

[7 July 1883]

This indenture made and entered into
this sixteenth (16) day of June 1883,
By and between Charles Oster and
Elizabeth Oster his wife parties of
the first part, and John Means party
of the second part, all of Boyd County
Kentucky; Witnesseth that for and in
consideration of the sum of four
hundred and eighty six (\$486) dollars, in
hand paid the receipt whereof is
acknowledged; the parties of the
first part do hereby sell and convey
to said John Means his heirs and
assigns forever, the following described
tract of land; viz beginning at a Stone
corner to a lot of 1¹/₁₀ Acres sold to
A. C. Howell; thence N 48¹/₂° E 42²/₁₀ poles
to a Beech tree; thence S 35° E 20 poles
to the fence by the road, thence S 55° W
36 poles; thence S 22° W 6⁶/₁₀ poles to
a stone corner to said 1¹/₁₀ Acre lot;
thence with line of said lot N 36¹/₂° W
20 ¹²/₁₀₀ poles to the beginning; containing
four ⁸⁶/₁₀₀ (4. ⁸⁶/₁₀₀) acres, together with all the
privileges and appurtenances thereto
belonging. To have and to hold the
above granted premises to said John
Means his heirs and assigns forever.
And the said parties of the first

part covenant with the party of the
second part that they are lawfully
seized of said premises and
that they are free from incumbrance
and that they have good right to sell
and convey the same to said party of the
second part; and the said parties
of the first part will warrant and
defend generally the title to the
above described premises;
in testimony whereof the said
Charles Osten and Elizabeth Osten
have hereunto set their hand and
seals this day and year first
above written

Charles Osten. (Seal)
Elizabeth Osten (Seal)

STATE OF KENTUCKY, }
COUNTY OF BOYD, } Sect.

I, Charles W. Sherrit, Clerk of the Boyd County Court,
Kentucky, do certify that this instrument of writing from
Charles Osten & Elizabeth Osten
To John Means

was this day produced to me and duly acknowledged by
Charles Osten and Elizabeth Osten
to be their act and deed, for the purpose herein mentioned, and con-
sented the same might be recorded.

Given under my hand this the 16 day of June, 1883.

C. W. Sherrit, C. B. C. C.
By J. M. Threlkett

STATE OF KENTUCKY, }
BOYD COUNTY, } Sect.

I, Charles W. Sherrit, Clerk of the Boyd County Court,
do certify that the foregoing Said
from Charles Osten and wife To
John Means
was, on the 7th day of July, 1883, lodged in my
office for record; whereupon the same, with the cer-
tificate of acknowledgment thereon, and this certifi-
cate, hath been duly admitted to record in my office.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of
July, 1883.

Charles W. Sherrit, C. B. C. C.
By H. C. Sherrit

Chas. Otis Waite
deed to

John McLean

Lodged for Record
June 22, 1883

on Shurt's case

Recorded in deed
book No. 12 on page
270 on this 27th
July 1883

Examined

Tax and Fee Paid

Wax & Paper Paid

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 19th July, 1883
Master E. C. Means
Marietta Ohio
Dear Cooke

Your of 14th instant
came duly to hand. Herewith find
N.Y. draft Security for (\$75⁰⁰) as requested.
Mary E. E. came Friday P.M. and left
yesterday - your Aunt Mary A. starting
with her; they will go to St Paul
together - I think now to come to
● Commencement; have not concluded
how; may come to Parkersburg in the
Fleetwood next trip.

All well

Yours
John Means

JOHN R. DAVEY,
President.

EDW'D. P. BUDGE,
Manager.

WILLIAM W. INNES,
Vice-Pres't.

Western Biographical Publishing Co.,

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Offices, 65 and 66 Johnston Buildings.

P. O. Box 278.

over

REFERENCES:

ROBERT CLARKE & Co., *Publishers.*

UNION NATIONAL BANK.

WESTERN METHODIST BOOK CONCERN.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK.

Western Biographical Publishing Company,
CINCINNATI, OHIO.

JOHN R. DAVEY.

EDWARD F. BUDGE, Manager.

W. W. INNES.

—OFFICES—
65 and 66 JOHNSTON BUILDINGS,
P. O. Box 278.

Cincinnati, July 20th 1883.

Hon. Mr. Means.

City.

Dear Sir:

Your communication re-
lating to the letter received from
your brother, Mr. John Means of Oakland,
is at hand. In reply I will say
that our company nor any of its
members ever had anything to do
with any publication for the state
of Kentucky, neither did we have any
thing to do with the company to whom
your brother refers. We never ex-
ecuted any steel plates for any publisher
other than ourselves. This company
was established in 1876 for the purpose
of publishing a work for Michigan
similar to the one now in progress for
this state. After that work was com-
pleted they published an elegant work
for the state of Indiana, three editions

w

Western Biographical Publishing Company,

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

JOHN R. DAVEY.

EDWARD F. BUDGE, Manager.

W. W. INNES.

—OFFICES—
65 and 66 JOHNSTON BUILDINGS,
P. O. Box 278.

Cincinnati, 188.....

of which has already been issued which certainly speaks of the favor with which it was received. The two leading members of this concern Mr John A. Dury Pres. and Mr W. H. Jones Vice Pres. are men well known in this city both as men of wealth and high business and social standing. They are both at the head of several large corporations in this city. Mr Budge the manager is an experienced man in the publishing business and has been connected with the company since its inception. I enclose one of our cards with references on the back which ought to remove any reasonable doubts as to the reliability and responsibility of this Company. Now in regard to your father's sketches and engraving will say that we would like very much to incorporate both in our work for he has certainly been

Western Biographical Publishing Company,

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

JOHN R. DAVEY.

EDWARD F. BUDGE, Manager.

W. W. INNES.

—OFFICES:—
65 and 66 JOHNSTON BUILDINGS,
P. O. Box 273.



Cincinnati, 188.....

a very active and prominent man
 in the state, and I trust you will
 see fit to authorize us to carry it
 out. As to the steel plate will say
 that if you wish to get ~~an~~ ^a ~~old~~
 a new one made it can be done
 from a print of the old one and
 I guarantee that it will be equal
 to the specimen herein enclosed, which
 was also made from an old plate not
 as good as the one of your father.
 Of course if you do not wish to
 have this done we will be glad to use
 the old engraving. It has occurred to
 me that your brother Mr John Meenus ought
 to be represented in our work also. I find
 by reading his sketch that he is a native
 of Ohio and lived many years in his native
 state which would justify us in incorporating
 him in the work. He has been very prominent
 and besides he has a fine engraving which
 could be used. I wish you would mention

Western Biographical Publishing Company,

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

JOHN R. DAVEY.

EDWARD F. BUDGE, Manager.

W. W. INNES.

—OFFICES:—

65 and 66 JOHNSTON BUILDINGS,
P. O. Box 278.



Cincinnati, 188.....

this matter to him. Please excuse my writing
at so great length. but I feel it my
duty to explain matters as fully as possible
that I may remove any wrong impression
concerning the responsibility of this company.
Hoping to hear from you again on
this matter I remain

Very Respectfully Yours

R. J. Grant.

Jos. F. Larkin, Pres't
WILLIAM MEANS, PRES'T.

Jos. R. Brown, V. Pres't

John R. DeCamp, Cash'r

The
Metropolitan National Bank
of Cincinnati.
Capital \$500,000.

Ans'd 29th

Cincinnati July 20th 1883

Dear John

I am in receipt of yours of 16th inst.,
including one from Western Bicy. Pub. Co. which, as
you say, explains itself. You will find herewith
another letter from that Company which also explains
itself, and sets at rest its identity as distinct from
the Reg. Concern. If you will send me further plate
I will attend to it, and for yourself also if inclined to
go into the Ohio work. I have no fancy for this kind
of notoriety, and tried to keep out, but learned that I
would be put in anyway, and permitted Saml. F.
W. E. F. Williams
Hesselt to peruse my sketch. The suggesting I have
no objection to, and know of no better way to hand
over self down to posterity. I think it eminently proper
to give further a place in this work, which is greatly
superior to publications of a similar character in general,
and I trust you will forward plate or plates promptly
Sincerely yours, William Means

Ansrd 29th

Cincinnati July 21st 1853

Dear John

Has the Boston
Iron Works Co. issued, or is it
going to issue Mortgage
Bonds to take the place of
those recently redeemed?

If so, what amount do
you desire to place and at
what rate of interest? If
you pay at the rate of 7%
In answer, I would like to
inquire to some extent.

Yours truly
William Means

John Means Esq.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

*Mrs John Means
Schland
Ky.*

July 22, '83
Tennessee Ky

Dear Mother

We left the

Chattanooga Friday morning
and rode 20 miles

Staid in Paintsville
that night at "Valley House"

Left Paint. next morn.

at 5 with mail carrier
(Meadows by name) Reached

Prestonsburg at 10 AM

and Pike at 6 PM, riding

40 miles second day. (Sat)

Mr Hager is up in camp

where I will go Monday

feel very well and not

very sore. Horse doing

spadidley. Yours, C. C. Coker

I wish you would put all late papers you can spare in the mail for me Tuesday night directed to Ash Camp etc of Hager, every Tues. or Wed. until I return which will about the 18th of August or later.

The Democrats are not so confident of their county ticket here, as I expected, so there is considerable work going on all the time.

