

*Gifts*

*John Quincy Adams*  
*John Quincy Adams*

*Mrs A*

October 9, 1925

My dear Mrs. Wells:

It is probably known to you that the late Mr. John Quincy Adams left to the University of Chicago a bequest of \$10,000 which, with the consent of Mr. John D. Adams was applied to the cost of the gymnasium of Morgan Park Academy. Upon the sale of that property the amount was set up on the books of the University as a special fund to be known as the John Quincy Adams Fund, to be held subject to disposition by the Trustees preferably for use in the erection of buildings. Mr. Trevor Arnett, Vice-president of the University of Chicago has suggested that you and the other heirs of Mr. John Quincy Adams should be informed of this situation. I am therefore writing this letter.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President.

Mrs. Fred Wells  
Wheaton, Illinois

NB/R

*John Quincy Adams*

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*M.A.*

October 9, 1935

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My dear Mrs. Wells:

It is probably known to you that the late Mr. John Quincy Adams left to the University of Chicago a bequest of \$10,000 which, with the consent of Mr. John D. Adams, was applied to the cost of the Gymnasium of Morgan Park Academy. Upon the sale of that property the amount was set up on the books of the University as a special fund to be known as the John Quincy Adams Fund, to be held subject to disposition by the Trustees preferably for use in the erection of buildings. Mr. Trevor Arnett, Vice-president of the University of Chicago has suggested that you and the other heirs of Mr. John Quincy Adams should be informed of this situation. I am therefore writing this letter.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President.

Mrs. Fred Wells  
Weston, Illinois

MB/R

# The University of Chicago

Office of the Vice-President and Business Manager

ROOM 1838, 230 S. CLARK ST.  
TELEPHONE DEARBORN 9312

March Thirteen

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My dear Dr. Burton:

Perhaps you would like to inform the heirs of Mr. John Quincy Adams that the bequest which he made to the University of \$10,000 and which, with the consent of Mr. John D. Adams, was applied to the cost of the gymnasium of Morgan Park Academy, has, upon the sale of that property, been set up on the books of the University as a special fund to be known as the "John Quincy Adams Fund," to be held subject to disposition by the Trustees, preferably for use in the erection of buildings.

The clause of the will reads as follows:

"I direct my said Executors and trustees within two years from the date of my death of pay to the University of Chicago the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars. I advise the Trustees of said University to apply this bequest to the erection of buildings, but this advice shall in no manner be construed as obligatory or in any way limiting said bequest.".....

and it was in accordance with the expressed wish of Mr. Adams that the Trustees took action reserving the fund preferably for use in the erection of buildings.

Very truly yours,

*Trevor Arnett*  
Trevor Arnett

Dr. Ernest D. Burton  
The University of Chicago

TA:EVB

*Mr. Butler -  
Please find out  
if you can, who  
the heirs of JQ  
are +*

*perhaps  
sent add  
letter for  
Mr. Arnett*

The University of Chicago

Director of the Vice-President and Business Manager

ROOM 1000, 520 N. LAUREL  
TELEPHONE 527-1000

March Thirteen  
1933

My dear Dr. Burton:

Perhaps you would like to know the  
beirs of Mr. John Quincy Adams that the bequest  
which he made to the University of \$10,000 and  
which, with the consent of Mr. John D. Adams, was  
applied to the cost of the Gymnasium of North Park  
Academy, has, upon the sale of that property, been  
set up on the books of the University as a special  
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the fund preferably for use in the erection of  
buildings.

Very truly yours,

Robert Abbott

Dr. Ernest D. Burton  
The University of Chicago

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April 7, 1925

My dear Mr. Arnett:

I have in my hand your note of March 13th addressed to President Burton. It came to me only yesterday. You may recall that you wrote suggesting that the President inform the heirs of Mr. John Quincy Adams in regard to the disposition of \$10,000 which he bequeathed to the University. The President has asked me to frame for him a suitable letter to be sent to the heirs or other representative. Can you tell me to whom such a letter should be sent?

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President.

Mr. Trevor Arnett  
The University of Chicago

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# The University of Chicago

The Board of Trustees

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
ELLIS AVENUE AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET

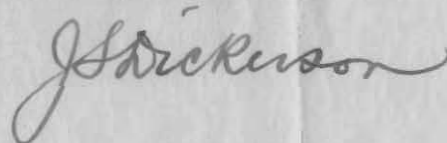
April 11, 1925.

Mr. Nathaniel Butler,  
Faculty Exchange.

Dear Mr. Butler:

I have your letter of April 10, which concerns the addresses of the Adams' heirs. I am attempting to get these addresses for you if they are obtainable.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. S. Dickerson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Secretary.

