

October 28, 1939.

Daisy Clark Carter,  
2335 Jefferson St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Mr. Gary has been called out of the city because of critical illness in his family and we are therefore unable to contact him but will do so immediately upon his return and write you further as to the situation in regard to your money.

Yours very truly,

ROBINSON & ROBINSON,

By

AR/K.



Phila PA

Oct 26. 1939

Dear Miss Alice,

Please see Can you get  
this money they have worried  
me almost crazy about it  
and I don't know what to do  
I told Lawyer Gary, to  
give my brother Arthur  
Clarke, wife her part and  
I sent him the Original  
Will. The Lawrys have  
cause me a lot of trouble  
and cause me to spend  
unnecessary money which have  
no claim at all in the pro-  
perty and still are holding  
up the money the older sister  
still say that she have



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Nothing to do with Clarber.  
Property And tried her  
best to keep her sister &  
brother out of it which  
had nothing to do with  
it and they want us  
to give them 50% for nothing  
Now Miss Alice when I  
we sold this to Mr Pressley,  
he said what ever they  
give would come clear  
to us. Now they say when  
we was in Court they  
said that \$1.50 for tax  
Mr Pressley said that we  
would get this money  
clear. if we have to pay  
the tax that is alright  
pay vanilla, and the



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and Lyeer Barry, have  
to get his few and send  
us the rest. They will  
not agree to pay the Lawyrs  
nothing. please Sir Alice  
do what you can and  
let me hear from you  
immediately. Yours very truly  
Wesley Clarke Carter.



Phila Pa

Oct 24 1939

Dear Miss Alice,

I receive your letter  
Oct 20 I am very glad to hear  
from you in reference to the  
property which are giving  
me so much trouble  
I have told Lawer Gary, to give  
Vanilla, her part and I am  
not trying to keep her out  
of her part. When we sold  
the property we didn't know  
whether she was dead or living.  
Sence she have been found  
we are willen to give her part  
I under stand every thing  
that you explain to me in  
the letter



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now they hold up it than  
want us to give to the Lawyrs  
When we agree to give the  
Lawyrs we hadn't found  
the Original Will.

And he said that if we found  
Original ~~that~~ that this would  
be set aside. still they are  
holding the money because  
we don't decide to pay the  
Lawyrs out of my Mother's  
part which is not enough  
to pay her funeral expenses  
and they are not lawful  
Heirs. Seems like the  
Court don't want to settle  
according to the will.

Miss Alice please see Can You  
do something about this



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for me We are wlllen to pay  
all Lawful heirs  
pleas Can You send us  
our money at once

Yours very truly  
Waisy Clarke Carter.



October 20, 1939.

Mrs. Daisy Clark Carter,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Daisy:

I have carefully gone over the question of your property with Mr. Gary and a study of the abstract which we had made. When I first talked to you I had been under the impression that the property belonged to your mother and, therefore, that if her will could be found, it would pass under the will to the three named therein.

Later I learned that the property belonged to your father William. When he died leaving no will it would pass under the Statute of Descent as follows:  $\frac{1}{3}$  to his widow, and the other  $\frac{2}{3}$  to his children. At his death, therefore, Amy only took  $\frac{1}{3}$ , and the balance went to the four children,  $\frac{1}{6}$  to each. The husband of Vanilla Clark would have taken his  $\frac{1}{6}$ . Then at Amy's death her  $\frac{1}{3}$  would pass under the terms of her will to you three.

If Vanilla's husband was in fact your brother he would thus share in William's estate, and his interest would have passed to his widow and children, such interest being a  $\frac{1}{6}$  if there were only four of you, a  $\frac{2}{15}$  if there were five.

You need have no fears on the subject of Mr. Gary. He is only acting as required by law. Vanilla went to see the Master first and he called Mr. Gary telling him not to proceed further until these new claims were ironed out. He will act for your best interest, but if Vanilla is entitled to a portion there is nothing he can do but suggest that you make some settlement with her. The debts paid for Amy would not enter into her claim as she only takes under William. If there were five of you and she is only entitled to  $\frac{2}{15}$  it would seem to me that it would save time and expense to offer her a settlement as that is a very small amount.

Yours very truly,



Phila PA

Oct 18/1939

Dear Miss Alice.

Receive your letter and I haven't got my money yet Lawer Gary, don't seem to work in my favor. I found the Original Will. And it seems that they are trying to eghnor the Will. And also trying to take the money away from me that my Mother left for filh and give it to un lawful heirs Law Serber, said in the Will debt. ~~to be paid~~ first and if any left was to be divided between the three that she Will it.



