



ERNEST STANLEY DODGE  
Director

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East India Marine Hall

Salem, Massachusetts 01970

May 10, 1973

Irving T. Deale, Esq.  
R. R. #4 Middle Musquodoboit  
Halifax County  
Nova Scotia, Canada

Dear Mr. Deale,

Both editions of Charles Eddy Fay's book, Mary Celeste, The Odyssey of an Abandoned Ship have long been out of print. The essential story is contained in the abridged edition; however, the full edition is much larger, totalling 261 pages and contains several appendices with documents to prove various points. You could probably get a copy to look at through your local library on inter-library loan from some large metropolitan library.

You might be interested to know that we have sixteen large scrapbooks of ephemeral material relating to the Mary Celeste, which were accumulated by Mr. Fay who made a lifetime hobby of the subject. If you are ever in Salem, you are welcome to look at them.

The two most recent books on the Mary Celeste are MacDonald Hastings' Mary Celeste published by Michael Joseph in 1973, and Rupert Furneaux' What Happened on the Mary Celeste, published by M. Parrish, 1964. These are both London publishers I believe.

Yours very sincerely,

Director

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R.R. 4, Middle Musquodoboit,  
Halifax County,  
Nova Scotia, Canada,  
May 21, 1973.

Curator,  
National Archives,  
Washington, D.C.

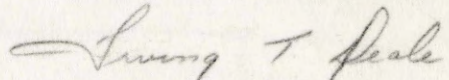
Dear Sir (or Madame);

Recently, I have been collecting information on the Mary Celeste, a brigantine, which was picked up derelict in 1872, with no one on board. She was picked up by the British Brigantine Dei Gratia. As you are probably aware, there has been much misinformation circulated about this incident. If at all possible (if you have the information in your files) I would like to obtain a photostatic copy of the official Crew List of the brigantine Dei Gratia, when she sailed from New York to Gibraltar on or about November 15, 1872. I believe she was then under command of Captain David Reed Morehouse.

If there is a charge for the photocopying, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thanking you in advance and looking forward to a reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,

  
Irving T. Deale

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

*National Archives and Records Service*  
Washington, DC 20408



DATE: June 13, 1973

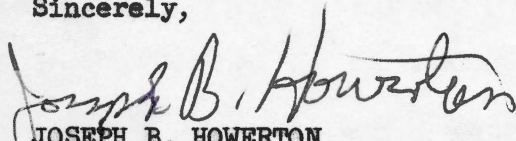
REPLY TO:  
NUMBER OF: NNFS

SUBJECT: Crew of the British brigantine DEL GRATIA (your inquiry of May 21, 1973).

Irving T. Deale  
R.R. 4, Middle Musquodoboit  
Halifax County  
Nova Scotia, Canada

Crew records in the National Archives relate only to American flag vessels. We suggest, therefore, that you write to the Board of Trade, General Register and Record Office of Shipping and Seamen, Llantrisant Road, Cardiff, Wales, Great Britain, and to the National Maritime Museum, SE 10, Greenwich, England about the crew of the brigantine DEL GRATIA in 1872.

Sincerely,

  
JOSEPH B. HOWERTON  
Assistant Chief for Reference  
Industrial and Social Branch  
Civil Archives Division

R.R. 4, Middle Musquodoboit,  
Halifax County,  
Nova Scotia, CANADA,  
30 July, 1973.

Record Office of Shipping & Seamen,  
Llantrisant Road,  
Cardiff, Wales.

Dear Sir(s):

I am involved in researching the story of the Mary Celeste (of which you have no doubt heard). The ship that discovered the derelict Celeste on Dec. 4, 1872, was the British brigantine Dei Gratia. The Dei Gratia sailed from New York, U.S.A., with a cargo of petroleum, on 15 November, 1872. She was bound for Gibraltar, where she was to receive further orders. The Dei Gratia on that voyage was under the command of Captain David Reed Morehouse, and carried a total of eight men, including Capt. Morehouse.

I would be very interested in obtaining a copy (photostatic copy, if possible) of the official crew list of the Dei Gratia for that particular voyage, if such a document is in your possession. If you do not have this information, perhaps you could inform me as to where I could obtain it.

If there is any charge for your services, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I will be eagerly awaiting a reply.

Respectfully yours,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

Chancery Lane  
London WC2A 1LR

13 August 1973

Mr. I T Deale  
RR 4  
Middle Musquodoboit  
Halifax County  
Nova Scotia  
Canada

Dear Sir,

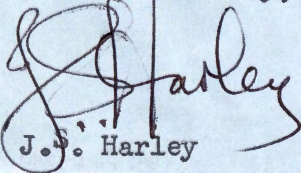
Your letter of 30 July has been passed here by the Registry of Shipping and Seamen.

Only a ten per cent sample of crew agreements after 1860 has been selected for permanent preservation in this Office. Dei Gratia (O.N. 64014) does not fall in the sample for 1872 or 1873.

The crew agreements may be available at the

Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Yours faithfully,

  
J. S. Harley

JSH/cs

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Chancery Lane

London WC2A 1LR

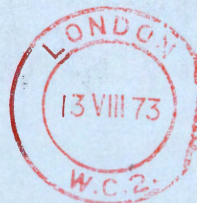
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Mr. I T Deale

RR4

Middle Musquodoboit

Halifax County

Nova Scotia

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*Library, Memorial University,  
St. John's, Nfld.*

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
22 August, 1973

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am engaged in researching the story of the brigantine Mary Celeste, which was found abandoned off the Azores on Dec. 4, 1872. She was discovered by the British brigantine Dei Gratia, and a prize crew from the Dei Gratia sailed her into Gibraltar and collected salvage payments.

I am interested in obtaining an official Crew List or agreement for the Dei Gratia on that particular voyage. She left New York Harbour on Nov. 15, 1872, and was then under command of Captain David Reed Morehouse. I believe she carried a crew of eight, including the captain.

I have written to the Registry of Shipping and Seamen in Cardiff, Wales and they passed my inquiry on to the Public Record Office in London, England. The latter office did not have the information, but suggested that it may be available from the Library at Memorial University.

If you do have this information, I would be pleased to receive a photostatic copy of the document. If there is any charge for this, please let me know.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Respectfully yours,

*Irving T. Deale*

Irving T. Deale



MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada

*University Library*

August 29, 1973

Irving T. Deale,  
5300 Morris Street,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Deale:

I have forwarded your letter to Dr. K. Matthews of the Maritime History Group at Memorial University of Newfoundland; as they have a collection of crew lists in this department.

I trust that he shall be able to answer your queries.

Yours sincerely,

*Audrey Logie*

(Miss) Audrey Logie  
Government Documents Librarian

AL/eab  
cc KM



*Stephen Orr  
Rexton, N.B.*

5300 Morris Street,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
August 30, 1973

Dear Mr. Orr:

Please forgive me if I have not got your name right, but I could not remember when I visited you on August 19, whether the lady said your name was Hugh or Stephen.

I would be very pleased if you could give me some more information about a few things. I would like to know where your uncle (George) was born, and the name of his father, if you can remember. Also, if you ever heard your uncle say, I would be interested to know who were the crew members of the Dei Gratia when she came on the Mary Celeste. Most of the books say that there were eight people on the Dei Gratia on that voyage. The names I have are Capt. David R. Morehouse, Oliver Deveau (first mate), John Wright (second mate), Augustus Anderson, John Johnson, Charles Lund and George Orr.

Also, if you wouldn't mind, I would like to have your nephew's address and name (the one in Ontario that has the sword). Finally, if you can remember any things that your uncle (or other people) ~~have~~ may have told you about the Mary Celeste, I would appreciate hearing them, including what you told me about what your uncle thought happened to the Mary Celeste (the sand islands).

I hope that this will not be too much of a bother to you. I may possibly be up to Rexton within the next couple of months. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

*Irving Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

5300 Morris Street,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,  
September 3, 1973.

National Maritime Museum,  
SE 10, Greenwich, England.

Dear Sirs:

I have been referred to your institution by the National Archives in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. I am researching material on the Mary Celeste case. As you probably know, the Mary Celeste was found at sea, off the Azores, abandoned. This was in December 1872. She was found by the British brigantine Dei Gratia, some of whose crew sailed her into Gibraltar. There has been a vast amount of misinformation circulated about this case. I am particularly interested in obtaining a copy of the Official Crew List or Crew Agreement of the Dei Gratia on this particular voyage. She sailed from New York on November 15, 1872, under the command of Captain David Reed Morehouse, and carried a crew of eight, I believe, including the captain.

