

Maysville Ky Jan'y 1st 1879

My Dear son

Happy New Year to you! Your letter of the 22nd Ultimus. was not received till yesterday. I nowed in I presumed. I send you to day by Adams Express Co. your Scates and the album. I dont know how safely the album will go as it is packed in with the Scates. Take good care of your photograph as we have no other of that kind. I was in hopes to be able to send you with this letter photographs of Janie Willie & Horace which we had take - but they were not finished in time. I enclose herewith a Check for twenty dollars. It is best to send along as you need it. Dont spend any more than you can help. I also send the Express Company's receipt for Scates &c we are all well. All join in love to you

Your affectionate father
Robt A Cookman

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Jan 2nd '79



*Robt W Cochran jr
Amherst,
M.A.C. to S.C. Mass.*

Jan 9th
79



Rev. A. A. Cochran, Jr.
Am. Luth. Ch.
Massachusetts.

M. A. C. No. 13. S. C.

but I don't think the likenesses
are good. They are about as
good however as we may ex-
pect to get. They have to Champ
in getting for a picture.

We are all well. There seems
to be a general thaw com-
ing, though it is not warm
yet. It is 30° above 0 to-
day. With love from all
I am your affectionate father
Robt. Woodman

Mayville, N.Y. Jan'y 12th 1879

My dear son,

Your last letter and postal
Card came on time. Glad your
States had gone safely and that
every thing is moving along smooth-
ly and pleasantly with you. They prob-
ably make no report of standing in
the College till the end of the year.

From your letter you are not
having as cold weather as we are.
The thermometer last Friday week
was 18° below zero. It ran along
for days below 0 . It is breaking
up now. The ice started in the river
this afternoon, taking the wharfboat
and everything with it. It stopped
where the wharfboat got to the lower
end of the lower grade. Linton's
ferry boat was lying there when the ice

started and it landed below our Pears
near the Gas works a good deal
injured - Whulhouse Stove in the
the wharfbot was badly injured but
not seriously. The platforms were
broken off and the front broken
by jamming against Coal
boats. It was a delight to
see the cables fly - They broke
like threads. Many of the
Coal barges were just crushed
into splinters. There is no telling
the loss. The ice is now going
again and when it goes a
fair will in all probability
drop everything before it. The
Antonia is safe over
at the Aberdeen landing. Linton
I think came over through
the ice and could not get
back again is the reason
it was on this side. The Shaft

was broken and had to be sent
to Cincinnati. It is now there
which makes the boat very
helpless in the ice and might
lead to its destruction, though
it is now pushed up on
the shore. The snow here was
about 14 or 15 inches deep
about the deepest I ever
saw it here. Cousin Tom B.
Houston was with us three
or four days last week.
Andrew got his life insured
for \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)
in the New York Mutual
Insurance Co.

I will send you the likeness
of the boys tomorrow. Your
Ma and I had our taken
They say they are very good
I don't like the boys' likenesses
They are well enough executed

Jan 11
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Robt A Cochran, Jr.

Amherst,

U. A. C. No. 13 S. C.

Mass.

We have had big meetings going on for three weeks. All the Protestant Churches except the Episcopal joining. It was at the Presbyterian Church last week and is to continue there this week. The house has been crowded every night. T. C. Campbell & his wife joined our Church to day. He seems to have reformed and is in good earnest. The new reformed preacher Mr. Conditier preaches to night. The house will not hold all. It is his first sermon and every body will want to hear him. There has been no accessions ~~to~~ but Mr. Campbell & his wife yet. The river is about clear of running ice here but is still closed at Pittsburgh. The weather is pleasant. The snow about four Mrs. Baskley took accidentally too much Laudanum and Larcie near dying yesterday. She is considered out of danger though. Love from all. Affectionately Robert Hechman

Mayville Ky Jan 26th 1879
My Dear Son

Your last letter was a good long one. We enjoyed it very much. It was a day later in reading us than usual, which was quite a disappointment, especially to your Ma. She can hardly wait the regular day. The report of your standing for the first term came by same mail. I suppose you know what it is. Your department which by the by is the most important was 100. in other words perfect. I have no fear of your being able to come up with your studies. You have done first rate considering that you had not been trained to close study. You can bring them

up higher as accustom yourself
to Study. By all means keep your
department up to the Standard
you have set and you are
bound to make a man of
yourself. We are all rejoiced.

Andrew has just gained another
Case in the Court of Appeals where
Wadsworth was against him.

It was in the Construction of the
will of Michael D. Burges an
uncle of M. R. Burges. He was
a farmer who lived near Mays-
lick or rather between Mays-
lick and Helena. This is the sec-
ond Case he has gained where
Mr. Wadsworth was against him
The other you recollect was in re-
lation to Mr. Culbertson's will. He
has another Case that comes off
in Same Court at Frankfort next
Tuesday in which Mr. Hickman

is on the other side. He is afraid
he will lose it. Judge Duwall is
also employed in the Case
against him. Andrew has
not been well for over a
week, but seems now to be
getting over his ailments. His
liver seemed to be out of
fix. I think too much work
and too much cold water
had something to do in putting
him out of fix.

To-morrow is my birth day
Your Ma made me a present,
intended for ~~your~~ ^{my} ~~day~~ to-morrow
but accidentally found by me this
morning, of a set of shirt bosom
Studs. They are beautiful. Small ^{pearl} ~~diamond~~
in center with her hair worked in
plate under inside the Studs - Showing
through interstices between the edge of
the Stud and the ~~stone~~ ^{pearl}

Jan 26th
1879



Robt A. Cochran, Jr
Amherst
Mass.

M.A.C.

My Dear Son

I forgot to say any thing in my last letter about your change of room. It strikes me very favorably. No doubt you will be better satisfied. Your Ma and I did not like your other room, especially that part of it where you had to sleep.

Miss Sallie Hodge says she knows some of the Hoopers ⁱⁿ Newport by reputation. They are married into the Libbatts family who are kin of her brother George's wife. As far as she knows they are very nice people. Hope your room mate will be pleasant and agreeable and of good habits, for after all "pretty is that pretty does". If he is much acquainted in San Francisco he may know or have heard of a nephew of

mine John P. Cochran, who mar-
ried a daughter of Judge Early
in San Francisco about a
year ago. I think he lives
in that City though he was
formerly of Keokuk Iowa.

The river is pretty near bank full
The Allegheny ice is now running
by here. It is not sufficient to
entirely suspend navigation, but
it retards it very much. The
big union meetings are still going
on. Fully 800 persons were in the
Pns. Ch. to night. They will con-
tinue this week. All seem to be
interested. The book of feeling exists.
The Court (Criminal) will be in
Session all this week. The Whisky
sellers and gamblers are having a
hard time of it. Your Ma is writing
but I thought I would throw in
a few lines. Your letters are very in-
teresting. Affectionately your father
John P. Cochran

Feb 2/79

Our church has been filled every night during the week, and each Sabbath night we have had overflowing meetings. To night there was a great crowd, every inch of space was filled. All the chairs in the Court House, even from the Grand Jury room, and a great many from our house were taken over. As yet there have been few conversions, but we trust the seed has fallen into many a good and honest heart, that shall yield fruit not many days hence. It had had the good effect of warming the hearts of those already in the church and creating a feeling of common interest in the different churches. I trust my own life as a professing Christian may have received a new impetus, and oh Robbie how my heart goes out after you, that you may be kept by the Spirit of God through faith unto salvation. I must close, it is ten o'clock and your Pa is waiting to take this to the mail. Love from us all to you, your Mother

Mayville Feb 2^d 1879

My Dear Son

I commenced writing you in dating my letter, really, the time flies so, that I cannot keep up with it. Just as I was beginning to write, the door bell rang, and Charlie Ryan was announced. I scarcely knew him, it has been so long since I saw him, and he has changed so much. He inquired kindly for you. He left Cincinnati with the view of going to Westland, but the boat made such slow time on account of the ice, he concluded to stop off here to day and return tomorrow. It is the Allegheny ice that is passing down today. We had several days of mild weather but Friday it turned cold enough to freeze quite hard. I hope we will have no more really severe weather. We were quite entertained

with your last letter, and amused with your description you gave of the difficulties you had to encounter to get a pailchen of water. I am glad you have changed your room, if you are more pleasantly and comfortably fixed. I never liked your sleeping room. I could not pass any judgment on your roommate, as I did not see him, neither can I form any opinion of your present one, except from your representation of him. You speak of him as a nice fellow. I hope this expression includes all that is necessary to make the true gentleman, and that ^{you} will stimulate each other in the performance of all the obligations you are under as students, and as responsible beings to an all wise and loving Heavenly Father. I feel like introducing myself to him, and saying, I feel a peculiar interest in ~~him~~ ^{you} as the intimate companion of my

dear child, in whose welfare my happiness is so closely involved. I give you leave to say this much to him.

I received your monogram, and will go out tomorrow and try and find a Table cover. I will have it done and send it as soon as possible.

I ~~will~~ am glad you have a piano in your room, and would like to think of you spending all the spare moments you have from your studies and exercises in practicing and cultivating your taste ^{for music}. Every thing that will elevate you in mind and heart, I crave for you. I hope you are practicing on your flute too. I will send you some music this week. We have all been so engaged with our meetings that I have hardly had time for any thing else. It is wonderful the interest that has kept up for one month now in our union services

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Robert A. Cochran,
Amherst,
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M. A. C.

and the Successor of Port. Clark nothing will be done to injure the College. I hope matters may be improved. If you have such a Class as yours every year ~~soon~~ till you get through it will be a big thing. There is nothing like Success. You say nothing about your uniform - Have you got it yet? I am glad the Republican reads you regularly. It will give you all the home local news. It is improving in every way. Its influence for good is increasing. They have had a lively time for three weeks past with grand jury & Criminal Court. I tell you the violators of law have had a time of it. Some have been found out that nobody expected. They are terribly mortified and ashamed. Say they will never do so again. The way of the transgressor is hard. Always pursue the right.

