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Dear Mr. Carter,

I have in my possession a portrait of Will Rogers painted by Charles Shimmin, three-quarter length sitting in chair 36" by 48". It is an excellant likness, knowing Will Rogers I can say so. It was painted hoping the committe of the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore would purchase same for over the fire place. He painted a smaller portrait for Frank Phillips Museum. I may mention that I am a friend of Frank Phillips and have helpt him in selecting pictures for his museum. I am also a friend of Joe Weaver and Lew Wentz. You may if you wish ask either of them of my knowledge of paintings.

Mr. Shimmin painted the picture and needs the money badly. His oringal price was eighteen hundred dollars. He would now I believe take five hundred dollars as he cannot wait for a desision which is very undefinate to-day from the Will Rogers Memorial. I can send the picture to you for your inspection if you are interested.

Mr. Shimmin is also a friend of mine and I am only trying to help him out of his temporary finacial imbarasment. May I hear from you in the near future regarding this picture.

Very Truly Yours,

R. Gordon Matzene.