The company have about 30 miners working along the creek prospecting, they board in the cabins near their works, Mr Statton Sr is their boss. They are doing mostly in coal, hardly, if ~~any~~

Ash Camp P.O.
July 31st 1883

Dear Father

The above is our present P.O. Address, we send to the office once a week for the mail (Saturday). The mail leaves Ashland Thursday morning reaching Paintsville same evening, then to Pike next day and to our office Saturday, there is a daily mail to Pike, weekly from Pike to here. We are 7 mi. from the P.O. 30 from Pike, 1 from Shelby Gap, on Elk Horn branch of Sandy.

There is a corps of 7 men here (not counting Messers Broad & Hager) the work done at

present is all Land-surveying.
level measure not surface.

Most all former surveys have
been surface, so the field
notes differ a great deal.
In fact they always try to
have a man with the corps
who is acquainted with
the corners thereby saving
a considerable amount of
work spent in hunting corners.

We were out today, ^(mon) 4 of us,
Stonebreaker chief, Stratton & I
chain-men and Jim Fowler
flagman. We walked 11 ^{1/2} miles
from time we left camp
until return. Most of work
was done going up and
down very steep hills only
chaining one pole at a time
we can form an idea
whether it was fun or not.

The rest of corps, L. H. Fowler
chief, Sam Pig & I need chain
Joe Rattiff flag., have gone up
the ^(B.N.) branch and do not know
whether they will be back
Tuesday or Saturday.

Mr Hager has gone into Pike
and may perhaps be back
Wednesday or may go to
Ashland before he returns.

Mr Broas we expect Monday.
Jim Fowler and I will go into
Pike Saturday and come
back Monday.

The feed here consists of
Coffee, cornbread and bacon
3 times a day.

The mare is in splendid
trim, and is admired by
every one who sees her; and
more, they all believe she
will easily be taught to work.

Louisville exposition before we
return to school if you are
willing.

Give my love to all the
family and to yourself
Your aff. son
E. C. Means

in ore, the ore is east and
south of us.

We are troubled none by
moonshiners, they seem to
think we have a detective
in the crowd, and I believe
Mr Broas threatened them
with arrest if they sold any
to his men.

Mrs Hager returned to Pike
with John F.; we were all
sorry to lose her company
although the boys seem to
be free in their humor
since her departure.

The tents are very large
and roomy but there
is a constant watch for
snakes, several being killed
in the tents. We have extra

mattresses, sheets, blankets, quilts and spreads for each person making sleeping quarters not to be laughed at, and good deal better than many city people enjoy, coupled with the fact that you do not roast every night,

I have received no letters from home but I have had 3 from Ohio.

Wednesday - Yesterday we walked 10 miles and finished up the work allotted to us until Mr Fowler returns.

Mr Guy Osborn lives about 2 miles up the creek from here, where Mr Campbell and Charly passed ^{through here} they stayed all night with him, he also knows you he said. You had better put the papers in the office Monday night, so we will be sure to receive them

same week, and do not be afraid of sending too many.

I have ridden the mail 50 miles up to date and when Mr Hagen & Proas return we are going to make a trip over into Letcher County.

The surveyors in running their lines have discovered several caves but explored them no farther than they could make their way without lamps. The people here say that there are a few ~~one~~ and bear still remaining in the mountains, but it has not been our fortune to meet with any.

My appetite is splendid but the cataract does not seem to disappear very rapidly.

I would like to go to the

Cincinnati July 31st 1853

Dear John

Yours of 27th rec'd
with plate - which has been
placed in the hands of the
H. O. P. Co. About all there
is to be gained in such matters
is a decent obituary, and the
preservation of a little family
history - for which the expense
is not excessive.

Truly yours

William Means

John Means Esq.

Cincinnati, Ky.

P.S. Don't you want a copy
of the work?

Wm. Means

National Hotel, Washington.

Aug 2nd 1883.

My dearest Mother,

While you are at your destination and perhaps taking a "plunge into" old ocean and enjoying a cool bath after your long tiring journey, I am quietly waiting until nine o'clock to come to take the night train for N.Y. The train failed to connect at Charlottesville, so our sleeper was obliged to wait from 3 1/2 A.M. until noon today, and only reached here at 5.20. A real nice old couple from Englewood N.J.

Mr & Mrs [unclear] are going on to New York tonight, and we came over to this hotel to wait, get our supper &c until time for the train. I hope you have had a more pleasant day on your train than you had yesterday for I assure you I have not.

A very singular thing occurred just as we reached the depot. a shower of rain fell on one side of the building but not a drop on the other side - it was very strange however the rain is welcome as far as it goes, as it has been very dusty all day and I think my face never was so dirty as when we reached here. I hope to find a letter from Rose about Saturday telling me all about your selves, what you are doing where going and of the progress made in the art of swimming - Love to Leggie, Harry girls & yourself - I wish you were here to go down to supper with me and my kind friends

Your loving daughter
Lily
I hope to hear from you while at Old Point

Hygeia Hotel
Old Point Comfort, Va.
August 2^d - 1883 -

[1883?]

Dear Lillie -

We got here
about day past to be this
morning - We had to ride in a
day car till 9 P.M. when we
reached White Sulphur. Lily stayed
with us till 11 P.M. & then went
into the Washington Sleeper - We
had a very pleasant conductor
in the Old Point Sleeper & there
were but very few persons in it
so our ride in it was quite an
improvement on the day car -
We find the weather here very

warm - They had a splendid
dinner here today - Sheepshead
fish - fresh Crab Salad - fresh raw
oysters (they catch the fish right
by the Hotel) + very good ice cream
nice water Melons - pears - peaches -
apples + c - + all the summer vegetables
I have not seen so many good things
to eat for a long time - I suppose
I shall enjoy the eating if I don't any
thing else - Harry's room is \$4.50 a day
+ ours \$3.50 a day (two in a room) they
are on the 1st floor + open on the porch
in front of the beach - The waves dash
against the shore all the time -
There were a good many bathers at
noon when we got here + they seemed
to enjoy it - The girls are going in
tonight - Give my love to your pa +
the rest of the family - Tell Harry
to take sweet apples to Mrs Culbertson
+ some other ladies - Mrs. C. Wilson
Mrs Peebles - Putnam &c - Love + kisses
from your affectionate Mother -

You and myself very well
than the kitchen for
housekeeper —

With respects to Mr Brown
Affectionately
Yours John McLean,

Atland Ky 2 and August 83
Dear Cooks

Your Portals from Pitkin
and Camp came duly to hand
the last, Tuesday night, so that
the 'Golds' saw it before leaving,
which they did Wednesd morn
@ 9^o 38" City for N. Y. and
Martin Besse Row and Harry
for Old Pt Comfort, Lizzie
going with the O. P. C. party.
They should now all be thro'
with their journey. There
have been some notices in
the newspapers about
Yellow fever in Chesapeake Bay
but they do not fear to go
as they did not think the
Govt officials would permit
infected vessels to land

or come near to Fortess
Morse, which adjoins the
Hygen Hotel at O. P.

I saw Mr Hager this
morning and had a talk
with him about the "Up Sandy
Country". He tells me of
a trip ~~with~~ himself and Mr
Bross into Virginia and
that you might accompany
them - Also of a trip
which he thought Mr Ireland
and he may make
into some of the counties
in Oty near where you
are. Keep your eyes and
ears open on these trips
if you go with them as
what you see and learn
about the country and
its resources, may be very
valuable to you hereafter

especially if you are in the
iron business in this
region - Aunt May is
looking for Lizzie Center to
come via Santa V. R.R. today.
I think from some talk I
had with Mr Russell yester-
day, that it will not wholly
with John whether he
goes back to Marietta with
you - So you can't move on
him -

We had Nathans Show here
Tuesday, only small attend-
ance - None of us went
You say something of your
horse being sore -

I hope you have not gotten
its back sore - Take and
see that good care is taken
of your horse, as it is quite
an important part of
your outfit just now

is better than the Springs have
been in other years - The girls
want to stay two weeks - If I
don't get tired of it before then
I will do so - It is very hot here
but a good sea breeze at night
the house is twice as large as it
was when I was here two years ago -
^{+ accommodates 1000 guests}
The bathing house is large - as the water
is shallow, a good ways out -
Harry says he will soon write
to you - You can write to me
+ direct as I have dated my letter
We are quite anxious to hear
how you are getting along + a
description of your camping out -
They dance here at night + the soldiers
come over from the Fortess Monroe -
The girls are getting puffed already
from the sea breeze - Try + keep
well + don't get a sun stroke this
hot weather - Love + kisses
from your aff Mother

