

of him so she concluded to come home again - John thinks he can make something by running Buena Vista Farm next summer & he will be out there four days every week as soon as spring comes I shall be very homesome but he said when we were married I agreed to stay four days or more every week by myself if he would let me live in town so now he will do so I tell him if he does make anything I will insist on his building the new kitchen - Biddy sends love to Mary Ross & will write to her next week Give my love to George & Mary - Sarah Cye - Mr Ross &c -  
The children talk of saving their fancy candy to take up to Grandma & Frank & want to save their Christmas & New Year presents to show them - but unless we trust some I think your chance of getting any will be small - With love to Father

St. Louis Camp & the Army, West Ohio  
Baby has 2' over the cup marked 2  
no more good luck -  
papa give - his father collected it with

Ashland Jan 1st 1864

My Dear Mother I hope you had "a merry Christmas" & will wish you "a happy New Year" - Though no doubt your heart was sad with memories of other days - thinking of the many happy years you & Father have spent together - which will never come again - As one gets older the years get sadder with the thoughts & memories of buried friends - As old Mrs Putnam says - "she feels so lonely" -  
The children are all happy today having hung up their stockings last night & getting candy & toys - Hildreth is very much obliged to you for the fifty dollars (as he calls it) you sent him in a letter - he has put it away with a donation from Father

Means + thinks of investing it in  
a wagon the next time his Father  
goes to the city - Biddy would hardly  
believe it was for him as she said  
he was one favorite of his Grandmother  
but as the rest of them had the  
presently of their dolls I concluded it  
must be for him - he is very much  
obliged to his Cousin Mary for his  
comfort - Bessie hunts up the eggs  
so well that I gave her a down to  
sell which she got 30 cents for + invested  
in a book, brads, + needles so now she  
lends the needles to the rest +  
has not lost any for a week - which  
is a great help to my needle book  
Yesterday she sewed all day long +  
wanted to sit up + sew in the evening  
she embroidered an apron + made  
two shawls + was complaining of  
a sore finger in the evening as she  
sews with a No 1 - needle + has no  
shimble small enough to use + I  
expect it was hard work - Hilda  
desires me to tell his Grandmother that  
he has read the House that Lark

built - + Cock Robin through twice -  
John put down the new oil cloth in  
the Hall yesterday it is a very good  
one - but too light - I wish you  
could see how nice it looks - the old  
oil cloth he has at last put down up  
stairs + the up stairs hall carpet I  
shall put down in the sitting room  
+ or shall be very fine for the  
winter about the time it is over  
The children think New Year + Christmas  
are happy days they firmly believe  
that Santa Claus came down the chimney  
+ Hilda + Lily say they heard his  
wagon last night - Hisland is  
uncommonly dull - There are two hundred  
in the Hospital this week more than  
they have had for a year - I see your  
Fair was a great affair from the  
paper - I should have liked to have  
been there - Mary Ross must have  
enjoyed it very much  
Mary Anne has got home again  
came last Tuesday Tommy was  
so well pleased to see her but little

Pine Grove Terrace Camp. 2<sup>d</sup> 1864

Mr. John Meaus  
Aspland Ky.

Dear John -

Your very kind  
favor of 22<sup>d</sup> ultimo, accompanied by a pair of  
boots and Master Nauy's Compliments for Mountt,  
was duly received, and would have been acknowledged  
before, but we were waiting in the hope of making a  
return in kind - If you should receive a small  
specimen of the genus *Volubanum* by Telegraph  
You will please place it to the Credit of Mountt's  
or Nauy's account - It being similar to one  
in Mountt's possession which I think contributes  
both to his amusement and health -

You will please remember myself and wife to  
Yours, not forgetting to give our Compliments to  
the little stranger who is so fortunate in calling  
you Father - Always pleased to hear from you  
I remain  
Yours both truly  
J. Meaus

as she was very much attached to him - Mrs. Kinkaid's husband (Mrs. Haskell's son in law) was buried yesterday - he lost his mind this fall & has blind & deaf & would not eat for a week before he died - it seems a singular case & I think was brought on by taking him from a farm & his going into a store not well lighted & staying in it too closely - Most of our young ladies went to the Fair <sup>at Concord</sup> & were frozen up down there - Mrs. Jones among the rest - I hope you are by this time much better - Sarah Dabolt intimated to Friday that she would live with you again, if you wanted her - I hope you will expose yourself as little as possible, so as not to get sick again - If you should be dangerously sick you must let Peta write to me and I will come home - if I have to come by land - Give my love to George & Mary - Tell Mary she can write till you are well - I did not get her letter if she sent one - Tell her to be a good girl & wait till on her Grandmother - Love Home -

Ashland Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - 1864 -

My Dear Mother -

I received two letters from Peta telling me you had been very sick - I was very sorry indeed to hear of it - I was hoping you might get through the winter without any serious illness - You must have suffered very much - I can't imagine what brought it on you, unless you have been working in the kitchen and over heated yourself - I feel very anxious about you and hope you are well missed - Why did you not get Rhoda Lane or Miss Payne - I fear Anne has hardly

enough experience, for a good nurse  
I should like to have come home  
and been with you myself -  
But at present we have no boats  
up or down + the river is almost  
~~impossible~~ too full of ice to be crossed  
We have had no mail for a  
week till yesterday - when both  
of Pats's letters came together -  
If you should be any worse though  
I might go in a sleigh to Portsmoth  
& then take the cars - I hope though  
that this cold weather may soon  
come to an end - I often wish  
that the children could stand a  
while + watch the sleighs from your  
window - We have but two or three  
sleighs in town and no sleigh bells -  
We have had very cold weather for  
a week - The only comfort I derive  
from it is that they have filled the  
ice house - So that ice will be plenty

next summer - Aunt Amanda is  
quite sick with bleeding from the bowels  
She has been under Dr. Bird's care for  
three weeks, + seems to be getting  
worse - I feel as if she was quite  
dangerously sick - She brought it on  
by over working in her kitchen -  
She is so nice she don't like to eat  
her girls cooking + so has worked too  
hard - Mrs. Riggs family are in much  
trouble on account of the death of  
Jennie's husband Mr. Valdemer  
he died in Cincinnati last week  
He had been on a big spree - drinking  
for a week - + probably that caused his  
death - though we have not heard  
the particulars - Jennie had just  
gone on to his Mother's <sup>in</sup> Maryland  
to stay six months taking her little  
boy + the old dutch nurse + expecting  
to be confined while she was there  
she will take his death very hard

