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**Henry Clay**  
AND  
**Dr. Ephraim McDowell**

PRESENTED BY THE  
STATE OF KENTUCKY

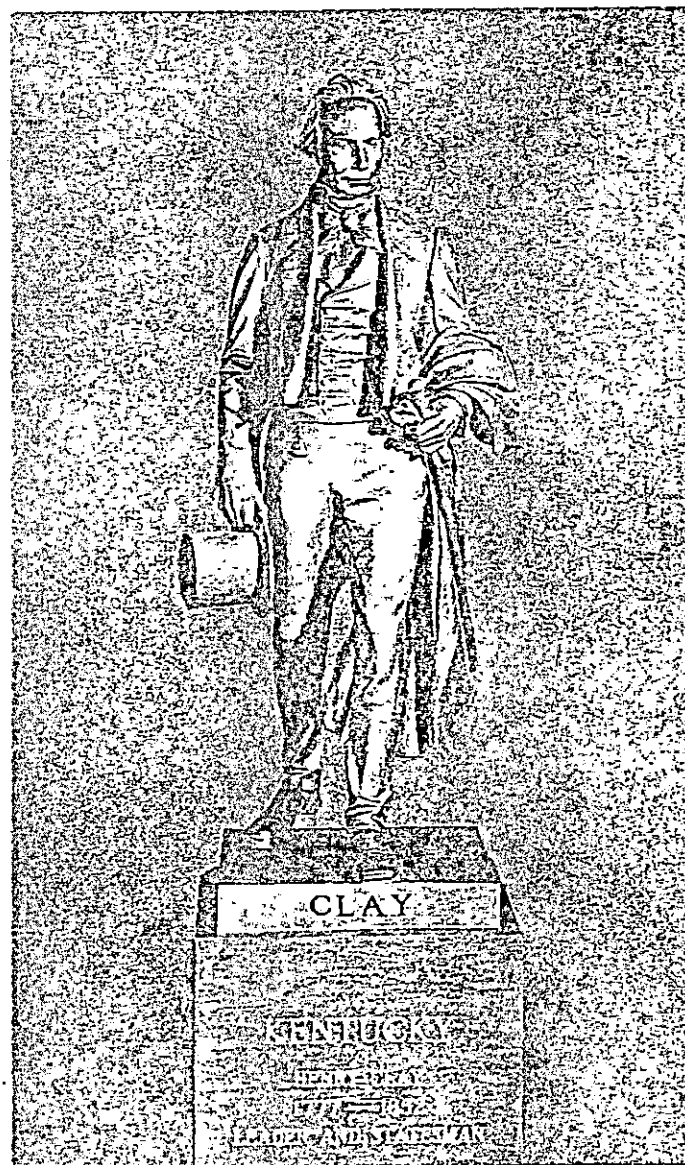
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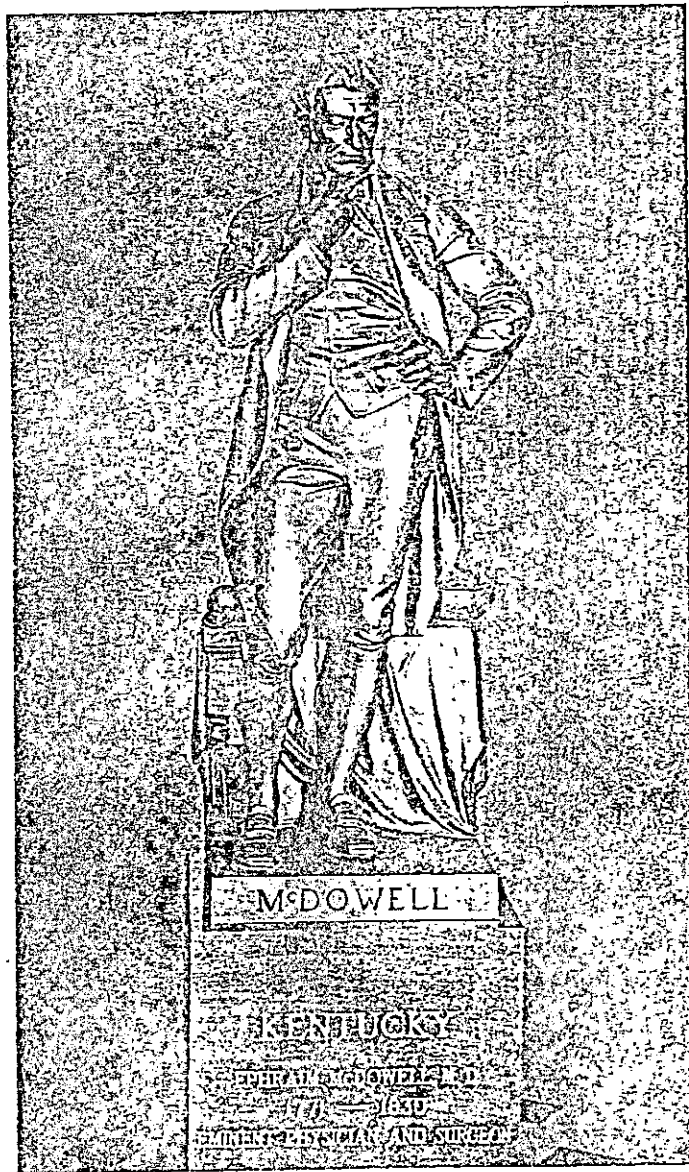
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EAGLE CREST STUDIO  
GRANTWOOD, N.J.

