

Marietta O  
June. 1<sup>st</sup> 1884

Dear Father

This week has been one which has afforded us more amusement than is the general case.

Last Sunday night the customary Memorial services were held in the city-hall, with the Methodist Bro to the front. Tuesday I was out canoeing in Harry's cause. The Boathouse will not be opened for a month, but it is arranged so that we can keep our boat there and use it when we wish -

Wednesday Harry went canoeing, and Charly Mitchell and myself took a walk up to Rathbone's sweet potato farm.

Will Slack and I called at Miss Woodbridges to see a young lady from Portsmouth Vt. by name Miss Cotton, she was not at home so we missed, no doubt, a very pleasant call.

Thursday we celebrated our Third Annual L.P.C. Picnic. Russell, Curtis Morgan & I were the original four male members of that crowd but now I am the only pioneer. Dunn, Mitchell and Slack supply the places

of the others.

Friday was Decoration Day and exercises were held in the City-Hall then came the usual decoration. In the afternoon a game of Ball was played in the Ball Park between the Marietta & Athens Club. The University Club. M. of course won with the score of 10 to 9.

Most of the boys are now practicing for field day and we expect to have a very good one considering numbers. Last year John Russell was a very successful competitor.

Hildreth Putnam was  
over last week and  
gave us the surprising  
information that you  
were rich enough to buy  
the A. C. & B. R.R. Etc. We tried  
to persuade him he was  
a little off and I think  
succeeded in doing so.

Commencement is on the  
25<sup>th</sup> of this month and  
we are expecting to see  
you present  
Love to all

Yours in good health  
B. C. Means.

Abilene Ky 1 June 1884

Dear Leok

I have been over to Lookdown  
last week and found all  
going on very well, made  
865 tons including 24th ult  
which is the biggest week  
work so far. Messrs A. A. Goo,  
Bell, Lettett, Lyman's father and track  
and A. S. Winslow run there —  
Made a trip to the Stack Mine,  
and found John Ham had  
all there in fine condition  
for good work.

Was in Leinti 24th ult at meeting  
of Big Sandy Packet Co. about purchase  
of controlling interest in the Leinti  
and Louisville line of Steamers  
which we have desired to do

for some years, and have now  
accomplished. Will bring both  
lines of Steamers under one  
management.

Took tea at Mr. Haemár

Saw Lou and Mary -

Last night Cleary Black  
stabbed Willard Can who  
killed him in return, think  
both pretty badly hurt -

I send herewith N.Y. draft  
for (\$100<sup>00</sup>) one hundred dollars  
and five

Black died this morning.

Town election to day but it is too  
early to tell what result will be  
Remember me to all the friends

Affectionately  
John Mearns

Maritta June 4 '84

Dear Sister,



Fathers letter was re-  
ceived last night -

with its check of \$100 One Hundred Dollars for which we are thankful yours was received in due as we have noticed. Sorry to hear of the Black and Carr scrape. No declamations this afternoon in chapel. Our Class of four (with absent <sup>(traps)</sup> Cooke and I) were at the Observatory last

Monday night. To see Venus Ju-  
piter and the Moon all of  
them were very fine looking  
objects. Venus was like the new  
Moon in appearance and near its  
~~brightest~~ greatest brilliancy which  
would occur the next day sometime

We are all well with love  
and best regards from your  
friends  
Your Brother  
Harold Means



Maysville Ky  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 1874

My dear Father

It has  
rained every day since  
Sat, so we decided to stay  
a day longer and we  
will come home Sat, instead  
of Fri, morning.

This afternoon we are  
invited up to Mr. Robinson's,  
and we expect to go thro  
the ice factory and the  
Jail, today. The Jail is a  
very handsome new  
building of brick + stone.  
Mr. Adworth came back  
from Grant last week and

is still here with us  
and Harry's little Florence  
is spending two days  
here while her father  
and mother are busy  
with their concert. We  
went down to it last  
night and enjoyed it  
very much. Still I think  
we have better voices  
at home than they can  
produce here.

