

fact he has been out in all
of these storms we have been
having in the last few days,
but he does not seem to mind
them at all.

You know Mary Vance brought
me home in her Buggy yesterday
and I sat in her lap. I imagine
for Mary with me on her. Told
her I was afraid she would be
mashed flat but she said she
hoped not.

209 West Broadway,

July 11, 1907.

Dear Mary:-

Did you get to the
station before that terrible rain
began? When it was coming
down so hard about ten minutes
of me I wondered whether you
were safe in the station or on
your way there. Father was
caught in the rain to-day. I

I saw in the afternoon paper that the members of Dr. Eaton's church were going to put a life size statue of him, in marble or bronze, on the corner of Third and St. Catherine. It is surely a great compliment to him, but don't you think it will look strange to see a statue on the corner?

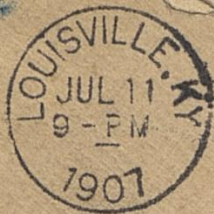
This letter is neither very long nor wildly exciting, but I can not think of anything interesting to write, so please excuse it.

Write to me just as often as you can. With lots of love, and best wishes for a safe and pleasant voyage, I am, as ever,

Devotedly yours,

Blair H. W. Callaway.

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Miss Mary Allen Dubney,
The Princess Irene,
Sailing July thirteenth,
North German Lloyd,
Hoboken,
New Jersey.

jaunt through the old woods, and together.
I know we would have a fine time
and that you would have a lot of the
hustling to do, and to prepare yourself
you will have to read up about places. I
wish Mr Watterson would publish his
letters, they must be full of interest.

I know that Attila and Carrie's country
home must be lovely and I know you enjoy
a trip out there. They have a grand old beech
tree in front of the house, and the new grass
and leaves must be beautiful. I think they
ought to have some more acres on the level
towards the waterworks however.

This is the worst old Spring, - so cold
and chilly, but I suppose it will be hot
enough by and by.

Mother joins me in sending our best love
to our dearest son and hoping to see
you next week or soon. I am, as ever
Your loving father

Ezra Woodruff.

135 Remsen St
Brooklyn N.Y. May 30th 07

My dearest son, on this cool Decoration
day, we can hear the brass bands but
cannot see the motley parades of the
various societies on their way to place
flowers on the graves of the soldiers
who died in the great civil war.

We received your welcome letter at
breakfast and were very glad to get it.

It is unfortunate that the two
functions, both of which are so interesting
to you, are not closer together so that
you could enjoy both during your
vacation. If you cannot have both
and must choose between the two
mother thinks you are wise in selecting

Grace's Commencement, for you will have many opportunities for the Yale class reunions, and Grace will only graduate once.

If you find that your Uncle George disapproves of so long an absence from business, mother and I think you should not worry but graciously and cheerfully fall in with his opinion and conform to his wishes in the matter. We both believe that your permanent success and well being lie in doing your whole duty to the firm, making it your first consideration always. I know you think so yourself and therefore I need say nothing further about that. You have done your duty so well for the

Last three years that you feel that the worst of the road has been traversed and that the future will develop rapid progress, - not easy progress, but satisfactory progress. You have taken your place in the ranks of citizenship, and have assumed the duties of the citizen, and all things being equal, - promotion will follow, - surely if not rapidly. May God bless and keep you steadfast in purpose and may he give you strength and wisdom to know the right and follow it always.

We think that we are not prepared for a European trip this year. Grace has said that she does not wish to go so soon after her school, and we hope that, we all may yet enjoy a

BROOKLYN, N.Y.
MAY 30
6 30 PM
1907



Mr George E. Woodruff
415 Main St
Louisville
Kentucky

I was awfully glad to hear
the whistle blow at the
end of the game. It rained
part of the time while we were
playing; and it was a warm
sort of a day so that we
didn't lose our wind very
much. We played only
20 minutes halves but I
usually use up most of my
lung power.

Your letter just came -
telling about your late doing.
I am glad that you went
to see the Squaw-man.
I have heard that it is very

Dear Brother -

I have just written
to Father to tell him that
we won our third & last
game in Hockey yesterday and
that we 1907 are cham-
pions again. We won a
nice new Hockey banner
too. It was an awfully
exciting game too - no score
was made at all in the
first half and in the second
the Sophomores made the
first goal - The score was
3-2 when we finished

good play in parts, whenever I hear
people weeping, at that play here,
or sniffing. It always makes
me laugh, so that I lose the
benefit of the pathos usually. Is

on is Parsons Cary Field's cousin?
I went down town ^{last night} to hear one

of a series of lectures on Democracy
by Prof. Zerklin of Chicago Uni-
versity. His aim was the "Soul of
a Citizen". It was intensely inter-
esting.

It's nearly time for letters - so
must get ready to go -

Your loving sister
Grace -

Nov - 21 st '06.

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Colchester, Conn., 190

to plan something to do while the rest are fraternizing. They say that this is the worst feature of Reunion — for the non-frat men. Everything goes lovely 'til suddenly the frat men disappear and "there we are". I hope we can do something to offset this. So far in life I haven't found that the college fraternities would have been a help or a hindrance, but I presume the time will come. I have joined the masons and enjoy it immensely. It's good policy too for all the best men are in it here.

I said I'd get thru with the fair sex, but I met a Philadelphia Belle the other evening who can harp me any time. A real Southern swang to her "o", like little Mabel Freeman — infinitely prettier tho.

