

[Letter from W.S. Coleman to Arno Knight; they have been doing some business together; Arno has moved to Maysville and is working in a mine]

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Friend Arno:

Yours of Sept 15th was recd in due time. & contence noticed. I did not get to see Craig until a week ago yesterday. he would not do any thing until he saw Patrick the man he sold the Tilden Claim to. Said Patrick must pay the ten dolars he should have to loose it if he paid it. I have seen him two or three times since he saw Patrick & he would not pay the money over without a receipt directly from you he wanted me to get a receipt from you & than he said he would pay the money over I told him I could give him a receipt that would answer just as well as I had authority from you to collect the money. his object was to bother along until your time was out & than not pay the ten dolars. I found I could not do any thing with him & there was not time to write to you & get & answer back So I went into the registers office last night & had your certificate of location recorded. Now if you had rather have the money you can record a receipt for it & than you can see how much his promise is worth. I dont believe his title on the claim is worth a Continental & yours is not much better with out a better description of the premises. I will go in with you if you conclude to hold it & we will have it. Surveyed & recorded in due form You never could get a patent on it with such a description. I added a little to the description all that I could without having it surveyed I payed \$1.25 for recording & 10 cts for a location blank. I think Patrick has worked it some, Fred & Otis went home soon after Fred wrote you. Your trunk is at Jo Stephens Cabin. Fred left the key with Sanborn, think they will be perfectly safe there

I could have them taken over to my Cabin if you had rather I would. I am stopping in the little log Cabin near Swansons They have not started the reduction work yet expect they will soon I have not done any work except prospecting for over a month. Business is I think is starting up a little here They are starting several mines Bossick mine is most ready to commence taking out all. Jo Stephens is at work on some claim I don't know what. Jo Stephens did not go to Michigan, his wife came on here. They have both been to Leadville & Stephens has bought a mine there that report says is worth \$100000.00 he got it cheep. There has been no papers or packages at the office for you since Fred went away Write often & keep me posted as to your whereabouts & how you are getting along & I will reciprocate Yours very Truly

W.P. Coleman