To. it seem like both Lawyers  
 want to break this will  
 and give to unlawful  
 heirs. if I cant get my  
 money I will have to take  
 it to the State, for my  
 money is held up unlaw-  
 fully. Now Miss Alice, I want  
 to know immediately  
 if you can they break  
 a will or give my other  
 exence to unlawful  
 heirs. I taken Law Day,  
 as you advise me and  
 it dont seem that he  
 want to work according  
 to Law now I will have  
 to apply to the State Gover-  
 nment ~~for~~ Lawful money  
 Advise me at once.  
 Yours Very Truly Daisy Clark



September 14, 1939.

Daisy Clark Carter,  
2335 Jefferson Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

The award of \$900.00 which was found by the Condemnation Board as the value of your property was turned over by us to the Clerk of Court on September 11, 1939. This was the necessary procedure on our part in conformance with the statute and in order that the Housing Authority should obtain title to the property. The Clerk will hold the money until it has been determined who are the proper parties to pay it to.

We understand that the Laureys have a lawyer representing them here and as he is a friend of ours we are today advising him that you will probably be here next week. He will not take any steps until your arrival.

Yours very truly,

ROBINSON & ROBINSON,

By

AR/K.



Philadelphia, PA. Sep. 13., 1939

M Laver Robinson & Robinson.

To L. F. CARTER, Dr.

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2335 JEFFERSON STREET

Dear Sir:

I receive your letter to day which  
is the 13th stating that you will have to  
turn the money of the Property over to the Court  
on the 16th. Please hold that over until Sept 18  
My brother sister & I will be there.

Please let me hear from you immediately  
about this yours very truly Daisy Clarke Carter



September 11, 1939.

Daisy Clark Carter,  
2335 Jefferson St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

We enclose to you herewith a copy of the Notice and Receipt showing that the award which was made on the Clark property by the Condemnation Board has been paid to the Clerk of Court. He will hold this money until the parties interested have made a showing as to their various interests and he has been ordered by the Court to pay it out. We suggest that you have someone here to represent your interest in this matter.

Yours very truly,

ROBINSON & ROBINSON,

By

AR/K.  
Enc.



September 11, 1939.

Frances Laury,  
1229 Liberty Hill Ave.,  
Columbia, S.C.

Madam:

We beg to advise you that the Columbia Housing Authority has today deposited with the Clerk of Court the sum of \$900.00 which was the award of the Condemnation Board as the value of the land formerly belonging to William and Amie Clark. It will now be necessary for you to have someone represent the interest of yourself and of your sisters in order to have your share of the moneys paid over to you.

Yours very truly,

ROBINSON & ROBINSON,

By

AR/K.



September 11, 1939.

Daisy Clark Carterx,  
2335 Jefferson Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Mr. Pressley has handed us several recent letters from you in regard to the property you claim, which Columbia Housing Authority is interested in acquiring. He has asked us to reply to those letters.

As we have indicated before, the records in the Court House here do no more than place the title in William Clark. Therefore, all of his heirs, as well as all of his wife, Amie's heirs, whether through him or through a second husband, have an interest in this property. The situation would have been greatly cleared if you could have produced the original will of Amie Clark. However, the way things stand, the only thing that Columbia Housing Authority could so was go ahead with its condemnation. That it has done and the Condemnation Board has found that the lot is worth \$900.00. The Housing Authority plans to immediately pay that sum into Court, together with one year's interest, and take possession of the property, as permitted by law to do. It will then be up to you and the other parties who claim an interest in this property, to prove your respective claims to the money in Court.

Our advise to you would be to secure the services of some attorney here to assist you in proving your claim to the money. We shall keep the various papers that you have sent to Mr. Pressley and to this firm in our file and will turn them over to you, or your attorney, whenever requested.

Yours very truly,

ROBINSON & ROBINSON,

By

JFD/K.



August 1, 1939.

Daisy Clark Carter,  
2335 Jefferson St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Your letter of the 29th with enclosures therein addressed to Mr. Pressley has been handed to us.

The will which you enclosed is still only a copy and unless the original will can be found it appears that all the heirs of Amy Clark will be entitled to an interest in the property rather than the three named in the will.. We represented the John T. Seibels estate and have in our office a great many of his papers. We have been through these carefully but can find no trace of the original will. We called his daughter, Mrs. Waters, and she says she does not know anything of it. Under these circumstances we have no alternative but to proceed with the condemnation and then pay the money into court where it will be left until it can be determined who is entitled to it.