I expect to see Yale wife Harvard off the map Saturday. Remember me to Webster and

do write occasionally to yours for old times

Walt

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My dear Woody

It seemed good to get a letter from you and I am a bit ashamed for letting it go unanswered so long. I write on official paper to show you that I am still in the same rut. I am expecting to light out of these digging next year however. Still money talks and so long as they behave properly here I presume I shall remain. Its a gloomy town here tho' and had I not more than enough to do I should find life rather tiresome. I am still doing considerable teaching: all the Latin and a class in American history. I want a larger school however with more executive work and less teaching.

I manage to get out of town occasionally however. Was in Princeton last Saturday and saw our study boys hold down the much vaunted Orange & black. Sunday I spent

with a friend in Trenton. No, not a lady friend. I've given the female sex up as a bad job. Have neither time nor money to waste on them. You spoke of Miss Barron. She is married. Got a law school man whose name was familiar to me, but I cannot recall it now. She was quite a peach, but I have seen several since. I have decided that when I'm ready and able it will not be a hard task to select one. Things come my way here too easily:— but then I'm about the only "eligible" youth in town.

I do not hear from many of the fellows except those near by. Chick is back at New Haven taking a P.D. course, looking for his A.M. and Ph.D., in German. Al is back in Meriden after a year in California. He's doing insurance. Lou Arnold is still with the Travellers' Ins Co at Hartford. I see him occasionally and he hasn't changed a bit. Have had letters from Chas Eddy who is in Cuba and has just made known his fiancée; and Jim Crane, who has a Kid. Think of it Woody and you and I haven't so much as had a "look-in" yet.

Are you going to be up for Vieux next June? I hope so. We ought to have a glorious time and the non-frat crowd will have

George E Woodruff
717 Fourth St
Louisville
Ky



Return to
WALTER B. SPENCER
Bacon Academy,
COLCHESTER, CONN.



line in New York nor do we ever
expect to line in New York. Did
you ever hear of the man who
could not stand the motion of
the vessel while out at sea -
and becoming desperate, and jumped
overboard - surrendering himself
to the mercy of the waves, - His
fate is easily imagined -

But we hope you have seen
the mistake and will avoid future
mistakes & breaks -

We would like to know when you
expect to have your two weeks vac-
ation - let us know as soon as it
is decided so we can make our
plans - as we will have to secure
board - and also arrange for Grace
who will be ready to join us about
the middle of June - Be sure to
read the enclosed clippings with
much love from your devoted Mother -

May 17, 1906 -

Hotel Dewey -
Washington D. C. -

My dear Son -

Your father has
just written but as I have
remained at home this
morning for that the purpose
I will also drop you a
line although there is not
much for me to say -
May has been pleasant so
far - with only a few very
warm oppressive days -
There is always a fine
breeze in Washington - no
matter how warm it may be

to cover the situation under which you were
struggling - Both your father & I hoped you
would not mind your vacation gave you an op-
portunity to talk over matters - before your next
a break - but we are glad it resulted no
more than it did - It is a very grave matter
to give up - it shows a lack of the quality
of hold fast or perseverance which is as necessary
for any kind of success - in your case it was very
serious - as you know we have neither home nor
influence - and as to living in New York we do not

and since the hotel guests
have thinned out - we
have been given a very
pleasant suite of rooms
with a bath and also a
bay or bow window - which
lets in the breeze from at-
least three directions

Did you get a letter from
me enclosing a letter from
Gen Rodgers to your father?
I am somewhat desirous
of knowing whether that letter
reached you and also whether
you took the time to read
it - If you did not read
it - do try + do as - ^{it} seemed

most fun. They were free from responsibility and all they had to do was to criticize the party in power.

He and both well and are beginning to look forward to Jones and Gracius coming to join us for awhile. He want you to have a good time when you come and you must think what you wish to do. You have not told me yet that you have ordered your spring suit. Get a nice one and let me know how much it is. Mother says she will write in a day or two. He send you our best love and wishes for your health and success, and I am as ever your loving father.
E. Bradford

Sevey Hotel Wash, DC May 17/06

My dearest son, we have had both cool and warm weather the last week, and now it is warm. I suppose you have the same green trees and grass in D. that we have here. I always thought that D. was beautiful in May.

I spend a good deal of time listening to the Senators speak and get a good deal of pleasure in doing so. There are a great many very able men in the Senate, and the South holds its own for ability. Indeed I think

Bailey of Texas a great speaker. But as you see in the papers, he thinks he is engaged in a personal dispute with the President and of course he should not do that. Whatever the President may say it is not for anybody to insinuate that he does not tell the truth, even if he thinks as Bailey does that he has been badly treated. But the rate bill troubles are about over and there will be a vote soon. All sides agree that the bill will be a good one and will haul the R.R's up with

a short turn, in their greedy and unlawful acts, - giving the Standard oil rebates &c.

The House is a very interesting body, but it so large that one cannot take it in as easily as the Senate. There is one very able man on the Dem. side of the House, - John Sharp Williams of Miss. He is head and shoulders above most of the others, both Dem & Rep. If the Dems should win the next House, Williams would be speaker. I heard Mr Tom Johnson say once that the opposition, that is the minority of the House always had the

is launched. Your mother and myself have not done it all by our own efforts, your education was largely aided by the noble liberality of your Uncle Paulbut. It is to their kindness that you were enabled to go through Yale in a large independent way, and not in the narrow cramped way in which, we should have been compelled to send you, for we had determined that you should go through College, even if we had to pinch to do it.

