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LAW OFFICE
—OF—
E. W. & W. W. EVANS,
88 WASHINGTON ST.,
CHICAGO.

May 16th 1881.

My dear Lou

I have a first time to
write and tell you what
a splendid baby Julie has -
She was born yesterday at 10:30
after a rather hard labor. Julie
born it all like the little hero
that she is. You have reason
to be proud of your sister's pluck!
It is a little brunette girl and
weighed eight pounds - Mother
and daughter are doing extremely
well, and with the excellent
nursing which both will have
I trust there will be no set
backs - Excuse brevity as I have
many letters of like import to
write
Yours truly,
W. W. Evans

W. W. EVANS,

88 WASHINGTON ST.,

CHICAGO

Sept 3rd 1883,

My dear Louise

I called upon Mr. Buffum
the other day and had a long talk
with him about yourself. He says that
the best medicine for you is the open
air of Northern Michigan. He also
that you are in bad shape, and
should remain at least six weeks
in the north. I write you now
in order to press the necessity of
remaining, upon you. I have
great faith in the "Wind of Northern
Aire" and only hope that you will
prolong your stay. You must certainly
do it, by some means or other
unless it seems to positively disagree
with you, which is hardly credible.
Your father will get on well
with the mill, in your absence, and
you will aid him more by
gaining back your health than in
any other way. Dr B- says you
need absolute rest—

LAW OFFICE
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W. W. EVANS,
88 WASHINGTON ST.,
CHICAGO

Sept 3, 1883

Perhaps you have enough on this
score — We have had one latter
from Fred who had just killed
a deer. I hope you have done
likewise. By this time, we should
be glad to hear from you at any
time. I had a delightful
trip of two weeks and feel very
much refreshed by it. In a little
less than five days my friend & I
caught about 500 trout. Some of
which I sent home to Chicago,
where they were duly enjoyed. Your
mother was at the house the other day
on her return from Naperville —
Julia said she never saw her look
so well or feel in such fine spirits.
Her summer rest was the one
thing needful for her — We are very
well at the house. Baby doubles her
weight once in about every ten days.
She is a brist. So is her mother —
Now you stay a long time and get health
& strength. Your whole future may depend
on it.

upon it — Give my very best
regards to Gracie, and tell him
to send me a bunch of various
plant leaves any deer skins up there
to be tanned by the Indians.
You can get it done better than
for half the money. The hair
ought to be long enough now for
such tanning — The blue coat
has probably now taken the place of
the Summer — Don't neglect the trout
fishing in the river — It must be
fine in Sept. How I would
like to be in your country
through this month, what so bright
as your frosty morning, or brighter
than your midday sky. —

Have a good time while you
have the chance — Remember
me especially to Andy —

He's one of the warmest hearted
men I ever knew & you can tell
him so from me — Yours Will

LAW OFFICE

-OF-

W. W. EVANS,

88 WASHINGTON ST.,

CHICAGO

July 20th 84
Dear Lou -

We are off
to night at 8 o'clock -
on Thurs. ~~Which~~ Messen-
ger - I enclose your
three tickets, good for
entire season -
A liberal amt. of baggage
will be allowed -
Come over & see us if you
can at ~~West~~ Lake -
All well - at home -
Yours ~~W~~
Will -

*Gardner G. Willard
William W. Evans*

*Law Offices of
Willard & Evans
87 Washington Street*

Chicago Jan. 10, 1907.

Louis H. Hyde, Esq.,
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Louis:

Norton, Sr. has just called on me with reference to your mother's note of \$10,000. He says that owing to car famine, etc., he is absolutely not in a position to pay the note at present. He had a note all made out for one year, evidently expecting to obtain an extension for that time. He then wanted an extension of the whole note to May 1, 1907, which I declined to give or recommend. He finally agreed, provided I would recommend the same, as follows: - To pay interest on the note in full on January 16th, and at the same time, \$1000. on the face of the note; \$1500. on March 1st, and the balance on May 1, 1907.

I told Norton I had no authority to make any extension whatever, but would take up the matter with your mother and advise him later - it being understood this extension, if given, must be agreed upon by all the parties to the paper in order not to release any one. The extension of paper sometimes operates as a release of the guarantor or joint maker. The securities are to stand the same until full payment.

