

I suppose I once knew, but I forget how they managed to agree on the way to call the letters & spell the words, but it wasn't long till they were writing & printing lessons on newspapers with copper plates & a brush. Mr Renville had a clerk that understood french & english Dr understood french but couldn't speak it well Mr Renville understood dacota & french. They would get together & translate a portion of scripture I[t] was not long till Dr began to preach to the indians Mr & Mrs Renville professed to believe in Jesus & began teaching his own family & the Indians, Mrs. R. too was in real earnest persuading the women that Jesus was the savior. Her own sister was the first to profess faith in Jesus They named her Sarah - Katharine told me that at first she thot she had been so bad there was no hope for her, but Mrs R. told her Jesus was very merciful & blessed bad folks if they would leave off their bad ways & do right He would bless them Catharine was a member of their Wakan dance, had the bag of their sacfed things She told me she felt that what Mrs R. told her was very disireable, To have a friend in Heaven that would care for her all her life, & take her to a good place when she died. She concluded to give up her Wakan thing & join her sisters in law Her husband was brother to Mrs Renville & Sarah. Sarah Lived till she was old & died rejoicing in hope of Heaven Catharine Totidutawin lived 50 years after she was a christian steadfast in the faith She died Sept. 1888. I have heard no partfculars but I fell sure she was steadfast till the end I taught her to read after she was 40 years old It took her nearly 2 years to be able to read without spelling.

[From the Frances Higgins Pettijohn reminiscence, 1888]



In the name of God, Amen. I Julia
Ann Lapromboise of the Town of West Newton
in the County of Nicollet and State of Minnesota
Spirits being mindful of my Mortality, and being of
sound and disposing mind and memory, do this
eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and seventy one make and
publish this my last will and testament in manner
following

First I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty
God, hoping and believing in a remission of my sins by
the merits and Mediations of Jesus Christ, and my
body I Commit to the earth to be buried at the
discretion of my Executors desiring her to have my body
buried in an small family Graveyard at my present home
on Little Rock farm, beside those dear departed that have gone before

Second I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Brother
Alexis George Lapromboise my Gold Watch, Chain,

also I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Sister
Justine Marie Lapromboise my Gold Watch

also I give and bequeath to my Beloved Brother William
R Lapromboise my Share of Silver Plate which belongs to her

also I give and bequeath to my Brother William R Lapromboise
and my Sisters Justine Marie Lapromboise and Eliza Lapromboise
all my stock of Books desiring them to equally divide the same among
them, in Love and peace for my sake

My wearing apparel I give and bequeath to the following
named persons my Mother my Sisters Justine and Eliza
my Brother Alexis Wife my Sister-in-law and Mrs Canturic
desiring the same to be divided in peace and good will in equal
Shares

also I leave to leave to Jane S Hottelace my
Executrix herein after named the sum of two hundred and eighty
Dollars in two drafts to be ~~disposed~~ as follows



just to pay all necessary expenses attending my funeral
and what remains to be devoted to erect a monument
in memory of my dear departed Father three sisters and one
brother and myself

and I do hereby constitute Jane S. Holtzel
my sole executrix of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and seventy one

The foregoing instrument of one sheet was now
here subscribed by Julia Ann Lapramboise the Testator in the
presence of each of us and read at the same time declared
by her to be her last will and testament and we at her
request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses

Julia Ann Lapramboise (Signature)
M. H.

Witnesses

Oliver Hankin

Jane S. Holtzel

Justine M. Lapramboise

residing at West Newton Scituate Camp Maine

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East Minneapolis

March 18th 1874

My Dear Sister Josephine

The boys received your letters today with the pictures they were very much pleased. Amos has been thinking and ^{talking} of a letter for a long time. He has not been to school for two weeks. He coughs very hard. Took a very hard cold and when he was getting better he took another. Now he coughs as if he had the whooping cough. I would be very sure he had it if it was in town but I don't know of any one that has it. I have kept fire and kept him down stairs in a warm bed room all night the last ten nights some nights he coughs several times and some but once. he has no fever and seems lively and well but gets tired staying in the house. The snow is melting off and there

is so much slush and dampness I keep him in very
closely. Charly has a bad cold too. So has nearly every
body one man said the children all had the
croup. I find it hard to convince the boys that
hard play in these chilly winds will give them
cold. ~~the~~ The carriage house is nice and dry and can
be shut up tight they keep their tools there and
use it for a shop. Charlie is busy making a ship
now with sails to it, he hopes to have it ^{finished} ready by the
time the frost thaws out. I am glad to have a little
patch of water for the boys so near to the house
I can see them from the windows and know if they
get into trouble. The water is only about waist deep to
Charlie. The boys are generally very good about not going off
where I don't allow them, there are so many dangerous
places about the river I think it best to be quite
strict as to where they run

Kate was here about seven weeks
Benton and she was to have started
to California on the 9th of this
month we have not heard yet if they
have done so. They expected to stay
at Mr Kurlingers a while. Willie
Pettyjohn has gone to Sea at last
Uncle Jonas and Aunt Kanny expect
to go and live with Laura. they
think she has done well. her name
is Stevens. They live on fancy
creek, about two hundred miles from
where Uncle Jonas lives now.

