

# MOM'S JOY ROOM

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## CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

*Collection Overview Certificate — Five Pieces*

### THE ANTIQUE VELOCIPEDE & CAROUSEL HORSE COLLECTION



*Display grouping: four antique horse velocipedes of varying sizes, and one antique carousel horse mounted on a solid oak rocker*

This certificate documents a collection of five genuine antique horse-form pieces displayed together: **four horse velocipedes** of varying sizes, and **one antique carousel horse** mounted on a solid oak rocker base. All pieces are reported to be in operating or riding condition — a significant point in their favor, as functional antique velocipedes and carousel figures command considerably more than decorative-only or non-functional examples in today's market. Horse velocipedes were

produced from the Victorian era through the early 20th century as genuine ride-on children's toys, typically hand-carved or built up over a wood or composite frame with a metal tricycle undercarriage, wire-spoke wheels, and pedal or push mechanisms. Antique carousel horses — originally carved for operating carousels — are frequently re-mounted in later years onto rocker bases for home display, as is the case with the piece shown here on its solid oak rocker.

COLLECTION COMPOSITION

- ◆ Four (4) antique horse velocipedes, ranging from smaller to larger scale, all in operating/riding condition
- ◆ One (1) antique carousel horse, mounted on a solid oak rocker base
- ◆ Total: five (5) pieces

ESTIMATED COLLECTION VALUE

\$3,000 – \$7,500+

*Based on genuine antique, operating-condition velocipedes ranging roughly \$400–\$2,000+ each depending on size, and an antique carousel horse on oak rocker in the range of \$800–\$4,500+ depending on carving quality & carousel maker attribution.*

*Comparable sales: antique velocipedes \$250–\$6,895 (1stDibs, eBay, Etsy); carousel horses on rocker bases \$650–\$8,400+ (Chairish, 1stDibs, LiveAuctioneers)*

*Collector & auction market data 2024–2025*

NOTES ON VALUATION

This range reflects the collection as a whole rather than itemized per-piece figures. The wide span exists because velocipede and carousel horse values are driven heavily by specific factors not fully assessable from a group photograph alone — carving quality and detail, hardware originality, maker attribution (for the carousel horse, whether it can be traced to a known carving studio such as Dentzel, Herschell-Spillman, Philadelphia Toboggan Company, or similar), and confirmed operating condition of wheels, pedals, and joints. Given that all pieces are reported in genuine operating or riding condition — a notable point of value, since many surviving examples are display-only or missing mechanical components — this collection likely sits toward the middle-to-upper portion of the stated range. A specialist appraisal with hands-on inspection is recommended for insurance scheduling or a firm resale valuation.

**Honest Disclosure:** This certificate was prepared from a group photograph rather than close, individual inspection of each piece, and no maker's marks have been confirmed on any item. The broad estimated range reflects genuine antique status and confirmed operating/riding condition as reported, alongside published comparable sales for similar pieces. Individual close-up photography and, ideally, an in-person specialist appraisal are recommended before insurance scheduling or sale, particularly for the carousel horse, where maker attribution can significantly affect value.

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