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Miss Laura Gilpin
807 Carter Avenue
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Miss Gilpin:

Re: Estate of Francis Gilpin, Deceased

Reporting on my efforts to dispose of the chattel property in storage at Wandell & Lowe's and the odd lots of lumber, I went with a Wandell and Lowe truck about a week ago out to the Donald Gilpin barn and brought all of the lumber there in to the Crissey and Fowler yards where Mr. Crissey kindly allowed us space adjacent to the bin where the lot of lumber there was previously stored.

I finally decided the best way to get rid of this stuff was to ask for sealed bids and consequently wrote all of the ten cabinet makers in Denver to whom I had previously written, and also to all of the local people who showed any interest in any one or more of the articles in question, the letter to the Denver people being in the form enclosed and that to the local people being in substantially the same form but with no reference to the former letter. The result of all of this was a bid of \$65.00 for everything except the mortising machine from the Modern Fixture Company of Denver, to whose representatives I showed the stuff on the 30th ult., and another bid from Pete Beroni of \$85.00 for everything except the mortising machine, and I accepted his bid, have received and deposited his check and assume by now he has removed the goods from both places.

No one seems to want to even carry away the mortising machine.

Whitman

The old saddle I took to Wilhite on Cucharras Street, and he said it was worth about \$2.50, but he would not give that for it. I left it at his place with instructions to sell it at that figure if he could.

One of the purchasers of the auto came in on Wednesday and paid the notes due September 1 and October 1, with interest, leaving only a balance of \$33.00 still to be collected on that account.

I saw Harry MacDonald at Strang's Garage yesterday and took up with him the question of the bill for repairing the car and he called in the foreman of his repair shop, whose name is Mr. Al Norton, I believe, and he stated positively that he had made no estimate on this repair job. MacDonald later telephoned me that he had contacted two other men who were apparently those with whom Francis talked, and they said they had made no estimate; that he had called on Sunday and at that time the repair parts room was locked and they could not tell what second-hand parts they had there which might be used in this connection. MacDonald asked me to ascertain from Francis who might have made this estimate and when it was made. If he does not know the man's name, if he could give a description which would serve to identify him and

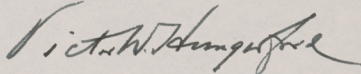
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any circumstances in connection with the interview which might refresh the memory of the man here, it will help us in this connection. MacDonald, I think, is disposed to do the fair thing, but it is quite evident from the bill that the parts alone are in excess of the top figure of the estimate, this with no allowance for the labor which amounts to \$27.50. I questioned the storage item and was advised that Strang's had found it necessary to make a storage charge on all cars left with them, primarily because of the habit of some of the soldiers having a car brought in for repair and leaving it there indefinitely until they could get the price of its release.

Ted Robinson has recovered his motor and there is another item cleaned up.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victor W. Hunsinger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Enc.
VWH-S