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Letter from Luther M. Grimes, Class of 1893 (1957)

Luther M. Grimes

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Indiana School of Law
Bloomington Indiana

I am now just 87 1/2
years of age.

Dear Sirs: On account of age I will not be able to
be present at dedication of the Law building. I am the only
survivor of 1893 class and must be among the oldest
graduates of the University. I drove cows from what is now
the campus, then a pasture. My father sold to the University what
is now ^{part of} the athletic field. He was a student there at the
time of Civil War, entered as a private and after almost 5
years of service in the 14th and 31st Indiana regiments he

brought home the 31st. He was then Lt Colonel in charge.
My people the Woodward, Ketchams etc had much to do
with establishment of the County ^{and University} and ~~only~~ now City of B. You will find several
Our teachers in law Judge Banta and others were of the ^{Grimes' graduates from Ill.}

best. Prof Rogers was personal friend of mine and father.
One morning a small dog came into study room. One of our
class put the dog in Prof Rogers desk. When class was being
heard the dog began to whine. When let out of the desk Rogers

said "we have a new student." Then his face became serious
and he dismissed the class except Mr Grimes will please
remain. He said he intended to resign as it was evident her
teaching was not satisfactory as we had just gotten rid of a professor

who undertook to teach as successor to Prof E Huffant who had gone
back to New York as attorney for Char Evans Hughes then governor of
New York. I did not then know who had put the dog in the desk.
I soon found out and with three or four went out to find
Prof Rogers. We found him at his residence and finally convinced him
that his work was satisfactory and his inference was far from the right.

one of the left. Indiana to become Dean Law School University of
Cincinnati. I have heard that he made 4 million dollars
out of oil leases in Ky. He did not live long thereafter. I wonder what
became of his widow and two daughters a son having died at about
age 21. I regret bringing ^{unable to attend}
Lester M. Grimes

He had his
resignation in
his pocket to be
mailed.

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