If you have such a document in your possession, I would be pleased to obtain a photocopy of it. If you do not, perhaps you could inform me as to where I might obtain one. I believe the Official Number of the Dei Gratia was <sup>64014</sup>64104. Also, any other information, photos, etc. that you may have on any aspect of this case would be greatly appreciated.

I have been in touch with the Public Record Office in London and the Record of Shipping and Seamen in Cardiff, and they could not help me on this matter.

If there is any charge for your services, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Respectfully yours,

  
Irving T. Deale

5300 Morris Street,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
Canada,

September 3, 1973.

Mariner's Museum,  
Newport News, Virginia.

Dear Sirs:

I am researching material on the Mary Celeste. I understand that your institution has a model of the Mary Celeste showing her as she was found abandoned at sea in December of 1872. I would like very much to have a photograph of this model. Also, if you have any other information on the Mary Celeste, Dei Gratia or or any matter touching on either crew, I would be quite pleased to receive same.

If there is any charge for this, please let me know.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

*Irving T. Deale*

Irving T. Deale

*Hoffman Research*

5300 Morris Street,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,  
September 3, 1973.

Dear Sirs:

Following are the titles of three books I would be interested in locating and possibly purchasing:

"Mystery Ship—The Mary Celeste in Fancy and in Fact"  
by George Sands Bryan, published by Lippincott in 1942.

"What Happened on the Mary Celeste  
by Rupert Furneaux, published by Max Parrish, London, 1964.

"The Great Mary Celeste Hoax"  
by Lawrence J. Keating. It was published in 1929, but I don't know the publisher, although I think it was a British publication.

Thank you very much for considering this request. Your past assistance has been much appreciated.

Respectfully yours,  
*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale



**THE MARINERS MUSEUM** Newport News, Va. 23606

Area Code 703 - 595-0368

September 14, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Deale:

This museum does not have a model of the MARY CELESTE.

We have enclosed a list of books on this famous mystery ship. Possibly some are in your local library.

Our museum has published no material on this vessel.

Sincerely yours,

*John L. Lochhead*

John L. Lochhead  
Librarian

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MARY CELESTE (brig) ✓

Bradford, Gershom  
The secret of the MARY CELESTE and other sea fare. Barre, Mass., Barre pub. co., 1966.

MARY CELESTE (BRIG)  
Cobb, Oliver W  
The "mystery" of the MARY CELESTE, by Dr. Oliver W.Cobb.  
(In Yachting, vol. 67, Feb. 1940, p. 33-34, 98-100, illus.)

MARY CELESTE (brig) ✓

Furieux, Rupert  
What happened on the MARY CELESTE. London, Max Parrish, 1964.

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MARY CELESTE (BRIG)  
Cobb, Oliver W  
Rose cottage, the background of the MARY CELESTE mystery. Newport News, The Mariners' Museum, 1936.  
13,37p. 28cm.  
Extract from a manuscript by Oliver W.Cobb, M.D.  
Contents: - Prologue, by Dr. Oliver W.Cobb.  
-Bibliography, by Frederick J. Shepard. -Proceedings of the Vice-Admiralty court at Gibraltar, 1872-1873.

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MARY CELESTE (BRIG)  
Fay, Charles Edey.  
Mary Celeste; the odyssey of an abandoned ship, by Charles Edey Fay. Salem, Mass., Peabody museum, 1942.  
xxvii p., 2 l., 8-261 p., 1 l. incl. facsim., fold. tab., diagr. plates (1 col.) ports., maps (1 fold.) 26".  
Published also in abridged form.  
"Bibliographical notes": p. 169-182.

1. Mary Celeste (Brig) 48-17408  
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M3K2  
MARY CELESTE (BRIG)  
Keating, Laurence J.  
The great Mary Celeste hoax, a famous sea mystery exposed, by Laurence J. Keating ... London, Heath, Cranton, Ltd., 1929. Boston, Houghton  
240 p. col. front, fold. plans, fold. charts. 22 1/2".

1. Mary Celeste (Brig) 2. Title.  
Library of Congress G530.M3 29-19480  
(805)

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MARY CELESTE (BRIG)  
Lockhart, John Gilbert  
A great sea mystery: the true story of the MARY CELESTE, by J.G.Lockhart. London, P.Allan & 939  
173p. front.(map) 18cm. ("Autilus library, v.14)

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D204  
No.74  
MARY CELESTE (BRIG).  
Eriggs, James Franklin.  
In the wake of the MARY CELESTE, by James Franklin Eriggs. New Bedford, Old Dartmouth historical society, 1944.  
31 p. front.(port.) 26 1/2cm. (Old Dartmouth historical sketches, no.74.)

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M3B8  
MARY CELESTE (BRIG).  
Bryan, George Sands, 1879-  
Mystery ship, the Mary Celeste in fancy and in fact, by George S. Bryan. Philadelphia and New York, J. B. Lippincott company, 1942.  
319, 14 p. front, illus (incl. map) plates, ports. 25".  
"Bibliographical note": p. 315-316.

1. Mary Celeste (Brig) 2. Title. 48-10868  
Library of Congress M3B8 G530.M3B8 48-10868  
12, 9104



MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada

*Department of History  
Maritime History Group*

September 17th, 1973.

Mr. Irving T. Deale,  
5300 Morris Street,  
Apr. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada.

Dear Mr. Deale,

Thank you for your letter dated 22nd of August in which you asked for information about the brigantine "DEI GRATIA". I am afraid that we will need her Official Number in order to use our collection of Crew Lists. If she was a British vessel, this should be given in the Mercantile Navy List for 1872. We have copies of this publication for the years 1868 and 1876, but she appears in neither.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith Matthews".

Keith Matthews,  
D.Phil. (Oxon),  
M.A. Dip. Econ./Pol.Sci.

Chairman,  
MARITIME HISTORY GROUP.

km/dcp

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
September 22, 1973.

Dr. Keith Matthews,  
Dept. of History,  
Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Dear Dr. Matthews:

In reply to your letter of 17 September, please forgive me for not including it in my first inquiry, but I do by all means have the official number of the brigantine Dei Gratia. It is (according to the Public Record Office in London, England) 64014.

Any information that you could give me about the "Dei Gratia" or matters pertaining to her aside from the Crew List aforementioned would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Sincerely,  
Irving T. Deale



5300 Morris Street,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,  
Sept. 24, 1973.

National Archives & Records Services,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Howerton:

I am interested in obtaining a copy of the Transcript of the proceedings of the Salvage claim relating to the Mary Celeste. The inquiry took place in 1872-73.

I doubt very much if the original transcript is still in existence, but if it is, I would like to obtain a copy of it as well as a copy of the typed transcript of the Inquiry.

Dealing with the same case, I would like a copy of the Analysis of the Supposed Bloodstains by Dr. Patron, and also a copy of Extracts from the Log of the Dei Gratia.

I would be very grateful if you could supply me with copies of the above mentioned documents. If there is any charge, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

*National Archives and Records Service*  
Washington, DC 20408



DATE: **October 9, 1973**

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: **NNFD**

SUBJECT: **Information relating to the Mary Celeste. (Your letter of September 24.)**

**Irving T. Deale  
5300 Morris St., Apt. 53  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
CANADA**

Enclosed are copies of Dr. Patron's analysis of supposed bloodstains and extracts from the log of the Dei Gratia and a bill for \$1.30. The log entry for Monday, November 25 is from the Mary Celeste and entries from November 26 to December 5 are from the Dei Gratia.

There are no transcripts of the proceedings of the salvage inquiry in the General Records of the Department of State (Record Group 59). Perhaps these transcripts are in the records of the British Admiralty Court in Gibraltar.

Sincerely,

*Milton O. Gustafson*

**MILTON O. GUSTAFSON  
Chief, Diplomatic Branch  
Civil Archives Division**

Enclosures



THE NEW BRUNSWICK MUSEUM

277 DOUGLAS AVENUE  
SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK  
CANADA

ESTABLISHED 1842

TELEPHONE  
693-1196

September 25, 1973

Mr. Irving Deal  
5300 Morris Street  
Apartment 53  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Deal:

With reference to your telephone call of September 21, 1973 pertaining to the "Mary Celeste".

I am sorry that I unintentionally misled you, we do not have the melodeon as I thought. The record I found referred to a photo-drawing and the melodeon we have on display came from another source entirely.

