

Statement of the Condition of Comroy Salt Co

January 1st 1874.

Trial Balance.

<u>Stock</u>	75.000	
<u>Cash</u>	38 50	
<u>O. R. S. Co 1872.</u>	243 13	
<u>Comroy Stat Bk</u>	440 69	
<u>O. R. S. Co 1873.</u>	26.713 88	
<u>Salt Property</u>		75.000
<u>Profit & Loss</u>		10.943 34
<u>Bills Payable</u>		12.719 72
<u>Comroy Coal Co</u>		2.739 84
<u>Pay Roll</u>		1.333 27
	102.736 20	102.736 20

Assets

<u>Cash</u>	38 50	
<u>O. R. S. Co 1872</u>	243 13	
<u>Comroy Stat Bk</u>	440 69	
<u>O. R. S. Co 1873.</u>	26.713 88	27.736 20

Liabilities

<u>Bills Payable</u>	12.719 72	
<u>Comroy Coal Co</u>	2.739 84	
<u>Pay Roll</u>	1.333 27	16.792 83

Assets over Liabilities \$ 10.943 34

The item "Comroy Coal Co" in liabilities is for fuel which is carried over to 1874. (46000 bus)

Statement Jan'y 1874 —

OFFICE OF
Means, Kyle & Co.,

Hanging Rock, O., Aug. 1 1874

Dear John

I have been attending a meeting of the Ashland M. Co., and making father a little visit at the same time. Father does not seem well to me, and I hope you will be able to keep him with you at Ashland.

Thank the only company he sees is Mrs. Clark, who is always looking after him when the cause is clear. This should not go on while he is so lonely. Love to Mattie & all the children. I go down on Flutwood tonight.

Your brother

William Means

Will

1 Jan 1874

Letter

1874

Office of William Means,

Cincinnati, June 9th 1874

Dear John
I send you for pleasure to-day the last picture by Lincoln, which your friends think very good, and I recommend you to keep, as your own children will be glad to have it some day.

To-day dinner with John Dickson to-day, and on my way, noticed the sign of John J. Hagan & Co. Iron & Building, Iron, Nails, Steel Glap & Co. and then the names "John J. Hagan & Geyam Gaus." as the partners. I understand Mr. Gaus has gone out of the hardware business, and it looks like he expected to be the agent of the Norton Works for the sale of nails. Also have learned that the Norton Works ordered 30 tons Wrought steel from this same Hagan whom nobody knows, while at the same time I who have been receiving it regularly by consignment to sell on best terms I could get, and as a Means, am somewhat a representative man of the Co., had no notice - Please understand I don't care about this matter on my own account.

but it indicates something - I have no
doubt all Cin. stockholders (Guns
excepted) will favor John Dickson
as director, and I am well satisfied he
is the best man for our interests generally,
aside from being best for the Company.
John Kyle, Henry Hanna, John Dickson
Dick Smith "the truly good" and others
will visit Arkland with me as soon as
the concern can be got into operation.
Henry Hanna says he thinks he will
take some of those lands and I have no
doubt they can be disposed of readily.
My love to all yours and believe me
I am your brother
William Means

W. M. Means 74

June 20/74
will 24

Dear Sir, June 20th 1874

Mr. John Means
Ashtabug Co.

Dear John
Your favor of 15th & 16th
insts. both at hand,
and contents noted.

It appears from it that
father has transferred all
the stock he held in the
State Bonds. I enclose
Certificate #9536 of the
S. M. R. R. Co. for 4 shares
of stock, sold him by
C. B. Willard and seek
me to be transferred.

Just returned from
Portsmouth, where I have

been attending the funeral
services of my old friend
Charles Tracy. I suppose
you have been advised of a
meeting of stockholders of the
State Bond Mts. last week.

I did not want to run
unless to show that the bonds
are not greatly in demand at
this point. Matters and
bag are doing well. Love
to all yours

Your brother
William Means

Will. Jan 23
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Con. Jan. 23 1879

Dear John

The L. M. R. R.

stocks which father took
from Willard was worth par.
and taken at par. We
held a meeting for the
subscription of bonds for
Anton Wacker yesterday. few
attended and few bonds were
taken. I think however there
will be no difficulty in
refusing all that may
be needed, though it is
evident that the stock
holders here don't seem
willing to place so much
money in Col. Norton & his

family's hands. Your idea
of a financial man would
give general satisfaction,
and I think Temberly
the right man for the
place. I was to see him
and spent the night
with him last week.

All well as usual.
Love to all and believe
me

Your son
William Wacker

[2 Feb 1874]

Whereas the following agreement has heretofore been made by and between the Lexington and Big Sandy R.R. & E.D., of the one part, and Norton Iron Works, of the other part:

Copy.

The Lexington & Big Sandy R.R. & E.D. hereby proposes to E.M. Norton Esq. for himself and associates.

§1 - To carry Coal over our Road for forty cents (40¢) per net ton - Limestone and Iron Ore for Twenty-five cents (25¢) per gross ton, in our cars, for distances of fifteen (15) miles or under; or we will deduct fifteen per cent (15%) off from these prices, if in the case of said Norton and associates.

§2 - Will sell to said Norton and associates Coal delivered at this Company's Mines at one dollar (\$1.00) per net ton, in addition to the price paid for mining coal in said Mines.

Will sell and convey any number, not exceeding five hundred (500) of front feet, beginning at this Company's lower line and extending up the River, at the rate of Three dollars (\$3.00) per front foot, one-third (1/3) payable on the acceptance hereof, the remainder (2/3) in one (1) and two (2) years with interest.

§3 - All on these express conditions: that the said Norton and associates shall within eighteen (18) months from the acceptance hereof erect or cause to be erected and put in operation in the town of

Ashland, Ky a Blast Furnace with capacity to produce not less than thirty (30) tons of pig iron per day, and a Nail Factory with capacity to produce not less than two hundred & fifty (250) Kegs (100^{lbs}) of nails per day.

This proposition to remain open ninety (90) days from the date hereof, and the provisions thereof to continue in force for five (5) years, if accepted.

In testimony whereof the aforesaid Lexington and Big Sandy R. R. E. D. has set its signature by John Means President thereof this 28th day of May A.D. 1842.

(Sig) Lexington & Big Sandy R. R. E. D.

By John Means President

(Copy of Acceptance)

Ashland, Ky. Aug 23. 1842.

To the Lexington & Big Sandy Rail Road Co. E. D. :

I hereby notify you that I accept your proposition made to myself and associates on the 28th day of May A.D. 1842 for carrying Coal and other purposes.

(Sig) E. McPorton

For himself & others under the corporate name of the Porton Iron Works.

And the contracting parties being desirous of modifying the same, it is hereby agreed to cancel the foregoing between said parties, and agree as follows - viz:

(Proposition)

The Lexington & Big Sandy R.R. E. D. Leiby
proposes to the Norton Iron Works:

To carry Coal over our Road for forty
cents (40¢) per net ton; Limestone and Iron ore
for twenty-five cents (25¢) per gross ton, in
our cars - for distances of fifteen miles or
under; or we will deduct fifteen per cent (15%)
off from these prices, if in the cars of said
Norton Iron Works.

Will sell to said Norton Iron Works Coal,
delivered at this Company's Mines, at one dollar
(\$1.00) per net ton, in addition to the price paid
for mining Coal in said Mines; only for use
in the Manufactories hereinafter named.

All on these express conditions: that the said
Norton Iron Works shall, within eighteen (18)
Months from the acceptance hereof, erect or
cause to be erected and put in operation, in the
town of Ashland, Ky., a Blast Furnace, with capacity
to produce not less than thirty (30) tons of pig iron
per day; and a Nail Factory with capacity to
produce not less than two hundred and fifty
(250) Kegs (100 lbs) of Nails per day.

This agreement, and the provisions
thereof to continue in force for five (5) years
from and after the time said Blast Furnace
shall be put in operation.

In testimony whereof the aforesaid
Lexington & Big Sandy Rail Road, Eastern Division

By J^o Means President thereof; and the aforesaid
Norton Iron Works, by E. M. Norton President
thereof, have hereunto set their signatures this second
day of September A.D. 1874.