Your mother and I both have felt that you were living a strenuous life and yet I did not see a clear way to help you

Devoey Hotel

Wash. DC. May 12, '06

My dearest son, your letter of the 8th arrived and created a sensation in the mind of your parents, and made us both very unhappy. You see I am growing old and cannot stand such shocks. Did you read your mother's letter on the subject? I hope you have it still and will read it over and over. You know I did not say a word to you directly but preached about Wisdom. How I merely wished

to have you struggle with the question alone, and also with the aid of your mother's counsel, and that her counsel and your own good sense would enable you to see your duty, - both your duty and your profit in waiting and letting patience perform her perfect work. If I had thought for one second that you would have kicked over the traces and tried to break my heart, I would have begged you most fervently to keep silent; but as I have said above I only asked you to pray for wisdom and our Heavenly Father would have

granted you enough to keep you right. Now, you are perfectly right when you say that I have a strong and pure love for you. I have my heart full of affection for my only son, - when you are sick, I suffer, when you are contented, I am happy. My heart's desire is for your success and happiness, and I would do everything in my power to aid you in the ^{cause} pursuit for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". Our aim has been to arm and equip you for your lifework, and you have passed the ordeal manfully, and your little boat

more do you want, - Aladdin's
Lamp? It is vain for me to preach
I can only tell you to pray
for Wisdom. You know what I mean
by Wisdom, - plain good common
sense. It is a rare commodity. But
fortunate is the youth who possesses
it. It can be acquired, - by much
prayer and thought.

It is like Shakespeare's
definition of greatness. Some
men are born great, some acquire
greatness, and some have greatness
thrust upon them. Now I would
say that you were not born wise
but that you may acquire wisdom,
and even you may have wisdom
beaten into you, but that is a
costly process. I do hope you

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You know there are thousands
of young men who are compelled
to paddle their own canoe, alone,
and without the presence of
parents to aid them. Indeed I
have thought that it was
better on many accounts
that you should make the
beginning of your fight alone,
that is physically alone, for we
have endeavored to keep in
touch with our son by writing,
and encouraging him in all
ways, by our love and sympathy
and by the knowledge that we
would be with him if it
were necessary for his comfort.

Besides you were with loving relatives who while they have expected work and diligence on your part, have also proved that they have an affection for you in many ways. So you see that while we have sympathized with the hardships you were undergoing, we have felt that the rewards were sure, even if distant, and we have been reconciled to the situation.

When we meet on your vacation we will discuss the question of our going to L. and making a home again. We are heartily tired of rambling, and living in boarding houses, and are willing

to do anything or live anywhere if we can have the comforts of home, for the few days we may all be together.

I could write a book about the hopes and desires we entertain for your health, success, and happiness.

You are entering upon your career as a business man under the most ^{favorably} successful auspices. There is not a poor youngster in the U.S. who has a better chance than you have to day. Under the favor of your Heavenly Father, you are on the high road to assured success. Quid Vis? What

I go down to the Senate galleries occasionally and rather enjoy the squabbling of the great guns. Bailey of Texas pleases me more than any other man in the Senate as a speaker.

Mother has recovered from her cold and is quite well again. We ride on the trolleys on pleasant days, but the asphalt pavement is very dusty and the rides not very nice unless just after a rain.

I know Louisville is very attractive at this time, but it is smokier than when I was a boy.

Mother joins me in sending you our best love and wishes, and I am as ever,
Your loving father - Ezra Woodruff

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will not choose that way to gain wisdom. For you know you have begun to learn wisdom by having it dubbed into you. I pray that the next time you are tempted to talk foolishly, you may recall this dubbing lesson and profit by it. I think you should thank your Heavenly Father, when you pray, that you have a wise uncle George, who is both kindhearted and has your true interest at heart, and may the lesson you learned from him, be for you a long step on the road to learning wisdom.

Do not think for one moment

my dearest son, that I wish to worry you by reproaches. I myself, am no Solomon and at your age I probably was as prone to folly and lacked wisdom wofully. I wish you to avoid snares and pitfalls that is all, and to be a better man in every way than your father.

We were very glad that you are partaking in the work of the Church among people.

It is a most useful accomplishment that of speaking in public. I hope you will practice it more and more. It will always be handy, and when you grow up to be a

member of directories and other bodies, it will give you both power and influence.

I suppose you had the same cold snap in the which we had here. Heavy overcoats were comfortable.

Today is Grace's field day. I do hope she will not come to grief doing stunts. She seems to enjoy the games very much, and wrote to us for permission to take part in the training. I do not know what her specialty is in games. She has not won her V. yet in Tennis. She seems to like Basket ball but that is rather rough.

that you are growing heavier.
How much do you weigh?
I think you are as heavy as
I was at your age. You know
that some ~~fit~~ people are born
strong others grow strong by
exercise. You are still young
and can frequent the Gym
with benefit for ten years yet.
The mistake I made was that I
quit the Gym too soon.
We are agreed that thus far
you have ^{done} the best you could, and
after all that is the most
any man can do, but also
patience comes in to try you
and if you are patient

Dewey Hotel.
Washington D.C.
May 25 1906.