Yesterday Hazel Lee Laury came in to talk to us, saying that he, his sister Frances and his sister Estelle were all children of Rosa Clark and therefore grandchildren of your father, William Clark. Did you have a sister named Rosa and did she leave these three children? Did your mother, Amy Clark, have any children by her second husband, Frank Bolden?

Yours very truly,

ROBINSON & ROBINSON,

By

AR/K.



July 27, 1939.

Daisy Clark Carter,  
2335 Jefferson Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Frances Laury has approached the Columbia Housing Authority and states that she and her two sisters own an interest in the property formerly of Amy and William Clark. She advises that they are the heirs of Rosa Clark, a deceased sister of yours. If these facts are correct they would own an interest in this property unless you can locate the original will of your mother.

Yours very truly,

ROBINSON & ROBINSON ,

By

AR/K.



July 27, 1939.

Frances Laury,  
1229 Liberty Hill Ave.,  
Columbia, S.C.

Madam:

We have been advised by Mr. McNulty that you and your sisters are claiming an interest in the property formerly belonging to William Clark. We beg to advise that there will be a hearing on this matter before the Condemnation Board on August 4, 1939 at 10 o'clock in the Circuit Court Room in the Richland County Courthouse. The purpose of this hearing is merely to determine the value of the property and not who are the owners of the property.

Yours very truly,

ROBINSON & ROBINSON,

By

AR/K.



July 17, 1939.

Daisy Clarke Carter,  
2335 Jefferson Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

Mr. Presley has handed to us for answer your letter of the 14th to him.

Condemnation proceedings were begun against you because the records for Richland County do not show the will of your mother and we had no way of knowing who was entitled to the property. This will should be filed here in order to clear the chain of title. Do you have the original will? If you will send it to us we will have it recorded here. If the original has been lost it seems to me that you three would still be the owners of the property if Amy Clarke had no other children by Frank Bolden.

We are enclosing for your signature an affidavit to clear up certain facts. When these items are straight it will be unnecessary to proceed further with condemnation as Mr. Pressley has agreed with you three on a price.

Your property was sold by the Tax Collector for Richland County for delinquent taxes on July 4, 1939. This will, of course, be adjusted in the sale to the Columbia Housing Authority.

Very truly,

ROBINSON & ROBINSON

By

enc. will + affidavit  
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July 8, 1939.

Mrs. Daisy Clark Carter,  
2335 Jefferson Street,  
N. Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

We enclose to you herewith a copy of the  
Notice, Order and Petition for condemnation of the  
lands of the heirs of William and Amie Clark on the  
extension of Washington Street.

Yours very truly,

ROBINSON & ROBINSON,

By

ECK.  
Enc.



Phila PA Aug 31/89  
Mr S. T. Pressley  
Dear Sir:

I am writing again  
in reference to my Mother  
Will. A. Lawer Robinson &  
Robinson, stated that both  
was only a Copy. This is all  
that I have. My Mother had  
one & Lawer Seibel, mail  
one to me. So you have  
the two. And if this is  
a Copy the original is your  
like. And if Mrs. Water,  
Can't find it in Lawer Seibel  
papers there are no other  
to be found. Again my  
Mother Will this Property  
to William Clarke's heir.



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leave any thing for Grand-  
Children. As we were all  
Clark's they just call her  
Rosa Clark, William Clark,  
is not her father.

I taken care of my Mother  
from 1927 the Year that  
her husband Frank Bolden  
died untill DEC 1932

Paying her Wor Bill and  
all of her expences.

You under stand in her  
Will this is to be paid first  
which is 75% by Law  
this must be paid first  
before any one can get  
any thing untill all of  
these debts are paid.

Under stand she make her  
home with me and I paid  
there bill. Write me im-  
mediately Yours truly  
Waisa Clarke Carter.

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that is Jennie Weeks,  
William Clark & Waisa Clark  
Carter there being his Children  
and his Property.

No other can claim this  
Property all of these will  
was called copy. I dont know  
why it may be become she  
made out more than one  
Lawyer Robinson & Robinson  
want to find out did I have  
a sister dead by the name  
of Rosa Clarke leaving  
three Children, yes her  
name is Bolden she is the  
daughter of Frank Bolden,  
her Children are heirs of  
Frank <sup>Bolden</sup> her last husband  
they dont have any thing  
to do with William Clark  
Property I can prove this  
again my Mother did it



Philadelphia, PA Aug 30, 1939

M. R. Pressley

To L. F. CARTER, Dr.