Lexington & Big Sandy Rail Road Eastern
Division By John Means President

Norton Iron Works
Contract No. 1
Rail Road

1874 July 1st 805 + 100 + 40 = 945

Whit writes often to ^{Feb 11/74} ^{M.A. Adams} ~~the~~ ^{we}
hear from Will once in a great
while but not much news he
wrote he had been to Scotland
and London, but that was
all did not mention seeing
father, or you or any one I suppose
he saw Tom Black.

I have a letter from Fannie
every Tuesday morning.

The weather is quite pleasant
now with an occasional
shower, tell Hattie the would
never know what chills
were were she to spend the
winter here - Now for an imputation
item in this letter - please send
me a check for four hundred
dollars. Am glad you don't
keep our money all invested.

Please send check soon as you
receive this - he always looks at the
price of gold in the morning papers
and it seems to me it always goes

my when I get a check. ~~There~~ ~~was~~ ~~in~~ ~~a~~ ~~wholly~~ ~~look~~
~~the~~ ~~idea~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~day~~ ~~for~~ ~~to~~ ~~all~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~hotel~~ ~~in~~ ~~San~~ ~~Francisco~~
~~you~~ ~~will~~ ~~write~~ ~~me~~ ~~the~~ ~~11th~~ ~~74~~
Mary Adams
San Francisco
11th - 74.
your welcome
letter
this morning
I have
been thinking for several
days it was time we were
hearing from you. We
are not astonished to think
your son is so tall would
like to see him and all
the children a more properly
speaking might call the
girls your lady nices. Am
glad to hear father has
been with you and say he
did not remain here this
winter. I know he would
have enjoyed the society at
this hotel as the people don't
grow old here, married fathers

and grandmothers are as good as
any. Last evening I was invited
into Mrs Mrs Papplegates
rooms (they are such hospitable
nice people) have one ^{or two} granddaughters
to a small egg nog and card
party i.e. Mrs Mrs Fiddell California
residents formerly from the East very
wealthy. Mrs Mrs Garris formerly of
St Louis boarding here and who go
to housekeeping soon and a Mr
Merriell a Bachelor and I com-
prised the pleasant party
which ended at 12 o'clock.
May was off to a German
she looked very pretty dressed
all in white with her hair
powdered left the Hotel
about half past eight in a
carriage with another young
lady (Carrie Leaden) and their
beaux. May is at present putting
away her party things and

telling what a splendid time
she had. Mrs Leaden says
she wishes father was here
then she would always have a
bear to go with her. Mr Merriell's
grandmother's name was Means
lived in Boston, he brought
me one evening an elegant
small portrait painted in
ivory set in pearls of his great
uncle Robert Means who came
from England a hundred yrs
since and went to South Carolina.
Mr Merriell boards ~~at~~ ^{at this house} and is
in the wool business here - He
is intelligent and pleasant.
June is not much acquainted
in the House, but May and I
do the visiting and receiving visits.
Tom Bull his so large and
looks so well; you would be
surprised to hear him
talking ^{about every thing} he goes to the business.

Cin. Feb. 27th 1854

New York

Yours of 24th inst. recd,
and in accordance with your request
I send by Mr. French a few more
your bank book with the up to date.

We are having a quiet time market
and no change in prices. Had a letter
from Peter Weeks asking bids for
pig iron on the landing. Requesting
some figures for commissions &c, &c,
I replied that our charges are the
same to all and that it is hard
to get bids on goods that have never
been seen. I think the trading dis-
position rules up there as we have
seen it evidenced in discounting their
own obligations. Glad to hear that
your father & sister continue well.
We are well as usual.

Yours truly
Nathan Means

Jul 27

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M. A. Adams
1874 Grand Hotel,
Feb

Mary
And 4th March

JOHNSON & CO.

PROPRIETORS



San Francisco, Cal.

Feb 22. 74.

My dear John,
You expect
to leave here for New York
via Panama in April
or will in time for more
money - I may would
like to check for one
thousand dollars ¹⁰⁰⁰ and
at the same time
if convenient to send
to large an amount
send what you can.
I will not draw it all here
but wait till I get to N.Y.

On Thursday or Saturday
of this coming week
(to-day is Sunday) we
expect to go down the
coast on a nice steamer
to Los Angeles with Mrs Leaden,
Eunice, Mrs Applegate and
Mr Merrill don't expect
to remain over two
days - Mrs Leaden and
Eunice are going to N.Y.
with Mary & I via Panama.
Will-halt better come
for Jane and they can
go overland or via Panama
as they please. I do wish
you would come out
and come over and
remain till we go -
Mary and Jane send love
Mary was very much pleased

with-here's letter -

with love to all -

Yours affectionate
Walter Margaret A

P.S. Hope father is
with you -

Office of William Means,

Cincinnati, Apr. 7th 1874

Mr. John Means

Ashtabula, Ky.

Dear John

Please

find inclosed promising notes of C. G. Pease payable to the order of and endorsed by C. G. Pease, bearing interest from date at the rate of 10% per annum, as follows.

On Apr. 7th 1874 @ 4 mos. for \$5000 -

" " " " " 5 " " 5000 -

" " " " " 6 " " 5000 -

also C. G. Pease's Check this date your order on the Commercial Bank of Cin. for \$1500 - for the interest on notes secured. All well.

Yours truly

William Means

I also inclose the collaterals described in yours of 24th ult.

Wm M.

W. M. Muns
April 7/74

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a list or ledger, covering the majority of the page.]

April 7

[Faint vertical text or stamp on the right edge of the page.]

the manner of wearing apparel
he informed the gentlemen
that we were just gathering
up our things to take to a house
on the side of the hill where
the clerk of the Hotel had
gotten us rooms and in our
gathering up we carried off
their tooth brushes and left
my bustle. In that afternoon
we had five calls from persons
at the other Hotel whom we
had met at the "Grand"
and next day we secured
rooms at the other Hotel and
had plenty of company and
during the day over the
lovely valleys covered with
"golden green" grass and
flocks of sheep tended by
shepherds and their
faithful dogs and through
the dark green orange groves

W. A. Adams
Mar 14 / 74

Grand Hotel, San Francisco,
March 14th 74.

My dear Brother,
In our arrival
yesterday from Los Angeles
your letter was found
among others, you do write
such cheerful kind
letters. We were very happy
to get back to find it almost
like coming home and
we have our same rooms
and same seats at
table. It was in the afternoon
when we arrived and
as we were not feeling
very nice after our stormy
sea sick voyage thought
we would take our dinner
up stairs and so we would

know we had come, but we
happened to meet ^{we knew} some on
the stairs who told others and
before the evening was over
we had seven calls, some
we could not see as we
did not feel like dressing.
We rec'd a dispatch from across
the Bay welcoming us home
from four persons. Soon after
we passed through the
Golden Gate ^{where we left here for Los Angeles} and after another
like the last wiped our
sharvels around us and
silently stole away, this was
Saturday and each one
remained in our berths
until Monday except May
who still kept her berth
Monday - Tuesday we arrived
at Los Angeles but the sea
was so heavy the small
boat could not come out

to us until Wednesday when
we were finally put on shore
then took the cars and rode
twenty miles to Los Angeles.
Found the Hotels crowded
to overflowing put all of us
(nine in number) in one room
which was already occupied
by two young gentlemen who
were off on a hunt that day.
In the evening when they returned
they went by their room several
times looking in and saying
"well this can't be our room."
At last they thought they would
venture in and Tom Call
began to scold at them
and told them "he would
shoot them". But when he
saw their guns he was
glad to make friends.
The bed, floor and hooks
were covered with all

literally covered with golden fruit
and could gather oranges as we rode
under the trees - Mr Merrill was always
my escort - One day we had a ^{small} picnic
party somewhat dozen carriages
16 miles from the Hotel on the Beach.
We left Los Angeles Tuesday with Mrs S -
Currie and others - they got off at
Santa Barbara. Found two nice
letters from Tom waiting for me, his
letters are such a ^{source of} happiness every
week, always know just the day
they will come. Have you seen his
piece on "Family Fair" in the Yale ^{mag} ^{ine?}
he contributes every week to the Yale
papers - he writes me. "It is perhaps
needless to say that in depicting the
parental love of Amelia your own
love is the parallel in life referred to
and the sole means of my app-
reciation of her character." He
wants me to write him some home
news so I'll send him your letter and one
from Mrs Martin - want very much

to see him and spend his remaining
time at College with him - I am almost
sure I will see you for so much money
as I will need it - very soon I

rec'd the check for \$400⁰⁰ No. 2957
from Oakland Bank - to Bank of America

You feel as I do about going to
Uncle Lintins always welcome
and at home. I write to Anna

from Los Angeles - I cannot realize
Bess and Lily are fourteen.