Lygia Hotel
Old Point Comfort Va -
August 3 1883 -

My Dear Corie

Harry Lippi
Bess Rose + myself arrived
here safely yesterday in
time for dinner - Lily
came with us part way
We left home Wednesday
at 10.30. A.M. + Lily was on
the cars with us till 11. P.M.
when she went into the
Washington Sleeper + left as
she was looking much
better than when she

came out but still was
not as well as I should
have liked to have seen
her. We talked some of
going with her & going to
Astbury Park & Long Branch
as there was some reports of
yellow fever near here - but
as it did not spread, your
father thought we had better
come here - I brought Harry
with me, as he has been
such a good boy, so attentive
to his mother & sisters, taking
them to drive & going with them
in the rickshaws on all occasions -
I thought he deserved a trip -
I take a great deal of comfort
with Harry - he is a nice boy -
The girls went in swimming
yesterday with Harry & liked
it very much - Lizzie & I
are going in today at 11 A.M.
Lizzie thinks she will be as
afraid of the water as I am
but we will take a dip -
I hope the girls will learn
to turn around in the water
as their swimming won't be of
much use to them in the
Ohio river - This is the best
Hotel to get good things
to eat, I've said we
have all the summer vegetables
& most delightful water melons
nutmeg melons - peaches
apples - pears - & fish of all
kinds - fresh Crabs - fresh
oysters - & beautiful bread white
as snow - good butter & very
good Coffee & ice cream - I
am delighted with the table
& as the melons are raised so
near here I am not afraid
to eat them - the water also is
good & I think will agree with

Hygeia Hotel
Old Point Comfort, Va.
August 4th 1883 -

My Dearest Husband

I wrote
to Hildersh yesterday - & as I
received a letter from Lily yesterday
I enclose it - she seems to have had
some trouble in her trip after
she left us - The girls, viz. Bess
& Rose with Harry have been in
swimming - once the first day &
twice yesterday - at noon & five
P.M., & they think they are
learning a little more than
they knew before - Lizzie &
I have been in once - It is
cooler today, so I don't think
I shall try it as the waves
are higher than yesterday -
The girls are highly delighted

with every thing - & I think
the table has more variety
than any place I was at -
The melons & peaches are very
fine & blackberries & tomatoes are
sweeter than at home - I have
been having ~~stew~~ oysters every
night for supper & fried crabs -
all the fish here is very good &
every thing is well cooked - he pay
\$ 3.50 a day & \$ 4.50 for Harry as he
has a room to himself - we have
rooms, adjoining & the girls are never
ready for their meals. So Harry
& I always go together & I am glad
I brought him - Every body seems well
here & the place seems healthy - last
night we went to the Fort to see the
drill - Tell Harry to take sweet apples
to some of the neighbors every day -
I wish Mrs Putnam would come &
stay a week I am sure she would
enjoy the fine table tell her so if you
see her - Love to all & love & kisses to yourself
from Harry

Albion Ky, 5th August/883.
Dear Leek

I inclose herewith two
letters for you. Received one
this morning from your
mother - Says they had
a pleasant ride over to
O. Pt. - that they find it
very warm there - and gives
account of the fine
dinner they had -
Sarah Lenter came Friday
noon, missed connection
and stayed all night at
Phillip's, and is staying
at Father's - Mrs. Brennan
and Miss from Manchester O.,
and Miss Edna Shivas
from Kansas are at father's

also - Tom and I took
Tea there last evening.
Mr Burnett is at Putnam.
Col Swope spoke in
Luzerne A.P. Hall last night
to a full house, many
ladies present. John G.
Carlisle of Livingston Ky Sen
spoke in Fair Grounds here
night - The Republicans
say Swope made much
the best effort - All well
Yours affectionately
John Means

My horse is well and has a hearty appetite, has had no trouble from his back. up to date have ridden for 190 miles up to date. Mr. Green will not return before 10^o P.M. I will probably stay until the 25th I had reckoned on one week less than I really had to spare.

I will write to you again soon I see Mr. H.,

I will say about the Louisville exposition that I should still like to attend for a few days just before our return to W.

I have not been weighed lately but I have had a very good appetite and now have considerable color in my face so I should not be surprised if it takes a few more pounds to balance me than it did when I left civilization.

Love to yourself & love & regards to Mrs. Chinn. Kate & the Henries and to the Means' Puts & Russells Yours Cooke

Pikeville Ky
August 5th 1883

Dear Father

I came in from the camp yesterday, to spend Sunday in the city and see the election in the country. Found your letter of the 2nd awaiting me, having come in at 6 P.M. (Sat); on the way down from camp I received (at Ash Camp R.O.) from Lily and Rose, of the 25th.

I reached here about supper time last night and found Mr. Meinhart and Mr. Norwood both commercial travelers from Ash. they remained here over night & departed before breakfast, intending to drive to Paintsville before night and thus getting to Ashland, Monday

Friday we were out surveying and walked 13 miles, one line we run was from one knoll to another opposite, it was down one hill and up another both about 500 ft high and steep as you make them. I carried the flag and my neck was very stiff the next day.

The company has been rather disappointed in not finding any coal on the "Cumberland Mountain" but they have found considerable on the left of it (coming North), the veins are not very thick, generally about 3½ ft although they have run up to 7 ft, but I believe they have only found two of that size. And the ore is not in our neighborhood, it lying farther to the S.E. This company seems to entirely for coal and especially coking coal, I have seen some good specimens of soft coal,

and have heard them say that they have also found hard coal but the engineers have not had any locating of mines to do yet so I have not been to any of them. The coal-diggers (for they are not miners) only dig in far enough to find out how thick the vein is and whether they have a good roof. I think I shall look at some of the openings this week as it will be my last at camp.

I called on Mrs. Joshua Hagw last night, she informed me that Mr. H. would return Tues. if he can go up to Letcher at once I should be delighted to accompany him but otherwise I would much rather return home reaching there about the 20th. I have just discovered that ^{my} calculations were wrong, and

Have as ever your dear
love
and all and hope you will enjoy your
week very much
and I hope you will enjoy your
and I hope you will enjoy your
and I hope you will enjoy your

I reached Brooklyn today morning
after 6.30. after a pleasant night
in the car, with my pleasant
acquaintances from Engle wood, Mr
and Mrs Jacob Vermilye. We had
a pleasant rest in Washington
at the hotel and a good supper
which all enjoyed very much.

I met Mr Wayward the next
morning, and we came directly
out here, he had stayed all night
in the city in order to be early
at the depot.

The young lady cousin of
Mrs Bissell of whom I told you
was married to Mr Frank Van Wane
last month, and this afternoon
we are going to call upon her, and
do a little shopping, this is Harry's
birthday and he is fifteen, Mr Wayward

I received Mrs's letter yesterday and
will answer very soon (in haste)
I am glad to hear you may have many happy
to all and hope you may have many happy

Word Haven, Aug 7th 83

My Dear Bessie-

Accept warmest love
and congratulations on your
birthday and many happy
returns of the day, from
your brother and myself, I have
not been down town as yet
but shall go this afternoon
and will try to fill your order
and send to you at Old Point.

I trust you are having
an elegant time and before
the week is over will be able
to swim nicely, have Lizzy
and mother ventured in yet?

I expect to hear that they
will be so well pleased that
they will want to stay here
until the two are fine swimmers

Wish you all success
in your undertaking.

The weather has continued
so cool, ^{all} this summer that
the folks here, with the exception
of Harry, have not been to the
beach very often, and indeed
it has been so cool since I
returned that I am thinking
seriously of getting out my winter
flannel to wear mornings and
evenings. Mr Maynard is
very busy and will not take
a long vacation than a day
or two at a time and Sunday
will have to be one of them.

So I fear I shall be unable to
meet you at Old Point this
summer at least, as I have
been away for so long a time.

I wish you were all
coming up here, to stay part

of the time for I had such a
nice visit with you that I
am homesick to see you, although
I was feeling so poorly the most
of the time I was with you I
did enjoy my visit more than
I can express, and hope I may
keep as well as I felt the week
^{before} I left home. Mr Smith's physician
does not wish him to go away
from home for several weeks or
at least until he feels confident
he knows what his trouble may
be, he has concluded to try
Willie and Alice's Doctor - Mr
Hyatt whom they recommend
very highly, and goes to day for
the second time to see him.

But I must not say anything
more about sickness or you will
believe that is all we think
about.

Lygia Hotel - Old Point Comfort
Aug 11th 1853 -

Dearest John

I send you a letter from Lily - we have received one since, but as Rose says it is all about dresses + shipping you would not be interested. Bess + Harry + I, went over to Norfolk, + Portsmouth Thursday + spent the day - visited the Navy Yard + went on board a man of war - went to the Naval Hospital + rode around the City. Went over at 9 A.M. + returned at 5 P.M. - The day was cloudy + cool +

I enjoyed the trip very much -
Norfolk is very dirty - ^{green} Standing
water in the gutters - & I think
might be sickly if the weather
was hot - Portsmouth is much
cleaner - The girls ^{Bill & Mary} are learning
to swim but not as fast as
I could wish - There are about
400 guests here now - They come
& go all the time - Excursions
here every evening & crowds coming
& going - You can go from here to
Washington for a dollar (the usual
price being \$3.50) - Competition
among the boats - There are
a few people here from Cincinnati
but we have not made many
acquaintances - I think we will
be home on Thursday next week -
The Melons here are delightful
I eat them & take paragonic
I enjoy the fish also very much -
I don't worry, Louie did not come
here - Love & kisses to Hildreth
& yourself - & remember me to the
Rest - Love Hattie

Wm P. is gone.

We have contracted for an iron bridge like the ^{new} ones our Rush and Williams lev., to put in place of the one which broke down. The track will be placed on top and not through as on the bridges in use, which were not high enough above the water to run over.

The Democrats carried Boydlev. by large majority. It does not encourage Republicans to expect themselves, when they know that there is such a large majority against them in the State. The trial of Neal has been postponed until February. I think that as things are, this was the better way to do.