The weather has been clear & moderate for the past few days - making maple molasses in Country - West Harbour is still suffering from heat, but improving & plenty all send love. Your affectionate father Robt. Woodcock

Our big Bludoe will Case Commence tomorrow in County Court. Andrew is fully prepared in it. Hope to win.

Mayville Ky July 9th 1879

My dear son:

I intended yesterday to get a Check for you, but was so busy that the matter was overlooked till after Bank closed. I will get it and send it to you now - only a day later - don't make much odds, when you know it is coming. I expected you would be at considerable expense in making your change. I want you to be comfortable and am pleased with anything that will add to your Culture such as a piano &c. Keep your eye however on expenses and don't make them any more than you can help. It will take considerable yet to get you through the year and then your expenses via N.Y.

house could be considerable so that you
can see the necessity of saving while
you are quiet at College in Amherst.

January Brundy writes that he
had a letter from you. Speaks of
it as being so interesting and
so well written - perfect in form
mar. &c. Without jolling you
do write a good letter. It
is quite an accomplish-
ment itself - worth going to College
for - Sometimes an accomplish-
ment of this sort - makes a man
fortunate. Gives him position that
otherwise he could not obtain. Willie
January is terribly deficient in
his writing & composition - Has im-
proved a little, but not much since
he has been at Danville. I got his
report last night. It dont begin
to come up to yours. Has only three
studies. I am afraid his going to

College will not amount to much. His
report is - Political Economy ^{Daily recitation} 80 - 100 - 13
Natural & Physical Sciences 62 - 100 - 3
German 75 - 95 - 5

Daily prayers

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Dont say anything about the matter
to any one as it might come
to his ears and would do
harm - no doubt he is doing the
best he can - His eyes will not
allow him to study at night.
He is behaving himself well and
they all like him very much,
which, after all makes up for
many other deficiencies. Your Aunt
Emma and the rest of them are still
in Louisville - Dont talk of coming
home till about the last of March.
They will have to do something to
cut down expenses.

I hope in the controversy you
speak of about the Agricultural College

Feb 10 1879



Robt A Cochran
Amherst

M. A. C.

Mass.

Mayville, Ky. Feby 10th 1879

My dear son

According to promise I enclosed
herewith a Check for twenty five dollars.
Look ahead now and dont use it so that
you will be short too soon again. Recol-
lect you will probably have to pay your board in
Cash during your 1st March vacation. Put
in your time as profitably as you can du-
ring the two weeks vacation at the end of
this term. Miss Sallie Dodge is still with
us. There are a few cases of Scarlet fever
in town that has alarmed us, but they are
getting well. We kept Jamie & Willie at home
the latter part of last week but they started to school
again this morning. Horace has not been
going to school since the 1st of Feb. or rather
I believe since the 1st of Jan. He was in 2nd Reader
when he stopped, we will not send him any more till
next fall. Cousin Jamony will be here this week on a
short visit Love from all affectionately your father
Robt A Cochran

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Robt A. Cochran, Jr.
Amherst
Mass.

M. A. C.

OXFORD

Magoville, Ky. July 23rd 1879

My dear son

The snow seems to be going away here for good. It rained hard yesterday and the night before. The snow is nearly all gone. It has been clear and pleasant to day - not very warm. We are all tired of winter, snow and cold weather; and will be glad when Spring comes. You will have to wait longer for Spring, but according to weather reports, and your letter you have not had as cold ~~and~~ weather as we have had. The ice is still running in the river but it is thin and light and in no way impedes navigation. It is quite different from last Spring. Mrs. Willson's funeral was on the 21st July, a year ago, day before yesterday, and you may recollect how open the weather was. The willows & other early trees were in bloom. This year the buds are

not started. The snow is still on our
yard and garden

The robbers that perpetrated the robberies men-
tioned in the last Republican have been caught
and are now in jail. Kiffin followed them
and caught them somewhere down the
river beyond Cincinnati. I have not heard
out to learn where. They were brought
here last night. Some arrests were
to be made here as in connection with
them. I don't know who they are. You
will have to wait for particulars. The
Republican will give you all the news, by
the by you must read all the topics of the
town - the Antisociety with the Bulletin - Temper-
ance &c &c. The movement in the temper-
ance cause - the Churches, Grand Jury
&c has made a perceptible change in the
morals of the place. It is to be hoped the
good work will continue. The barrooms
are not paying. That is the way to get rid
of them. Whenever they wont pay persons
will quit keeping them.

Your last letter was very interesting giving more account of your studies than usual. It is just as Mr Montagu said "The education of your College teaches more how to do things. Educated in that way one is ready for the journey of life. You will have no trouble, if your life and health is spared, in getting through the world successfully, after you have gone through the practical course you are taking, if you keep up your good habits and morals.

January and Lillian Lodge were both gone when your last letter was received. But Lillian the week before and January the same night (Wednesday) your letter came.

Your table cover is finished and will be started to you to morrow. You'll like it. It's a nice thing. You must be very proud of it. Take good care of it. You will appreciate it I know. Several of your kind friends have had a hand in making it. You have no idea how popular you are.

I have taken that matter about the flute
under Consideration and as soon as I have
means and opportunity I think I will
make the present. In the meantime dont
neglect your music. I want you to be
a success in every way.

January asked me to send his love to you
All join in love and wish you a pleasant
and Contented time during your two weeks va-
cation just at hand. You can read up
during the time. I do hope you will have
Company enough, and enough to do, to keep you
from being lonesome during the two weeks. That
is the disadvantage of being so far from home
Still it will give you more prairie to have
been gone a year when you return. Our
trip to Su you was one of great Satisfaction
This is a miserable pen - sometimes fails to make
a mark till second time - hope you can read
this writing - the pendant dot all the I nor Cross all
the 7's
Your affectionate father Robt A. Cochrane

Feb 24th
1879



Robt A Cochran Jr
Amherst,
Mass.

M. A. G.

OXFORD

Maysville Ky Feby 24 1879

My Dear son.

The box containing your Table Cover
is in the Express office and I enclosed you
herewith the receipt. Take good care of it till
your box is received all right. I noticed
your Ma had a letter to you in the
box so I will merely inform you of the
fact that it is started, hoping that it may
reach you safely and in good order.

Affectionately your father

Robt A Cochran

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Robt A Cochran jr
Amherst,
Mass.

M.A.C.

Maypootuck, March 2nd 1879

My Dear Son

It has been raining all day. The snow is all gone. We had several clear pleasant days last week. I expect it would be safe to say winter is gone, yet we must expect a good deal of cold weather yet. You will have more cold weather as your Spring will be much later. It has been a great Spring for Maple molasses here. The Sap always runs better after a cold winter. The molasses sell for \$1. a gallon. I dont know whether they make any with you or not. It is quite a business in Vermont, Maine & New Hampshire. The Sun crosses the Equator the 21st inst when it is considered Spring fairly begins. I hope you will have pleasant weather during your Spring or Second term vacation. You must prepare yourself to read a good deal during the vacation so that the time will not hang wearily on you. Of course

Some of the Students will remain. Then your
mail matter, periodicals, papers &c will come
~~the~~ right along, and you will have them
mostly to yourself. Then you could give
variety with music. The piano will come
in play. I do wish you had your
flute. Maybe you can have your old
one mended so as to be of some account
to practice on till you get a new
one. There is none here - the kind I want
or I would get one & send it to you. It
will be better to wait until we can get
a first rate article.

You must see Mr. Mortenson and get
your bill for the 2nd term and send it
to me or get him to send it so that I can
send Chuck to pay it. I expect you to
pay your washing along as you
get it done out of the money I send you
from time to time. Give your attention to
these matters. It is like business to attend to
things promptly. It is a good habit to form.
About your Spring & Summer Dues it is early

to think about it. It will be a good while
before you will need it. Hickmeyer has not
yet got on his Spring goods and
it is a great deal earlier here than
with you. You will find it well towards
the 1st of May before there is much
that you call Call warm weather
or really Spring with you. Ascer-
tain about the style & sort of the kind
you want and I will send money
in time. Money now with me is
like the fatted calf with the old dar-
ling - "Scuse"

I had ~~with~~ a letter from your Aunt
Emma last night - She expects to come
home 1st April - longer off than I ex-
pected. Had a letter from Willie last
week. He speaks of their having a good
time 2nd July at College. Says Lou-
Andrews of Fleming made the best
speech. You recollect Lou. Willie
inquired about you how you were
getting along when I heard from you he

We are very busy just now. Creek
coming on - rushed at the Cotton Factory
&c. I hope we may be able to make some
money this six months. We made nothing
over and above the new machinery we put
in last six months. All have to run close
to make ends meet and can hardly do it
then. All join in love to you. Hope
your boy went safe and that you were
pleased with table cover. Hardly think you
can read this writing, but it will practice
you in reading bad writing & have not looked over it

Affectionately your father

Robt. Stockman

Mar 3rd
1879



Robt A. Cochran Jr.
Amherst
Mass.

M. A. C.

Mayson, Ky. March 14 1879

My dear Son

You will find enclosed Check on Bank of America N. Y. for Seventy five dollars. Draw the money on it and pay off at once your board bill, wash bill &c. Have your board bill made out in form and receipted and enclose it to me. Your board bill for the 1st term was included in Mr Montague's bill which I thought would be the same way this time. I got a letter from Mr. Montague dated March 11th enclosing bill for your tuition &c for the term starting that his Son in making out the bill you sent had left the tuition off. The whole amount to \$41.95 and as he had written to me about it I enclosed him a check for the \$41.95 and directed him to send me receipt for it. This leaves you to settle out of the \$75 I send you your board bill which I make \$45.50 - being 13 weeks from 12th Dec 1878 to 12th March 1879 and your wash bill you say \$15 which will leave you over something like \$14 or \$15 for other things you mention. I could not understand from your letter the amount, but of course when

You settle up you will know and then write how the matter stands. You must keep an account of these matters, so that we can arrive at about your expenses. It will be serviceable in estimating for next year.

