



Dick

To W. P. Hart	Dr.	Cr.
To Rent June 1. to June 1 <sup>st</sup>		
@ 37. pr. mo.	\$ 35.00	

By breaking Hemp		\$ 12.17
1834 lbs @ \$1.50		<u>2.50</u>
By 3 days labor		14.67

To bal. due	\$ 20.33	
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By Cash		<u>8.00</u>
		\$ 22.67

To bal due June 1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>13.33</u>	
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By cash July 20 <sup>th</sup>		7.
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 33.33





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21 1/2  
149 1/2

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Lick  
in apt } N. P. Had

1868

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under my control.  
Do not feel any deli-  
ciacy in making this  
enquiry of Cousin Ned,  
who can give you prompt  
or intelligence, that  
possibly could.

I miss you & only  
have as one hint  
Mrs. Busch to talk  
with. She is a kind-  
hearted woman, & would  
be far differently  
appreciated, if she  
had a fortune. I  
feel deep sympathies  
for her!

No write of Mrs. My  
next I hope will  
savour of more interest.  
My best love to all in  
the home, & a kiss for  
dear little Fannie - off  
Chas. J. Busch

6-  
had to finish out  
by extending George  
him, upon a negotia-  
ble note, for which  
his Com. & Remps, are  
more than adequate.

You mis-judge  
me in thinking that  
the business portion  
of your letter could  
cause me even a  
"wakeful" hour, un-  
less in case of my  
inability to comply  
with your wishes.  
When I received your  
letter, unhesitating-  
ly I determined to  
place at your  
disposal, as much  
as you desired, of  
the fund held for  
me by my Uncle Isaac



it having been due  
1<sup>st</sup> Jan. - But alas!  
he would not be a  
"man", were it not  
for his shortcomings!  
As I expected him  
to bring the money,  
I waited upon him  
thinking to give you  
a definite answer.

But he came, &  
with a bankrupt  
story - as money - can  
not possibly pay  
before 1<sup>st</sup> July - Now  
if you are willing  
to rely upon him,  
& can wait, you are  
more than welcome to it.

It may be, that  
Cousin Hart has  
funds of Lucie's -  
you can ascer-

tain, & if so, will  
be doing me a  
personal favor, to  
take it. As regards  
security, of course  
I should be more  
particular in loan-  
ing her money than  
my own. But  
that, we can  
easily arrange.  
From the income  
of the farm for  
the past year  
I shall be able  
to lay up but  
little, as the place  
for what with  
taxes & repairs (two  
unavoidable though  
disagreeable neces-  
sities) & other expenses  
it takes about all



But if you are impatient & determined to  
keep houses at once & on the board no bill  
in <sup>generally or at least</sup> can be satisfied with the location & condition  
of any old houses I will either board you or  
board with you until you can arrange things  
to your satisfaction. This in my opinion would be the  
most proper & judicious decision at present. But  
if you desire to be entirely alone & will accept  
of it you are welcome to my Point Buffalo House  
- & singular its appertinances -

Lord had not returned from his short  
in Arkansas when your note fell due in  
the Bank in Versailles, the best therefore & only  
thing I could do was to pay the discount of  
\$20 - & substitute my note at 120 days for  
\$1000 - with Lee Humphreys as security, as  
he has left I will try & convert your check at  
Portland into cash, to meet your note of \$500  
in Lexington. But that you may have an oppor-  
tunity to appreciate the kindness of Lee's, I  
will in case I cannot go South send a note  
for you thin to free you for once - Look for  
it & attend to it. My love to all & a kiss  
to your Mary - I have applied to you for off W. J. H.

