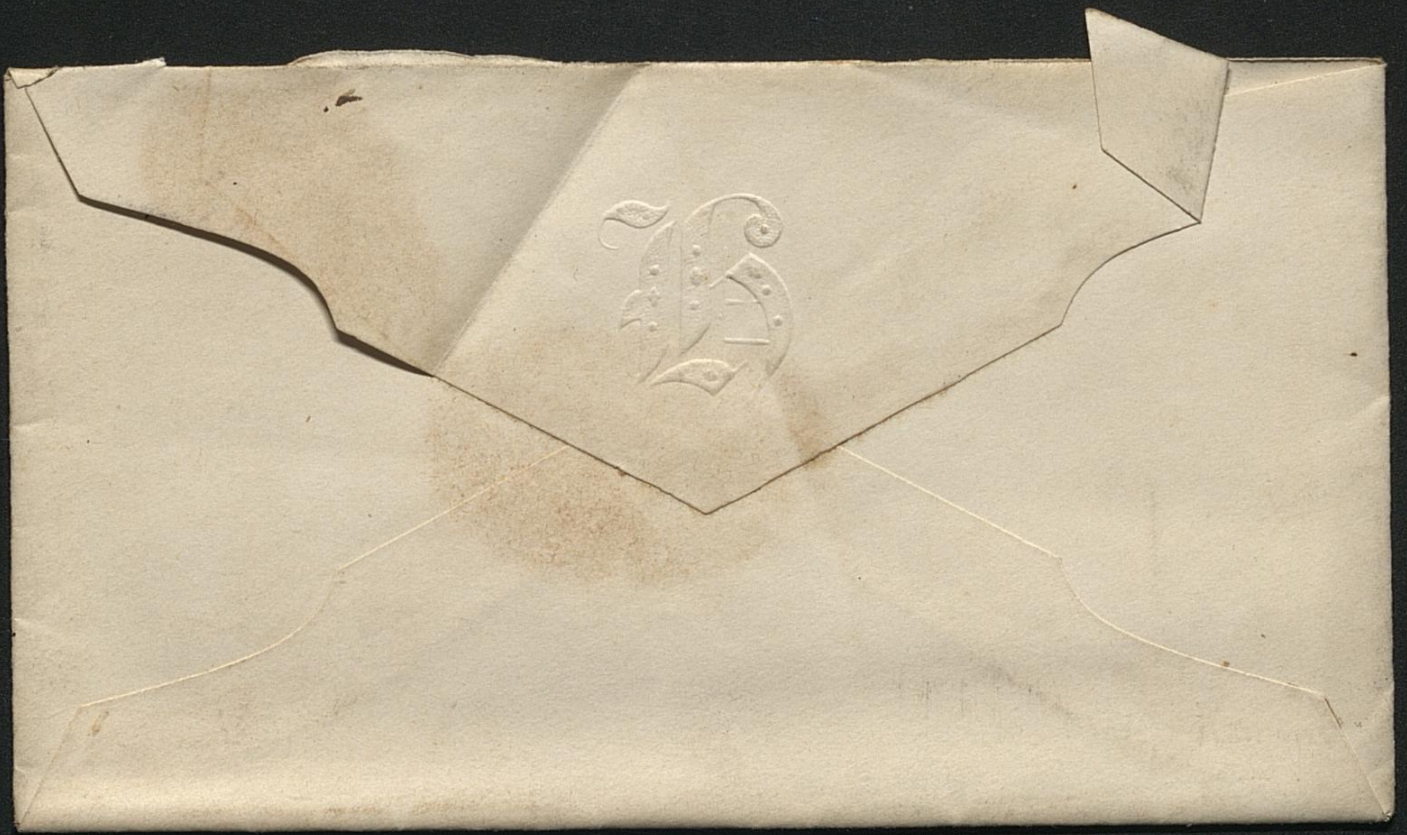


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Col. Hart Gibson.
Lexington.
Kentucky.





June 10th 1870.

Dear Hart,

The time is fast approaching, when I feel we must leave, so I must begin to gather up the "where on that" to go on.

You gave me two notes for the horses I sold at your sale if you have gotten the money on the other two, I should be very glad if you will let me have it.

I don't know when Ra will leave or if he will go to Ky at all.

The weather continues very pleasant - the days are warm

but the night's quite cool.

Ra has just returned from
Mrs Minor's - reports Stephen
very ill - not able to be moved.