In 1946, the melodeon and a Chinese sword belonging to Capt. Briggs were owned by his nephew, J. Franklin Briggs, New Bedford, Mass. Mrs. George Orr, Rexton, N.B. has short sword and part of cutlass found on deck of abandoned ship by mate of Dei Gratia. He gave it to Captain Orr in New York.

We have a coloured photo-drawing of the sketch you want of the Marie Celeste off the coast of France at Marseilles, 1861, year of launching, when named Amazon. The original was owned by Mr. R. L. Dewis grand-son of builder of the briquentine. Painted by French artist. No address is given but perhaps Mr. Dewis lives at Spencer's Island, N.S. where ship was built.

I am sorry that I am unable to give you more up to date information but perhaps you can trace the artifacts from the above.

If you wish to have a copy of our photo-drawing please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

*Valerie Simpson*  
(Mrs.) Valerie Simpson  
Registrar

/vs

5300 Morris St.,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
Sept. 27, 1973.

Dear Mr. Puddington:

I was given your name as a reference by Mr. Don Gamblin at the Parrsboro Civic Building. I am researching the story of the Mary Celeste (circa 1872) and I am trying to dig up old records of her early registries. As you probably well know, she was built in Spencer's Island as the Amazon in 1860-61, and launched from there in May of 1861. Her first registry, as far as I am aware, was at Parrsboro, around June 10, 1861. I have been in touch with the Civic Building in Parrsboro and the one in Amherst, but they have no records of any kind pertaining to her. I was told that you might possibly be able to tell me where such records might be now. Could they possibly be in Halifax, and if so, where?

I would appreciate any information that you could give me on this matter, and, also, I wonder if you could tell me where, in Sydney, N.S., I could write to get a copy of her registry in that port. Any other information that you could supply about the Celeste "mystery" would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you very much in advance, I remain

Sincerely,

*Irving T. Deale*

Irving T. Deale

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax , N.S.,  
1 October, 1973.

Mrs. Valerie Simpson,  
Registrar,  
New Brunswick Museum,  
St. John, N.B.

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

I am in receipt of your letter of 25 Sept., 1973.

I would very much like to have a copy of the photo-drawing that you have of the Mary Celeste. Also, regarding the melodeon we discussed, I realize, now, that you do not have the melodeon on display that was owned by the Briggs; however, you mention a photo-drawing of a melodeon. If this is of the melodeon owned by the Briggs, I would be interested in having a copy of it, as well.

Just for interests sake, R. Lester Dewis, who owned the original painting of the Celeste, lived in Advocate, N.S., but died in 1967. Two of his sons live there at present, and a third lives in Halifax. One of the sons, as well as I, has checked with the Beausejour Museum in Aulac, N.B. re the whereabouts of the original painting, which was given to them by R.L. Dewis in 1938, and we were both told that no one knows what happened to it!!

Getting back to your letter, you mention that the melodeon and a Chinese sword belonging to Capt. Briggs were, in 1946, owned by J. Franklin Briggs, and that Mrs. George Orr, of Rexton, N.B., has a short sword and part of a cutlass found on deck of the abandoned ship (Mary Celeste?) by the mate of the Dei Gratia. You state that the mate gave it to Capt. Orr in New York. I do not wish to dispute this, but I wonder if you could

clarify this for me. Captain George Orr died in 1936, and although I cannot be sure, I should think that by this time, his wife is also dead. Now, about the sword: the sword that belonged to Capt. Ben Briggs, and was sent home with his other effects to his relatives in the United States, eventually passing to J. Franklin Briggs, was described by U. S. Consul-General Horatio Sprague (letter to his Dept., Feb. 1, 1873) as "of Italian make and bears a Cross of Savoy on the hilt". I would be pleased if you could enlighten me as to what a Cross of Savoy looks like. Also, perhaps you could tell me whether it was the sword or the cutlass that Mr. Orr had which was the one found on the Celeste.

I am sorry if I myself sound somewhat confused and ambiguous. It may seem like a petty point, but I have spent considerable time researching this story, and have as yet only scratched the surface. The sword which Capt. Orr had has been passed on to his nephew, who also lives in Rexton, and he, in turn, has passed it on to his nephew, who is now in Burlington, Ontario, I believe.

I wonder if it would be considered presumptuous of me to ask you for your sources of information—it would be a great help.

Again, I wish to thank you for bearing with me, and also for the information that you have provided me with, and I would be pleased if you would consider my request re the photo-drawings. If there is any charge, please let me know.

Appreciatively yours,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

Pamela J.S.

OCT 2, 1973

Dear Mr. Jule:

The Registry Book  
containing the required "A"  
particulars is "Book A"  
which has been in the  
Dominion Archives for 30  
years. You could get a  
photo static copy of the  
registry from said Archives.

Once I knew a man  
who was mate on that vessel  
at the first; the late Capt.  
Geo Spicer of Spencer Dist.

Sincerely

H.M. Peckington



MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada

*Department of History  
Maritime History Group*

October 2nd, 1973.

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

Dear Mr. Deale,

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th of September, but I am afraid that the "DEI GRATIA" seems to be almost as much a mystery ship as the "MARIE CELESTE". We have checked through our records and can find no information whatsoever upon her in the years 1870-1873. This is remarkable. I do hope that your search in the end will prove successful.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Keith Matthews,  
D.Phil. (Oxon).  
M.A. Dip.Econ./Pol.Sci.

Chairman,  
MARITIME HISTORY GROUP.

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TELEPHONE  
693-1196

October 15, 1973

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

Dear Mr. Deale:

With reference to your letter of October 1 regarding the "Mary Celeste".

The pictures you requested will be sent to you and you will be billed direct by the photographer.

According to the Webster Catalogues, Mrs. Orr has the cutlass that was found on the "Mary Celeste".

My source of information was the "Catalogues of the John Clarence Webster Canadiana Collection of the New Brunswick Museum", published in 1939.

I hope this will be of help and wish you the best of luck in your research.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie Simpson".

(Mrs.) Valerie Simpson  
Registrar

/vs

P.S. The Webster catalogues are for sale - \$10.00 for the three volume set.

5300 Morris Street,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Oct. 17, 1973

Dominion Public Archives,  
395 Wellington St.,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

I am researching material on the brigantine Mary Celeste and I would like to obtain a copy of some records in the Archives.

The Mary Celeste was registered in Parrsboro, N.S. on June 10, 1861, and in Sydney, N.S. on Nov., 1867. She was registered under the name by which she went at that time, the Amazon. I believe her Parrsboro registry is in Registry Book "A", on pages 55-56.

The Public Archives in Halifax has a copy of these documents on microfilm, but they photocopy very poorly.

If at all possible, I would like a readable copy of said documents from the original Registry Book(s). If not possible, a readable copy from the microfilm would suffice.

On the Registry Book in which her Parrsboro registry appears, on the margin of page 56, there is a handwritten notation (by Dominion Archives Staff?) "see Archives file 1940 No. 445". If this is in reference to the Mary Celeste (Amazon), I would like a copy of this information, also. If you have any other information about this ship, or about the British brigantine Del Gratia (built at Bear River, N.S. sometime in the 1860's or '70's), specifically an official crew list for her voyage from New York to Gibraltar on Nov. 15, 1872, I would be very pleased to have a

copy of it as well.

The Official Number of the Amazon was 37671, that of the Dei Gratia was 64014.

Thank you very much for considering my request, and if there is any charge for photocopying, please let me know.

Respectfully yours,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,  
71 Fenchurch St.,  
London EC3 M4BS,  
England.

5300 Morris Street,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,  
October 21, 1973.

Dear Sirs;

I am engaged in researching the story of the Mary Celeste and several sources give reference to Lloyd's List containing information about her. Dates in which she appears in the List are as follows: Dec. 16 & 17, 1872, March 1, 18 & 25, 1873 and Sept. 17, 1873.

If possible, I would like to have photostatic copies of the above information. If your files contain any other information on her or the Nova Scotian brigantine Dei Gratia, I would be pleased to have copies of it, as well, particularly a crew list of the latter ship on her voyage from New York to Gibraltar on 15 November, 1872.

If you perhaps are aware of any other sources where I might obtain information on either of these ships, I would be grateful for them.

If there is any charge for photocopying, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

P.S. The Official Number of the Mary Celeste was 17920; that of the Dei Gratia 64014.

Hoffman Research

5300 Morris Street,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,

23 October, 1973.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed, please find a money order for \$12.50, in payment for the book Mystery Ship—The Mary Celeste in Fancy and in Fact by George Sands Bryan.