I hope you all keep  
well and have a good  
time. I send you  
from  
your loving daughter  
Rose.

of styles candy for an anniversary present  
of flowers and story + Mrs. D. a basket of  
Mrs Smith gave me a <sup>pretty</sup> beautiful basket  
- 4881 " 91 emf

My own darling Twin -

Your dear kind letter  
had just been brought up  
stairs to me and I am so pleased  
to hear you have enjoyed so  
pleasant a visit in Mayville  
am very sorry that I disappoint-  
ed you in sending your dress  
but hope you will have many  
opportunities to wear it in Ashland  
you need not think about a  
settlement until I see you, for  
I have such a good kind husband  
that I do not need the money.

now, If you have done  
nothing to your blue satti party  
dress, do not change it until  
you hear from me as I have a  
good scheme to offer in regard  
to it. I bought you a beautiful  
pair of kid gloves at a new store  
in N.Y. the Bon Marche' a branch  
of the Paris Store, for one, seventy  
five (\$1.75) and also a pair of silk  
ones to wear with the new dress.

but from your letter I hardly know  
whether to send them or keep them  
until I hear from you again,

Please write me a line at once  
but do not wait for a long letter unless  
you have plenty of time. My sleeves are  
not set in right and I have to take

sent first to H. Wickham - before coming  
to Providence - N.Y. & your other was  
sent first to H. Wickham - before coming  
here, (Queen Co) -  
I suppose you by sending another letter  
the dress back and have them  
changed, how does yours fit you?  
is the basque tight enough and  
what about the width of the sleeves.

Cora Spangler is going to be  
married June 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and  
is coming to Brooklyn to live, her  
Aunt Miss E.J. is going to give up  
Packer 160 for a lemon about the  
middle of July, I called there Friday  
but she was unable to see me  
as it had been a very busy day for  
her, (class day) and her ankle did  
not feel so strong, No, Faw has  
not called yet, nor Miss Gordon

but she and Mademoiselle<sup>4</sup> are  
coming some time (?) and oh I  
do wish they would.

Yesterday was a much  
more quiet day than the 18<sup>th</sup>  
two years ago, but it was a warm  
bright day, just as it was two years  
ago and to day it is cooler here than  
it was in Leiti, at the Queen City  
club where Mr Mack took us to dine  
with him - Yes I sent Mrs Roberts  
a Long Island time table and  
would send him one for the middle  
of this month if I knew where he was  
stopping in N.Y. The trains <sup>on the L.I. R.R.</sup> are  
running all the time now, but they  
will not allow Woodhaven Passengers  
to ~~buy~~ tickets to and from N.Y. <sup>on the Rockaway road</sup> so  
we buy a ticket to the next station

bag, and he is off to get some change  
here - Harry's school is out to  
later, Mrs W. & Harry could  
beyond Woodhaven - "Ozone Park"  
and get off here. It is not warm  
enough yet for surf bathing, or  
we should have been down long  
ago to Rockaway Beach.

I would write you a longer  
letter but I have written four and  
my hand feels tired, so with much  
love to one and all

I will ask you to write me  
soon a short letter, hope you are  
feeling much better and will  
soon be restored to health

Your brother sends much love  
to Joan. Your loving  
Woodhaven - N. Y. - Lily

Please ask father to write me  
about the elections, and Col Moore's  
defeat. It has not been in either of the  
home papers, or at least we did not see  
it.





Mr. E. C. Mearns,

Dear Sir,

The Third  
Prize for Junior Essays  
is awarded to you.

Yours,

D. E. Beach.

Morristown, June 20, 1884.