My dearest son, the time
is swiftly gliding and soon
the long looked for day
will be here when we shall
have you with us. I really
think that Atlantic City will
be a good place for our
reunion as it will be cool
there and you will be near
enough to Phil, My. and even
Boston. We pass the time
here very pleasantly but
quietly. I go to the Capitol

a good deal and I can
always pass a pleasant
hour in listening to the
speakers. The House is so much
larger than the Senate that
it seems a mass of confusion
but as I go and learn the
names of the people, things
straighten out, and when there
is a good speaker up, they
keep quiet and listen at-
tentively. I heard a portion
of John Sharp Williams
speech, and certainly he is a
most remarkably keen witted
man and able debater.
The Repub, interrupted him

constantly; but he was equal
to any test and would flash
out a witty sharp reply and
go on with his speech without
wavering an instant. I do hope
you avail yourself of opportunities
to speak in public, it is a
very great accomplishment
I know the lack of the art
has been a great drawback
to me. Of course one should
also write, for by writing
it is that you acquire a
good style. You know it is said
that Benjamin Franklin's *Propos*
is said to be the finest example
of pure English extant.
Some one has written to us

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The world is at your
feet. Everything comes to
him who waits, and I admit
it is a hard lesson, but a
very salutary one. I could write
a book on what one should
do, and it would not be worth
a cent after I wrote it. I
can only repeat what the
sages of the past have
said thousands of years
ago. Know thyself. To thine
own self be true. Pray for
wisdom. Now I have said to you
before Pray for wisdom. But
I mean that you should

pray for wisdom, continually
Pray without ceasing. God
will hear and answer and
grant you as much wisdom
as you can carry, for of course
we are not all Solomons and
cannot all be as wise as he.
But oh, how much wiser we
might be, if we sought wisdom
earnestly and constantly:

You must be sure to get
you a nice new suit and
send me the bill, for my desire
is for you to dress A. No. 1.
"As costly thy dress as thy purse
can buy." Solonius.

My Dear Son, your mother joins
me in sending you our best
love and wishes, and I am always
your loving father - Ezra Woodruff



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Managers.

FOURTEENTH & L. STS.

Washington, D.C., April 27 1906

My dear Sonny - Lou must not think that we are having all the good times because we write you cheerful accounts of our pilgrimage from place to place - nor is our experience all "couleur de rose." I have been unable to write to you this week until now on account of a very bad cold to which I succumbed because of the sudden changes of weather - Washington's climate is very variable - one day is so warm and summer like that any sort of clothing is burdensome - the next day or perhaps the afternoon is so cold that you are shivering and you wish for a fur coat -

I shall enclose a letter from

Gen Rodgers to your father, which
will show you something about
dis comfort in a Brooklyn boarding
house - As he says each year it-
becomes more difficult to find a
comfortable boarding place - The
truth is both New York and Brooklyn
are overcrowded - Trolley service
is poor in Brooklyn and there is
so much complaint that people
and men of business especially are
seeking board on the Heights to
avoid the wasting of time hanging
on to street car straps - They complain
that they never get seats and must
with such long delays etc - You
have about concluded that
Brooklyn is no longer the place
for us - your father never has a
well day there - and New York is
too expensive for us - and far too
crowded - every time we go back it
has grown worse - the sub way cars



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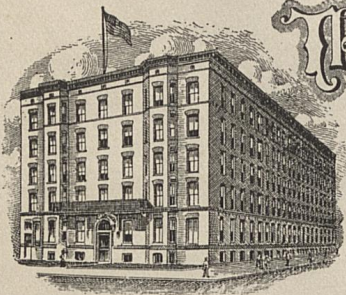
are jammed with people - the
Elevated roads are full - likewise
the surface roads - it seems im-
possible to keep up with the growth
& demand for rapid transit -

You have been thinking of leaving
Brooklyn and next fall after
the hot-weather is over of coming
out to Kentucky, to Eminence to
board - with your father Delahue
and getting a horse & wagon and
driving around the country and
then we will be near you -

Did we ever write to you
that Thorne Hopkins had lost
his situation - Mrs Rodgers our
informant - said she thought he
had become addicted to drink

He finds it difficult to find
anything to do - You know old Mr
Hopkins died insolvent - Miss
Sallie is doing her own cooking
and teaching Bridge in addition
to her attempt at school teaching -
while Miss Virginia embroiders
and sews her eyes out - to make
a living -

There is an old saying that a
bird in the hand is worth two
in the bush - in these strenuous
days - it should be a whole
flock - instead of two - You must
be patient - and not so easily
discouraged you have not yet
been two years at work and I
think your wages will be raised
at the end of the second year
and I am quite sure that your
Uncles mean to do the fair thing by
you - now your undergoing the
test - or an apprenticeship - I know
it is hard work and very unpleasant



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to be subjected to the crucible
but in reading the experience of
all successful business men -
they will tell you how slow
their first steps of progress
seemed to them - Mr Carnegie
tells a story he calls his
X rays - story in which he says
how hard he had been working
and as long a time - on a very
small salary when he received
his first increase of ten dollars
or an X raise - So you must not
be discouraged - but hold fast
to what you have - never let
go - one thing until another is in sight
Louisville is steadily growing and
your business should continue to improve

and it needs young Hood to keep
it" alive - you have met with
your Uncle Will's approval - he
writes very nice accounts of you
but he is not a man to show
how he feels - George also thinks
you are doing well - but he is
not demonstrative either and
does ^{not} show how he feels - but
they both have told me how
well you are doing - and
approve you - That is a great
step you have made - to win
their approval is a great thing -

