Winnebago Apr 9th 1896

My Dear Mrs Tourgee

Yours received

In answer to questions I will say I never had any notice & never authorised anyone I wrote to judge Almy to inquire about it with the hope that he would influence Brother to pay it He answered me saying it was a plain case & he would say the same to Brother Father had sold his Farm and was living on a farm that had belonged to my Husband & Brother M C Paddock who died in 1850 left no will He sold our part to Brother S M Paddock He lived with Father and Mother

Hee said they gave him all they had except the one thousand dollar Mortgage he held on the farm he soled I think ~~the farm he sold in 1850~~ Brother Stephen was here in 1854 & the above was what he told us at that time & paid Sister & Brother They are both dead But they had a daughter living at home & remembers all about it She has said to me several times why dont you make him pay you Father died in 1853 Mother died in 1862 I am the only one left of 5 children This is all I can think at present only to have it made safe the same as the Brothers for unless it was the heirs would get it the same as now Please fix that point & accept Love to you all Ete Barnett

Ta Well I found in
doubling my Letter I found
what I thought was only
half sheet is a whole one
I was feeling so out of sorts
this morning I thought that
was enough Rant my dinner
has recruited me so I feel like
doing a little more & tell
you about the unworthy heirs
they are Grand Children
My Sisters oldest Child was
married at 15 to a man by
the name of Folson She was
a woman of good common sence
Quiet and Kind hearted He was
a sickly selfish man a dispotic
for many years & finally become
Insane & died in an asylum
At that time there was four
grown up girls & 2 little Boys

The girls were rather good looking
& relation to mrs Cleavland of course Folsom
They soon got rid of the verry little
property in putting on fashionable style
They all got married & done verry well
then after taking from their mother
everything she had told her she
could go to her folks or the
poor house they would not keep
her She was then in poor health
worn out with hardships in taking
care of her Husband & Children
they had buried 3 one Daughter was 17 &
the only one that was like the mother
Soon after they told their poor Mother plain
Nervous prostration set in upon her
but not a word of complaint to any
body about her Children They of course
all was verry sorry for poor ma but
She would have to go to the Asylum
I could not bear that & took her
away from them Knowing that
all they cared was to get her away

She lived about a year one of the most pittyful sufferers all silence not a word of complaint about her Children til 3 weeks before her death Then she looked up in to my face & said dear Auntie do pray for me I have got to tell it My affection for my Husband and Children has been so strong it has made me wicked They got between god and me and now they have all cast me off & broke my heart and God will cast me off forever unless I tell how cruel they have treated me do pray for me that I may have strength to do it and I will I tried to have her think it would answer to tell such a sick that was

with me but she said no she had got to tell everybody & if she heard any one come in & I hesitated a little to let them come in while she could speak to them she would go on to a spasm so I had to let her see several all she could say was my children has broke my heart & it seemed as if she would choke to death saying that. Several times we thought she was dead & one time I had laid her down & closed her eyes in a few minutes the tears rose down her cheeks & she spoke with a strong voice Children see your mother dying with the tears streaming from her eyes Oh how I loved you & done for you all I could & you cast me off & broke my heart Gethsemane could you not watch one hour I am watched over night & day wipe the tears from my eyes after this all was peace

When Brothers will was
made my sister & her daugh
ter was both living
the Daughter was the mother
of those cruel Children
Those Children are all Church
members & were at the time
The mother lived a quiet and
consistent Christian life
those who lived neighbours
to her often said the only fauld
they could in mrs Folsom
was being over indulgent
to her children When I first
sit down I thought only to
say a few words about the
money Hope your patience
will hold out to get through
if I go to Beloit my Letters
are forwarded to me
Just a a word or 2 more
do you know anything about
Edgar Le Wakeman the last
I knew he was in Ny city

I presume I got the business
matter badly mixed up
all I know about it is
Brother Stephen McPaddock
said Father gave him all
he had except one thousand
dollars My Sister Daughter
says she knows he paid
her mother & uncle Wm
two hundred dollar apiece
& thinks they signed off for that
I think I told you that my
Father had sold his farm
& we understood the 1000
was a part of the payment
of that farm & that I think was
sold in 50 or 51 The farm
where Father died fell to him
by the death of my Brother
McC Paddock who died &
left no will I suppose
the reckoned with them

The more I think about the estate, the more I think there will be obligations found that will take the most if not all & if you can succede in geting the other I should care verry little about the rest I do not think Wm has a thought of Qualifying or having anything to do about it & If the heirs I have been telling you about want their interest looked after let them do it on their own expence I hope you can patch your patience enough to get through this lengthy scribbling & guess my meaning

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only a few days before I
got the account of Pamela
the man who made my
little loan came to see me
the rent was due He
asked if I could make it
the last of Sept I told him
I thought about the account
but there was no certainty
in it. I should get it if
actual & I was determined
not to pay it until I did
& if you are needy when
he pays it I will send it
to you & if I get in need
you can it back to me
I much if it will not be too
much trouble you would
send one of the Bears you sent me
to Mrs Franklin
Los angles Cal
319 east First St.

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