

[ca. 1917]

You should love to be with you,
Mary & the babies - that would
compensate for everything else and
above all I should love to have
you make us a visit with
them - and could have arranged
to have you with us by engaging
a suite of rooms at the Brighton
across the street - where you could
have ~~plenty~~ plenty of room for you
mine & a bath room - then you
could have taken your meals
with us and spent the days
here - we take all three meals
now in our own dining room
and do not go up stairs to the
Café any more -

with you on the matter - Does not
Mr. Carson, our attorney, still represent
us and look after our interests -
How did you happen to get a
"Palmer" and what did you pay
for it -

The agent here has been after me
and insisted on taking us out for
a ride in a "Palmer" - so after you
on your importunities in his favor - I accept
it and he came about a week ago on a
most lovely warm day and took us for a few
miles to an open sand and we were charmed
to see all nature! Frances G. Woodbury

What was the trouble with the
Hornish Works that their
dividends have fallen off from
fifty or sixty to twenty per cent -
Has their business fallen off
or are they entering a protest
against giving us our lawful
share - Do they make an expla-
nation - Do there dissension
or disagreement - Do write and
tell me what is the cause -
When do the P. G. Co declare a
dividend? - Did not Lewis Atwood
withdraw from the Hornish Works
last year?

I should like to have a talk

If you had turned this same deal over to me as soon as Mr Spann agreed to sell - I should have held back and given him to understand no payment would be considered until after the beginning of the New Year and no arrangements made to take possession until March or April - but you take upon yourself what you have no right to do and expect me to pay the consequences. Now I want to do some very plain talking - and I would

The Westmoreland -
Washington, D.C.
Dec - 17, 1917

Dear Ezra - Your letter with its surprising contents was delivered to me - I am sorry you are ill with tonsillitis and do not wish to do plain talking - but I do not like the way you do business - without consulting me and then expect me to pay for your rash and questionable dealings -

like to have you fully and
clearly understood - that you
buy absolutely nothing more
You have no money and
have no right to agree to buy
what you cannot pay for
It is not honest nor good
business - I do not like to have
my hand forced - I did not
like the way you were
spending my money in the
Pine Farm - You have had no
right to spend a dollar of
my money without my con-
sent. You have never ren-
dered me an account of

what you spent nor what
you owe - for fences - gates
cattle, pigs and other items -
I would like a settlement
and would like it ^{it's} right away -
If you kept your accounts
straight and regular, you
would have no trouble -
You should send Grace
all that is coming to her every
month - regularly -
Above all do not buy any more
stock - I was horrified that
you went to Chicago and even
looked at such fancy priced
cattle - Sell your sheep and
cattle food & do not invest in
a single head of live stock -

worry me at my age I can
not stand it - You worried
me into getting a farm against
my better judgment. you
must now go very slow -
do not expect to stock it all
at once - (and not \$1000. Bull remember)

What money will your
business bring you after it
is closed out - let me know
how you stand exactly -

I will sign this note and
expect you to make good -
Do you mean that I must
use the check for \$500. which
you enclose against my own
note - or what do you

Spend one ² summer at you
on the farm & study its possi-
bilities - and do some farming &
cultivating the soil - try that
first with what pigs & cows
you have and stop there -
You will only lose money
by your amateurish stock
raising - and do not try it
I do not care to be made
bankrupt by you - and I
give you fair warning that
you need not expect me
to pay any more of your debts
So do not incur any more
debts - I mean what I say
and you must not

mean, that you will refund
me out of the money you
make at your store?

It gives me beyond
words to see how you
conduct your business
affairs - and how unjust
you are in your conduct to
me -

I will sign the note you
request - and trust you
will not get me into any
more trouble - Hold back
until you have closed out
your business and see how
much cash you have

Sell the material you have
in the silo - Everything is high
and scarce in the way of food.
Mr. Spam has taken advantage
of your youth and inexperience.
Why do you not trust me
and let me know before
you make these deals.
You ought to see by
this time how great a mistake
you have made -

Enclosed find the note you
request - to help you out of
your hole - and avoid all
agreements to buy in the future
(No stocks) remember
Sam Anpinu Mother L. G. Goodhue

letters written by men in the company - it is an excellent way to really get to know the men. Some of the letters are a scream and some give you an entirely different idea of the men from that printed on the shell field etc.

Thanksgiving day passed uneventfully except that there was no work and a very good dinner. The turkeys from the States did not arrive in time so we had geese and are having the turkeys to-morrow. It is five P.M. and the little children are just passing from school. I think they keep them there all day to get them out of the way - poor little ducks! I never see any of them that I don't think of Gordon, Minnie and Louise and wonder how they are. Please write me all about them - how does Gordon like kinder-garden?

Your farm certainly sounds fine! I think when the war is over I'll visit you out there for a month or so and lead the

Dec 1, 1917

My Dear Mary -

It seems very funny to be writing Christmas letters on the first of December, but as it takes usually over three weeks for letters from here to reach the States, I'm sending you a line to wish you and George and each one of the children a very Merry Christmas. I'm sorry that I'm so situated that it is absolutely impossible for me to get even any little remembrances for the kids, but it is an actual fact that we can't even get necessities like Candles unless we send a man a good many miles for them.

My last mail came several weeks ago so I'm afraid I can't discuss the wants at home very intelligently. We had Menus for the past week in the snow and mud, but as I have suitable boots etc, it really wasn't bad at all.

Our jack finished censoring about twenty two

Simple life. I must close now and suggest the same quarters before
I go to dinner. Best love to all the family.

Yours affectionately

William

Address:

Sent to Secretary U. S. R.