January 21, 1929.

Dr. A. T. McCormack,  
532 West Main Street,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Dr. McCormack:

I am sending you under separate cover photographs of the two statues I have completed for Statuary Hall, Washington, D.C. These statues are of Henry Clay and Dr. E. McDowell; they were donated by Dr. Isaac Bernheim for the State of Kentucky. I expect the unveiling will take place within two months, as the statues will soon be cast in bronze.

The statue of Clay is to be exhibited by the National Sculpture Society in different cities of the United States, and it will give me much pleasure to present the statue of Dr. McDowell to the Kentucky Medical Society, should the members wish it. I give this with one restriction, that should a duplicate be desired at any time I will be granted leave to have a cast made. Also that the Society will take care of the expense of crating and freight.

Kindly let me know whether the statue is desired, and trusting to have the pleasure of meeting you soon again,

I am,

Very truly yours,



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EAGLE CREST STUDIO  
GRANTWOOD, N.J.

February 11, 1929.

Dr. A. T. McCormack,  
552 West Main Street,  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Dr. McCormack:

Your kind letters have been received. It gives me great pleasure to present the plaster model of the Dr. McDowell statue to the Kentucky Medical Association and that it has been accepted by that organization. The height of the statue from sole to crown is seven feet, the base is five inches in height, and a duplicate in bronze with a pedestal similar to the one in Washington will cost F.O.B. Louisville, \$5,500.

I will be pleased to meet you again at the unveiling and hope nothing will prevent us both being there. I have not received definite word when the ceremony takes place. The Architect of the Capitol has written that February 21st was chosen and again Mr. Bernheim states that March 3rd was selected; I consider the latter date preferable to the majority. I will let you know as soon as I hear myself.

You may publish photographs of the statue if you wish, and I wish to add that the generous and friendly hospitality which you and Mrs. McCormack showed me while I was a visitor in Louisville influenced me in presenting the statue to your honorable association.

Until we meet again,

Cordially yours,



March 11<sup>th</sup> 1929.

Mr. C.H. Niehaus,  
Eagle Crest Studio,  
Grantwood, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Niehaus:

Your letter of March 9th has just reached me. I am glad that you agree that the memory of Jane Todd Crawford should be perpetuated. How, and at what cost is the problem facing me.

