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Dear Scott,

From the time it took me to unpack I can only imagine the great amount of time it took you to prepare that fine painting for shipping. It got through without even the tiniest dent on the wooden frame, nothing to mar the beauty of your painting. We both like it very much. Our one problem is that we have no wall space where it is light. We will put it on the wall leading back from the living room. And think of you and your thoughtfulness every time we go past it.

Because you are self-taught it is even more impressive!

We are about as good as we can hope to be, thanks. The pulmonary expert I saw last week thinks that it may not be long before kidney dialysis is indicated.

He was going to talk to the cardiologist and if they agree make the arrangements not for the dialysis but for the exploration by an expert in that.

I heard about that Confederate museum but have not gone there. There is still considerable Confederate sympathy around here. Made a scandal when they were going to memorialize the threat to sack Frederick and rape the women by the Confederate general who did that. Then those who planned that backed off but they claimed not to understand the basis for any question about the appropriateness!

We are keeping ourselves busy as we usually do. With me that is trying to get more on paper and going over what I have been able to get on paper when it is retyped.

But little by little we are getting that done.

Glad you are all OK.

Many thanks, Scott, for the thought and for the fine gift!

Have a good holiday and a good year, all you you.

Harold

12/15/96

Dear Harold,

Please find enclosed as a holiday gift an oil painting of a nature scene that I had painted myself about 6 weeks ago. I hope it is to your liking. I started doing nature scenes about a year ago to combat boredom during the snow storms that we had last year. I've never had an art lesson in my life. I learned by watching a man named Bob Ross on tv. The technique used was invented by this man Ross. I don't know if you've ever seen him on tv. He died in July of 95. He was a young man of 52 when he died.

How are you both feeling? I hope that you are both doing well. I think of both of you every week. I saw a news article in today's paper that tells about the Confederate museum that opened in Frederick on Patrick St. I assume that this museum is near Hannah's restaurant where we've gone to eat. Anyway when I've the chance I'll clip that article and send it to you. I've been very busy with my job right now, working a lot of overtime painting the whole inside of one of the schools.

I also started to reread the first Whitewash again for the third time. I'm on chapter 4 but had to put it aside due to my long hours at work and also getting ready for the holidays.

Well I hope the painting that I've sent adds some cheer to your Holiday season. Hope you are both OK. May try to ~~drive~~ drive down to Baltimore soon and come to Frederick.

Have a blessed holiday season
Your friend,

Scott Wilson

P.S. What are you keeping yourself busy with these days?

Everyone here is well.