

CHAPTER III

PROPOSITION OF HEIRS AND THE COUNTY LIBRARY LAW OF OHIO

BRUMBACK LIBRARY — PROPOSITIONS AND SUGGESTIONS BY THE HEIRS OF THE LATE J. S. BRUMBACK — AUTHORITIES MENTIONED SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE GENEROUS GIFT — OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT OUR CITIZENS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND COUNTY SHOULD UNANIMOUSLY ACCEDE TO THE REQUESTS MADE

“ To the Ladies’ Library Association, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Van Wert and the County Commissioners of Van Wert County, Ohio.

“ LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

“ As you are doubtless aware, the will of the late J. S. Brumback provides for the construction by his estate of a stone library building in first-class condition ready for use, in the town of Van Wert, provided his heirs can make satisfactory arrangements for the location and maintenance of the building and library to be placed therein.

“ The undersigned heirs of his estate are unanimous in their desire to fully carry out the wishes of Mr. Brumback as an enduring memorial to ‘ one who loved his fellowmen.’ Hence, we have considered the subject of the best mode of undertaking the enterprise, and herein submit to you our conclusions on the subject.

“ So far as the matter of location is concerned, there can be little question that the Second Ward Park is the most desirable place that can be suggested. Mr. Brumback planted the trees in that park and, watching their growth for twenty-five years, was very solicitous that something might be added to the park to complete its ornamentation. We do not believe that there will be any objection to the location of the library in that park.

“ The subject of the maintenance of the library is one of