

BANK OF NUTLEY

MEMBER OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY

May 9, 1941

Mr. John J. Carlin
c/o The Library Board
Public Library
Nutley, New Jersey

Dear John:

I am wondering if you would not bring the matter covered in the letter which follows before the Library Board of which you are a member, at its next meeting, so that we can get an answer as soon as possible.

Years ago there lived in Nutley quite a famous artist by the name of Arthur Hoeber. Besides painting very good pictures, he was a critic and writer on Art subjects of no mean reputation. When he died, the Nutley Arts Club, whose membership embraced all the artists then living in town, each donated one of their pictures and an auction sale was held which raised a sum of money from which the picture by Arthur Hoeber which now hangs in the Library was purchased from his widow.

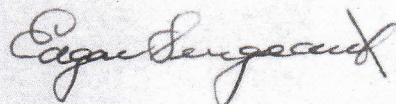
With the remainder of the money in this fund, it was proposed, and the Library Board's consent was received at that time, to have a Memorial Book-Shelf executed from the design of Mr. William Armstrong, the architect. Unfortunately, Mr. Armstrong delayed making the plans and finally died before completing same. In the meantime, the balance of money in this fund disappeared from sight and has remained all these years in a checking account in the Bank of Nutley. It was recently discovered and it now seems fitting that this Memorial should finally be completed.

As one of the few survivors of the old original Nutley Arts Club, I have succeeded in getting the consent of the members who are still alive, and the Bank of Nutley has agreed to release the money.

Therefore, it seems to me that the next step would be have your Board re-approve the idea of this Memorial which the Library Board of many years ago originally approved, and appoint a committee to consult with Mr. I. B. Hazelton and myself as to just where the Shelf should be placed, its size, etcetera. Then we could go ahead and have a design made and the Book-Shelf actually completed.

Awaiting your prompt reply, I am

Sincerely yours,



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