Ashland Ky, 12th August 83

Dear Cook

Your welcome letters of 31st ult, ~~came~~ & the instant came duly to hand, Was glad to hear you are so well pleased with your trip and horses. I did not expect you to see much in iron ore but that you will see and learn what coal there is in the region you are in. Reports of minerals in unexplored regions are always too good, and not borne out by facts, when closely examined. You may

see and learn enough now
 that if in years hereafter
 great things are told of
 that country, and offers
 to sell or work are made
 you, you will not need
 to look again. Have
 several letters from O.P.C.,
 and one from Lily, she
 got home safely and
 found the family as well
 as usual. Have had
 cooler weather, than before
 you left, it has been
 very pleasant. Have sent
 you several newspapers
 and will send you more
 until time to look for
 you here. The reports
 from the Louisville Express
 are not very flattering.
 It does not seem to be

as successful as was
 expected. It is probable
 the one at Cinici will be
 more interesting than the
 one at Brown called Wednesday
 night and spent the
 evening with Mr Russell and
 myself. If you urge it
 strong enough on John
 Russell jr, he will go
 to Marietta. It is father
 wants him to determine
 for himself. Sarah Butler
 is at father's yet. A great
 many went to Drinton
 Sunday to see Barnum's
 Show and were highly
 pleased. Sam and I did
 not go. Mrs Barrett is
 at Putnam's. Mr P. is going
 to Pittsburgh for a visit
 and Mrs. C. will stay
 with Mrs Reppert while

August 14th -

Have letter from O.P.C. dated 11th
all well and expect to get home
on Thursday (16th) next. Also have
letter from Lily of 7th inst -

The Norton Rolling Mill and Nail
Factory' started Monday after
a stop of four weeks.

Leah Smith of Color was buried
yesterday.

Lownmore is making 820 to 840
tons per week, and kept
Goodwin in fine spirits.

The brickwork on our roundhouse
is nearly done, Ed Roberts is
much pleased with it.

Maggie gave me letter from Aunt
Mary to day. She and Tom A. are
well, and she is greatly pleased
and entertained in her visits.

Had a call from a number
of Indians, bucks squaws and
paposes, who had come

6
to buy from Tom's store. She
says they have had visits from
many other queer customers.
Does not write anything of
coming home. She sent clipping
from a newspaper, giving account
of a Stage robbery which happen-
ed not far from them. She
saw the robbers (three (3)) pass
the store, and called Tom's atten-
tion to them as a seeming hard
lot, but did not then know of
their robbery.

Please remember me to Mr
Hager and wife and Mr. Boop.

Affectionately yours
John Means



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

John Means Esq
Ashland
Boyd Co Ky

Dear Father

Pike Aug 13

Will be home last
of week or first of next.

Did not go to Letcher.

Just come from Breaks of Mts
where I spent Sunday (17). Am well
Horses back a little now but not
enough to hunt

Thanks for Papers Yours
B. C. Means

but few friends - & we have
not made many - as the
people do not stay here
long but come & go all
the time - We have had
one yacht ride - to the Rip
Rap - Harry Bess & I went to
Norfolk & Portsmouth one day
went to the Navy Yard - on a
Man of War - to the Naval Hospital
& - went in a Carriage another
day to Hampton to the Soldiers
Home - a beautiful place - We
will leave for home Wednesday
or Thursday - Harry Lippin & I
are willing to go - but Bess & Rose
never are willing to go home
from anywhere - I'll get home
safely - but was detained on the
way - Tom pa says all are well
at home - I hope you will be
better after your trip -
Love & Kisses from
Mother -

Old Point Comfort Aug 14th 83

My Dear Cook

I suppose
you are yet enjoying yourself
up in the mountains - or
you coughing it trip -
We have been having a
pleasant time here, at
Old Point - I had a very
severe attack of Cholera Morbus
on the first Saturday night
after I came here - I was
so sick that I had to

Send for the Dr from the fort in the water - & to swim on
he came over & put Mustard her back & float. There have
Plaster on me & put Morphine been many Soldiers here - so
in my arm & soon relieved the young girls who dance
me. I was in such pain I was have had plenty of bran -
afraid of Cholera - The attack There is a pool table here &
lasted four hours & I lost we have played some on it
3 1/2 Kg in weight & was in bed & I like it better than Billiards
all day Sunday. Then I had a I think I should like to have
three days headache - so the me - as I like it better than
first part of my visit was any game I ever played -
anything but pleasant. I have They dance & sing in the
been in the water three times week here - have had two
& Lippie twice - Bess & Harry Germans - The children
have been in every day but two. dance a great deal -
Bess made 24 Chokes yesterday. Harry has not been on the
has learned to turn around floor though - & has made



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Harold Means

*Ashland
Ky.*

Boyd Co

Pikeville Ky Aug 16 '83

Dear Harry.

Will leave here
tomorrow for home, I intend
to spend Sunday in Louisa
at the Camp M. Dan Martin
and I are together but he will
not return. ~~My~~ Hager, Inland
Broas & Fowler left this day for
above to be gone 2 weeks.
Am well. Horse well. yours E. C. M.

Left Ashland Aug 29th
Thursday - on Steamer
Telegraph 9. P.M. in company
with Mr John Means. Mr
Cooke Means & Bessie Means
Reached Cincinnati

\$ 415 '83

~~\$ 40 50~~

~~\$ 415~~ 415 '83

quiet - table is very
good - & waiters attentive
ships - Yachts - ^{Steam} & boats
in plenty - lake fish
of all kinds & very nice -

Sunday attended Church
in a small Chapel

near the Hotel. Episcopal
service - Monday morning

took a skip ride with Cook

Monday afternoon took
a ride up the Lake to

Fairpoint the great
Sunday school in camp
the Lake is cultivated

on each side but
the scenery is rather
tame - passed several
large hotels with cottages
around them - Fairpoint
is settled with tents - Showers
& one large hotel & the
grounds could hold several
thousand people - the
Auditorium seats 5000 -
it is very cool looking
& romantic place on a
sunny day - but when
it rains the tents must
be dreary - it rained

hard when we returned -
in the evening went to
see them dance at the
Hall - the ladies are
quite well dressed at
the Kent House - but
at Fairpoint they all
seemed to wear their
old clothes & I never
saw ~~two~~ two crows so
near together - looking
so entirely different -
Tuesday went skiff riding
with Coke & Bess - then
went on the steamer

Shattuck to Lamestown
this is the largest town
in Chautauque County
10,000 population - it is on
the Conewango river - & the
^{at some distance} side on the river ~~to~~ to the
town, we found the most
romantic & charmingly
beautiful portion of the town
of the lake - we sat on the
deck of the steamer & rode
through a dense forest
where we could almost
reach the ~~tree~~ that over
hanging branches of the trees

on each side of the river
reminding us much
of Big Sandy river, in
this, & also in the short
turns & curves of the
river. ~~At~~ Jamestown has
the largest Alpacca
mills in the United
States - we went back
in the same boat, which
laid long enough there
for us to take a 45 minute
drive through the City &
see many handsome &
pleasant homes - particularly

the elegant grounds & house
of Gov. Fulton. The town is
very hilly ~~but~~ & the streets
are thickly shaded with
Maples - which add much
to its beauty - Wednesday
at ~~two~~ ^{two} o'clock went to Monitor
Fairpoint, on the F. J. ~~Monitor~~
reached there in an hour
were too late for the 2 o'clock
speech - went to the Temple
& heard Pansy speak to the
S.S. teachers I met Mrs M. ^{Litch}
Mrs Brown of Athens - Mrs
Brown is here for the 4th year
met also Prof Eaton &

wife. The girl's favorite
professor at Packer College
he showed us the model
of Jerusalem & the Oriental
House. We saw the tree
fountain - the Chinese & the
Statue of Mercury & the
model of the Holy Land.
There were many people
out doors - the Illumination
the night before ^{on Wednesday} was said
to have been fine - & is always
on the first night of Aug
& better every year - Came
back at 6 - P.M. ate supper
& then went over to the
Lake view house to see them
dance in the glass room
which has a balcony for
spectators then back to
see the German danced at
the Kent House ball room

Thursday - In the morning
hired a skip & man to row
& went up to the Pond Lily
bed it had the pleasure for
the first time of gathering the
beautiful lilies white &
yellow with our own hands
The leaves & flowers just
float on the surface of
the water - & you row in among
them with the skip - the
lake was so clear that
we could see great beds of
leaves like ferns at the
bottom & many shells & many
varieties of sea weeds - we
were an hour going & an hour
returning - at two P.M. we
hired a Yacht at a dollar an hour
& took a sail across the lake
which we enjoyed very much

In the evening we went
to the Negro Minstrel show
by the waiters of the hotel -
Some of them had very
sweet, rich voices - & their
jokes were new & very good
The scene - a rush on John
China man - was very
good & amusing - as the
audience were crowding down
the stairs to go home - some
one called out that the
floor was giving away
this caused quite a fright -
Some say it was true & others
that it was a false alarm
The stairs were very frail &
the whole frame building very
light - however, we were glad
to get out safely on a side
pair of stairs - got back

Safe to the hotel -

Friday - In the morning
took a ship ride with
Bess & Cooke to row
& in the afternoon went
to Mayville - on the Nelson
& came back on
the Mayville - we walked
around the town & had to
wait some time for a return
boat - the town is quite
small - Saturday took
the Griffith (5 cents) to
Chattanooga - reached
there at 11 - went first to