I am still interested in the book by Laurence Keating (The Great Mary Celeste Hoax), but will be unable to order it for another week or so. I trust it will still be available at that time.

Thank you very much for your assistance. It is much appreciated by

Yours sincerely,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

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Dear Sirs:

Although I did not order the book *Mary Celeste: The Odyssey of an Abandoned Ship* by Charles Edey Fay, I appreciate your efforts very much. The problem is: you did not mention which edition is for sale. There were two editions of this book printed in 1942—a large volume, (261 pages) containing, in the appendices, many documents used by Fay to prove many of his points. The smaller edition (82 pages) contains only the body of the original text.

I already have a copy of the smaller volume. If you could tell me which one you have for sale, I may be interested in purchasing it.

Appreciatively yours,



Irving T. Deale

5300 Morris Street,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,  
October 25, 1973.

J.H. Winchester & Co., Inc.,  
19 Rector St.,  
New York, 10006, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

I am researching material on the Mary Celeste (1872), and I know the Winchester firm held the majority of shares in the brigantine at that time.

I would, if it is possible, be interested in obtaining any or all documents in connection with this case, including any correspondence to or from any "participants" in the case.

If it would be of any help in locating your files, the Official Number of the Celeste was 17920.

If there is any charge for your services, please let me know.

I appreciate your co-operation very much.

Respectfully yours,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale



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5300 Morris Street,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,

October 25, 1973.

Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co.,  
80 Pine St.,  
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

I am involved in researching the story of the Mary Celeste, the brigantine that was found abandoned off the Azores in Dec., 1872 (I'm sure you know the story). I know she was insured with, among others, Atlantic Mutual.

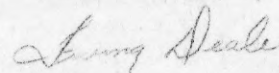
I would be very interested in obtaining photocopies of any documents about the Mary Celeste which your Company may have in its files. These would include any letters to or from anyone connected with the "case".

I would also be interested to know what position, if any, that Chas. Edey Fay had with the Atlantic Mutual.

If there is any charge for the photocopying, please let me know.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Sincerely,



Irving T. Deale

5300 Morris Street,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,

October 25, 1973.

Registrar,  
Supreme Court,  
Gibraltar.

Dear Sir:

I am (as are probably many others) researching the story of the Mary Celeste. I am aware of the Inquiry that took place at Gibraltar in 1872-73, and I should think the records of this inquiry would still be preserved in the files of the Vice-Admiralty Court in Gibraltar.


I would be interested in obtaining a copy of the documents dealing with this case, including the testimony given by Oliver Deveau and others, Reports of the Surveyor of Shipping, and of the Diver, and any correspondence to or from anyone connected with the case. In short, if at all possible, I would like copies of any or all information that you can furnish about this case.

Also, perhaps you can furnish me with the address of the newspaper (if it is still in existence) The Gibraltar Chronicle and Official Gazette.

If there is any charge for your services, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Respectfully yours,



Irving T. Deale

COPY OF A LETTER  
WRITTEN BY STEPHEN ORR  
OF REXTON, NEW BRUNSWICK  
TO IRVING DEALE, HALIFAX  
(Rec'd Oct. 30, 1973)

## The Sword of the Mary Celeste Mystery

There were two Swords in this case, one which you showed to me in the booklet you had with you on your Visit to Rexton. This was the type of sword used at the battle of Austria, the kind the knights used when they sought to conquer the Holy land, or rather I should say in the Crusade, a sword generally used while fighting on horse-back. Supposed to be found by Captain Briggs in his travels.

This sword was to all accounts, shipped back to the states with the captain's effects, presumably to Washington.

But the sword which my father brought home with him was found on the deck of the Mary Celeste. There were several slashes made on the rail, as though there was a fight, this Cutlass was blood-stained and broken the hilt was velvet covered and had two tassels.

Part of the Dei Gratias crew had been put aboard the Marie Celeste and they with their captain took the Marie Celeste to Gibraltar.

The Dei Gratia continued her trip to New York. My father (George Orr) was in New York at that time of her arrival and was looking for a ship back to Canada.

He was walking along the pier where the Dei Gratia was tied up when someone shouted "Hello Canada". He went over and found an old ship-mate from his home town and went aboard and met the Mate Devereau who was then acting Captain. The result was that he was hired as Mate, he was 21 yrs old then.

On the voyage back to "Bear River"-Nova Scotia He was told the story of how the Mary Celeste was picked up and the Capt (Devereau) presented him With the sword as a souvenir of the Marie Celeste. This since then became well known all over the world. Conyan Doyle (The writer of

Sherlock Holmes) once spun a yarn about it somewhat like, "the Nigger on the Narcissus.

Of course this was mere fiction as the mystery was never solved.

Devereau and my father thought there might have been a fight with the "Moors" as at that time, the Moorish Pirates were sailing the seas and taking ships and prisoners whom they made slaves, and very few escaped. Then again there was a possibility that the ship had grounded on some quick-sand Island and the crew might possibly have landed and the island which seldom stays long, had washed away and with it the crew.

By Devereaus story the table in the cabin was set, the tea and coffee was still warm and there were coals still hot in the stove. There was a sewing Machine in the cabin and a childs garment still under the needle as though someone had left in haste.

All sails were set, all boats were intact and no effort had been made to launch or lower any.

When my father joined the Dei Gratia, the crew had just received their part of the salvage money, five hundred dollard each, the land sharks were at them to fight for more so the mate was anxious to get away from New York. The mate and captain of the Dei Gratia had received one thousand dollars each.

The sword in the captains belongings had really nothing to do with the mystery as it was still in the cabin and not on deck. The ship was laden with alcohol But no one in his right mind ever drank "Alky" in those days. I do not know if it was the same as the " Brand", the rum-runners used to carry or if it was just wood alcohol, the kind once used in a spirit Compass. Supposed to be pure poison, but I have heard of old soaks who got real thirsty and drank the compass dry.

Stephen Orr  
Rexton, Kent Co.,  
New Brunswick.

My nephew (George Orr of 19 Manhattan Drive) Scarborough Ontario now has the sword, which I gave to him four years ago. He is a steel superintendent and was sent down a few years ago to put the Million dollar derrick or crane in the steel plant at Sydney. I have seen a story of it in the Star Weekly Toronto paper.

Was sailing on the "Yarmouth County" when she called at Pitcairn Island and was also on her when she had a collision with a battleship of Halifax. I am sending part of his letter which I received shortly after the collision. So you can rest assured that no part of this letter is fiction unless I am mistaken in the name of the ship. The Warship I think was the Merrimac. the captain was transferred to the West coast afterward.

Stephen Orr.

"You can keep these letters they may help you if you start to write sea stories." You can see why I have given the sword to my nephew as he sailed all over the world during the second war, started at 15 yrs old. these three letters prove some of it.

N.B. The sword owned by Briggs and found in the cabin of the Mary Celeste was used in the battle of Austria and had the cross of Savoy on the hilt.

Savoy was an Italian Duchy belonging to Sardinian Monarchy bordering on France and Switzerland.

The army of Austria won the battle of 1848 and Charles Albert, Duke of Savoy, King of Sardinia abdicated in favor of his son, Victor Emmanuel II 1849.



The sword or rather cutlass was unmarked, had ~~sic.~~—substitute "and" could have belonged to any pirate, and was of the kind used in boarding a vessel, where they were unwanted guests; It is also possible that U.S.A. having at that time gained a powerful name in the world, that the Moors feared to take an American vessel, but prisoners or slaves would never be missed. The population of Morocco was 8,500,000 persons. 274,000 miles square. That was in 1860 yr.

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,  
October 30, 1973.

Grosset & Dunlap, Inc.,  
51 Madison Ave.,  
New York, N.Y., 10010.

Dear Sirs:

Recently, I purchased a book called Sailing Ships and Sailing Craft, written by George Goldsmith-Carter, and published by your company.

On pp. 138 and 139 is given an abbreviated history of the brigantine Mary Celeste, about which I feel I must comment. The author states that she carried a cargo of 1700 gallons of alcohol. This is a gross misstatement. The fact is that she carried 1701 barrels of alcohol—a cargo of 1700 gallons on a 282 ton ship would hardly be worth the trip. He also states (as do many authors) that she was found on the 5 December, 1872, when, actually, it was Dec. 4. He says the holds were found dry, whereas the log of the Dei Gratia states that she was found "abandoned with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet of water in hold..."

