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CAMBRIDGE, OHIO

FRANK B. AMOS  
PRESIDENT

September 3, 1947

Dear Tom:

The sad news of Will's untimely death reached me through Tuesday's Plain Dealer and today I have read more about it in Tuesday's New York Times. Previously I had noted where he had had a heart attack and the statement that the situation was very serious.

Well do I remember when Will arrived at Granville in the fall of 1900. We then had only three fraternities which, in the order of their founding at Denison, were Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta. Our Chapter voted on him and Mark Winchester and I bid him. The other two did likewise. We were exceedingly happy when we won out.

I was one year ahead of Will in college and eleven months older. We became very intimate friends. In the last two years of my college life I roomed at the Sig House while Will was up on the hill. He stayed with me nearly every Friday night when we had fraternity meetings. Together we roamed the country side around Granville and on one occasion he and I went out direct north on the Mt. Vernon road to a brick house which, no doubt, you will remember and arranged with the farmer to pick peaches on shares. The farmer immediately gave us permission, came down, sat on a log and talked with us while we picked the peaches, then when we came to separate them, he came over and took charge. He gave us all the good peaches and kept the poor ones for himself.

In recent years I have not had any contact to speak of with Will. The terrific pace at which he lived and worked and my own fairly busy life made frequent contact impossible, but I shall ever remember the inspiration of having lived and worked with him in those college days.

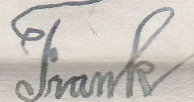
Some of these days you and Dee may be passing through this way. If our plans carry out you will find our home at 157 Harper Street, New Concord, after October 1st and perhaps a little sooner. Our voting residence will remain here in Cambridge, but we have found there the best home that we have been able to locate in this vicinity and we like the college atmosphere, particularly the music. I am a trustee of Muskingum College as well as of Denison, but of course I am giving far more time and thought to my Alma Mater. However, the Muskingum

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Conservatory of Music is excellent and Mary and I both find it very satisfying when we can get with members of the faculty as well as to listen to talented students.

We both send you our affectionate regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank".

FRANK B. AMOS.

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Mr. Frank B. Amos  
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Cambridge, Ohio

Dear Frank: sad news of Will's untimely death reached me through Tuesday's Plain Dealer and today I have read more about it in the paper. It was very nice of you to send me your kind letter of September 3rd. It all came as quite a shock to me as, due to my absence from the city, I had not received word of the coronary until I got word of his passing. Will has put in a very busy life and gotten lots of enjoyment out of it. He was looking forward to a leisurely retirement with sufficient part-time work to keep up his interests. I was looking forward to his re-locating near New York and thought we might get in some play together which we had missed in our younger days. Marion has taken it all very stoically. We went up to Jaffrey, N.H. for the funeral service which was really more of a memorial service with three of his close friends reviewing different phases of his life and accomplishments. I met Marion in Cleveland last week. She came on from Washington where she had been visiting her daughter, Betty, but with the extremely hot weather, humidity and failure of air conditioning equipment on the train she was pretty well worn out on her arrival. However, I helped her to get started in settling up the affairs of the Estate, no doubt you will remember and arranged with the farmer to pick up your letter brought out several interesting phases of your early contact with Will and some with which I was not familiar. Wasn't it fortunate that we had our reunion last year when all of the eight children and their respective husbands and wives were present.

Dee has been spending a week in Ohio celebrating her father's 99th birthday. He has an ambition to live to 100 and I think he will make it as he seems to be still going strong. Dee returns today. ever remember the inspiration of having lived and worked with him in those college days.

If we travel out to Ohio some time by automobile we shall keep you in mind and give you a little advance notice so that we can have a good visit, and if you have occasion to come on to New York I trust you will let us know for we would love to have you visit us and perhaps have one of those impromptu musicals which I still remember out in Detroit. found there the best home that we have been able to locate in this vicinity and we like the college atmosphere. With kindest regards to both of you. a trustee of Muskingum College as well as of Denison, but of course I am giving far more time and thought to my Alma Mater. Sincerely yours, Kingum

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