So you must continue to keep up
the good work - by patience and
perseverance you will finally win,
of that rest assured - Your Uncle
Will Woodruff thinks you will have
far better opportunities in business - than in
the Army - we have doleful stories of young
Army officers - wretched foreign service
very slow advancement in rank &



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the most strenuous duty - subjected to hardships & privations - many young officers are becoming discouraged and resigning - Mr Ferris and another one whose name I do not recall have just resigned -

Gen & Mrs Thorpe called on us the other day - Frank's Thorpe is in business in Baltimore - He also received cards to Florence Page's wedding - The Pages are here in Washington - but they took Florence up to meet Pent - to be married to a Lieut Simonds who is stationed there - Major Kell & his wife live here and they have called on us - so many army people gravitate towards Washington - It is growing rapidly and is busy

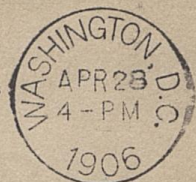
much improved -

When you get a new suit
for Spring get a nice light
gray, not a dark smudgy
gray - Gray is all the go - but
pretty clear light grays are
the nicest - I do not mean very
light gray - but a medium
clear light gray - You want
to pay for your Spring suit -
let us know the amount - Your
Father bought himself a nice
soft felt hat in gray a Sletson
hat - It is very becoming to him -
his old derby came to grief - got
broken some how - and he needed
a new one badly -

We were sorry to hear of Mamie
or Albi May M. Dairiel losing her baby

With much love - and many wishes
for your success - keep up a brave
heart - and be of good cheer - brace up in
the closing week of your devoted Mother

The Dewey Hotel,
Washington, D. C.



Mr Geo. E. Woodruff -
C of Peaslee, Gaulbert & Co
413-417 West Main Street
Louisville - Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, KY.
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1525 P. Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C. 9 April 1906.

Dear "Woody",

Now put on your thinking cap, and try to guess who the individual may be who is addressing you so familiarly.

How are you, where are you, and what are you doing ? Guess that will be enough material for about one good sized letter. I heard from "Nate" the other day, and he gave me your address, and I am not letting much time elapse before I take advantage of the opportunity offered.

I don't know a thing about you, though I have wondered many times how you were, so if you will forgive me I will tell you about myself, not everything, nor the truth, for the secret-service of two continents are endeavoring to get at that. I am well. Yes, thank you, I have always been endowed with more health than anything else. Without lessening the former I hope eventually to even things up, as it were.

I have spent the winter in Washington, quite busy, mostly socially, assisting the Mrs Judge Advocate General, in her various social gaieties.

The old town spends quite a busy winter socially, and I have had the pleasure of participating in a great deal of this. You know it is pretty much to my liking this sort of thing, but I would not want it for a steady diet, no danger I shall not get it, for before I gain such social distinction for me and mine I shall have spent much of myself and time in the grueling search for the elusive meal ticket. I expect to enter into this search, within the next month, in New York city.

I understand that you are in favor of having a sort of yearly reunion of our crowd, that suits me exactly, why not, and it will appeal to all the fellows in the crowd I am sure, we can do a little corresponding and ascertain definitely. What time of the year do you suggest, and did I understand "Nate" to say that you favored New York ?

Nate seems to be very happily pursuing the life of a benedict, I do

not see any imminent danger of any other K. E. C. following in that direction, not right now, but you can never tell about that organization, they are constantly offering surprises to the other members, however, we can but wait and hope for the best. And you old fellow, what have you up your sleeve in that direction, to suddenly spring upon us ? I have known some Kentucky maids myself, and they are dangerous in this very way here in to fore mentioned.

Give my kindest regards to all who may be interested in knowing about me. I wish only the very best for you, and lots of it.

As ever, the same old,

Patsy!



GEO. H. WOODRUFF

PROPRIETOR OF EMINENCE PLACE

FRUIT, VEGETABLES

ASPARAGUS, SEED POTATOES, ONIONS

JERSEYVILLE, ILL., Feb 27 1906

Mr George E Woodruff

Dear Nephew

I have no doubt you will you
will be surprised to recve a letter
from me

I own a lot in Louisville that
Mr R J. Nugent 243 Fifth St
real estate Brokers has written
to me asking me what I will
take for the lot

I have not been in Louisville for
forty years I have no idea
what the lot is worth

wont you Pleas look up the lot
and find out what the lot is worth
and let me know as soon as you
can The lot is on Linden ave
between Brook and Lloyd sts
Lot 31 Block 72

Your Uncle
Geo Woodruff

if not delivered in 5 days
return to Geo W Woodruff
Jerseyville Illinois
First letter.
From Anne George Woodruff

Mr George E. Woodruff
Louisville
Kentucky

Care Mr Gaubert

FEB 27 1030AM 1906



LOUISVILLE, KY.
FEB 28
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Your Father has improved
steadily since he came a
week ago - and his cough
is about well. He has
found a Library which fur-
nishes him with reading matter,
besides books & magazines
here in the house -

Did I describe the Cottage to
you - it is not large and
has seven gables like Hawthorne's
house of seven gables - and is
kept by two quaint old ladies
who makes us feel very much
at home, and give us good home
fare - Your Father joins me in sending
our dearest love and best wishes -

