



Urbana Ill June 17 1850

Abraham Lincoln Esq

Dear Sir

I wrote you by last mail
& inadvertently omitted to enclose the \$500 I had intended
& as I wrote you - I enclose the sum now, please
write to me in answer to the interrogations contained in that
I inform you that during the life of one Charles Neiman himself
& wife married to Baker & Co. several town lots & two tracts of
land, to secure the payment of \$300.00 [#] After Neiman's death
no part of the debt being paid - the mortgagor was foreclosed.
& I bought two of the town lots, - I understand the widow
contemplates redeeming one of the lots - Can she redeem
one lot without redeeming all! What interest will she
acquire by the redemption of the property -
The estate is utterly insolvent - If she redeems, will
that create an equitable lien on the fee simple,
that may be discharged by the creditors on applica-
tion in Chancery - & the land then sold by the admr.
subject to this lien, for the benefit of the creditors -
Please advise me in full on this subject

Yours truly

Elisha Harkness

The error in not sending the five dollars in the first letter
was done by W D Somers Esq^r. I spoke to him to write to you
for me and told him when he got the letter written I would
hand him the money & He forgot it Yours E. Harkness

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June 18.

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