Mr. Goldsmith-Carter goes on to say that her name was "'Mary Sellars', which a French painter wrote as Mary Celeste." This is one variation of a story which has been perpetrated by several authors, one of the earliest being Laurence Keating who wrote The Great Mary Celeste Hoax in 1929. There is not one thread of evidence to substantiate this claim. She was named the Mary Celeste on her first American registry; this fact can be borne out by a little bit of checking.

I feel that it is statements such as are made in this book that have contributed to the perpetration of the Mary Celeste "myth", and have done nothing to present the true facts (many of which are on

record), but have only served to cloud the issue.

One would, on reading this account, tend to include it with Keating's fallacious book, Conan-Doyle's "J. Habakuk Jephson's Statement" and the several "survivor stories" which have made an appearance from time to time.

One would hope that Mr. Goldsmith-Carter has researched the other stories in his book more thoroughly than he appears to have researched that on the Mary Celeste.

Respectfully yours,



Irving T. Deale

Halifax Insurance Company,  
1303 Yonge Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax,  
Nova Scotia,  
October 31, 1973.

Dear Sirs:

For some time, now, I have been researching material on the brigantine Mary Celeste. Recently, I ran across a picture of the Mary Celeste on a calendar put out by Halifax Insurance. The picture was a reproduction of a painting done by Leslie Victor Smith. I do not know the year that that particular calendar was published, but I have narrowed it down to some-time between 1942 and 1958. I wonder if you have any information on this, especially the year of publication.

I would very much like to have a picture of this reproduction of the ship, if possible, and would also appreciate any information you could give me on Mr. Smith and/or the original painting.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Respectfully yours,



Irving.T. Deale

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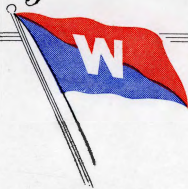
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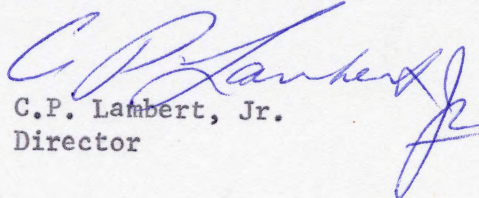
Dear Sir:

We have your letter dated October 25, 1976 requesting documents with respect to the MARY CELESTE.

Unfortunately, we have no documents or papers with respect to the Celeste. However, we suggest that perhaps you can contact Marsh & McLennan, Inc., 1221 Avenue of the Americas, who had published a booklet on the subject some time ago. Marsh & McLennan, Inc. are Average Adjusters and Insurance People.

Very truly yours,

J.H. Winchester & Co., Inc.

  
C.P. Lambert, Jr.  
Director

CPL/fja

Port Greville,  
Cumberland Co., N.S.

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
November 2, 1973.

Dear Mr. DeWolfe:

A couple of months ago, on the way back from Spencer's Island, I was in to your shop and bought a paper that you (I think) had written on the Mary Celeste.

This paper has since got damaged beyond repair, and, as I am collecting information on the Mary Celeste, I would very much like to have another copy, if possible.

I am enclosing 50 cents (I believe the paper was 35 cents) which should cover the cost of mailing—if not, I will send you the balance.

I don't like to be picky, but I wonder if you could roll it in cardboard or some such thing, as the "Royal Mail" has a tendency to fold, spindle and mutilate!

Thank you very much, and I hope it's not too much trouble.

Sincerely,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale



SUPREME COURT,

GIBRALTAR

2nd November, 1973.

Mr. Irving T. Deale  
5300 Morris Street  
Apartment 53  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada

Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of the 25th October, 1973.

2. As far as I am aware the only records I have are the Registrar's notes of evidence taken during the course of proceedings in the Vice Admiralty Court which I can furnish you on payment of fees £5.75.

Yours faithfully

Felix E. Pizzarello  
Registrar

George Orr,  
19 Manhattan Drive,  
Scarborough, Ont.

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
November 2, 1973.

Dear Mr. Orr:

I have been researching the story of the Mary Celeste for some time now, and have been to Rexton, N.B. a couple of times, and have talked to your uncle Stephen who has told me quite a bit about it. He was telling me about the sword found on board her, which caused a good deal of controversy at the inquiry in 1872-73.

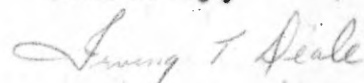
I am particularly interested in this aspect of the case, since there are very few references to it in any of the books which have been written about the Celeste, and the references that there are seem to be confused as there were apparently two swords involved.

Your uncle told me that he gave you the cutlass that his father was given, which was taken from the Mary Celeste.

I would very much like to have a picture of the cutlass that you have, if that is possible. I should be glad to pay for any expense that is involved.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Irving T. Deale



5800 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
November 2, 1973

Editor,  
Springhill Record,  
Springhill, N.S.

Dear Sir:

I recently came across a poem entitled "Mary Celeste", written by Pete Kendrick of Parrsboro. I believe the poem appeared in the Parrsboro Record, which I understand that your paper also prints. There was no definite date on the article, but, on the back of the article, there was part of a column, Ottawa, Week by Week, written by Cumberland M.P. A. R. Lusby, and underneath, appeared the dateline Ottawa, August 4, '56.

If, in your files, you have records of past issues of the Parrsboro Record, I wonder if you could check and verify the date of the poem for me. I should imagine it would be sometime shortly after August 4, 1956.

If, in your digging, you come up with any other information on the Mary Celeste, I would be pleased to have it, also.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,

November 4, 1973.

Ernest Stanley Dodge,  
Peabody Museum,  
Salem, Mass.

Dear Mr. Dodge:

Since my letter to you in May of this year, inquiring about the Mary Celeste, my interest in it has moved from mild curiosity to a rather deep involvement in researching the entire story.


I have contacted several descendants of the people originally involved, from this end, but I am having difficulty contacting descendants living in the U.S.

I wonder if you could assist me in tracking down relatives of the Briggs' and Morehouses, and possibly descendants of Oliver Deveau. The last of the Briggs family that I know of are Arthur Briggs (Capt. Briggs' son) and J. Franklin Briggs (the Captain's nephew—the one who, at the time of writing of Mr. Pay's book, was in possession of the sword in the case. I am quite interested in locating the sword. The only Morehouse I am aware of was David Reed Morehouse's son, Harry. I should imagine that all of these people have long since died.

Oliver Deveau had a son James, who at the time of his father's death in Sept., 1912, was working at "the telephone Company in Springfield, Mass."

I would be extremely grateful for any information you could give me on any of the above.

Sincerely,

  
Irving T. Deale



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395 Wellington Street  
OTTAWA, Ontario  
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5 November 1973

Mr. Irving T. Deale,  
5300 Morris Street,  
Apt. 53,  
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Deale:

In reply to your letter of October 17,  
I am pleased to inform you that the Public Archives does  
have shipping records for the vessels AMAZON and DEI  
GRATIA as follows:

- (a) AMAZON, # 37671, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia,  
Shipping Registers, volume 70, pages 55-56, reel C-2452.
- (b) AMAZON, # 37671, Sydney, Nova Scotia,  
Shipping Registers, volume 79, page 139, reel C-1530.
- (c) DEI GRATIA, # 64,014, Digby, Nova Scotia,  
Shipping Registers, volume 261, page 8, reel C-2432.
- (d) DEI GRATIA, # 64,014, Digby, Nova Scotia,  
Shipping Registers, volume 264, page 9, reel C-2433.

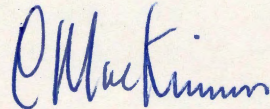
If you wish, a photoduplication order for any  
of the above mentioned documents can be prepared for you.  
It is expected that good, clear microfilm enlargements from  
the negative reels could be obtained. In the unlikely event  
that good copies could not be produced from the negative  
reels, photostats could then be prepared from the original  
shipping registers at no extra cost. Since the original

documents in many of our shipping registers are in poor condition, it is preferable to try to obtain microfilm enlargements from the films.

Microfilm or photostat copies of any of the above-mentioned documents can be obtained at a cost of \$1.00 per page. If you are ordering copies, please do not send any money. Our account will be submitted after the work has been completed.

Unfortunately, the Archives does not have a body of crew list records and therefore, we are unable to provide you with information regarding the crew list for any of the voyages of DEI GRATIA. I also regret that we are unable to explain the notation in the Barrsboro registry, "See archives file 1940 No. 445".

