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Mr. Cornelius C. Moore
179 Thames Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Moore:

I have a few topics for your notice, and enclose a copy of the printing on the card of J. Wingate Thornton of the THORNTON descent through which came one of the pair of Stephen Emery gravy boats in your collection. The card was tacked on a small trunk like dispatch box which was fit for discard after storage.

In connection with your mug by John Andrew with GARDNER crest, I note a can and a teapot with Gardner coat of arms by John Coburn 1725-1803, in M.F.A. Boston, Bequest of CHARLES HITCHCOCK TYLER. The note regarding these Gardner pieces in the BULLETIN of the M.F.A. Vol XXXII, No. 191 June 1934, identifies the original owner as Samuel Gardner of Salem, who died in 1769, leaving his goods mainly to his wife Elizabeth. In his inventory he listed a pair of cans, which implies that both were like the one in the museum, and yours would have been another.

Coming across an extra photo of one of your pieces, the pepper caster as I recall with Atkins crest by Benjamin Burt, I am sending that along under separate cover.

In connection with an interesting cann or mug, the earlier type of the second quarter 18th century by the maker JOHN BLOWERS, who lived 1710-1748, I enclose a copy of the notes of interesting side-lights. I have only recently taken in this piece and do not have a photo but will be glad to send the cann along for you to see. The mark is ~~J~~ BLOWERS upper left of handle, and it has the attraction of a full engraved coat of arms. The price would be \$660.00. Blowers

This letter has been side tracked intended to go along with statement at its back date. It will be helpful to us to have this balance in at this time.

Very truly yours,

GEBELEIN SILVERSMITHS, INC.

By *Herbert Gebelein*

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Best wishes for a very Christmas and a fine New Year.