As I wrote you, the project of raising a fund with which to perpetuate her memory was started only last September with no definite decision as to the type of memorial. We are all very vague about it as we know nothing about the development of memorials, although some of the women suggested that a Statue would be suitable if only we had a picture of Jane Todd Crawford by which to be guided. Is it not possible, however, to design and build a suitable monument of some sort without a likeness for guidance? For instance, I saw a beautiful bas-relief of Jenner vaccinating his son on the wall of a hospital in Milano. Surely, imagination could do more than that for our Jane Crawford, couldn't it? Then, some of the women suggested that the provision of a free bed in a woman's hospital or some practical memorial would be suitable. Personally, I think we might have several practical memorials if only we first have a well developed inspiration memorial to jog our memories and stimulate our activities.

The final decision of just what the memorial will be is a long way off in the future, I believe, but I am sure that eventually, there will be some sort of memorial for Jane Crawford. I hope you will be good enough to think of her seriously and give me some idea of what you consider possible so that I can stimulate the women a little more. We won't have money enough to actually begin deciding on the final form of this memorial for a few years, at least, unless I can get an unusually appealing suggestion for our women.

Dr. Arthur enjoyed meeting you and your Daughter in between times in Washington. I am glad his little daughter was at the ceremonies and there, too, and I shall always regret that I was not able to go.

Yours very truly

(Mrs. A.T. McCormack)

EAGLE CREST STUDIO  
GRANTWOOD, N.J.

March 16, 1929.

A. T. McCormack,  
The Brown Hotel,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Dr. McCormack:

I have been anxiously waiting to hear from you as to whether a duplicate bronze of the McDowell statue is desired; I would like to have my models leave the foundry as soon as possible and am holding them until I hear from you as to the prospects of having a duplicate made. I have heard from Mr. Bernheim making a suggestion regarding the Clay, but no positive statement was made and I donot know what to expect from him.

Will you kindly let me hear from you regarding this, and also how you wish to have the plaster model shipped.

Kindly tell Mrs. McCormack that I shall give the Jane Crawford memorial my most careful thought and I will write to her in a few days regarding the subject. As no likeness is in existence I suggest an ideal memorial; this would not require a photographic likeness and could be made very beautiful. The memorial can be made for mostly any amount from about ten thousand dollars up to any amount you may name. The work elaborating with cost and depending on size of memorial desired. If Mrs. McCormack could give me about the approximate amount she expects could be raised I will be better able to state just what can be done for the amount.

I assure you and Mrs McCormack that I shall join with you in helping in every way this worthy cause and you may call on me when ever you wish for advice or service.

Cordially yours,

*C. F. Richards*

Don't forget us when you come near out vicinity.

My daughter wishes to know whether Jane Todd Crawford was any kin to Mary Todd Lincoln.

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EAGLE CREST STUDIO  
GRANTWOOD, N.J.

March 25, 1929.

Mrs. A. T. McCormack,  
The Brown Hotel,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. McCormack:

I have been carefully considering the Jane Todd Crawford Memorial, and believe a simple and dignified type of a memorial best suited to the memory of this noble pioneer who so bravely submitted to what was then an experiment in surgery. As it is the action of the woman and not her given likeness which we wish to memorize, I would not be concerned that a photographic likeness is not in existence. The finished work will not betray a lack of resemblance, should an ideal figure be used and I approve of this type very strongly.

Without knowing the site and location, it is difficult to plan a design for any memorial, but I believe either a single figure on pedestal or a relief set in a monument most fitting for the subject in hand. The figure or relief to be bronze and the pedestal or monument to be either granite or Tennessee marble. Though the more elaborate memorials run into fancy figures a very suitable memorial can be designed for between ten and fifteen thousand dollars. I quote this price on the best of materials and workmanship.

Should this memorial be nation-wide it will take many years to raise the funds and then again it will pass into the hands of others, so I suggest that a simpler monument be planned and erected at about the figure I quoted and should a more elaborate memorial be desired later, this will greatly add to the prestige of the endeavor.

Kindly let me know if this information is not what you desired and any way I may assist you. And let it be understood that monuments, like houses, can cost any amount one wishes to pay for them. The more elaborate, the higher the cost.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Richards*



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April 17, 1929.