Yours sincerely,



C. MacKinnon,  
Head,  
Research and Inquiries Section.

JC/mer



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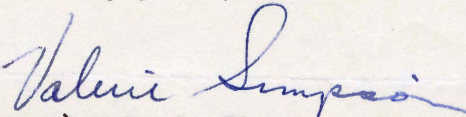
Dear Mr. Deale:

While going through Museum past correspondence, I came across a letter dated September 18, 1961 relating to the "Mary Celeste". Mr. Stanley Spicer of 525 Squires Street, Fredericton, N.B. was writing an article for a U.S. magazine entitled "Motor Boating" on the "Mary Celeste". I am sure, you have heard of him in relation to other books he has written on maritime subjects but perhaps he could be of assistance to you in your search for information.

Also we recently were notified that the original painting of the "Amazon" has been located at Fort Beausejour.

We hope these two items will be of interest and help to you.

Sincerely yours,

  
(Mrs.) Valerie Simpson  
Registrar

/vs



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TELEPHONE 01-858-4422

5 November 1973

Mr Irving T Deale  
5300 Morris Street  
Apartment 53  
Halifax  
Nova Scotia  
Canada

Dear Mr Deale

DEI GRATIA

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 3 September concerning the above ship. I apologise for the delay in replying to your letter, but our crew lists are kept at an outstation because of lack of space in the central Museum, and it takes time to go over and search them.

Unfortunately we have no crew lists for 1872, but I understand that this may well be at the Memorial University in Newfoundland, who took many of the crew lists when they were looking for a home. I do hope you are successful here and please let me know if I can be of any help in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Jarvis (Mrs)  
Museum Assistant  
Department of Manuscripts

Marsh & McLennan, Inc.,  
1221 Ave. of the Americas,  
New York, N.Y. 10020.

5300 Morris Street,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,  
November 6, 1973.

Sirs:

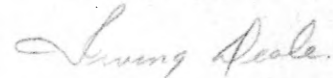
I am in receipt of a letter dated November 2, 1973, from J.H. Winchester & Co., New York, in which they suggested that I contact your Company.

I am researching the story of the Mary Celeste, and the Winchester Company informed me that your Company published a booklet on the subject some time ago. I would be very interested in obtaining a copy of this publication if at all possible. If this is not feasible, perhaps you could tell me something of the publication.

If there is any charge for the booklet, please let me know.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Irving T. Deale

Stephen Orr,  
Rexton,  
Kent County,  
New Brunswick.

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
Nov. 7, 1973.

Dear Mr. Orr:

Received your letter about the sword about a week ago. Thank you very much for allowing me to keep your nephew's letters, and thanks for digging up (or remembering) the stuff about the swords.

I have written to George in Scarborough about a picture of the cutlass, but haven't received an answer as yet.

I don't want to sound ingrateful, but I don't suppose that you have the letter that Briggs wrote to you (or your father) still kicking around, do you?

Could you tell the young lady that was asking about the microphone for the tape recorder that, if she hasn't already got one, I have one here that I will send along in a few days—for nothing. I think it will fit her recorder.

Thank you again for the letters and information. If I'm ever up Rexton way again, I will try to get down to see you.

Sincerely,

*Irving Seale*



# THE HALIFAX INSURANCE COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICE



November 8, 1973

1303 YONGE STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO M4T 1W9 ■ 416-924-7311

Mr. I. T. Deale  
5300 Morris Street, Apt. 53  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Deale:

Thank you for your letter of October 31st regarding our calendar picture of the MARY CELESTE. Unfortunately, however, because of the time factor involved, we cannot give you any information on either the ship or the artist as our files have been destroyed.

I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you in this matter and thank you for your interest.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra A. Hopkins".

Sandra A. Hopkins  
Secretary to Vice President

sah

# *The Atlantic Companies*

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ATLANTIC BUILDING · 45 WALL STREET · NEW YORK, N. Y. 10005

November 8, 1973

Mr. Irving T. Deale  
5300 Morris Street, Apt. 53  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Dear Mr. Deale:

Your letter of October 25th regarding the MARY CELESTE is acknowledged and, under separate cover, we are sending you a copy of Mr. Charles Edey Fay's book, "The MARY CELESTE, The Odyssey of an Abandoned Ship."

Mr. Fay was a vice president of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, the sole surviving insurance company which had coverage on the vessel or her cargo. For this reason, and because of a great personal interest in this sea mystery, Mr. Fay did a good deal of research and in 1942, in commemoration of the Atlantic's 100th anniversary, the first printing of his book was issued.

Mr. Fay's scrapbooks, which contain much information on the subject, are the property of the Peabody Museum in Salem, Massachusetts, publisher of the book. The scrapbooks were on loan to us for some years but, at their request, we returned them to the Museum late in 1972. I do not believe we would have any documents or correspondence on this vessel here in our files but, if I turn up anything of interest, I will send copies on to you.

As you no doubt know, quite a few books have been written on this mystery over the years. In our library we have copies of:

"MARY CELESTE, A Centenary Record" by MacDonal Hastings,  
published by Michael Joseph, London

"The Secret of the MARY CELESTE and Other Sea Fare" by  
Greshom Bradford, published by Barre Publishing Company,  
Barre, Massachusetts, 1966.

"The Great MARY CELESTE Hoax, Famous Sea Mystery Exposed"  
by Laurence J. Keating, published by Houghton Mifflin Co.,  
1929



Mr. Irving T. Deale

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November 8, 1973

"Mystery Ship, the MARY CELESTE, in Fancy and Fact"  
by George Bryan, published by J.B. Lippincott Company,  
1942.

There may be additional books of which we are not aware on this  
mystery and it is mentioned more briefly in other books, including "This  
Baffling World" by John Godwin, published by Hart Publishing Company,  
1968.

We hope this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

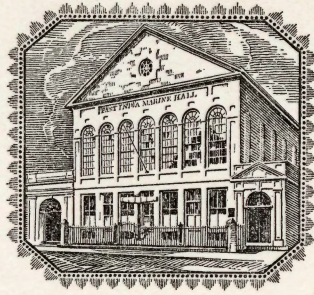
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November 9, 1973

Mr. Irving T. Deale  
5300 Morris Street Apt. 53  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada

Dear Mr. Deale:

Ernest S. Dodge has handed to me your letter of the 4th to see if I could help you, but neither he nor I have any knowledge of living descendants of the persons concerned with the MARY CELESTE incident. I am sorry to say I do not know who owns the sword, although we do have one or two objects which came off the vessel, such as the sewing machine and a small writing desk.

Yours sincerely,

*Philip C. F. Smith*  
Philip Chadwick Foster Smith  
Curator of Maritime History

PCFS:ga

signed in Mr. Smith's absence

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LLOYD'S,

LIME STREET,  
LONDON,

EC3M 7HA.

13th November, 1973

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of October 21st, addressed to Lloyd's Register of Shipping, which has been passed to Lloyd's for attention.

Very little was published in "Lloyd's List" relating to the MARY CELESTE as you will see from the enclosed extracts, but I suggest you try to obtain a copy of "MARY CELESTE" by Charles Edey Fay, published by the Peabody Museum, Salem in 1942, which is by far the best book on the subject, and will answer the questions you raise.

I am forwarding under separate cover some pamphlets about Lloyd's which I hope you will find of interest.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'T. M. Dinan'.

T. M. Dinan  
(for Shipping Editor)

Mr. I. T. Deale  
5300 Morris St.  
Apartment 53  
Halifax  
Nova Scotia, Canada.

Public Archives of Canada  
395 Wellington St.,  
Ottawa, Ontario. K1A 0N3

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
November 14, 1973.

Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

Pursuant to your letter of 5 November, 1973, regarding photocopies of documents relating to the AMAZON, I should like photocopies of the following:

AMAZON, No. 37671, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia,  
Shipping Registers, Vol. 70, pages 55-56, reel C-2452.

AMAZON, No. 37671, Sydney, Nova Scotia,  
Shipping Registers, Vol. 79, page 139, reel C-1530.

I appreciate your assistance very much. Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

# MARSH & McLENNAN

November 14, 1973

Mr. Irving T. Deale  
5300 Morris Street, Apt. 53  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada

Dear Mr. Deale:

## MARY CELESTE

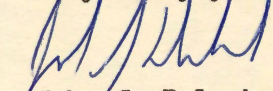
Thank you for your letter of November 6, 1973 and while we appreciate J. H. Winchester & Co.'s kind thoughts; Marsh & McLennan is not the source of material concerning the MARY CELESTE.