Spring Hill Dec 19<sup>th</sup> /59

Dear Sir

Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst came  
to hand to day - bringing the agreeable news  
of your safe arrival at Live Oak. Prudence  
you say is to be there at Christmas; Lee and  
Sarah big & bogyer Caravan children & all  
popish this Versailles on their way down to day,  
I hope they on all arrive safe and  
that you may have a happy family meeting  
Your father certainly will enjoy it & those who do not  
will regret hereafter that they did not. I wish it had  
been in my power to have been present at this meeting  
But the fate was against me - I still desire and  
intend going down but the trip has lost its excitement  
to some by the loss of time making it too late to go to  
Cuba. Well, like these sugar planters it is always  
next year - Your Mary just left in time, we here  
had her an exceedingly disagreeable December,  
rain, hail, snow storms generally. it is now  
snowing & I have ice near six inches thick, filled  
my ice house last week with 4 inch ice



I am sorry you were unable to reach Preston  
Major place either by water or land. I wanted  
to have had your opinion of it after a per-  
sonal examination; but certainly the sales adjacent  
to it indicate conclusively its value, & only regret  
the quantity of land was not as large as you  
also you say is determined to sell out after  
rolling time; having failed in two successive crops.  
I always thought the time to sell was after a good  
crop, but to buy after a bad one; after two a  
bargain - then he wishes to invest in Cotton planting, as a  
safe & expensive & more certain crop - all things,  
but I dislike changes - even in a mans mode of life,  
if it is based on morality & principle -

You desire information as to the prospect or proba-  
bility of your being able to rent for one or a term  
of years a decent dwelling house in the town  
of Versailles having concluded to reside there  
be a Candidate for the practice of law; & also  
Politics - After reading your letter, I stopped in the shop  
and enquired of the "County News" "Dr. Torrell" - he said  
there was not a house across the river in the town  
to be had, that there were six families then boarding  
whose names he gave me, from their in-

ability to get houses - property has advanced  
one hundred percent in the last year in the  
town - If you prefer being in the town you  
will have either to board, or buy a lot & build  
a neat little Cottage on it - My advice to you before  
leaving, was to build just at the head of the Spring,  
at Hartstone, a nice Cottage such as I had built  
for my negroes; and afterwards if you desired  
to put up a handsome Residence, the Cottage  
would be just where you would desire it  
for a negro quarters - One year before in  
Versailles would build you such a house,  
the lumber just scantling & plank for it could  
be gotten out for it this winter from the timber on  
your own place & by your own hands, the dirt  
dig for the brick & the house put up next  
summer or fall - the log for the lumber in the use  
should be cut should be shelled & shelled in Glens Creek  
& either pay for the sawing, or have it done on the  
shores if - But if you prefer & will get a sawing  
apparatus you may have the use of my engine  
Consult with Joe & your father if inclined  
& let me hear at once your conclusion



Wednesday - Jan the 4<sup>th</sup> 1860

It was too late & too cold for my Mail boy to turn out last evening & I have but little to add in addition to what I have said Yesterday at noon I thought we had a prospect for at least a temporary break-up of the Winter the wind was from the Southwest, but the sun set clear, the wind was around to the Northwest bringing a dash of snow his still lowering as if doubtful what to do - Ice from six to eight inches thick, the ground hard frozen, in fine condition, & Loda a snow for weeks - I hope you feel as if you had made a fortunate escape from this arctic climate & that you are enjoying to the full extent of your anticipation the balmy South. Certain it is I am sorry I could not be on Cuba at this time luxuriating in courting pretty Spanish girls. But I submit like a philosopher to the necessities of my case, I live on the hope of bright day. Do not therefore be disappointed at seeing me yet before the winter is over



There is no prospect of venting anywhere in the town of Versailles a tolerably decent dwelling house I could buy at two prices Mrs Potts house on Hill Street, Dr Bohannons old Roost which nothing but fire could purify - You must make up your mind to board or build. You can decide which you will do before or after you return. You know my views, have my advice in a few - lines letter. It is to live with me till you can do better this is the proper place for you & your own good sense ought to say so to you without my telling you. - If there is too much house for Mary, a portion could be reserved for Priscilla & Elodie & any other Southern friends who would spend the Summer with us. But we will arrange everything when we meet.

