Boston, Sept. 15, 1870

P. S. Lowell Enj.

Dr. Le.

When I was on the Cape I came around to your place, but found that you were away. I wanted to talk with you about writing to the Executors of Mrs. Frances Lowell in relation to erecting a stone at the grave of Judah Lowell. I found that his grave remains still unmarked by any memorial stone. It is a perfect shame that it should be thus neglected especially when so much property that belonged to his father will be inherited by those who have no blood relationship. Can you tell me the name and title of the Executor, that I may write to him, and I trust you will
write to you also in unvarnished English. We may move him to act.

Some time ago you spoke about

my father's house for your son. Do

you not want it this autumn?

I want to ask you some

genealogical questions.

What deeds to or from any of the

Paddock or from the Warrant

(Peter or Samuel Warden) did you

find among your father's papers?

I should like to see them some day

as they may throw light upon the

boundaries of the early lot divisions of

land in East Dennis.

Do you know the name of the father

of Deborah Crowell, the first wife of

Deacon John Sears? And did he or

any Crowell, so far as you know, ever live

in the old, original house of Richard

Sears (the first settler)?

Can you make a drawing (front) of this

house of your grandfather taken
down by your father, and can you

make a drawing of the house of your

great-grandfather. Prizes for the

front! Like this? East I believe

these pretty nearly aunt Vienna's

idea of it.

Do you know who the mother of

Capt. Seth Crowell was? White daughter?

I was the sister to the mother of Capt.

Judah Paddock?

Do you know where Zachariah

Paddock (the 1st) who died May 1, 1727

and his wife Deborah Paddock (Sears)

were buried? I could not find any

grave stones to them at The Paddock

Burial Ground.

I believe I am taxing your

genealogical resources pretty severely,

but you must consult your own

convenience, of course, any answers.

Yours truly, B.H. Sears
Boston, Sept. 15, 1877

P. S. Crowell Esqr.

Dr. Sir,

When I was on the Cape, I came around to your place, but found that you were away. I wanted to talk to you about writing the Executor of Mrs. Dorcas Crowell in relation to erecting a stone at the grave of Judah Crowell.[11] I found that his grave remained still unmarked by any Memorial stone. It is a perfect shame that it should be thus neglected, especially when so much property that belonged to his father will be inherited by those who have no blood relationship. Can you tell me the name & residence of the Executor, that I may write to him, and I trust you will [over page] write to him also in unvarnished English. We may move him to act.

Some time ago you spoke about my father’s house for your son. Do you not want it this autumn?

I want to ask you some genealogical questions.

What deeds to or from any of the Paddocks or from the Wordens (Peter or Samuel Worden) did you find among your father’s papers? I should like to see them some day as they may throw some light upon the boundaries of the early lots & divisions of land in East Dennis.

Do you know the name of the father of Deborah Crowell[12], the first wife of Deacon John Sears? And did he or any Crowell, so far as you know, ever live in the old original house of Richard Sears (the first settler)?

Can you make a drawing (front) of the [next page] house of your grandfather Ch. Crowell taken down by your father? And can you make a drawing of the house of your great-grandfather Prince Sears? Was the front like this? [Here a tiny sketch.]

I think this is pretty near Aunt Vienna’s idea of it.

Do you know who the mother of Capt. Seth Crowell was?[13] Whose daughter, & was she sister to the mother of Capt. Judah Paddock?[14]

Do you know where Zachariah Paddock (the 1st) who died May 1, 1727 and his wife Deborah Paddock (Sears) were buried? I could not find any Grave stones to them at the Paddock Burying Ground.[15]

I believe I am taxing your Genealogical resources pretty severely, but you must consult your own convenience, of course, in answering.

Yours truly,

T. H. Sears

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[11] Gravestones to both Judah Crowell (d. 9 Sep 1821, age 22y) and his widow Dorcas (d. 16 Apr 1875, age 79y 6m) are in the 4th row of the old section at Dennis Village Cemetery.
[12] She was the daughter of John4 Crowell & Keziah (Eldredge).
[13] She was Hannah Hall.
[14] There were so many of the name Capt. Judah Paddock, that it’s difficult to figure out to which he refers. The probable answer to his question, though, is no.
[15] Though there are no gravestones to them, they are likely buried in the Paddock Family Burying Ground.