Auditorium & heard
speakers on the U.S. Christian
Commission & heard Phillip
Phillips sing & Jubilee Lick
Singers - 8 - four women &
four men - their voices
are very powerful & sweet
were invited to dine with
Mrs M^cKittrick & Mrs Brown
of Athens at their boarding
house - after dinner went
to the Amphitheatre again
& heard the same singers
again - at least 5000 were
present - & we had speeches

from Miller. Fiske & Steward
very enthusiastic - the
Jubilee Singers sang "Old John
Brown beautifully - went to
see the Temple of Philosophy
& had to nearly run to make
the boat - reached Lakeview
at 6 P.M. - Carfida was
expected at Chautauque for
Sunday - We still have
black berries - but no cucumbers.
~~Saturday - Took steamer~~
~~Guyith (50 cents) to Fair Point~~
~~on Chautauque - yesterday~~
~~morning at 9.30. Reached~~

Watkins -

over the rocks everywhere & it is all as beautiful as a poet's dream. Sat
 we came back to Elmira Sunday
 The Maynard came Sunday afternoon
 we rode out to the handsome Cemus
 try - Monday we got up at a
 4 1/4 A.M. took the cars at 6 A.M. & went
 to Matthews Glen House for break
 fast & went through the town
 a short Glen it has some beautiful
 views Minnehaha Falls etc - we
 it is a mile walk in or out then we
 went to the Glen Cathedral & had
 pictures taken - it was delightful
 cool in the Glen - the heat was
 excessive when we came out - we
 were all charmed with our trip -
 I stood the climbing very well
 Left Elmira 6:40 P.M. Monday
 reached Cin at 5:30 P.M. Tuesday
 weather very warm

~~Have all but to this~~
~~and don't give I heard~~
 Speaking & Sunday
 Attended church & heard
 a sermon on ^{the} petitioning
 left Kinards Boston
 Monday morning for a
 Sky race - afternoon
 went up to Charleston
 & heard one of the best
 singing speak & the
 S. City - went there Sunday
 got there late -

Sleepers - 10
 tickets to C - 16.35
 Lunches - 3.
 fruit .25
 Bus 7.50
 Bus 1.50
 Porters 1.00
 tickets to A - 10.50
 Lunch & fruit .50
 Burnett - 10.50
 Telegram .25

Expenses \$ 23.65
 clothes & presents 20.40

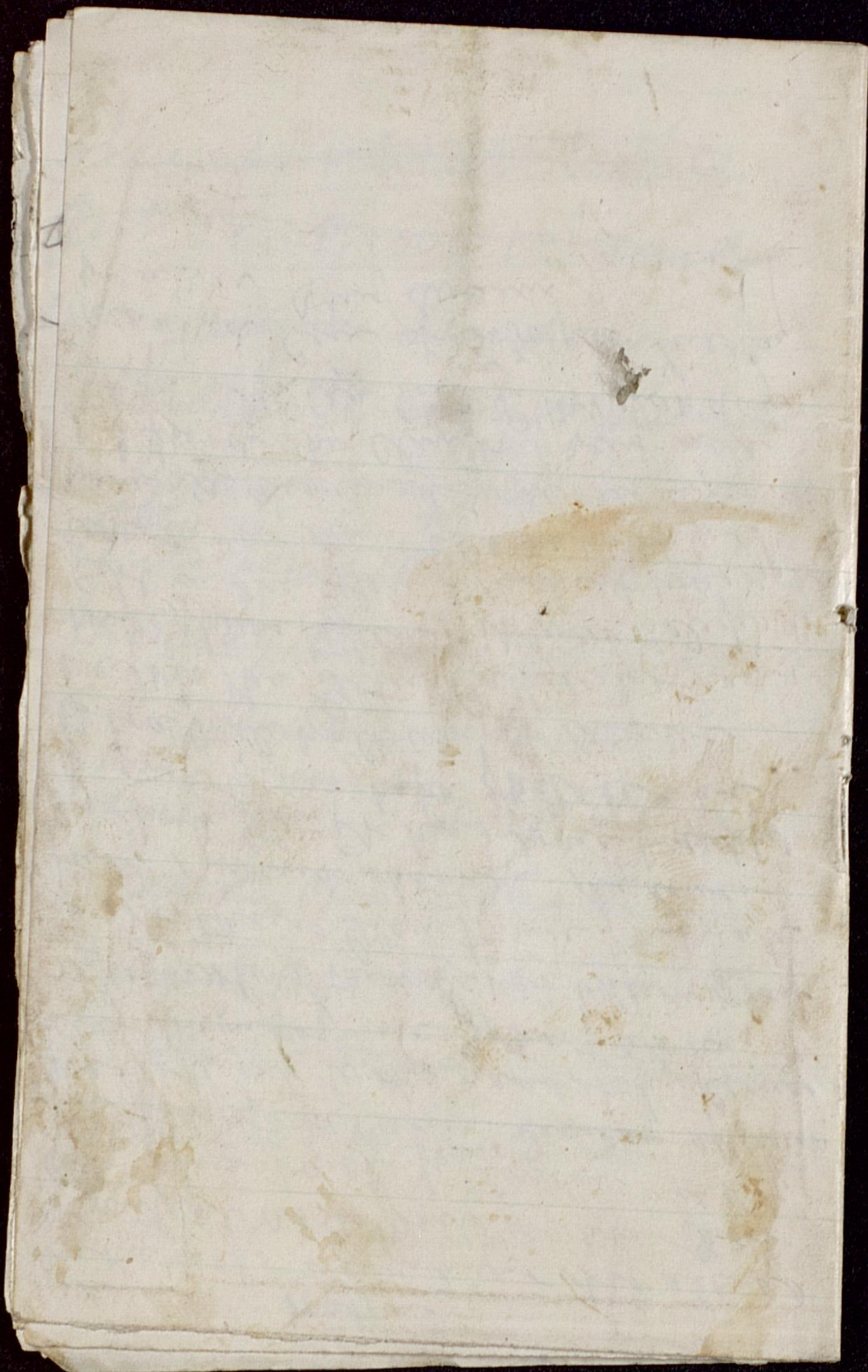
Chataqua - No 2 -
 Left Ashland Aug 17th Wed
 Morning at 11 A.M. on steamer
 Telegraph - in company with Lily &
 Rose - Boat stuck on a bar at
 9 P.M. & stayed on till 15 hours
 reached the City Friday morning
 went to Burnett House - left on the
 train for Chataqua. Lake Wood
 Station - at 1 P.M. ^{Friday} reached Lake
 Wood at 6 A.M. Sat - Had ear ache
 in the cars - & the bed so hard
 bruised my back so as to be
 very lame for several days -
 remember hereafter to sleep on
 pillows - or soft shawl - Took

breakfast at the Kent - then
came on Steamer Griffith to
Chattanooga - & took rooms at the
Atheneum kept by Mr. Belle
Lewis at whose Hotel the Durst
we stopped in Florida - He
remembered us & has been as
kind & polite as possible -
He sets a fine table & the house
is newly furnished with wide
Halls & pleasant rooms is very
agreeable - Sat afternoon at the
Auditorium we heard Frank
Beard - & saw him draw in ^{a few}
moments laughable life size

portraits in Crayons - mock
presentation of his statue (an Indian
totopoco sign) a basket of flowers -
(Cabbages beets &c) his replies &
acceptances very amusing -
in the evening heard a concert
by the Jubilee Singers - very fine
Sunday - a Sermon by Mr. Cushing
In the afternoon - Sermon by Gough
the temperance lecturer - evening
singing - reading - speeches & -
Monday morning farewell speeches
Monday afternoon - trip to the
Baptist grounds at Fair Point
Linnest Hotel on the lake & all the

Cottages handsome - Left Chataqua Tuesday afternoon & came to the Kent House at Lake Wood Wednesday went to Jamestown & back by boat & took a stiff ride evening Thursday went in sky to Pond Lily bed Friday stiff ride to a smaller pond Lily bed Rose coming & a man Scubit fern in the house - left Friday afternoon for Watkins Glen Reached Elmira at 9 P.M. Thouside from Chataqua Went to the Rathbun House & stayed in the morning rested & at 12:20 A.M. took cars on horse side to Watkins then hris up the Mountain to the Mountain Glen House - where we got a delightful dinner & were sorry we had not gone there to stay as it was so cool & pleasant we then walked through the upper Glen a mile & a half & a carriage met us at the end & we rode down to the train at 6 P.M. & a short ride around the city - the Glen is one of the most lovely places I

was ever in - it is a ravine running between rocky cliffs 200 feet high forming cascades, pools waterfalls & lovely bits of scenery - you climb up & down steps of wood - steps in the solid rock & hills till you are tired out - and at the end there are nearly 100 steps in flights of 20 with seats to rest on - platforms & seats are scattered along - the falls are called by different names the prettiest were Minnehaha Rainbow - Photo - Glen Cathedral & the pool of the Nymphs - Poets dream - small pool - matchless scene - Triple Cascade - Artist's dream Baptismal font - Pillar of beauty - Glen Arcadia - Hairnypass - all having a beauty of their own - in the Glen Cathedral the rocky walls ^{rose} up 300 feet - covered with mosses ferns & vines & crowned with pines hemlocks & other evergreens - it is perhaps the grandest scene of them all ~~but~~ many flowers & ferns grow over



Marietta Sept 9th 83

Dear Mother

We reached here Saturday 6 P.M. Found Uncle George and Mr. Ross in their usual health. Sarah was at her post in the dining room if you remember. Saturday was a chilly damp day, so we were very happy when we found a fire built and a room nicely arranged & a good warm supper awaiting us.

