

Shackelfords S. D. Dec^r 1st 1855

Mr Wooten, W^r. Sir -

Yrs of the 26th ultimo was rec^d by this day's mail and I hasten to reply. I failed to notice as I should have done, yrs of the last of August, but intended if boy Henry had sold for anything under the price which you were willing to give, to buy him for you. He was sold last County Court day under a decree rendered at the Court previous viz; the 2nd Monday in October for Seven Hundred and Sixty two dollars cash, at public auction, by me as Commissioner. So soon as my report shall be confirmed, the money for which he sold will be liable to distribution amongst the four daughters of Mr. Christian less the expenses of sale & decree. The price he sold for exceeded yr limit considerably.

I have settled one account of my administration on Mr L. G. estate, having paid off all the debts due from his estate, of which I am aware, and accounted for everything due his estate, except the claim against Phil Estis and Tho^s B. Walden of Fifty ~~00~~ dollars which is a matter of controversy & which it seems difficult to decide & also one or two other very small claims which are rather hard to come at. By the acct settled there is a balance of \$346. $\frac{44}{100}$, due his estate with interest from 1st Nov^r 1855 on \$330. $\frac{50}{100}$. I shall be as speedy as possible in closing these few remaining matters & will let you know when it is done.

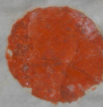
As to Mrs Christians estate, until I see Mr Sullivan
I cannot write anything definite. He writes word that he
will be down at or before Xmas. Her estate which
consisted only of the profits of Mr Christians estate
between the time of his death and hers will do nothing
more than pay the debts left it, if Mr Sullivan's
acct shall be allowed, so that ^{the} interest of her distrib-
-utes is nothing of importance.

The times with us are equally as hard as represented by you
but the business in our line here, does not increase in a
corresponding ratio. I am however glad to say that I am
getting a reasonable share of the business which
is thrown into the hands of the members of our pro-
-fession. — With the kindest regards for your welfare
I remain —

Yrs truly & respctly
A. B. Evans

Write soon —

The time is passing away rapidly every fact
instead it is the first time that I ever saw you
look to be a sick man be sitting up a good while
and the whole of my



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