Love to them and all - I am
glad father is with you as
much and is so well -

Your affectionate
Sister M. A. Adams

Statement 30th April 1874

265-	270	Acres Bottom Land	71,750 00	
210	170	" Hill "	6,800 00	
220	204 1/2	Lots in Ahland without improvements	44,010 00	
		Hotel Building	18,000 00	
		Office	3,000 00	
		Tram on Front St	250 00	143,810 00
		Bills Receivable \$75,117.93 =	70,000 00	
		do in Smt Budget 12,946.04	6,000 00	
		Personal A/cf sent in	1,840 00	77,840 00
		Paid Trustee John B. Temple	4,426 50	
		" " W. C. Ireland	22,193 65	26,620 15
		Cash in A. N. Bank		4,876 03
				<u>\$253,146 78</u>

		Capital Stock 3459 Shares paid in full	\$172,950 00	
		3367 " " " part	69,951 26	242,901 26
		Personal A/cf		1193 01
		Bonds		114,000 00
				<u>\$358,094 27</u>

1874 April 30th.

Capital Stock - Paid	\$342,901 26
" " Balance unpaid	<u>98,398 74</u>
" " 6826 Shaw Total	<u>\$341,300 00</u>

Paid on Bondurant's Judgment	\$53,943 94
" " Franklin Lumbum	"
Curtis & Bradley	<u>43,318 63</u>
	<u>\$97,262 57</u>

Sales from May 1st to 20th April 74 Net \$16,828 59

Collected on Stock 24,924 40

Statement 20th of April 1894

[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

Ashland May 16th 1874-

Col. J. Moore -

Dear Sir

As you honored
us, with the first, & to my
mind, the best & most effective
speech yet made, in favor of the
Local Option Law. Could you
be prevailed upon, to make us
the last speech of "the Temperance
Campaign" -

Please tell me, could you make
it convenient to speak in the
Park on May 30th Saturday evening
~~at 4 o'clock~~ -
~~I mean this hour, because I~~
at 7 o'clock,

where most of the working men
are then at liberty - Or if it
should rain, could you speak
Saturday evening May 30th in the
Presbyterian Church - Or if
Saturday does not suit you, could
you name some other day, as
near as possible to the 1st of June -
Please let me know in time, so
I can have "the Posters" put out
at least five days ahead so as
to get a large crowd -

Mr. Williams of Grouton has a very
strong voice ^{for an out door speaker} & makes a good speech
& has promised me to come when
I send for him - Shall I ask
him to speak ^{at} the same meeting
with yourself - or at some
other time -

I feel that you will do us the
greatest favor if you can come

and if the Local Option Law is
carried, in Ashland - to you, we
shall owe in the greatest measure
its success -

Respectfully yours

Mrs. John Means -

In behalf of the ladies I would
ask could you preach a ^{sermon on} temperance
~~on~~ on Sunday ^{morning} May 31 - ^{and} particularly
urging on voters to do their duty ^{in voting} ~~on~~
right on Monday - Mr. Condit has
agreed to do so + if you could all
agree on the one text - show they
faith by - they works - or something ~~more~~
similar I think it would have a fine
effect -

Cattellsburg May 19/1874
Mrs John Means

Dear Madam

After an expression of my profound acknowledgments for your very kind allusion to my former and unsatisfactory efforts, made in behalf of the great reformation inaugurated by yourself and other excellent ladies of Ashland, I gladly avail myself of the opportunity offered by you, to make another effort in the cause of reformation and hope that I will be in some measure able to justify your opinion that if

the reformation is accomplished
and that I will have had
some hands instrumentally
in its success. I cannot
aspire however to the high
distinction of being one
of the efficient workers
in it.

It will afford me much
pleasure to meet Mr. Will-
iams in the presence of
your intelligent citizens
on the 30th inst at 7 o'clock
and very much desire
his assistance in this
cause. I must say
to you in candor that
my time will be fully
occupied up to the
evening of the meeting
having to be absent next
week at a court in West
Virginia and what

I have to say in the great
question to be discussed
on the 30th will be left
unperformed as preparation with
me now is out of the ques-
tion

I am madam your obed-
ent servant & friend

J. Moore

This will not be a Staten
Works party, but want to
take in your concern as well,
and want need anything but
a good plain dinner at the
Hotel. I send a list of
the invited.

Yours truly
William M.

W. M. W. W. W.
May 23
1874

Dear John
May 25 1874

Dear John
An excursion party
numbering between thirty and
fifty will leave for Chatham
for St. Botolph on Sunday
26th inst. It will be
composed of gentlemen who
are generally not interested
with us, but might be in
the future. We will look
at your concern, the Staten
Works and go down to the other
putting in one day and leave
again in the evening. Will
take dinner with Bell and
telegraph him soon as I
hear the number going -

LADIES' TICKET.

—0—

TOWN OF ASHLAND.

ELECTION, MONDAY, JUNE 1st, 1874.

—0—

“Are You in Favor of the Sale of Spirituous,
Vinous, or Malt Liquors, in the Town of
Ashland, Kentucky?”

NO!

For Trustees,---Two Years,

A. C. CAMPBELL,

W. W. HACKWORTH,

JOHN MEANS.

For Trustee,---One Year,

W. W. CULBERTSON.

for Secuse

152
7

159

352

175
18

193

139

34 may

for Secuse

352 votes

34

[19 June 1874]

Know all men by these presents
that Eliza J. Snyder wife of John B. Snyder
of the town of Ashland county of Boyle and
State of Kentucky, in consideration of
Eight hundred (\$800⁰⁰) Dollars in hand
paid by John Meant of Town county and
state aforesaid does hereby sell
and convey to the said John Meant
all her right title and interest to the
following premises - Lot No Nineteen (19)
Range Four (4) West in Town county and
state aforesaid bounded and described
as follows; beginning on Center Avenue
One hundred (100) feet Northwesterly from the Western
corner of Center Avenue and Second street
thence Northwesterly fifty (50) feet with the line
of Center Avenue; thence at a right angle
southwesterly, One hundred and forty two
and one half (142¹/₂) feet to an alley; thence
Southeasterly with line of said alley fifty
(50) feet; thence at a right angle North-
easterly, One hundred and forty two and
one half (142¹/₂) feet to the beginning,
being the same premises described
in a deed of conveyance from the
Kentucky Iron Coal and Manufacturing
Company to said Mrs Eliza J Snyder dated
the nineteenth (19) day of November 1872; with
all the privileges and appurtenances

thence; to have and to hold the same to said John Means his heirs and assigns forever: And the said Eliza J. Snyder will warrant and defend the property hereby conveyed, save and except as to the restrictions and conditions inserted in the conveyance of said premises from the Kentucky Iron Coal and Manufacturing Company as to sale of ardent spirits or other intoxicating liquors; And the said Eliza J. Snyder and John B. Snyder her husband when consents to and joins herewith in this conveyance and relinquishes any right interest or title either legal or equitable she has hereto set their hand this twentysecond (22nd) day of May Eighteen hundred and seventyfour (1874)

Eliza J. Snyder
John B. Snyder

State of Kentucky
Boyd County

I John Calder Deputy for James W. Meullan clerk of the Boyd County Court do certify that the foregoing deed from Eliza J. Snyder and her husband John B. Snyder to John Means was this day produced to me and was

July Acknowledged by the Grantors
to be their act and deed for the purposes
therein mentioned

Given under my hand this
the 22nd day of May 1874

John Calder Deputy
for Jas. W. Mullan C. B. C. C.

State of Kentucky }
Boyd County Book

I, James W. Mullan Clerk of the
Boyd County Court do certify that the fore-
going deed from Eliza J. Sides to John
Means was on the 19th day of June 1874
filed in my office for record. Whereupon
the same with this certificate of John
Caldor and this certificate have been duly
recorded in my office.
Given under my hand this the 9th day of
July 1874.

