

Palmyra May 1st 1837

Dear Brother, Received yours of the 15th April yesterday and to avoid your further displeasure will answer it without delay. I am sorry that my last was not worth sifting of its chaff for the little grain that was in it, especially when all kinds bear such good prices. Although you found but few grains of any kind in my letter, there was certainly not a single one of "ill humour", of which yours so much abounds. I have appealed to the supreme Court and expect to have it tried next week month I mean, when if it is decided against me and the decision of the Orphans Court confirmed I will file an administration account charging myself with what father rec^d. from Poole's ad. reasons with interest from 16 March 1822 and charge will trouble ask credit for all the costs father was at in the exigence of Grandfather's bill with interest which will bring the balance in my favor and if its not allowed send it up to the supreme Court when they will see the full extent of father's loss in endeavoring to sustain that will and secure the heirs their just rights, and ^{if} they will not then do him justice allow him for defending what he was bound to defend out of the estate I will have to submit and pay the rascally demand.

Mr Laird showed that he paid ^{the 16 March 1824} \$37.24 interest = to \$92.31 on the 16th Sept. 1837 when the next Orphans Court will sit - in all \$229.55 Adm. charge \$179.55 leaves \$50 to be distributed of which John Sawyer the Court decided had nothing to get in his own right but might have as a pig-mee of the children of Robert Geades. Now in view that you may see what chance he has of that I will give you as brief a history of the estate as I can. The balance against father on his executors was \$1311.11 which was distributed in the case of Sawyer vs Stadden

in this way John Sawyer being in possession of the whole real estate was not allowed anything: Joseph Sawyer who had received from Grandfather \$2958.33. Sarah McDonald \$998.95 1/2 were also allowed nothing but well as John Doal who had rec^d. \$1431.71 1/2 but Robert Geades who had rec^d. \$266.67 was to have \$624.51, Sawyer Mc Fadden who had rec^d. \$474.67 was allowed \$416.51, Joseph Clokey who had rec^d. \$800 was allowed \$91.18 and John Allen who had rec^d. \$852.12 was to receive \$39.06 which equalized the lowest shares to \$91.18 and left the estate thus distributed

To John Sawyer \$19000. " This division was brought about by the Circuit Court of Lebanon county by calculating int. on the \$1311.11 from 4th Sept. 1823 to when fathers acct. was papered to the day when Sawyer & Fadden obtained judgement 5 years and 8 months after = \$445.77 int. \$1311.11 = 1756.88, 1/3 off for the widow left \$1171.26 to be distributed and was as mentioned above. And now upon the same principle the \$637.24 and interest will have to be disposed of and will produce the following result or ought viz John Doal having refunded \$637.24 will leave the estate thus,

" John Sawyer " out of the question " Which will bring me indebted to

" Joseph Sawyer " " " " John Doal \$273.55 to J. McDonald

" John Doal \$794.47 1/2 " 67.07 amt to the rest each \$176.84 1/2

" J. McDonald \$998.95 1/2 " equalizing all the shares but the two.

" John Allen \$891.18 " And as this money was collected for

" Joseph Clokey \$891.18 " the payment of costs entirely according

" J. Mc Fadden \$891.18 " to the evidence of W Laird himself

" Robert Geades \$891.18 " and it is clear that those who are to receive it are all indebted to me as father

To which add the \$1050.00 " Divided by 6 ÷ 6408.15 " executor for more than their shares of

Each share = \$1068.02 1/2 " The money except Mc Fadden it is

Very wrong that I must be compelled to spend money to settle that
wants no settling so far as Lawyer on his own or our right is
concerned for it will take our share as well as the others out
of the 637.24. The article of agreement with the heirs to pay costs being
older than the assignments of the children of Robert Geary.
So that the only chance Lawyer can have will be to sue me
for the balance of our \$624.51 which father was allowed out of
\$1311.11 after deducting our share of fathers own costs, that he,
from Poal being for the payment Lawyers. When I will plead
the limitation act which I believe allows but 7 years for an
heir to call on his share on ^{an} account settled by an Administrator
as well as that father sold him nothing but what was un-
collected and not what he had in Cash in his pockets ad.
You seem rather to boast of your settlement but with liars well
in my opinion for you could have obtained two hundred or there
for your share of Grandfathers landed estate and left father keep
the personal and I could have the offer of 2000 for my land
independant of the 100 which has brought me into such a scrape
Thomas & Agrippa started the 17th April from Newville to Illinois, Lawyer is
confined to bed ever since our trial and will die. Wheat # 2.00 Rye # 1.25
Corn .75 Oats .50 Potatoes .30, Cows from # 20. to # 30. We have very cold
backward wethers and the grain looks very bad. We had 8 in.
snow on Sunday the 23rd April which lay in part two days. We have had
a dry spring and waters are low. B. Bell has been bit in his last
years land speculation and has again commenced farming himself.
It turns out that there is claims against his land in Illinois
which will make it a poor matter of gain. And he bought a house and
lot in Ohio for \$1800 on which he paid \$400 last spring and had a mill to
that be forfeited but the man came here determined to sue him if he did
not pay the balance according to contract and B. B. had to borrow the
money and cash up. Mr Lawyer made a will lately and B. B. calculates
to be executor when I will have another part to deal with. He has been
telling the people that I will have to pay these 637.24 and int. to Lawyers

liable to be attached. I think I will leave this country if I can as soon as the five years are up which the ^{law} allows demands to be made in after the death of a person in his Executor, which will be up on 14th July next if the supreme Court gives a favorable decision if not I will have to wait to Sept. when my account will be decided upon. All the money I earn is by writing. I earned in March last \$36 but in April only \$2 so that in a years time I perhaps make my boarding. I purchased out Thomas & Agrippa shares of the third and now have 14 shares = \$2685.15 Keeping back 100 each to meet contingencies which I am still in hopes it will not expecting to pay any thing but Mr Fadden and the costs. Pauwer, William Geddes Dr John Glades

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subscribes him to ever talk the

Joseph
G. W.

William Geddes
March 22
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John Geddes
Sun Arden
Michigan

I saw Dr Wilson in Harrisburg in February, who left there in March for Illinois. He has failed very much. His Brother James follows the public works in partnership with Le Baron. Hugh Wilson was at Perry two Sundays ago and stands times well and had a young son running beside him. The Clarks have moved to Hummelstown and talk of looking out this summer for a permanent abode but where that is likely to be they themselves don't know. They have been much more fortunate than us for the same man who offered me but \$50 for acre the three different years that I offered our land for sale gave them 75 one half in hand, and the rest in 7 or 8 payments. I would have been west this spring with John Wolfensberger who wanted badly to go but I cannot on account of that suit as I must file that account directly after the supreme court decides it against me or make myself

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