

Ladoga, Indiana  
September 23, 1896

Dear Mr. Weaver -

You will find enclosed a notarized copy of a surety bond which has been duly certified by the Montgomery County Clerk of the Court. I have had the copy of the will which you sent recorded as you suggested and all of the formalities completed but I can hardly see the need of it as Sarah is now past the age of thirty and married also, and therefore not in need of a trustee. But nevertheless, I have done as you suggested.

I do not mean to seem unpleasant but I cannot for the life of me see why it should have taken more than twelve years to settle this estate. It would naturally be assumed that the legacy would have drawn interest but we now find that it will be reduced by "expenses". Just what the nature of these expenses are to be will be of interest to me.

Miss Kate Scott has told me that she has sent over twelve hundred dollars to Mr. George Ames to pay the taxes on the estate as he suggested some years ago, and now she finds that Mr. Wilkes did not even own the property but rented it. It would appear that she was swindled and I can only hope that the whole thing is not some swindle and cruel hoax. I certainly hope that such is not the case as I will be sufficiently mad to take some action myself if such is the case. I have advised Miss Scott not to pay out any more money in the matter and that if the money is not seen forthcoming that we will have another lawyer look into it.

Please do all that you can to clear this matter up as soon as possible as all of the heirs, I am lead to understand, need the money left to them by Mr. Wilkes.

I am Sir, your obedient servant,

ANDREW G. POTTER

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