We all keep well -

With much love to Mary and
the children &c

Yr aff sister

J. G. Humphreys.

He does most of the selling now
and gets very slow down just now
both with the wheat and corn.

I am persuaded that if we had
the capital to move in our shop
we could easily run the plantation
with it - I must confess I see some
prospects can be made here by
people of capital and enterprise.
Shelby Ford is quite satisfied with
the Riverwood - told me to day
before leaving that he was determined
to sell Riverwood to his brother Sam
and carry it on for him - he expects
to meet him in the city this evening
but I fear he will be disappointed.
I see Mr. Magoffin's arrival mentioned
but no word of Shelly on the list of
arrivals - They is pushing things
at Riverwood without a merchant
and so far getting along as well
as any of us. The general opinion
is that the prospects for a fine crop
have never been so good since the
war.

Oak Point Feb 27th 1873

Dear Mary, Mrs. Humphreys and
I are entirely alone and I am thank-
ful to have some writing to do, for
it is awfully dull here and the weather
to day very much in the bones of spirit.
Our wife very kindly wanted us
to promise ourselves to leave Riverwood
for Julie and Lucy, so after a council
of war, family meeting and a great
deal of deliberation of heads and
reflections, we decided to take up a
subscription to buy Lucy a hatbox
and send her (Lucy) for the
Cannon to night - She left yesterday
escorted by Mr. Win and by Mr.
Wynnot - to day Julie, Lucy, Sam
Shelby Ford and Joe followed
Julie and Lucy will stay at home
and the other young people stay there.

way as best they can. Pully and
Commander McWilliam used to join
Lucy R. and Abbie to day and I
suppose they will find most of the
young people of the Parish in the train.
The city for a week past has been
filling with strangers for Mardi Gras
and I suppose quite a number
will be here tomorrow. I do like these fets.
They are wholesome for a people -
Indeed I believe it is just as important
for manners, mind & morals to have
nothing of health, to have one fest day
in the week, as one sabbath.
John has just bought me
a letter from Rebecca, in which
she rejoices at the report of her
and her to the house of Goodrich.
Please offer my congratulations.
Excellent letter is shown in the
drawing of the young gentleman
and I hope the lady from himself.

worthy of the name - Will they
will take Duncan, Brown, or Hain?
I hope Allen is safe and will
not be pleased at his good fortune
in having at last, one child, after
so many girls!
I am amused of Mrs Dr Bell,
did she officiate on the occasion
or had she perfected all of the
wonderful cures she was to perform.
Before this I hope Duncan's eye
is all right and little Abbie
deserving the title of big Abbie.
Tell Duncan Jr. has turned
out to be a real speculator -
What unpurged of his hog and hump
money, he invested in Mandry, and
crackers and tobacco for the store
and retails them at fabulous prices.
Nelly says gives him lessons in
book keeping and the management
of his attention to his business.
is as amusing as it is amazing!

Oak Forest August 3^d 1874.

in a few years - White servants and good things
we want we need to give us such foreparties
as we have never known - It is now abandoned
I have just returned from a delightful
week to the Mirror and Mrs. Winkler
it was a treat to see Mr. Schaffer, James
McCollam & William's wife - the best since
1868 - and they are all in splendid spirits
and believe that our flow will prove a real
 blessing and that our prosperity has been
increased by it - The people are wild about
emigration and in my parish meetings are
often wild in figures the question & means
proposed for bringing in Portuguese, Germans
and English -

I know Mary and the children will be willing
to come so write me what you think of it -
Couldnt you give me a lift in writing Sumner
Forest, six hundred acres of it? I dont say
much about writing the 130 acres around the
house - dont intend to rent inside premises
again - How would it do to rent at western
Va. Bushnell? I shall miss George, but hope
he has gone where he will do better than in
Bushnell - Am to Mary and the children
in which you unite with me. Y^r affec^ted
J. E. Humphreys.