I am to sleep, as I have not  
slept scarcely any in the night  
but the head organ man is playing  
at the organ —

New York Windsor Hotel —  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 1884 Wednesday

My Dear Rose  
I like this hotel very much

We arrived  
here safely this morning at  
6.30 — We had a very cool day  
with frequent showers & had a  
much more agreeable journey than  
I expected — but the sleeping  
car at night was terrible — so  
hot & close — Bess & I neither  
of us slept scarcely at all —  
I was born I had <sup>not</sup> stayed in  
Washington all night — Mr  
Tom Stuart the former editor  
of the Winchester news was on  
the cars all day & was highly  
entertaining — He is going with

Dr Hammond Enquired if Mrs Adams had married yet

an excursion party to Mexico  
next fall & shut you an invitation  
to go along - Bess & I went over  
to Dr. Hammond's this morning  
& he put the electric battery on  
my leg very strong & thinks if  
I can come again Monday he  
can cure it entirely, he says the  
Sciatic nerve was inflamed &  
I am to paint it with Iodine  
which will take the skin off like  
it did my neck - so next week  
I suppose I can't sit down if it  
makes it as sore as it did my neck  
he says the hip joint is all right -  
Tomorrow we will go out to Wood  
Haven & after Monday I think will  
go to Newport - Give my love to the  
Boys & your pa. also Kate & the  
Henrys & remember to see that the  
chickens are watered & fed - & don't let  
the boys use the horses in the  
middle of the day when it is so hot -  
Bess has gone out shopping - Love &  
Kisses from your aff. mother

report of the eating. I have had a nice crop of Strawberries in our garden, but are all gone now, only had a few cherries. The chicken coop about as usual, falls to Tom and Henry for care now, until Hal gets home she may be gone 3 or 4 weeks, Mr (Pop) Linderman and a Miss Falls were married in our church last week. The Ward Pic Nic came off Tuesday 17th, there were some 40 present, and enjoyed ourselves as usual.

Mr. Haskell died that evening after some minutes confinement to the house. Had stroke of paralysis about the time you left.

Mr Lendit in his notice for meeting at Reading Room next Wednesday

Ashtland Ky, 29th June 1884

My dear Sister

Your of 1st instant is found on returning home after an absence of nearly two weeks. I have been to Keintz Pittsburgh, New-center and Sham Pa, and Steubenville, among rolling mills and blast furnaces. Mr Mack went with me from Keintz, Dined at Sintons all well there. I suppose Mary has written you of Annie's visit here with Jerry and Dary. The children thought Ashtland a very nice place to come to. When in Steubenville saw the natural zoo baring as it came from a mill that had just been bored

The flames shot up about 20 to 30 feet and made as much light as the Abbot furnace. The noise made by the sucking gas could be heard a considerable distance, I am writing a trip to see. Have been to Lumber since I wrote you, and found all going well. Carl Goodwin was glad to hear from you and J, and decided to be remembered.

Found on getting home that Hattie & Bessie had left for N. Y. leaving Rose and the boys with me to hold the fort.

Tell Jerry the widow is white and free born. I

have not found out whether she swears or not, if he does she can get used to the music soon.

We have had very warm weather up in the nineties, but for two or three days has been cooler and very pleasant. Mr. Condit has finished the Tabernacle and lectured to the children in our church on it a few weeks ago. This afternoon he goes with it to Colletts River and look are going up to see and hear. Bessie & Rose paid Miss Bessie Wadsworth a visit at Haysville and had a nice time. Uncle and Lezzie are at Milboro Sprio and make their usual

# CONDITION

—OF THE—

## Ashland National Bank,

*At the close of Business, June 30, 1884.*

### RESOURCES.

U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation .....	\$350,000 00	
Notes and Bills Discounted.....	402,767 62	
County and Corporation Bonds.....	48,290 40	\$801,058 02
Due from Banks and Bankers.....	\$ 23,084 28	
Legal Tender Notes with U. S. Treasurer.....	15,747 50	
Currency and Coin on hand.....	30,893 72	\$69,725 50
Banking House and Furniture .....		13,780 00
Total Resources.....		\$884,563 52

### LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$350,000 00	
Circulation Outstanding.....	309,450 00	\$659,450 00
Due Depositors.....	150,463 92	
Due Banks and Bankers.....	7,531 81	
Dividends Unpaid.....	60 00	\$158,055 73
Surplus Fund.....	\$ 48,000 00	
Profit and Loss.....	19,057 79	67,057 79
Total Liabilities.....		\$884,563 52
Profit and Loss as above.....	\$ 19,057 79	
Less Dividend No. 23 of 4 per cent. this day.....	14,000 00	
Leaves Profit and Loss.....	\$ 5,057 79	

W. C. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

July 1, 1884.

two hours to come to the Dr from  
Dunstable - we go on the elevated  
rail road + Steam Cars + ferry  
+ a cab - Tuesday we came in  
again to Dr Hammonds + then  
left on a Steamboat in  
the afternoon for Long Branch  
we had a pleasant trip of three  
hours + reached here before dark  
and came to the West End Hotel  
we have a pleasant room over  
looking the Ocean + the fashionable  
street for driving there are ~~some~~  
<sup>great many</sup> beautiful horses + Carriages here +  
funny little pony collage carts -  
dog carts + tea carts - so that it  
is quite amusing to watch them  
Yesterday we went on the cars to  
Ocean Grove Asbury Park + took  
a Carriage when there + drove  
three hours until we saw everything  
A great many were in there bathing  
The Cottages are not as handsome  
as at Long Branch + the ladies were  
dressed very plain - but they looked  
like they were having a first hat time

Give my love to everybody - we will  
not go to Newport till Monday -  
as the 4<sup>th</sup> July makes everything so  
crowded - Love + kisses from  
Mother -  
Show this letter to the rest of the family -

Long Branch N. J. July 4<sup>th</sup> - 1884

My Dear Hildreth

We are  
having a very pleasant trip  
so far - we had a delightful  
visit in Woodhaven - Mrs  
Smith did everything to make  
us have a good time -  
The first day she took us  
to Long Beach a very  
fashionable bathing place -  
in the afternoon she took  
me out in her new phaeton  
with her nice little bay  
horse "kellie" that she had  
just bought + we too went  
over to Jamaica + rode by  
Miss Della Rankin's house

Point Comfort the first of any  
a very nice home - Sunday  
back at Callie on Van Schaick  
turb - he had a very handsome  
place with a great many  
things in the yard - Sunday  
they returned on call - he had  
a very pretty young wife - I was  
much pleased with her -  
Sat - Drove down to a picnic  
at Rockaway Beach on Sat  
on Sunday - I brought also some  
down Chester, which I thought  
very great - This seems to be  
a great place for sea bathing  
I had more open out than  
any place he has seen - Pass  
+ Harry Smith went in the  
water for half an hour - Pass  
did not like it, as the waves  
were so high - The water  
not down - She likes it.

place she had seen yet -  
Sat during we came to Man  
hattan Beach Coney Island +  
took our supper there + went to  
the "Fire Works" "The Storming of  
Pekin" - This was very grand - The  
shells exploded + the rockets were  
of all beautiful colors + some of  
them flew over the water + then  
burst into fountains of fire + stars  
Chinese Garden was the set piece  
we could see the fighting between  
the Chinese + French + the French  
gaining the battle + then setting  
fire to the City - the towers burning  
+ falling in - the guns firing from  
the ships till the air was filled  
with smoke + the noise was deafening  
it was the finest thing I ever saw -  
Sunday we rested + Monday  
we went to the City + did some  
shopping + I went to see Dr  
Hammond - it takes us just



July 5, 1884.

To the Board of Common Council:

Your petitioners are citizens of Ashland and do Represent, that the New York and Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Company, a Corporation, is engaged near the City in the work preparatory to drilling wells for Oil and Gas, with the purpose of supplying the Citizens of Ashland and the towns in vicinity with natural Gas for illuminating, domestic and manufacturing purposes.

