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To Whom It May Concern,

I am in possession of a "Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Dictionary Of The English Language." This dictionary was passed down to me after my mother died in 1992. The first page in the dictionary states it was dedicated and inscribed to Arthur A. Patterson "Whose helpful cooperation, with the confidence and good-will of our other subscribers has made possible the completion of this the greatest of our undertakings." It is signed by A.W. Wagnalls, Prsident of the Funk & Wagnalls Company.

Arthur A. Patterson was born July 4, 1846 and died September 14th 1926. He was the father of Jane Patterson Hopkinson who was my paternal grandmother. Allegedly Mr. Patterson was successful in the dry goods business and retired 1913. In 1916 he was elected Mayor of Red Bank then re-elected in 1918 then re-elected again in 1920. He died September 14th, 1926. Please keep in mind I am passing on information provided by my mother which I believe to be accurate.

The dictionary itself is quite large. It is approximately 12 1/4 inches in length, 9 1/2 inches in width, 3 3/4 inches thick, and weighs 11/12 pounds. (lots of big words)

I was born and raised in Ocean County (Toms River), N.J. and still have family living in the area. I plan to be in the area late July or early August. Should you be interested in this dictionary I will deliver same during this time period.

Sincerely,



Peter A. Hopkinson

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