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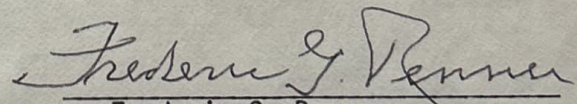
FREDERIC G. RENNER
5715 North 55th Place
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

May 28, 1986

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have personally examined the bronze titled, THE RANGE FATHER, an angry stallion, ears laid back and teeth bared, chasing a prairie wolf, signed, C M Russell (skull), Ht. 5 1/4", length 14 1/2", inscribed, Roman Bronze Works, N-Y-

In my judgement, this bronze was cast from the original model executed by Charles Marion Russell.


Frederic G. Renner

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July 11, 1986

Mrs. Ada Gardner
728 Garces Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

This will serve as my money back guarantee, that the C. M. Russell bronze Range Father for which you are paying us \$20,000.00 is authentic and real in all respects.

Along with this letter we are including a letter of authenticity from Mr. Fred Renner of Paradise Valley, Arizona.

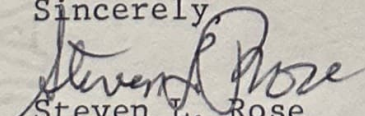
The Range Father is one of fourteen original bronzes of the model cast during Russell's lifetime.

The bronze came to us from Albert J. Mitchell of New Mexico. He acquired it from his father, Albert K. Mitchell who in turn was the first owner of the bronze.

Albert K. Mitchell had a fine collection of Russells and Remingtons, most of which he donated to the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

This will confirm that if you should decide to purchase the Russell bronze Mountain Mother, and it is still available to us, price to you will be \$17,000.00.

Sincerely,


Steven L. Rose

SLR/awb

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July 8, 1986

Mrs. Ada Gardner
728 Garces Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

Mr. Steve Rose will send you the letter of authenticity from Mr. Fred Renner if you are interested in The Range Father. We can have the letter to you overnight.

The bronze is an addition of fourteen and has an approximate length of 15½". It is illustrated in Homer E. Britzman, "The West in Bronze", "Charles M. Russell Bronzes", Los Angeles, Corral 1949, Figure #56, p. 109.

Mr. Rose will be contacting you.

Sincerely,

Anne W. Butler
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DESCRIPTION

#C-0440	C. M. Russell <u>Range Father</u> Bronze	\$20,000.00
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July 15, 1986

Mr. Frederic G. Renner
5715 North 55th Place
Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253

Dear Mr. Renner:

Your letter of June 30th was received by me very happily indeed. As soon as I opened it I was on the phone to Mr. Rose and he sent me *The Range Father* for approval. I absolutely love it. I also love *The Mountain Mother* and am happy that they are your favorites.

I have today sent Mr. Rose his check for *The Range Father*. I would love to have *The Mountain Mother* and am trying to convince myself that I don't need the money.

I spent the entire July 4th weekend re-reading and reading everything I have about Charles M. Russell. I have your book, of course, (2 of them) the McCracken book, a biography by Homer and Britzman, 1948 edition, and various articles. I want to purchase some out-of-print books that Mr. Russell wrote and were written about him.

I feel very fortunate to have been able to purchase *The Range Father*. I, too, believe it is one of his best and since it has such wonderful movement, it is a joy to observe. My friends are excited about it too.

I wish to purchase a painting so I shall be looking forward to obtaining something I can afford.

I want to thank you again for referring me to Mr. Rose. He is indeed a very nice gentleman and it is wonderful to be able to do business with someone you recommend so highly.

My best regards to you,

With kindest regards

Very sincerely,

Ada Gardner