James W. Mullan Clerk

Edwin J. Snyder
Deed to
John Meant

Filed for record June 17th 1874
Geo. W. Mullanck
Record in Deed Book No 7.
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Examined

Tax Paid 50
Recording Fee 1.25
~~50~~ Paid

State of Kentucky }
Boyd County } 3

I John Calder Deputy for James W. Mullan Clerk
of the Boyd County Court do certify that the foregoing deed from the
Kentucky Iron Coal and Manufacturing Company to E. J. Snyder
was this day produced to me by John Means its president who duly
Acknowledged it to be the act and deed of said Company for
the uses set forth therein

Given under my hand this the 5th day of December 1872

John Calder Deputy
for Jas. W. Mullan Clerk, B. C. Co.

State of Kentucky }
Boyd County } 3

I James W. Mullan Clerk of the Boyd County
Court do certify that the foregoing deed from the Kentucky Iron
Coal and Manufacturing Company to Eliza J. Snyder was on
the 19th day of June 1874 filed in my office for record
whereupon the same with the certificate of John Calder and
this certificate have been duly recorded in my office
Given under my hand this 3^d day of July 1874

Jas. W. Mullan Clerk



Know all Men by these Presents, That the KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
in consideration of her Note for One hundred dollars payable one year after date
and her Note for One hundred dollars payable two years after date
with interest, and One hundred dollars
in hand paid by Eliza J. Snyder wife of John B. Snyder

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said

Eliza J. Snyder
her

heirs and assigns forever, the following premises, situate in Boyd County, in the State of Kentucky, to wit:

Lot Number Nineteen (19) Range Four (4) West in Archland and
bounded as follows, Beginning on Carter Avenue One hundred (100)
feet Northwesterly from the Westerly Corner of Carter Avenue and Second
Street, thence Northwesterly with the line of Carter Avenue Fifty (50) feet
thence at right angle Southwesterly One hundred and forty two and a
half (142½) feet to an Alley, thence South Easterly with the line of
said Alley Fifty (50) feet; thence at right angle North Easterly
One hundred and forty two and a half (142½) feet to the begin-
ning. On the premises hereby conveyed a lien is retained to
secure the payment of the aforesaid Note with interest

together with all the privileges and appurtenances to said premises in anywise appertaining and belonging. To Have and
to Hold the above granted premises to the said Eliza J. Snyder

heirs and assigns and to their use and behoof forever.

And the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY does hereby covenant with the said

Eliza J. Snyder
her

heirs and assigns, that the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY is lawfully seized of the above
granted premises, that they are free and clear from all incumbrances, and that the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MAN-
UFACTURING COMPANY has good right to sell and convey the same to the said Eliza J. Snyder

as aforesaid, and that said KENTUCKY IRON,

COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY will forever warrant and defend the same to the said Eliza J Snyder
her

heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. PROVIDED, however, and this conveyance and the estate hereby created are upon this express condition, "That if the said Eliza J Snyder
her

heirs or assigns, or any person or persons holding or claiming said premises by, through or under them, or any of them, shall, at any time hereafter, sell, or knowingly suffer or permit to be sold upon said above granted premises, any ardent spirits, or other intoxicating liquors, in any quantities whatever, either great or small, then this conveyance and the estate hereby created, shall be therefor and thenceforth wholly void and forfeited; and the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY may immediately upon such forfeiture, re-enter in said above granted premises, and hold and enjoy the same as an estate in fee simple as fully and absolutely as though this conveyance had never been made: Provided, however, that in the event of any such forfeiture of, and re-entry into, the above granted premises by the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, said Company shall be liable to pay to the said

Eliza J Snyder
her

heirs and assigns, one equal half of the true value at the time of said forfeiture of said premises with the appurtenances, to be ascertained by the appraisement thereof, under oath of three disinterested men to be selected by the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, and, provided also, that if the said Eliza J Snyder
her

heirs or assigns, shall, in good faith, lease the whole or any part of the above granted premises to any person or persons, and shall insert in said lease, that the said lease, and the interest and the estate thereby created shall become void and forfeited, in case the said lessee or lessees, or he or those claiming under him or them, shall sell, or knowingly permit to be sold thereon, any ardent spirits, or other intoxicating liquors, in any quantities whatever, either great or small, and shall, in case of any such forfeiture for said cause, immediately take the necessary and proper steps to enforce said forfeiture, and re-enter into the possession of said premises as soon as practicable; then and in that event, this conveyance and said above granted premises shall not become void and forfeited to the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, but the title thereto shall remain in full force and virtue."

Received, _____ of KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY
Fifty four (\$45⁰⁰) 100 DOLLARS, _____ being fifteen per cent.
of the purchase money for above mentioned premises.

M. C. Ireland TRUSTEE.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY has set the signature of said Company by John Meaux President thereof, and caused the common seal of said Company to be hereunto affixed, this 19th day of November 1870

Kentucky Iron Coal and
Manufacturing Company
by John Meaux President



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By J. C. & M. Co

To  Deer

ms. E. J. Snyder

~~X~~ Files for record June 19th 1874
Geo. W. Mull and Clerk

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Examined

Allowed to Stand

Tax Paid 50⁰⁰

Paid
Fri. July 25th Buss & Singer
DC



21st March
Lynn 24
1874

O
in June 27th 1874.

Mr. John Adams
Newland St.
Dear John

Yours of
19th inst. recd with welcome
in regard of Miss Dixon's
bill, and I thank you for
reign for same. Very kind.
no sleep & nights. Good
Gentle sleep. Tom Hanna
leaves for Europe tonight.
All well. Madam returned
Edmond South Pole this week

Yours
William M.

Lowman Mine

Selma Va. - 27th June 1874
Dear Son

We reached here
this morning after a hot and
tiresome ride. Will stay
here until Thursday morning
when expect to leave for
New York - While I did not
say so as your mother did
I certainly felt greatly
mortified at your failure
on Thursday night. I have said
nothing to you as to your conduct
for some months, hoping that
you would see for yourself, and
listen to your mother's advice
and instruction. And I now hope
you will try and do better
hereafter. You can never
reply to your mother the kind
attention, and increasing

care she has had for you,
You were by far of all our
children the greatest charge
and care during childhood,
You were sick more
than all the others, and
was night and day for
several years a subject of
constant anxiety to both of
us, and especially to your
mother - Who was up-
watching through many an
anxious hour through the night
when you were at an age
not to know - But now
you are a man in station,
and nearly so in years,
yet neither so obedient or
kind as your younger brother
and sister, You dawdle all
in mornings at home,
and are getting behind others
younger at school -
I was but a year older
than you, when I left

Schools for good, but what would you or could you do, should I fail or refuse to give you further advantages to acquire and education. And to do this depends on yourself alone, unless you are diligent, constant, and systematic, no teacher can do for you. I am willing to give you a good education but it depends on yourself whether you receive it. I am not willing to spend time and money, for you to waste away your time, and set a bad example to your sisters and brothers. Should you stop now and go no more to school you could only be a mere labourer, and without strength, to make a valuable one. You might learn to make shoes or some such light work

You could not command
 salary enough as a clerk
 to pay for your board.
 I want you to consider these
 things seriously, for they
 must soon come upon
 you for determination.

Unless you improve your
 self so, that you can be
 useful to others, you can
 be no credit to yourself or
 your friends. Unless you
 can make a living for
 yourself, I cannot help you.
 It would be worse than
 unless for me to give you
 of my means for support,
 for you would hardly be
 able to take care of it, and
 in any event. I cannot give
 neither will I give sufficient
 to support you in idleness.
 This is plain language
 and it hurts me to be
 obliged to write you so

but it has seemed absolutely necessary, I hope that hereafter I may never have to do so again, but that your conduct and bearing may be such, that your mother and myself, if blessed with old age, may look with pleasure and pride on your future life and actions. I should have taken pleasure to have had you with me this trip, had your conduct merited, but am sorry to say that it has not, and I did not propose to bring you for that reason alone - I hope that when I come home again, you will have considered all

I

This well, and be able to
prove that you can and
will do as well as
any young man of your
age - And that I may
find you will endeavor,
and so far as in your power
lies, add to the pleasure
your mother will take
in your well doing -
your affectionate father

J. W. Andrews,

Marietta College,
July 2, 1874.

Dear Sir:

The Board of Trustees of this College have conferred upon you the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

There were two other honorary degrees of the same character conferred, one on a gentleman of New Comerston in this State, and the other on Hon. G. M. Barren, a member of Congress from Illinois. He was a member of College some twenty years ago, but did not graduate.