April 14, 1925

My dear Mr. Arnett:

I am enclosing herewith a note which I received in reply to my inquiry of Mr. Dickerson as to whom we should write to as representing the heirs of John Quincy Adams. You see what Dickerson has written. I am at a loss to know where now to turn for information, but I shall be glad to follow up any suggestions you may make.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Trevor Arnett  
The University of Chicago

NB/R

April 10, 1925

My dear Mr. Dickerson:

About the middle of last month, Mr. Arnett sent to the President a memorandum suggesting that the President "inform the heirs of Mr. John Quincy Adams that the bequest - which he made to the University of \$10,000 and which, with the consent of Mr. John D. Adams, was applied to the cost of the gymnasium of Morgan Park Academy, has, upon the sale of that property, been set up on the books of the University as a special fund to be known as the 'John Quincy Adams Fund', to be held subject to disposition by the Trustees, preferably for use in the erection of buildings."

My purpose in writing this is to ask you if you can advise me who are the heirs of John Quincy Adams or who their representative is. We should like to communicate with such person or persons as early as may be practicable.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President.

Mr. J. Spencer Dickerson  
The University of Chicago

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# The University of Chicago

Office of the Vice-President and Business Manager

ROOM 1840, 230 S. CLARK ST.  
TELEPHONE DEARBORN 9312

August Twenty-First  
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Mr. Nathaniel Butler  
President's Office

Dear Mr. Butler:

We have finally been able to locate the heirs of John Quincy Adams, regarding whom you wrote us some time ago.

Mrs. Fred Wells, of Wheaton, Illinois, was formerly Miss Katherine S. Adams, a daughter of John Quincy Adams.

There is also a son, William P. Adams, whose address we do not know but presume it can be obtained readily from Mrs. Wells.

Yours very truly,

TREVOR ARNETT

BY

*W. A. Giffen*  
W. A. Giffen

WAG:KCW

August 26, 1925.

My dear Mr. Giffen:

I have your kind note of the 21st giving me information about the heirs of John Quincy Adams. I am ashamed to say that I do not remember precisely why I wanted that information. I think it was for Mr. Arnett or someone in the downtown Office. Miss Russell, my Secretary, is away and I cannot conveniently trace my former letter. In case you have that letter in your possession, it is possible that it may contain the data I need for fuller information, and I shall be glad if you will tell me what you know about it.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President.

Mr. W. A. Giffen,  
City Office.

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# The University of Chicago

Office of the Vice-President and Business Manager

ROOM 1840, 230 S. CLARK ST.  
TELEPHONE DEARBORN 9312

August Thirty One  
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Mr. Nathaniel Butler  
Office of the President

My dear Mr. Butler:

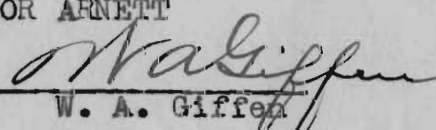
With further reference to our letter regarding the heirs of John Quincy Adams, we would state that your inquiry regarding this matter was in <sup>your</sup> ~~the~~ letter dated April 14, 1925.

In the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, held March 12, 1925, action was taken regarding the setting up of a certain fund to be called the John Quincy Adams Fund. We believe that it was decided at that time to communicate with the heirs of John Quincy Adams and secure their permission to make certain use of the fund.

Yours very truly,

TREVOR ARNETT

BY

  
W. A. Giffen

WAG:MM

*John Quincy Adams*

The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

Office of the Auditor

Chicago, December 28, 1910.

My dear President Judson:-

I am returning herewith for  
your files the letter of Mr. J. B. Adams together  
with your letter to him of December 23rd concerning  
the gift of \$10000. from the estate of the late  
John Quincy Adams.

Yours truly,

*Irene Amett*

President H. P. Judson.

Enclosures

*Gift*

The University of Chicago

Office of the President

Chicago, December 12, 1912

My dear President Johnson:-

I am returning herewith for

your file the letter of Mr. J. H. Adams together

with your letter to him of December 13th concerning

the gift of \$10000. from the estate of the late

John Quincy Adams.

Yours truly,

James H. Johnson

President H. P. Johnson.

Enclosure



December 23, 1910

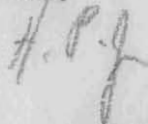
My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 21st inst. was duly received.

The Auditor was asked by the President of the Board of Trustees to give him a list from our records of gifts of \$10,000 or over. The request came very late, and the Auditor had a very short time to do it. The actual cash received from the bequest of the late John Quincy Adams was a trifle over \$9,700, inasmuch as the tax was deducted. As the Auditor took only the full ten-thousand-dollar items it can easily be seen why this was not included. I have no doubt there were other omissions which might very well have been put in the list. We shall later prepare an official list of these matters, carefully brought down to date, in which of course the very generous bequest of Mr. John Quincy Adams will be included. I regret that it was not in the list published in the papers.

Very truly yours,

Mr. J. B. Adams,  
55 - 158 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago.

  
H. P. Judson



55 BOARD OF TRADE  
158 E. JACKSON BLVD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21st., 1910.

*Mr. Amett*  
*Gifts*  
University of Chicago.

Chicago.

Dear Sirs:-

The late John Quincy Adams, bequeathed \$10,000.00 to the University of Chicago and the Trustees of the estate have the receipt of the University for that sum. In publishing the list of Chicagoan who have given \$10,000 or more, I do not see why his name is not worthy to be included in the list.

I am, sirs

*J. B. Adams*  
One of the Trustees.