MOTOR EXPRESS

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2335 JEFFERSON STREET

Dear Sir:

I wrote you about two weeks ago  
and I have not receive any answer  
Now you have every thing clear,  
When are you going to make a settlement  
for the Property The three month is up.  
Let me hear from you immediately  
Yours truly Waisy Clarke Carter.

Philadelphia, PA Sep 7, 1939

M. R. Pressley

To L. F. CARTER, Dr.

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2335 JEFFERSON STREET

Dear Sir:

I wrote you several letters and  
have not receive any answer about the  
Settlement of the Property.  
The Housing Authority was to settle in three  
months no later Please let us know immediately  
just when they are going to settle with us  
Yours very truly Waisy Clarke Carter.



# United States of America

## COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, ss.

*BE IT KNOWN*, That on the day of the date hereof, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing in the City of Philadelphia, personally appeared

Estelle Williams nee Laury, 2444 Nassau Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

who being duly sworn, according to law, did depose and say, that she is was born Estelle Laury daughter of Robert and Rosa Laury, nee Bolden. That her Mother was Rosa Bolden the daughter of Frank Bolden and Amy Bolden.

That Amy Bolden her grandmother was the widow of William Clark.

That Hazel Lee Laury, Frances Laury and herself, Estelle Laury Williams, arenot grandchildren of William Clark but are grandchildren of William Clark's widow, Amy, and Frank Bolden.

That herself, Estelle Laury Williams, Frances Laury and Hazel Lee Laury are sisters and brother having been born of the same father and mother and that she, Estelle, is the eldest.

FURTHER:\* She makes this affadavit for the purpose of having the EEstate of William Clark adjudicated properly and that the proceeds be destributed to the proper and lawful heirs.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 4  
day of August A. D. 1939.

*J. Raymond Doney*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires March 7, 1943

*Estelle Laury Williams*



Philadelphia, .....

PA. July 14, 1939

Mr. H. T. Presley .....

To **L. F. CARTER, Dr.**  
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**2335 JEFFERSON STREET**

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing the Petition and the  
Will of my Mother. Please send back to me  
Will you please explain this petition. I didn't  
know that I had to deal with a Lawyer I  
thought that it was only you. This petition  
That the Lawyer Robinson & Robinson send.

Philadelphia, .....

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To **L. F. CARTER, Dr.**  
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**2335 JEFFERSON STREET**

Some things they don't understand about  
This Property. All heirs to this Property  
have sign that was three and you have  
the name. and I have the deed to the Property  
My Mother appointed me to see after all business  
Your truly Daisy Clarke Carter,  
P.S. please let me hear from you at once



Philadelphia, .....

M .....

To **L. F. CARTER,** Dr.

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**2335 JEFFERSON STREET**

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Frank Bolden, her second husband who  
want to live there doing his life died  
1927 My Mother died 1932 and was living  
with me when she died, Miss Clarhe Carter,



Prompt Attention to All Patrons

Bell Phone, Stevenson 2661

Philadelphia,

PA. July 24, 1939

Mr. H. T. Bressler.....

To **L. F. CARTER, Dr.**

**MOTOR EXPRESS**

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**2335 JEFFERSON STREET**

Dear Sir:

I am sending the will back  
to Lawer Robinson & Robinson to be put  
on file This is the only will.

Yours very truly  
Waisy Clarke Carter,



Philadelphia, PA July 31, 1939

M. T. Bressley

To L. F. CARTER, Dr.

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2335 JEFFERSON STREET

Dear Sir:

I receive a letter again from Lawer-  
Robinson & Robinson, he want to know  
did I have the original will, there are no  
other will, again he said that the Property  
was sold on the 4th of July for delinquent  
tax there are only 1937 & 38 tax, he said that

Philadelphia, PA, .....

M .....

To L. F. CARTER, Dr.

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2335 JEFFERSON STREET

The Columbia Housing Authority would  
assist in the sale. Now the will that I mail  
you is the original one. They always send  
you a notice about the delinquent tax  
I didn't get any Yours very truly  
Naisy Clarke Carter



Phila PA

July 29. 1839

Mr S T Presley,

Dear Sir:

I am sending there papers  
that Lawer Robinson &  
Robinson, can see.

