



A. J. Duncan Esq
Lexington
Ky



Bedford Bourbon Co Ky
M. J. Duncan Esq
Sir

according to
agreement - I waited on you yesterday
but could not find you so I sent
Mr. Hunt. as I had to return on the
train. I leave this morning but will be
back on wednesday evening if I can when
I hope to meet you. and have all this
closed. I have ahead advised what course
to take. I will as I told you enter into
no litigation if it is not closed as
it commenced I will not be a party
to lawsuits, Remember this

Very Respectfully

Jas W. Kennedy

Feb 18th 1867



H. D. Dorman Esq
Lexington

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H. D. Newcomb & Bro.

Louisville, Ky.

Alexander, Newcomb & Co.

Saint Louis, Mo.

LOUISVILLE, Nov 23 1862

H. D. Duncan Esq
Lexington

Dear Sir - I have an order for
the best riding horse in the State. Can
you aid me in procuring one -
a well bred animal about 15 1/2 hands
high - 6 yrs old - dark bay - that walks
trots & lopes or canters well preferred -

Facing & racking gait are not especial-
ly necessary, but would not be objection-
able provided the other gait is satisfac-
tory - Do you own duster or have
the rebels stolen or the federal's borrowed
him - If in your possession had
you not better sell him - If you
decide to sell - describe the horse & State
the price - I was in your city on Saturday
& expected to remain over until today
but found that I could return in the
evening & felt constrained to avail myself
of the opportunity - Yours - H. D. Newcomb

Henry J. Duncan Esq
Lexington

J. Brewey Esq

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Washⁿ Pa. March 3. 1864



H. T. Dimecar &

Dear Sir

My friends
J. Foreney & + Mr. Crough
talk of visiting Kentucky
to procure some of your fine
Stock of Horses

Knowing well your
taste or will or knowledge
in this line I commend
my friends to your kind
office & will be glad of
your civilities. Yours truly
C. W. Reed



Mr Henry J. Duncan.
Lexington
Kentucky
U.S.

Let me kindly to Mrs Duncan and the
children and bless us, how we glide
on? the grand children and the
Sadies. Only think of these things!

Adieu. Sincerely your friend

Charles Sedgwick

Wm Henry S. Duncan,
Salem, Mass.

Sayton Hill, 29 July 1862.

My dear friend,

I am afraid that
the vague desires and ambitions, ex-
pressed in my former letter, have given
you very distinct and real trouble.
My imaginary standard of a horse
and especially a "War Horse" is always
sufficiently extravagant. And when
Sayton County is the place and Mor-
gans said, the occasion - only imag-
ine, the numbers, elegance and
cheapness, which my fancy
could picture, as galloping up
to my selection! But, I see
well enough, that Morgan has
not entirely, if at all, shed his
your confidence in that sort of
property. Hence I must come
down from my too sanguine
drops, to the solid ground of fact.
First, then, I might as well
give up, (unless an exceptional case)

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... offers,) the purpose of buying in Kentucky
that I might get a finer horse there than
elsewhere. But that class is so high
higher in price with you. Of the next
grade, the probability is, that I can
obtain as good a specimen here, as I
could there, at less money also.

I did not mean to attack much
significance to color, or sex. I know
the improbability of getting all of
these things, in one horse. For the
rest, I preferred a gelding to any
other special condition, but I thought
if chance, more chance - should offer
a Thorough-bred Stallion, capable of
performing military requirements his
services afterwards might make his
purchase, a speculation. So, as to color,
I rather prefer Black, but would sacri-
fice color to size, beauty, and action.
Any color, with these! But do not trou-
ble yourself further about it. I think it
quite plain, I must recuse myself more
humbly. Thanks for your pains. Remains

Ms. No. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

"Solon"

Red & white, bred by J. M. Stone near
Paynes Depot Scott County Ky. The property
of W. W. Hedges Bourbon Co Ky. Calved May
5th 1859. Got by Kenick 2nd 3340 out of Red Rose
by Kenick 903, Duchess by Albert Galatin 202,
Mary Clay 4th by Young Comet Halley, 1134-
Mary Clay by Gold Finder. (2066) Laura by
Oliver (2387), - Lady Durham, by San Martin (2599 -
The imported Durham cow of 1817.

The above is the pedigree of the Bull I sold you
W. W. Hedges

P. S. The pedigree of Solon is recorded in the
fifth volume of the American herd Book
which you can refer to at any time,

"St John" calved May 9th 1860, Roan, by Capt Smith 1323.
First dam Lilly of Houston (page 505 third vol American Herd
Book) by Perfection 810 A. V. B. Second dam Beauty by Bulmer Jr
302 A. V. B. Third dam Imp. Partha by Barfuth (3085), Fourth
dam by Rowland (2571), Fifth dam by Snow drop (2653), Sixth dam
by Masms Henry (301), Seventh dam by St John (592), Eighth dam
by Masms George (273), Ninth dam by Favorite (252).

