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Kirbyville Texas.

Sept. 4th. 1913,

Mrs. Jennie Williams.

Dry-Grove Miss.

My Dear Cousin Jennie.

Your letter of recent date reached me in due time, and I am sorry to say that, the chances of ever getting you anything out of the Estate of Douglass is very slim, as I know that none of the other relatives were remembered in his first Will, but that was not in my mind when I first began working on the case, it was this to see that his intentions were carried out when his mind was unimpaired. And Jennie we have a relative that, I am suspicious of as to the reason we could not prove the condition of Douglass mind, when he was supposed to have made the last Will, for I have my doubts of him ever making the last Will, but I will say this when I give up all hopes of recovering your part, will see what kind of compromise I can get to keep the case from being tied up in the court for years to come.

Now Jennie I was told by Tom Haley that he was in favor of employing a Law-firm, and that he knew the best in the town Adams, Blain & Howth, and we employed them on his recommendation, and the matter went on until just before Court convened and we did not have time to employ other counsel and they did not appear in the court and of course the last Will was Probated.

And when I made inquiries about the case was advised that Mr Haley thought it best for all concerned to drop it where it was as he had decided that it was Douglass wishes that his property go to Davis,

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Widow, but I dont believe one word of it, and I think we were fooled in the counsal we employed, of course I am not going to say in what way, as it would do no good, but I will say this I have not given up hopes as to the final results, I got the letter you sent me from Douglas, and it was along the lines that he intended that, his property should have been disposed of, and when it has served my purpose I will return it so you can file it away to show how mans mind will change, and I will also send you the first Will if I am ever able to get it from the present custodions. Well we are getting along very well makeing a living which is all we can expect where we are so fortunate as to have a house full of children, I will let you hear from me again.

Your Devoted Cousin.

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