I am not sure whether I told you
about John Ellisons family. They
moved to Holden in Missouri
two weeks after they got there Mrs
Ellison died. then Ellen Ellison
went from here to keep house for
John. - They wrote to Old Mr Ellison
that Uncle James Anderson and
Cousin Hermes Huggins is living
there. Also Uncle Newton
Huggins widow and some of her
children I dont know what
part of Missouri Holden is in but
Mr Ellison passed thro Sedalia

Janet M. Tise is staying a few days with us, she has been teaching in Minneapolis, her school there has closed and she is trying to get a situation in the school on this side. Justine L. Francoise is married to a Scotchman Mr. Blake. We heard from Mr. Riggs lately. He lives in Beloit. Isabella still lives in Kalmar has three children. I forget what I wrote to you last about our old neighbors, Mr. McMasters has built a new house. Mr. Tyler lives in the old shanty yet - John has a daughter. Perry is a bachelor yet. He went to Illinois to see his brothers this winter has got back well and hearty. He never comes to see us. I think of nothing else to write which could interest you. I have written hurriedly this is wash day. Give my love to Lettie.

As Ever Yours with much Love
Jane Holtzclaw

Saint Peter Mine
December 27th 1884

J. M. Keeling, }
Tracy, Cal. }

Dear Sir: Your final report and
sundry receipts reached me some days ago - I have
not filed them with the Probate Court, because they were not
in as good shape as they should be - You certainly should
file a claim for review at the same time you file your
final report - but it will not be necessary to file either
claim or report if you can settle the matter directly
with the heirs - If they will settle with you and give you
receipts in full - then you can file a copy of your
settlement and duplicate receipts with the
Court here, or you can keep your copy and
receipts in your hands as you wish - The law of
this State allows the guardian to render his final
account and make settlement, with the Court of
Probate or the heirs (if of age) as (he the guardian)
may prefer - If you settle with the Court - then

will be a further expense of perhaps 10 or 12 dollars - Advers-
tising for final hearing, and fee for Probate Reimbursement,
but if you settle directly with the heirs you will not have
any expenses to pay and the heirs will get all the
money there is instead of paying it out for almost
a needless expense - If they refuse to settle with
you, then you can settle through the court at their
expense - If you settle with the Court - your report
must show the amount of money that has been paid
for the support and education of each one of your wards
so that in the final distribution, each will get the exact
amount to which are entitled - I see in looking over
your account that you have not charged the estate
interest on \$137³⁵ which you paid out in small sums over
ten years ago. The interest would amount to over \$95=
and you ought to be credited with it - and you do not
credit your self with any fee for services but say
in your letter that you think you should have twenty
dollars per year - You should credit yourself with
the amount or put in a bill against the estate for
the amount - You do not charge yourself with the
\$116=⁰⁰ & the \$58⁰⁰ which I sent you this past fall
but you probably had your reasons for it - and your

things will be all right if you make settlement with your words, but if you settle with the court here a full accounting must be made so that the records will disclose all the Transactions.

I would suggest that your account be remodeled and made to show, as follows,

1st Receipts from all sources - Your report is O.K. except for two items of receipts mentioned as \$116.⁰⁰ & \$58.⁰⁰

Disbursements

1st Expenses of the Estate - "such as Probate fees - Commissions, exchange - Collection fees &c" - Charged to all

2^d Payments chargeable to account of Ellena S. Huggins,

3^d " " " " " Charles L. Huggins,

4th " " " " " Amos W. Huggins,

Such a statement would show the amount due each party, of the funds you now hold for them.

I will hold your papers until I hear from you again and will then do what I can to assist you - I certainly think that in justice to yourself and family, ^{you} should charge at least the amount indicated in your letter.

I write to Ellena and get her authority for putting the same, because without a power of Attorney

from her I cannot lose the farm. I suppose there
will be some complications relative to division of
rental. The widow being entitled to one third of
the said rental as her dower - but will examine
into the matter when the time comes -

Well I must close - remember me to your
wife and friends out there -

Christmas morning it was 40° below zero here -

Yours truly

E. S. Pettijohn

Saint Peter Mine
April 25th - 1885

Amos W. Huggins
Barkley Cal.

Dear Sir; Yours of April 18th - reached
me to day, Enclosed please find,

Your Tax Receipt	\$ 16.61
J. S. Holtoelaw	.44
Dollar Bill	1.00
Postage Stamps	.93
Postage on this letter	.06
	<hr/> \$ 19.04

Michael Fay is not the man, "that does not
like to stand to his agreements". His uncle
James Fay is probably the person whom
you had in mind. He leased this land
from your guardian, He died about one
year before the expiration of said lease.
His wife died shortly before he did and
there were several young children, left

fatherless ^{and} motherless, Michael is their cousin,
and his uncle, and the uncle also, of said orphans
was appointed, as guardian of the said orphans
and it was this guardian, that objected some-
what to the building of an unnecessary fence
or rather the rebuilding of the old fence ^{and}
wanted to compromise by paying a certain
sum of money, He did pay sixty (60) Dollars
and he would have rebuilt the fence according
to the strict terms of the lease, if it had been
insisted on, and he claims that he could
have done so for seventy (70) dollars, I do
not think he could, and if he had I do
not think you could sell the farm for
fifty dollars more, than without the fence.

The old fence could be sold for something
and if you say sell it. I will do so. It
is of no use and will simply stand there
until it rots down, unless it is sold.

I will charge you \$2⁰⁰ per day for every day
I attend solely to your business, which may
be from one to three or four days each year.

Respectfully O. S. Pettijohn



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