

W. B. MATTHEWS

147 Howell St.,

ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Dec. 2,

1907,

My dear, dear mamma:

For the first time in more than a week I am out of intense pain. I am so glad for a few minutes relief that I hasten to write you. I have been suffering untold agonies with my teeth. I have had two to abscess and seem to have neuralgia as well. You know just how I have felt. I had one of my lower wisdom teeth drawn Saturday and you know how it did hurt. I thought of you and the time I went with you to see about yours. All of the skin is off my mouth inside & I haven't been able to eat for an age. Your letter came & Will got the money paid your insurance. About your water bill. Will asked me to tell you that it would not be so much again. He had the meter fixed and some pipe work done the bill was \$5.75. The fellow who did the work is not a licensed plumber & could not give a receipt so Will did not pay the bill and told the fellow that he would not until he could give a receipt. Old man Ruckler was buried Thursday he has been sick for a few weeks. Fannie & Lucre love she is well all but a cold. Thursday was a miserable day here. It rained all day. We wished for

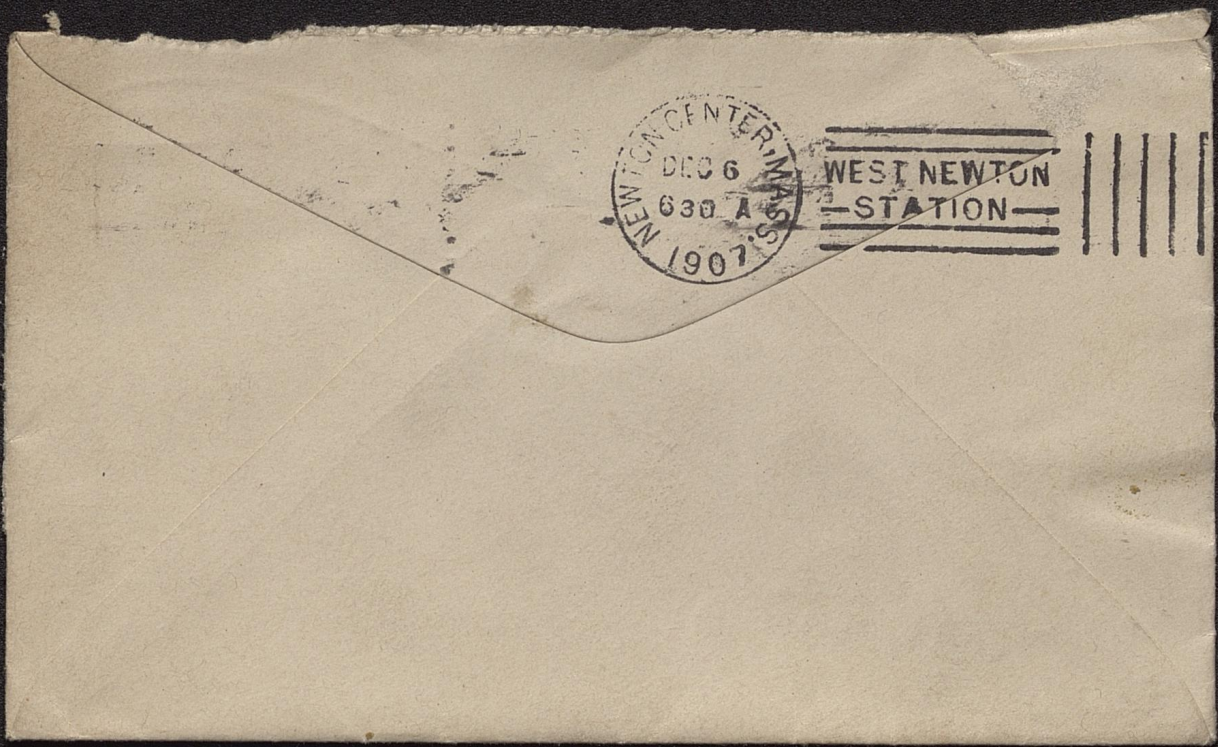
you. Mattie Beasley of Mason, her son
and Dr. Shepard's step son spent the day with
us. You know how I felt with my face in
pain. I hope that you keep well. I
had a letter from Gordon today. Remember
me kindly to all.

Truly your daughter,
Ophelia.

From
147 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga

Dec 2, 07

Mrs. B. B. Beale,
3 Davis St.,
W. Newton,
Mass.



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Sunday, P. m., 3, 1, '08.