Twenty Sixth Infantry

American Expeditionary Forces
via New York.

you brought her in from the
Shelbyville Farm or is she still
out there with Mr Spannus
cattle - Has he vacated yet, or
does he remain and take care
of the place until next spring.

The news about Attila is quite
surprising - but I think it will
be a fine thing for him, as he
is too delicate to do any thing
that will require physical strength
or exposure - What will Carrie
do - I suppose she will stay
at home with Harriet & her
mother - The war is certainly
bringing about many radical

P.S. You had better deposit the deed in the Louisville Post, unless it
will have to be signed by me.

The Trustmoreland -

Washington, D. C.,

November 25, 1917

Dear Ezra - Both of your
letters from Lexington were
full of interest - I enjoyed
the farm news - and am glad
the little Bull Calf is doing so
well - the mother cow will
soon have another calf -
will she not - and I suppose
you are planning to have
more little Pigs in the Spring.

You did not mention the little
Jersey cow Grace gave Gordon
I trust she is well - Have

Changes every where - Every day
we hear of startling things
happening - and wonder where
it will all end -

Do you ever read the little
paper "Camp & French" published
by the Courier Journal - for the Camp.

I am so glad to hear of dear
little Gordon's Kindergarten & other
schools. I never saw a little fellow
so eager to learn, his mind is just
ready to receive training in every
way - I am so glad to hear of
the Baby's improvement - I hope
she will not have any drawbacks
The cold winter changes will be

hard on her - in her run down
condition but I hope she will
get through -

When you get all your doctors' bills
and nurses bills - let me know -
and I will send you the when written
to settle them - You might have
built a New Barn with the money
it has cost you -

Spending the summer at Nitta
Luna certainly was full of
many disastrous experiences to you
Did Lipay ever get right well
and how is Mr Jenkins - did
his injuries in his arm & the leg
Pardoning get well - Hoping all
things will go well now I am your
loving Mother & Frances G. Woodruff

so large a sum -

You could not move to the Farm before next Spring and the present occupant will require a month or two to close up and move out -

So you need not appoint the day for me to make out the check - that will be my privilege - So large a transaction requires deliberation. I should be afraid to make the Deed in your name or knowing your propensity for getting into corners and

Vanderbilt Hotel -

HOTEL BRIGHTON
ATLANTIC CITY

Oct 7, 1917

My dear Ezra - Your letter came yesterday - Why such haste about making out the check for the Farm - I should have had at least a month or two's notice - I won't be at home much before the tenth - When there will be a lot of preliminary work to do - My Bank Statement's come the middle of the month - The Trust Co should have at least a month's notice before drawing on them for

needing money - you might
be tempted to mortgage
the farm which would
be very disastrous -

No. You must give me
a few weeks - and in the
meantime do not commit
yourself or me to do any
thing hasty or rash

You are too impulsive and
hasty for a business man -
go slow and carefully in
closing out your business -
I will write further on
my return to Washington, We

~~at~~ expect to leave here
to-morrow afternoon -
I hardly think I can make
out my check before November
or December - perhaps the
first of January -

We stayed over Sunday in
New York to hear Dr Jowett
preach - and certainly had
that treat this morning

Hoping you are all well
& the baby improving - I am
with love, Love Mother
Francis E. Woodruff

P, S, Do not get excited
over my letter, keep calm
and you will get the
check and the farm but
I must have time to look
into my finances, it may
not take but a few
days, but it may take
a few weeks - so be
calm - and do not
get excited, it will be
all right - and do be
calm & business like -
and not in a hurry - Be
patient -
Mother -

[Oct. 1917]

HOTEL BRIGHTON
ATLANTIC CITY

Dear Ezra -

Have just found
the letter from the Barnish Co
and will send it to you in London,
Do you think we will be
expected to subscribe for the
proposed stock they will issue,
and how much do you think we
had better take -

Write & let me know, you will
get this letter in Monday morning's
post - just in time for the
meeting. - I have signed your
note and sent it under another
cover -

With many earnest prayers for the
Baby - and Mary - and little boys
and that you be shown the way out of
your difficulties - I am your loving Mother
L. E. Bondrupp

HOTEL BRIGHTON
ATLANTIC CITY

October 2, 1917

Dear Ezra - We are all
ready to start at 2.30 P.M. for
New York where we will stop at
the Vanderbilt Hotel for a few days
before we go back to Washington.
Ezra wishes so much to go to
New York in the Autumn -

Before starting I enclose a check
which will include your monthly
amount of 100 - the whole amount of
the check being 234.⁰⁰ quarterly Div
in the Railway Signal Co I know you

R.S. We will be glad to do anything for
you -

Mother -

have had a trying summer and
have been under extra - & heavy
expenses - and you will need the
money -

I hope your dear little baby
will soon have a decided turn for
the better - and relieve you & many
of your great anxiety -

I also trust Mr Jenkins, your farmer is
restored to health -

When Louise is better & you have
time - I am going to ask you to square
up your accounts with me & Grace as to the
Farm & her house etc - but I shall not
hurry - nor ask anything at present - my
heart is altogether in sympathy with you & may
Your loving Mother Grace G. Woodruff



Mr George E. Woodruff
223 West Main Street,
Louisville
Kentucky,

have her Father's advice and wisdom
to encourage her -

I am sorry you are still in a
worry about your business - I do not
understand why you do not get out of
it - as you are so anxious to try
a Farm life -

Why did Mr Spann advertise his
Farm for Sale - if he does not wish
to sell it - If you should finally
come to terms - be sure to go out
there again and take your time to
look over the place - both house
and land - barns - silos and
Dairy - houses and other houses +
sheds - be especially careful about
the water facilities - find out whether
it is pure enough to drink and
cope with and also if it is

P.S. If you need any help from us for
the little "Boys" - let us know - and we will
be glad to do any
thing we can - Mother

HOTEL BRIGHTON
ATLANTIC CITY

Sept. 29, 1917

My dear Ezra - I have just come
up from breakfast and have your
letter, enclosing note, before me - which
I will sign and return at once -

Only think of that dear little baby
still being ill - How I do pray she
may soon recover - we will all
appreciate and love her more than
ever when she is restored to health.

