

Marysville Ky Nov 13 1878

Dear brother

I wish you would hurry up and answer my letter for I am going to Lexington when mama comes home after going where you are. I am going to tell you about what Willie Green James Horace and I did. James Horace and I went down to Miss Lizzie Davis to spend the day and we went up on the hill and made a fire and roasted five apples and when we had come down we thought we had put out the fire but we had not and after dinner Horace saw a smoke upon the hill Willie Green and I were the first ones up there and after we got up there the whole trunk of the tree was on fire we hit it with sticks and threw dirt on it. on one side we saw a hole clean through the trunk we put rocks in one side

and smothered it with dirt on the other we brought two buckets of water up where the fire was and was fast coming down when we saw a blaze on the other side we hit it with sticks and put it out and when we got home it was five o'clock and we got a scolding for getting home so late. Cousin Siggie and cousin Laura Norton come down to make us a visit one evening we went upon the hill and shot a pistol at a mark. Mr Hobson and Mr John Barbour, Miss Siggie Davis Miss Mary Thomas Wood and Miss Sid Methcalf went up on the hill with us Saturday evening papa had a load of hay put in the stable Jamie and Georgy and Harry Barkley were over to our house Jamie Barbour filled his pockets full of turnips Georgy had five and all the rest of us had four we played

on the hay and rode down the alle on the wagon mama wants Miss Sallie hope to come and stay with us while they are away I wish you would come down Christmas why won't they let you have your uniform now I want you to write me a letter the next time you write to mama or papa I am getting tired waiting for you to write to me this is the third letter I have written you and you have not written me any yet do they play base ball and foot ball there or you one of the clubs if they do I am getting hungry and can't think of any thing else to write about

your affectionate brother
William Cochran

Maysville, Ky. Nov 17th

My Dear Brother

I was very glad to get your letter. Sunday morning I was sitting in the rocking chair when Jamie handed me a letter. Mama said she forgot to give it to me. I read it to my self first then mama read it out loud. I wrote a letter to Andrew a week from last Sunday and he has not answered it yet. Miss Sallie Hodge come down Friday week and the boat did not get here till four o'clock. Mama and brother Andrew stayed up nearly all that time and papa went down to Cincinnati on the bonanza the same night that Miss Sallie come down. He went down there to buy carpets for the Oddfellows hall and he come up home on the fleetwood and did not get here till twelve o'clock at night. The

fleet wood had started off when papa
came down on the bank and he had
to wave his handkerchief for them to come
back and he bought a half a dozen
oranges for twenty five cents and marna
had bought a dozen oranges for thirty
cents and he bought some chestnuts and
Horace and I had bought some chestnuts. The
new bridge has been built for three weeks
this morning I walked up to church and
back with George Darbour and we got as
muddy because it had been raining all day
Saturday and it was so muddy that you
could not help from getting muddy, I have
been reading the history of England and
Oliver Twist. Jamie and I have been learning
a duet and can play it pretty well. Have
you been practicing on your flute who did you
want to be elected, Who whipped your men
are the butter men, mama had the library
table moved and put the piano put in its
place while I was writing Aunt Julia

come down and give me a stick of candy
Jamie started to write you a letter with a
red pencil and said he could not think
of any thing else but just then he thought
of something else and commenced writing
again and has written two pages there
has been a meeting all last week up to the church
and there is going to be another tomorrow
night, and Tuesday there is going to be a
temperance meeting at the courthouse by
Mr Bain, Mama and papa are going
to start a week before thanksgiving which
is the 28th of this month, and Mrs Savage
is going to speak over to the north methallist
church this evening, and Mr Savage has
gone south

Your affectionate brother
William Cochran

Maysville Dec 14 1878

My Dear brother

To day I had nothing to do it was so rainy and I thought I would write to you. This week Duke Flemming saved seven women from drowning when he was on his way to Texas. We have had two snows here one was a little one and the other about a ~~half~~ foot deep but it rained all that day and all that night and nearly all the next day and there was not but a little bit left. I am in Webster high ~~dic~~ dictionary and so is Jamie. Did you freshmen fellows get that came from the sophomore fellows. Did that fellow have to pay \$5.00 that off that pistol. Aunt Louie

has a little daughter and they
named it Hattie Cochran January
Rob I dont believe I can think up any more
your Affectionate ^{brother}
William Cochran