In a letter - Love to George  
Mary + Mr Ross - Hoping  
I shall soon hear from you  
I am yours aff. Fatties -

Mr Davs Cook, who was the leader  
of the band, that crossed the bank  
last summer, was brought to the  
Hospital to day - to be taken care  
of - he is quite sick from his  
wounds probably will not recover  
His wife came with him and  
wanted to board at Mrs Berry's  
But Mrs Berry declined the honor  
of boarding her -

Please ask Mary Ross to ask  
Mrs. Supper Dye - where her little  
boy got his wagon that I saw him  
have last fall - If Supper makes  
them + what is the price - John  
thought he could not get one in  
the City for less than \$14 - I thought  
maybe I could get one for \$12 - cheaper  
in Charlestown -

Ashland Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1864 -

My Dear Mother -

It seems a  
long time since I have had a  
letter from Marietta - And I  
begin to fear that you are  
worse - Mary Ross ought to  
write to me if you are not  
able to - for I get so uneasy  
about you - John has been  
out to the furnace all the week  
excepting, Sundays + Mondays  
for two or three weeks + I get  
so lonesome I dont know what  
to do - I feel like getting some  
old woman to come + stay with  
the children + coming up to  
see you on the first boat -

But I suppose I shall have  
to wait until the cold weather  
is over and the danger of the  
cure freezing up, is past.  
Though it is not long since I  
was with you yet I feel very  
anxious to see you again ~~particu-~~  
larly since you have been so sick.  
How often I wish I could live  
in Manitowish, where I could come  
in & see you every day -  
It seems hard that people can't  
have every thing to suit them  
in this world, don't it? -  
John will make about \$2000 for  
himself, by assisting in managing  
the Furnace this summer - but  
I hardly feel as if that would  
pay him for being away from  
his family so long -  
particularly as he has enough to  
live on without it - I thought

we had been very economical  
last year but in counting up our  
expenses they come to \$1500 -  
which quite astonished me -  
everything is much dearer though  
in Ashland than it is in  
Manitowish - I was invited to  
a party at Mr A. Haskell's last  
night but did not go - and to  
day I dined with Mrs. Payne  
Your friend Mrs. Berry was among  
the guests & inquired very particu-  
larly after you - The children  
were all invited but I did not  
take any of them, but Bessie -  
she enjoyed it very much -  
Aunt Amanda is still sick  
in bed - she seems to gain her  
strength very slowly - Father & Grand  
has been sick in bed three weeks  
but is now better - Tell Mary  
Doss to write to Biddy as she  
has been very anxious for some time

father, for the endowment efforts. I must go to the East in a few days, and shall not be able to visit your region for some time. In what form the application should be made to your father, you will know better than I. I should be glad to have you make such suggestions as may occur to you.

The whole matter is of great consequence to the College. Unless the friends who have heretofore aided it shall now co-operate, it will be next to impossible to carry the effort through. Yet failure would be disastrous. Should a revulsion in the labors of the country come before we have secured the \$45,000, the College would be crippled very greatly. But we must not fail. Rich men are doing for such objects as never before. Colleges, East and West, are receiving large benefactions. It cannot be that Marietta will be neglected.

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Very truly, Yours,  
Israel W. Andrews.

John Means, Esq.

Marietta College,  
Feb. 10. 1864.

Dear Sir:

Week before last I was at Hanging Rock for a day or two, and called to see your father. He was ill, however, and I did not see him. I wanted an opportunity to lay before him the present condition of the College, and acquaint him with the effort which its friends have commenced.

There has been no general effort to raise funds since 1847. We have done something in the East in this time, and an effort was begun at the West in 1857; but the panic of May of that year prevented its successful accomplishment. Failing to raise at the East what we needed, and having been subjected to losses of various kinds, amounting to over \$20,000 within a few years, we find our legitimate income now falling short of our expenses nearly \$3,000 a year.

In these circumstances, Douglas Putnam Esq. has generously offered to give one third



of \$45,000 - he will give \$15,000 if others will give \$30,000. He has indeed within a few days offered to add \$10,000, that is, he will give one fourth of \$100,000. This ought to stimulate us to vigorous effort. It will not do to lose these generous offers, if it can be prevented.

The first point is to secure the \$45,000. Besides Mr P.'s pledge of \$15,000, about as much more has been subscribed. This is mostly in sums of \$1000 each. John Newton has given \$2000; W. P. Cutler, \$1500; Benjamin Gates, \$1000.

We must appeal in the first place to those who are able to give largely if so disposed. Before we secure the whole \$100,000, we shall have to throw our net pretty widely.

We wish very much to have your father co-operate in this matter. The cause that calls forth such responses from Mr. Putnam & Mr. Cutler cannot be unworthy of regard. I believe one of the last letters written by the venerable Dr. Kildreth was to old Dr. Goodale of Columbus, in behalf of the College.

In connection with this endowment of-

fort, it has been proposed to prosecute an effort for a Library edifice. The whole of the \$45,000 will be for a fund, the interest of which only is to be used. But whatever is raised for a Library building will count on the \$100,000. Sufficient accommodation for the College and Society Libraries could not be obtained for less than \$15,000. It is proposed to raise this, if possible, among the former students of the College.