We were out to the Exposition two afternoons and were very well pleased with the display. Met Frank Coles, "Old George" & Emily, the Perrill boys, Mr. David Heiger & son-in-law etc.

We saw both the parades
did not think much of
the first one but thought
the second was splendid.

Went to see Dr. Whitaker
he gave me some more
medicine and wants me
to come down in October
to see him. He said I ought
to stay a month with
him then he could do
me some good. He said
he would treat me every
other day and only charge
One Dollar for each time.

He thought I looked better
than when he last saw me.
Met Mr. Mash and Uncle
Grill, Uncle said his family
were all well.

The college chapel hour
has been changed from 7.30
to 8 A.M. with reciting until

10, then we study until
1 P.M. when we have another
recitation.

We will study English Lit.
Astronomy, and "Human Body"
or Physiology & Rhetoric.
Only 5 of our class have
returned to date probably only
2 more will return. The classes
have all fallen off 3 or 4 men.
College is gradually falling.
Something must be done.

We are well and send love
to all.

Yours affecⁿ

B. B. Meane

and I hope
 done to all the folks and to
 your own self -
 the peckholes not also yet -
 and I think I could study you
 from the little piece and hope
 instead of this, consequently
 gifts will be a little late, but they
 will come with many good
 wishes and love.

I am going down to B.
 this afternoon and will try to
 get them then. I wish you
 and Rose would give me an
 idea of what you would like
 for Xmas, and what you think
 would please my parents?

Mr. Hayward sends love and
 says if we do not have warmer
 weather to morrow he thinks we
 will all have to put on our
 winter clothes to keep warm.

Yesterday evening we all sat
 out in the kitchen till nearly bed
 time, it will soon be time to
 light the fire in the furnace.

I hope you will like the
 things I have sent you
 and I hope you will
 like the things I have
 sent you.

Saturday, we made french, beer and
 yellow female pickle, and baked the first
 pumpkin pie of the season, but they
 are not as nice to make as my mother
 makes them -
 Sept 18th 1883 -

My dear Bessie -

I send you by mail
 your ribbon, satin, comb, and
 whisk broom, and the hair I
 told Rose I thought I had here,
 in my Paris trunk, I hope she
 will be able to use it, and Sister
 found the three buttons which
 were left from your white dress,
 which I also send, and for
 Lizzie a darning egg and more
 cotton, I hope they will come to
 you soon and all be satisfactory
 if they should not be so, please
 do not hesitate to write me and
 I will change them for you.

You and mother are having
 an elegant time at the exposition

this week I suppose and will go home full of the "exposition fever" I wish it would lead you to come on to the Onole Carnival in Baltimore and then on to N.Y. for a visit I would love so much to see you both.

The family are all tolerably well, and as this is Day week Mr Maynard is very busy, yesterday Mrs S. & I went down to hear our Eng. Lutheran Minister, Mr Gimmermann and came home in time for dinner, I met Susie & Mamie Patterson coming back and Susie said to give you her love and she hopes to see more of you when next you come on to N.Y. How are every one at home? did the boys feel very anxious to return

to College or were they sorry to begin school again-

I saw Mrs Purdy (as I believe I wrote you) and Packer begins the 24th inst. and Miss E. J. is still connected with the boarding school, If you have any thing for me to purchase for you, will you please let me know soon as the trains after the middle of the month will not run so often and I do not suppose I will go down so often as I have been doing, hope by not sending these things sooner I have not delayed you in your birthday presents, but I was not able to get them all until Friday and thought I would send all together, do you know I ~~kept~~ thinking that mother's and father's birthdays, came next month

And to see Miss Blair,
 Robt Pecker went to Louisville
 last week, does not seem
 to have been impressed very
 much by the Exposition
 Your Mother says the ^{London} ~~London~~
 exceeds the Cincinnati one.

Remember me to Aunt Burges
 Mrs Lutter, Knowles, Lovell, Noye &c &c
 George and Mr Ross

All well

Yours truly
 John Means

Arlaud Ky, 17th Sept 1883.

Dear look

Yours to mother came to hand
 Sunday 11th just as she, and
 Bessie were boarding the cars for
 Cincinnati, and she carried it off with
 her so we had no chance to
 see it, until her return. She
 came back Sat 10th at 8^o 45^m P.M.
 by the Ed. & B. RR. When going
 away she said she would not
 come by the Ed. & B. so we were
 not expecting her. Rose Tom and
 myself had gone to the Reading
 Room for some Lee Leman and
 Kate was out, and the house locked
 up with no one at home.
 She and Bess are nearly
 tired out with their trip, and

not to be wondered at. In
5 days gone - had ridden some
500 miles in accommodation train,
spent 2 days shopping, and
visited two Expositions and
pulled a tooth. After all this
she rested yesterday without
going to church -

Rose and I attended a large
party at Capt Houshells Thurd
(13th), drove up and back with
Waxy. Got home @ 2^o 30^m A.M. and
having had nice time. There were
about 150 in attendance.

Saturday we had to dine
with Mr. Jattun, Meggie, and
Miss Lida Moore. Our pears
have been ripening and we
have had some very nice ones.
They are nearly all gone
now. Have not had rain

enough to lay the dust since you
left; and every thing is very dry.
Last Monday one of the bridges
between Hillgrove and Coalton
was set on fire as we suppose
by our pass. train in at 9^o 30^m
A.M. - The fire was not seen
until about 10^o when it had
reached the roof and too late
to save any part of bridge. Capt
Mays soon had his men and
timber there and at 9^o 25^m P.M.
crossed trains again.

Paul Eckholz was on the train
bound West here at 10^o 5^m - which lay
here until after Supper - he
inquired for Harry and you.
Mr. John Hays and wife have come
home again. Matt Hieston and Jenny
Russell came Friday evening
Krotzenberger leaves to day
for the Leinti Exposition

[22 Sept 1883]

Know all men by these presents, that John Means of Adair County Kentucky in consideration of One (\$1.00) dollar, and one note of even date herewith executed by Joseph H. Alexander for Five hundred and twentyfour (\$524⁰⁰) dollars, payable one day after date with interest payable annually until paid; does hereby sell and convey to Mrs Virginia D. Alexander, wife of Joseph H. Alexander aforesaid; all that parcel of land situate in the County of Boyd and State of Kentucky, bounded and described as follows: beginning at a Stone corner of 1¹⁰/₁₀₀ Acre lot of Hornell, thence North 48¹/₂ East 42²/₁₀ poles to a Beech: thence South 35° East 20 poles to the Road; thence South 55° West 36 poles; thence South 22° West 6⁶/₁₀ poles to a Stone corner to said 1¹⁰/₁₀₀ Acre lot; thence with a line of said lot North 36¹/₂ West 20¹²/₁₀₀ poles to the beginning containing 4⁸⁶/₁₀₀ Acres more or less; with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to have and to hold the same to Virginia D. Alexander her heirs and assigns forever; the same conveyed to said John Means from Charles Oster and wife by deed dated 16th June 1883 of record in deed Book No. 12 page 290 — in the Boyd County Court; and a lien is retained on the premises hereby conveyed to secure the full payment of the note and interest hereinbefore mentioned.

And the said John Means will warrant

and defend specially the property hereby conveyed against all persons claiming by through or under him.

And the said John Meany and Harriet E. his wife who hereby relinquished all her rights and expectancy of dower in said premises have hereunto set their hands and seals this twenty second (22nd) day of September 1883

John Meany {Seal}
Harriet E. Meany {Seal}

State of Kentucky }
Boyd County } Sec

J. C. W. Shurt Clerk of the Boyd County Court Ky. do certify that foregoing instrument of writing from John Meany and Harriet E. Meany to Virginia D. Alexander was produced to me duly acknowledged by John Meany and Harriet E. Meany to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned and the same with this certificate have been duly admitted to record in my office given under my hand on this 17th of Dec 1883
C. W. Shurt Clerk

John Meany and wife
Seal to
Mrs Virginia Alexander -

Recorded in deed book No 12
on page 42 for this 17th day
of November 1883

PAID.

Duly acknowledged
before me by
John Meany
and Harriet E. Meany
this November 30 1883
C. W. Shurt Clerk
By J. M. Huff D.C.

PAID.

Tax and Fee \$1.75

Marietta College.

Marietta, Ohio, Sept 23 1883

Dear Father

Uncle George is painting the house, we tell you this for it is something new. He had his fence doctored first and then came the spirit of improvement.

Friday was "Emancipation Day" so the black and not quite so black held a "blow out" here.

Senator Brace was the orator of the day, he also made a political speech at night in the City Hall to a crowded house.

Charly Slack does not return to Columbia until the first of October, he will finish in an other year.

Will Slack is still in Atlanta.

Bessie Putnam has gone to New York to finish up at

Madame Graham, she will be accompanied by Mary Howport. Her mother is going out to St Paul to see Douglas, who is there in a willow ware firm and stands a good chance to be made a partner, he is now private secretary.