Your own devoted Mother
Frances G. Frothingham

March 9, 1906

214 Clifton Avenue
Lakewood

New Jersey -
C of Miss Brodick

Dear Sonny -

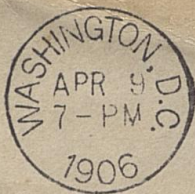
No letter from you
has come - this week
and to-day is Friday
so you see I have
written out the address
very plainly - so you
will not possibly make
the mistake that you
did when we were at
Highland - of sending you
letter to the wrong place

best -

It is much pleasanter here than in
Brooklyn - the air is pure and dry -
It is the healthiest here to live out doors
People walk - drive - ride - row golf -
any thing to keep them in the open air -
which is supposed to be more healthful -
Giving an account of the Pine woods -
which line the Lake shore and extend
along what is called the Pine Belt -
some ten or twelve miles from the Sea Shore -

I hope you are well
and doing well - you
wrote that you were
thinking of joining the
Free Masons - before you
do so, you ought to ask
your Uncle George's advice.
Think it over until next
winter at any rate - and
do not join in the
Spring - or summer - I mean
could see that masonry
was of any great use to a
man - It certainly never
helped your Father in the

Answered 4/14/06



Mr. George C. Woodruff.
717 Fourth Street.
Louisville, Ky.

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Jerseyville, Illinois, Feb 1 1906

Dear Brother

I was very much surprised to
and very sorry to hear of
the death of Bro Williams
wife I can truly sympathize
with ~~him~~ in his great loss
he needs the love and sympathy
of a wife more now than he
ever did not being well himself
Pleas write and tell me more
about her sickness & death
William has not written
to me about his wife Death
We are all well
we have had a very mild
winter so far
we received the clothing in good order
for ~~which~~ which we are very
Thankful

I send you the geneology of
my family I will send you
the geneology of my wife
family in a short time
Pleas send me the genealogy
of Williams family
write soon and let me
know about williams health
your Brother
Geo H Woodruff

Few pictures, my own work
for Hattie. The contents of my
desk to Sister Frances W.

written on back of envelope
my desk and contents for sister
Frances.

Also all money in ^{bank} in Phila
Bank in L to my brothers
Gas stock to Belle Woodruff
Louisville Ky

The envelope was:

Specially addressed to my
brothers or sister
George + Will Gaubert
Louisville Kentucky
415 N Main St

1424 Erie Ave Jan 14 '06
Phila Pa

'My will is to leave to
my nephew Ezra Woodruff
my eslitairic diamond ring
to make up for a scarf
pin. Ring with the two
diamonds I leave to Grace
Woodruff. Gas stock in
Louisville Ky, I leave to
E Belle Woodruff
my friend

my gold watch and
chain I leave to my
niece Carrie Cox former
grand niece Harriet Cox.
Also little other pieces of
jewelry to Harriet. My
C.S. emblem broochpin to
my sister Frances. To my
brothers any little money or
stock I possess - In the Real
Estate Bank, Chestnut St
Phila. I have some little

³
Money-accumulated savings
of my Christmas gifts for
years. I leave equally
divided to brother and
sister all of my wearing
coats and clothing of every
kind.
I leave to Etelle Woodruff
of Louisville Ky all or any
furniture
see Kate Gaulbert
My silver watch and my books
fewer in number to Frances
Woodruff sister

account of his age. Well!
wishing you all kinds of
success I am

Your sincere friend
Joseph C. Copp

His address is

45 - 16th Street
Chicago Heights
Ill.

Groton Conn
Dec 21, 1905

Dear Mr Woodruff:-
Received your
letter last night and would have
answered it right away. but I had
some "Virgil" to do. I appreciated
the letter very much for I don't
get much correspondence. I
gave Mr Towne your regards
today. he asked all about you
and said it was kind of
you to remember him. He is
going to have a nice wedding
in a few days. Berkshire is
certainly improving and there
is now over one hundred and
sixty students. We have
a School Paper and also

with my sail boat and
camped out for two weeks
on the sound with the Schellens
boys. We had great sport.
As I have been bedridden
several times I am ambitious
to put an ^{outboard} engine in my boat
next spring and make it into
an "auxiliary". Emily came
home from "Smith" last night
and wishes to be remembered
to you and my Father also.

Mamma sends her love and
says that when you come East
she hopes you will visit us.
Tim the puppy that you and the
lady brought up from the "Point" is
petted to death by us and has
the freedom of the house but he
will not be good for
hunting much longer on

base-ball, foot ball, basket
ball and track teams. I will
take my Preliminary exams
next June and am afraid I
will flunk although I
study quite hard. Starry
Hamilton has had hard luck
he had to give up a good job
in Pittsburg on account of his
health and has now gone to work
in a mine at Arizona. Yale
has come out on top in
football again but they had
a pretty tough time with Harvard
I wish you and all were back
at New Haven for now I don't
see him ^{but} only two weeks out of
the year and I never see you
or any of the rest. I had a
great time last summer



HOTEL MORTON
ATLANTIC CITY

May 31, 1905 -

My dear Sonny -

Your letter saying
you would start on
June 16 - has just been
received and we are so
rejoiced at the prospect
of having our dear boy
with us once more -

I hope and pray you
may keep well and
enjoy your trip - Do
you choose the route
via Norfolk for the sake
of the boat ride to

New York - 2

We have just arranged
to take rooms at Miss
Hobson's - 135 - Remsen St -
Brooklyn - where we
were last winter and
Grace joins us on June
14th so when you come
you will find all three
of us there to welcome you
most lovingly and joyfully

I know you must feel
the need of a good long
vacation - and I pray
all things may turn out
happily and well -

Your father joins in much
love to our darling boy -
Your ~~mother~~ Mother
Frances G. Woodruff



HOTEL MORTON
ATLANTIC CITY

P.S. You expect to
leave Atlantic City
the latter part of the week
so you can address me
next time you write at
135 Remsen Street -

Brooklyn - New York

Give my love to Cousin
Luna and the rest -



HOTEL MORTON
ATLANTIC CITY



24 Mr Geo E. Woodruff
933 Second Street
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HOTEL MORTON
ATLANTIC CITY

Saturday May 26th.