As a large part of them are unable to give, unless in very small sums, there must be some large subscriptions. There must be quite a number of, at least, \$500 each. Joseph Perkins has offered \$1000, to the College, with permission to use half of it for the Library, if it can be spared for the other fund. And G. H. Barlow, who married Harriet Ward, will give \$500. Others here offer smaller sums.

After getting the names of a few who seemed given Mr. Perkins & Mr. Barlow, I thought it might be well to issue a circular, as it would be impossible to write letters to all.

You see, then, there are two applications. One to yourself, as an old student, for a Library edifice, and one through you to your

will clean house in March - I  
cant exactly make up my mind  
as to whether I will or not - it will  
depend on the weather - Last week  
we had very cold weather but today  
it is warm as summer - Tomorrow  
is the twins birth day - four years old  
I had half a mind to make them  
a party but I guess Mag & the her  
three children will be party enough  
The coal business at State Furnace  
still continues & probably will help  
the town very much Houses are  
in great demand & rents very high -  
Give my love to George & Mary -  
Biddy says to tell Mary that she  
will ~~write~~ write to her soon -  
Aunt Amanda is nearly well again  
I do hope that you will keep  
well through the Spring & Summer  
Write soon to yours aff  
Father's

Ashland Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1864 -

My Dear Mother

I was very happy  
to receive a letter again, written  
by your own hand - The time  
seems very long that I had not  
had any letter from you - And  
I hope I am truly grateful  
that you are at last being  
restored to your usual health -  
You must have had a tedious  
winter - it is fortunate for you  
that you have such kind neigh-  
bors - Mrs. Nye I know would  
not let you suffer from any want  
of attention that she could bestow  
I am amusing myself writing  
this evening, while waiting for the  
boat to whistle, as I am expect-  
ing Mag Sampton & her family

to stay a few days with me  
She has rented a house in town  
& will stay here, <sup>in town</sup> at least through  
the summer - I am anticipating  
a great deal of pleasure in  
having May here <sup>in town</sup> - and  
am only sorry that I live so far  
away from the house she has rent  
ed - Mr Lampton will come home  
on Saturday and go back on Monday -  
John was at the furnace all the last  
week from Monday till Saturday  
it was so cold that the cards <sup>did</sup> not  
come in as usual - So this week  
he did not go out till Wednesday  
I tell him I might as well be in  
Manitowish - He is home so little  
and it is so lonesome without  
him - I should like very much  
to accept your invitation to come  
up immediately & help you with your

Putnam party - But I should not  
like to leave the children till  
the weather gets warmer - about  
April or May - So you will <sup>have to</sup> have  
to you Putnam tea party without  
me - if you woud wait till April  
I dont think while your health <sup>is</sup>  
so poor that you ought to be  
expected to have any company,  
and I dont think I would  
ask any more than Douglas & his  
wife to tea if I were you -  
I was delighted to hear that Fanny  
Slack intends coming to Manitowish  
I shall enjoy seeing her there, very  
much indeed - Tell Mary Ross  
that I was much obliged to her for  
her photograph & Flora Seice sent  
her thanks, for her - & that Flora  
had an elegant album, given her in  
the City - I suppose. Of course you

us has been a most disagreeable  
month so cold & windy -  
I was quite amused at your  
account of Georges Society - you must  
have enjoyed it very much -  
Give my love to Mary Ross & tell  
her if you always enquires after  
her - Love to George - Pata & Sarah  
I do hope Fanny Slack will be in  
Manetta when I get there -  
John has just returned from the Furnace  
where he has been nearly all the week  
he sees no newspapers out there so he  
lets down & has a feast of papers when  
he comes in & hardly speaks till he  
has read them all -  
Hoping to see you before many weeks  
I am yours aff<sup>r</sup> Father -

Ashland March 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Dear Brother

I was sorry to hear  
that you had been sick again  
but hope by this time you are quite  
well. You and Aunt Amanda  
have been sick about the same  
time she got nearly well again  
and had her room cleaned -  
carpet shook &c. one cold day  
in consequence of which she was  
made very sick again - but  
she is now slowly recovering -  
She has had a Mr. Miss Hopkins  
from Ripley visiting her - who  
afterward went up to make Mr  
Burgess family a visit & Aunt  
Amanda's sister Sophronia, went

with them - they spent a day in  
Manitowish and passed your house but  
had not time to call - They brought  
Margaret Davis back with them  
intending to go to Ripley - but she was  
so sick when they got here that  
after staying one day they were  
obliged to go home & leave her at  
Uncle Hugh's - I invited them all  
over to tea on Wednesday, with Mrs  
Gore & Dr. Brice's family, (where she  
is visiting) Mag Lampton & some  
of the rest of the grass widows  
and we had quite a nice little  
tea party - John was out to the  
Furnace - so the boys were rather  
scarce - and two gentlemen had to go  
home with tea ladies -

We tease Mag Davis a good deal about  
Mr Newton but I can't find out  
whether there is anything serious in  
it or not - I don't enjoy  
Mag Lampton's being in town so much

as I expected - She has a house  
at the far end of town & a little  
colicky baby & stays at home all the  
time to nurse it so I can't see her  
unless I do all the visiting myself -  
which don't suit me exactly -  
Father Means is getting well again  
There is some talk of Mary Anne &  
Arch, making a match - but I  
don't know as there is any truth  
in the report -

I will bring  
you up the garden seeds when I  
come up - Mary Ross had such  
poor luck with the onion seeds I  
gave her I should think you would  
be afraid of them - I wonder if  
you are cleaning house this month  
it has been so cold, that I have  
felt no temptation to begin & don't  
think I will clean until May -  
I can't say exactly when I will visit  
you but hope it will be warm  
enough by April - March with

