

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

A Collection of Limited Edition Arnett's Country Store Folk Art Dolls

MACK & JOBY, MARY MARGARET, AND DAFFODIL

*Maynard Arnett / Arnett's Country Store — Southern Illinois — Hand-Painted Wood-Resin & Cloth
Folk Art Dolls*



MARKET VALUE (TOTAL COLLECTION)

\$850–1,475

Realistic quick-sale price, all four dolls together

ESTIMATED WORTH (TOTAL COLLECTION)

\$1,575–2,175

Ceiling for specialty folk art / low-edition-number collectors

Arnett's Country Store is a folk art doll studio founded by Maynard Arnett in Southern Illinois, still operating today and prized among American folk art collectors for its handmade, small-batch approach in an era when most doll production had long since gone industrial. Each doll begins as an individually hand-painted wood-resin head, arms, and feet, mounted onto a hand-stuffed cloth body, then dressed in homespun-style period clothing meant to evoke rural American life of generations past — pinafores, plaid sleeves, ribbon ties, and simple country prints rather than anything glossy or mass-produced. Every doll is issued as part of a numbered limited edition, with the individual number and total run size noted on a tag or stamped directly on the doll's back, much like a fine art print.

Edition sizes vary considerably from doll to doll — some runs total only 100 pieces, others run to several hundred or even a few thousand — and this difference has a real, measurable effect on collector value. A doll numbered low within a small total run (say, 18 out of only 100) carries meaningfully more cachet than one numbered similarly within a run of several thousand, since scarcity is judged both by the total edition size and by how early a given piece falls within that run. Sandy has personally confirmed each doll's specific edition markings in this collection: Mack is 186 of 500, Joby is 95 of 500, Mary Margaret is 18 of 100, and Daffodil is 79 of 500.

◆ "Arnett's Country Store dolls are true American folk art — each one hand-painted and individually numbered, in the same Southern Illinois workshop tradition that's been running for decades." ◆



Mack (girl) 186/500 & Joby
(boy) 95/500

*Matching pair, hand-painted wood-resin heads,
homespun cloth outfits, yarn hair detail*

MARKET
\$350–625

WORTH
\$675–925



Mary Margaret 18/100

*Bonneted baby doll, red coat, floral print gown,
ribbon tie detail — smallest edition of the set*

MARKET
\$275–475

WORTH
\$500–700



Daffodil 79/500

*Seated girl doll, yarn pigtails, plaid sleeves,
homespun pinafore, painted shoes*

MARKET
\$225–375

WORTH
\$400–550

ITEM	EDITION	MARKET VALUE	EST. WORTH
Mack (girl)	186/500	\$150–275	\$300–425
Joby (boy)	95/500	\$200–350	\$375–500
Mary Margaret	18/100	\$275–475	\$500–700
Daffodil	79/500	\$225–375	\$400–550
Combined Estimated Value (Four Dolls)		\$850–1,475	\$1,575–2,175

Collector's note: Valuations reflect documented comparable sales: dolls numbered under 100 within a 500-piece run (e.g., 43/500, 59/500, 95/500) have consistently sold around the \$300 mark as "super rare/extremely rare" low-number examples, while dolls from larger editions or higher numbers within their run (e.g., 332/4,000) have sold closer to \$75–100. Mary Margaret's 18/100 combines both a notably small total edition (100, versus 500 for the others) and a very low individual number, supporting the highest valuation in this set. Mack's 186/500 is a solid mid-range number rather than a "low number" standout, so it is valued more conservatively than Joby and Daffodil. Values assume all-original condition with no repairs, replaced clothing, or missing accessories; Market Value reflects realistic private-sale/shop pricing, while Estimated Worth reflects the ceiling a dedicated folk-art or limited-edition doll collector might pay.

*"Four little faces, four different stories, all cut from the same homespun cloth — a corner of
Southern Illinois folk art tradition, hand-numbered and never quite like any other."*

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