

December 11, 1922

Col. C. A. Gordon,
Staunton, Va.

My dear Col. Gordon:

Do you remember when I had the pleasure of seeing you in Staunton that we talked a little of Charles Kemper and the possibility of his doing a little research in the Staunton records for me? I tried to see him after I left you, but failed. I wrote him, however, and from his reply concluded to ask him to look up certain things in the Staunton records for me. One thing in particular that I want is a copy of the will of John Lincoln in the record of the suit of Rymel et ux. vs Jacob Lincoln. Mrs. Rymel was a sister of Jacob, a daughter of John.

This suit is outlined in the printed records of Augusta County and it is noted there that the will is among the documents presented.

I have written Mr. Kemper asking him to send it to me. A rather unsatisfactory letter which I have just received from him states that he has enemies in Staunton that may prevent his getting into the records. I dislike to trouble you with this matter, but may I ask, if there is anything in this, if it is going to be impossible for him to get to these papers and make me the copy which I desire, I would like to put the matter into somebody's else hands. It ought not to be difficult, with the precise information that is given in the printed records, to get what I want. I would be very grateful if you would speak a word in Mr. Kemper's behalf with the authorities, if it is true that they are unfriendly, as I take it from our conversation that you have befriended Mr. Kemper. If that is not practical, if you would advise me as to whom I might get to copy the document I want. Possibly it would be better to go direct to the clerk of the court.

With this will I would want also a list of the other papers presented in the case. There may be some of them that would be useful to me.

Thanking you in advance, dear Col. Gordon, for any assistance that you may give me and apologizing for troubling you, believe me

Very sincerely yours,