Martha April 13<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dearest John

I suppose you won't write a line until you get a letter from me - so I shall have to write first - I arrived in safety on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and woke Mother up from her afternoon nap much to her astonishment and dismay - all my friends will insist upon knowing the exact time of my arrival so I have to tell them I came on the Ohio - Mr + Mrs Johnston from Grouton were on the boat and we had a very pleasant trip particularly as there were only five children besides my own - I see Rita + Sarah

and Fanny most every day and  
tonight we are to have a Geography  
meeting at Maunai - We have  
had hard weather ever since  
I have been here with the pros-  
pect of its continuing - Still vegetat-  
ion is farther advanced than with  
us + Mother has most all her  
house cleaned - The children  
are all well + I should like  
to hear how Bessie is, when you  
write - I suppose you wont spend  
any time in Ashland - Dont let  
Martin L. do any thing in the garden  
till I get home or he will do it  
wrong of course - + Be sure + have  
some sweet potato bras in the field  
made opposite the house -  
Mother sends her respects + says she  
would be very happy to see you here -  
With much love I am yours -  
Hattie -

Martha April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1864

Dearest John

I received your letter and  
am glad you are enjoying yourself  
so well at the Furnace & hope you  
will have your work so well done  
that you will be able to spend  
some time with your family  
when they return - I hope Mrs  
Nichols enjoyed the Coal gentlemen  
and am glad I wasn't at home -  
I am enjoying myself in a quiet  
way took tea at Mrs Knowles on  
Friday & saw Miss Narciss Dana  
who is a beautiful girl, but in very  
poor health - I have not had  
quite as many calls as I usually  
have - but as many as I care to  
return - The children are well  
Rose swallowed a pin Saturday

Mrs. Ann Bates is here visiting  
enjoying herself very much & having  
Dr. Linn's pills out all the while  
& her health -



but as yet it don't seem to trouble  
her - Long Putnam is going out to  
the Furnace to commence life in a  
Log Cabin - He is quite lame yet  
does not stand upon his foot -  
Sam is so busy in the Bucket Factory  
that he is not even able to visit one  
on Sundays - Ben has been in  
Pittsburg ever since I came up -  
Mother is well & has <sup>two</sup> ~~two~~ dutch  
gardeners last week, who can't  
understand her, nor she them  
So she spent most of her time with  
them & they dug up all her crew  
strawberry beds & <sup>shoveled away</sup> dug up all the roots but  
one - transplanted her peach tree, by  
cutting it off close to the ground & other  
operations in the same style -  
The twins went to church yesterday  
Lily said they went in the front door  
<sup>at church</sup> & came out the kitchen door -  
Hildreth went to the Catholic Church

with Biddy & crossed himself  
with holy water as he came out -  
There are no peach blossoms in  
Manitka but plenty of pears &  
apples - I think I will come  
home next week on the Boctona  
which will probably reach Ashland  
May 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday 4 o'clock P. M.  
God will please to be there to  
meet me or leave the key some  
where that I can find it -  
I would prefer though seeing yourself  
I don't care particularly about  
coming only the weather is getting  
so warm that I fear for Bessie  
will melt in her winter clothes -  
Mother sends her respects & is sorry  
you can't make it convenient to  
come up & see us - Yours every  
day  
Hattie -

Ashland May 6<sup>th</sup> 1864.  
Dearest Mother

I suppose you will be very anxious to hear of our safe arrival - and now that the trunks are unpacked some script & order once more restored I can take the first spare moment to write and inform you that all is well - The Boston reached Ashland about half past four. The clerks helped me off very politely - but John was not to be seen - Uncle Hugh however helped us up the bank & informed me that John had gone to Union for Bessie expecting to return before the Boston came & had left the key of the house with Arch - So we commenced

Grand Mother lives one of Henry's sons  
the boat left like the same ship  
with them out of it -

a search for Arch & he was not  
where to be found - & I concluded  
to go down to Mag Samptons &  
stay till he was found - At last  
after we had reached Mag's Arch  
came with the key - having been  
fishing & not seen the boat  
So we stayed to Mag's tea &  
started home & met John & Bessie  
who had just arrived & taken tea  
with Mrs Bessy - So we went home  
a united family again -  
found the house as usual, duty  
as a pig pen - The cow with a  
fine calf - all the little chickens  
murdered by cats & one old hen in  
a dying condition - The tulips coming  
into blossom - Have had two men  
at work in the garden all day &  
tomorrow shall have all my seed  
planted and if the weather continues  
as warm as it is today shall have  
a good garden after all soon -

A great many inquiries after you  
among all the ladies I have seen  
also after Mary Ross I tell them  
I ain't a bit glad to get home - would  
much rather have stayed in Manitoba  
John had been in waiting four days  
for me expecting me on the Ohio -  
so that he was quite rejoiced to  
see me - Poor Mrs Wameux  
has left & gone to Cincinnati to live  
as she could get no house here to  
live in I was very sorry to have her  
leave - Fannie Michells & the baby are  
here Aunt Amanda has not been  
outside her gate yet - Give my  
love to Peter & Sis & Fannie George  
& Mary Ross - tell Peter I will soon  
write to her - Hoping you <sup>are</sup> still well  
& wishing much I could be with  
you - I am yours very  
Father -

Marietta May 21-1864.

Mr J. Means,

Dear Sir.

This being the 25th year since the organization of the "Alpha Kappa" Soc. of Marietta College, we intend to celebrate her birth by a "Reunion" of her sons, Tuesday evening, June 28-1864.

We purpose having a good old Alpha Kappa, soulstirring time and in order to do this we must have as many of our old members with us as possible.

Carnestly soliciting your presence on this occasion.