Mr. Montague makes your bill due 12th March as follows for tuition

	\$ 25.00	
Incidentals	1.25	
1 Botany \$2.30	Drawing Lessons 1.50	3.80
1 Geometry 1.15	White Military Belling 75	1.90
Room rent		\$ 19.50
		10.00
		\$ 41.95

We are having a protracted meeting at the church. It commenced Monday night. Mr. Sapsley from Lebanon, Ky. is assisting. He is staying with us. All are well. Your aunt Emma talks about coming home 1st April. The weather has been quite warm. The grass is looking quite green & the ~~late~~^{early} trees have commenced putting out leaves. It has turned cold to day. I hope you may pass the time of your two weeks vacation pleasantly and profitably. It certainly will be more pleasant as your room mate is going to stay. Take good care of yourself.

Your affectionate father

Robt. McChesnut

Return to BARBOUR & COCHRAN,
No. 11 Court Street, MAYSVILLE, Ky.,
If not delivered within 10 days.

Mar 14th
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Robert A. Cochran Jr
Amherst,
Mass.

Maypsville Ky March 16th 1879

My Dear Son

This will give you one letter more than usual as I wrote you last Friday. The weather has changed and it is now snowing and raining together and is raw and cool. The past week has been delightful. The river is high but not near bank full. Andrew has made his hot bed. We expected to commence gardening if the weather had kept dry till to morrow.

The meeting is still going on at the Church Mr. Lapsley is still with us. We had quite a large congregation this forenoon. The rain & snow may interfere with the attendance to night! Dont you neglect going to Church. Going to Church and not going to Church is the difference between people that are well raised and those that are not.

Keep up your good raising. True happiness is in the good, unhappiness, disease and misery in the bad. Life is a pleasure, a success, to the virtuous and good, a failure a burden to the bad. The longer you live the more you will be impressed with the truth of the proverb "that the way of the transgressor is hard"

I have no news specially to tell you. I have dis-
sent the red Cow out to her calves. We kept
all three at home during the winter - all giv-
ing milk but the red Cow got to giving so
little that it would hardly pay to keep her.
The horse has not been used much and
is so fat that he can hardly move up
without blowing - It seems like he was a
little wind broken. The same servants are all
with us as when you left. Nicholas trim-
med the grape vines ^{& some bushes} last week and we are
all ready for gardening. Andrew is starting
in as though he was going to give the
garden attention. He is very busy too in
the office - just as much work as he can
do. He is in good health but looks very thin and
rather pale. Your Ma is looking very well
and the "boys" are quite well. Horace went
a walk or two to School to Miss Chambers,
but has backed out I believe - thinks
he is too small. He quit Miss Charlotte
Taylor about the 1st January. All are well
at your Uncle Horace's - William is again
going to School and looks well and seems
to be nearly well of his deafness. Little Lad-

we die is growing fridly - but is still troubled
kept with the Colic. Andrew is in Flemings-
burgh and has been off and on nearly
all winter. Mary Weston is as fat
and hearty as you please. Still dis-
tant. wont make up with anyone or
at least with one. They are as well as usual
at Cousin George Layton, Foster Barbours
&c &c.

It has been raining and is now snow-
ing in great flakes not just as thick as
they can fall - has very appeared
of a deep snow. We often have
deep snows about this time in March
They dont lie long - melt almost as soon
as they fall.

I am anxious for you to get into your
next - third, time it will seem then that
it will not be long till you will be at home
then I know it will be lonesome during
vacation. By the time I write you again
however, vacation will be nearly over.
All join in love to you.

Yours affectionately

Book A. Leachman

Mar 16th
'79



Robert A. Cochran Jr.
Amherst,
Mass.

M. A. C.

Mayville Ky March 20 /79

My dear son

Your ma has sent by Adams Express to day a box for which I inclose you the Company's receipt. Hope it will go safely I dont know what is in it but warrant you it is something nice - something you will enjoy - It is to help you along in your vacation. You ought to be the best boy in the world - you have the best mother. Love from all

Your affectionate father
Robt Stecher

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN, AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

No. 180. [DOMESTIC BILL OF LADING.]

Gayville N.Y. Dec 20 1879

RECEIVED OF

R. A. Cochran

One Box Value \$

For which this Company charges

Marked *M. A. C. Amherst Mass*

Which it is mutually agreed is to be forwarded to our Agency nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there delivered to other parties to complete the transportation.

It is part of the consideration of this contract, and it is agreed, that the said Express Company are Forwarders only, and are not to be held liable or responsible for any loss or damage to said property while being conveyed by the Carriers to whom the same may be by said Express Company intrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants; nor, in any event, shall the holder hereof demand beyond the sum of Fifty Dollars, at which the article forwarded is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, or unless specially insured by them, and so specified in this receipt, which insurance shall constitute the limit of the liability of the Adams Express Company. And if the same is intrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorized to do), such Company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the shipper or owner, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be, in any event, responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such Company or person, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained, shall extend to and inure to the benefit of each and every Company or person to whom the Adams Express Company may intrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability thereof of such other Company or person. In no event shall the Adams Express Company be liable for any loss or damage, unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at this office, within thirty days after this date in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed. All articles of Glass or contained in Glass, or any of a fragile nature, will be taken at Shipper's risk only, and the shipper agrees that the Company shall not be held responsible for any injury by breakage or otherwise, nor for damage to goods not properly packed and secured for transportation. It is further agreed, that said Company shall not, in any event, be liable for any loss, damage, or detention caused by the acts of God, Civil or Military Authority, or by Rebellion, Piracy, Insurrection, or Riot, or the dangers incident to a time of war, or by any riotous or armed assemblage. If any sum of money, besides the charge for transportation, is to be collected from the consignee on delivery of the above-described property, and the same is not paid within thirty days from the date hereof, the shipper agrees that this Company may return said property to him at the expiration of that time, subject to the conditions of this receipt, and that he will pay the charges for transportation both ways, and that the liability of this Company for such property while in its possession for the purpose of making such collection, shall be that of Warehousemen only.

Freight, *Paul* For the Company, *J. B. Northcott*

Maysville, Ky. March 30th 1879

My Dear Son

You are now fairly started in your third term; which, when ended, will bring you home. It will soon pass, and yet it will seem long to us, we are so anxious to see you at home. Your last letter was full of information. You improve in your writing. You will make a first rate correspondent. Let me know in your next letter if you have got all your ^{money} matters settled up and have started square into the third present term. I do hope the Legislature of Mass. will do the clever thing for your College. The more I think about it the more I am satisfied of the wisdom of your going to this College. It seems that the luck commenced with you, as your class is so much larger than any before. The same influence no doubt will give you a good Freshman class next year. Now about this ^{free} tuition matter? If you could

get it on the Square, it would be that much
Saved in your Course. Of Course I would
not have it as a Charity, or in any
way that would look like Sponging on
the institution, or derogating to your personal
dignity. I am getting quite enthused like
Mr. Montague, on this kind of education. prac-
tical education that comes into use at once.
Let me know how the matters of the College have
come out in the Legislature. Who you expect
as President in the place of Mr. Clarke &c.
I was truly sorry to hear of the mishap to
the Japan College - No doubt they will pick
it up. That was a nice place for the young graduates.

I received last week the report of your last term
you have gradually improved in your studies
bringing your average up about four and your
rank in the class more than an average.
Your department perfect, which you must
know is very gratifying to us all. I have no doubt
but that in time you will be able to bring up the
average in your studies - a continuation of the
increase made last term will soon bring you into

the front rank. As you are studying Milton
by tactics you will see the force of being
in the front rank. I don't understand

so many absences - explain I rather sus-
pect you don't get up early enough.

Be ambitious to be always in place. It is
easier than studying hard and gives
one position. The absences excused are 27
not excused 9. Then we come on first
report. Give us a Clear Sheet this time.

I am glad to see you are up high in
your drawing I expected you, however, to do
first rate in that. In fact you are doing
well in everything considering you had never
been trained to hard study - and the beauty of
it is you are improving right along.

I am glad you got to hear Lee Emerson
we have no chance out here to see or hear
any of the literary celebrities.

Your Aunt Emma writes she expects to land
home 22nd April. The Spring is still back -
ward here. We have made no garden yet.
The grass is begining to look quite green. I have

bought Mrs Chenoweth's interest in the "base ball lot" and
am fencing in the whole lot. Will have it mowed
this week and posted. I want to make a pasture
lot of it. It will be the best pasture about town
having water in it. If I dont rent it to someone
I may take some cows to pasture and let Charley
drive them with out; and, in that way
make it pay something. I dont think I
will let any more sand be hauled out of it. All well.
All join in love to you.

Affectionately your father
Robt A Cochran

Mar 3/19
1879



Robt A Cochran jr.
Amherst St,
Mass.

M. A. C.

Marion Ky April 13th 1879

My dear son

Your ma & I went on the Wilwood last Thursday to Cincinnati and returned last night on the Rutwood. We went down on business - buying Carpets, Furniture &c. Had a very busy time of it, and just got through in time for the boat, at 4 o'clock P.M. Bought Carpet for the Hall down stairs and Oil Cloth or lignum, for it up stairs. Carpet for 2 spare rooms, for our front room and for the Library and paper for all of them and our back room in addition and a new slate mantle for our front room ^{besides furniture for our room - that rack for Hall} - a good deal more expense than I expected when the thing was started. I got you an eight keyed flute at John Church & Co's which I will send to you as soon as I know what else your ma may want to send you. It is represented as a first rate instrument - the very best - except those high priced fancy instruments and they are no better in

use, merely show. I hope it will come up
to representation and that you will be
pleased with it. I forgot to say that we
bought French plate glass for front door transom -
Some + sides and for back door transom,
So you see we are about used up in
money matters. This will have to go for all
our spending this year.

