

*[Letter from Nellie Wescott to her brother Arno Knight; possibly discussing their sister Emma Knight Cross]*

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Dear Brother

Regret to hear by my Dr Gould of Emma's illness (and goodness whats to be done) and surprised she was to Ave's I presume Bill packed her off up there hence a cold was result I was sick when Emma Bills wife wrote to me to come get her right after Christmas and did not answer it and to take her and all her things & trunk, well before I got very strong had another heavy cold and neuritis set in abed a week enjoying pain and only Will to care for me night and morning when he had any work course had to do it keep off of Town such a hard winter and so long no let up yet, well I am some better weak yet and Dr. says I have tendency to hardening of arteries had so much nerve trouble am trying to worry along am do what I can let rest go undone did not suppose they would change her round such cold rough weather as we have had I could not stood it myself and an old lady like her shows what they are, tough to be without a Home in old age well I will petition for Guardian if you think best at Probate Court in April if I can manage it in meantime have Arne while sledding is good go get her things at Bills and cart em down here I'll do right with her if they have not got every thing I would not trust that Mabel probably been through all she had

Arne better go see Em and tell her they want her things taken and her too. And get what she has at Ave's and soon as able cart her down here I have no convenience but I'll do it to get her out of those Cuss holes if I must say so and do all I can till we can plan some way better or place for her to board I do wish I could get her in Old Ladies Home in time if it could be managed satisfactory she might kick but this looks best way out I'll have to take her and we will discuss and plan later perhaps just will not mention I am petitioning for guardian to Emma but I believe I'd let her know they want her to go and take her things I don't want them but I'll see justice done if anything left we better attend to it at once now before she looses her senses as she might be liable to

well lets ask while sledding is so when Arne can he can get her stuff but find out by Emma what she has and see to get it all and tell her she can come down here soon as able Mattie is fussing already about money

Have Arne if he can find out she has any by here she dont owe *[illegible]* any thing I am thinking that if they had to pay a woman we got to see its paid & Dr. Gould needs his sure, He has been in says Emma is gaining little but cranky won't take

here medicine only from Kenneth is that his name Mr. Rankin, I have got so nervous thinking over it and sleeping over it I am all in  
Never said he thought she would not live through night when he was first called pneumonia had so far developed and she seemed to be near gone and hardly knew what was going on Ave he says seems numb I'll write Billys wife a nice letter and hope Arne sees if she has money at Bills and get her little trunk with papers and bank book she said it locked now you figure this out and see what best and if no need of it I dont want to come up but if you deem best soon as I feel able will come but if her things are packed and Arne sees Emma & find out any way to get her and things out soon as possible and we will find a way or make it for rest of her days or die in attempt got just where we got to act now I see no other way, seem so better get things down from Billy soon as possible while can on a sled expect Mabel been raising H\_Ill, there and in Emmas things, Bill don't want to come here to stop over night again I shall tell him to keep right on going if he does  
Well Buddy this is crazy just like me but I am wrought up over whole darn actions Sent Emma some nice oranges by Dr. Gould and will try send her something for Easter, please Brother write at once and let me know what you say  
Lovingly Sister Nell.