Inasmuch as you probably could not enforce payment of this note by way of judgment before May 1, 1907, and probably could not get a purchaser on sale of the collateral without say thirty days notice to the Nortons (I notice that was the provision in the new note he produced) I would advise the acceptance of the above. This, of course, is subject to your approval, and if you or Bennett know any good reason why it is not advisable to do this, but to proceed at once for the collection of the note, you must not hesitate to let me know. It will probably be better to bring up the note and collateral and leave them all with me, together with a letter from your mother authorizing me in her name to make the above extension. She may do this by signing the enclosed, provided you agree to extension as therein stated.

Yours very truly,

W.A. Evans

Louis H. Hyde, Esq.,
Joliet, Illinois.

*As there are only six days before
the maturity of this note. Please
act at once. W.A.E.*

*Gardner G. Willard
William W. Evans*

*Law Offices of
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87 Washington Street

Chicago Jan. 19, 1907.

Louis H. Hyde, Esq.,

Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Louis:

Norton was in yesterday to pay me \$2000. on account of your mother's note, which I was glad to get. He was somewhat in a hurry, and I too, so we did not have time to go into the matter of the new note and new security - the stock of Economy Light and Power Co. He is to be in again in two or three days.

I understand from your letter that your mother authorizes me to surrender to Norton the \$25,000. Norton & Co. bonds which I hold. Am I correct? And am I authorized upon receiving from him his note for balance due, collaterally secured by \$25,000. face of the new stock of Economy Light & Power Co., to endorse in your mother's name the \$10,000. note of Norton & Co., W. G. Norton and J. L. Norton, and deliver same to Mr. W.G. Norton, with the \$25,000. (face) Norton & Co. bonds securing it? I do not wish any misunderstanding as to my authority, so write you again. Will you please have your mother also sign the enclosed authorization, in order that we may always have our matters on a strictly business basis.

I bought for your mother this morning ten shares more of Peoples' Gas Light & Coke Company stock, at about

95 $\frac{7}{8}$ which I consider a good purchase, as also does my broker. This will make 20 shares of that stock I have purchased for your mother.

You speak of the sale of the lot on which your mother had made a loan for \$1500.00. When do you expect to get the money on it? My idea will be to invest that money, and the balance of what I hold, in Street's preferred, which is now at about 97, and pays 7%. This is the stock about which I spoke to you some time ago.

Have you learned anything more about the value of the Economy Light & Power Co. stock, and what?

Please reply at once, returning your mother's authorization.

Yours very truly,

W. W. Evans

*Gardner G. Willard
William W. Evans*

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87 Washington Street*

Chicago Feb. 9, 1907.

L. H. Hyde, Esq.,
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Louis:

I wish to say something which you are to treat as most strictly confidential, as I myself promised to do.

Yesterday, Mr. Norton, Jr., who is on your mother's note, came into the office and told me it was all up with Norton & Co. - that they would fail next week, going into bankruptcy. He said he was on your mother's note, and understood if we insisted, he would have to pay the whole of it at once, and wished us to be as considerate as possible. This I promised, and this is of course expedient. He has promised to pay me \$1500.00 on account on Feb. 17th, thus anticipating the March 1st payment, which has been agreed upon. He says he will make a further payment of about \$4000. on May 1st, thus leaving about \$3500., which he will pay in about nine months. He desires to take up the \$25,000. Norton & Co. bonds, which he thinks are worth four or five thousand dollars, and take up the note we now hold as well, in order that he may present the matter as a claim against Norton & Co., and not

have us present it, and the assignee being possibly in a position to sue him. He says, however, that whatever is realized on these securities he will apply on the note. His counsel here are friends with whom we probably can make some satisfactory arrangement to that end. He desires to make his own new personal note for the amount remaining due, namely, \$9000., on the N. & Co. note, securing this by \$25,000. face value of the new stock of the Economy Light & Power Co. He says there is an increase of that stock by which the old capitalization is doubled, but that the old stock was worth \$1.65. What I want to know is the value of this new stock. Will you and Col. Bennett make quiet inquiries, and without disclosing any of the facts above stated, learn the value of this stock. Young Mr. Norton stated substantially what he has stated to you, that he only owed \$3500., and is worth about \$100,000. He says his father is very much broken by the final wind-up of things.

Do not by any means tell your mother what you learn from this letter, as it may make her apprehensive. I believe you are in no worse position than you were before, and perhaps better. Let me hear from you at once as to the value of this stock, and tell me whether I am authorized to act on my best judgment in the premises.

Yours very truly,

W. W. Evans