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Dear Professor Binns,

No doubt you will be interested to learn that I won my point in regard to the kiln that we built a 6 ft round kiln (6 feet diameter) holding 150 saggars, 1000 vases to burn, Three fire boxes with wood for fuel, at a total cost, saggars and all of something under \$400.

This sum just about represents the total cost of the Caulkins kiln with a capacity of about 75 pieces, as we experienced it. It cost us \$3.50 to burn the Caulkins kiln in 7 hours and it costs us \$9.00 for wood for our new one, and takes 14 hours to fire to cone 1.

Oxidation is perfect and no smoke comes from the stack at all after the first fire. Bradford went crazy over the abandonment of the small kiln but the others sat (?) on him. He ordered me fired, declared I knew nothing about clay work nor did the man who taught me. That means Chas. F. Binns I suppose. The others however agree with me and the bad boy is back in St. Louis nursing the memory of his wrong at my hands.

Yours truly,

Paul E. Cox