The prospects of the College as to students are flattering, and the class of yesterday is the largest we have had.

Very truly yours
J. W. Andrews,
President

John Means, Esq.

Dear John -

Please convert my six
R.R. Bonds - (\$3000) which you have in
your safe at Cincinnati - into stock -
I will take my chance for a dividend -
& should I come into a strait perhaps
you can lend me \$100 to be ^{deducted} ~~refunded~~
when a dividend is reached -

Yours Affectionately

S. T. Hildreth

July 7th - 1874 -

S. P. HILDRETH

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S. T. Hildreth

Dresden, Muskingum Co. Ohio July 21, 1874

Dear John-

Thank you for the kind letter regarding investments.

If eventually I can obtain stock in your Company as well as now. I shall be glad to keep my funds in Bonds until the time for dividends shall come again - as I need the interest for my yearly expenditures.

If you will take charge of my funds - & invest in stock - or as you think it best to convert my Bonds into stock, when you do your own - endeavoring to secure for me a yearly income as long as possible - I shall be greatly obliged.

In an all well. The children greatly enjoyed their visit to Ashland - and I am sorry that I missed seeing you -

Truly Yours

S. T. Hildreth

take down the "luggage" as they
call it. Man said he had
and he cut out three waiting
pieces all right finally said
he would take us for two
shillings. I'm sure thought a
half crown was ten shillings
but learned after we had
left there it was two shillings
and was in place, so all our con-
fusions had been over a sixpence
mistake. The same funny
mistake a driver told him
all he got was half a crown a
day John told him he thought
that was big wages. In the
cars and in a boat till we
reached and we were at Chester
oldest town in England
took a walk in the old wall built
by the Romans looked out of
the tower King Charles did
when he saw his army defeated

in a museum in another tower
was reigned in a rearing chair,
reigned "seven stones seven"
till June I am etching up
with her five lbs more than I did.
On each side of the streets in Chester
there are two rows of shops the lower
roofs projecting out so as to form
a promenade. We spent the
night at Manchester a large
smoky city - till Hattie stopped
at a Lakeside Hotel. The
ride to Glasgow next day was
through a highly cultivated
country. They don't say ticket office
but say Booking office and
you can't get any thing
checked are glad I sent
my trunk to London from
Cork. I pick up umbrella, parcel
and travel stop from the two
valises and that is the way
we go - one man goes around

then I took a hole again at
6 P.M. we came off in the
natives dressed up in dress coats
lined in yellow ^{or ecru} and table not near
as good as our American hotels
never have ice cream, or hot
bread if you ask for ^{at perfect} cakes they say
it is too early in the morning. ^{What}
you mean special cakes that I like
the butter it is churned fresh every
morning and in little round
balls about the size of a nutmeg
or about as long as a colapillar
and looks like ~~it~~ - The pies which
they always call tarts are nice
don't have any under crust
and baked in deep dishes -

Each hotel has a boy who reminds
me of pictures of "pages" he seen in
books, his clothes fit him very tight
of purple cloth lined in steel
and with three rows of buttons
close together as they can be -
More than ^{this letter to Aunt May}
and to June ^{and} ^{love to} ^{the} children
and parents M. A. Adams

^{M. A. Adams}
The Scottish Lakes are ^{with} 73
islands and mountains covered
from base to summit with
the dark green heather, some
beautiful homes and Rob Roy's
Tarn an arch shaped cavern
El-Innunsaid every one tried
to rush off first to get best seats
in the coaches - Tom had the two
volises so we were not among
the first - picture after picture of
loveliness presented themselves
during the five miles ride
to Loch Katrine also in both
Lakes, here we went on the
Rob Roy although it rained
hard we sat on deck, if I could
have gotten my over shoes out
of my valise would have all right
but could not without spilling part
of contents in the wet deck. How
proud and contented the
gentlemen looked who had

on rubber pants and coals -
at the end of the Lake took stage
again I went fast as I could
you got me a seat and seemed
me for Tom - An English man
pointed out the spot where
Roderick Dhu challenged Fitz-
James to single combat where
where Fitz James lost his "gallant
grey" another side in the town
and we were at Edinburgh
most beautiful city we
have yet seen directly in front
of our hotel is the Scott mem-
orial an open gothic cross
tower 200 ft high Tom & John
have been to the top but don't
think I shall go - In this mem-
orial is a marble statue of Sir Walter
and his favourite dog, the niches
are occupied by statues of the
characters of his novels and poems.
The city abounds in monuments

mountains &c - can't write of them
all no doubt you are glad I
can't - Some of the buildings are
ten stories high, men and boys
near the Scotch cap and occasion-
ally you see one dressed in the
plaid and hear the bagpipes -
There have been many other
places to the old castle and
Wolysood Palace, they are situated
in different parts of the city
what interested me most
was Queen Mary's apartments,
a long room with one hundred
six portraits of Scottish kings was
the first we entered in ⁱⁿ Wolysood -
then through Lord Carnegy and
Queen Mary's which are on the floor
above ruins contain what is said
to be furniture used by them, saw
the secret staircase Rizzio's assassin
came up -
They have what they call Goble d'hill
in Edinburgh here at nine o'clock

Marietta, Ohio

August 4th. 1874.

Dear Harriet.

I am requested by Mr Israel Waters, the president of the Marietta National Bank, to inform you that the capital of the bank has been reduced from 150 to 100 thousand dollars. The money paid in by you, two years ^{ago} on two shares of new stock, will be paid back whenever you draw a check for the amount \$200. It will first be necessary to return the certificate for 7 shares that you now hold, and receive another for 5 shares. If you will send me your Certificate, of shares owned, I will attend to the exchange. The money can be drawn by the Ashland bank, at any time. I am not familiar enough with the business of the bank, to explain this

new movement. Mr-Israel Waters controls the bank, and manages to suit himself. I have made no enquiries.

As to household matters, I have as yet made no change. With much love to all,

I remain
Yours affectionately
George O. Aldreth.

Received
of the
14th Sept 1894
for Mrs (3) Sarah Mawitt

Geo. O. Aldreth
14th Aug 1894
Aired 78th

S. P. Hildreth
— Aug 5/74

Dresden, Muskingum Co. Ohio. August 5: 1874.

Dear John-

Your letter enclosing \$120. interest on R. R. Bonds came safely. Thank you for sending it so promptly. I will follow your advice as to keeping the Bonds for the present. The yearly income from them - especially if the Salt Stock fails to make a dividend, will be to me a great relief. When the proper time comes I hope you will succeed in converting them directly or by sale & purchase - into your R. R. Stock - as I would rather have my investments in stock directly under your management, like the Coal-mine & Furnace. than any where else in the United States.

A pleasant journey to you & your Family -

Yours Affectionately — S. P. Hildreth

to have a great love for
antiquities. John is waiting
for me to finish to play tennis
we cant agree on one thing
and that is which was
ahead the last time we
played - John and Tom
send love - We leave

Monday 17th for Paris, probably
from there to Switzerland

Good bye for awhile -

With love to Mattie and the
children - your loving Uncle

M. A. Adams

Please get letter of Credit
on Seligman Brothers
Direct my letter please to care

F. Dreyel Harjes & Co
Bankers Paris
France

^{Seligman}
M. A. Adams

London, Aug 13th 74

Dear John,

You may think
I am writing soon for
money, still have plenty
but thought it well to
write in time. Please
send me a letter of credit
for £1000. (one thousand
pounds sterling) I may
not need it full and
not have to be writing
all the time. Please make
it a year from date.

John W. has just come in
although he lives about
a mile and a half from
here we see him every day
he tried to get a room
here but could not get a

room high enough
to stand straight in.

I was down at Ligonans
bank one day, it is not near
as nice as the Ashland bank
in looks but they say it does
an immense business they
were very polite to us in the
bank and said if I wanted
to buy any thing they would
take care of it for me.