However, one of the larger insurance Underwriters in New York, the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, is very interested in this vessel. As I recall, they are the only Underwriters who had an interest in MARY CELESTE'S ill fated voyage who remain actively engaged in marine insurance today. In fact, this company has dedicated a room in their home office at 45 Wall Street to the history of this vessel. This room contains many artifacts recovered from the MARY CELESTE along with several important documents from this vessel.

I have, therefore, taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. Raymond Marine of Atlantic Mutual who stated he would be very happy to assist you. Should you wish to contact him directly, his address is Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, Ocean Marine Insurance, 130 John Street, New York, N.Y. 10038.

I also personally wish you luck in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

  
John J. Delach  
Hull Department

JJD/ea

cc: Mr. Raymond Marine, Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company  
130 John Street, New York, N.Y. 10038

COPY OF A LETTER  
WRITTEN BY STEPHEN ORR  
OF REXTON, NEW BRUNSWICK  
TO IRVING DEALE, HALIFAX  
(Rec'd Nov. 19, 1973)



I did not keep the letter from Briggs relation, but I am sending a clipping from the Moncton times March 18th 1952

I did not know your name until I wrote to you, or I would have asked if you knew an Angus Deale or his brother Ray Deale, I sailed with Angus in 1917. Was discharged in Halifax on Dec. 3, and left Halifax on the fourth, the explosion was on the morning of the sixth December.

Ray and Angus and Sam Whitman came from Conquorall Bank, N.S.

(The Sword looked like this).

I never kept the letter from Briggs, U.S.A., but I found this story of the sword. The old guy who wrote it must have forgotten what I told him as he raised the salvage money a couple of hundred. I wrote the story two weeks before my Father died as that night he told me the story and it was published after his death. This was written 15 yrs after so I presume this "Beers" fellow had forgotten. But, anyway, I guess he had to change things as he would get another pay check for it.

The only thing I found was this story and a picture from a calendar. I did find a couple of letters from Hal Banks, head of the S.I.U. at that time, "the man from Alcatraz". Maybe you have heard of how the CSU was done away with and how the Canadian Gastapo (RCMP) put SIU men on all ships. George was in British Guiana then, on strike, they fined him \$1000 and he had to pay his way back by plane.

Hal Banks killed some captain and escaped to U.S.A.

# The Atlantic Companies

Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company / Centennial Insurance Company  
Property, Casualty and Marine Insurance

New York Branch Office

130 John Street

Telephone 943-1800

(Mail Address—Box 150 Peck Slip Sta., N.Y., N.Y. 10038)

November 21, 1973

Mr. Irving T. Deale  
5300 Morris Street, Apt. 53  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada

Dear Mr. Deale:

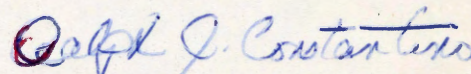
We are in receipt of your request for information on the Mary Celeste.

Enclosed you will find a pamphlet giving a fairly complete account of the ship and the mysterious incidents surrounding here.

Whether you are aware of it or not, we are the only Underwriters actively engaged in marine insurance today who had an interest in the Mary Celeste. In addition, we have created a small museum located in our Home office. Here we have retained some original documents and furniture that had been removed from the vessel. Thus we consider ourselves one of the more prominent sources of information on the subject.

If additional information is needed perhaps we could be of assistance again.

Sincerely,



Ralph J. Constantino  
Marine Dept.

RJC:gd



Home Office • Atlantic Building, 45 Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10005

Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company,  
45 Wall Street,  
New York, N.Y. 10005.

5300 Morris Street,  
Apt. 53, Halifax,  
Nova Scotia, CANADA,  
November 28, 1973.

Dear Sir:

I must, firstly, thank you for your letter of 8 November, and for the material which Atlantic has been so kind to send me regarding the Mary Celeste. I have also recently received some material from the Atlantic Branch Office on John St., N.Y.

In my own "personal collection", I have all the books on the Celeste mentioned in your letter of the above-mentioned date, plus many more which have devoted a chapter or a few pages to the subject. I also have photo-static copies of a few documents pertaining to the Celeste, and to her former self, the Amazon, including both Canadian Registries of the Amazon, at Parrsboro, N.S., and Sydney, Cape Breton, N.S. I have a copy of a petition written by Alexander McBean (or McBain) to the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia on Oct. 14, 1867 asking for permission to register the Amazon in the Port of Halifax, N.S. (granted, but never registered) and a copy of the reply (by the Attorney-General of N.S.). Even at this early date, the whole business, as seen from these letters, smacks of "dirty dealings." The Amazon was registered in Sydney at the hour of 12:45 a.m.!! I also have a full size copy of the "Bill of Sale" of 4 shares belonging to her first Captain, Robert W. McLellan; these were sold by his widow in 1863, after his untimely death (on board the Amazon in 1861).

I have several pictures in my possession. There is a copy of a photo of Joshua Dewis, builder of the Amazon, taken a few years before 1896, when he died. I also have a picture of a Cairn and the plaque on the cairn,

which was erected in memory of the Celeste, at Spencer's Island, Nova Scotia (her birthplace) on August 7, 1963. I am in the process of obtaining a copy of the painting of the Amazon, done in Marseilles in Nov., 1861.

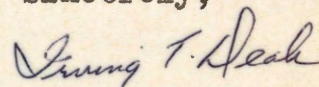
It is doubtful that Atlantic does not have any of the material that I have, but if so, and you would like a copy of any of the material that I possess, please do not hesitate to write.

If it would be at all possible, I would like a listing of the documents and other material that Atlantic has, either in the Mary Celeste Room or elsewhere. I am also very interested in the model of the Celeste that you have, and wonder if it would be possible to get a photograph of it (I will pay the cost of photography) or, if not, there is a possibility that I may be in New York next spring, and perhaps I would be permitted to make a photo of it myself.

In Mr. Fay's book, there is a photostat of Atlantic's Insurance inspection record of the Celeste. Is this in Atlantic's files, or would it be in the Peabody's collection of Mr. Fay's scrapbooks, or perhaps in papers of Mr. Fay's Estate?

In closing, may I thank the people of Atlantic again, and state again, that if you would like a copy of any ~~part~~ material that I have, just write, and I will be only too happy to send it.

Sincerely,



Irving T. Deale

cc to John St. Branch Office

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
December 3, 1973.

The Editor,  
Moncton Times,  
939 Main St.,  
Moncton, N.B.

Dear Sir:

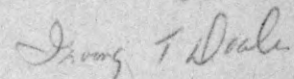
There appeared, in the Moncton Times, some years ago an article by Alfred S. Beers, regarding the sword of the Mary Celeste. Part of the heading of the article is missing, but what remains says "Famed Cutlass Held...", and there is a picture of Stephen Orr of Rexton, N.B., holding the "sword". With Mr. Orr is his sister and his wife.

I believe the date of the article is March 18, 1952. I wonder if you could check and verify this date, and, if possible, I would like a photostatic copy of the article. Also, if the photograph, or a negative of it, is still available, I would like to have a copy of the picture. The picture was done by Moncton Engraving Company.

I will, of course, pay the cost of producing either or both of these items.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Sincerely,



Irving T. Deale

5300 Morris St.,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
December 3, 1973.

Dr. Keith Matthews,  
Dept. of History,  
Memorial University of Newfoundland,  
St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Dr. Matthews:

First, I must thank you for the assistance which you have given me in my quest for a crew list of the brigantine DEI GRATIA, which, although unsuccessful, has resolved itself to my satisfaction.

As I have mentioned in a previous letter, I am attempting to do some serious research on the ship MARY CELESTE, or AMAZON, as it was originally called. I have a few documents, but there are still large gaps in her early history, and some of the documents are contradictory. I realize that you are probably a very busy man, and are probably constantly swamped with requests similar to mine, but, if possible, I would be interested in obtaining every scrap of information on the AMAZON that you can lay your hands on—official logs, crew lists, any letters connected with her, either personal or business, and the like. It doesn't matter how seemingly insignificant any of the information may be, as, quite often, this kind of information throws light on little-known facts.

If the information that you have on the AMAZON is very voluminous, perhaps you could let me know what you have and I could consider what would suit my purposes immediately, leaving the rest for a later time.

Of course, I will gladly pay the cost of any photocopying that is involved. Thanks again for your co-operation.

