

Central Colored High School  
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS  
PRINCIPAL

April 26,

1921

My dear Louise:

I read your letter Mamma today and sympathize with you very much. I am enclosing here-in three dollars and <sup>two</sup> stamps.

I am sure this would not have been the case if you had not had your money to come home. You must be a little more saving with your money.

Before coming to this job I never make more than \$90<sup>00</sup> a month as a teacher. Always keep just a little money on hand.

We were very glad to have you at home with us, and regretted to have you go.

I hope you enjoyed being at home with us. Mamma was happy to show your home to Mrs. G. She had worked very hard to have it painted and papered on the inside. She had spent nearly \$60.00 to have it painted and papered on the inside.

I hope you will not be as hard as it has been. You will be looking just fine. Trust you may continue to improve. Every body is looking for you. How well you are looking for us.

Mamma and Grandma are down stairs  
and I am up writing this to you  
I hope you will get this to morrow.

I am so busy now getting out  
our Annual I must have it in  
the hands of the printer next  
Monday.

Mamma played last night at the  
Beno's al- good fine crowd

It was just what we shall  
was out to see shall present our

Two weeks of entertainment by  
Annual Musical Society. I wish you

could be here at that time. Be as  
sweet as honey and kisses.

All send you love and know how to  
sweet as you can find the

body. When you can try to  
time. write me a little you will

save a little money  
need it this summer

and every  
Papa

FROM  
Central Colored High School  
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Miss F. Louise Matthews,  
113 N. Robbins St.,  
Covington,  
Ky.



Lincoln Ridge

My Dear Louise

I owe  
you plenty of apologies  
for not writing you  
sooner. but this has  
been my bad week  
I have felt miserable  
so sorry you couldn't  
get out last Sat. when  
Mr. C. came in I  
thought he was fooling  
and you were on the  
outside. Geo. J. is in  
my lap so you will  
excuse this writing.  
Geo. J. is so sweet  
until every one wants  
to eat him. dont

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Worry because you  
Couldn't come out  
to Glee J's ~~Consecration~~  
you may come out  
to Susie's. I met Miss  
Triplet & we became  
real friendly I like  
her so much I don't  
think you all look  
alike. Mr C is coming  
in Monday his  
quartet sings at this  
meeting sings at 7<sup>45</sup>  
I believe. I am going  
to start typewriting  
as soon as you can  
come out to start me  
I can use the type  
writer in Dr Johnson's

office to practice on  
every day also bring  
out your short hand  
book. I saw in the  
paper from Balto where  
Cecilia Gaines Murray  
got a divorce from her  
husband. she & her  
children are staying  
with her father Dr  
Gaines. How is your  
mother. tell her if she  
could see Geo. I know  
she would love him.  
When are you coming  
out. I must stop  
this scratching as  
you wont be able to  
read this. Remember

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us to all & come now  
out soon

~~Miss Gray's~~ address  
is 1408 N. Wells St  
Chicago Ill

Bill - try

Don W. C

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Bill - try  
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ms. Dora W. Cordery.  
Lincoln Ridge, Ky.

1918?

Miss F. Louise Murrens.

2121 W. Chestnut St.

Louisville

Kentucky.

Send me  
I want you to go to the  
Drug Store and get a box of  
"Mucin" and use it under a piece  
of your handkerchief for a week  
that  
I don't mean to  
hurt your feelings and truly hope  
I will not doubly mean to  
help you. If you will do what  
the gods will not be so distant  
toward you. The Mucin cost  
only 32 cents follow carefully the  
over

directions and take a bath  
and enjoy your time  
of all odds.

Please do not look at this as  
an insult because it was not  
intended for insult. I only intend  
to help you and by insisting  
must you give good friends.

Your true friend  
Eugene M. Wallace

Dear Louise - I think you  
have given up on. Let me tell  
you, I had the R & A people to  
come & they wanted \$13 or \$14  
for that box & it was only  
30 lbs. So they said Greyhound  
won't pick up or deliver so I  
called & their price is a  
very few cents less, maybe \$1.50  
less. So I thought well Tommy  
& Beverly are coming for  
Thanksgiving so I'll just let  
them carry it that far as it  
was all tied & sealed up &  
one way end they could ship it  
to you as that distance wasn't  
far. Child they said OK & came  
as usual with so much  
excitement that they left  
with out it & things they were  
to take for themselves even  
his over coat. I just sent it  
special delivery. I'm telling  
you that "tribe" as I call them  
are something else - He & she  
said you were to speak there

