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To: foundation@tileheritage.org

Dear Tile Heritage.....

I am contacting you as you were kind enough to communicate with me on Facebook a couple of years ago regarding an American tile I was trying to identify.

I collect Art Nouveau / Arts & Crafts tiles, and also occasionally find related items of interest.

I have recently acquired an album full of 125 hand drawn renditions of religious delft tiles, some with pencil-written notes linking the illustrations to their appropriate biblical references.

These were the studies made by one Thomas S Cole, a Toronto ceramics collector, and it would appear, from a newspaper article in the album, that, in 1928, at the age of 84, he was selling some of his collection, and this sale was featured in The Toronto Daily Star (October 13th 1928). It states that The Royal Ontario Museum was among 'Institutions and individuals' who were-keen to secure some of his antiques. Presumably he made these drawings of religious Delft tiles in his collection (called 'plaques' in the article).

I have been unable to trace this man, records of purchases made, or his collection, but feel that it must be of interest to someone, possibly one of your members?

I attach some photos of the album and the article, and would be very happy if you wished to feature them, or if anyone would be interested in purchasing them, quirky as they are!!!

I look forward to hearing from you,

Best regards,
Amanda Harris

Many Want Plaques of Toronto Collector



THOMAS S. COLES PROUD OWNER OF 350 PIECES

The Royal Ontario Museum is numbered among institutions and individuals who are keen to secure some of the antiques owned by Thomas S.

Coles, aged 84, of 103 Gloucester St., who has among other curios 350 plaques, made years ago, showing bible scenes. Above in (1) are to be

seen a typical plaque illustrating the story of Noah and the Ark; (2) and (3) a quaint bit of pottery work; (4) Thomas Coles, showing another valuable piece in his collection.



blue tile 1907 4H

nothing in colors -



blue tile -



blue tile



blue tile & dark blue

every beat, every
creeping thing and
every soul and what
more creepeth
upon the earth
after these kinds
went forth out
of the ark

when Pilate saw that
he could prevail
nothing but that he
thor a tumult was
made he took water
and washed his
hands before the
multitude saying
I am innocent of
the blood of this
man: see ye
to it



Blue tile



blue tile

Light Brown 1926 70



Jonah was in the
belly of the fish
three days and
three nights



Matthew 19
that will stand
we should offend
then go thou to the sea
and cast an hook
and take up the fish
that first cometh
up; and when thou
hast opened his mouth
thou shalt find a
piece of money that
take and give unto
them for me and
thee

Light Brown Brown tile, rough edge one 74
1926