Dear Hart,

It is now an established fact that
the land will be built in better style than ever
before - already six hundred cottages are at work
on them, besides hundreds of other hands under
the direction and supervision of J. E. W. where
intent is to make the work a chief object -
Besides Congress has been appointed
by Congress to examine into the condition of
the forest and report on Dec. when it is
believed steps will be taken to make all things
double, some such that by the government
it is cheaper to build, that land that feed the
people and lose the expense from a certain
and fertile a part of the country -

We do not apprehend another overflow in
the next fifty years - so you need not be
"skerry" about coming down here and you
going to lay before you something that are
come into my mind and say what you
say to it - You recollect I told you it was

Pa's expressed wish to you, that you and
I alone should hold the title to this property
and pay off about the amount of his third
interest in bequeathed to his and Mr. W's names
Did wish it law to me and what I believe was

is to carry out his wishes, but not exactly in
the way he suggested and desired - but
the only way left of doing it, unless the future
brings out much more property - then we have
a right to expect - or, that I will live, to enjoy -

An Octopus Oak House will be sold, and
you need I will control the title; so that what
I propose is this - to give off to Mr & Mrs Mearns
a piece of land upon condition it will be
improved - otherwise it will be best for them
to wait until we can pay them - I want to give
a nice little place to Louie and Biddy and if
you will all come down and make me
immediately that you will come I will have
a neat, comfortable house put up containing
six rooms, just a kitchen - will have the place
fenced in, a garden laid off and begin to
set out trees - besides I will furnish out bed
room and give you ten sheep - that is
just exactly what I want & will do if you
will come down and let Louie & Biddy
take possession of their inheritance -

I intend to give Louisa Gageby a piece of land
too and will give the best for lumber and
use of saw mill, but can't afford to do anything
more - but if Mr Gageby is willing to spend
one thousand dollars on a house I will
promise to have him a neat, snug little
cottage put up, papered & with keys in the door

what I will have if success - It will be more, take
a year to finish paying his thousand dollars
My father says he will buy things for me I
ask him what he like me, it is my idea to have
persons come here that he will let them make
them over time pretty much. - I have invited
Aunt Thompson and cousin Susan to come to
spend next winter with me and want to get
up a school for the ladies and send Sally and
you - With her usual good music teacher
from the city our children could do just
as well here as anywhere and at a very
little expense - I don't know that she would
accept pay from you or me -

I do wish you and Mr Gageby would come
it would be so pleasant - I can easily take
Lucy and Virginia to the city and chop some
them to figures, ball & the Opera and although
we might have a real nice time - I am and
Susan and Mr Gageby would be perfectly
charmed with the climate and the people -
Now the expense of living is so truly compared
to what it is in the city and there is no difficulty
in getting the best of servants - Talk it over
and make up your minds to come -

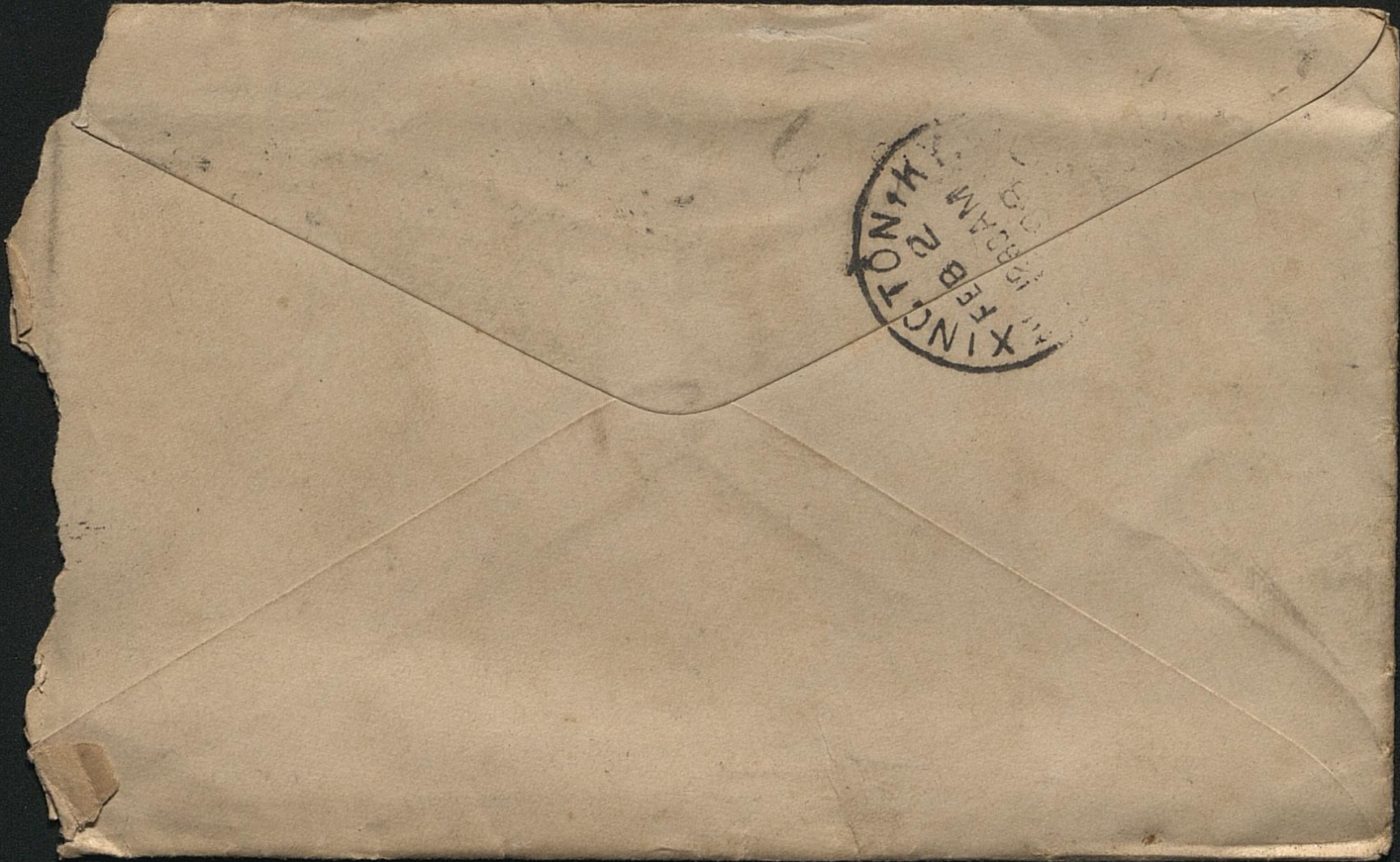
See says he is only holding Greenwood for
its original and real owner and there is
some beautiful cane on it and if that place
was well managed it would yield a fortune



