

Sept 27, 1934  
Phoebe Ridge Rd.  
New Rockville -

Dear Aunt Mary -

Forgive me for not  
answering your nice & interesting  
letter before this - but many  
things have intervened & besides  
I had not decided as to  
my opinion on the petition of  
sale.

I'm afraid you'll be  
disappointed to know that I  
favor this sale, on the whole  
& have so written to the  
Court. It seems to me a  
fair offer, as I understood that

\$10,000 was about the considered  
value of the store - & in  
view of the uncertainty of  
all auctions, I thought it  
best if the heirs could civil  
at least this \$5,000 in cash.

However, in my letter to Judge  
Horton I asked about it.  
Bower & whether he might  
not be persuaded to offer a  
bit more - it does seem  
as though he should get  
it, having been a good tenant  
etc, if he will offer as  
much as a bit more. Sorry  
not to see eye to eye with  
you on this matter - & you

way be right about it after all. You will  
probably see my letter to Judge Horton &  
the various reservations I made in  
giving my approval of the petition. I  
would appreciate it very much if you  
will let us know how the hearing  
comes out & what is done - that  
is unless Will or the Register will notify  
the absent ones.

I am leading a very busy  
life these days - am without a maid  
just now & have my hands full with  
Tom. He is beginning to take some  
& runs around at great speed - so  
I am constantly on the jump. I enclose  
a good likeness of his father just before  
we left Sardis. The old looking  
man on the right is his pet lamb,  
frankly tied into the picture.

I hope all of you are well  
& happy - I saw Ryan K. when I was  
in Nashville & he told me about Bill's  
grand new job. Remember us to him  
& Mamie when you write.

Bob joins me in affectionate  
regards to all of you. -  
Devotedly,  
Ruth