1944- 1954

Anne C. Murray

Oct 29th 1954

BALTIMORE, MD. OCT 27 11:30PM 1954

DON'T W
JOIN CIVIL D
NOW

UNITED STATES POSTAGE
3 CENTS 3

Miss Anne C. Murray,
"Ivy Neck",
Cumberstone P. O.,
Anne Arundel County, Md.

DR. J. HALL PLEASANTS
201 LONGWOOD ROAD
BALTIMORE 10, MD.

October 27, 1954

Dear Miss Murray,

I have been making enquiries about someone who might be interested in your Philip Syng silver tankard but so far without much success. Had not my old friend, Mr. John Phillips, the head of the Department of Fine Arts at Yale and the outstanding authority on early American silver, died suddenly a few months ago, I would have been able to make enquiries through him about your tankard. But at the moment I do not know anyone who can be of real help in locating a possible purchaser. I am following up some clues and if I am in any way successful I will immediately let you know.

Can you tell me whether this silver tankard came down to you through some of your known Anne Arundel County forbears or through some of your family who had Philadelphia associations? Does it bear the monogram or initials of a former owner? This would have some bearing on its value and its interest to a possible Maryland or Philadelphia purchaser.

I would of course like very much to see the tankard and if you can have one of your nieces or nephews stop by and show it to me perhaps I can better advise you. Have you thought of having a photograph made in Baltimore? If so, I think the photograph could be done for you at the Maryland Historical Society.

I look back with so much pleasure upon my visits to "Ivy Neck".

Yours sincerely,

J. Hall Pleasants

Miss Anne C. Murray,
"Ivy Neck",
Cumberstone P.O., Md.

P.S. Philip Syng had shops in Baltimore and in Annapolis at various times.

JHP