Col Hunt Gibson

Lexington,

Kentucky,



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After dinner,
to Montgomery - Sanders
if he has gone to New
York or Kentucky - or
he may be
detained in
New Orleans

There - there, nothing
to do.
The girls must wait
and come to you - so
does Preston - who is
with us -
The girls
S. H. [unclear]

Get the N. Y Tribune
of date Jan 22 -
with beautiful tribute
to Lee
WASHINGTON, D. C., 188

Dear Cousin Jan 30th 1893

Do you know whether Pa paid the war
tax of 1865? If so, I understand we can claim
the sum paid. We are none of us so affluent or
patriotic as to relinquish our claim even to so
small an amount. I don't remember anything
about the tax. Let me know if you do.

I have just come in from the bridge, leaving the girls
and Preston out there. The girls enjoy the bright
sun shine very much, and we have had
wonderfully pleasant weather - up to this time only
two rainy or dismal days. The mercury has
changed from 32 to 68, but it is getting
warmer every day - It stands at that ⁶⁸ to-day.

We have found well in every way during our stay
here. The big cart has been coming three times a

week and occasionally a market wagon comes down from Houma with fish, oysters, eggs and fruit. We get fat fine Capons and chickens from a woman on the place and George has a good garden.

We have green, turnips, onions and delicious crisp lettuce every day. Then with plenty of oranges from the de Lage, a big black cake, preserves and pickles I brought from Sumner's Forest we manage to live very well. Montgomery and I divide the expenses at least he says he is going to pay half of all the expenses when he gets his money. That will make it much easier on me, who am not burdened with "filthy lucre".

We have not been burdened with company. We had a delightful visit from Willy Covert. He staid nearly a week with us and we were sorry to see him go. I think he has still a smacking desire for a winter home in the South. I believe would come here but for the fear of our flow. On Saturday Mrs Nolan Williams and her daughter spent the day with us. Nolan Williams has bought

Col Blackford's old
place. The girls have ~~two~~ ^{United States Senate,}

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Frenchmen for beaus. They come
in every evening or two and play cards and seem to have
a good time. Montgomery takes a hand and seems
somewhat waked up. He still keeps up his ^{correspondence}
New York correspondence and I don't ^{think} any one will
shortly supplant his old boss! He makes believe!
but it is only to throw us off the track. He went
off very unexpectedly on Friday last to New Orleans
to sign some business papers - wrote me a note
from Gibson announcing his sudden departure and
his intention of returning on Sunday. We sent for
him, but no Montgomery. We have sent again for
him to-day and every moment are expecting him.
As he carries his money in a few days it would
not surprise me if he gave us the slip, still
some how I am expecting him. I am a little
afraid the New Yorker is coming to New Orleans
for Mardi-gras. There are some indications of it.