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For something you see, Well,  
I promised to come for Xmas  
& bring a sick puppy they  
brought here if he lives. Boy  
I've certainly labored with  
him to make it you know  
I love dogs. I took him to  
doctor & I have to give him  
food & medicine every 4 hrs  
around the clock. Then don't  
know if he will make it. I hope  
so he is so cute. a black shepard  
Now, if I come I will come down  
to see you. But what about  
you coming here. Of course I do  
not know anyone not even your  
church but can find out. Smile  
Wouldn't you like to spend  
Xmas away from home? Maybe  
you'll be like me. Love Milwaukee  
& come here to live. I have an  
extra bed room. That would be  
fine. I know its hard for you  
to leave Ky. but honey I don't  
even think of Cleveland. In-  
fact I don't ever plan to go back

unless I have to, to see about  
that massie ave. shack. I  
hardly ever think of anything  
there & a few people. I suppose  
this is the way its to be. I'm so  
glad because to be home sick  
for a place would be sad. Now  
if I come that way I'll bring the  
stuff with me & if you come  
this way you can take it. I  
will have to come I guess to  
bring the dog. He is so cute  
but so pitiful. Sorry about  
Mrs. Fuges aunt. It goes to  
show you one man sows  
with tears & another reaps  
with rejoicing. I remember she  
came to my walk & told me  
she knew you & they wanted  
her to come & live in Ohio with  
them. but she said I hate to leave  
my home Ky. Well, she did, but  
we all have to go but maybe if  
she had she would be here. Nobody  
knows but God. Well, sweetie

take care of yourself and  
write me. I trust you have a  
nice time in Indianapolis.  
until we meet I hope real

soon. Always your Cousin,

M,

*Hotel St. Louis*

10511 MASSIE AVENUE  
CLEVELAND 8, OHIO

1922?

Miss Louise Matthews  
2121 W. Chestnut  
Louisville, Ky.



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Lincoln Ridge

Ky

Dear Low was a

I have been  
planning to write you for  
quite a while but have been  
busy and then not feeling  
well. I am resting now  
as the girl is here. I know  
Mr C is glad. Just as I had  
gotten this far Mr C. came  
in with your letter. I can  
hardly write as Geo T is just  
pulling me to pieces. I  
don't know any news only  
Sallie & Ruth went to  
Louisville & Sallie bought  
a coat & Ruth a hat. rather  
have a coat than go to see  
her poor old mother haven't  
seen her for 6 yrs. did she  
come to pay you a visit.  
I don't bother the little  
lady. I haven't seen  
so many of the students

yet. 3 + 4 in every road  
so there ~~is~~ plenty of  
girls here. Oh the music  
teacher is a bird dresses  
some. the other white  
folks look like biddie.  
Tell your mother I sure  
look good in my gray  
dress I look like she does  
in her blue. I am going  
to get gray shoes. Now  
about the coming in  
part. I certainly want to  
bring Geo Tin & will if  
I can arrange about his  
milk. you see Dr Wheeler  
& see what he suggests  
ask him would Roach's  
Roach's Certified milk hurt  
it is Cows milk. most all  
folks use it. I dont know

what <sup>3</sup>  
to do but if you all  
arrange a way I will  
certainly bring him

Mr Corderoy says he has  
a girl name Florida in  
his class and oh she is  
so sweet. Deane (Deard) <sup>Deard</sup>  
bought a \$4 pr shoes & a  
suit I certainly don't  
know what for. you  
ought to see his 2 girls  
one is from ATLANTA.

Will find out about  
Mrs Whedbee & write  
me then I can tell you  
my plans

Love to all

Lora W C

Mrs G. J. C.  
Lincoln Ridge  
Ky  
1920?

Miss Louise F. Matthews  
2121 W Chestnut St  
Louisville Ky

Lincoln Ridge  
Ky



Dear Louise -

Just rec'd  
your letter this morning  
am hurrying to ans  
we will look for you  
Wednesday. State University  
will play football here  
so Jane will be here too.  
Mr C says the reason you  
didn't come Sat was because  
Penman went home. he  
will return this week.

So sorry you mother is  
feeling sad. it is very  
hard to lose good  
friends. Remember us  
to all. We will look

for you Wednesday  
Much love

Wm. W. C.

Drop us a card telling us what car to look for you on  
be sure and come early so you will be here for the game.

Mrs W. W. C  
Lincoln Ridge  
Ky

1920

Miss Louise Matthews  
2121 W. Chestnut St  
Louisville Ky



Wednesday Aug 9.