There are two young fellows over at Mr Douglas Putnam's sons of a missionary there name I think is Labberie, their father has been in Persia but is now in Turkey-

Our boys are all preparing for our fraternity convention which is held here next month. We are both quite well and did not attend the wedding which we have heard was very fine but not many there.

Yours truly
C. C. Means

Marietta College.

Marietta, Ohio, Sept 25 1883

Dear Rose

This is a letter of requests first Harry wants two German Books (1) "Keffe als Oukell" & (2) One which contains 3 short novels, these you will find in our rooms, also two for myself my sketch book and the D. L. L. Quinial to found either in our room or the library.

Tell father we would be indebted to him if he will send us the money to pay our months board or in other words Fifty dollars (\$50.)

Love to all

Yours truly
E. C. Means

Albion Ky, 30th Sept 1883

Dear Cook

Your of 25th instant to Row
came Wednesday night and as I
left next morning, I could not
get draft to send you, which
will do tomorrow morning.

Saw Uncle Will - Mr. Winston
Mr. Sinton and all were well
Stayed Friday night with Capt
Kyle, and came home Sat
evening. All well. I leave
Monday night for Louisville,
and expect to get home Thursday
evening, that I may attend the
Fair Friday — Affectionately
Yours John Meard

over

I send draft on N.M. 50 \$

also made me one + Aunt
Amanda - + some of the gentlemen
at my birthday party wished I
might live a thousand years +
have a birthday twice a year -
Melons, pears, grapes have about
all left Ashland, - + we shall
have to go back to puddings +
pies for dessert again much
to my sorrow - Bess is talking
some of going to Mayville for a
visit to B.W. - But Wm +
Will Garret have left Ashland
for good - So Frank + Clara -
Mr. Lake called yesterday - letters
have been received from Aunt
Nelly from Yellow Stone Park - very
interesting - We are anxious for
rain - Cisterns dry &c - Love to
Uncles George, Ross, + Sarah
+ love + kisses to yourselves
from your aff Mother

Ashland Sept 1883 -

Dear Cook + Harry -

I was much
obliged for Cook's letter, which
I received just as I was
starting for my trip to Cin-
+ Louisville - I suppose the
girls have written you about
my party - how delightful
it was - how everybody enjoyed
it + what a fine supper
had + Capt. Houshall was so
pleased with it + had such a
good time that he went
right away + had a party
himself, on the next Thursday

he had a very large party &
a platform dance. Rose & your
father attended - & from Ashland
most of the crowd bring from
other places - Bess & I had
a gay time on our trip - we
shopped two days - buying a
carpet - furniture & paper for
the parlor - The room will be
so fine you will hardly be
able to recognize it - we then
went to the Fair Exposition -
Friday I got up early & we took
the morning train & went over
to Louisville - This exposition
was very good indeed & as large
nearly as the Atlanta Cotton
exposition - Of course we
could not see it all, in one
day but we went over the
parts which were of interest to
ourselves - as the Art Gallery
&c. &c. - I am sorry you did
not get to go - as there was
much there which would
have interested you - but these
expositions are very fatiguing
things & after we had reached
home over the rough Lexington
road I was quite tired out -
two days shopping - Exposition
& 500 miles of rail road travel
over two of the roughest roads
in the U.S. ^{in 5 days} was enough to tire out
anybody - And your father was
quite amused at my doing so
much in such a short time -
We received Winnie Knowles
wedding invitation & today sent
our regrets & a handsome
book of engravings - of paintings
by German ~~Painters~~ Artists -
I suppose you broy & Uncle George
& Ross ^{will} attended the wedding -
Lily sent me a handsome
birthday present & the girls

Marietta College.

Marietta, Ohio, Oct 20th 1883

Dear Father

As the time for our convention approaches we are becoming ~~busier~~ so busy that we scarce have any spare time to play, especially since we are preparing to erect from the chapel stage for the first time, consequently we cannot write of conquests on the foot ball ground or in the diamond.

Next Wednesday is the opening day of the convention, we expect to be excused for the two days from all college duty, so we can devote our time to the business of the fraternity and to impressing on the delegates that Marietta College is the greatest and grandest of all Ohio Colleges, this will be very

Marietta College.

Marietta, Ohio, 188

hard to accomplish and will need considerable time. We will tell them that numbers do not make a college so much a good hard working students (of whom we have half a dozen). We will explain that it is best to have no government over the doings of students outside of the recitation rooms. And also that it improves the health of a person live in a room 12 by 10 and have at the same time a roommate. Thus will we impress the delegates from Rochester, Harvard, Williams Ann Arbor etc.

Please send us (\$100) One Hundred Dollars for board and sundries
Your aff son
C. C. Means

There was very interesting to their
 beauty. Bessie, Rose
 and Maggie helped in
 fitting the clunch and getting
 up and serving the meals.
 Charles Mead and wife
 ● have been to N. Y. to
 see Dr Hammond, have
 not seen to speak with
 them since they came
 home.

Remember me kindly
 to all the friends,

● Hoping you are both
 well - am affectionately
 Yours
 John Mead

Ashland Ky, 21st October 1883
 Dear brother

● we have had quite an
 eventful week here. Monday
 afternoon I was called to
 town by Mr Matter. The
 teller, W. S. Kirker, of the Second
 Natl Bank was missing
 and some \$16,400± of the
 Banks money gone with
 him, and to this time
 neither the money nor
 ● Kirker have been found.
 The fellow had been drink-
 ing hard, but we did not
 know that. He was married
 to Abby sister of E. B. Willard
 of St. Rock, and left his wife
 with three little children

2
We may get Kinker, but am
afraid we shall not find
the money with him.

Thursday your mother
and I were invited to dine
as S. Ward, and witness
the marriage of Mrs
Foggy to a Mr. Mackin.
Mr. Ledit married them,
he and ourselves being the
only ones outside of the
family invited. Yesterday
your mother invited
the Wards, bridal party, and
Mrs Biggs to dine with
us, and she thinks her
party was a success.

The bride and groom were
as loving as sons. We
are invited to be present
tomorrow morning at the

3
marriage of Miss Maud Parns
to a Mr. Pownall, in the
M. E. Church. I don't know
him, but clearly says
he is a very good man.
Thursday and Friday the
soldiers of the "G. A. R."

had an entertainment in
the M. E. Church. We took
supper Thursday, dinner and
supper Friday with them.

A great many people atten-
ded and we had a very
pleasant time. I hear they
cleared about \$250 which
they propose to use in fitting
up the room, in which
they hold their meetings.

A number of the soldiers
entertained the people, by
telling about their army
experiences. Some of

Ashland Oct. 23rd 1883

Dear Cook & Harry

We send you
a box of cake from the festival
of the G. A. R. which was largely
attended last week. Clearing about
\$250. in the two nights & 1 dinner -
Rose & Bess assisted as waiters
& your father spent money freely
on the small boys outside whom
he treated liberally - I told him
he had better treat his own boys
& send them some cake, so at last
he bought a little - & the girls had
a present of nuts from Will Seaton &
I told them you could help eat them
The Chestnuts are pretty lively - Mrs
Gard's daughter (Mrs Forger) married

a big Sandy man last Thursday
& your pa & I attended & partook
of the wedding dinner - Saturday
I invited them to dine with me -
Maud Powers was married yesterday
morning in the M.E. Church by brother
Callahan. Your horse still
remains unsold - much to my
disgust as I want the stall she
occupies for one of my cows - & the
prospects are poor for any sale for
her - no one wants to ride her as
she scares so - even standing on her
hind legs at Mulligan's milk wagon
Your pa, when I asked him, why he did
not ride her - said "she was too big a fool"
If you trades through life are no
better than buying that horse. I am
afraid you will be a poor business
man - Give my love to all the
family - & love & kisses to yourselves
from your aff
Mother -

Marietta College.

Marietta, Ohio, Oct 30th 1883

Dear Father

We received your letter this morning containing draft for One Hundred Dollars (\$100). Please accept our thanks.

If you possibly can try and exchange my horse for the one Mr John Russell has loaned to Will Seaton. My horse will suit Seaton better than such a young one and Mr Russell has another one (John's) besides his two (Gibsey & Prince) which he keeps in town so he can afford to make the exchange. The one I speak of is a bay filly nearly 4 years old and is going to make a fine, intelligent horse one which is very gentle yet will

be a pretty fast & stout. She is
a Membrino colt and perhaps
Mr Russell will not want
to sell her. But if you can
possibly make the trade do it
you have \$50 of mine out
to interest which you can
add to the mare.

I enclose you a piece of
literature which was produced
during our convention by the
other societies. It did us more
good than harm. Our convention
Mrs Slack says, proves that our
society is the best one in and
for Marietta College

Yours etc

E. B. Means

P.S. Be sure and try to
make such a trade.

Marietta College.

Marietta, Ohio, Nov 11th 1883

Dear Rose

The next week, after various postponements, will witness the first orations of the Junior class Harry and Russell because of bashfulness, timidity etc will be excused from delivering theirs but I must undergo the operation My subject is the advantages of free trade to England. the oration is a very poor one because I have not given enough time to it. however I am going to deliver it.

Rev Dickenson preached on the almost national sermon of Martin Luther, national because almost every church in the U. S. will have a sermon the subject.