We have quite a crop of servants - George to wait in the
dining room, Matilda to cook, her daughter as
chambermaid and George's wife as washwoman.
If we have to pay prices to suit our style am
afraid I will come out at the little end of the horn
but they are here in charge and no one seems to
have authority to hire or discharge. Montgomery
seems to have no idea of his rights or indeed what
to do, Major Hall has no authority, not having
qualified as executor and I certainly have none
except I suppose to pay - I don't even know that.
Montgomery has chosen Emily as his trustee.

Did you know that Stephen was dead? He
went to New Orleans to the hospital the day after
Sen went to Hot Springs and died about two weeks
after Sen died of Bright's disease. He had no
idea there was anything the matter with him
until a few weeks before he died.

How many public men have dropped off recently.
Six in six weeks - Sen, Keenan, Gen Butler
Hayes, Judge Lamar and Van Blaine and
every one except Sen to with heart trouble.

Tiger

Col Mark Gibson

Owsaules.

Woodford County.
Kentucky.

Oak Forest, Oct 5th 1874.

Dear Aunt, Since your last two letters I have not had a moment to spare a finger having caught me I had some seed time to save and every thing in my garden and carpets to put down - Thank goodness, we have bright warm weather again, it is never too warm for me and my head will not stand cold - I have not had a spell of neuralgia since last March but my head was very shaky those prosy mornings and I did not dare go without a wooden spooning in it - My old Bank book with Mr. Christad, is in my secretary at Summer Forest - They will get it for you - The note Mr. Christad holds must be for the one he took up for me in Western Bank.

I wish you would pay something to Professor Hunt, say \$500 and about the same to Warren Lee and the amount you propose to Mr. Christad - There are some small accounts that ought to be paid - about \$300 to Sullitt & Wasson I am particularly anxious about -

I wish some of the horses could be sold
and the money given to Lucy and Sally
I am so anxious for them to come south
there is no use in keeping the carriage
horses, waiting for a big price and
they growing old and less valuable
all the time - I need money too much.

I am more than grateful to you for
straightening up my business for me
and hope that after we are perfectly safe
here, I shall once more feel relieved
from the dreadful burden of debt and
the want of a penny to spend for the
necessaries of life - I am sick and
tired of poverty, but I am no worse off than
the rest of the family - Poor John! I feel
sorry for him - wish to goodness I could
help him - I suppose he is with you by
this time - What is Louie going to do?
Will she get the long letter I wrote her and
Mr Duncan?

Have you any rich potatoes? An every barrel
you will send me I will send you
a barrel of sweet potatoes - What do you say
to it? Let me hear - Love to all. G. Humphreys

Diagon
Antique



Col. Huck Gibson
Russell.

Woodford County
Kentucky.

Oak Forest. October 15th 1874.

Dear Aunt,

I have just written to Mother
begging requesting & all things, ~~that~~ to return
the 57 acres of Summers Forest to my
children - I suppose it will have to be
made over to me as guardian -
I am not able to live at Summers Forest
neither do I desire to own any part of
it or to live there again -

I know the trouble you will have in
returning Summers Forest and I am truly
grateful for your kindness in attending
to this business for me - After this matter
I pray God I may no longer be a burden
on my family or friends - I do not think
I will be - neither will it be in my power
to do them harm -

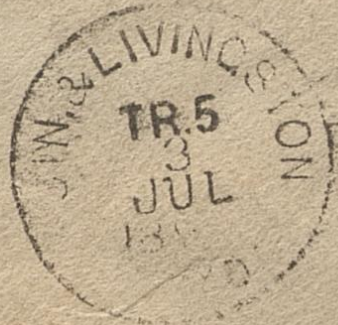
Please return me the letters I enclosed
you about Lucy -

I write very hurriedly late at night with
my "specs" on -

Love to all

Your aff. sister

S. E. Humphreys.



Col Hart Gibson

Livingston.

Kentucky.



Law Office of

GILBERT L. HALL,

806 Gravier St., Near Carondelet.

New Orleans, June 27th, 1895.