Dear Louise:

If you don't hurry  
and come I fear you will  
bring us all on the verge  
of nervous breakdowns when  
you do arrive. We can hardly  
wait to hear the news of  
Louisville first hand (Oh, yeah)

French dictionary. Love,  
we only want you to come so we <sup>can</sup>  
can know what's going on. No interest  
in you (whatever) even the baby is  
excited over a prospective visitor from  
the old border state. Seriously, though,  
Louise, we are anxiously awaiting your  
arrival. Max is fast learning to be a  
Frenchman, and he figures that you  
can accelerate the process - has been  
banking on your visit, in fact. Hurry, old  
dear. By the way, get my bathing suit from home and

At present I have my hands  
full, working, and taking a  
course at City College at  
night.

Since I enjoyed your letter  
so, you must write me again.

Very  
Respectfully

It was indeed sweet of you  
to send that little amount.  
Am quite sincere when I  
say that I had forgotten it.

Thank you very  
much

Dear Louis;

I was so pleased to  
receive your lovely little letter,  
you cannot imagine how  
much Aëolian and I have  
missed you.

New York has been very  
dead for the past month except  
for the much talked of Robinson-  
Jackson wedding. It was  
quite an event.

Last night I went  
to see John Barry more in "Hamlet",  
and it was wonderful.

3.  
Archie is talking of going  
South for the holidays, and I  
do not know just what I  
will do without her.

Had a letter from Arthur  
yesterday. He is in the insurance  
business now. Yes, I have met  
Maxwell and his wife. They  
were in Cleveland one summer  
when I was there.

Are you by any chance  
planning to come up next summer?  
I am thinking of taking a  
course at Columbia for six  
weeks too.

The theatre season here is one  
thing which makes up for  
some otherwise very dull winter  
months. Saturday I am  
going to hear Roland Hayes; I  
heard him some years ago,  
but lately he had wonderful  
recognition for his performances  
with the Boston Symphony.

Every one in New York, except  
Archie and I, have gone to  
the Howard-Kimolus game  
in Philly; however I am  
spending the day at the library  
four hours, and having  
dinners at home.

and also Miss  
Adams. and Miss  
Seavey. and Miss  
Johnson. The study  
Hall Teacher has  
died. I <sup>have</sup> been  
out there most  
every day. they  
tell me that A. U.  
is very lonesome.  
and have never  
rulering altogether

94 Atlanta Avenue  
Decatur, Georgia  
November 5, 1911

Dear Miss Matthews  
You have said  
I am sure that  
I have forgotten  
you. I have been  
planning to write  
every day. and  
just kept putting

Wait until next  
term. I haven't quit  
studying & study  
all along.

Have you heard  
anything from  
A. U. lately? I  
suppose you know  
Mr. Webster &  
Mr. Peters is not  
there this year

it off until now.

How are you  
getting along?  
And what are  
you doing this  
fall. I am not  
going to school  
I have decided  
to start after  
Christmas, if not

are doing.

I wish you  
were here to  
go the the Circus  
that is coming in  
Atlanta Nov. 10.  
I think you would  
enjoy it. I am  
planning to go.

Give my best  
regards to your  
Mother Sincerely  
Alma.

All exams that  
use to be given  
in Class room  
is giving in  
Study Hall now  
And Mr. Whitaker  
has Mr. Webster's  
position.

And Oh! The  
students that  
were stop this  
year. Why it is

to get me a new  
puck of some  
kind every thing  
is so high. a  
dress now cost  
like buying a horse.  
What have you  
got since you  
wrote last?  
Write and tell  
me all the news,  
and what you

Ashamed. I am  
so glad that my  
record permitted  
me to continue

You were asking  
What did I have  
new for this fall  
not a thing, every  
thing that day  
wearing was left  
over from last year.  
I am planning



its not an "end" in itself  
but rather a means  
to an end - now suspect -  
and get suspicious as I used to  
do - I know you are kept  
well informed from G. E.  
alright - Well I won't tease  
for you don't like it.

"When you are at leisure  
do drop me some news -

With love from Mamma  
& me to you & yours  
I am  
Lucie -

1 New St.,  
Witchey,  
Nov. 130

My dear Lucie:

Your long looked  
for letter came about  
20 days ago - I would  
have written sooner but  
thought I'd give you  
a dose of "Suspense"  
I too often look  
backward upon those  
"Wonderful days" - they  
were the days when we

had a message from Miss  
Cowell + Love Bings -  
Remember them?

