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MC073: Folder 41: Charles Ward Palmer to Thomas Sharp Palmer 1877 August 18

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West Winton Agust 18/77

Brother Tom

Your letter of the 13th came to hand this morning I am surprised Caroline giving you the Contents of the Will. I dont know how she got it. I did not know myself all that was in the Will. there is only one way that I Can think of and that is she tormented poor Father in his dying hours till she had found out what the Will Contained. Now you all act as though I was to blame for What that Will contained. I say you because your letter indicated the same spirit. now Tom I will Say as I Would Answer to My God that I knew nothing about that Will untill it was blocked out and Hiram Smith had given his promis to Father he Would Come the next day and bring Manual May with him to finish the matter up. they had gone that far before I thought of such a thing. Art and Tadd has never mentioned this matter to me. ther has not been one Word said even the day the Will Was opened not a Word Came from them about the matter they act as though I was to be blamed for it. I am just as innocent as you or any body else of trying to influence or having any hand in it whatever. With the exception of one thing. I was at the barn and Father sent Hiram out to ask me if I had any suggestion to make I told him I had not unless he would leave you his gold headed cane that the Church in Mansfield gave him and he done so. Caroline was determined to have that cane and I was bound she should not. that is the reason I wanted it stuck right in there to make it safe. She wanted it for one of her boys. Poor Lib says if none of the Hiers object Ellie would like to have the gold Headed Cane the poor silly thing.

as far as I am concerned in the Will I dont think Father left me more than I was Justly entitled to. I tell you Tom my Wife and I have had it pretty tough the last 15 years not only With Father but While Mother was living, I shant say any thing More I dont want to think of that part of Mine or My Parents lives. I wish that could be a blank.

I dont know what the girls are trying to do or what they want to do they have acted the fool so I dont care much what comes now

I see I have spelt all my canes with a K I expect I am out of my head.

I will send you a paper containing Fathers obituary

C.W. Palmer