Tonight he preaches a sermon to the young people on the Power

of a clean face". About ~~once~~ in three weeks he preaches a sermon to the young and puts printed handbills out in town in this manner a good many are attracted who would otherwise not attend.

We have had two shows this week one home production a musical entertainment with Kent Thomas as principal character in the "Mask I Got" a burlesque on "Mascot". It was very poor I thought. The other was a theater "Ranch 10" a rather wild, border ruffian play but very interesting. Next week there is to be another show.

The Congregational circle met at Mrs Slack's Thursday night we did not attend but suppose every person present enjoyed a very good time.

II

Marietta College.

Marietta, Ohio, 188

I am hopes father will sell my horse and get one which can be used with a considerable amount of safety so that I can bring it up here.

Russell & I are on one continual wish for our horses, saddles & buggies but especially the first & last. I have become lazy without having any of other exercise than walking. When we returned from our vacation I weighed $146\frac{1}{2}$ in summer clothes now I weigh 143 in winter clothes a loss of about 7 pounds.

Donot smoke but once or twice a week and go to bed at 10 P.M.

My eyes have been giving me some trouble lately ~~for~~ because of night study, generally, I can get my lessons in the day with $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs at night but lately we have had

extra mathematical work on paper.

However I am not very much
alarmed.

Love to all & self.

Yours

E. C. Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 12th Novem., 1883.

Dear Leek

Yours of - came duly to hand, and
I have noticed what you said as to horse
trade. I don't see very well how to
accomplish it, unless Beaton has
bought Russell's horse. Mr Russell and
myself are much in horse trading, and if I
was to name it to him, he might swap
to please me without hurting himself which
I would not like to him do, or believe I
would accept from him under such cir-
cumstances. Was in Cincinnati last week
and saw Uncle Will, Messrs Mack and
Sinton. Anne Luft made a short
visit to father. We have a new
man at the furnace at Mr Walker in
place of Montgomery - The Norton will
start rolling mill and nail factory
tomorrow or next day. Uncle
and Leeky came home last
week, and seem pretty well

The same usual stories to tell
about bad eating places —
Aunt Mary A. ~~met~~ me in Leintz
and we came home together
Aunt Martha was in Innton
to see her sister Emma, came
up Friday to father — She goes
home this evening. Ed Norton
and family came Friday and
expect to spend the winter
here — Lily and Mr. Maynard
expect to be here while you
are at home for winter
vacation. Remember me to
Aunt Buzen and family, the
Krunder, Uells, George & Ross,
All well

Your truly
John Meany

with your pa & I expect they
have had a lively time - Frank
Lynan will now live in N. York
as his brother died & he is the
only son - & he will take his brother's
place in his business -

Ashland is fearfully dull this
winter - nothing pleasant or lively,
for any body - The Norton Iron
works burning makes every body
feel poor - & there are a few
young men in town - Seaton comes
in on every this Sunday & Rose has
quarrelled with Ganeth & Graham -
So I am not at all troubled with
the ^{the} brand - I send poetry for Harry to
read & meditate upon - Give my
love to George, Mr Ross - & Sarah & all
friends who inquire for me
Love & kisses to yourselves
from your aff
Mother -

Thanksgiving day -

Ashland Nov 29 - 1883

My Dear Corke & Harry

As I am
not yet well enough to go to
church & listen to a long sermon
from the new northern Methodist
preacher I may as well write
you a line - We are all
invited to dine at Cox Douglas's
& 3 ladies will accept - your father
is in the South yet & Aldrich will
find the dinner hour of half
past one too late - I am
thinking of riding over - as I am
yet too lame to walk & don't
seem to improve at all this last
week - I have been amusing

myself making silk quilts &
having tea parties last week I
had some married ladies to
tea + this week ^{Monday} I had
young ladies + 3 married ladies to in
all) & we had a jolly time -
Friday evening I am going
to have my Turkey, oysters &c -
& have the Putnams from Manilla
Mr + Mrs P. + Mrs Lynn P. McCloud
Aunt Mary Ellison from Manchester
&c - Fannie & the girls can do the
work so I can enjoy company at
home, without my usual head-
ache which I generally have
after a party - Charlie Means
has had two sides on your horse
& says it goes very easy - Dr Wade
& Will Richardson coming from Cattet
on the other night at Seize's
crossing had their buggy run
into & smashed all to pieces
by the locomotive - they managed
to jump out & save themselves -
So I shall be more afraid than
ever to have you go to Morris in
the dark nights - Lily & Maynard
still talk of coming out Christmas -
You may get me some more
weapons for Christmas, but I want
them triple plated, if you get
them & marked M - We are
invited (the whole family) for Christ-
mas to Grandpa's - Uncle
Hugh is very poorly - coughs a
great deal - Charlie still
lives without meat or cake & looks
thin - it is nice to have him
at home as he is jolly - The
new foundryman Mr Walker is
a famous whist player & has
been to call on the Coles, & played
cards with them - he is a graduate
of Harvard - a single man about 30 -
Mr Mack & Lyman went to Alabama



WILLIAM MEANS, *President.*
JOS. R. BROWN, *Vice President.*

CAPITAL \$500,000.

WESTERN BANK NOTE & ENG. CO.

JOHN R. DE CAMP, *Cashier.*
CHAS. W. EDWARDS, *Asst. Cashier.*

Metropolitan National Bank

Cincinnati, Dec. 5th 1885

Dear John

You will receive by Express a
Crayon Portrait which you will probably
recognize when you see it. It is not
flattering, but I think it will come near-
er doing the subject justice than the
one you have in your library. Please
substitute and destroy, and I would
be pleased to do likewise with reference
to one of yours.

Yours truly
William Means

John Means Esq.
Ashland, Ky.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 6th Decr., 1853.

Dear Leek

Your of 26th ult, came while I was in
Alabama - Reached home yesterday noon
after a pleasant trip with Frank Lyman
and Mack - I find many letters
to attend to on my return -
Herewith I send you N. Y. draft
for One hundred and fifty (\$150.00) to
pay bills and bring you home
All well - Affectionately

Yours
John Means

W. B. Mumy
I am writing from N. B.
of some home, I am just dying to see you all
write me even once more any way before
done to Pa, Ma, Bess, Tom and yourself

the house all day. He had
a very nice dinner and Mr
Conway was here to dine, you
know he always comes in the
winter on Sunday. The bill of
fare was, Oysters on half shell
Turkey & cranberry jelly, white
and sweet potatoes, peas. Stewed
apples, cold stew, Bread & butter.

Brooklyn Pudding, Apples, nuts
and black coffee.

Mr W. says to give you his
love and to say to Mother that he
is glad to hear that she is so much
better and he hopes she will continue
to improve until she is entirely well.

I called on Leall and she is
the happiest girl that you could
wish to see, perfectly devoted to
"Faded" and quite enthralled
with the idea of going to have
helping, but sorry that it could
not be in Brooklyn, they will
go home to Detroit for the holidays
and then go soon to Phila-
and commence to help
house there, I am very
sorry that she does not stay
in Brooklyn, she said
people was living in Japan
and is going to help home and
Doll will live with her.

Your kind letter
was received Thursday 6th and I
was indeed aware that a long time
had passed since you had written
to your absent sister, but you have
been very busy I judge, both at
home and in your work for the
fair, I hope you will be very
successful next Friday evening
and that Mr Condit will soon
reap the benefits of your industry

about an hour ago and says the Rev. is in splendid health. My friend says he will not be able to go about the month, she has some matter - and cannot -

Mr. Johnson's doctor was here & engaged him to be in a new addition to the church which is so much needed.

Pa is having so pleasant a visit that it seems as if he did not have time for writing any letters, but we hope after his excursion is over he will have an opportunity to write us some thing of his doings, or a few lines to let us know that he keeps well.

I have been very busy all week getting ready for Xmas and the weather has been fearful first cold then so warm and sultry that you do not know how to prepare for it at all.

I hope you all keep well and have had no colds -

Mr. Smith is failing daily and yesterday the Dr. told him that he could help him no more and he would like to have a consultation with some N. Y. M.D. as he is completely baffled in the case and he says frankly that he does not know what is the matter with him, and he has given a great deal of attention and study to the case, since he has been in his charge. Mrs. S. is getting over a cold which she has had a week.

Sister and I are going down to church tonight and it is growing so dark I can scarcely see to write, I did not go to church this morning, and have been abs

much I have written. I not said
one thing about the fair. if I am
not careful it will be covered out.
for I dont mean that this letter
shall be a very long one. But such
long rests between letters always
leave me with too much to tell.

I wont try to tell you what a hard
time I had getting ready for this
fair. I dont think

two from Pittsburg
with much perfectly lovely
large objects. I abt
to in small ones.
Did not have a very
crowd though. I
not made so much
money as we have some
other years. Wilson
I have got the money
to get to. Do thought
he did. I counted it
before we left the hall
and there was only seventy
six dollars & a half. I
after the expenses were
paid we had only four
had a very little more
over sixty dollars. I perhaps

come & nothing but that kissiman last fall the new girl I think
fair could have made us so long wanta entirely too many holidays,
in answering it. We were all so much & thought she must have all of
pleased with the prospect of you & this week. consequently Bird & I
Rose coming together to visit us have to stay at home and be kitchen
and so sorry when Rose girls. They had a Christmas tree for
letter came telling us that M. A. & the school in Dresden
Hattie was sick at the Miller