Well old girl, school  
teaching is O.K. - like  
my work - Teaching 6th  
Grade and have both  
girls + boys - more boys  
than girls - then I also have  
a small class in 5th Grade.  
Arrive at school 8:30 -  
School takes in 9:00  
dismiss 2:30 - White  
teaching for I believe that

were near-graduates.

Well you always could  
tell me of those mysterious  
things and of some interesting  
things too - Isn't it strange  
that folks remember  
people's names + connections  
with photographs (smile)

Miss Astor has written  
me only once - I hear  
regularly each wk. from  
Miss Simmons (the little  
girl with curls)

It's snowing hard  
to-day - I'm missing every  
bit of winter. It was quite  
warm when I first was  
sick. I'm not a very good  
patient for I was never ill  
in my life before -

If you come to Kelleher  
I shall see you. I don't  
think to go.

Best wishes to mother  
and father and hope  
I love for yourself.

Laura Burdette Reese

Dear Louise -

My "thank you"  
letters are very late  
and must be very  
brief. I had to go  
back to bed on  
Christmas day where  
I've been ever since.  
My mother has been so  
busy taking care of me  
and doing the household  
duties, I did not feel  
like imposing letters on  
them. I'd think

every day I'd be  
able to write myself  
but it's only now I  
manage one letter  
a day.

My little Andou cap  
was 1/2 crown and  
pretty. My sister declares  
she is going to emigrate  
it when she goes home.

I thank you so  
much. Santa says  
he'll make a call  
for me when I'm ready  
bore the 15th hot weather.

I enjoyed you letter so much.

I really know very little about

the St. Martin children. Do you?

Remember Andou and Washington?

Andou was in the hospital where

my sister is nurse for operations.

She kept saying "I'm for you" like

my Mrs. Brown. She finally married

the mystery and found he was not

delicious after all a real thick

supper. He also took much advice.

JORDAN WASH COMPANY  
BOSTON  
MAY 20 1898

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Miss F. Louise Matthews  
1720 W. Chestnut St.  
Louisville  
Ky.



ARMY AND NAVY  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
"WITH THE COLORS"



C. C. 325 F. S. Bn.  
A. E. F. via New York,

Dear Louise:-

I know you have had several cards and letters from me, but until now I have not heard from you.

Hope this may find you well and quite happy, am quite sure you are spending a very pleasant summer.

Hope you "passed" in all your subjects in school year, quite sure you did.

Well, as you will see I am over here doing my "bit," I certainly have been sea-sick for the last few days but am OK now.

There is nothing to fear as we have ample protection.

Shall be delighted to hear from you, Walter.

Wed. morn.  
Dear, I truly intended mailing this ere this but just didn't.  
I went to the Regallics opening - had a wild time, every  
body was present both young and old.

Some of the fellows are here from Athens  
that attend McHarry. A bunch of them spent  
almost the whole day with me yesterday. They  
leave this morning. We had a wild time. (emph.)

Write me every thing in your next letter.  
What are you wearing? So far my fall wear  
is limited. Every body screams black and I can  
wear that alright. Love to your mother.

Lovingly

Edyth

[Edyth Long]

from Albion to L.

Sat. night.

Dear Louise,

I think of you so much more  
often than I write. I've planned and  
planned to write and some thing  
invariably upsets my plans.

What are you doing this winter?  
I am at present supplying in the  
city schools. I do not know for  
what length of time.

There isn't a thing going on  
interesting. There have been few  
dances this month. I think every  
body danced themselves tired last  
month. The Regallics Club opens  
next Monday night with a dance.  
The club rooms are in a new build-  
ing directly in front of the Gate  
City drug store. I plan young George.

Other than that I don't know of a thing just now.

You will be surprised to know of my new "honey". Hugh and I are apart for time and I am now allowing Homer Thoutow to take his place. I suppose you remember him because he is Ruby's old lover. (smile!) Do I find him interesting? Well no, not especially so, but he is nice to go out with and he likes a real good time. He talks real slow and every thing.

Ruby I understand is to marry Christman. Albert I suppose, you remember I told you of the ring. She looks much better than usual and wears better clothes.

Lily and Dr. Graves have separated again. The, as rumor has it, is in Des Moines, but some one said she isn't far. Ha! ha! She is supposed to be actually thro' this time. He was extremely cruel to her, poor child. The neighbors saw him beat her terribly.

Marquette Moore's cousin, Dr. Robinson lives in our block now. You remember him, he is fat and good looking. He is married now though and his wife is nice looking.

Morris Brown opened this week with an enrollment of over six hundred with an increase daily so that I imagine there are a great many more now.