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Letter from Thomas Morris to James B. Finley

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Bethel November 5th 1830

Dear Sir

Mr Morris's lawyer
Bethel Maine letter

I received yours of the 3^d inst this evening, and have it now in ^{my} power to give you some information on the subject of your enquiry. The personal Estate of Mr Coans as appears by the return of the administrator is only about 150\$. The real Estate is probably worth 2000\$. The Estate consists of about 260 acres well improved, the Old Gentleman in his life time laid off to his two sons about sixty acres each, & verbally declared that he intended it for them and the balance of his land for his other son, but died without making any legal conveyance or other instrument in writing to secure them the title, they have filed bills in Chancery to compel two other of the daughters and their husbands beside Hraid and wife (I think Degan and Syndesky I think are their names) to execute Deeds of quit claim to their part of their Father's Estate, the Court of law has heard which has just heard has decreed they shall do so. Mr Marshall who appeared in the cause as well as myself is of opinion that this decree is erroneous, and that the real Estate of Mr Coans is liable to be divided amongst all his Children equally, and we have appealed from the jud

Bethel
Nov - 6

Dear James Finley

Enclosed

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Donald 50
Bygdon 50
Stout 50
Linn 100
Johnson 50

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ment of the Cummins papers to the Supreme
court I am told that the youngest son who has the
homestead in his possession has no idea that he can
claim on the same ground as his brothers and is
willing to divide with or buy out his sisters.
The part of the personal Estate that would be coming
to Mrs Strain as returned by the Administrator is
hardly worth looking after, but Mr Dugan told me
he was well satisfied the Estate had not been justly
inventoried. It remains for Mr Strain and wife
to say whether they are willing to relinquish their
right to any part of their Father's real Estate or
whether they are willing to compromise with the
youngest son (I don't think in his name) and take
what he will give them, or put in, and insist on
on their whole claims. One of the brothers is deceased
the decree is in favor of his heirs. It will not be
necessary for you to attend here on this business
at least before the Supreme Court, which will not
be holden until some time in the Spring, in the
mean time you can advise me as to the wishes
of Mr Strain in this business.

I am respectfully your friend

Reed James Tuttle

Thomas Morris