

Mount Palatine Putnam Co. Illinois  
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William Lloyd Garrison  
Boston Mass.

Respected Sir. You will remember that sometime ago, a work was published in Phil<sup>a</sup> by W<sup>h</sup> Parish, entitled "The life & opinions of Benjamin Lundy," and purporting to have been used under the supervision, and by request of his children. This was all a false statement. His children had no control whatever of the work, nor were they even consulted on any important point relative to the compilation or publication. A half sister of my father, Lydia Wierman - assumed all the responsibility, and even went so far as to appropriate money belonging to the estate without the least authority.

The reason for these relatives acting as they did was this, they feared the children would put the manuscripts into your hands, which they were opposed to. I know not why. It was the choice of the children that you should <sup>write</sup> ~~complete~~ the biography, one reason, because you were more intimately acquainted with his life than any other man, another

because we had learned that an understanding existed between Yourself and our father that the survivor should be the others Proprietor. Yet all fathers journals & important papers were in the hands of this half sister, and by drawing upon money belonging to the estate was enabled to act immediately on her resolves. I was then quite young and just commencing my studies, and could not resist the movement to any advantage. I however resolved to some day right the wrong so far as the unfavorable circumstances would allow. I have now to propose to you to commence the work which you should have had an opportunity to commence years ago. If you think there is the least prospect that you would be justified in so doing, we would be glad to have you "write a book".

Please let me know soon, your opinions relative to my proposal. I am the youngest son of Benjamin Lundy, have a family, and been engaged in the practice of Medicine about two years. I have a brother and two sisters yet living, they reside near me.

Yours Truly  
B. Lundy