My dear Mamma:

Guess in this time you have Louise's letter and my card. We were glad to hear from you. I looked for a letter this past week but didn't get it. Were you too busy to write? Louise & I were both sick last week. She had a full and stuck on her stomach and head. It made her vomit so that I thought she was injured internally. I smelled the fever of the vomit, while holding her head and had to turn her loose to vomit myself. We are both alright now.

Minnie will be here from Baltimore, on the 15th. She is to be here tomorrow.

Missie is going to have a reception for her and a number of others will entertain.

Missie has given me a very pretty white lace net dress to wear to her reception & wants me to be in her receiving party.

I haven't the money to have it made. It will take \$20 to get the trimmings and pay for the making. I have \$5 that I have saved up this year. I had planned to take the money that we had in the bank and have the dress made but the bank broke. Mamma I am writing to ask you if you will give me \$15 to have my dress. I want the dress, I want

Perhaps some day mamma, I will repay you ^{me} kindest

to be in the receiving party, I want to appear well. Perhaps I should not want these things but some how, I cannot help it. Unfortunately for me all of my friends seem all to have what they want and I so little. I have tried so hard to help Will save, I have had nothing scarcely to wear since I was in W. Newton. Will has no money I have done as you told me, try to help him. I think he is getting his affairs so that in a few months he'll be in a right good fix. Just now he hasn't a penny. He doesn't know I am writing you this letter and is sorry to hear the money for me but I am just so unhappy I thought I'd write and ask you for the money. It does seem too hard for me to have a nice dress and not be able to have it made. I know I ought not ask you for the money but mamma, I haven't anybody but you and I want it so badly. Missie, Minnie and all of my friends have pretty things to wear. I do not envy them their things but I do want this one dress. Will you write me right back & tell me if you will give me the money? Minnie will get here Tuesday of next week & I want to wear the dress the following ^{thurs}. If you send the money

I can save it, if not then I'll have to use all the pleasure of Minnie's visit & the parties for I don't have nothing to wear. Please and soon so I'll know what to expect. I wish I could

W. B. MATTHEWS

147 Howell St.,

ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

May, 25 1908.

My dear Mamma:

Your letter to hand. Glad to hear from you. This leaves me feeling better. I've been taking some liver medicine. Dr. Crawford's daughter is to marry in the fall a young man from Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Matthews will probably be in Boston the middle of June. Daisy and I are sorry that we cannot come but the trip is too expensive. I guess we'll go to the mountains again. Preston's address is 322 N. Roman St. His wife is suing for divorce.

If I were in your place I would not let Mr. Proctor rush me for that money on the Church. Give it to him when you can.

Uncle Wesley & Missie are back from Conference. Ling was defeated for the Christian Recorder. Mr. Hurst was elected Financial Sec. He will live in Washington.

Atlanta Univ. Commencement is going on this week. Will is out there tonight.

Clara Maxwell's oldest girl graduates Thursday with the highest honors in her class. I wish Maxwell might see her. Instead of that he is dead and some of Clara & M. Cater are to marry in the fall.

My love to all friends. I'll write
Anna soon.

I am so sorry they have built in
front of you. I know it is not very
pleasant living behind some one.

I went to see Mrs. Boyd today. She was
so glad to see me & says for you to write
her all the news. She is very anxious to
live up that way but I don't seem
to want to come. I told her that Mrs.
Haywood was dead. She was sorry to hear
it. She wants to know what he'll pay
his house keeper. Give him this letter
I don't know his address.

I wish very much that you could in some
way get an opening from Glasgow. He
has put Belgium blocks all the way
through his avenue and it certainly
looks nice.

