic state of the mails I hate to risk anything of importance to me.

Sincerely,