My dearest son, this is a bright
and beautiful morning, - no
fog nor clouds to mar the
serene skies over Atlantic City.

We are proposing to move, but as
large bodies move slowly, it may
be a week before we get started.

Mother still harps on Pocono
for a couple of weeks and
we may go there before we land
in Bklyn. Pocono is somewhere
in the mountains of Penn about
4 hours from N.Y. There are many

Rhododendrons and other
mountain plants, and the hills
draw many visitors but I do
not care so much for hills
especially if I have to climb
them. They are all right to gaze
upon. He look at the Good
weather map every day to see
how the climate of Louisville goes.
and sympathize with you when
it gets to be about 86° and
are pleased when your weather
is cooler. Now that you have
gotten over your grip, you need
fear nothing until the fall
when the malarial germs sprout.
The region of D. & Beck. used

to be bad for ~~chills~~, but at
that time a long swamp
used to ~~run~~ ^{cut} from Preston
St to 5th and beyond. It was
called in some places the Dutch
ditch, and in winter when
it was more or less flooded
and frozen, the small boys
used to skate on the ice there.
But I suppose the town is
built up and over that
region and beyond. It would
be nice if we could wander around
the old town together for a stroll
and I could show you the
old landmarks, but I fear it
would not be very interesting after all



HOTEL MORTON
ATLANTIC CITY

for you could not see the
picture as it would appear
to me, in my mind's eye and
a built up town does not look
like the old fields, ^{when we played ball} and creeks
of clear water where there was a
"Deep Hole", where we learned to
swim. ~~and~~ You must allow me to
repeat the old maxim, Cave diem.
and use every opportunity for studying
nature and see "books in running"
brooks, sermons in stones, and God in everything
Cultivate your observation. Use your eyes
and brain conjointly. A man who
knows and cannot tell what he knows, is like a
sealed fountain. - of no use. Sometime I wish you
would call on Mr Huntton the Supt of the
Blind Asylum. He would be glad to see you. Use
my name say I asked you to. He is a fine man.
Mother joins me in sending all our love to
our dearest boy. I am
Your loving father Ezra Woodruff



HOTEL MORTON
ATLANTIC CITY



Mr George E. Woodruff
933. 2^d Ave
Louisville Kentucky



YALE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF KENTUCKY

Louisville, Ky., 5/25/05.

Mr. Geo. E. Woodruff,

#933 Second St., City.

Dear Sir,-

We remind you once more of the well advertised fact that the Yale Alumni Association of Ky. is to meet at 12 o' clock Saturday the 27th inst. at 3d & Walnut to receive the Harvard Associated Clubs headed by President Eliot, and convey them as our guests to the Country Club for luncheon. We urge you to let no other engagement conflict with this one.

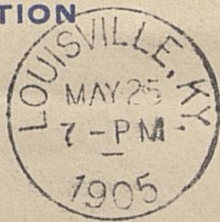
If you have not already done so, please send your annual dues, \$5.00, to Floyd W. Jefferson, Treas., 1339 Fourth St., without delay in order that we may meet our obligations promptly.

It is not only necessary that we receive your dues, but it is extremely important that you personally attend in order that we may give our guests a rousing welcome.

Yours very truly,

MORRIS B. BELKNAP, Prest.

YALE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF KENTUCKY
115 WEST MAIN STREET
LOUISVILLE



Mr. Geo. E. Woodruff,
933 - 2d St.,
City

LOUISVILLE, KY.
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Vale Alumni Association of Kentucky.

Vale Men of Kentucky:

On Saturday, May 27th, at the Louisville Country Club, you will be the hosts of the Associated Harvard Clubs. This will bring together representative men from all parts of the country. Among our guests will be President Eliot, whom we especially delight to honor. At 12 o'clock cars will be in readiness at Third and Walnut (Prospect Line), to carry our party to the Country Club, where lunch will be at once served, permitting those whose business engagements imperatively demand it, to return to the city promptly.

Let every one immediately make a note of this engagement and resolve that nothing shall be permitted to interfere with it. At best "the Harvards" will greatly outnumber us; so it behooves us to muster our full force. Our invitation has been received with the warmest appreciation; let us, therefore, "make good" by our personal attendance.

If you have not already sent your annual dues (\$5.00), to the Treasurer (Floyd W. Jefferson, 1339 Fourth St.), do so without delay. If this obligation is not met promptly (*i. e.*, to-day) by all members, a personal solicitation for special subscriptions will have to be made. It is believed that you do not desire to put this additional labor upon your officers.

Respectfully,

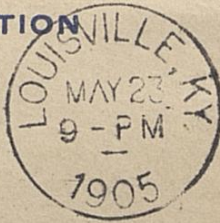
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May 17, 1905.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.
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HOTEL MORTON
ATLANTIC CITY

May 17, 1903 -

My darling Sonny -

Time is galloping
by and we shall soon have
our dear son with us once
more - You speak of our
rendezvous in Brooklyn or
New York - it shall be as
you wish - the thought of
Ocean Grove is near enough
for us to go to and for to N. York
at the same time give you the
benefit of the ocean breezes and
fishing - but we will do the
very best we can - Grace
would like Point Pleasant where

Helen Mc Claren stays in the
summer. Her visit to Silver
Bay Lake George takes place
in June - before you come.