*OFFICIAL No of AMAZON - 37671*

Sincerely,

*Irving Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

P.S. Excuse the letter - and I would like to see you sometime

LISTER'S SHOE STORE LTD.  
MONCTON,  
NEW BRUNSWICK

13 CHURCH STREET

Dec 4/73

Mr. Irving I Deale  
5300 Morris St.  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax

Dear Mr Deale

Mr. Allison has shown me your letter to the Springhill Record and I shall try and answer it, as I am now writing a series of articles on the ship history of Passloro shore

We were not able to find the poem of which you speak, as all of Mr. Kendrick's material went ~~to~~ to the Maritime Museum (over)

in Halifax or the Citadel museum.

In any case, you could phone these places & I am sure they or you could find this poem in their archives amongst his things.

The most comprehensive, and ~~truffet~~ version of the "Mary Celeste" is in the Book "Masters of Sail" by Stanley Spicer.

Briefly, it is thought the *Bugantine* was abandoned because of noises in the hold caused by the bottled alcohol therein. The Captain, family, and crew got off in boat behind the ship with a rope run out to hold them; this rope chafed and broke, the boat could not get back and —

Best Regards -  
Harold Luster



5300 Morris Street,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
Canada,  
December 10, 1973.

Charles Cunningham,  
Director,  
Chicago Art Institute,  
Michigan Ave. at Adams St.,  
Chicago.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in hopes that you will be able to provide me with some information. I am doing research on the brigantine MARY CELESTE. I would like to have any information available that you have on Rudolph Ruzicka. Mr. Ruzicka was an illustrator and wood engraver, and he did a woodcut of the Mary Celeste as she was found abandoned by the Dei Gratia in December, 1872. I am not sure of the year that it was produced. A reproduction of the woodcut was shown in a book by Charles Edey Fay (Mary Celeste: The Odyssey of an Abandoned Ship), published in 1942.

I am aware that Mr. Ruzicka was at one time a pupil of the Chicago Art Institute. I do not know whether he is still living or not. To get to the point: I am interested in tracking down his woodcut of the Mary Celeste. If you can provide any information on the whereabouts of the woodcut, the date of its production, any information on Mr. Ruzicka (whether he is still living, and if so, his present address), it would be greatly appreciated.

If there is any charge for your services, please let me know.

Thanking you very much in advance, I am

Respectfully yours,

*Irving T. Deale*

Irving T. Deale

5300 Morris Street,  
Apt. 53,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
December 11, 1973.

New York Public Library,  
5th Ave., and 42nd Street,  
New York, New York, 10018.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to inquire about old newspaper and magazine articles, which you may possibly have in your files. The magazine in question is the NAUTICAL GAZETTE, January 28, 1914. The article was written by Robert Dewis, and concerned the brigantine AMAZON, or MARY CELESTE, as it was later named.

If you have this magazine in your files, and the article is contained therein, I would like a photostatic copy of the article. I am prepared to pay the cost of photocopying.

Also, attached is a list of other magazines and newspapers which may be in your files. If you have said magazines and/or newspapers, I would be pleased to know. I can then send you a more definitive list of articles to be photocopied.

Hoping that you can be of service, I thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

*Irving T. Deale*  
Irving T. Deale

Brooklyn Daily Eagle March 9, 1902.

Buffalo Evening News August 8, 1929.  
November 27, 1929.

Buffalo Express December 14, 1913.

New York Evening Post October 15, 1904.

New York Herald November 5, 1872.  
November 8, 1872.  
February 26, 1873.  
March 15, 1873.  
January 22, 1911.

New York Herald Tribune July 26, 1926.  
July 29, 1929.  
August 11, 1929.  
February 8, 1940.

New York Sun March 12, 1873.  
January 2, 1914.  
March 8, 1937.

New York World January 24, 1886.  
February 9, 1913.  
September 15, 1929.

New York Times 1873: February 26; March 16; March 25; March 29;  
March 31.  
1913: November 23; December 21.  
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HOME OFFICE

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December 11, 1973

Mr. Irving T. Deale  
5300 Morris Street, Apt. 53  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Dear Mr. Deale:

Thank you for your letter of November 28th regarding your "personal collection" on the MARY CELESTE.

We are pleased to enclose a snapshot of the model, which was made for us according to the known specifications of the vessel and which we keep in our MARY CELESTE Room.

We do not know that we have any documents here which would be of interest to you but you indicate that you may be in New York next spring and we suggest that at that time you come in and look through what material we have on the vessel.

Sincerely,

*Dorothy Hanna*

Secretary to Mr. Eckmann

Enclosure





MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada

Department of History  
Maritime History Group

December 12th, 1973.

Mr. Irving T. Deale,  
5300 Morris Street,  
Apartment 53,  
Halifax,  
Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Deale,

Thank you for your letter dated 3rd of December and your inquiry about the "MARY CELESTE" (nee "AMAZON"). As you asked, we have undertaken quite a large scale search for documents concerning this vessel and I must report that she was indeed a very mysterious ship. We possess only two documents pertaining to her which I enclose. The first document "An account of the changes in the crew of foreign-going ship" refers to a voyage which terminated at Swansea in January, 1866. This is the only record pertaining to that vessel in our crew lists, although Greenwich Maritime Museum, which has the records for the years 1861, 1862 and 1865 might also have records of this vessel. The second document is a transcript of the vessel's registry and all information on it must be taken to be 100 percent correct. You will note from this that she is recorded to have been captured at Cape Breton in 1867, and her Certificate of Registry was cancelled. I have checked through the Canadian Registry through the years 1868, 1869 and 1870 and there is no record of her being re-registered again in Canadian ownership. Generally speaking, where vessels were wrecked and rebuilt, their official number did not change and a notation that they have been rebuilt and registered anew is placed on the Registry transcript. You will note that this was not done to the "AMAZON". Thus, if the "MARY CELESTE" was indeed the "AMAZON", who rebuilt and re-registered her and under which port was she re-registered? Was it Canadian, British or West Indian, or perhaps American? If you could tell me which port the "MARY CELESTE" as distinct from the "AMAZON" was registered in, we might be able to track down a few more details. Certainly she is a most mysterious vessel. I am afraid that the search for this information took three or four hours of a research assistant's time and we must regrettably charge not only .60¢ for the xerox copies,

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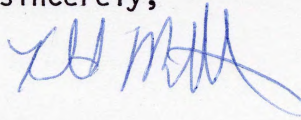
but \$6.00 for the research. I enclose an invoice to this effect.

If there is anything further we can do for you, please ask.  
I am beginning to be as intrigued in this vessel as you are.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Keith Matthews,  
Chairman,  
MARITIME HISTORY GROUP.

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Fort Beausejour National  
Historic Park  
Aulac, New Brunswick  
19 Dec 73

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Our file    Notre référence

Mr. Irving Deale  
5300 Morris Street  
Apartment 53  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Deale:

In reply to your telephone request of 14 Dec 73 concerning having a copy made of the painting of the Amazon/Mary Celeste which we have here, approval has been given by our regional office. We will be glad to have a print made for you; however, we would want to retain the negative here.

The photographers inform me that the cost of a colour print will be between \$12.00 and \$15.00. They also say they will not be able to duplicate the size of the original painting, which is approximately 18" x 24", but that they will make the largest print they can, unless you wish to specify some other particular size.

If this is agreeable to you, you can send a check for \$15.00, made out to Marjorie Robb or David Taylor, to cover the cost of the print. We will have the photographers make the print and then send it on to you.

At the same time, would please outline (for our records) the reason you want the print, what kind of research you are doing and whether it is private or connected with a museum or some other organization, etc.

I hope this arrangement appears satisfactory to you. If you have any questions or comments, please write us at this address or call (506) 536-0720.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie Robb  
for David Taylor  
Area Superintendent  
Historic Sites/New Brunswick

# THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

MICHIGAN AVENUE AT ADAMS STREET/CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603/TELEPHONE: (312) CEntral 6-7080/CABLE: ARTI

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December 31, 1973

Mr. Irving T. Deale  
5300 Morris Street  
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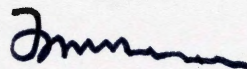
Dear Mr. Deale:

Rudolph Ruzicka was born in Bohemia, 29 June, 1883. The last record we have is that he was still alive in Boston in 1962. He is not now in the Boston telephone directory.

There is a Francis A. Ruzicka, a life member of the Alumni Association of our School, 128 North Oral Drive, Columbus, Ohio. You could enquire of him if he is related.

Your best chances would be to check in one of the Halifax libraries to see what publications by him may be listed.

Sincerely yours,



John Maxon