

Letter From Ella G. Reynolds

Aledo, Illinois
September 27, 1912

Mrs. Anna Hunt
New Castle, Pa.

Dear Aunt:

Your letter of recent date came to hand in due time in regard to which Mother wanted me to write you that she thought she was entitled to at least two thousand dollars \$2000.00 from the George Hunt estate. The law would give her more than that if she wished to take advantage of the fact that George Hunt died without a will, which she didn't intend to do. No doubt you never knew that before you came into the family. Mother was obliged to sell her part of the estate to George Hunt subject to her Mother's dower intent and after he had the income from her part of the farm for several years he bought it from her for a sum far below what it was worth because she had to sell that way or take nothing because her Mother didn't want the farm divided otherwise. As long as he or his children lived she would have let it run along as it had before, but she let you live there for several years more without making any claims, but is not willing to sign the deed without something like what she would be entitled to from the estate. Had Grandmother let the estate be divided as it should have been then she could have had her share and lived well off it and had the comforts and necessities of life – which many times she went without as we all know. Had she had all these things that were due her Mother would feel more willing to make her claim less. Zana must have been mistaken if she told you Mother would sign the deed for \$1,000.00. She told Zana to do what she thought best for she didn't know. Just how Uncle George and Uncle Henry settled up that part of the estate. I will give the deed to Zana and she can do as she pleases and then pass it on to Scott.

Had you showed any sign of wanting to talk of affairs Mother would have been glad to talk the matter over with you last fall when she was there, but not knowing that you ever thought of doing any different than you had since Will's death of course she didn't mention it to you, as she was there your lifetime if you wished.

We had frost the 25th and it is still cool but the weather is fine. You have had much more rain than we have. We are all pretty well now and busy most of the time. Hoping that you are well. I am truly yours –

Ella G. Reynolds

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