I have fenced in the "Sand lot" The lot
above RR machine shop - in other words
the base ball grounds, and am going
to make a pasture of it. There is about 11
or 12 acres in it and it will make
a first rate pasture lot. Water in it
all the time. I will take in some cows
to pasture and will rent the lower lot
down by Mrs Adson's, if I can, and
give our cows to the "Sand lot" I'll have
to try and make something out of them to
pay something on expense. The Sand lot
when I get it fenced will cost something like
\$1200 - It is a sight to see the cattle
fence and hogs hanging round it since fence is built

You say send you \$25: that you will
need that much. I think I wrote to you
sometimes ago to ascertain what your
Spring Suit would cost to and let me
know so as to be able to send you about
the money you would need. Am I to
understand that the \$25 will be suffi-
cient in all. The right way is to figure
up Suit so much other things so
much, and then the little incidental
expenses that you ~~will~~ will necessarily
be at, so much - making in all such
a sum. I want you to spend just
as little as possible outside of your ac-
tual necessities. Recollect that you will bear
some extra expenses at coming home at the
end of term via N.Y. and you must
save up for it. I will send you the
\$25. this week being away so that I
could not get Chick last week to send
with this letter. You had better at once
use as much of it or all of it in your
Spring Suit as money wont stick well

lying round loose, or in one's pocket.

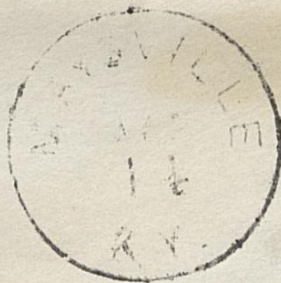
You write about your report very uncomplacently. I hope you will be able to keep rising all the time. I am very well satisfied with your progress. You must keep it up. You have a first rate chance to make a man of yourself and I feel satisfied you will do it. If we can make a success of all our boys wont it be grand - five brothers all well educated all numbered men - it is a price no one can calculate. Keep this in view and it will be accomplished. It is only noble to be good. You have all got brains and a good physique - know no such word as fail.

We think now your Ma will make a short visit to Lexington soon and make the visit to January's sometime in June. It dont seem that we can find time to travel now. Had a letter from January last week - he talks of making a visit with "Cousin John" to Colorado this Spring, or Summer. All are well Aunt Emma is only home soon. All send love

Yours affectionately

Robt W Colburn

Oct 14th
1879



Robert Cochran Jr.
Archersk,
Mass.

M.A.C.

Maysville, Ky. April 16th 1879

My Dear Son

You will find enclosed Check for twenty five dollars the amount you said you would send. Now splice this out and use it on your Spring Suit as far as necessary. Your Ma will get your Spring undershirts & some other things today or to morrow and I will send them in a box by Express with your flute. When we were in Boston "Pine-afire" had not acquired so much notoriety as it has now. I would like to hear it so it is to be put on the Board in Boston by Whitney & Co. The papers are talking a great deal about it and understand some of our home talent is going to get it up here. Adna Wat South is to be Capt. Corcoran. It is raining today and is quite cool. The Spring is very backward. Leaves are putting out and some of the fruit trees are showing the white a little. We have planted potatoes, onions &c. Nicholas is fixing the flower stand or rather was until it commenced raining. Let us know about your Spring Suit as soon as you can.

Affectionately your father Robt. Cochran

Apr 16th
1879



Robert Cochran Jr.
Amherst
Mass.

M.A.C.

The flute is warranted a first rate article and if it is not return it.

Maysville Ky April 18th 1879

My Dear Son

I send you to day by Adams Express Co a bundle containing Shirts, Flute &c. I hope it will reach you safely.

There is nothing new to tell you. Our Circuit Court commenced Tuesday morning. Judge Thomas Presiding. I have not been much in Court. Andrew is attending to most of the business. It keeps him right busy. It is different with him from Mack Young lawyer. He is full of business right from the start. He takes hold of it like he was used to it. He is a lawyer from the word go. It seems to come right into his hand like an old practitioner. Your ma expects pretty soon to make them a visit at Lexington. She will take Dorcas with her. She is now busy papering, Carpeting & cleaning house. It is still cool. With love from all I am affectionately

Your father

I send Express Co. receipt

Robt. Hoobler

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN, AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

No. 180. [DOMESTIC BILL OF LADING.]

Maysville, Ky. *April 8* 1879

RECEIVED of

R. A. Cochran
One Pkg Value *\$75⁰⁰*

For which this Company charges

Marked

M. A. C. *Amherst Mass*

Which it is mutually agreed is to be forwarded to our Agency nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there delivered to other parties to complete the transportation.

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Freight,

Car 50⁰⁰

For the Company,

H. D. Northcott

Apr 1879



Robt A Cochran Jr.,
Amherst,
Mass.

Maysville, Ky. April 27th 1879

My Dear Son

I am going to write you a very short letter - have been putting it off till it is now nine o'clock at night - It has been threatening rain all day and is sprinkling a little now. Dr. Anderson the president of the Millerburg College, Methodist, preached for us to day. Mr. Alderson and Mr. Barbour being absent at Presbytery at Frankfort, Ky. The news has come in that Hargis has been nominated by the Democratic Convention at Owingsville for Appellate Judge in the place of Elliott. We are going to try and beat him with Laban T. Moore as our independent Candidate. Moore was a union man but has been acting with the Democrats. Col. Holt of Owingsville, a Republican is announced but we hope he will withdraw and let Col. Moore run alone.

The news is that Andrew J. Cox is again
Crazy (insane) He has been taking a
very active part for Harjis and as
before, it is supposed that the excitement
has turned his brain.

Your Aunt Emma will be home she
arrives next Friday. They have been
putting the matter off on account of
the Cold weather, ^{and lastly a good deal of a cold} It has been very
warm the past week. The trees are
leafing very fast. All the early trees are
out in leaf. Appletrees in full bloom. The
earlier fruit trees are out of bloom. No
peach bloom very little Cherry. The
hard winter seems to have killed them.
Our pear trees have moderate bloom the
plum trees, except the damsons very little
bloom. Some trees not having any.

I did not know how your funds were
and how you were calculating about Spring Suit
but hoped you would be able to lay over
a little if nothing more on it out of
money on hand. I want to kiss your

in mind to the matter and to impress
you with the importance of being as
saving as possible. I am at home
at home this Spring and
you have quite a distance before
you before you get through and
I want you to be as careful as
possible of expenses. Then it is
important to acquire habits of econ-
omy. If money should ever be plenty with
you it will be very easy to acquire habits
of using it freely but on the contra-
ry if fortune should fail you it would
be very hard to come down from hab-
its of extravagance if once acquired.
A word to the wise is sufficient. You
will understand me as cautioning you to
think about these matters and keep a prop-
er check on yourself. It is well always to
have proper thoughts on such things. By being warned
we can keep out of places we cannot afford to go in-
to. My course has always been if I could not af-
ford a thing to keep out of it. Anything I want

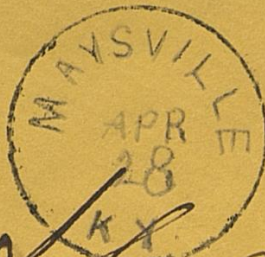
into to do my part bear my part of expenses
tc. Pshaw! I did not mean to run off
on this Subject and write such a
long letter, but it's done. You do report
in the matter - See what you need for
actual expenses this Spring in the
way of Clothing and report.

We are all well and all friends in love
to you. Aunt Louie & the Children are
at Fleming and your uncle Horace has
spent the past week or two with us.

Your affectionate father

Robert Colburn

Apr 25th
1879



Robt A. Cochran Jr.
Amherst
Mass.

M. A. C.

May 3rd
1879



Robt A. Cochran jr.

Amherst,

Mass.

M. A. C.

Mayville, Ky. May 11th 1879

My dear son

It is warm and dry here. we have not had rain for about three weeks. It has been cool and dry till within a few days. The trees are pretty much all out in full leaf. We have an election here to morrow for judge of the Court of appeals. It is between Harp's & Hott. Col. Moore being off the track. We hope to elect Hott. The contest is quite sharp. We had the Courthouse last night and the democrats had a stand in front of the Central Hotel. None of their great men were on hand. The speaking had to be done by an Irish man named Bryan from Covington, judge Wallace Wadsworth spoke in the Courthouse. It was full of people and they were all with him for Hott. Mr Green made a little rallying speech at the close. The democrats had Currier's band. We had the Mayville. Andrew has engaged our band for to morrow. We have been printing & circulating papers. All send you a copy of the Eagle if I can get one. Green makes his old charges against

Hargis stronger than ever An Black-
burn, their Candidate for Gov., W. C. P. Buck-
inridge and Hargis were here and
Spoke at the Courthouse last Friday
at 10 o'clock P. M. They have nothing
to say, but sustain the party nominees.
Hargis did not allude to the Charges
against him. He only spoke about
5 minutes. Buckinridge said it was the
Success of the party that they must
look to Dr Blackburn - accused him-
self as having a South throat. A great
many Democrats wont vote and some
will even vote for Holt. It would be
glory enough if we should elect Holt.
We have them scared anyhow.