To encourage the prosecution of said work, and secure to the City and its inhabitants the benefits to result from a reliable supply of natural Gas, we Respectfully ask your Honorable body to grant the use of the public places, streets, avenues and alleys of the City, to said Company, to lay all necessary pipes and mains under the surface thereof to conduct such Gas supply to all the inhabitants and manufacturing places within the City, by ordinance upon such reasonable conditions as may be proper.

And, as in duty bound, we shall ever so pray &c.

James M. Monticelli

Henry C. Freshour

W. H. St. John

Wm. Hutton

Leiger & Purcell

Julius S. Miller

J. M. S. Lane  
W. H. Peers  
J. H. Peers  
R. R. Pennybacker  
W. H. Peers  
J. H. Peers  
W. H. Peers  
John Wittig  
W. H. Peers  
H. A. Nette  
H. C. Condit  
Till Gardner  
R. G. Poynton  
J. C. Brubaker  
James Hutton  
J. E. Spate  
P. J. Nagel  
J. M. Gray  
Nessie + Jones  
John R. Jones  
John H. Wade  
B. W. Claffin  
M. Lucichart

Andrew Russell  
C. M. Wilson  
Wm. Patton  
W. L. Figg  
Wm. Serrey  
S. J. Savage  
L. F. Bartell  
Gud. Nierman  
T. J. Neuman  
Mary C. Douge  
Thos. R. Young  
John L. Kouns  
John Calder  
F. M. Brooks  
A. C. Moller  
M. H. Young  
R. D. Jeffers

John C. Maish  
Hugh Langston

Petition - on to  
Natural Gas

Select Corn  
Means  
Palloock  
Cheap

Church of "The Heavenly Rest" - a very elegant church - the singing by young boys or men dressed in white. Called choir boys - & very good music - The girls went shopping Monday morn - & at 1. P.M. we took the Puller car for Newport - & had a very pleasant ride to one till 6. P.M. when changed to boat & reached here at 7. 45. P.M. If I had known I would have been so tired I should have come all the way by boat - but we will go back by boat to N.Y. on Monday night - & then take cars to Washington & spend Sunday there & perhaps Monday, reaching home Tuesday morning - which I hope will make the trip easier for me as my leg is much more painful than when I came on - Dr Hammond not having improved it much, so far - Today the sciatic nerve is inflamed - & may have to be stretched if it does not get well - He put on the battery - much of the 3 weeks I made him & gave me medicine - pills & mineral water (sent the box of bottles home) & I am to paint it with iodine twice a day as it takes the skin off it is not pleasant for traveling -

My dear Mr. A. I had had full of news of you & family the week was elevated if you are all day & I suppose their disappointment - I suppose I returned home by this time - And have a house full of boys - Mr had a very delightful visit to Dussie & Lily & from Thursday evening to Tuesday morning - & Dussie did her best to entertain us - taking us to Long Beach - & Redaway Beach with a picnic dinner & to Manhattan where Mr Maynard gave us a dinner & took us to the fireworks - & Dussie took me to Jamaica a drive of 7 miles one day &

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took Bess on Sunday - she has a  
new phaeton & a pretty little horse  
& drives herself - She came  
with us to the City & had a  
good deal of trouble hunting  
up our trunks - Mrs Colburn &  
Mrs Wallace are now visiting  
her - Mr Smith went to Beyond  
Springs while we were there -  
Mrs Nichols is very lame but  
still goes about - Jessie says Harry  
Carruth will come to Ashland this summer  
He is a very pleasant boy -  
Jessie gave us an elegant dinner  
Sunday - & Gen Schwenk called  
with his pretty young wife - The  
water was so cold & surf so high  
at Long Branch that Bess  
would not go in - She thought  
she would bathe at Asbury Park  
as there were so many bathers  
there, but her courage failed her  
again - as she has only been in  
at Rockaway Beach - & she says  
she does not like the surf bathing  
as well as the still water & she  
does not place yet that she  
likes as well as old Point Comfort -  
Lily has had one chill this  
spring & looked quite <sup>thin &</sup> yellow  
when I came on - but since  
she has been about with me  
she is getting a much better color  
she is taking a good deal of medicine  
for malaria - She is much  
pleased with this hotel & as it is  
about as stylish & expensive as any  
in the City - Bess is also pleased  
Dr Hammond had me put iodine on  
my leg & as it is taking off the skin  
it is quite sore - & I am afraid I shall  
have a hard time in my car  
riding - We think we will go to  
Newport this afternoon  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ocean House - Newport -  
He spent Sunday at the Auditor  
Mr Maynard coming over to dinner &  
attended Episcopal Church at the

