

Dear Collector,

The enclosed item from “The Jim Thorpe Collection” has been a prized possession of ours over the years. Each item was passed from Jim & Patricia Thorpe along to Charles and Eleanor Gorham and subsequently to their sons Charlie and Paul Gorham. Charles Sr. was Jim Thorpe’s attorney and the two couples were friends over the years. Patricia Thorpe gifted this prized collection to Charles and Eleanor as Charles was a passionate sports fan and one whom Jim would trust to be the caretaker of his collection. The two prized items of this collection were the actual leather helmet and football cleats that Jim Thorpe wore throughout his collegiate career with the Carlisle Indians culminating with the memorable 1912 clash with the Army team from West Point led by future President Dwight Eisenhower. Thorpe led Carlisle to a victory in that game and a National Collegiate Championship. They are truly special and historic relics. Other highlights of this prized collection are Jim’s 1950 Athlete of the first half century award as well as the “Key to the City” given to Thorpe by the city of Philadelphia. Every item in this collection is special in that it once belonged to what many historians believe was the greatest athlete in the history of sport.

We hope you enjoy this special piece of americana for years to come as much as we have. We have agreed to have Vintage Authentics auction these special pieces through our attorney Ted Updike and any questions you may have can be routed through him at:

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Best Regards,

Eleanor Gorham

Charles Gorham

Paul Gorham