I sold St John to H. J. Duncan

July 4th 1862

Jas. S. Jacoby

Col. Henry D. Bruce,

near
Lexington Ky.

By
Frank B.

Castleton Aug 3rd 1812

Mr. A. J. Duncan

Dear Sir,

I send my
regret for the sad news that I had
to you had - and would have sent
for her sooner, but that I had the
distemper very badly among my cows
and one of her heads.

Pray to hear of the death of your
valuable stallion - When I see you I
will ascertain where and when you
think the Southdown Buck desired

Yrs Truly
R. Higgins



Maj. W. T. Duncan
Livingston. N. Y.

Musick Licking co Ohio
May 3^d 1859

Mr Lumsden

Dear Sir

Some time back I saw
I wrote you wishing to
obtain a full pedigree
of Old Grey Eagle the
Comptroller of Wayne
Sept 30th & Oct 5th 1839

Which now I understand
was bid by you.

Will you please send
me his pedigree in full
& oblige yours

L. Merckum

A. J. Duracaw Esqr
present

By Bill.

Mr. Duncan's Farm

January 17th 1867

A. J. Duncan Esqr

Dear Sir

I had ~~the~~

A long talk this day with your manager Mr. Beatty
he very kindly communicated to me the views
conceded in by Mr. Duncan and himself in all
of which I readily agree. Sir after you left me last
evening when all alone. Making what you said
on yesterday morning as a starting point I
come to the same conclusion. That is one close
ing up of the whole concern stock and all no
three or four agreements. it will not require Mr.
Duncan Jr. to go to Frankfort as the title will
be made out in my Brother's name after we
have all closed up we can attend to all that
and as Mr. Beatty says you and he both think
it best to close all at once. I have this ^{ready} order
a Gentleman of Henry County to go to
Louisville on Monday or Tuesday to procure at
once to Baltimore and bring my Brother with him

as I am not able to run around I will without
^{notably} your connection with your Manager Mr. Beatty commence
and get the amount of stock and by the time we get through my Brother's will be here and
we can close all at once in conformity with our
understanding. I have this day pointed out to
Mr Beatty the stock you have reserved (namely)
your Scott Farm 2 Bay Cobs for carriage 2 race
Mares 2 fo. in stable lot. one Bay horse named snipe
on your Bedford Farm two young carriage
Horses (namely) the young light dappled Gray
and the young dark seal with a white
speck on his nose, this I think is all Mr.
Duncan's reservation. Please let me here
soon by the bearer as the weather is very
cold and you cannot be here keep nothing
back that you wish us to know as we
will join hastily in any mutual case
that will tend to both our welfare &
I will at the first available moment
run up to see you and Mr Duncan Jr.
as I wish to hear there is four minutes

interview with Mr. Duncan Jr. it may
be on Tuesday if the day is fit for me to go
I hope you reached home safe and well
will. I am not very well.

Except my sincere regards
and believe me ever
Your friend & servant

John W. Kennedy

A. J. Duncan Esqr
present



Scott Farm Jan 31st 1867
 M. J. Duncan Esqr
 Dear Sir

I saw your
 note to Mr. Beatty you wish me
 to go up I am unable to do so
 this day, but am prepared
 to close up the matter as soon
 as it suits you. if your view
 is within the bounds of reason
 I see no reason why we cannot
 agree our selves. But if your
 view of value is beyond what
 I know you may as well at
 once present him to close for
 us. I know the value
 the ground is all mud you
 could not do much about
 Mr Beatty is not will
 let me hear from you by Joseph
 Jones & Kennel

Mr. Duncan
Send us some Good Bread
and any other Good things
you think we need
Jimmie

Last note

A. J. Duncan Esq
present

By Town



Bourbon Co. N.Y. Feb 8th 1867

A. J. Duncan Esqr

Dear Sir

I have been
out all day together with Mr. Beatty I have
visited on several men but they all refuse on
the ground. That if it was a disinterested
man they could act I told them a very
poor excuse, indeed. But I will if I am
able be out to morrow. I am not well I have
worried much. Mr. Duncan, there is one
thing I wish to call your attention to I have
understood that you are to make presents
to of some of they fine hoppers to a certain
Lady or Gentlemans wife for what
purpose you (know) is this right I think
not. if they stock is to be made presents
of to proceed for or against. I must at
once say no.