I should ^{think} a month would
not be too long for a vacation -
but I do not wish to interfere
with business arrangements.

It is very cool here at present
and in fact has been all along.
We had a very heavy rain
both yesterday and the day
before - and it left the
air very cool - and cloudy -
The radiators are all heated
up to day throughout the house
and I am still wearing winter
clothes - the same I wore in January.
The people patronize the



HOTEL MORTON
ATLANTIC CITY

Board Walk and the Auction
Japanese etc - ^{fair as of late} they are
busy widening the walk in
the most-crowded places
between and in front of the
Piers - and I heard they
are also lengthening it - at the
Lower end towards Longport
where you and Kate took
the long walk - We do not
seem to enjoy Atlantic City
as much as we did last
Spring and I think it - is
because you and Grover
are not here with us and

Besides the weather has not
been very propitious - It
has been dark grey and
cloudy and damp most of
the time -

I heard from Cousin
Sallie not long ago - and
she said she might come
down while we are here
and we may go for a day to
Philadelphia for a day before
returning to Brooklyn to see
Kate and Sallie and her family.

You must always give
Cousin Laura my best love
and with a great deal of
love for my darling boy I am
devotedly your Mother
James G. Woodruff



HOTEL MORTON
ATLANTIC CITY

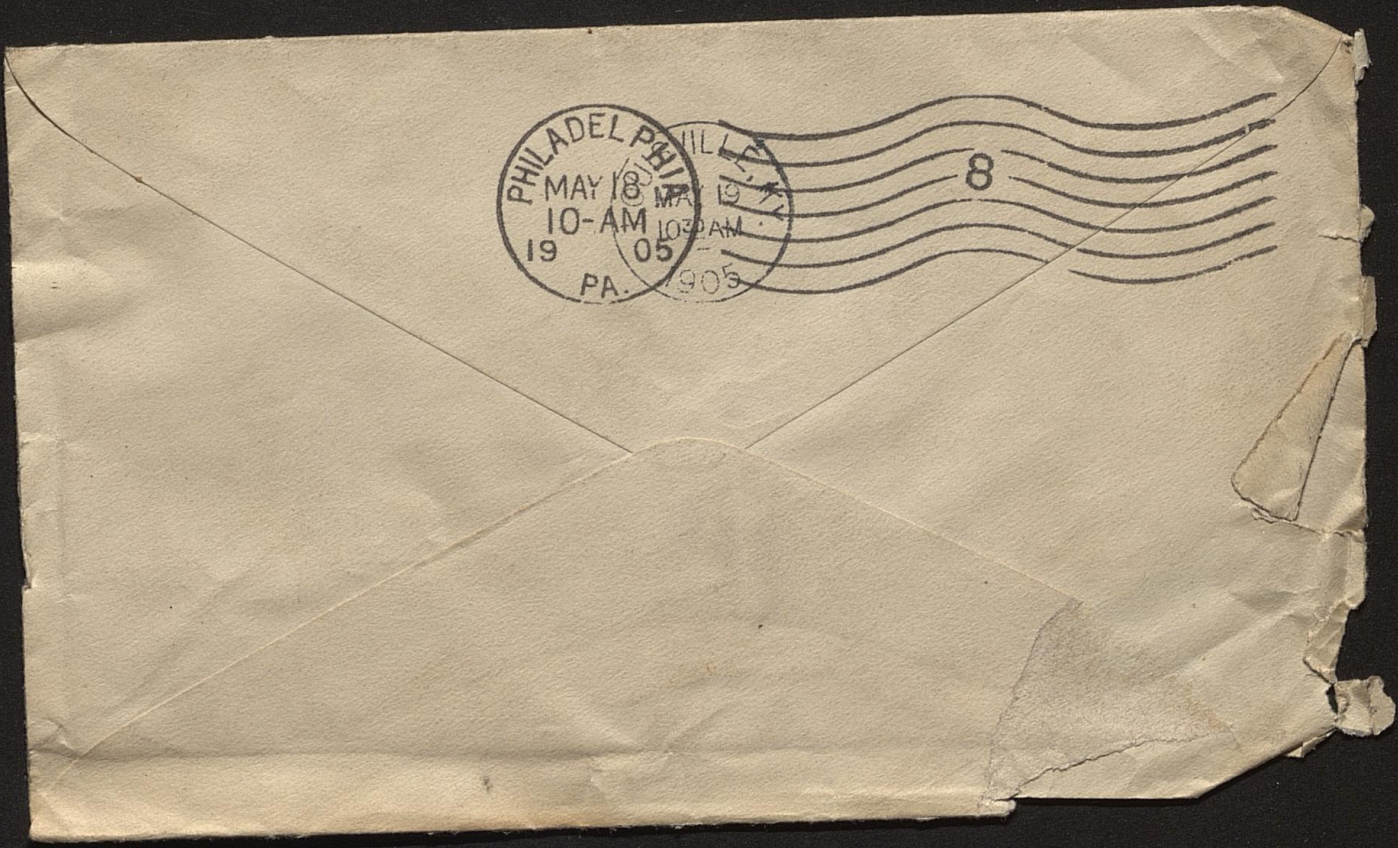


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