I think we never appreciate our
blessings as much as we should
until we are in danger of losing
them - I know the baby is in good
hands with Mary's mother to help her
and it must be a great comfort to

plentiful in supply - for Laundry &
and Lathes - see about the lights
in fact - every detail should be
looked into carefully - It seemed
to me to be the only farm you
showed me that would be at
all suitable for living purposes -

I suppose Mr Spenn wishes
to get all his crops in and to
reap the benefit of his summer's labor
before he gives it up - You must
find out all about the labor question
where and how he gets his workmen -
He told me he always employed
white men to take care of his cattle
as colored help were not careful
enough - nor responsible - You will

have to take a course in Farming
as your Uncle will say - Farming
is now a profession - and not the
slip-shod - up hill - hard work
occupation it used to be - of manual
labor - The brain comes in, as the
great factor.

The Parkish works people sent me
a notification about a business
meeting they were to hold soon - to increase
their stock \$ 50,000 worth - have you
heard anything about it - Find out and let
me know. Grace saved the letter but
cannot find it here & thinks she left it in
Washington - they signed themselves "Your Friends"
Hoping - Praying the baby may soon be well
I am your loving Mother
Frances G. Woodruff

CABLE ADDRESS, - MUSCHENHEIM - NEW YORK

TELEPHONE ADDRESS, - 2100 BRYANT



Hotel Astor
TIMES SQUARE
New York

WM. C. MUSCHENHEIM
F. A. MUSCHENHEIM

Aug 29, 1917

My dear Mary -

Just a line to thank you for
your letter - it was mighty sweet of you
to write me and I'm delighted Mother is
hearing up so well. Tell George the package
you spoke of will doubtless arrive tomorrow
and I appreciate him sending it. I'm under
orders now - will be here at the Hotel a day
or so longer. Not many officers go on any one

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transport and we each have a very nice
stateroom, so we'll go over in great comfort.

Shandlers has been here with me up to
this afternoon and we've made quite a
round of the shows in the limited time.

"Ditchy Zoo" is particularly good - Raymond
Ditchcock, author & star - if you get a chance
see it. There's a dinner engagement so much
chase along. When you have time please write

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WM. C. MUSCHENHEIM
F. A. MUSCHENHEIM

Ms - My address is:

Lieut. William C. Aubrey, U. S. A.

% Adjutant General of the Army

Expeditionary Force. Washington, D. C.

Hope Miss is quite well again & that
London & Frances are well. Try to keep Mother
& Father from worrying - I'll be all right -

My affectionately yours
William

the more convinced I am the
"Burr Oak" on the Shelbyville road
is the place for you - You
should get well out of town
and entirely away from Louisville
to run a Farm successfully.
The very thought of the Ballou
Place makes me ill and the
Veach Place is worst still -
Neither of them would give
you a chance to expand or
succeed - While the Elwood
Farm is too isolated and is
not in the right kind of

The Westmoreland -

Washington, D. C. -

August - 29/1874.

Dear Ezra - Your letter
and telegram both on my
desk - I am awfully
disappointed you did not
get the Burr Oak Farm -
Do you think Mr Spamer
still thinks of selling it
as soon as he can find
a farm in New York or near
Montclair - The more I think
of your farm question

neighborhood - Your Uncle
William Goodnuff was here
yesterday - he stopped over
to see us on his way from
Atlantic City - and stayed
to dinner with us - leaving
on the 9.45 P.M. train last
night - He thinks farming
is no longer the old fashioned
hard plodding existence it once
was - but has grown to be a
fine profession - requiring
much education and knowledge
of chemistry as well as common

sense & good judgement - He
reads all the magazines &
new books & papers on Agri-
culture and can tell you more
about what soil requires to
make grains grow - than ever
you dreamed of in your
philosophy - He says Limestone
pulverized is what Kentucky
soil requires because it is
formed on a Limestone basis &
that is why it is ^{so} fine - Perhaps
an old Cane Run Farm might
be fertilized with limestone
crushed to make it - Hoosier
like the rose - You have

Main Street Lot - or does the old
Jew hold it - too fast for you
That would be a good idea
to buy as it would then make
the house you are in available
for building a large & safe
establishment - By the way,
I had a letter from Mr. Frazer,
the Real Estate man offering to
buy your Ormsby Avenue house
which I have not yet replied.
What do you think it is worth
now? I hope you will
tell me all about the Hill in-
vale Farm affair - Has the

talked Sam as long until
you have quite converted
me into believing the Farm
life is the best for you and
I really want to own the
Birch Oak Farm - or some equally
good proposition - I cannot
think of your corner lot, after
getting my mind adjusted to
the Farm - I cannot as sudden-
ly readjust my thoughts to your
last suggestion - of the corner ^{14th Street}
lot. Can you not get the
house & lot next to you 223

Shot Horn Cow had her
Calf - and how are the Pigs
larger & smaller - and the
Arcdale Family of Pups, did
you keep one for me - I think
you should be entitled to
one at least -

Last but not least how is
Mr Lewis Jenkins - I do trust
he will fully recover - and
if you ever powder your potato
fields with Paris Green, see
that a pair of high stout boots
or leather leggins (Putter) are worn,
so that the poison cannot

penetrate - How have the
Potatoes turned out in both
fields - I am so much
interested - do not forget to
tell me all about the corn crops
as well as the Potatoes - and Pups
I think I had better write
to Mr Sparrow myself - and per-
haps I might get better results
in my efforts - than you have -

Above all and every other
wish I hope little Louise is
getting better - Eternal vigilance
as to cleanliness & purity of food
is the keynote of Infant health &
I hope you are all well - Tom Lewis
mother -

We certainly had a wonderful time in Kentucky. I saw it from an entirely new view point - I love the country, and enjoyed "to the top of my tent" the trees and birds, the clouds and thunder showers - the fine river view & the boats & other life on the river. Charlie Peaslee knew how to select a choice & beautiful site for a home, & his successors have improved it.