I am-

Yours fraternally  
E. W. P. Wyatt  
for A. K. Soc.

did the sweeping - She says she can  
sweep better than her Mother can -

So you see my girls are quite useful  
for their age - They drafted a hundred  
men yesterday in Ashland & Cattottery  
to guard Government stores in Cattottery  
thirty days - among the rest they took my  
grandson - which will not suit my sister  
arrangements at all -

<sup>in the passage</sup>  
Mr. Weston has returned from Africa  
I should like to see her very much  
Give my love to Rita & Sarah & Mary  
Nass & George & Mr. Nass - I should  
like to see you all in Ashland -  
How I wish you could come down  
this fall - Write soon to yours  
Father

— I was up about noon in the family  
& then I was in the wash on them  
only from five o'clock & then I took  
over to Mrs. Bartlett & Mrs. Blackman  
they

Ashland May 26<sup>th</sup> 1844 -

My Dear Mother

I have been  
intending for some time to write  
to you - but as I wrote to Rita  
last week I concluded she would  
tell you, we were all well - which  
was about the best news I had  
to tell - I was glad to receive your  
letter and find you were well  
enough to walk out as far as Mrs  
Slack's which I think is a pretty  
long walk - but still I should have  
been very happy to have gone with  
you - I find Ashland so lonesome  
this summer and John is away  
almost all the time but Sunday -  
the time hangs very heavy on my  
hands - I wish Mr. Fairbourn had

gained his lawsuit & the Means  
lost Buena Vista - and then John  
would have stayed at home -  
I have been over to see Mrs. Partell this  
afternoon she is settled nicely in Mrs  
Nichols house - has bought her parlor  
carpets & furniture & things look very  
natural - I think her four children  
have the whooping cough - though the  
Dr. is not quite sure of it - her youngest  
boy has spasms a great deal & has  
had all winter - and her little girl  
is quite sick today from the cough -  
Dessie is very uneasy for fear her  
baby will get it - as he is so delicate -  
I think there is no possible chance  
now for any children to escape it  
so I am in hopes they may take it  
& get through with it this summer -  
I never knew a disease so general  
as it is through the town - some  
children have it very light and  
others cough very hard - I shall

have a hard time of it at night with  
them, if they all five take it at once -  
Grandmother Ellison is in town & will  
take dinner with me tomorrow -

Mrs. Charles Wilson desired to be particular  
ly remembered to you she would like  
to see you in Ashland very much -  
All the ladies inquire after you frequently  
and also about Mary Ross -  
Flora Tice is going soon to Maryland  
& will not return again to school -  
I am sending Eldred to school this  
week he seems well pleased - but  
stops to play with the boys on the street  
as he comes back at night - I shall  
have to whip him some, to make him  
come home straighter - The school only  
lasts four weeks longer but I am in  
hopes he will learn something in that time -  
Biddy went on a frolic yesterday & was  
gone all day - Bessie washed the  
breakfast dishes & most of the dinner  
dishes & washed them well too - Betty

The boat would be so late getting  
here - so I am quite lonely and miss  
you, as much as you do me -

Our house seems very warm after  
being at yours - and the flies are in  
thousands on the rooms - How I  
wish I could see you today - but  
I suppose I shall not soon again  
have that happiness unless you will  
come & see me - I suppose Mary  
Kiss will spread herself at the  
concert tonight - I hope it will be a success  
Give my love to Mary & George - Al & Sis  
& all inquiring friends & write soon to your  
Father -

Ashland July 7<sup>th</sup> 1864 -  
Dearest Mother -

According to your  
request I will write you a few  
lines to let you know of my  
safe arrival at home -

We reached Hampden at 11 a.m.  
and stayed till 3 1/2 P.M. -  
I eat a very good hot dinner  
& tried to take a nap - the  
rest of the party took their  
baskets & had a dinner in  
the woods - We reached Portsmouth  
at half past six & went to the  
Biggs house - When they informed  
us that they were so full that  
they could not keep any ladies  
but would take the gentlemen -

So we did not know what to do  
Mr Warner whom I met on the  
car went for me to the Plymouth  
House - a small dirty hotel ~~two~~  
down street - & returned with the  
news that they would take us -  
when putting my head out of the  
window I happened to see Mr  
Gaylord walking on the pavements  
below me - I immediately called  
him & he came up into the parlor  
and invited me out to his house  
& brought up the carriage & I  
went out - found May very glad  
to see me & Pat - & Dr Humpstead  
& his wife there also - ~~he~~ I spent  
the night there & came out in the  
morning with May in the carriage  
& took dinner at the Biggs House  
& after dinner the boat came  
& we started - reached Ashland

at ten in the evening and found  
John ready to receive me - Mr  
Gaylord & Dr. Humpstead came  
on the boat as far as the Rock  
Mr. Gaylord came up to Ashland  
today & took dinner with me &  
will return for tea & stay all  
night if he does not get away -  
The children are in perfect health  
& very glad to see me & are very  
much obliged to Grandma & Mary  
Ross for their presents - Biddy is  
very much disappointed that May  
Does did not come with me.  
The garden has been weeded & looks  
quite comfortably - melons are in blossom  
though I think your nutmegs are larger  
than mine - my peas & beans are  
almost out of season & lettuce is in blossom  
John went out to the Furnace this  
morning he just came in, to gallant  
me home last night as he supposed



Biddy is very busy in doing her  
work + running to see Mary - I  
hope on my account that her  
sickness will not be long -  
Aunt Amanda is still very poorly  
she has been sick since last  
November - I think if she would  
take a trip somewhere it would  
do her good - My love to George  
& Mary - Biddy sends love to  
Sarah - Write soon to yours  
Father -

