

Lucinda Lewis (1787-1827) is a daughter of Fielding Lewis (1751-1803)

Chancery Court Papers, Arlington (Alexandria) County, Virginia – Index Number 1837-019

Plaintiffs: Executors of George Washington estate, Lawrence Washington, etc.

Defendants: Lawrence Lewis, Bushrod Washington, William McCarty Spotswood, etc.

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Ferguson Sept 10th 1823

Gentlemen

I received forms of the 4th of August informing me of a suit having brought by the Legatees, against the Executors of the late General Washington, having for its object, not only a settlement of the Executors accounts generally, but also the accts of the Legatees individually with the Executor, & the Legates have, by the request of Judge Washington, entered your appearance as Solicitor for the Legatees; - Judge Washington was authorized by Mr. Gilson Foote & myself to select you to act as and is our wish you should do so. The Acct you enclose me, handed you by Judge Washington against the Executor of Fielding Lewis Dec'd. I no nothing of but have no doubt of its correctness when the Acct is fairly before you & explained you will see which of the Legatees has received & which not. The Heirs of Fielding Lewis dec'd are six in number Mr. Gilson Foote having married Lucinda Lewis & Catherine D. Lewis daughters of Fielding Lewis, to attend to the settlement with the Executors, affirming their amount of Legacy to Fielding Lewis & divide it equally amongst the heirs of Fielding Lewis according to what each one may have received, Fielding Lewis having died without a will, - having no knowledge of the situation of the estate, I must refer you to Mr. Lawrence Lewis for any information you may need & submit the business to your judgement & discretion.

I remain with
Respect your Humble Servant

Henry C. Dade

(Transcribed by Robert Hairston, 19 May 2022)

Note: Fielding Lewis Jr. (1751-1803) was the son of Fielding Lewis (1725-1781) and Elizabeth Betty Washington (1733-1797), the sister of General George Washington. Fielding Lewis Jr. died intestate in 1803. When this letter was written in 1823 there were six living children of Fielding Lewis Jr. – five by his first wife Nancy Alexander - Elizabeth Lewis (wife of Judge Alexander Spotswood), Nancy Lewis (wife of Thomas Davidson), Lucinda Lewis (wife of Gilson Foote), Charles A. Lewis, Robert Lewis, and one by his second wife Elizabeth Dade - Catherine Dade Lewis (wife of Henry Chew Dade).

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