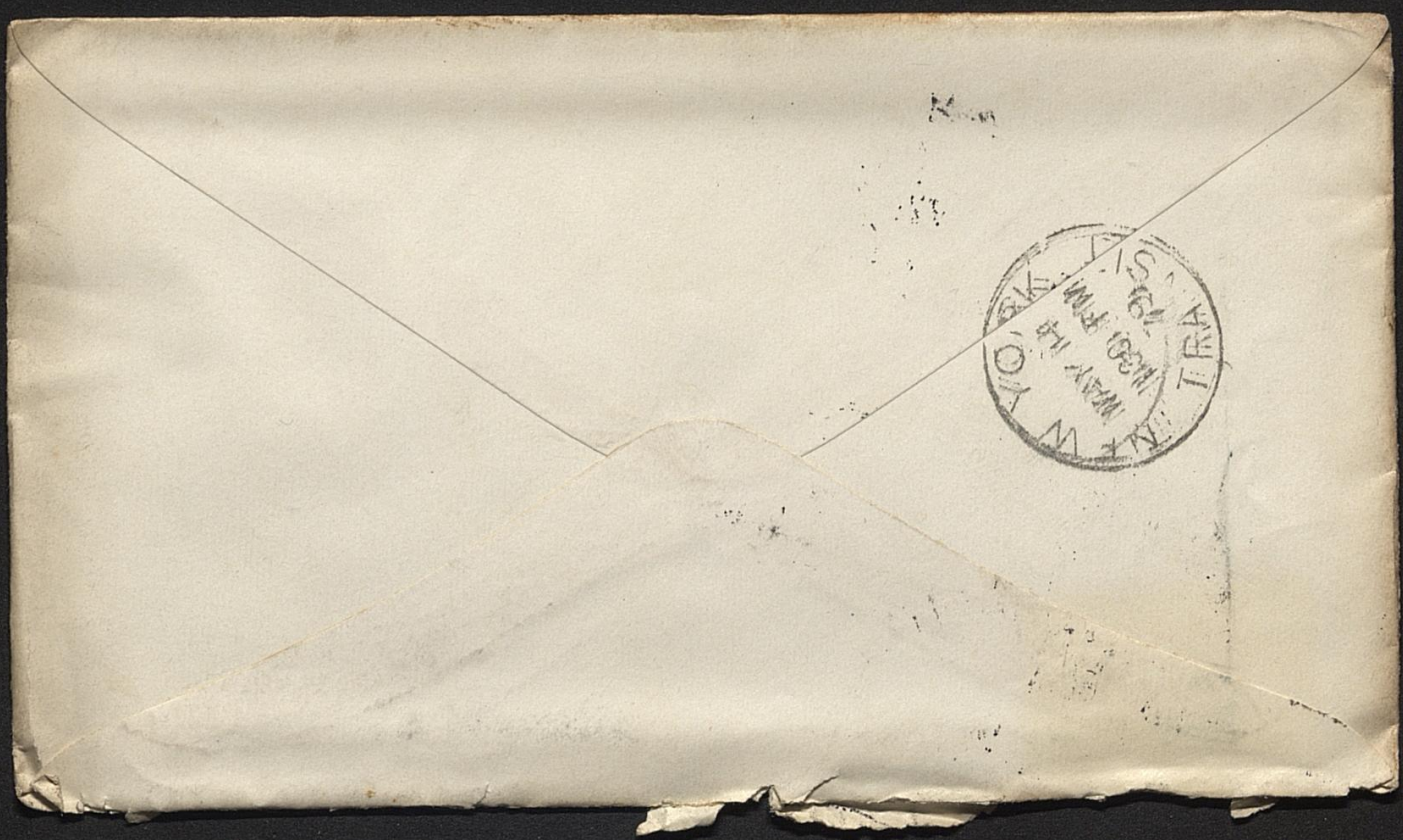
I got your Card about Suit. You
did not say how much more you would
need to pay for it. I will send you a check
to morrow or next day for \$25 - any way.
So that you may have enough. All join in love to
you.
Affectionately your father Robt. A. Cleveland

May 12th
1879



Robt A. Cochran Jr
Amherst
Mass.

M. A. C.



Mayville Ky May 12th 1879

My Dear Son

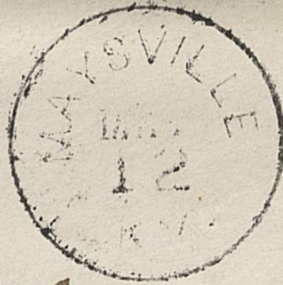
We have closed quite an exciting election for Judge of the Court of Appeals. The indications are that Holt the Republican is elected. He has carried this County we think by from 25 to 50 majority - His majority in Maysville 223. As far as we have heard from Holt was gaining on the vote for Governor in 1875 - which gave McCreary 3100 majority in the District for instance the majority for McCreary in Mason was between 700 and 800 votes in Boone 999 - and Hargis only gets 150 and so on. We all think he is elected which if so is glory enough. It settles Mr. Hargis for the future, and gives a first rate man on the appellate bench. The first republican since the state got in - to the hands of the Democrats. Enclosed you will find check for \$25:

Yours affectionately

Mr. & Mrs. Alderson Miss Lou McCreary
and Miss Grace Campbell started for
Saratoga to the General Assembly to night

Robt A. Cochran

May 12th
1879



Rollin A. Chapman
Amherst,
Mass.

per Sale with the Chapel Mr. Matthews who purchased was hesitating between it and the Kiefer house which to buy. I presume he is glad he made the choice of the Vander house.

We found Jamie quite pained from cold when we got home last night - still he met us at the depot which was not good for him - and he has been quite sick since - Some better now - Suffering with headache and ear ache. You must give me about the items of your expenses in closing up your 3rd term and starting home. Be as saving as possible. You must be careful always to keep a little on hand. Don't spend all on hand. Stretch it out till the next. Don't go in debt other than your board tuition which is payable at the end of the term. You can give me the items and

Mayville, Ky. ~~June 19th~~ 1879
My Dear Son.

To day is the 1st of June another month and you will be at home. I failed to write other than the Card last week. I sent your letter after reading it here to your Ma at Lexington. We are all now at home again. As you know your mother here - acc and I went to Lexington last Friday week. I staid till Monday and then came home. Your brother Horace came as far as Paris day before yesterday (Friday evening) and stopped with Mrs. Owen (Mary Ketchum) and I went up yesterday morning. Spent the day with them in Paris

and we all came home
yesterday evening - getting here
at 8.15 P.M. We are hav-
ing rains. It commenced
showering this day one
week ago and has been
at it ever since - raining
in places all round nearly
every day - not much however
about Paris or Lexington - very
dry there - Crops injured.
They had quite a storm of
wind here as well as rain yes-
terday afternoon. It blew the
top of Mr David Roberts' fire
house - Mrs Roberts just hav-
ing come down stairs at the
time. It is you might say
a total wreck. You know the
house - The one Mr Kiefer lived
in - The first house on the
left after you cross the bridge

going to Newtown - on the
Corner in front of Roberts' mill.
It injured the front window
of the Chapel, blew in one
end of the Railroad Machine
Shop farther over. The wind
don't seem to have extended
anywhere else. They say two
currents met and caused
the tornado. Mr Roberts' (Kiefer
house was poorly built - only
a nine inch wall. Dr Mc
Granaghan told me that when
John Ballinger lived in it
several years ago - he felt it
shaking, with the shaking
of Ballinger with a chill.
He felt this down stairs
and Ballinger was up stairs
I wonder any one lived
in it. When I had the
Vander (Mrs Mc Sloan) house

is not willing for her to pur-
sue this Course - thinking that
they may be able to give Anna
an education without her
having to do this. I was so
much pleased with them all
at Lexington. There is a large
family of them ^{all girls} and they are all
busy doing something - all making
themselves useful. Lizzie & Jack
Sharpe are raising an excellent
family. Alice Taylor is well
fixed and while they are limited in
their means they are getting
along so happily. Mrs Sage you
know with her three children lives
with Mr Boston her father. He
is well off but of course with
so many dependent on him is
closely run - they all help to
earn something. Mrs Sage has no
means now - the little she was getting
from her husband's estate having been
paid to come. They say when it was wound
up there was nothing left. With love
from all I am your affectionate father
Robt & Colonel

about the amount in your
next letter so that I will be
prepared in time. Your papa
and I have our visit to January
yet to make before your return
we expect to start before the
middle of June - be gone two
weeks. Your Cousin Mollie Boston
wants to go East and educate her
son Omar - now about 16 years
of age. My telling her of the prac=
tical education that you get &
about the sense of the ~~Eastern~~^{Boston} people
in founding the School of Technology
&c &c made her still more an=
xious - Omar wants to study
Civil engineering. I told her that
was one of the studies that your
College studied in &c. She thought
she could keep boarders and thus
pay their way. I glory in her
spirit. It is the way men are
made some account by giving them
a chance when boys to be practically
educated. Her father Mr Boston

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June 2nd
1879



Robt A. Cochran jr
Amherst,
Mass.

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Mayeville Ky June 15/79

My Dear Son.

I enclose you two drafts one for \$100, and the other for \$50. Dont draw the \$50 till you get to New York. Go to the Bank of America in N. Y. - you have been there, and know where it is, and get the money on it there. Dont sign your name on the check till you go into the Bank. In this way there is no danger of losing your money. Have written to the Bank that you will be there, so that there will be no difficulty about there knowing you at the Bank of America. The letter is from our Bank by Mr. Burbour. You must see to it that you economize your money so that

There will be no difficulty about
your running out. I have sent
you more than I hope you
will need, to guard against
your running short. When
you get to New York you
had better get your Rail-
road ticket home, the first thing,
so that you will know the
cost and be governed accordingly
in your other expenses and
stay. Rather than stay, if you
find the man too busy to make
your eye at once, you might
get him to make it and send
it to you, but if possible have
him make it right off so that
you can try it while you are
there and see if it suits in
every way. I like very much the
route you are going to take in com-
ing home. I intended to write to you
to come that way. Take a boat from
New London to New York. It will be

the Cheapest ³ route and will give
a little variety. I am sorry how-
ever, that you will be delayed
a little in starting in order to
be present at the boat race.
Right here let me caution you
to be on the look out all the
time for pick pockets and con-
fidence game men. Dont keep
all your money in one place
about you for fear even with
your best Caution you may
be robbed. At such a place and
on the train & boats coming and
going to it, I should think thieves
& gamblers would be thick. At
anyrate it is well to be on the
lookout all the time. This ad-
vice will suit, too in New York.
Be sharp and keep a look out all
the time for such fellows. Dont let
any stranger make up with you
so as to go with him anywhere

Go to no place ⁴ of doubtful rep-
utation. You must always recollect
this - Nearly all the trouble that people
get into is by keeping or joining
into bad Company. Keep aloof
from bad Company and all
bad ~~Company~~ ^{Company} and always
be a gentleman. I'll trust
you very much, if you will
always keep this in view and
follow my advice. You say your

Board will be	\$52.50	and
Your washing -	15.00	and
Other expenses	20.00	
Making -	<u>\$87.50</u>	I send

you \$100. which would leave
you \$12.50 over to pay your
way to New York. But you
need not make your expenses
\$20. Cut that down. You are
Spending too much at Amherst
They will always let a fellow
pay more than his share if he

will do it. Then too since I came
to make the calculation you
may need all you can save
to bring you home. There is
nothing like having enough of
money in your pocket when
travelling. Your eye will cost you
\$15. which taken off the \$50. will
leave you only \$35. Then your
expenses home may be say
Railroad ticket \$20. and other
expenses about $\frac{5}{-}$ = \$25. which
would leave you only \$10. for
expenses at hotel &c in New
York. So you see after all
you have got to save a good
deal out of your \$100. Check
to make you safe and easy.
You must just do it and run
no risks about being short of
fund - Then, too I would like for

You to Save ⁻⁶⁻ something out of the
drafts and have money when
you come home. See how much
you can bring home with you.