Ashland July 30<sup>th</sup> 1864 -  
Dearest Mother

I was very glad  
indeed to get your short letter  
and find you were still well  
and enjoying a visit from Sister  
Sarah - If she is still with you  
give her my love, and tell her I  
should have liked very much  
to have seen her - I often think  
of you dear Mother and with you  
I have lived over the sad scenes  
of last year - Last Sunday was  
the day <sup>on which</sup> dear Father died a year  
ago - and I thought much of his  
sufferings which were then ended  
forever - and I knew that you  
must have felt on that day

sad indeed - and wished much  
that I could have been with you -  
Old Mr Lampton died this week  
I think he must have been near  
Father's age - He married a young  
woman of 25 some two years ago -  
and since last fall he has  
been sick and she has been his  
nurse - I suppose she has not  
had a good nights sleep during  
his illness and for the last six  
weeks she did not go to bed  
but all the sleep she had was  
in her chair by his side as he  
would allow no one else to wait  
upon him - He will leave her  
very little property as most of  
his money was invested in the  
house that was burned in April  
and all her clothes and a great  
many nice things he had bought  
her were burned in it as he

would not let her go back to the  
house to save them, which she could  
very well have done -

I hope Mary Cross will enjoy her  
visit - If she has time before she  
starts I wish she would mend  
my head collar & send it in your  
next letter -

Mrs. Charles Wilson sends her love  
to you & <sup>says</sup> the "Justinia" that she  
gave you blooms every six weeks  
& all through the winter so maybe  
you will like it better -

The children are all well -  
I believe that they have had better  
health than any children in  
town as they have escaped whooping  
cough - mumps - chills - dysentery &c  
and I don't suppose any other  
family of children in town have  
been well all summer -

Biddy's sister Mary is sick with  
a fever at Mrs O'Fanelle - and

Pro. Mars Off. 9<sup>th</sup> Distry  
Greensbury Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1864

John Means Esq

Dear Sir;

1864

In Answer  
to your inquiries in letter dated yester-  
day. I will say that my instruc-  
tions are to have all musters in by  
the 5<sup>th</sup> of Sept. that are to be credited  
to the draft, and to be fully pre-  
pared to make the draft upon  
that day. Unless orders are  
received postponing the draft  
none can be credited entering  
after that day.

I would very much prefer  
the districting you speak of,  
and had enrolled the Counties  
with that view, but received  
orders to consolidate them, making  
Counties the smallest districts.  
If you do not raise a Company, you  
had better consolidate with the Co.,  
raising here - you will be credited with  
you & list your number P M

No.

Provost Marshal's Office, Ninth District,

State of Kentucky,

Greensburg, Ky., ..... 1864.

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in the state to any other point, for four months from  
this date; but this permit is subject to revocation at  
any time.

.....  
Capt. and Provost Marshal, 9th Dist. of Ky.

of foot. So when I try of one way of  
 sewing I can try the other it is small  
 + fastens on any table - makes the  
 Cover + Baker Stitch or nearly that  
 + I think I shall like it very  
 much when I get used to it -  
 Father + Mother Means Lane Mag - Sam  
 + Sampstead + his wife have returned  
 from their travels + had a delightful  
 time - they went to Canada Niagara  
 Boston &c - + had a delightful time  
 Sam + wife stayed with the Means' party  
 all the time - Mag Means came up  
 Saturday after Grandmother Ellison +  
 they went down to Union today  
 Grandmother has been in Ashland all  
 summer - Aunt Amanda is still at  
 the ~~Spring~~ <sup>Spring</sup> + thinks she is better -  
 I have put up 46 jars + bottles of Tomatoes  
 + shall finish this week - Saturday  
 we visited the Hospital - they have  
 45 white + 35 Blacks there - the poor  
 black soldiers are put out in tents - I  
 think it is a regular shame - but they  
 say it is against the law to put them in  
 white hospitals - There is great mortality  
 among them - My Corn bread seems  
 to find a good market among them  
 Give my loves to Nita + Sis + ask them why  
 they don't write - Love to Mary + George +  
 Wanda of Father

John is very busy this week + I don't know  
 to have written + account to the dear old  
 the draft - I don't know whether he  
 will succeed but he certainly has  
 taken enough horse + time for it -

Ashland Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Dear Mother -  
 I have been intending  
 for some time to write to you but  
 have been busy + - I am  
 happy to inform you that the  
 children have entirely recovered  
 from their whooping cough - which  
 proved to be nothing but a severe  
 cold - so I am hoping now that  
 they will not take it - as almost  
 all the children in town have  
 had it, but them - They are very  
 well and Silas is going to school  
 in the afternoon to Mary Dillon on  
 the hills back of us - she is teaching  
 her little brother + sister + I asked  
 her to teach him for two months

He is much pleased with going there  
I must tell you before I forget it  
of a new way to keep grapes -  
Gather them while dry & ripe, before  
the least frost & pack them in  
boxes with the brown grape leaves  
& they will keep fresh & plump till  
Christmas (of course where they won't  
freeze) - A lady told me this who had  
had 400 vines - I hope you may  
try it & succeed as you have so many  
this year - The least frost on them  
she said would prevent their keeping.  
I suppose Mary Ross has returned  
in fine spirits - I was much obliged  
to you for her letters and will ~~send~~<sup>bring</sup>  
them to you some time again -  
Tell her I have a fashion <sup>number</sup> book for  
her & will send it as soon as she  
can stay at home long enough to do it  
up - I wish you & her could come &  
make me a visit this fall as  
the river seems pretty well up &

the Linnic Drown is running -  
We had a nice picnic for the  
children over in the park week before  
last which my children enjoyed very  
much & we proposed a water melon  
picnic but it rained the day we  
set to we stayed at home & eat our  
own water melons - Mrs Davis Mrs  
O'Farrells (Mother in law who visited  
her last year from Iowa is  
now here & I suppose I shall  
have to make her a small tea  
party this week - I have  
commenced the childrens winter clothes  
which will keep me pretty busy for  
a while - at least you would think  
so if you saw the pile laid up to  
be lengthened & altered - Every  
thing is so horribly dear here, to buy  
that I shall make their old  
clothes do them as much as possible  
I have bought me a new sewing  
machine to run by hand instead

As to the sweet Pickle, Miss Maria  
came over after I had made Misse  
saying that I had ought to have  
put in 1 qt. of vinegar to 4 lb. of Melon,  
it was a mistake in the receipt.