London at first seemed
such a large bewildering
city to me did not like
to venture out alone, but
now I can find my way
about - don't find much
trouble in going out but
sometimes do in getting
back to Craven St where our
apartments are - It is a
small quiet St. off from
the Strand in about the

centre of London. The apartments
are kept by two English sisters
who are quite pretty and
pleasant. We have been
to most of the noted places
of interest and it is hard
to say which was the most
interesting place to us, was
very much interested in the
Tower which consists of quite
a number of buildings
instead of one as I supposed
and an open court in which
the executions took place
a man ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{executed} ~~executed~~ ^{in the}
Henry the Eighth's time took
us ~~around~~ - The museums
are very interesting places
have paintings and some
things seem to me of every
thing in them one has works
of that four thousand
years old - English seem

Portsmouth O. Aug 13, 1874
Mr Means Esqr
Ashland N.Y.
Dear Sir

When I was up at Ashland last week I missed seeing you. I had a talk with Mr Bell about your election and found that he was very anxious for your success and he said he had written to Cumbach & some one else in Indiana to come over and make some speeches for you. I told him I would try and get Bundy to come over and make a few speeches for you - and that it could be arranged by the Committee who had charge of the canvass to make some suitable appointments such as would suit his convenience to reach, and at such points as would be most advantageous to you - Well spoke of Mayville, Carhilo, Brackin (Sour point) and Fleming City - you are now before the people and no doubt will be called upon to make large investments for the Campaign - which to a man of notions of

propriety is very disputable but at the same time
there is hardly a man situated as you are
who having at the solicitation of his friends has
accepted the position of a candidate for office
but who has a desire to succeed, and you are
aware that now days it has become necessary
even for men of your Character to take hold
of one of the principal modes of securing an election
Money is a great lever in such occasions and as
you are supposed to have sound no doubt you will
be called upon to contribute - it is a bad state
of things when that part of a mans merit has
has to be deserted too, I would not scatter it broad
cast nor give it to voters - but a small amount
might be used very advantageously in the way
of securing Speakers to pay their expenses - in this
way you can be set before the people in a
proper light and at the same time not compro-
mise your feelings - I am aware that you de-
spise this common custom but at the same time
you are like all men of your standing and
intelligence when they have suffered themselves to go
before the people for a thankless office - have a pride
in making a successful man - and as you are
and

now before the people I would make a small
venture - you have many friends and of that
character who can assist you very much at
a very small cost - as your Mayville friends
were very officious in getting you to come out
I think that they ought to make some extra effort
in the way of securing speakers to take the
stumps - and as you have a Central Committee
who has charge of the Campaign it would be well
for them to write to N. S. Bundy Road Mills P. O.
Jackson Co. O. and invite him to come down to
Mayville prepared to make 3 or 4 speeches
in and about that section. I have a promise
from him to go - and I told him that you would
visit such points as he could reach easily
and he felt a great interest in your success and
thinks that the interests of this region would be
very much benefited by your election - there are
several speakers in your district that can do
you good service if you can start them out
worthily. Thomas and perhaps Dr. Denton they have
an influence with a particular set - and as all
votes count it is best to try and get them -

And I think that Newt Robinson would
assume your purposes well in some places
he has made some speeches in this and
Sawmire Counties and I am told they have been very
favorably received - poor fellow he is poor but
with a little help he can do you some good
I wish your father would take hold of this matter
as he is able to do his interests personally and
certainly financially are very much interested in this
Cause - and he has an agency by which he can
do a good deal and at the same time not
take an active part - you are now before the
people and I feel and have a pride that you will
succeed or at least make a respectable race
If you could get Wadsworth to come up in
your neighborhood - and a very strong man for you
would be Sam Miller he could talk to the Mountain
Boys - I do not want you to think that I am ~~at~~
dictating your proper mode of proceeding - but I cannot
help ~~but~~ take an interest - the time is short and
I have known the most successful Campaigns made on short
notice - If I can assist you I will gladly do so
hear from you

Yours
J. G. Puley

Dresden, Muskingum Co. Ohio. Aug 25. 1874.

Dear John.

The Marietta Bank has contracted its capital from \$150,000. to \$100,000. and has returned to me \$300 which I had in its stock.

Can I invest it in stock in your Bank? If not - had I better keep it for investment in your R. R. stock by & by? or can you suggest some other way of using it.

If I buy U. S. Bonds. I must pay the interest of two years as premium - & afterward receive but five per cent - as they seem about to raise the Bonds to that interest.

The children are well & still talk enthusiastically about their visit.

Thank Prof Richardson for his autograph letter from Edward Everett sent to me - & ask Dr Mountmullen if he has received the

letter written by Henry Clay - which he
thought he could obtain for me.
Thanks for your Ashland paper.

I was amazed at the number of
cases of stabbing & shooting indulged
in by the Kentuckians at the recent
election described in the last issue.

Yours Affectionately
S. F. Hilditch

S. F. Hilditch
28th Aug 74
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where two thousand women are
employed I don't consider now
that it is so expensive - such
tedious work. The most life-
like and original paintings
we have seen since we
have been in Europe were
those at the Wiertz Gallery, at some
of them you looked through a
little hole and the subjects were
horrible, for instance, "Resuscitation
of a person buried alive". ~~Others~~
Others again, some painted
on the wall were beautiful
and which you could easily
mistake for some scene in
at a half open door or ~~travelling~~
or looking out of a window.
Please show this letter to Jane, I will
see her and will write again.
I thought of her when in ^{the} Gallery
don't believe she would have
remained in two minutes, also

Aug 30
[1874?]

Rotterdam, Holland, Aug. 30.
My dear Brother,
Your kind
letter was received at Paris (had
been forwarded from London)
The first night in Paris to the Grand
Hotel de Louvre afterwards changed
to a french pension (Boarding house)
where Emma C. and a number
of Americans were boarding, in
the mornings we had a cup of
coffee or chocolate with a french roll
and butter that was called break-
fast without a fork and served
in our rooms, several breakfast
was called breakfast with a fork
and in the dining room
with tea or wine, fruit, meat &c
dinner at six o'clock. I shall
not attempt to write you a
description of the different places
of interest which we used all

visitors to Paris who go sight seeing
visit. Among the pleasant features
of Paris are chairs and settees in
the streets where you can sit
whenever you feel like it and
in the many beautiful parks
women had their sewing
while the children were playing.
Coming in from Versailles
we rode on top of the railroad
car, we had a nice view of
Paris but found it rather
evil. We left Paris in the afternoon
of the 27th for Brussels, it was warm
and dusty. We had two satchels
lined with brown
a bag of made and bound
with red braid and our own
buckles (left my trunk in Paris)
it is pleasant to know we had a
trunk. In the evening every one
rushed out of the cars at some
place - we followed and found
they went to dinner which we

also did. About 9 o'clock the cars
stopped, ^{we received} a man put his head
inward said something, very
we picked up their satchels
and bags and rushed out
again, we did the same and
followed into a custom house
where even the brown luggage
bag had to be opened, had
to stand about and wait three
quite a time. It was almost
11 o'clock before we arrived at
Brussels and no doubt the lights
"there are fair women and brave
men" as in Waterloo we felt we
were too tired and sleepy to
look into the matter and
after trying three hotels succeeded
in finding rooms at a fourth
^{which was} (after 12 o'clock) - Brussels resembles
Paris in parks and cafes, is
called Paris in miniature. We
visited the Brussels lace factory

Forings
M. C. Adams
Aug. 30-6

Thought of her when seeing
Madame Trousseau's wax works
in London. I was some one figure
was a real man at first and
after I found it was not was
afraid to look at it. We left
Brussels yesterday morning
for Rotterdam, had rather a
pleasant ride, but had to get
out with all our baggage at
the last station at some town
when we came into Holland
crossed the Meuse as it is called here
on a steamer to Rotterdam, it was
filled with vessels many ^{the} ^{city} ^{with} ^{the} ^{windmills} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{place} ^{looked} ^{like} ^a ^{sea}
indeed; indeed the whole
city seems to be filled with
vessels because numerous canals
run through the streets. After
we had dinner last evening
took a walk had to stop ^{at}
and then at the canal bridge.
The water was very eminent
for the women who were scrubbing

these houses and pavements.
We are stopping at the New Bath
Hotel water and a large vessel
in front of the house and a
canal with smaller vessels
at the back, have one room
with two double beds, it is
quite cool and we have in
our narrow clothes. We miss
John who stopped in Paris to
study french he was at our room
until 12 o'clock the night before
we left. We leave here tomorrow
or (to day is Sunday) for Cologne.
We expected to go to Amsterdam, but
fear we will be late for Switzerland,
we will not receive any letters
until we are at Geneva in
October as we were afraid to
have them sent from the Banks
to us until we would come to
a stopping place. Expect to
be in home by November.
Please give love to Mattie and the

children. Fannie sends love
and bid me
Your affectionate
Sister M. A. A.

