

Michigan City 20 May 1857

Dear Madam

I address you now to inform the Heirs of A Barber that I am prepared to make a dividend of his property in part. There are some things yet unsettled but which I hope to close up in a short time - And to do this as right and acceptable to the Court so I can settle and get my discharge - I would ~~very~~ suggest that the Heirs appoint some one of the number to receive the money and distribute it - I want and the Court will require a receipt from each heir and let the husbands of each married sister join in the receipt - and for the children of the deceased sister let the Guardian receipt if they are minors - I hope I may not be thought particular, but the Court will require me to be particular and show vouchers beyond a doubt for all the property - I will therefore say, I have been informed that there are some heirs, or rather some divisions to be made - (I would soon of you be willing to make affidavit to that effect) I have this day written Mr Adams for his married wife's receipt - and propose to distribute

to the sworn parties, one hundred dollar,
each - for which I will want receipts
as mentioned - now will some of you write
to all the ~~living~~ heirs in your region and
get their receipts according to a form I enclose
and agree on some person to whom I can
send the money in a check - and that all
may be right let each say on a separate piece of paper
send ~~my~~ ^{the} money to ~~some~~ ^{the} the money, come, down
as heir of the Sale of Books done to (name the
person agreed on) - when that person will collect
the receipts and send them to me I will send
on the money as I mention - If the receipt
for Mrs Southwicks Children cannot be got
without much delay, let the others join
and I can send that afterwards - I make these
suggestions, if any other plan is thought better
I will go if so it can be done - There will be
more to send - The point is just through & I
have not time to make up the age and
some things are unsettled but I hope
by the time I send you the money to be
able to make you a report -

Manage the thing as you think best
but tell me who to send the money
to - and I will send by check, on N York
which I presume will be cash to you

I ought soon how to have something to

Show the County who the Heirs are and that
they are all the Heirs - and wish some of
the heirs would make such a paper and
qualify to it before a Notary Public or clerk
of some court with the seals -

It may give you some trouble but
you will please appreciate my motion

I address to Mr. Burce who will please
put it in hands to have attention

I rec^d a letter from Mrs. Jordan and
Mrs. Trich lately to whom and all
the other friends of my de^d friend I
would tender my respects -

Respectfully

J. S. Diggs

date _____

Received from J. S. Diggs Administrator of
the Estate of Augustus Boston deceased one
Hundred dollars being in part for the amount
coming to me as heir at law of Augustus Boston
deceased my fr _____

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Mrs Catharine Pease
New Garden
New York

Letter to Catherine R (Finch) Pierce, New Sweden, New York with a postmark from Michigan City Indiana dated May 21 from a lawyer (Blgelary?) regarding the estate of Martha Finches brother Augustus Barber (Martha is Catherine's mother, Augustus, Catherine's Uncle)

Michigan City 20 May 1851

Dear Madam,

I address you now to inform the Heirs of A Barber that I am prepared to make a dividend of his property in part. There are some things yet unsettled but which I hope to close upon in a short time – And to do this up right and to be acceptable to the Court so I can settle and get my discharge – I would suggest the Heirs appoint some one of the members to receive the money and distribute it – I want and the Court will require a receipt from each heir and let the husband of each married sister join in the receipt – and for the children of the deceased sister let the Guardian receipt if they are minors – I hope I may not be thought particular, but the Court will require me to be particular and show _____ And a doubt for all the property – I will therefore say that I have been informed that there are _____ heirs or rather _____ divisions to be made (would some of you be willing to make affidavit to that effect) I have this day written Mr. Adams for his and wifes receipt – and prepare to distribute

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To the sworn? parties one hundred dollars each – for which I will want receipts as mentioned?. Now will some of you write to all the heirs in your region and get their receipts according to a form I enclose and agree on some person to whom I can send the money in a check – and that all might be right let each say on a separate piece of paper. Send the names, _____, _____ as heir of the Late A Barber dec'd to (name the person agreed on – when that person will collect the receipts and send them to me Al will send on the money as I mentioned – If the receipt for Mrs South _____ children cannot be got without much delay, let the others join and I can send that afterward(s) – I make this suggestion if any other plan is thought better I will gladly see if can be done – There will be more to send – The _____ is just through & I have not time to _____ up the _____ and some things are unsettled but but I hope by the time I send you the money to be able to make you a _____ -

Manage the thing as you think best but tell me who to send the money to – and I will send by check on N York which I presume will be cut to you I ought somehow to have something to

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show the Court who the Heirs are and that they are all the Heirs and wish that some of the heirs would make such a paper and qualify to it before a Notary Public or clerk of some court with the seal –

It may give you some trouble but you will appreciate my motive
I address to Mrs Pierce who will please put it in hand to have attention?
I rec'd a letter from Mrs Goodman? And Mrs Finch lately to whom and all the other friends of my dec'd friend I would tender my respects –

Respectfully

IS? Bigalong / Bigalory?Bigalow

Received from I S Bigalory? Administrator of the estate of Augustus Barber deceased one hundred dollars being in part for the amount coming to me as _____ at _____ of Augustus Barber _____ my