Francis Laurie, was in for  
a claim her mother was  
not William Clarke's  
daughter, she was born  
several years after the death  
of William Clarke,



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The furner bill is to come  
out of the Property I had to  
pay That as you know  
That a undertaker will  
Not wait on That money  
I tried to sell The Property  
some time ago. so that I  
Could get back what I have  
paid out. My Sister once  
dednt want me to have  
That Now she is Willen  
for me to have the furnel  
effence Which is \$300.<sup>00</sup>  
I hope That This will clare  
up every thing your truly  
Wm. Clark Colter.



William Clark and Aimee Clark had the following children:

Daisy Clark Carter, 2335 Jefferson St. North Philadelphia, Pa.

Janie Clark Weeks, Philadelphia, Pa, who had one daughter, Alberta, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Cissie Clark, now dead, leaving two children, Luther and DeWitt, who live in Washington, D.C.

Bubber Clark, whose wife is named Anna, and who has two children living somewhere up North.

Arthur Clark, now dead, whose wife Canilla and one daughter live at Gadsden Street in Columbia, near the packing place.

Aimee Clark later married \_\_\_\_\_ Bolden and had the following children by him:

Mose Bolden who lives in New York and who has two daughters and two sons.

Rosa Bolden who had four children, Lawrence, who is dead; Buster, Frances and Estelle, the latter living with Daisy Carter.



6th June 1927.

Mrs. Daisy Carter,

To

John T. Seibels, Attorney at Law,

Dr.

1927.  
May - June

To professional services rendered in preparing and supervising  
execution of Original and Duplicate last Will and Testament  
of Amy Clark Bolden, dated 9th May, revoked by Original and  
Duplicate Will of same, dated 6th June 1927,----- \$5.00

Received payment,



vs.

JOHN T. SEIBELS

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
905-6 PALMETTO BUILDING  
COLUMBIA, S. C.

6th June 1927.

Mrs. Daisy Carter,  
2335 Jefferson Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.,

Daisy:-

Your Mother, Amy Clark Bolden, came in this morning and said that she had heard from you, and that it was agreed that the Will should stand, except the mistake in the description, as she was giving her interest in all of the lot instead of in one-half of it, as the Will seemed to read, so I prepared another Will, leaving out the words, "the Eastern half of the" large, as I wrote you I would do, and letting it be the same as it was before with that change, as your Mother did not express any desire for any other change, and said that she wanted the Original Will when it was signed, so I had the Will signed in duplicate in the presence of three witnesses according to law, and I gave her the Original Will to take home with her, and as I told her, I put the duplicate in my Safe for safe-keeping, and I am enclosing you a copy for your information in accordance with your original request.

I also have the Policy of Insurance in my Safe for safe-keeping.

Your Mother stated that you wished to pay me whatever fee I charged, and I told her that if she had to pay it, I had no charge, but if you wanted to pay it, I would make a very small charge, and I enclose a Bill showing a charge of \$5.00; this covers all services to date, and you can send me Post Office Order or your husband's check in settlement, at your convenience.

The old Will and duplicate, of course, have been destroyed, as they are of no use to any body.

With good wishes, I am,

Respectfully,

*John T. Seibels*

JTS/B.  
2 enclosures.



vs.

JOHN T. SEIBELS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

905-6 PALMETTO BUILDING

COLUMBIA, S. C.

10th May 1927.

Mrs. Daisy Carter,  
2335 Jefferson Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.,

Daisy:-

Your Mother came in on yesterday, and executed her last Will and Testament, in duplicate, that is to say, there is an Original and Duplicate, both signed, and witnessed by the same witnesses, and, at my suggestion, she left them for safe-keeping, with me, to remain in my Safe, and this building being a fire proof building, it is about the safest place that they could be in, except possibly, a Safety Deposit Box in the Bank, down stairs.

I gave your Mother a carbon Copy, which she took home with her for her own satisfaction, and, according to your request, I am sending a Copy carefully made by my Stenographer, to you.

You requested me to send also, a Statement of costs. Now, I told your Mother, that under the circumstances of our long friendship, I would not charge her a fee for preparing this Will, so that there are no costs.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your Mother seemed fairly well yesterday, better, than when she was up before, and I hope will keep in fairly good health. *Good wishes to you.*

I am,

Respectfully,

JTS/b.  
1 enclosure.