August 8. 1877

THE GREENBRIER
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
WEST VIRGINIA

Dear Ezra - It has been more than a week since we left you and I am beginning to conjecture if any of you are ill - but I suppose you are too busy to write - and hope dear little Louise is not ill again nor either of the dear little boys -

natural advantages - you could not have a prettier summer home with its community life & attractive neighbors -

In regard to the Farm about which you have talked so long - If you want a Farm for a healthy occupation - and to bring up healthy sturdy children, the Bear Oak is an ideal place - You should get away from Louisville as far as is possible - for

many reasons - when you will not be harassed by foolish ambitions and when you ~~are~~ ^{will still be} within comfortable reach of all sorts of advantages - that will conduce to health & happiness - What a forcible contrast to the shut in inaccessible farm with its dear little farm house - of your friends Mr & Mrs R - B - and yet they are happy & contented - You would be exempt from conscription - if you are raising hemp - tobacco - corn, wheat - oats - and cattle - and

as for society - you would
be within ~~at~~ easy reach
of your friends - and they
would find a trolly ride
through beautiful country
scenes only an added zest
to their visit -

Since I began this letter
our budget of mail has
arrived which we were
glad to get - I telegraphed
to you to forward our mail
here as I thought you might
return it to Washington, but are
remaining much longer than
we intended - as Grace

THE GREENBRIER
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
WEST VIRGINIA

could you picture a
pleasanter life than is
possible on this ideal
farm - where you could
have your tobacco, hemp
and the finest corn field
I saw on any of our drives
250 acres would be as
much as you could manage
and the way to begin a
new life to you - absolutely
now - is to start in a modest
scale and grow up to
larger conditions by degrees

was quite ill and unable
to leave her room for nearly
a week - I insisted on
calling in a physician
but she refused to see me.

We have had several
bountiful down-pours
the last day or two - which
I hope you have shared
in Kentucky - It is quite
cool this morning and I hope
the hot-wave is over else
where as well as here -

There is not much of a
crowd here as usual - We have
met several Kentuckians

It is a very pleasant
to have such a large
range - and so many di-
visions - but as we have
only stopped over to break
our journey - we will be
moving on in a few days.

I hope Jenkins recovered
from his fall + hurts -
and I also hope your fine
Short Horn will have a fine
calf + trust the Pigs + Puppies
are well - I feel quite interest-
ed in the Hill-vale farm & its doing
I am enclosing check for \$150. 100 of
which is regular salary - the extra
fifty is to cover extra Gasoline for the
beautiful trip in P. Arrow - and other
extras - With love from Mother -

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What a forcible contrast - to
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with its dear little farm
house - of your friend
Mr & Mrs R. B. - and yet they
are happy & contented - I see
would be exempt from con-
diction - If you are raising
hemp - tobacco - corn, wheat -
oats - and cattle - and

by Tuesday -

I have already exhausted
the subject of the B. Farm
and can only repeat what
I have already said - It is
simply an absurd, impossible
proposition for you to think of
purchasing a piece of land
that is worn out, the house
is unsatisfactory in every way
and would require almost
rebuilding at a large cost -
There are no barns nor
outhouses - no silos - no lights
no water - The fences & gateways

The Trentonoreland -
Washington, D. C. -

August 2, 1917

Dear Ezra - Your
telegram came to day in
regard to the Ballard
place - I did not think
it necessary to reply by wire
as to - morrow is Labor Day
a holiday, in which there
will be a suspension of all
business transactions - This
being Sunday I thought I
would write instead and
you will get the letter -

and Bridges are all broken
down & delapidated - and
would have to be renewed
at a great cost - The Lane
or nearest approach is a
rough rocky bed of a creek
or stream - You would be
two miles from a Trolley &
would require wagons, Trucks
and automobiles - There are
low-swanpy places which
would require draining.

At this time when Labor is
decreasing, hard to get and
expensive. It seems to me

you could not commit
a more unwise act than
to buy a farm or a piece of
land which would require
an entire making over at an
immense cost - Mr Ballard
bought the land as a spec-
ulation - You want a farm
for a home to bring up your
children to be sturdy, strong
honest men & women -

You could not do worse
than attempt to live in a
rich man's neighborhood
it would take your own
manhood from you and
be injurious to your children

question -

Has Mr Sparr given up
the idea of selling entirely -
Send me his address &
I will write to him & see
what I can do - The Burr Oak
Farm is ready to move right
on - The House - Barn
Silo - Garage - Inns - gates
& roads - and above all the
ground is rich and tillable,

It is high & healthy and you
would be in a more wholesome
atmosphere both for yourself
and for your children - near

You would find yourself
always trying to live in a
superficial way - Why not
stand on your own feet &
teach your children to do the
same instead of trying to follow
after what you think rich
people are - it disgusts me