I am sending the drafts soon
because I am going away. You
must not draw the money on the
\$100. draft until you are ready
to settle up, indeed you had
better not, as it is not very
prudent to have so much money
about you. However, I leave
that matter with you. "Keep your
head level." Your Ma and I and
Jamin, Willie & Horace start to-
morrow morning to Lebanon to visit
Jannary and will be gone about
two weeks - I think we will get back
about the 28th of June. We will
write to you as usual and you
must send your next letter to Leb-
anon post office. All are well and
send you their love. Cousins George Taylor
& wife have rented Mrs. Dobyn's house right by
Uncle Horace's & moved to it. Yours affectionately, A. Cochran

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1879



Robt A. Cochran jr
Amherst
Mass.

Mayesville, Ky. Aug 31st 1879

My dear son.

We would like to have a letter or Card telling us that you are safe and sound at Amherst. Will hear from you I suppose to morrow night. If I had thought of it would have got you to telegraph your safe arrival. It would be a Comfort especially to your Ma to know this. It is very warm here yet. The river is again falling. Spec. as the boys call her, had a calf day before yesterday. It will be very nice to have a fresh Cow for fall & winter. There has nothing farther happened in regard to Kehoe's Certificate. Nearly every one says they think the matter will be dropped by him. He is fixing up his job printing office and is going to work as I understand Criminal Court is still in session. The

Grand jury has adjourned without
indicating any of the better - much
to the Chagrin of those who wished to
get out of their bits. They would rather
be fined a small amount and pay it,
than to pay their bits, which were quite
large in some cases. The jury under-
stood the game and would not lend
itself to squealers. It is wrong to bit,
but every one believes when a fellow bits
and loses he ought to pay. I'll
be glad when the whole thing settles
down. I have too much work
to do to be bothered with a Centurk,
but I am prepared if he goes
on to show at least 3 ~~unil-~~
legal votes for him to one for me.

I want you to settle right down to
study and make it tell this year,
and especially the first term. If you
make a good start you are sure
to come out well. Learn all you
can - there is no danger of knowing

too much. make a smart man of
yourself. It is all with you. You have
got the natural ability. When you
get to be a man you will not
regret that you applied yourself at
College, but should you fail to do it, now,
no ~~more~~ ^{doubt} you will regret it when
you are a man. I have full con-
fidence in your success and mention
these things by way of reminder. I
hope you are well of your God and phas-
antly situated in your old quarters.

Your uncle Bruce and Anna Douglas
went to the Lexington Fair you know, but
did not return until last (Saturday) night.
As you will see by the papers Setz
Sherman and party from Cin-
cinnati called at the fair Friday.

I see Howell Burdick at home to day
I am satisfied he will back out of going
to Danville - I dont know how many of
the boys went up with Willie yesterday
morning - I would not be surprised if

others of them backed out. I think you have the best chance of any of them to get a finished and practical education, an education of the whole man. With the culture you will have in mind and body with no bad habits such as drinking, chewing tobacco &c &c you will be a splendid man. Keep in view a life of purity and usefulness.

Recollect what I told you about spending money. Be just as careful of it as possible. It is about as much as I can ~~do~~ do to make both ends meet and I have been at pretty heavy expenses this year. My canvass for the Legislature had time & expense since about this center has cost me a good deal more than I expected.

I hope you will get along for a good deal less this year than last. You know the ins and outs now and can be independent and avoid costs that last year you had to incur to get proper standing.

Dr. Jim Shackelford takes your Aunt Emma's love too small for the other family. He gets married week after next. With love from all I am
Your affectionate father Robt. A. Cochran

I am gone and to be Com-
panions with me while here.

I feel that I shall be
blessed with my boys.

I hear nothing more of the
Kehoe Contest. Everybody
thinks the thing is dropped.
I am ready for him
any way. I would rather

however not be bothered with it.
The Green Hargis Case is still
on hand - taking proof. Mr
Green & Mr Wadsworth say
they have got him sure!

They gave notice to take Hargis' ^{deposition}
last week & he re-
fused to give it. The referees
fined him \$10 & 24 hours im-
prisonment, but held up till
they could get the order of the
Judge at Louisville. We are
all well and all join in
love to you ^{good by}
Robt & Leachman

OXFORD

Maysville Ky Sept 14/79

My Dear Son:

I am anxious to hear
if you have any more freshmen,
and if not, what is given as
the reason for so few. Tell us
how the College starts off - the
whole number of Students &c
We are having delightful weather
Showers of rain say few days
to make the grass grow. The fields
look green as in the Spring.
I went to the Germantown
Fair last Thursday - put two
horses in the Carriage and
took your Ma Jamie & Willie,
Hercie and Aunt Emma's su-
Dew. It was a pleasant day
and we had a good time.
Have day and a very good

shaw. It was the first fair
the boys had ever seen and
of course they were delighted
Capt John DAVIS - Mrs. D.
son's son, has been with her ever
since a few days after May
Thomas's death and goes home
tomorrow. He has been very
sick with fever - Confined to his
bed about two weeks.

Dr. James Shackelford was mar-
ried to Miss Calvert last week
He has rented your aunt
Emma's house & am go-
ing to have it painted out -
Side - Have had the stable fixed
& new roof put on it. Your
aunt Emma will not leave
till after the 18th of Octo.

The new School house will
hardly be ready by 1st Nov -
day in Octo when Mr

Richardson is advertised to Commence
his School. The boys are going
to Miss Chambers. Mr. Rich-
son has rented the house Cousin George
left till Spring, when he expects
to get the house Cousin Foster
Bourbon built in Chester.

The Exposition at Cincinnati
is all the go now. It will
continue till the 11th of Octo.

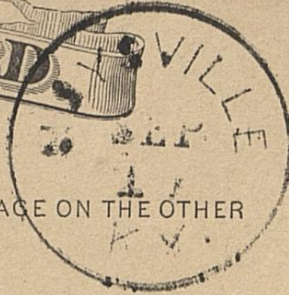
You will see from the papers
that Mr. Shillite of Cin. is
dead - And the day the
Exposition opened - His boy
will continue his business
just as when he was living
What a fine thing it is
to have boys to take his
place. It is the height
of my ambition to have
my boys all a success -
To take my place when

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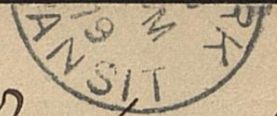


Robt A. Cochran Jr
Amherst,
Mass.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Colt Hochman jr
Amherst
Mass



Maysville Ky Sept 17/79

Sent bundle by Adams
Express to day
R. H. Cochran

OXFORD

Maysville Ky. Sept 28th 1879

My dear son

It is beginning to look like fall, although we have had no frosts to amount to anything - only one white frost. The leaves in the woods are changing very fast. You know they are the admiration of your mother. How I wish she could see the beautiful woods around Columbus when they put on their fall dress.

Your Aunt Emma, Anna Douglas and Andrew Stark for Chicago to morrow night on the Bonanza - or rather on the boat that runs in its place as the river is so low that none but the very lightest boats can run. It is falling very fast. It makes against river folks going to the Exposition in Cincinnati. I had a letter from Danville from Willie last week - he is well pleased as usual and is getting along very well - John Boyette I suppose you know came back after staying a week or two and as rumor says is going

to the University of Va. It woud amount to much
his going anywhere such is my opinion
from his changeableness. Howell Barkley did not
go, which was much better than going and not
staying - Howells will be another Greenwood Case
while we were at breakfast this morning Mr Rich-
eson and family arrived - Mr & Mrs Richeson
Miss Minnie and Miss Sallie Hodge. Miss Mildred
Ryan was also with them. They will stay with
us until they can get moved into their home
their furniture &c is on the wharf boat
but it will take a few days to clear up
the house and get moved. Miss Sallie Hodge is
sitting by as I write and asks me to give you her
love. They have rented the house Cousin George left
until Spring unless they can get Foster Barbour's house
in Chester sooner. Mrs R. expects to commence
school ~~next~~ Monday to morrow week. The house
will hardly be ready but will go in any way. Your
Ma and the list of names of your Class and I send it herewith
I forgot about it before. I enclose you check
for \$25. as requested. Keep your head level on expenses
and deportment. All join in love to you
Affectionately your father Robt H. Crawford

We have a letter stating that Cousin Lizzie Boston & Cousin Lizzie Sharpe will be down on a short visit to-morrow morn^g. Andrew had depositions to take at Falmouth to day and will go to Cincinnati taking the Express & return to-morrow night. I hear nothing further from Nelson the matter & Suppon is dropped. All well and true love.

Mayville Ky. Octo 3rd 1879

My dear Son

I received your letter of the 30th ultimo yesterday and should have answered it, but thought I would think about the matter you suggest until to day.

