

283 Victoria Ave. Chatham Ontario  
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Mr James Sinclair Crawford,  
Sarnia, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

I received yours today. I must say I was surprised, as it had never occurred to me as to whether there was a Will or not. I do not wonder that you failed to find any mention of chairs bequeathed, <sup>to me.</sup> The chairs are - 1 oak rocker, presented to my late husband from his pupils in a school near Chatham. The other, a small wicker rocker which my husband presented to me as a wedding anniversary present.

I had several boxes and trunks with these chairs stored at Mrs Sands. In moving said goods to Chatham these chairs were left behind by mistake. I then wrote Mrs Sands that I would give her the oak one.

After a few years, when my daughter was a guest in Mrs Sands' home, Mrs Sands said, "You can have your chairs any time you want them". I was somewhat surprised to receive this word, as I had given Mrs Sands the one chair. However, that was her wish concerning the chairs. These chairs are of no value, only for the associations and happy memories they bring to me. They do not mean anything to anyone else.

I see your position exactly Mr Crawford, you could not move any goods from the home until all is settled.

I hope I have made it clear that I am only asking for my own. I am sure that Miss Sands will verify what I have said in the matter.

I should think if Miss Sands gave you a written permitt to give me <sup>concerning the chairs</sup> my request, that ~~she~~ you could do it. I know Miss Sands stands for integrity and honesty in all her dealings. However it is her pleasure in this matter.

I am sorry I did not act at once when Mrs Sands sent me that message. in fact I had spoken to a party about bringing them to Chatham the first time he was in Barnia.

I am sorry this came up at this time, had I been in Barnia I could have looked after the chairs. I have not been there for several years only passing through. Do not think for one moment that I wish to stir up any trouble, far from it. I am sure Miss Sands will now prize things that belonged to her dear departed mother, and will understand my position. in regard to these matters. If there is anything further you would like to ask me, I will be glad to answer. you may tell Miss Sands that I will leave the matter in her hands, and yours, to deal with as you see fit.

I hope that Miss Sands is well. remember me to her -

I am, yours sincerely. | Mrs Mary Wells -