Frankfort is gay under the new administration. The Vice President, U. S. Senator, Governor & Lieut Gov have been rejoicing in this neighbourhood <sup>"</sup>foraging upon the enemy <sup>"</sup>. I am a Neutral Non Combattant and look on as the women did at her husband. I hate bear fighting - hate the Abolitionists but am a True Sicilic, Non extension of Slavery Westward.



Spring Hill Aug 23<sup>d</sup> / 60

Dear Aunt

My mail bag is just about starting but is too late & holds to detain  
me but for a few moments  
I wrote you quite a long letter  
some weeks since giving you my  
advice & opinion about things in general  
I could now only repeat the same -  
I have rec<sup>d</sup> no reply but am daily  
looking for one - Will Terrell told  
me yesterday in Versailles that he had  
written to you saying he would have  
about \$300 - ready to meet your Bank  
debt of \$500. It would have been well  
for you to have sent a note to renew  
for the balance - No sale for Borley  
yet, prices firm & tendency up, as McKee  
reported on his return from Louisville - I  
am thinking of trying the market soon by  
going to Cincinnati thence to Madison  
& Louisville - I was offered 4 cts prof for  
my sheep last week, by a trade which



which I declined, thinking they had  
shrunk to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  by the cold spell. He  
is to be back on Friday, I will then  
ask 5-cts for mine (which I do not  
wish to see,) with the hope of getting  
three & a half or 3 for yours -

I wrote to Mr Duncan some two weeks  
since saying I was still at home & would  
take pleasure in looking over your  
place consulting & advising with him  
as to your interest but that I expected  
to leave in a few weeks to be absent  
for several months. He replied that  
he had been disappointed by his engage-  
ments in paying over the promised visit  
that he was still very much occupied, but  
that he would come to see me  
at a more genial season of the  
year after my return. From this I judge your  
sorghum fodder straw will count you but  
little for the want of stock, but you corn  
will sell at a good price

Mr Fosber's apolo<sup>g</sup> for breaking up Forting  
his three youngest boys with him to Europe &c.



Burnt House Co  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear May

We arrived here safely  
the day we passed this Landing  
- met many friends & diverse relations  
on the Car - Mrs Hepman with  
May & Larry Preston en route  
for Montreal - Brownell, and  
a Major Brennan seemed to be  
Baggage Masters to the party  
Cal John Brown and others accom-  
-panied them a short distance - Our  
Grippe traveled with them as far  
as Crestline, they only tarried  
for tea in this City - Mrs Hepman  
who I presume was Passer to  
the party, either going to, while at  
or returning from the supper table  
parted with her purse and its  
contents, fortunately chiefly checks



The weather has been unpropitious  
deceivable for shopping since  
we have been here and Rebecca  
not my will, still my chance  
she has been operating - I have  
done but little in my matter  
will go to Covington to day to  
consult Stevenson, probably  
to Coville tomorrow and  
perhaps to Chicago Monday  
Thence by Louisville back home  
to old Spring Hill which  
must be insured till im-  
proved - Soon I hope under  
the new administration it will  
be restored to gentility & comfort  
when one of my greatest an-  
ticipated pleasures will  
be to have you & your little  
children with me - The best  
room now shall be appropri-  
ately prepared especially for  
Ellen; in the reconstruction she

shall be built for her; for this  
new stair to me, she may still  
be more so with me at least  
I will be always delighted to have  
her & her friend - Every hour my  
young wife grows taller in my  
estimation - Sister's super-  
into my affections, she has filled  
up the best vacuum of my heart  
was more than I was entitled to  
but the Lord has given her  
to me to purify & prepare me  
for a better life - I hope not  
to mortify my noble nephews  
by showing them that I waited  
long that I have so far  
eclipsed them - but your generous  
Present my kindest regards  
to your heart of mother - Miss  
the children for me and slight  
not your sweet little Sister  
Lily - You may hear again  
from me before my return  
aff. W. H. H.