I was not surprised at its contents. It was a matter I had been thinking of ever since your letter giving the number of freshmen entered. It looked to me that after your class it was running down and that it would probably not be satisfactory to remain than the present year, unless some unexpected boon should be given to the College. My anxiety now is to have you put in the year in the most profitable manner to you. I don't take to the idea of your taking what is called a Special Course at a regular College - Danville for instance. I may

Change my views however on this Subject. If you will fly yourself for the coming year you can muster about as much as you will practically need unless you should take up hereafter a Specialty as a profession and then you will need to go where that Specialty is Specialty taught. I am not prepared to say what Special Course you had better take the coming year, but would rather be governed by what you would suggest on the ground where you can discuss the matter with the professors and your fellow students. I would like if you could take a course that would allow you to graduate at the end of the year if it could be done. I have not before me the studies that you would ~~take~~ take if you continued on for two years longer so that I could select or give an opinion - for instance I wanted you to study bookkeeping. As I said before if you put your head to it you can

accomplish a great deal in the year.
You certainly can learn the military
part well enough in that time - the farm-
ing & gardening is a sort of practical
thing that you can easily learn. I
think that can be learned by practice
to a great extent as you may need
it in life. In thinking over the mat-
ter it may be as well for you to start
into some sort of business when you
get through this year. We cannot tell
exactly so far ahead what is best to
do. This one thing we can determine
now that is for you to make the very
best you can of the year to come
so that if you should quit college
then you would have a very fair
education - equal if not superior to what
young men generally have. I have thought
some times that I would like to get you
into the Bank and learn you that business.
You need not say anything about it except to me
as to whether you would like it or not, but

it is well enough to be ready to take
hold of something that is honorable and
that would be likely to pay. And right here
let me again impress and enjoin upon
you the high aims of life and that every
thing that is valuable is obtained by
labor and that in such labor
whether of mind or body in everything
that is just and true and honorable
is the greatest happiness. It is true
religion as well as manhood. Don't fail
to look always to your department your
genuine Character. It will make your
life a success. There is no such thing
as fail - especially when you have a good
healthy body and the assistance I shall
be able to give you. Let me hear from you
on receipt of this - what you think of the ~~the~~
matter. Don't slack up in anything, because you
think of quitting after this year, rather increase
your determination to make more of it.
Yours affectionately
Robt A Cochran

Oct 3rd
1879



Robert A Cochran Jr
Amherst,
Mass.



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Mayville N.Y. October 12th 1879

My dear son:

I did not expect you would be able to graduate if you quit this year, but a year is a long time and you can accomplish a good deal in it. Dont let opportunity pass to learn as much as you can. Recollect my old lines.

"The child that does not these things know,
May yet be called a duncie,

So I will up in knowledge grow,

As youth can come but once!"

I would not give what you know now or rather what you accomplished in the past year for any year I have seen in the ordinary freshman class at our college. The physical training the outside things you have had learned you will find will go with you through life and be of great practical advantage to you. You have had real culture the past year. Dont fail to make the most of this.

Keep in mind always my injunctions about
your habits. Dont fail to keep yourself pure
in heart & mind and gentlemanly in deport-
ment at all times. You have a fine future be-
fore you to all appearances. of fine phys-
ical organization, of healthy parentage good
intellect you need have no fear of a
happy life if you will only keep the good
in view at all times. Dont be tempted
If any one should entice you to do wrong
resist at once This is only a hard
world to the transgressor. Wisdom's
ways are ways of pleasantness and
all her paths are peace. In your
own life which is short yet you have
seen the truth of this.

The weather has been as warm here
as in Summer thus far in this month
As usual the oldest inhabitant has
never known such warm weather in
October. We have had but one little white
frost this fall and that was away
back in September.

Our ancient Court Commences next

Sunday we have all been very busy
Andrew had to take depositions in
Falmouth week before last and at
same time visited the exposition
an hour or two in Ansonia, all
the time he wanted - spent the
rest of the time with his friend
Anderson - was only gone two days
went by rail - The river is so
low that no boats except little
Key - the smallest you ever saw
are running. Mrs Boston Mrs Sharp
her daughter Anna Davis are
still with us - we have had a
very pleasant time with them
Levins Lizzie & Foster Barbour gave
a Supper last Friday night - the
12th anniversary of their marriage.
Took dinner yesterday at Mrs
James Barbour's - all are well
and send love.

Affectionately your father
Robt A Cochran

OXFORD

Maysville, Ky. Octo 27th 1879

My Dear Son

This letter should have been written yesterday but was crowded out by entertaining members of the Synod. The Presbyterian Synod has been in session since Thursday night. They hope to get through to night. A good many left this morning. We had Dr. Herkes, Dr. Clelland, Mr. Stuen & Mr. Horton. January & his wife & children are here. So you see we had quite a company. January & family came last Tuesday night. Will leave next Friday. Has to be at home 1st Monday in Nov. Andrew has been occupying room in attic since Thursday night. We had eight or ten to dinner yesterday. Have had a pleasant time. Very agreeable set of gentlemen. You are inquired for particularly by Dr. Herkes. It has turned quite cold - not so cold to day. Threatning rain. Hope it wont rain till after Odd Fellows procession next Wednesday. Expect 100 members of Grand Lodge

here to night. The people are going to de-
corate very nicely on 2nd Street at any rate
we will have flags out at home but
cannot get Cedar. May have a few
Chinese lanterns. You will see a full
account of the matter in the
papers. Programmed in last weeks Repub-
lican and Enterprise. No doubt the
town will be crowded. They are building arches
across the Street at Corners of Sutton & 2nd
and Market & Second and across 2nd
at Pearce Wallingford Co.'s Bank. It will
look splendid, if it dont rain.

We gained the celebrated Blodgett will
Case last week. It had been on trial
& days before the jury found verdict.
Court adjourned over this week in
Consequence of I. C. & Co. doing will put
again next Tuesday. tomorrow week
You will see from the papers John Poyntz
is home from the University of Virginia
This I suppose will put his intentions
of going to College. I have not heard his

objections to the University of Virginia.
Mr. Richeson is getting along first rate with
the High School - Has upwards of fifty Scholars.
Janie & Willie are carried away with the
School. Think Mr. Richeson and the School
tip top and are studying first rate. They
have no trouble as yet in regard to Studies
Compositions &c. They have organized a
Debating Society in the School. The debate
comes off Friday evening. The subject next
Friday - Art & Nature - the old question
will be on one side & Janie on the other.
Since Miss Chambers quit her School Service
has been going no where. Don't believe we
will send him any more this year. Your Aunt
Lovie & the Children are at Fleming - Uncle
Horace went to Grand Lodge Masons
this week in Louisville. Will be home
to night. We are all well and
all join in love to you. Take good
Care of yourself.

Affectionately yours
Father
Bob A. Cochran

Oct 27th
1879



Robt A. Cochran, Jr
Amherst,
Mass.

OXFORD

Maysville, Ky. Nov. 12th 1879.

My Dear Son

Enclosed find post office order for
ten dollars. They will pay you the money
for it at the post office. It is still dry but
threatening rain. There is a rise of a foot
at oil City of course this wont amount to
anything here but is a sort of a start
and gives encouragement. We are
getting scared about the supply of coal
at the Cotton Factory - have had
to supply the hands and it has cut
down the pile to about 4 weeks supply
we are shut at Gas works too. Can
run to about 18th January - still we
have reason to hope for a rise be-
fore we run out at either place.

In your next letter let me know how
many students in all are at your college
and how you are satisfied with your
progress in every way. Let me know if you

have any plan for putting in your vacation at Thanksgiving &c.

Speaking about Blankets your Ma says what have you done with the pair of blankets sent you in the bundle with your water proof over Coat. She thinks you must have overlooked them as you write about sending another pair.

Mr Nelson is still insane but is harmless and if anything is better they (she + Missizzie) are boarding at Mr Peppers - the home that Arthur left, I believe I told you about their intending to go there before. We intend putting out their former residence - making two tenements of it - three in all.

We are all well with love from all
I remain yours affectionately
Robt A Cochrane

It is very warm - the mosquitoes have come to life again

Nov 12th
1879



Robt A Cochran jr
Amherst,
Mass.

M. A. C.

I started you a bundle by
Express Friday and dropped
you a postal Card letting
you know it. Hope it will reach
you all right. During vaca-
tion you might write often-
er. All are well and join
in love to you.

Your affectionate father
Robt Alexander

Maysville Ky Nov 23rd 1874

My Dear Son:

As usual I was so run
yesterday that I did not get check
or Money order and will have
to let that pass this letter. In-
dud I suppose you will not
mind it yet awhile at least not
before next week. I must still in-
join on you to not spend more
money than you can help. "A penny
saved is as good as a penny
earned." You have a very fair
number of students yet. I hope
you are giving good attention to
your studies - Don't neglect anything.
If this is to be your last year
try and perfect yourself in every-
thing as much as you can. I sup-
pose there is no neglect of any-

thing on the part of the professors
Let me know in your next
about that. Does your Lieut.
See to your military educa-
tion as Carefully as usual
Write to me what is said of
anything about putting the
College on its legs. Or is it
looked upon as sliding and
finally to be a failure. The
matter of establishing an ag-
ricultural College for Ky. will
Come before the Legislature
this winter and I would
like to be posted in regard
to the success or failure of
such institutions. You dont
write enough about your
studies what you are do-
ing. Whether you are cul-
tivating your musical talent
Of course we are inter-

ested in knowing everything you
can tell us and you need
not be afraid of wearying
us with what you say in
relation to yourself.

We have had a rise in the river
which has brought down a moderate
supply of coal. We are short
of coal at the factory and will
have to work along in a
retail way until there is
more water.

Take good care of your
health. Recollect that good
health and a clear conscience
are always essential to success.

Mrs Nelson is a little better to-
day. Mrs Lizzie thinks of tak-
ing her to Portsmouth to morrow
night to see her sister Mrs
Smith. Thinks it will do her
good to change rooms. It is
only her mind that is sick now.

Nov 23rd
1879



Robt A. Cochran jr.
Amherst
Mass.

M.A.C.

May 25th 1879

My Dear Son

You will find enclosed check on
Bank of America N. Y. for \$104.00 to pay
Your board say \$45.00
Washing say 12.00
Tuition & room rent 22.00

For yourself - Current expenses 25.00

Board & washing may differ a little from
this but you will have enough and to spare
The more you save the more you will
have to go towards expenses next time
Keep your head level in everything. Go
at once and pay board, washing, tuition
& room rent, and send the bills to me re-
ceipted. They sent the tuition & rent bills to me
which I return herewith for you to pay & have
receipted. By your attending to all it saves me
any trouble in sending more than one check.
Then I like for you to attend to such things
it's business for you. Don't run any outside bills,

Pay as you go is a good maxim and if you have not got the money it is a good plan to wait until you have.