Mrs. S. G. Humphreys,
Versailles, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of 20th. from Richmond relative to the watch your brother Randall left to his son came to hand during my absence at session of United States Court at Alexandria La. 200 miles from here.

I address you at Versailles, Ky. because your letter is dated Richmond, without State, and the post-mark is so indistinct I cannot make it out and this will be forwarded.

That watch was burned in the burning of the St. Charles Hotel April 28, 1894. I have the remnants. The inscription on the case is perfect by whom it was presented to your brother, date & etc. but the works are all run in together, a molten mass. I hired a man to hunt for it in excavation at \$ 1.25 a day for 14 days, I was so anxious to recover it. My wife and I lost our entire wardrobe, room furniture and many valuables. It is my intention to

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New Orleans,

Mrs. S. G. H.

give him a watch when he is twenty one.

I return Mrs. Justice White's letter to you.

Yours truly.

G. L. Hall

I write what I do entirely out of
the most affectionate consideration
for Preston. I am not taking my
own feelings into account, except
that I know to be forced to
keep this promise will only add
to his prejudice against me.
I am truly glad and thankful
to hear from Leta of his great
improvement in every respect &
I do hope he may be a credit
to his parents and to his family
group.

I am still very "poorly" & nothing
but skin & bones. I am under
an excellent physician here, but hope
to be well enough to return to S. Forest
in a week or ten days.

Your affectionate sister, S. G. Hemphill

Richmond July 3. 1895.

My dear Aunt,

The enclosed I have
just received from May Hall.
You see the fate of the watch.
I have been worried to death about
it. The truth is, I have no distinct
recollection about it, I seem
to remember that it was left by
voice to Preston & Lucy & Sue & they
recalled to me the fact of my
having discussed the disposition
of it with you and of my
determination to give it up to
May Hall instead of to you as
I first suggested.

I can't recollect how it ever fell into my hands
whether Lee told me to take charge of it as he did
of several things or whether Leta turned it over
to me. At that time my mind did not take
cognizance of such matters.

I enclose May Hale's letter to you as a testimony
of my innocence. ~~Others~~ Lee's sons would never
believe that I had not embegged it. So show
it to Preston & return it to me that I may send
it to Mrs White, for she also wrote to me about it.

Another matter I want to mention. Mrs White made
Preston promise to call to see me - It was very kind
of her & I appreciate Preston's willingness to make
the promise. But, I can understand what a disagreeable
duty it will be to him. I am a stranger to him
for whom he can have no possible affection or even
respect, and I am very sensitive about forcing
attentions from any one, even a child. Do, don't
urge him to do what might destroy much of the
pleasure of his visit. Now, for Heaven's sake
don't misunderstand me, or misconstrue my meaning.

I received to-day the amount cards of
Louisa Crosby marriage.

Maguelia Jan 10th 1900.

Dear Aunt,

Many thanks for your
help with Major Hall. I hope to
goodness it will bring the money, for
about now I need it.

I have seen several notices of Mrs
Duncan's death. She had lived her
best days & life had no more to give
her & whatever the future brings it
cannot be feebleness & weariness of
the flesh. Doubtless she was satisfied
to quit, but I feel truly sorry for Lily
the care of her Mother seems to have
been her absorbing interest in life &
she will miss her sadly.

I am sorry to hear of the delay in your
getting the potatoes. I was beginning to think

it was about time to send another sack
Don't forget my sideboard at the
auction store on Royal St. I gave
a ck for the money & they said they
would ship it right away & that
is the last of it. There may have been
some trouble about the ck. It was
stupid in me not to have taken the
man's name. I wish you would
look after it for me. The auction
room is right next to a furniture store
on Royal St & right opposite one about
two or three blocks from Canal St.

By to-day's mail I received a letter from
Lucy saying she was just starting to see
a Dr about gout in her foot from which
she is suffering a good deal.

Love to each & all of the household
Your aff sister

S. G. Humphreys

Look for Joe about the 20th.

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Col Hart Gibson.

3114. De Loto Street.

New Orleans.

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Magnolia. Jan 18. 1900

Hart.