Tuesday Evening

A deep snow last night, A dark cloudy day and  
stuck of my kind spinning under the winter  
blast. I have been occupied all day in caring  
for my young stender stock preparing to stangle  
the best division of my fat hogs about forty head  
which I ought to have sold. I intended sending  
for William Terrell to day to know what he had  
done in selling wood what he is likely to do. I  
have staped my wagon for the want of purchasers  
but I saw yours in town yesterday still selling  
I think Mr Terrell has made engagements  
that will enable him to continue. He sold  
about one hundred fifty dollars worth of pork  
at \$4.25 gross should have sold more  
I think I shall be able to sell enough to  
meet your note of \$500 in Lexington. McKee  
is now in Louisville, he will look into the Borley  
trade tho it is in advance of the season. He went  
to Louisville to see Lee family safe off the being  
the disconsolate Bernose back home - I  
will write you again in a few days.

I am offering four cents per pound live weight for  
my entire flock of sheep. will try for 3 with yours



But sell them on the best terms I can and at  
the first chance - The sheep market or trade will  
be brisk in a couple of weeks & continue  
so till spring - If you sheep have been properly  
cared for I will have no fear of getting  
clear of them at fair price - I sold a good  
lot of Stock from Ohio two or three weeks since  
and am looking daily for the third

Mr. Sweeney has not visited me out  
- What shall I do about supplying Hartland  
with work stock you will require there  
in the Spring from 4 to 6 additional Acres  
I could buy for my Ohio Trade three more  
young that large enough on time, still  
they would do - I shall order another lot  
of fillies two years old next Spring - They will  
cost about \$800 here & will be worth \$1200  
next Spring if you could spare the  
money I would advise you to get six  
of this class - I love you

Off J. P. H. A. S.





Col. West Gibson  
Lexington  
Kentucky







San Francisco. Sept 10. 89

My dear Rebecca

My answer to your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> August has been delayed by the absence of Mr. Brownell, who I saw yesterday on his return to the City.

He is a particular friend of Mr. Chamberlaine, having a high opinion of him personally and of his business capacity.

From what he says, I am richer than I was. Mulgrave's objection could be easily accomplished, but for the fact that owing to the recent unprecedented losses from fires on this Coast, the New Zealand Ins. Co. has re-insured all its risks and withdrawn from the United States! — This of course, disposes of the subject,



Mrs Davis had had hopes to  
have the pleasure of spending  
a few weeks in Versailles this  
Fall, but as the time approached  
for our departure, she found it  
impossible to get her own course  
to leave her little grand children  
to whom she is most tenderly attached.

A visit to Woodford the ~~week~~  
with my relatives & old friends there  
is always greatly enjoyed by me -  
and intending to start East in  
about a week, I am disappointed  
at Mrs Davis's inability to accompany  
me.

We hear of you frequently,  
& always most kindly. Through  
letters from Edith Cairns & Co.  
- and are glad to have had such favorable  
accounts of your daughter & son in law  
& their prospects of happiness.

With best wishes & love to  
your affectionate Cousins  
David Davis



counted upon the  
realization of your  
wishes.

I am glad to  
hear that Louie  
has been with you  
in such an im-  
portant state of  
health. Lucy is  
at home too, but  
not strong by any  
means. She  
unites with me in  
love for you all.  
In haste, affection-  
ately yours  
Rebecca J. Hart

Spring Hill  
Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>

Dear Cousin Hart

I enclose Mr.  
Levis' letter, which  
I have just received  
- and <sup>which was</sup> delayed  
for reasons which  
he assigns. - I am  
truly sorry for  
the disappointment  
which I am sure  
it must cost you.  
In fact, it is a  
disappointment to  
me too, as I quite