Marietta. Ohio.
Sept. 10th 1874.

Dear John.

Your letter of the 7th,
with certificate, came to hand, soon
after mailing the 2. letter to Harriet,
referring to bank shares.

I enclose a certificate of
deposit, in the Marietta National Bank,
for \$200.~, which can be drawn
by check, through the Ashland Bank.

Affectionately yours.

George O. Hildreth.

Sept 10/74

Rev. D. Hilarith

Sept 22 / 74
Wm. Meems

Grand Hotel,

GILMOUR & SONS,

Cincinnati, Sep. 22 1874

Dear John

Yours of 16th inst.
re'd yesterday evening when I
arrived from Miller Springs.
I had been expecting to hear
something as to Jan's condition
in view coming from Ashtabula,
but failing to do so concluded
she must be improving. And
judging from your letter am
led to believe you were at a
loss in giving me a definite
idea concerning her. I am
thankful however for your
kind intentions, and can
only say that as our
little circle is narrowing
we must remember how
few are embraced in it, and

make the most of that
few. Martha and Lottie
came down with me
yesterday to do some shopping
and are staying here.

We are not so much
pleased with the hotel as
we expected to be, and
think we shall probably
take up our winter quarters
at the Bunker which
is much improved, and
has offered us excellent rooms
at reasonable figures. Martha
& Lottie send love,

Yours brother
William Menon

Will
Sep 25/74

\$ 426.696.47
99.494.56
327,201.91

Will -

Amud 3rd Oct -
O. in. Sep. 25th 1874

Dear John

You favor
of 25th inst. recd.
Am indebted to you
for all the information I
have with reference to
Juni's illness and death,
for which I am grateful.
I trust your own
health better than when
I saw you. You had
an unpleasant cough

which I hope has entirely
disappeared. Martha and
Sectie have been spending
this week with me at
the Grand Hotel and
have just left for Yellow
Springs. Charley Campbell
was also with us, and
is not going home
until next week.

The new hotel is quite
a success for Cincinnati,
a city of the plain kind,
and will impress the
traveled man as favorably
as eastern hotels.

I understand the table
of the Purmuk is greatly
improved. It is to be
remodeled next summer,
when we will be abundantly
supplied with first class
accommodations.

I have done nothing
about a monument for
Cincinnati, and think you
and I had better decide
about early spring, as
there is no body else to do
it.

Truly yours
William Meade

Portsmouth O. Oct 13. 1874

Hugh Means Esq
Ashland Ky
Dear Sir

I have written a letter
to day to Mr Means on the subject of his
election - and before I had a chance to send it
I received a letter from him saying that he would
leave for Richmond last night and would be absent
8 or 10 days - and as my letter was relative to
the canvassing of his Congressional District, the time
for his return is too far off - to make much headway
after his return - I feel very much interested in
the matter and have thought best to send the letter
to you and request you to read it and act
from it as far as you may think best for the
interests of Mr Means - he writes that there is about
2000 against him, that may be so but in Ky like
all other places they have a way of overcoming
such differences - and with the help that he can
get from his outside friends in the way of getting
over

together with the help Mr Means is able to
give them financially I trust he will succeed
I have written to him about sundry speakers that
can and ought to be obtained with their help
in talking and a little financial greasing
it will all come out right. Mr Means has said
that he would not give it any attention in the way
of Caucusing - but he does not say that he will not
afford the other mode - he is like all others who
sets himself up as a Candidate - he wants to win
and we all have a little pride - there is not much
profit in this office - but there would be considerable
honor in being able to carry that district with
so great a difference against him - and you are aware that
it is very important to have your district as well as ours
represented by persons who are in sympathy with our
interests, may I ask you to take this matter in hand
and see your brother J. W. and get him to do what
he thinks is necessary - he has the facilities for Caucusing
though a worst of this kind, and I do not know of
any person who would do as much credit to him as I
if you agree with me please write to the Mayville parties
and get them to take hold of this matter - Mr
Bell said he would write to Cumberack - but let

then also do the same, and also to write to
Brady asking him to come - and say when it
would be convenient for him to come - you know
all the others and perhaps more that will be
useful in a Campaign of so large a magnitude
is this, and I think that it will not require
a very large amount of pecuniary aid to carry it
through at least not more than Mr. W. can afford in
a case like this; I would hate to see as worthy a man
as Dr. Mans beaten - and I am pretty sure that
his political record is all right - and as far as any
other faults are chargeable to him he has as few of them
as his Competitor at a venture, as I said in my letter
to him the time is short to make a canvass of this
kind but with prompt action on the part of his friends
he will have a better chance to succeed than if they
had longer tried to hunt up the errors of his childhood
please see your brother at once, and if consistent
with his views start the Ball - don't consider me as
officious - I have some pride in the matter - let hear
from you this week as I expect to be away next week

Yours
Wm. G. Puley

John Will

Acad 17th

Office of William Means,

Cincinnati, Oct 14 1874

John Means Esq.

Ashland, Ky.

Dear Sir:
Enclosed I hand

you my \$502 in Ashland Note.
If your order for \$415. being
acct of acct. due also to a
draw. to 1. sheet.

Yours truly
Wm Means
Joyce

visit her in Florence and in Geneva
Paul and his sister were also in
Geneva when we were and at
Paris where they are now settled.
John in Hanover Germany.
Miss Little and her party also
went to Naples on the same train
as we did, but did not all succeed
in getting in the same car. There is
very little to see between here and
Naples except trees here and there
crossed with vines reaching in
successful loops or festoons from
one to another. The Italian towns
are very thing but pretty houses
close together and of a dirty yellow
color. We passed the time reading
and reading "Last days of Pompeii"
preparing myself. It was dark
when we arrived (only had one
valise with us left the others at home)
and we looked among the

long row of omnibuses in front of
the deserted depot for the one with
Hotel de Naples on it where Emma
Humphreys had told us to be sure
and stop. Tom & I were in the bus
alone. Miss I and her party were in
one of the other hotels and we rode
and rode through the crowded
streets. It seemed as though we
were going to ride all night
until we reached the other end
of the city. After we got into the Hotel
I felt very discomfited and said
to Tom I know Miss I and her party
are not very far off at one end like we
are. I believe we are about out of
the city. He replied he thought it
likely the most healthy place
as we were in the Buz (put in
front of us) and there was on the
left wall in the streets we had
passed through. But after dinner

at night in account of the dim light
of ~~our~~ candles in their tall candlesticks.
I'm sorry to hear the Dr. business is so
dull. He thought perhaps we had better
go home but I'm as anxious as he is
free to remain in account of the German.
I get quite homesick at times, especially
since Fritz's death. We have not com-
menced in the last letter of credit, our
money seemed to be going on, we
thought we had better have it so
we would feel safe and it may be
some time before we commence on it.
Do you think we had better go home?
Please give love to Aunt Mary. You
join me with love for yourself ~~the~~
and the children my nieces and
nephews! I can just see them
getting ready for winter, always
busy. Our address will now be
Care of Michel Berend
Banker
Hanover
Germany
Affectionately your
Sister M. A. A.