N. B.

Mr. Duncan
There is

Mr. Duncan

you will learn
by the within how things
works

Yours

J. W. K

one thing now by return that
~~that~~ that I will not permit my
property to be persiled out at such
prices as you wish without my consent
Now Sir I ask you to send me a
note stating that Mr. J. Mc Daniels
must look to me for his terms as I
Kennedy have purchased your farms.
this I will at once in person or by
Ag^t. communicate to Mr. Mc

I will expect the above sent by the
bearer of this. if I cannot find a
man in this neighborhood I must
get one from somewhere else

I would have sent this by mail
but Dave was leaving up and
I thought it quickest

Very Respectfully
As ever your Servant

J. W. Kennedy

Beaufort Farm January 23rd 1867
Dugless had anticipated your need of wood
and had his load on when I reached home
I send up what Buttes Bill handed to
me as to its Character I know nothing as
he manufactured it. Mr. Beatz will
come and make out the list but it
will be impossible for him to weigh and
clamp to the winter Moderato which may
be in a few days. The snow is so deep in the
pasture it would take Great labor to
drive them by the time Mr Beatz gets
through with the list he may be able to
come way's &

Very Respectfully

Geo. W. Kennedy

To

A. J. Duncan Esqr

N. B. Suspensions By inclosed note if any
J. W. K

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A. J. Duncan Esq
present

By Duplas

SPENCER HOUSE
CINCINNATI, O.
L. A. PRATT, Proprietor.

CINCINNATI
FEB 24
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A. J. Durcan Esq.

Leighton Ky.

Southdown 22^d Jan'y 1865.

W. J. Duncan Esqr

Levington.

Dear Sir

You are, I presume, aware that all the blood stock I had at "Gros's Farm" near Levington was sold some time since for a long - I have written twenty (20) letters to parties in Italy relative to my stock, before & since the sale, & have not recd. a reply to one of these letters - I have not heard a word about the sale - I have therefore concluded, I have been very unfortunate or very badly treated or perhaps both. - I still have, as I believe, at Mr. R. A. Alexander's, a br. m. Teroun, with two or four of her produce - He got this mare from Mr. Farris of Lamb Orchard - by paying him what I owed Mr. F. for expenses on the mare & her produce - I have written Mr. Alexander five (5) letters relative to this stock - Two of these letters were, I think, delivered to Mr. A. by private hand - one I am sure was, & yet, I have not had a line from Mr. A. ~~in~~ in answer - Now as I have suffered a very serious loss by the sale, without my knowledge, of my stock at Gros's, I fear a similar transaction, as I can not ^{get} a reply from Mr. A. to any of my letters, asking what I owe him ^{on} this stock - I therefore take the liberty of troubling ^{you} to ascertain from Mr. A. what produce ~~of~~ my mare has - a minute description of the same

and what I owe him on acc. of this stock. —

Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient — Direct to me care of Mr. Wm. Legater — No. 34 — Old Louisiana Street — New Orleans —

Mr. Gibson passed ^{the night} here a few days since — He was quite well, but terribly annoyed, like many others, at the present unfortunate state of affairs. —

The free labour system is a complete failure, & but for the very high prices of cotton & sugar, there would not be a single plantation worked in La. or Miss. — My family was well a few days since —

With kind regards to yourself & family — I am very truly
Yours,
W. S. Minor

Aug. the 21 1865

Mr Duncan

Dear Sir I went to see the Horse
that you speak of when you was at
Bedford last I rode him and he is
no part of a saddle horse he ~~is~~ was given
to Terel son By his Granfather and he
is not for sale at any price he has
ben rode By the Boy all the time and
is the worst spoilt horse that ever
I saw he has no gate what ever that
would suit a Lady. Mr Hard was
to see your cattle on satter day the cattle
byens ar very active in looking a round
after cattle I think you will be able
to get 8 bts for your cattle after
while. In Hast

S McDaniel

H J Duncan

Mr H. J. Deuman

Lexington
Kentucky





Spring Station, Woodford Co. Ky
January 22/69

W. J. Duncan Esq
Dear Sir

Please send check for
amt your bill due 1 July 1868, for
breeding, \$410-

Season Ella G. to Livingston \$300-

" Albert " Australian 100.