Be yourself & do your duty
and let other people alone,
It is not worth your while
& trouble to strain after what
you think you would gain
by living on the Balland Place
The B. Place is out of the

churches & schools - with
Light - Electric Cars at your
door and every convenience
and comfort - ready - Try
again to get it again -

I shall have to invest the
money in some other way, if
you do not buy the Beech
Farm - I am not in favor
of either the Ballard Land nor
the beach - I have given you
my reasons -

I am enclosing you
check for \$100. which I hope
you will use wisely

and not on dogs and
fashions -

I hope little Louis is
better & in fact well -

To tell me, all about the
Hill on Vale Farm, I am very
much interested in how Mr
Jenkins is doing - is he better
do what you can for him &
I will stand by you -

Has the little Short Horn calf
come and how are the
Durocs & the Berkshires - Tell
me about the Crops too, I wish
you could see the corn fields,
the Boy Scouts have cultivated in
the Spaulding Park - Mother

Farm question very carefully since I left you and can arrive at but one conclusion,

The Beach Farm is entirely out of the question - I do not care to own such a large body of land so near Louisville - the price does not suit me & the Farm has no attractions for me - whatever -

The Ballard tract of land does not appeal to me - the land is exhausted or worn out I have been informed - There are absolutely no improvements - no water - no lights - no roads, no barns or Silds - no anything -

August - 2. 1919

THE GREENBRIER
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
WEST VIRGINIA

Dear Ezra - Grace & I have both written to you & Mary telling of our safe arrival & addressed you at Harrods Creek, Kentucky -

I will now drop you a line to 223 West Main Street, feeling more sure it will reach you there.

The warm wave pursued us at White Sulphur, but this morning there is more breeze with some clouds in the sky. I have been studying the

It is inaccessible and altogether impractical - and I do not wish to buy or own it -

The ^{Oak} Bar ~~Back~~ Farm, - is fine land, in fine condition - has all necessary improvements - silo

Barns - Garage - large comfortable house with abundant supply of water - electric lights - garden

& grapes - The house stands in a park of fine old trees and it slopes down beautifully

Above all other advantages it has the Electric Railway at the gate - which takes you in an hour & half to Louisville and twenty minutes to Shelbyville -

Your friends could find you easily by a pleasant ride through lovely country

The place is healthy & delightfully situated - I never saw rosier and finer specimens of robust health than the little children we saw play with the pony, Red Look ~~contaminated~~ ^{located} regard an hour & half a short distance - to their offices -

You would be independent and your own master by living a short distance from town - and would or should be happier in a freer atmosphere than in the Ballard land - If you care to negotiate for the Oak Farm - you have my sanction Mother

Washington - next week - he
will be glad to see you
and can take care of you
as long as you wish to
stay - he now has a very
good girl - and feel a
little more settled than
when you proposed to come
the last time - as I was
then sick and changing
maids - which meant
practically that we had
none & Grace was over-tired -
What time next week will

The Westmoreland -
Washington, D. C.

May 25, 1917,

Dear Ezra Your
letter has just come
saying you have at last
moved out to the country.
It is just as well
we did not come early
in May as we would
have found you un-
prepared - for us - I can
speak of coming in to

you come - If you come
about Thursday or Friday
I might be ready to go
back with you - How
would that suit you
and Mary - You could
take me home with you
and Grace could join
us later, after she has
been to Edith Ingraham's
wedding and made her
visits to Trassens and any
other friend she wishes to
see - She is not at all

well and it would have
been rather hard on her to
have taken me out to Louis-
ville and then return for
her reunion - and this
wedding and the heart is
found up in these two
visits and it would
about break her heart
if she should be dis-
appointed -

It looks to me a very oppor-
tune time for me to go back with
you and stay until she comes -
We should have to break up
house keeping in June any way

For our summer trip - and
this plan would be only
hurrying matters a little -

We certainly have had a
very cool spring so far May
has been as cold as April - We
had the heat turned on again
yesterday and day before - and
it is still cool enough to
enjoy ~~the~~ warm radiators -

Usually I like a cool
spring and would have
done so this time - if I had
heard well - Let me know

that the basements and Jamaica
and pipes were in good safe
order - as well as the Chimneys & Flues -
I still think you made a mistake
in paying the whole seasons rent
in advance - no body ever does
it - and I could not imagine
why you insisted upon it -
Things are too uncertain in this life, even
pecially at present. - "slow scene" is always
a good motto. Ever devoted Mother

Frances C. Goodenough

as soon as you get this
letter - when to expect you.

Did you ever hear from
your application to the
Loyal Legion? Be sure
to let me know -

I hope it will suit you
even better to have me come
now than to have come before
you were settled in the
country - I am sure it will
be delightful in the country.

I trust you had the
house gone over carefully
before you took it, to see

that - You seem to regard a
large sum of money as nothing
at all - only a small trifle
to be had for the asking and
I have no doubt you will
get that much by degrees -
I have given you such a
lot of money - from time to time
I suppose you have spent it
in your business - In life Insurance
~~the~~ - but I prefer to help
you by paying your Farm bills
as they come in and for necessary
things ^{if I exchange} as I think it much better
than to invest so largely - in fancy
Bottle or stock or what not -

The Greatmoreland -
Washington - D.C.,
April 17, 1918,

My dear Ezra - Your letter
came to-day and I am replying
the same day - I know it is a
big undertaking to start the
Farm - and as I have already
told you I am willing to help
you by paying your bills -
both for Farm & house - I do not
feel that I can turn over a large
sum in one lump \$10,000 to me
it is a big fortune - It took your
Father & I nearly all our married
lives to save a little more than