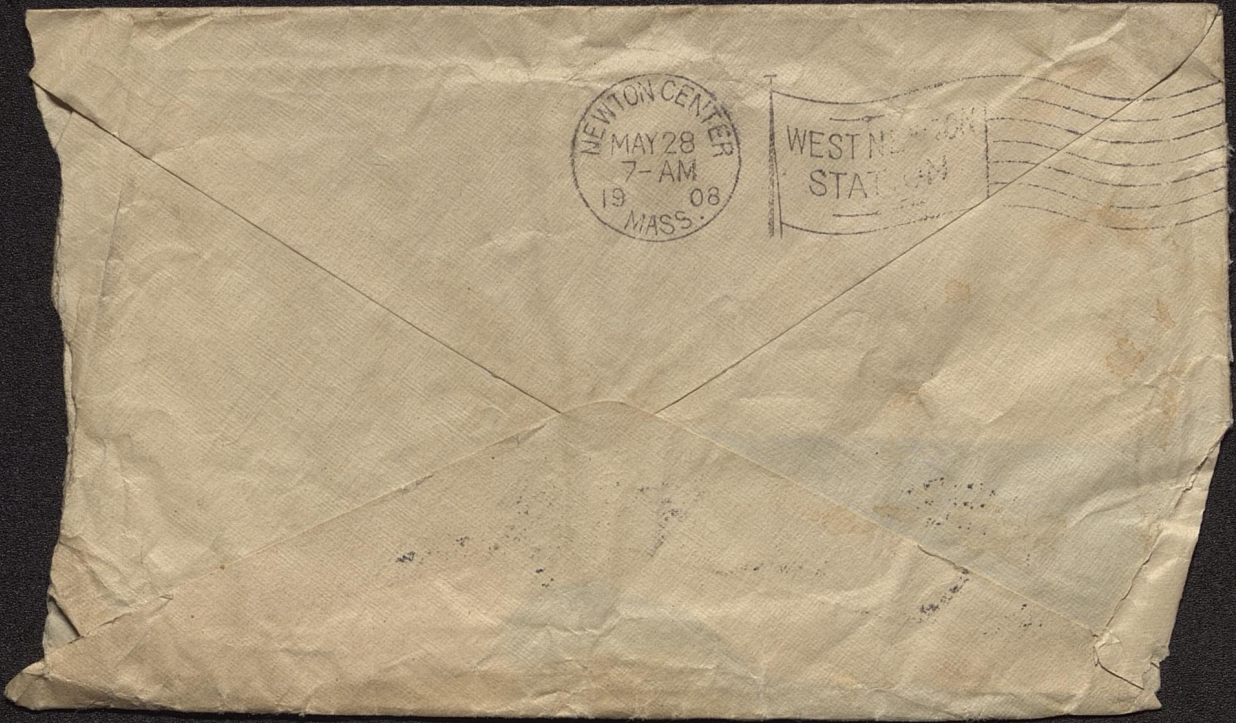
Write soon. All send love,

Sincerely your daughter,

Ophelia.

From
147 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga.

25/08
Mrs. J. B. Beale,
3 Davis St.,
W. Newton,
Mass.



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WEST NEWTON
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399 Houston St.,
Atlanta, 6, 7, '09.

My dear Mamma:

Your last letter to hand.
In this time you probably have
my letter telling you of our having
moved. We are very comfortably
located, thanks to you. Every body
seems to like the place and
say that we made a good bargain.
Furch, Minnie and Mildred
were over last night. I was not
at home; went to church, but
Will & Louise were here. They tell
me that Furch says we have the
prettiest place in Atlanta. I am
still working hard to keep out
meeting. Will commenced a
five weeks Teachers Training work
for the Board of Education, this
a. m. after that, I think he'll
spend two months in Boston with
Mr. Hartshorn. I'll let you know
about it later when it is
settled. Love & I wish that we
might come with him.

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I am sending you your aut
Statement for last month. I put
it away when I moved and have
just got unpacked to it.

Source is very happy in her new
home says she will write soon.

Love to all the W. Newton
friends. Is Rev. Gordon up
that way? I had a card
from him from West Haven
Conn. I didn't know

whether he was on his
way to W. Newton or just vis-
iting the dead lady's grave.

I have been owing him a
letter ever since you left.

Write soon. Aunt Julia
and Uncle Wesley are up
that way. You will probably
see them within the next
few days, if you haven't already
seen them.

Sincerely,
Ophelia.

Bvx 112, Jocosa, Ga.,
7, 31, '08.

My dear Mamma:

Your letter came just as we were preparing to leave for Jocosa. We are here and having a delightfully pleasant time. I wish you were here to breathe in some of this good pure mountain air, it would do you a world of good.

I really hope that you will come South this winter. We are most anxious to have you do so.

Do write me the full details of Anna's marriage. What do you think of Annat Hill ~~any way~~?

Florida does not keep so well. I am afraid she's going to have

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another break down.

Missie & Uncle Wesley
leave home about the
middle of the month (next)
for New York. He is to be in
Boston the 18th. Will
will also be there & Dr.
Shepard. I am going to
have will bring Dr. Shepard
out to meet you, if they
have the time to spare.

Now that you know where
we are, do write us sometimes.

Clara Maxwell is here.
We came to gether. She &
Cate are to marry about
Oct. Write soon.

Love to
Sincerely your daughter,
Ophelia.
Mrs. Thompson.

From Box 112
Toccoa, Ga.

7/31/08

Mrs. I. B. Beale,
3 Davis St.,
W. Newton,
Mass.

