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## Letter to Mims Williams

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KIRBYVILLE, TEXAS,

Sept. 18th. 1913,

Mr.Mims Williams,  
Magee Miss.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 15th. received, and I will say that, I first offered, the law firm of which you speak, half the amount that they recovered, as this was the best I could do, as I did not feel like putting up much money on the case, and I will mail you the correspondence, between us, so you can see what was done, now as to the first Will. Douglass give his property to Mrs.V.J.Williams, and Mrs.Joe Davis, and I understand this Will was filed in the archives of the Shriners, lodge in Galveston, (MASONS) but I have never been able to get it. While I have the promise of Mr.G.W.Kidd, of Beaumont the one named as administrator, in the first will, yet I have not received it, and when I do will send it to you or a copy of same,.

I believe it very doubtful of ever getting anything out of his estate, but I intended to use all my best efforts to secure something for Jennie, and my idea was to get the first will and take the letter that Jennie sent me that was written by Douglas to her and have a lawyer to accompany me over to Liberty, and make Mrs.Davis, lawyers a proposition to compromise, if we did not get much out of it you ask what kind of evidence could be produced to show the condition of Douglass, mind during his last sickness, I don't know but the Will was made about two years before he died, and I thought, his mind bad for several years before his death, and I have heard others say the same, and I would suggest you come over but I don't think you could do anything more than I can as I am well known in



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This country especially around Beaumont, and if there is anything to be done I will do all I can, yet if you think best you may come but if we cant get the first Will to introduce in the courts we have no chance, and I have my doubts about Douglass ever makeing the last Will, yet it shows Mrs. Joe Davis was remembered, and his negr. Jockey, as Douglass give him all his race horses, I will write Mr. Kidd again today and ask him if he will get me the former Will as he may have forgotten it, and when I get it you might come to Texas and take the matter up direct, if you think you can strengthen the matter, in the way of complimize.

Yours Truly.

J. D. Banks