120 East Nineteenth Street

January 23, 1923

Mr. David S. Osborn,
Findley's Lake,
N.Y.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 19, in reply to my letter to Mrs. Shumm, concerning the pension of my aunt, Mrs. Harriet Knowles.

It was not I that you saw in Findley's Lake, but my sister Sarah A. Tarbell, who has conducted the correspondence with Mrs. Shumm concerning my aunt and who has been at Findley's Lake several times to see her.

It has seemed wiser to us as I am the older and also as I am a resident of New York City and she of Connecticut that I be the one that be appointed Mrs. Knowles' guardian. If her son had ever contributed anything to her support or had even shown any interest in her in the last few years, I should feel differently about this. My sister and I have been the only ones that have given Mrs. Knowles any attention since my mother's death, and, indeed, long before that we contributed constantly to her support out of our own income. Under the circumstances, I think it only right that I should put in a claim for the amount of money that I paid Mrs. Shumm.

I shall depend upon you, then, to arrange with the Judge for my appointment as guardian. Of course I shall expect to file a bond. Will you be good enough to let me know the amount and send me the form for a legal bond in Chautauqua County. I should like to know also if there are any other fees, apart from your own to be paid out of the back pension.

My lawyer here has suggested that all that would be necessary is that I should have power of attorney to handle the pension. Is this practical? That is, would it be acceptable to the Judge?

I shall appreciate it if you will let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

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