

Eddie reunites brothers with long-lost bust of their father

A LONG search by two brothers to find a bronze bust of their father by Jacob Epstein came to a happy ending in the village of Churt.

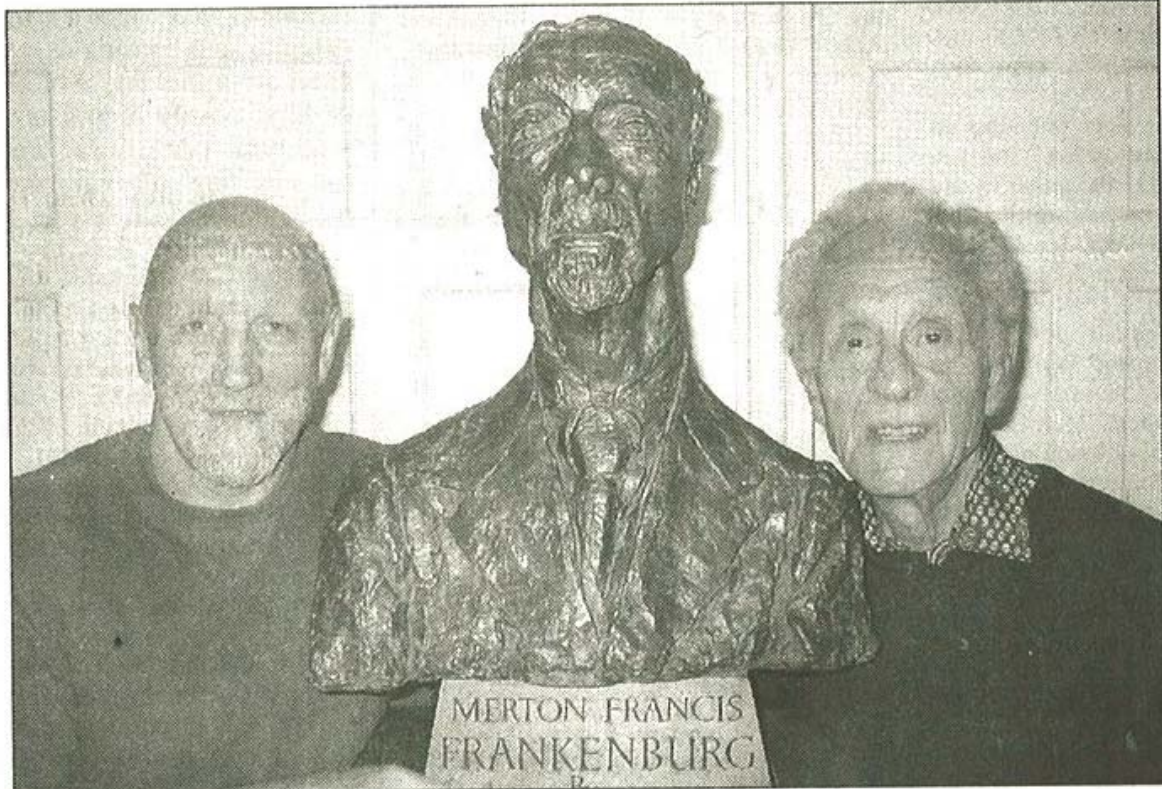
Roger, 84, and Dennis, 88, Frankenburg had been trying for several years to find the bust of their father, Merton Francis Frankenburg.

After making hundreds of phone calls to trace the work of art, the brothers were at last put in touch with Eddie Powell - the owner of the recently opened Pride Of The Valley Sculpture Park on Jumps Road.

Eddie explained: "I had bought the piece from Sotheby's earlier this year. I have great admiration for the artist."

Little did Eddie know when he bought the piece that he was just a few steps ahead of the brothers, who had been unaware that it had been up for auction.

"When I was asked if I wanted to sell the bust I felt a little disappointed. I was fond of it and it would have been a good feature for the park. But the family was very keen to get it back and I think it will be in its rightful home with



Eddie Powell (left) with Roger Frankenburg and the bust. (c)

them," said Eddie.

Roger, who lives in Richmond, said he is preparing to have the bust flown over to his brother in Vancouver, Canada.

He said: "My eldest brother, Jasper, had urged my father to have the work commissioned. My father then donated the

work to the rubber business, Greengate and Irwell, which he ran. After the business changed hands we discovered the piece had been sold off and my brother Dennis decided that he wanted to buy it."

The piece is believed to be worth £10,000, but for the Frankenburgs it would be dif-

ficult to put a value on its head.

"It's an important part of our family history, some people say there is a resemblance between me and my father, but I believe the resemblance between my brother and our father is much stronger!" laughed Roger.