1 mo's keep in separate lot 10

\$410-

Obliged very truly
D. Wiggert agt



Henry Duncan Esq
Lexington Ky

Spring Station, July 28th / 62
Harry Duncan Esq
To Sir

Below you will find
statement of your a/c for keep & breeding
of mare -

Harry Duncan To R. A. Alexander Esq
Apr 29. To keep & bay mare from Apr 29th
to 1 Aug / 62 - 13 weeks @ 1⁰⁰ 13⁰⁰
" Season of dr to Lexington 100⁰⁰
\$ 113⁰⁰

You can send for her whenever it
is convenient -

Very Resp^{ly} Yrs
R. A. Alexander by
D. Swigert agt

Louisville March 19th 1838

Major H. T. Duncan

Sir

Yours of the 17th Jan. was rec^d this morning (mail), also your previous letter from George Town, on the receipt of the latter I immediately wrote Mr St. ordery to re-ship your horse to this place believing it would meet with your approbation. I have this moment written him again to hold the horse subject to Mr. Tolson's order. I have no doubt you will be satisfied in either case. I also notified Mr St. of your wish in his favour.

Yours very
Respectfully
A. Shickelton

RC
Major H. T. Duncan
Paris 19



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H. J. Duncan

March ^{the} 21 1862

Mr Duncan i sende wine
up for that Bull that got from
Mr Gerson i find that there is
but few of the cows with calf and
we must have a Bull or no milk
The weather is so bad that we
hav not got out any oats yet
we hav the thrasher redy the
first dry day ~~to~~ to thrash
them i wish to know if intend
to see the Gabel field in oats
that was in corn last year i
shel plow as soon as it is
dry a nuff i hav got the
Clover seed at home 3 bbl we
have no salt yet at the station
we hav but 4 stacks of hay to feed
136 head of yearling cattle the grass
if it ever gets dry a nuff to thrash
the oats the straw will help out
the rest of the cattle is doing as well
as could be expected in hast S McDaniel

Mr H J Duncan,

Present



Dear Cousin

I expect Mamie Hunt
on Saturday, and would like
to treat her to a Berkshire
pig. you remember my
love for it too, and if you
can send me one down
some time next week,
I will be forever indebted
to you,

yours truly

E. D. Arnold

L.L. BRITTON
PROPRIETOR

Stanwix Hall,

Mr. Henry J. Duncan

OPPOSITE THE N.Y. CENTRAL RR. DEPOT

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Springfield New York
May 1st 1855

Mr W. J. Deane

Dear Sir I have just received
yours of the 13th and I think you made a good
sale of your cattle if you have reserved the paper
to graze them, I wish you make them good
cattle good ones are certainly very scarce and
will bring a good price all the season it
seems as though they cannot find the mar-
ket although they freight them from Illinois
and Iowa Michigan and Canada for more
long only 3 dollars per head from Detroit and
Chicago and some weeks for nothing you
may say this attracts cattle into market if
you could call them cattle that would
not have made their appearance until
December and many of them never if
you can buy nice cattle to graze at 4 cents
per pound I think there is no danger but
you can make it pay in such grazing
as you have ^{concern for your own} gain from 100 to 150
per month easy enough and nothing pays
better by them good and shrewd and they
will pay them the kind to hard to

and it doesn't matter as to the age of a fat
Stoan here if ^{he} is only one year old and
fat and nice he will sell as quick as
if he was 4 or 6 by good ones and fear not
the price at 4 cents per lb and if extra and
nice go at a little higher. I think you could not
buy any thing to faze that would prove
more profitable you would be astonished
to see the Seal always shipped here from the
West to sell for Beef you would not let ^{them} come
on your farm and I think you would take
it as an insult if a man was to offer to sell
you such a lot of the Short Cattle pretty much
all taken up in another week they will about
a month some of them are very fine and
the best in the market and some are not
good I will attend to your request with
pleasure and send you the machine this
week I will go to York this evening I will go
on Wednesday and see Ethan Allen and
Santeron that in Double harness against
two horses who are to run as I understand
and the race for a large amount I have had
a great desire to see Ethan Allen see him
go I will write you from York and give you
a description of the horse and his performance
it said there is to be a number of fat horses

on Long Island that day Wheat and
Flour is in demand here and has gone
up rapidly good read 2 Dollars per bush
of Corn 1 Dollar per bushel business brisk
and times good a great deal of improve-
ment going on in New York City money plenty
Living is good in the city we have plenty of
green Peas fresh nice Tomatoes green corn
cucumbers plenty and cheap also Strawberries
good fat cattle read if Corn and 12 to 12 1/2
cents per pound premium 13 the market
is cleared up every week and a number of
the York Butchers come over here to buy
their Cattle I remain yours in haste
W. H. L. Moreland

Paris N.Y. Sept. 27th 1865

Wm. H. F. Armean.

Dear Sir.

I learned yesterday you had some Alderney Cows for sale, if so please advise me a price. I want one that gives a good quantity & very rich.

Please say also if you have any good $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ blood.

Respectfully yours
W. J. Garrett