I will do as much for you
if you do not come in - as if
you did - I do not like the idea
you have of forcing me by saying
things - What I give you I give
freely and not to be forced -
Of course I always like to see
you & have you come in, but
if you can only stay a few
days - it would only fatigue you
& the children & Mary - The
reason I did not talk to you
over the long distance phone was
because Grace got to the phone
first & held it - thinking she
could hear you better -

I do not like to transact business
over the long distance - because
I can not hear distinctly &
am afraid of making mistakes
& misunderstandings - I had no
other motive for talking to you in
that way & thought Grace could
both hear & talk better than
I could - That was my only thought,
Grace & I will be glad to come
out to Kentucky in June & will do
so if we can - as I would like
to see you & your family very
so much - You can arrange at
some future time to have you all
come & stay longer - & remember
I shall help you all I can -
in your farming - With much love from
Mother, Father & I

WASHINGTON, D.C.
APR 17
12-PM
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Mr George E. Roadruff
223 West Main Street
Louisville
Kentucky -

ways - It has been raining and
windy here many days - but we
have had sunshine a part of
the day - it seems to be a
mountain's habit to rain and
blow some, most every day -

It is quite cold too, but I
suppose March is always cold
and blustering everywhere -

I will enclose your monthly
check for \$100.00 The \$500 you
have agreed to pay the Club
for improvements will have to
wait a while - Tell Mr Bridger
you will do the best you can
on the instalment plan as it
will not be convenient to let
^{him} you have it all at once.

I find out from Mr Bender when
the dividends on the Trassinger Gault
will be due - I have had no
notification of their payment -



Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C.

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March 27, 1917.

My dear Egza -
We are preparing to
leave to-morrow Wednesday
for Pinhurst, North Carolina -
where we have engaged rooms
at the "Carolina" for a few days -
To avoid a night journey -
we stop over at Columbia
N.C. - at the Jefferson Hotel -
and go to Pinhurst the next
A.M. From Pinhurst we can
reach Washington by day -

I shall be glad to be safe
at home once more - but have
enjoyed the change in some

What do you mean by signing
a Contract? I do not remember
anything about it - and I am
sure I have not signed any
Contract -

I hope you will be able to
pay all your personal bills in
time - I can tell you how to
begin - First call in your heavy
Life Insurance - Your income
does not justify such a heavy
insurance - You may say you have
already paid out too much, but
remember you have had the
benefit of it so far - In case
you die - it is very wise to
carry a five thousand dollar
insurance - in case your widow
should need money in immediate
need - But unless you commit

mistakes and if extravagance -
your family will inherit
your Estate which should be
sufficient for their needs, without
you pinching yourself to pay
out such a large sum of
money and going beyond your
means - to carry such an
absurd amount of insurance -

It would be different if ^{even}
you had only a salary and
without any expectations -

The money I have given you
should yield an income of \$7,000.00
a year - which is the amount
Uncle Sam pays his Senators &
Congressmen. They find it enough,

Another way to be able to pay
your own bills - is to drive a Dodge
or a Buick - and get rid of your
high priced car - I am might have
known it was beyond your means.

However we reached Asheville
 in safety and find it a very
 queer hotel - but very pleasantly
 kept. The Hotel looks like a
 medieval fortress without the
 moat and drawbridge and
 when we step into the elevator
 we feel as if we were entering
 a dungeon - but it is all new
 with the latest appliances - It
 accommodates only about 250
 guests - it is full to its capacity
 with reservations ahead for more
 than six weeks - They promise
 to take care of us, strike or no
 strike - We have had two bright
 days but today it is raining -
 The table and dining room is very
 attractive - they give us the best
 of food and service - The waiters
 are colored, but wear spotters



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March 16, 1917

Dear Mary and Ezra

Before the strike is
 declared I will write you
 this letter trusting you will
 get it before it is too late.
 Grace sent Ezra a letter the
 day after our arrival (March
 14th) We left Washington Monday
 7 P. M. and arrived the next
 morning at 10.30. It was an
 awfully rough trip as we were
 in the end car and the road
 is rough and hilly anyway

white suits - including white
and gloves
Shed - There is an Organ recital
from 2.30 to 4.30 P.M. and
again in the evening from
8 o'clock to 10. Besides there
is a screen at one end of a
very big room where they give
us Movies Casting an hour or
more -

They have dancing and an
orchestra twice a week.

One of the spotlessly white clad
waiters passes around an old
time basket of apples done up
in gray paper - every body
takes one, eats it and puts
the core in the gray paper which
the waiter collects -

We were very much downcast
by hearing of Roberta Tyler's death

and feel so sorry for Mrs Tyler
What a terrible blow it is to
Mrs Tyler -

I suppose Grace told you
all the news about Daisy's
visit - Woodruff's and
Anna Magee Sanfords - They
took dinner with us only as
they were at a house party
in Washington, and Woodruff
had only three days leave -

He is an awfully nice looking
guy. He and his Mother went to
Annapolis one Sunday -

Hoping you are all well
and with much love I am
Your devoted Mother

Frances G. Woodruff

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I trust you will find a
Farm near town where you
can live throughout the year
and rent the year City house
to increase your salary —
income —

It would ^{be} most unwise to
buy the Lexington Farm — you
would not be happy on it —
nor could you make it pay
with your inexperience — The
way for you to begin is to take
a small Farm near town and
make it pay — by living on it and
working it — in a practical way

place everything in trust - How much better it would have been for P. G. if his Mother & Father had left his patrimony in trust. I am convinced the only wise way to safeguard yourself, is to leave everything in trust. I pray you do not go into debt, but live within your means - you will be much happier if you live simply and do not make the mistake of losing your head and thinking you are rich - The Strait and narrow path of paying as you go is the only safe way - Doubtless always follow prudence and wisdom - Follow the advice of your Mother. P. G. Goodhue

Mr. Bissinger, being a man of means might give his son a farm but I cannot do so, as he did - as I could not look after it - neither had the means - to stock it, as he did. A woman must be very careful how she makes her investments - or she will soon find herself bankrupt - Always remember poor P. G. Booker's sad example - and go slowly - Be careful above all things and never sign your name to a note or paper without consulting me as I do not wish to be involved - in any of your schemes - The more I think of it, the more I think the only safe plan is

Park now.

