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**Letter to the Lindenwood Board of Directors from Mary Sibley,
September 16, 1867**

Mary Easton Sibley

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House of Bethany, St. Louis Missouri
Sep^{br} 16th, 1867

Allow me to call the attention of Presbyterians of the "Old School" branch of the Presbyterian Church to the following extract, from the deed executed by George C. Sibley & myself giving one hundred & twenty acres of land to Linden Wood Female College, in the year 1856._ From which those who wish to arrive at the truth, can judge for themselves the intention of the donors as to under whose control and supervision the property was intended to be placed. In addition to the evidence on record in the body of the deed, I will add, that in the conversation had with my husband the late George C. Sibley at the time he wrote the deed, we both expressed the intention of conveying the property in such a manner as by no possibility it could be wrestled from the control of the "Old School Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. And the Clause in the deed "The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America as adopted by the Gen Assembly of said Church in the year 1821-" was expressly intended to prevent any mistake as to the meaning and intention of the donors. The legal control of Linden Wood Female College therefore devolves without controversy upon the Presbytery standing in connection with that Assembly and no where else.

Mary Easton Sibley

Extract from the Deed on Record in St. Charles Co' Mo'

"Whereas, By an act of the General Assembly of Missouri approved the 24th February 1853, the "Lindenwood Female College" was incorporated, Created at Lindenwood in the County of St. Charles, and placed under the care, supervision and control (virtually) of the Presbytery of St. Louis of the Old School branch of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. __ And Whereas, the said Presbytery have accepted the charter of said College, and have assumed the care and supervision thereof, and have adopted the following outline of the plan, system, principles, objects, and purposes to be observed and pursued in the establishment and government of said College,_Namely_ The Lindenwood Female College is to be set up, and established on a large, liberal plan, and on a lasting foundation, to consist of Primary, High, and Normal Schools, with a Domestic and boarding Department connected therewith. It is to supply (at as low charges as practicable) ample facilities for Female education in the best sense, and meaning of the term, the proper development, and cultivation of the intellectual, moral, and physical faculties, It is to present a school, or schools wherein female Youth, given in baptism to the Redeemer (not excluding others) may be properly educated and qualified for the important duties of Christian Mothers and School Teachers.__ Wherein the Holy Bible shall always have a prominent place, and be a permanent class book in which the whole course of instruction and discipline shall be based on the religion of Jesus Christ as held and taught in the Confession of Faith, and catechisms of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America as adopted by the general Assembly of said church in the year 1821.#"