Dr. A. T. McCormack,  
Brown Hotel,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Dr. McCormack:

I have your wire of the 15th inst. I shall see that the McDowell statue is crated and shipped to Dr. L. T. Minish, however I would like at the same time to present the clay statue in plaster. If you can make some arrangement with the proper authorities I shall have the two crated and shipped at the same time. You may remember I had mentioned this to you in Washington my only reason for waiting was that I expected to have duplicates made in bronze. Mr. Bernheim has evidently changed his mind and so I feel it fitting that the models belong to the great state of Kentucky. The only restriction placed on these is that in event a bronze statue is required I or my heirs may be granted the permission for this. No one else can have duplicates made. //

Let me hear from you as soon as possible on this matter as the models must leave the foundry within a short time and I wish to have the matter settled. I donot know the proper persons to approach in regard to the Clay model so leave it in your hands.

There is another matter I had wished to write you before this and that is should you hear of a place in Kentucky wishing to erect a World War memorial I should be glad to get in touch with them. I have a rather good, and I believe soldiers are that, soldier figure which I should like to duplicate in bronze. If you hear of a town in the blue-grass having this in mind let me know. I suppose I should sit by the fire-side and smoke a pipe, but I have younger ideas and like to have something to keep out of mischief.

Marie sends regards and hopes the epidemic is over, and also wishes to ~~remind~~ <sup>remind</sup> you that you promised to spend some of your vacation with us when you come to the cold blooded north.

Cordially yours,

*B. H. Minish*

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EAGLE CREST STUDIO  
GRANTWOOD, N.J.

May 18, 1929.

Dr. A. T. McCormack.  
The Brown Hotel,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dr. McCormack:

I have been informed by Governor Sampson of his acceptance of the Clay and McDowell plaster casts, they are crated and ready for shipment. I have been waiting to hear concerning the Clay model in order to ship both statues at the same time.

The Governor made mention of the the probability of the erection of statues from these models in the Capitol. He may not have understood him correctly, but should this be the case I think it better to have the bronze casting done before the models leave the foundry and have to be reshipped to New York making added expence. Will you kindly see whether there is any probability of bronze casts being made before I order the models shipped?

Should no bronze casts be desired I wish to ship the models as soon as possible and will wire Dr. Minish when the models leave the foundry. Kindly send me the doctor's address.

With kindest regards,

*C. H. Minish*

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May 18, 1929.

Honorable Flem D. Sampson,  
Executive Chambers,  
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Governor Sampson:

I am in receipt of your letter of May first and am pleased that you accept the plaster casts of the Clay and McDowell statues recently erected in Statuary Hall, Washington, D.C. In presenting the plaster casts, which are of the same size as the statues in Washington, I reserve the sole right for myself and heirs of the duplicating of these models at any time the case may be. Should bronze casts be desired, they may be had in Standard bronze and on the same kind of pedestals as the originals for five thousand dollars each. I mention this fact as I have recently heard of the probability of duplicates being desired in the future.

The statues are crated and ready for shipment and will be sent as soon as I hear from you on the matter. I was requested by Dr. McCormack of Louisville to ship the McDowell cast to Dr. L. T. Minish, but as I do not have the doctor's address I will send both casts to you at the Capitol upon receiving further instructions.

I have been informed that a Lee Memorial is to be erected in the South. Though I do not know the State that is erecting the memorial I am taking this time to request, that should it be possible, for any information you may have on the subject. The memorial is to be one of considerable size and I considered you may know the proper authorities to approach on the subject. I do not know the Committee in charge or where the memorial may be erected.

Should your state contemplate the erection of any memorials in the near future I should be pleased to be informed of the Committees to approach on the subject. I will appreciate receiving any of the information requested if you can so accommodate me.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Minish

EAGLE CREST STUDIO  
GRANTWOOD, N.J.

May 31, 1929.

Dr. A. T. McCormack,  
Brown Hotel,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Doctor:

The plaster model of Dr. McDowell is boxed and ready for shipment, I have been waiting with this model in order that the Clay model could be shipped at the same time. The delay was caused by a strike at the foundry and we will have to wait until this is over to send the models. I shall wire Doctor Minish as soon as the models are placed on cars, this may take a few days.

With kindest regards,

Cordially,

*C. A. Niehaus*

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