I drove down to Linton
yesterday, for the first time this winter
and your letter which was several
years old. I telegraphed you
that I had had no reply to my
letters to May Hall & no answer
if he is at his wife's end. It
well you drew on him else you
could have been just where I
am. What I am afraid of is,
that even a suit would bring the
money as I have heard that every
thing is in his wife's name and I
fear her estate has been used
her property - absorbed.
Hall has always until now replied
to demands with excuses for delay

Do what you decide is best. I
know so little about the whole
business that I wouldnt know
first step to take toward righting
I hear suspicious and rumors
but you must have facts in case
Why dont you get the sweet for
then freight is paid & nothing to
but to send for them. One of
Buddy's boys could get them
wheel barrow. Freight is not due
The uncle says he will come
so I shall be looking for him
pretty soon.

Why dont some of you
out?

Your aff sister
S. G. Humphreys

Dear Aunt,

I have sent just
-day and to day to the depot
hoping to hear from you -
Mrs Humphreys tells me
she understood that several
of Mr Williams pupils have
had measles, and she also
tells me that when she went
to put her daughter to school
Mr Williams told her he had
not intended to take another
pupil this session and would
only take Maria in consideration
of the distance she had come.
I will take Louisa home with me
to-morrow & get her ready to go up

to Lexington the latter part of the
week in the mean time I would
like to hear from you - whether
she will be secured at the fallow
and if there is the slightest
danger in her going there -

We are all well - How is Mary
Love to her and kind regards
to Mr & Mrs Duncan -

Yr aff sister
L. G.

Tuesday evening -

Figueroa
Feb 11



Col. Hart A. Wilson
Russell Woodford County
Kentucky.

Oak Forest, October 14th 1874.

Dear Aunt,

It seems impossible that George
Bookies should have rented without having
secured the privilege of full reding -
Answer I enclosed you an order for all
of the paper deposited in Commercial Bank
and I suppose the leases are amongst them
also, the Freeman's note, which I would prefer
not to use if it is possible to sell the horses -
Lucy and Sally must have money to come
south on and they will need about a
hundred dollars besides - \$200 in all.
I should like the horses at Wagon sold
as soon as possible and I should Lucy
and Sally to come south as soon as possible.
Should Louie come with them and not
have the money please furnish me as you do
my children -

I do not wish my life interest in Summers
Forest or in any other property - would prefer
the 57 acres returned to my children unless
there is a reasonable chance of my being able
to pay for it and owning it absolutely - which
just now I do not see - Wanda Day has been
extremely kind and has done every thing he
could to secure that as a home to me, and

I appreciate his kindness, but a life interest makes
it no more mine than it was before and gives
me a debt to pay besides -

I've my cousin Hanson for a six hundred dollars
he holds my note for the amount, before he
brought in the 57 acres - would like to pay him
as soon as possible - Should it be possible
to keep the place I will authorize him to make it
over in trust to you, but my judgement is in
favor of getting rid of it - I do not believe I
shall ever be able to live there - have nothing but
the incomes of that place to pay for it and
my children are suffering for the money now -

Do you recollect your son's children -

Am dreadfully disappointed that you
could not have to my dear -

I agree with you about Solomon - "A fool's
back should be beaten with many stripes"
but what is to be said of a rascal?

Love to Mary and the children

Your aff. sister
S. G. Humphreys

This cold & clear - splendid weather for
rolling -

Sunday morning Oct 18th 1874.

Dear Heart,

I am sitting by a bright fire in the library waiting for breakfast and after eating a pretty hot orange am prepared to answer you my kind letter received yesterday -

If you could only have some sort of confidence in my honesty of purpose my sincerity, and purest interest in my family and affection for them it would be unnecessary for me to have to write this letter - as it is, I am not writing to justify myself alone but to disabuse your mind of some prejudices that really do you injustice -

You write "where at the present moment, you pass over your two brothers in New Orleans and select as your confidential business adviser Mr. Goode" I don't know where you get your

information from, but you are certainly misinformed

Last winter I wrote to Mr. Pinley and to me that he feared the merchants were going to give us trouble and that I must write to Mr. Henry Heart to pre-empt on the Lewis mortgage and that Mr. Goode's services must be secured else he would act for the other party -

Some time after this I went to spend a night with Mrs. Young - Lewis Quinn told me confidentially that Mr. Goode had asked him

if we were not about to take such steps as would
scut him out - Lewis of course knew nothing, but
advised us to see Mr Goode - On my return
I met Sam and Louie at Segunle en route
to New Orleans - I told Sam what I had heard
and he insisted that I should go to the city
and see Mr Goode with him - Mr Gram
to the Hotel and I had about ten minutes
conversation with him Sam having gone out
with Laura - I told him we considered our
debt to him a debt of honor and it should
be paid, and that in case of any difficulty
with the merchants we wanted upon him
to act for us - I also requested him to give
me an exact statement of the liabilities of
the place which he did in the enclosed
letter, which begins and ends our
confidential correspondence -

This summer I heard several times
that Oak Forest was to be sold - that proceeding
had been instituted by Lee & McMillen
that Mr Goode was their lawyer - even
the Greenwood negro brought this news
from Hornum - About this time Col
Minn came down and I asked him
if he had heard the report - he said he
had heard it from Lee, Mr Goode
John Under and W. McCallum and was
astounded when I told him it was news to him.

