

My Dearest Sister,

Your letter of the 2nd was received yesterday afternoon. I cannot help feeling distressed about the state of mind of some of the family with regard to the codicil. I do not blame any one for looking at the matter as, it would appear, some of them, or it is most natural & shows very proper affection for brother Sam. he felt most keenly about him too. Yet, let me obson in purring, should I relinquish one half the amount left to me, in his favour, it could not remove the stiny which it is supposed the codicil may infled. him. The corticil was made by mother; no subsiquent as of mine can change that fact; though it might have I am pecuniarity. The sting is supposed to proceed from a sence of neglect. If there were neglect, I cannot alter that. But surely no one of mother's children can see fiel, that a neare so overflowing with tender love & police. tude, as has us for each of us, could have been guilty of any neglect courras in More over, her intellect & judgment were too clear a virgerous to admit of the thought that the acted as the has done upon a mere impuulse, or without a full sense of rectitude. To the of the understand my position relatively to I am & the are both poor enough; but are his situation & chinees no to be the than mine. He has, I presume, the interest from

his genoudrents, excepting, perhaps the interest on a deli in red upon me but going to Glisini all the income from his sance \$500.00. The now receive by mother's death, six 500.00 nine, yeilding â,ϱ500. or. His is aile to write, which now affords him \$12.00. or a year: giving him a together \$2500.00 on which to support himself & family. My income is from my wife & property, \$500.00; from my labor \$225.50; This is the whole of it, all told \$523.00. I cannot write without exhaustling effort & great offering, & then then, so slowly as to be useless for my business, position & this infirm a is isigerable. The point me out the occupation I might know, of which a chief part does not consist of writing. But further, I met mother not done as she did, so being here my debts that not only would my groundrents have Here forfeited, dit \$180.00 must have been annuity paid out of the above income of \$525.00 as int on \$300.00 or which I owe by the Jas waring for my wife, myself & five children to live on. \$545.00 per year. Had any salary been doubled of who I wresin not the rettisted or it cations - my meme would have been \$540.00. I am is, or will be, \$2300.00, my than four times mine with my salary doubled, a near seven times is mine, as it is without the codicile. If it is so I have real estate in minnesota; has not I am real estate in jacksonville; a certainly, by the council, he has not in St. Paul. I ambt is no differ much in that respo Mine at present, Ausget where I live - a frame house 1st stories high, 18x30 ft; until laresh lest us, wife, husting

five children sleeping in a room 15218 with slanting ceilings.  
mine, I say, with this exception yielding me nothing but a  
burden of taxes. It may be said, my present condition  
is through my own fault, the result of my follies &  
imprudence so Admit it all; what is asked of me; Is it  
demanded that mother I would so make her will that  
me of three things must certainly fall from me & a state  
my family  
of dependence upon my relations or friends, the poor house  
a starvation: I stood not like to see any evil  
half or great fall upon any of my brother's or sisters for  
their fault, & none of us is faultless. But after all are  
my troubles to be ascribed to this source & I have done  
many foolish things, or all any rate many things which,  
materially enough, must appear forfeit. Never yonder my  
poverty is nothing with lew things, it is another, I contend,  
to me for time; to investigating out badly for me,  
which for others have produce & fortunes. What I lost by  
my ballimings perations as an instance, would have  
are duncted to nothing had my incastments here not been  
ruined by the corps of 1857. My house building in Wis  
consin was a misfortune not a folly. I took all the pre  
cautions I was capable of; I took the advice of many  
persons, including Bfs Themper all assured me that  
such a house as I proposed to put could be built for  
\$2000.00. It cost me about \$10.000. My purchase  
of a farm was upon the recommendation of the Re  
Jm. Break's Senior Werden - a man, according to Mr.  
Ruck, of noning worth a integrity. He reminded me

out of man.

You ask me to tell you in round numbers how much mother gave me during her life. Up to the time of my marriage I cannot tell what she gave me; but by an that time, as I was not in debt, I suppose it was not as much as I have received since. What I have had since my marriage, I can give you with some accuracy it was the 9th. I have. 1st 4 that we went to Burlington to live. I am that time till the spring of 1856 ganz

she gave me \$20.00 a month. I kept no accts. there & cannot be sure how long this remittance was continued; but from March 1st. 1856 I have kept my accts. with great accuracy by double only, & although I have, in the spring of 1856 regular entries of a monthly, allowance from unile James I find nothing of the kind from her. More over use of paid of diese thousand dollars of my debt. to her that spring, it is not lit, by her allowance to me was continued at that time. Day then that I received \$ 20.00 a mounth from her for 14 mos; this would come to \$280.00. On the occasion of our writing she gave a \$200.00, mailing \$450.00. We were married, July 3rd 1859. Went she has given me since march 1st 1856 - the non appoint my books, - to the time of her death, it, as intent in my such \$2857.27 equal to about \$24.44 a month. for some years past I believe she has put. James for me as the only is \$300.00, to which one is in; equal, I then to £100.00. We the or not this was a gift or came out of time of my property in Philada. I do not know

Perhaps James can tell. It may be that there is an accumulation of interest: never be paid him out of her property so this should not be added to the amount in me before her death.

What are brother James's news concerning the corticil & Tis a business man & does not act upon in private in these is, & I would be much influence of his judgment. would not be guilty of any selfishness towards him; but so, all of you, for my helpless little children's sake or never my infirmities. No one, except those who are near me, seem to more than half believe or half understand the nature or extent of my trouble about writing notwithstanding all my imprudences, do not assume that I am revelling in comfort & being here. I am not airing in self-indulgence. Not one of you in the bust, until you see me as I am here, would like to acknowledge my relationship to you, & my poor little children & whom, in the midst of their rags, I strive to impart in ornaments of our former refinement, you never would distinguish in appearance from the children of the labourers in the streets. I have come here because I had not the means nor a place to live in the last among those I have always decily lived: I have mard 1300 miles away from you to be out of the way a to strive to better my fortimes. In the latter object, I have finally failed, to my infirmities have in the meande eile inouane su me. As so my table you amount to offence. I may bee undentionably put some. years ago by company it will that by the being & that & shall be in that mother's house. My within was all and has been sent me from the best. I am

now, for a dead mother, assaring mourning composed of  
the clothes of a dead father in law & a dead nephew  
If some think I can & ought to support myself a family,  
on \$345.00 a year I wish they would give me the  
dÃ©tails of the proper mode of procedure. To all the  
above let me a lot that the taxes on all our personal  
property for 1864 wills on the dollars, taking from  
bransh's mÃ©onie of \$150.00 from her stocks. \$Â£86.97 about  
one half; so that I do not see yet that even mother;  
foresight will prove sufficent to save us.

I am completely fagged out & must stop. With  
love to all,

Mrs Geo. M. Whaston

Philadelphia

Your affectionatly

William Markoe

P.S. Never be friend to advise me, always speak or no  
plainly. There given this letter, & set me right where  
at am amongh

St. Paul, Feb. 1st, 1866

County Treasurer

Lou lucre Eo :

I send you \$3.49 for taxes

Dear Sir,

for 1365 on E F of S 3 1/4 of Sec.g T. 11.2. Re. 24.

be P.O. standp for receipt.