Your description of your fruit was  
very fine, Mary had a great wish to be  
with you to eat peaches; what we have  
had is has been very small & inferior  
Doubtless you had what I call a good  
peach this year. They have been so dear  
when they first came they were \$4.00 bushel  
I have not had one this year.

The world keeps working along enough  
to keep people busy; the 10<sup>th</sup> of next Mo.  
is to be a great Meeting of the Presbyterians  
all the Ministers & Clergy of the State. I  
expect to see all down. I expect we will  
have to open a house of entertainment, I  
do dread it very much, in my present situation.  
Mr. Coyleston is here with his family I heard  
he had bought a house on 4<sup>th</sup> & is intending to build.  
Remember me to all enquiring friends, tell them I send my  
Love & particularly to them, Love to all the family. P. C. H.

of us by of - with as - your - your - off  
of - us - by - of - with - as - your - your - off

Mary's - Mrs. -  
Marissa Sept. 20 - 1867

My Dear Mother,

I received your letter in  
due time, was happy to hear that you  
are all, enjoying the blessing of good health.

My late sickness came upon Mary  
unexpectedly, I had been well so long  
that I began to think that my old  
friend the Ti had forgotten me.

I am getting along nicely, though  
rather slowly, still rather weak  
& feeble, but am very thankful that  
I am able to go about to direct my  
new girl which is no small undertaking  
if they are ever so good; when perfect  
strangers to the house, & ways of cooking.

I have got a girl that I am much  
pleas'd with, I think she will do nicely

after I get her train'd.

Sarah D. left Mon about a week since to go on her travels, I shall miss her very much, about my cooking, but on Mamey's accounts this one will suit me much better; she is so lively willing to do any thing & so good natured that I feel as if I am very fortunate in getting such a one.

Douglas Freeman's wife & son took tea with me yesterday.

We are having delightful weather here now for a few days past; after our extreme warm dry weather that we had last week; two days in the week the thermometer stood 94° one of those days was the fair they had to water the streets the dust was so thick. - It was a very busy week Political Meetings, Fair, & Auctions, Cal. Emig's house & furniture

was quite an excitement with the gentlemen & ladies; I expect that you would like to have had some of the nice things, I was too unwell to go up, so I saw Mr. Mooney. - Now what do you think of Mess. James & up in Cal. Emig's house with all his silver, will it be as large as life - do tell Mrs. Washel all about it, & describe the beautiful places.

Mr. Noah Wilson's remains arriv'd a week ago here, Mrs. W. has recently arriv'd, they are to have the funeral on Thursday. poor Man what a sufferer he must have been for the last two years.

I am pleas'd to hear that the elegant mansion is progressing to finish, Mary D. was much pleas'd with the advertisement; nothing like having things found large abroad. As for the Mockings I am waiting for further orders; I do not know but you had for gotten that I have a pair here for Elly. I thought you would like

the other children, please Mrs. Washel



been about two weeks from home  
they have had pleasant weather  
came down on the Manita  
boat & you could have come with  
them just as well as not -

I have concluded not to send  
to Manita for my glass now  
but will send to Hat Gard to  
get it in the city - as she can  
get it cheaper & better there -

Hildesh goes to school to Mary Hiller  
& has suspender pants & roundabouts  
& he is prouder of them than anything  
he ever had in his life - Tell Will  
I was delighted with his photograph  
& will write to her soon -

I should like to have Frank & Mary  
make me a visit - he must  
be pleased to get home again -  
What does Douglas call his new baby  
Love to George - Frank - &c -

Write soon to your  
Hattie -

Ashland Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Dear Mother & Mary  
I was very  
happy to get your letter & find you  
well enough again to write - I  
expect you have had so many  
nice pears - apples & grapes this fall  
to eat, that it made you sick -  
We have not been troubled that  
way, so have all kept in fine  
health - I have not seen a right  
good apple to eat this fall -  
The apples raised about here are  
only fit to cook - I am glad you  
had such a gay time with Dr. Huntington  
son - I should think he & Miss  
Lunkley might as well get married -  
We had a very nice Lincoln  
Barbecue at Cattlettsburg last

week which I attended - They raised \$700 for expenses & chartered six steamboats to carry the people back & forth free which of course drew a great crowd - besides, the Telegraph took up 900 free in the morning - I should think there were 4000 people present being the greatest crowd ever gathered in this part of the country - They had a very good free dinner - the beef was well cooked & good bread and a great deal of nice cake & pies - pickles &c plenty <sup>for all</sup> & a good deal left - I should think - Bro. Mr. Moody made the principal address - and it was the first abolition speech I ever had the pleasure of listening to in Kentucky - Such a one, as if he had delivered it, five years ago he would have been stoned & egg'd for - He spoke three hours - and made a very good and amusing speech

A great many people <sup>from</sup> ~~to~~ Fronton & Hanging Rock were present - Most of the Speakers however did not come - They had a beautiful day & the whole affair was a perfect success - The meeting was held in the field where Uncle Hugh's house formerly stood (it was burnt last spring) - Rose fell off the fence last week & cut a great piece right out of her forehead & I am afraid it will make a bad scar - Dr. Bois dressed it with adhesive plaster & drew it together again - but it cannot fail to leave a scar - She is very sorry because they can tell Rose & Lily apart now, she says - I was very sorry Aunt Burgess & Bro. Cutler did not let you know they were coming to Ashland - it would have been such a nice chance for company for you to come & make me a visit - they will leave tomorrow having