Whilst we were talking Mr Stanley arrived
 from New Orleans and told me it was
 his wish that I must send the mules and
 magsons right up to Magnolia and
 General and buy up Lees books and
 send them to him. This was Sunday and
 he told me I ought expect the Sheriff
 by Thursday or Friday. He further said that
 everything was in Mr Goods hands and
 he had offered him mules in payment
 of my debt to him and he had accepted
 them. I was hurt and angry that he had
 done everything without referring with me
 and expressed myself accordingly. He insisted
 that I should go to the city with him. I said
 Mr Goods had accepted my invitation from
 Leg. to dine with him on Wednesday and any
 thing would be fixed up on that day. I did
 not go. Several weeks after I went up to Coahoma
 to sign some papers that Warren Key had
 sent me and the evening Mr Goods and
 I he took us at Mrs Winters. That evening
 I had about ten minutes conversation with
 Mr Goods. He told me it was in his judgment
 best to preclose immediately on the Lewis Property
 and asked me if I approved. I told him
 I did. Weeks passed and I heard nothing
 and grew so uneasy that I determined to
 go to the city and see for myself why the

enclosures were not being made - On the
ferry boat at Quebec I met Mr. Coode and
asked him why nothing was being done
He said, he did not think it advisable to prosecute
just then - that he had reason to believe that
the merchants would attack the Lord's mortgage
and as that was all the protection I had
from the merchants it was in his judgment
best to be quiet - He told me he had written
to see that ~~the~~ proceedings would protect
my interest and he was bound to protect
me - I think the difficulty about Mr. Coode
was arising from a misapprehension of
the real state of things - See and I think
had forgotten that the merchants mortgage
was on my half and that it was made
perfectly safe by the Mr. William mortgage
as his debt to the merchants was only \$547
Mr. Coode knew the merchants would
do nothing with these mortgages as I had
not in my power of attorney authorized
him to give any mortgages for advances
made - I did not know until the issue
of seizure was served on me that I had
had not joined in the mortgage - You did
he or see remember it, but this tells me
but I take for granted Mr. Coode did
know it and therefore felt that my interest
alone was in danger - but I have had no

I agree with you entirely in your "views" and if you
will read my letters, not letter, to Lucy, you
will be convinced of my sincerity -
I am horrified to hear of the connection with the
Shaws & Websters! Upon my word the child
is demoralized - The idea of being mixed up
with that "set" of common, persons radical
methodists is appalling - How did she
ever catch up with those people? I never met
with one of them out of their shops in my
life - So much for staying at Allen Biggins
Doubtless he repeatedly that I will not like
their associates and preferred for her
to stay with her grandmothers - Poor Pa
poor Mr Humphreys & poor Joe! What would
they say to this connection? Do you recollect
how you used to laugh at the out of his
upper your legs? You are right Lucy
ought not to have been in stay alone -
It is all important to give young men and
girls good associations - Will you tell the
Shaws & Websters! What will I hear next?
I hope Allen & Betty won't marry Julia
off to Phill Kidd!

About Hogan do what you think best
He is a good tenant, honest, prompt pay, but
hard to bargain with and wants all he can
get - It would be well to lease to him for
three years, and to let him occupy the kitchen
room also until a house is vacant, but
it seems to me it would be best to lease some
other ground for three years than that just
above the house, so case some day we
might want to go back there for a while.
I make this suggestion, but do as you think
best. Lucy or Sally must have all the
furniture moved out of the room, up stairs
and my stove out of the kitchen -

I am just in a trade for some pellets
for the children - will send them with some
my new oranges before long - have cut
down thirteen dead orange trees, killed
by the water -

This cool weather has stirred up my head
again - it is making very cool spell and is
opening me now and you is a heavy too
I am so with love to all

I am yours aff. friend,
S. S. Humphreys.