Bx. 112, Toccoa, Ga.,
8. 20, '08.

My dear Mamma:

Have just had a letter from Will telling me that he had left you and how much he hated to leave you, how he enjoyed his stay with you and a number of nice things. I am writing you today because I think possibly you are a little lonely and to thank you for being so good to Will. He tells me that you have promised to come down and stay three months. I hope you will come this time and not change your mind as you did before. We will be so glad to have you. Annie is so anxious to see you & you know I would like nothing better. We are being much improved up here. She has gained three pounds in three weeks and I first. Clara Maxwell & daughters leave for home today. Clara & Cate are to be married about the middle of Sept. How is Anna? Write me often. I am hurrying to go to the train with Clara & mail this.

With lots of love I am,

Your devoted daughter,
Ophelia.

From Py. 112,
Toccoa, Ga.

8/20/08

Mr. D. B. Beale,
3 Davis St.,
W. Newton,
Mass.

399 Houston St.,

6, 30, '09.

My dear mother:

Your last letter to hand and found it just as hot down here as you complain of the heat there. It is some cooler today but has been intensely hot. I hope in this

time that some relief has come your way. You spoke of Souise's

machinery in your last letter.

I told her to wait until

Will comes up there, which will

be early in next month and

he can come out and fix it

up and send it down. I hope

that he will be able to see a

great deal of you, but I don't

know how his time will be taken

up or he employed but you

know he'll see you just as

often as he can. He will have

something to talk over with you

which will be for all of our

benefit, but I'd rather not write

it, but the time is so short I'm

sure you'll not have long

to wait to hear it.

Aunt Julia & Uncle Wesley

are home ² again. She looks
fine. Says that she will write
to you soon & that she was very
sorry not to have seen you
while in Boston.

We went to the Sunday
School picnic, yesterday and today
we are all tired out and full
of red-hus.

You asked me how I was
getting on, just so, so. Of course you
know that things are close but
I have notes all paid up to
Sept 18th. I know the Muskies
must be proud of their children.
Give our love to them.

Write often, if only a line.
It is most to hot to do more.

All send love & we want to
see you. I wish so much that
you were here to be with us while
Will is up there.

Truly your daughter,
Ophelia

From
399 Houston St.,
Atlanta, Ga.

6/30/09

Mrs. I. B. Beale
3 Davis St.,
W. Newton,
Mass.

Boston with George + Thad since
before Omas. She says that
the weather was so cold she
didn't get out to see you.

I don't think the man
she married amounts to
much.

Write soon,

Lovingly your daughter,
Ophelia,

P.S. Mrs. Spiny sends special
love to you. She keeps very feeble
and has to work so hard. I
feel real sorry for her. Her son
is talking about marrying again.
Small pox is raging all over
town.

299 Houston St.,
Atlanta, Ga.,
Jan 28 - 1910.

My dear Mamma:

Your letter to hand yesterday,
found us all fairly well and
very pleased to hear from you.

Pris enjoy your letter immensely.
She told her father of Mrs. Joseph's
running away. Do you know, I
really hope that these negroes will
so disgust you that you'll finally
decide to come home, or if you
don't do that, that you'll at least
get a room with Mrs. Pryor and
live in peace among decent people.

I'm sending your last two statements
on one you'll notice that the
check for \$25.55 is charged twice -
That is because they failed to
charge it in last month, as you'll
see. That was why we kept both

to see how they'd manage it. I am
sorry that you could not find the missing
statement - July to August. That is the
only one needed and without it there is
no way to prove that the \$1.20 for water
was not charged thereon. I have all the
rest of your statements together and hereafter
please take good care of them so there'll be
no trouble in referring to them. If you
want me to keep them you can loan
them over & return them to me.

Mrs. Nash's oldest boy has had an
operation for appendicitis. He is in school
at Tuskegee and is better. The one
a little older than Louis was badly
bitten by Mrs. Butler's dog, the same
day that his father left to be present
at the oldest boy's operation.

Our weather is not so cold now but
exceedingly rainy and unpleasant. I see
a big bear in the back end of my hall.

Florida, Ellen & their families are
all well. Regards to all W. Newton
people, especially Mrs. Pryor.

Write us as often as you can.

Aunt Julia & Family are well &
send love.

Julia Thomas Johnson passed through
Atlanta on her way to Columbus last
Sunday night. She has been in

From
399 Houston St.
Allentown, Pa.

Jan 28, '10

Mrs. C. D. Deale,

3 Davis St.,

W. Newton,

Mass.