M. A. A.
M. A. A.
M. A. A.

more to see than we expected.
houses, statuary and frescoes had
been so well preserved. It looked
like an old deserted town after
murthering about a while ^{over myopic eyes} belonging
to the Goides marvelous stones
it began to rain which at first
as we were so much interested
we did not mind, but as the
rain now fell in torrents we were
obliged to seek shelter which we
found in an ancient sentry box
where the skeleton of a soldier
faithful at his post to the last
had been found. Miss S. who is
one of those always ready for any
future events got out her "Millards
Italy" and read aloud so we
sat in the stone seats two hours or
more until the sun shone out

then finished *Supper*, taking
refreshments at noon at a restaurant.
Reached our hotel half past six, which
was the dinner hour. Toing
an interesting day - heat day. The
young lady of the party, the gentle-
man and *Tomme* made the ascent
of Mt. Vesuvius - the mother *Mrs J.* &
went far as *Resina* where they took the mules
we started with the idea that not over going to
the *Hermitage* about half way up the mountain
but finding ourselves declined we had
expected to stay at the *Hermitage* until they
would come down. So we returned to
Naples paid a few francs more and
kept the carriage all day in the afternoon
told me we rode up and down on the *Buzze*
front of the Hotel where the people all
ride at that time - saw great style -
In *Barone* they had a place very much
the same for riding - we used to notice
some one whom we supposed was a
Prince or Duke in a carriage alone except
the footman and coachman with ten
horses - but learned on asking the
landlord he was an *Américain*
and in the *Corso* here at *Rome* he
drives fourteen horses with no under
servants thinks *Americans* are made of money
we left *Naples* *Monday* M. *Friday* M.
Mrs J. and party good by they were

going to *Freily* wanted we should go with
them - a trip in the *Mediterranean*
was quite a temptation but Tom was
giving us to get settled down to *Germany*.
In our car was a Neapolitan lady and
gentleman very polite and kind who
shared with us their *brunch* and we
with them but theirs was better than ours.
They got off at their country home in the after-
noon so we were left alone and I felt
afraid when the train would stop at
some of the stations such rough brigand
looking *Italians* would collect around
the cars - It was almost 9^{PM} when we reached
Rome - No leave here in the morning - Still
cant say there are no end to the *Priests* here
about every third man you meet is a
Priest or Soldier - you meet *Priests* every
where and old monks in their bare
heads coarse brown robes, rope girdles
and bare feet or sandals on. Sometimes
the *Priests* wear long red gowns but generally
black with long shoes and long black
stockings - If not too much trouble mark
you should send this letter to *Mag.* if I write
to her to day it would be about the same
thing - I wont write to *John W.* or see letters
from him often - You so do well - think me
a poor correspondent and so I am I dont
write but few letters, dont seem to have
the time - generally tired when we come
something to read up or something to do, then
if we have any one to talk to it is so nice to
sit down and talk over the days adventure
Will try to write to *Mag.* from *Rome* *Cont*

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Dated Mayville Ky, 5 1874

Received at As Ky.

To: John Means

You, have one hundred
majority in Lewis
Clarke, six hundred
in mason, what news
reusert

yes, in Thomas

15 coll

F. J. me

Mr.
Carter's means 170

G. M. Thomas
5/Nov 74

Light our lamp at half past
three. I don't think the weather
is so cold as we have it some-
times at home. We felt the cold
very much at Vienna after coming
out of Italy. It seemed we had
jumped from Summer into
winter and the tall white man-
nment stoves at the Hotels
seemed to add but little to
comfort and made us here
sick for open fires cheerfulness
at home. We came here from
Dresden and was very glad to
reach the end of our journey
and more happy still after a
few days to be quietly settled
in a private. It is more home
like. Tommie devotes his time
to German (the language) I
study a little at times but found
in the place last week a

2187433
No. 1 A. Blumen Strasse.
Hannover, Prussia.

Dec. 13th

My dear Brother,

Your kind
letter was recd a few days
since. I appreciate your letters
as I know you have your
family, business and so much
to take up your time. Well,
I will commence with just what
we are doing. We have our
breakfast which consists of bread,
butter, coffee and sometimes honey
Tea. (The father and husband)
talked to us while we ate which
he generally does. I guess more
at what he says than under-
stand. Tommie has gone
with Isaac to market to

have the walk and Lu some
apples. I went last Saturday to the
country market. People speak a
different German from the town
people. Miss Platt is coming
around this afternoon and I
am going out with her and
Franklin P. I was up to see her
yesterday afternoon and we
took a long walk in some beau-
tiful woods not far from her
house, each one discussing the mer-
its and demerits of our boasting
places and German life. She and
her mother are in a more aristocratic
strasse, but think the family we
are with are more refined and
agreeable. Sundays here are
not very different from other
German other days. The Banks and
Stores are open half the day, they
have their finest Operas and

best pieces at the Theater and
think it very strange we don't
go. Sunday afternoons I spend
partly in their family parlor
(one gets tired of themselves all day)
The mother has her knitting, the
younger ladies their fancy work
(which they do a great deal of) we
generally play on the piano, have
coffee after dinner in the parlor
and if there are gentlemen ^{company}
to dinner, after coffee smoke don't touch
the coffee in the parlor unless
they have company. At all
events their Sunday afternoons
and evenings are cheerful
and it seems all right for
them. The days here are quite
short sun rises at 8 o'clock and
at four it is ^{quite} dark. Sun sets a
little after three, generally

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Dec 13 94

library where they have some
english books and have been
enjoying them. I can see when
I look out a family moving
they have been moving all
morning, they have a wagon
such as people move with and
piled up high with "every
thing" and instead of two horses
to do the pulling have a dog
I feel real sorry for them the
wagon seems too heavy for them
I'll they have been going and
coming all morning, look out
at any time and you will
see dogs in wagons of some
kind more useful than this
and the dogs - you also generally
see a company of soldiers
when you look out, it seems
as if half the men in Europe

Washington
Nov 10, 1878
Dear P.

were soldiers, at least the young
men. Fannie and Frank
have come from market
with a goose, turkey, fowls
and apples. We always have
extra good dinners on Sun-
days. Am glad to hear little
Jim is so well. I need not
condole you in not being
able to represent your District
at Washington as it could
not have been a disappoint-
ment as you did not expect
it in such a democratic
season. Several years ago
when Fannie and I were in
Washington we thought it would
be nice if you ^{or father} were there. Please
give my love to Aunt Mary, Hattie
and the children and
Believe me your affectionate
Walter M. Adams

I write children

Approximate estimate

Ky. J. C. + Ull. Cor. Land back and West of John Clear near old Cross

Station	Bearing	Dist	Lat		Dep	
			N	S	E	W
		Dist		188.26	307.64	
1	S 58 1/2 E	360	—	188.10	306.94	—
				535.52		562.48
2	S 46 1/2 W	775 1/2	—	535.22		564.00
			94.00			132.78
3 rd	N 57 3/4 W	1638	94.09	—	—	133.11
			629.78		387.62	
4 th	N 31 1/2 E	938	630.09	—	386.13	—
			723.78	723.78	695.26	695.26
		7037	724.14	723.32	693.07	697.11
				182	4.04	

	D. Area	N. Area	S. Area
1	+ 307.64	—	566218.31
2	+ 52.80	—	18275.46
3	- 642.46	60391.24	—
4	- 387.62	244115.82	—
		304,506.56	594,493.77
			304,506.56
		2) 289,987.21	
		43,560	149,987.21 (3.44 A)

Arkland Academy and adjoining lands 1874.

Cor with ground on Railway Ave -

Poles 260 feet = 21,818

(24,80)

7049 P = 1170 ft

Sta	Bearing	Per distance	N	S	E.	W.	Dist. D.	N Area	S. Area
1	S 31 1/2 W	11.15	—	9.48 5.09 7.51	—	5.77 5.83	- 5.77	54,6996	
2	N 58 1/2 W	9.69	5.06	—	—	8.21 8.26	- 19.75	—	100,5275
3	S 31 1/2 W	10.30	—	8.76 8.77 11.01	—	5.32 5.38	- 33.28	391,5328	—
4	S 58 1/2 E	21.18	—	18.16 11.04	+ 8.44	—	- 20.44	225,0444	—
5	S 46 1/2 W	47.00	—	32.25 6.49	—	33.90 54.09	- 36.18	1166,8050	—
6	S 54 1/2 E	11.30	—	6.52 20.55	9.21 24.93	—	- 60.81	394,6519	—
7	S 50 1/4 E	32.25	—	20.62 16.89	24.79 15.22	—	- 26.61	546,8355	—
8	N 45 1/2 E	24.00	16.82	—	17.12	—	+ 15.54	262,1598	—
9	S 53 E	16.00	—	9.59 12.17	12.78	—	+ 45.62	—	437,4958
10	N 27 E	13.63	12.17	—	6.17	—	+ 14.73	787,7641	—
11	S 46 E	1.18	—	0.82 18.23	11.85	—	+ 71.83	—	58,9006
12	N 44 E	25.27	18.23	—	15.67	—	+ 90.35	1646,0805	—
13	N 31 1/2 E	11.11	9.52 9.47	—	5.89 8.51	—	+ 113.89	1081,9550	—
14	N 58 1/2 W	70.66	70.49 36.91	—	—	59.38 60.24	+ 59.88	2220,9492	—
		304.72	98.57	99.30	113.08 112.37	113.05 113.80		8678,4828	596,9239
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