

Wood had called, remembering
that I am American, to say
that an advertisement in
"Lloyd's News" had been brought
to their attention, and it is their
belief that somewhere in America
there is a small legacy for
them or something to their ad-
vantage if they can put them-
selves into communication with
the advertising parties.

The statement I have received
is very vague, but you no
doubt can at once say whether
it is a matter of which you
have any knowledge, and
possibly, even in case (as
I think most probable) you

14 Folsom St. ^{Roxbury}
~~Dorchester~~
July 29th Mass.

To Dr. Kennedy.

Dear Sir,

I called last
week at your house in Roxbury
to make an inquiry which I
had been requested to make,
and found you were away,
but learned from the person
in charge that a letter
sent there would reach you,
so I will make my inquiry
in this way.

It is whether you know

anything of William Law
Kennedy, also of the family
of one Wood, a gardener,
living at Bromley, Kent, Eng-
land.

This Wood was in my service
as a gardener some years ago,
and at that time I was aware
that his family (or rather his
mother-in-law ^{since deceased}) was in receipt
of a small weekly pension
from a Mr. Kennedy in
America. Wood once men-
tioned to me that he believed
the Mr. Kennedy who allowed
them the pension had amassed

his fortune through a proprietary
medicine, and I having of course
heard of your late father, con-
cluded that he was the bene-
factor of the family. That
however may be a mistake,
and I have known nothing
of the affairs of the Wood
family since the man left
my service, except that
he continued to live at
Bromley.

A few weeks ago how-
ever, my husband wrote
asking me to make some
inquiries before I leave
America. The wife of

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have no personal connection
with them, you may still have
some clue to the name of
William Law Kennedy.

I remember Wood telling me
that he had once called on
the gentleman who allowed them
a pension, at the Metropole
Hotel in London, where he
was staying with his family.

I feel that this letter may
be regarded as an intrusion
upon an entire stranger,
but I cannot refuse to do
such small kindness to these
people as making some inquiry

for them, in view of the fact-
that they are poor and humble
people and unversed in business
matters. If it should prove
that you have no informa-
tion at all upon the matter,
I trust you will kindly let
me know at least so much,
in which case I will try
whether any other sources of
information are available.

I sail for England by the
Cephalonia, next Saturday
Aug. 3rd. A letter would
reach me at the Roxbury
address I give above, or

later at my home. I en-
close my card, and may
perhaps mention (in order
to let you know that I
am entirely disinterested) that
I was before my marriage
in England, Miss Illion, for-
merly a teacher in the Gili-
Keigh School, and a cousin
to Miss Louise Lincker formerly
of the Roxbury Keigh School,
and I believe known to some
members of your family.

I am. Sincerely Yours,
Julia J. Wright



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