Hildreth were \$3 - they load is 80 cents  
a pound - butter 50. & eggs 25 cent a dozen  
Apples \$3.00 a barrel - What are they in  
Maricopa? - I am much pleased with  
the prospect of the little stockings -  
Hildreth is in the most need however  
as I find it impossible to buy any to  
fit him in town - his size brings one  
that don't seem to be made - I shall  
send his pattern instead of Harry's  
as Harry has a full supply & I can  
buy his size without trouble - Hildreth  
only has one good pair that you knit  
him last winter -

John still goes out to the furnace  
but I hope will soon be through -  
The Buena Vista law suit is settled  
The Company are to pay Mr. Rice  
\$16,000 - & their own lawyers will have  
a heavy bill besides - I hope you will  
keep well this winter - Give my  
love to George & Mr. Ross - Dis. & Dita  
Biddy sends love to Mary -

Write soon to your  
Mother

Ashland Dec 3<sup>d</sup> 1864 -

Dear Mother & Mary

I am happy to  
inform you that the glasses  
were had arrived in perfect safety  
& is packed away on the highest  
shelves in the closet up stairs without  
a single piece being broken or  
cracked. Which is better luck  
than I anticipated - It is exactly  
what I wanted and I am much  
pleased with it - the some glasses  
are very pretty - and the whole  
when filled & placed on a table  
in the morning - will be quite  
ornamental - I am much obliged  
to Mary & Sarah for their trouble  
It is nearly six dollars cheaper than  
I could have bought it in Cin

cinonati - With the dollar that  
is left I would like to have  
Mary pay Mr Aye for my  
pudding boiler - I believe it is  
\$1.75 - & the other 25 she & Sarah  
can have in candy anticipating Christmas  
I shall be much pleased to have  
Mary & Frank make me a visit  
but in consequence of some little  
arrangements I shall have to  
make, it would suit me better,  
for them to come the middle  
of January ~~or in February~~ -  
Biddy has the promise of a visit  
also about the last of December  
to go home to see her Mother -  
I suppose it won't make any  
great difference to them to post-  
pone the visit a few weeks & it  
will suit me better then -  
Mother Means & Mraz have been  
up making me a visit this

week & went home yesterday  
We took dinner at Uncle Hugh's  
yesterday - Aunt Amanda is  
much better - I was at an  
Oyster dinner at Mrs Gattells  
two weeks ago - We had oysters  
cooked in all different ways &  
an elegant dinner - Oysters are  
so very dear this winter Mrs G's were  
\$2.00 a half can - They bring the  
little core oysters here this winter  
& they are only 40 cents a can - &  
thus do open or more in a can - I  
think a can would keep you in  
toast for some time - I never tried  
any of them until this winter &  
find them pretty good -  
Prices still keep up in the city - We  
bought a barrel of sugar the other  
day & only gave \$65 - for it (one  
barrel last spring cost \$40) -  
a box of soap \$10 - a barrel of flour \$12 -  
Shoes made by our shoe maker for

Hanging-Rock, C. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

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To Keepsie N.Y.  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1864

Dear John  
Yours

of 9<sup>th</sup> inst was received  
last night. I would  
have been ere this, but  
thruph I might improve  
my hand writing by going  
into Pen drawing. There is  
splendid sleighing here  
now, we have had some very  
<sup>heavy</sup> snow during the past week  
or two. The Union League is  
going have a big supper meet-  
Tuesday night. We expect to  
have grand time. Horace  
Greely Henry Ward Beecher  
and a host of other great  
men are expected to  
attend. I don't mind

whether you or not (belong  
I know I will do).  
The College is also going  
to have a supper next  
Thursday night. We are  
all organized into military  
companies for this special  
occasion, and expect to  
make grand show. John  
J. Gough lectured here  
last Wednesday night  
and Jack Billings week  
before. Billings lives  
in Pokepsie. There is  
a teacher here teaching in  
College by name of Fritson  
who says he says to teach  
school in Ashland, also  
help Fletcher to keep books  
for Key Iron Coal Co. he says he  
knows you and Uncle  
Hugh. What kind of  
a man was he in Ashland?

Please excuse this  
irregular written letter  
as there are a lot of boys  
in my room telling of you.  
Write often  
Yours Truly  
J. W. Heath

Abbeville, S. C., 21st, Dec., 1864.  
Dear Mother

Fattie asks me to write for her, that the result of the "little arrangements" which interfered with Mary Ross' proposed visit, is a fine son, who was born Friday morning 16th inst - weighs 9½ pounds, and is as remarkable as young men of his age generally. Fattie has the same woman to nurse her that she had when the twins and Harry were born - and is getting along very well.

The other children are very well and



highly pleased with the  
baby - Bessie makes  
herself quite useful  
in taking care of the  
twins and Harry

Will keep you advised  
of Hattie's welfare until  
she is able to write for  
herself - All join in  
wishing you and the  
family a "Merry Christmas"

Your obedient

son

John Hunt

Arkland Ky

26th Dec 1864

Dear Mother

Since I wrote  
you Hattie has got  
along very well  
Sits up some now  
and enjoys eating  
and drinking again  
The babe does very well  
cries very little only  
when he wishes some  
food.

We have had  
some pretty cold  
weather, Mercury at  
6° above zero, heavy  
rain and high rivers.  
All well and  
Have been enjoying  
Christmas, the little

Stockings hung around  
quite plentifully,  
Our new - byal -  
Methodist Episcopal  
Ch. Meeting House, was  
dedicated last Sunday  
They have a very nice  
small house, and will  
be out of debt to -  
Wishing a "Happy  
New Year to all!"  
Yours  
John Hunt