The old Waldorf
is kept right up to
the minute, and is
still the most attractive
of all the hotels to me.
I think it is the most
convenient for a lady
as the shopping district
is all around it.

Hoping that my dearest
and lovely wife will
be able to come with me
next time and every time
hereafter and with love
to Gordon, Francis and Sister
Betsy I am very devotedly,
Your admiring husband
E. G. G.

P. S. Tell Gordon I saw some
dandy toys at Schwartz's Toy Store
for him and I would address
The Waldorf Astoria
Smallbrughaue New York.
Some of them.

Feb 22-17,

Dearest Mary and
my little ones;

The judging took
place so late Wednes-
day afternoon that
the club meeting
was not held till this
morning so I am
staying over another
day in New York. I spent
all day yesterday and
today at the Shaw. I have
become acquainted

any finer dogs
than "Boh" and "Gypsy".

I have gone to see
the Century Girl and
Shirley Kaye. One was
an extravagantly gotten
up Danderville Show,
and the other a pretty
little play with good
actors. I have walked
up and down Fifth
Ave and Broadway
several times. The crowds
are enormous. The
town night life has
gotten up to Central

with so many
Irish Setter owners,
that I have not felt
the time drag. There
was an unusual
turn out of Irish
Setters at this year's
show, and much
enthusiasm among
the members. I saw
many beautiful
dogs, and wish that
I owned several of
them. But I do not
think there were

and Club questions mean a more friendly attitude towards you - so do try and be as conservative and reserved as you can be and prove yourself equal to the occasion, and show that you are also friendly - and dignified -

I have committed myself to a subscription of \$200.⁰⁰ for the W. M. U. Training School Building which I am going to send them through you.

I am enclosing in this letter a check for you to the amount of \$100.⁰⁰ for the

The Westmoreland -

Washington. D. C. -

February 1. 1917

My dear E. you -

Your very bulky letter reached me several days - bursting the envelope - with its size - Why do you not write on both sides of the paper then it will not require so many sheets - I do love a long letter - but the contents were not so lengthy as there were many empty pages - but I was glad to hear many things you wrote about - I hope the ^{of Berkeley} farm

Doctor's bill - and 200. to pay
your arrears on your church
promise. - "Keep within your income!"

What did you do with the
500 \$ plus which I sent
you from the coupons on your
Bonds - Have you spent it
in your business - I do not
mind helping you out in
certain things - but I cannot
imagine why you are always
running short in your finances.

I have given you enough
to bring you in an income
of more than 7,000⁰⁰ which
is a large amount for you to

spend on yourself and
family - Uncle Sam gives
his Senators & Congressmen a
salary of 7000, on which
they live and live well here
in Washington - and keep their
families - and I should think
you could and should keep
within these bounds in quiet
little Louisville - But while
I do not mean to "bump you" I
do think you are a free spender
and are unnecessarily ex-
travagant - I am glad you have
cut out all the foolish little
trips like Chicago etc - You will
discuss the Sam Cat - Your
loving mother - Frances G. Woodruff

P.S.

Please do not buy or
farm without at first
consulting me -

Do you think the Ballard
farm might be bought
for less than 66,000⁰⁰ -
if you make an offer
of cash price at 50 or
55,000 - You might buy
it - if you can get it
at a more reasonable price
we might try at any rate,
in these piping times of war
real estate should not be so
high - while "peace"

You understand that I have
given my promise to subscribe
\$100.00 two hundred dollars to the
St. Mission Union Training School and
I will send the check to you to
hand over to them - which I think
will be better than sending directly
to them - They seem to be in no hurry about this
I hope the babies may keep well
this winter weather - and may you
too - We are thinking of Angelitos, Pa
as our winter trip shortly
Mother

is so much talked of
things look very uncertain
to me - and I should
not be surprised if
we become involved -
Germany is becoming
more high-handed
and arbitrary every
day about the High
Seas and our rights
to traverse the ocean
with our ships -
The Outlook is far from
bright - or peaceful

and when you began to
talk you told me nothing.
I could hear you very
clearly and kept telling
you to go on and let
me know what you had
to say - but you kept
saying "I can't hear you"
If you had only given
me your message I
would have heard every
word - and it would
have not mattered whether
you heard me or not.
So I called up a messenger

How you had Francis' picture

The Westmoreland
Washington, D. C.
Dear Ezra - January 13, 1917
This afternoon when
I came in - I was
greeted by the telephone
girl with the word
that Louisville - Kentucky
had called up over this
long distance - and then
she asked I wished to
talk over the Long distance.
Thinking it must be very
important - I said yes

telegraph boy and sent you
a night letter - which
cost me nearly a dollar
which I had laid by
for my church contribution
to-morrow - Dear only
knows how much the long
distances will be in cash
besides the alarm and
excitement it has cost me

You wrote me some days
ago about the Treeh Farm
again - and said the Agent
had told you - he could
get you a lower price

besides you said the
Hebrews would buy some
for a Golf Club - Do you
think you could sell
any of the Treeh land
to the Hebrews, without
a protest from the
neighbors - Do you not
know how people object
to them as neighbors -
In regard to the Ballard
Farm, is there any new de-
velopment - that is the only
piece of land that seems at-
all suitable and it is not
altogether what you want
I understand what you

