

Phila Jan, 20th 1893

Dear Cousin

Pardon me for so long
delaying answering your letter,
but I have had so many letters
to write that it seemed impossible
to find time ^{to} attend to my own
business and so much of other
peoples without some seeming
neglect. I received a letter from
Mary Ellen Jacobs the same day
I received yours, she wanted to
know several things, I gave her
all of the information I could and
two or three letters have passed
between us since. this morning I
received the pictures of Ediths
Children, I think they are very pretty
Children. After fruitless efforts
to dispose of the Piano Stock at a
fair value, I wrote to your brother
to that effect, and advised that the
Stock be divided Equally among the
heirs, and after due consideration

He authorized me to make the division, and I wrote to him for the names of the heirs to which the stock was to be transferred, and he sent me seven names, the surviving children of Sarah A. Palmer and I have had the stock transferred to the seven names sent me. Now Algernine tells me there is ~~at~~ another heir, she says that your deceased sister Joeline left one child and that child is still living, if that is so, and if there is nothing in the will, cutting her off, and my recollection of it is that there is not, the copy sent me is on file in the Office of the Register of Wills, therefore I cannot refer to it now. If her inheritance is not cut off by Will, and the Executors exclude her in the distribution, she can give them trouble. A child or children inherit their parents share of an Estate just the same as if the parent was living. Except they be cut off as above stated. This is not a matter for me, to look after however, but for the
Executors.

Your brother told me that you was willing to take one of the Crane Iron Bonds, if they will give it to you for 90. or \$90. on account of your proportion I would take it. I sold one of them for that, that was all I could get for it, there have been some sold for a little less than that, the Co. offered me that in November, I communicated the fact to your brother, and in the meantime tried to get more but could not, so he told me to accept the offer from the Co. In 1906 the Bonds mature when the Company will have to pay them at par, so they are buying at the present price whenever they have spare money to put into them, they have bought ten thousand of them since November.

Mary E. asked me to keep her informed how much money I sent you brothers, so

I have fifty one Shares yet to sell
of the Little Schuylkill R.R Stock,
it has declined a little since I
sold the thirty two Shares, but I
think we can get as much for the
remaining shares by waiting a little.

We have been having severe winter
weather this winter the thermometer
6 below zero which is a rare thing
here we have not had so much
cold weather in six winters put
together as we have already had.

Your Affectionate Cousin
Alex. D. Stockton