The weather has turned right warm again. The river is falling very fast, with not a quarter supply of coal. Sent you Thanksgiving box yesterday which I hope will reach you safely and in time. The Presbyterian Church on our side gives an oyster supper to night for the benefit of poor children of the Sunday School. You have never said in any of your letters whether or not the Japanese is still at College. Leonard Wm. Huston is to be known to night. Andrew went to Cin. last night to be home again to night all join in love. Wishing you a pleasant time during vacation I remain affectionately yours

Robt. A. Cochrane

You did not tell the name of the student that is going to stay with you during vacation. Do you expect an increase of students next term?

Nov 25th
1879



Robt A. Cochran jr.
Amherst.
Mass.

M. A. C.

Dec 12th
1879



Robt A Cochrane jr,
Amherst,
Mass.

M.A.C.

dell. I suppose we may con-
sider the matter over now.
I had a hundred witnesses some
moved for Tuesday next. We will
all have to economize in our
expenses to make up for what
I have lost in this matter.
It has been very expensive
on me. I suppose the matter
will be out in the papers
so that you will learn all
about it there without my
saying more. Wm Austin was
with us more than a week
he went home yesterday morn.
You will have heard through the
papers of Mrs. Nelson's death. Miss
Lizzie is going home with her brother
John to live - not be back before
Spring. Sorry to part with her.
Sell off furniture and rent house
making two hours out of what they lived
in. We are all well & send love
affectionately yours
A. H. Sherman

Marsolet Dec 7th 1879

My Dear Son

Your letter with receipts
came duly to hand. I like for
you to write fully about the College
the farm the studies the profes-
sors, Students & Studies the fact
is your last letters have
had a good deal more in
them that interested me than
the former ones. You have
quite a good lot of Students
not as shown by the Index.
I have been so busy that I
have not had time to more
than glance over it. I hope
you will apply yourself so as to
learn just as much as possible
Now is your time, dont waste it.
We have had the subject of water

works before us for the last few
weeks with a fair prospect
that we will get them. But
like every thing else in Maryland
there are two sides to it. Thus
far we have had a hard
fight.

Kehoe gave me a notice
that he was going to commence
taking proof last Tuesday in
his behalf in the contest he has
made for Dry Seat in the Leg-
islature, but when the day came
he took no depositions. It looked like
a trick to put it off so long
and then commence so short a
time before the meeting of the
Legislature, not giving me time
to get in any proof. But as
soon as he failed to commence
on the day he notified me I gave
him a notice and now I have

floor commencing next Tuesday
the 9th inst. Andrew went
to Frankfurt at once on
his giving the notice to take ~~proof~~
proof and retained Genl Rodman
and Judge Lindsay as attor-
neys for me. Yesterday
and to day he has bargain-
ing out that he is going to
quit and that he will give
me a writing to morrow
morning abandoning the case.
He has acted very badly - put me
to a great deal of cost and
I was determined to put him
through. I would have ~~no~~ no
trouble in throwing out from 50
to one hundred illegal votes cash
for him. I don't believe they could
have found a dozen for me and
they were through mistake or igno-
rance as in the case of Mr. Bliss

Dec 8th
1879



Robt A Cochran jr
Amherst

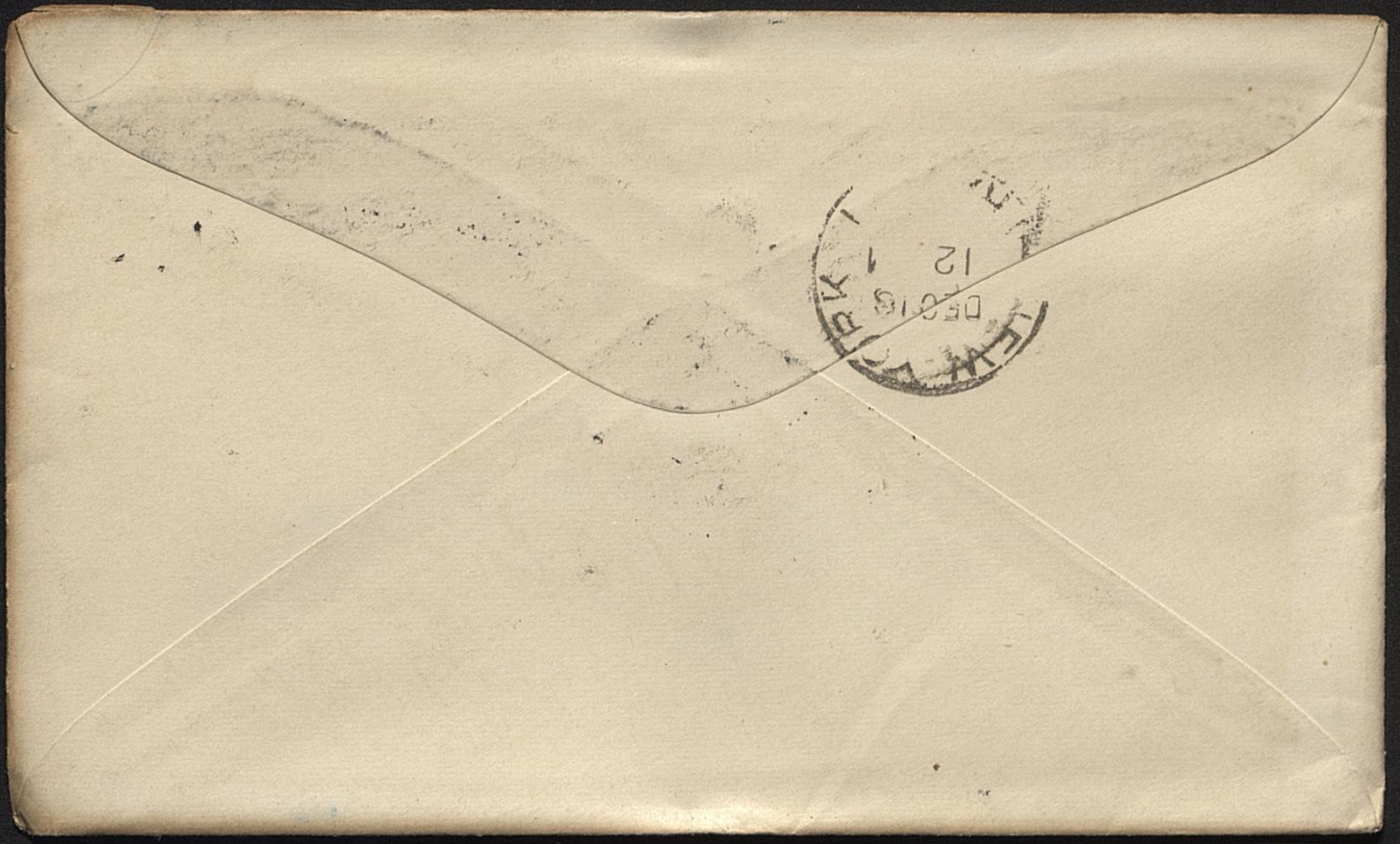
M. A. C.

Mass.

Dec 15th
1879



Robt A Cochran jr
Amherst,
Mass.
M. A. C.



NEW YORK
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The South Presbyterians started the idea that they were going to build Churches but it has fallen through as I understand and they expect to witherspoon to leave. Better they had said nothing about new Church failures in anything lets one down.

We are very busy - Andrew will have a time of it when I know there will be plenty of room for you when you get through with School. Do you know anything about Eastman's business College at Poughkeepsie N.Y. It might be an advantage for you to take a three or four months course there strictly for business. This by the way however. There may be nothing in it. We are all well and still join in love to you.

Your affectionate father
Robt. A. Cochran

OXFORD

Marysville, Ky. Decr 21st 1879

My dear son

Christmas will soon be here. Your Ma has got you a pair of pants which will be started to you to morrow I hope they with other things will reach you by Christmas day. They dont make much to do over Christmas in New England, Still they are getting to notice it more and more. I recollect when I was a boy that New Years was much more of a holiday than Christmas. The time is drawing close when I will have to go to Frankfort. The legislature meets the 31st inst. I will leave here Tuesday morning the 30th next Tuesday week. Your Ma may spend a week or two there during the Session. I expect to come home nearly every week. Come down

Saturday and go back Monday. In that way I will not lose much time from the Legislature and will be able to be at home frequently.

There is very great interest here now about water works. The Republican is opposing them so that you cannot learn much from it. The contest is between the Holly and the reservoir, or gravity System. The Republican favors the Holly because Cooper & Bisant got the men to come here. We are all for the Louisville men - the reservoir System. The only danger we are in is the combination of the Holly men with the ones that don't want any water works and thus defeat the whole scheme.

The weather is still open. It is raining to day we have not fired the Hall stove yet. Put it up yesterday

As you will see from the paper Andrew and Spring Shackelford got up set last Wednesday going to Wat Sedwitt's wedding. The horse - our Dick, came at a wagon wheel at John Bond's blacksmith shop & started to run and got too near the edge of parker & up set. Andrew was driving and talking with Spring and paying no attention to the horse till he got the jump on him. This is my version. He did not run off. They broke the top of the buggy had to come back & get new but fit horse all and just got to wedding in time to see them enter the church. Not having procured a check or P. O. order I enclose five dollar bill. Suppose it will go safely. Save your money it is scarce with me. I'm like the old dasky with his fatted calves.

DEC 22nd
1879



Robert A. Cochran jr.
Amherst,
Mass.

U. A. C.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Robt Abschum jr
Amherst,
Mass.
M. A. C.

Massachusetts Dec 22/79

The box goes by Adams Ex-
press. This evening. Hope it will
reach you in time for Christ-
mas

affectionately

Robt. Hoekman