

Toisnot, N.C.

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1889

Mr Elias Carr

Dear Bro

I write you this morning asking information (as follows) I am a member of Pridgen Hill Alliance No 1124. It was agreed upon sometime ago that we should receive Ladies as members in our Lodge.

My Father & myself were both members of said Lodge. My Mother who has been raised from her birth married & raised her family, been a strict member of the M.E. Church for nearly 35 years; & never lived more than 3 miles from her pleasant home. She is now 50 years of age. She made application for membership & at our last meeting her petition was objected & without cause as there is nothing against my mother; The Family feels very much mortified over it & according to the Constitution she is eligible. Further I think that I know the 3 Brethren that cast the black balls I think it was 2 Bros born & raised Bros & the son of one the Bros & I know the transaction was <sup>an</sup> illegal one

Refer to com. in hand of or

I want to know if there is no redress  
for me + at what way must I  
start to get the matter straight I  
know that they have violated the  
Constitution. + have acted under bad faith  
towards me + Father. not as Bros in the  
Alliance by any means.

Should the 3 who voted against her be  
expelled or not

Or should the Lodge be force to  
give up its Charter. unless there  
is some way for me to proceed I  
shall together with my Father leave  
the Lodge for we have a constitution to  
work under + I want it enforced. We  
had a good Lodge + was working  
well.

Bro I hope you will consider well  
my complaint write me an answer  
by return mail

Fraturnally yours Bro

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