I was so glad you
came out ahead in your
business - You seem to
think if you only could
manufacture your paints
you would make money
but these tickish times
there is no telling what
will happen next. To be
patient and wait a little
longer before making a
plunge - I would like to
see the farm before making
a "buy" - Perhaps in the spring
I might get out there with
love to you all - mother
Anson & household

day about it - as it has
no woodland - but if you
only want a country res-
idence that might suit
you as it has a house
and other improvements,
The Beech Farm does not
appeal to me as I have
no money to build a house
on it and the land is so
aburdly high priced -
I shall have to wait until
the dividends come in now
as I have no loose money
to pay for a farm and I

produce a living - What did
the Ballards in the people who
live on the farm do for a living
You know farming is no child's
play - it means hard work
and not much profit - your
friend P.G. is an example of an ^{old} man
my friend young man can get
out of a farm - they finally sold
out - without any great advantage
price - I understand -

regard my Bonds and
other securities too highly
and as too important to use
them on a farm which
~~would~~ ^{would} bring me no
income - Do you think
you could make a living
on a farm or do you only
want to live on it and de-
pend for a living on your se-
curities - What is your idea
of farm life - Do you
think of cultivating the
land and making it

Cancelled checks & notes.		
January	21 st	100 ⁰⁰
February	1 st	350 ⁰⁰
Feb	26 th	300 ⁰⁰
March	28 th	100 ⁰⁰
April	17 th	500 ⁰⁰
May	7 th	250 ⁰⁰
June	10 th	200 ⁰⁰
June	20 th	150 ⁰⁰
July	2 nd for Red Cross	200 ⁰⁰
July	11 th	100 ⁰⁰
July	27 th	120 ⁰⁰
Aug	10 th	150 ⁰⁰
Sept	3 rd	100 ⁰⁰
Dec	12 th	500 ⁰⁰
Total checks —		3600 ⁰⁰
Note in Aug —		5000 ⁰⁰
Note in Dec —		4000 ⁰⁰
<u>Grand Total</u>		\$12,600 ⁰⁰

P.S., I want you to write
to ^{me} about the condition of the
finances of the River Road
Farm - Did you come
out ahead or are we still
in debt - tell me all about
it - I think it would be a
good idea to make a monthly
statement of accounts - Let me
have the rent from the Broadway
house as it comes in and
also let Grace have her rent each
month - that is the best way to
settle these questions - send her the
rent and then when repairs are
necessary - send me the bills and

above all stop scheming about
your business where money's
to be spent - you know you
have no money to spend - and
you must not call on me to
spend it for you -

You have had given you from
time to time a large fortune I
am sure I have given you
a hundred ^{fifty} thousand ~~and~~
a great deal more - and how
have you managed your fortune
Many men would have regarded
it a large fortune, but you
I fear have let it slip thro
your fingers - It makes me most
unhappy when I think of it - Your mother

[1917?]



Many Dear,

Ever since

I read the paper today
with the tragic news
about Gordon my
thoughts have been
with you constantly
and I want you to
know that in
this ever believing
I am you than
my most sincere

Saturday June 7

and carrying sym-
pathy - God will
help you as he
has helped me when
I felt the doubts were
too dark - Please
give George my deepest
sympathy - I have not
forgotten his coming
to me in my darkest
I am coming to
see you very soon.
Always lovingly
Tate V. Swickard

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various works, of all that civilization holds
decent and dear. It is not often that men
can die for that which is noblest and best.
Too often, Death takes us after we are feeble
and old and worn. But your son met it
squarely and bravely, and has left us the
memory of a hero's life. That will never die.
And it will help all of us, who knew him,
to live. And it will always challenge you
beloved parents who bore him, to meet this
sorrow and separation as fitting ones who
gave to life, such a son.

May the Lord Jesus Christ comfort
and strengthen and use you - to His glory.

Devotedly yours
Marie Mac Donald.

"El Dero",
Del Monte,
California.

1917??

Dearest Mary and Egge:-

Since I received from Louisville,
the tragic news of Gordon's death, my heart
has been filled with love and sympathy for
you. I stand overwhelmed at such a loss,
and at the grief it must flood your dear
hearts with. I can, and do, earnestly pray,
that the God of all comfort will sustain
and strengthen you, and give you His peace,
as only He can.

We can not know why such things
must be.... why such suffering and pain has
to come to noble hearts like yours! But this

complete. Ten or twenty or forty years added here, are such a short span after all, when we think of God's eternity. And what a wonderful thing it will be, when we reach Heaven, to be with our blessed Saviour and reunited to such precious ones as Gordon, and my mother and your father and grandmother!

It must be of some consolation for you to remember what devoted and splendid parents you always were to him! It must too, be of great comfort to know his life was spent in helping suffering humanity. And it must be something of a help to know he did his utmost - even to laying down his life here, for the law and preservation in this

I do know... that God gave you that wonderful boy, and all the attendant joy and pride and satisfaction that such a son as he, could fill your lives with. For he was a son to cherish and acclaim, as all those who knew him will testify. And we can be sure, that God would not have called him Home, until his bit here was done, and He could trust you to walk alone.

Doubtless the promises of the Lord Jesus Christ must ring with a great purpose, to your hearts now: "Because I live, ye shall live also," "I am the resurrection and the life... he that believeth on Me, though he die, yet shall he live!" And we know that Gordon is alive, glad, happy - forever with his Lord. His brilliant young life seemed so short to us here. But it was full and