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This is to review the circumstances of the donation to Pierce College of our fathers Folk Art statues and other artwork.

On July 20,1988 an agreement was made to relocate the Large "outside" statues and the California State Landmark #939 Plaque and its stone base to Pierce Colleges Cleveland Park.

These large artworks have an appraised value of nearly \$100,000.00. The relocation costs, which the Ehn trust paid, was 58,000.00

An agreement was also made that the Ehn trust would have a log cabin built at the edge of Cleveland Park to house the Artworks and western artifacts that were displayed inside our fathers business office. All of these items, having a value in excess of \$50,000.00, were also donated to Pierce College. We were also, of course, donating the cabin.

The Ehn Trust diligently started the log cabin building process. We had blueprints drawn, let a tentative contract to the largest builder of log structures in California, and started the long and frustrating task of getting the State Architectural Board to give us a building permit.

On June 12,1989 the new President of Pierce College sent us the attached letter putting a six month moratorium on any building.

We, the Ehn Trust, pushed ahead on obtaining a permit to be used when the moratorium was ended. We hired a civil engineer to facilitate the process. He finally came to the conclusion that we would probably never be allowed to build the log cabin. Even if somehow we were given the permits the cost of all the extra earth quake reinforcing, fire department regulations, etc. would make the cost prohibitive.

We then looked into pre-manufactured log cabins which are very authentic looking and have earthquake protection built in. We also considered obtaining a room or a small building already built and remodeling it into a small museum.

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When we discussed all these options with Mr.Means he indicated that he could not foresee any future circumstance that would allow us to create our museum on the Pierce College grounds due to the unsettled future of the college and its buildings.

At this time the smaller "inside" pieces are in storage. We still need a home for them. We will donate them to any non-profit organization that will provide them with a safe long term home. We will also pay relocation costs and will personally help with setting up the displays.

Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated. Perhaps someone can put us in contact with just the right group or organization to give us a home.

Thank You for your concern;

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