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March 4, 1952

To Ermo H. Scott, Deputy Commissioner of Education Re: Amy W. Pinkham Legacy

We have your memo of March 4, 1952, relative to the legal disposition of the Amy W. Pinkham Legacy.

This office has been requested to give an opinion as to the manner of initiating legal proceedings whereby the benefits of this legacy might become available for purposes in the normal school and teachers' college programs.

Original the legacy was for the benefit of students at the Eastern State Normal School, which school no longer exists, and the above request is made so that the legacy may be used to benefit others under similar circumstances.

We wish to advise you that the proper procedure is to petition the Equity Court, which court would have the discretion under the cy pres doctrine to determine whether or not such a change is beneficiaries may be made. . .

James G. Frost Assistant Attorney General

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