Bess is happy as a pig in  
straw again

WILLIAM MEANS, President.  
JOHN R. DE CAMP, Vice President.  
CHAS. W. EDWARDS, Cashier.

CAPITAL \$ 500,000.

# Metropolitan National Bank

Cincinnati, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1884

Dear John

I am in receipt of yours of 21<sup>st</sup> asking me to have seal made for the "Kentucky Bellefonte Iron Company", and the same has been ordered and will be forwarded to you by Express - You please to learn the organization has been accomplished as I regard it a matter of much importance. Myself left for Boston by rail this morning to attend Emma's funeral. All at fellow springs and well.

Truly yours

William Means

John Means Esq.

This certifies that Mr. Ellison Cooke Means has pursued the studies of the first three years of the Philosophical course in this college, with the exception of one term in German Freshman year and twenty-seven weeks in Latin Sophomore year, on account of weak eyes, and has passed the examination in the same; that he is in good standing, and is now at his father's request honorably dismissed.

J. W. Andrews,  
President.

Manetta College,  
August 1, 1884.

Highland Park  
Aug 3 1884

Dear Mother

Arrived here  
safely last evening after  
a tiresome trip. I  
had a wait of 2 hours  
in Columbus and  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr. in  
Newark. The sleeper  
contained one other passenger  
besides myself, he was  
about 50 years old and  
not very talkative so  
we had a quiet trip.  
Reached Chicago about  
7 A.M. Saturday and went  
up to the Palmer, spent  
the day in the city and  
came out in the evening.



Found Highland Park  
to be a small but  
very pretty place of  
about 1500 people -

Morgan is here alone,  
all the family being  
up at Brown Lake Wis-  
(P.O. Dartford, Brown Lake  
County, Wis.) We will  
leave Tuesday for the  
Lake. We called on  
a family by the name  
of Summers last night  
and met 4 very pleasant  
young ladies. Their mother  
came from near Mayville  
Wis. One of them ~~is~~  
Miss Mylie of Ripley.

We are going ~~into~~ the  
city tomorrow to shop  
and see the races.

We go through Milwaukee  
on our way to the Lake  
and expect to see Lou  
Whipple, Marietta '81,  
who has located there.  
John Warner is in  
Chicago and we expect  
to see him.

They have a good  
pastor here in the  
Presbyterian Church -

What is the ~~the~~ news  
about Culbertson?

Give my love to all  
the family. You can  
expect us about the 20th.  
Your aff son  
E. C. Means

Saturday night we are invited to a Hop at Pleasant Point but we are in doubt as to whether we shall accept or not.

Fishing again this afternoon if weather permits

Give my love to all the family and believe me

Yours affectionately  
E. C. Means.

Dartford P.O.

Aug 14 1884

Green Lake Co

Dear Mother

We have just returned from an unsuccessful fishing party composed of Mrs Morgan Miss White and myself.

Yesterday we were out and I caught a splendid pickerel, the first I think I ever caught.

Today Mrs. Morgan hooked a 5 pounder but it broke the line and escaped much to our mutual sorrow for they are truly very

fine eating. There is a lady staying at the Oakwood a Miss Hew, of about 35 summers who goes out every day with a fisherman they seem very lucky for yesterday they caught 4 and today 6 a very good day's fishing.

Last night (Wed) we were invited over to the Oakwood Hotel to a Hop and as gentlemen are rather scarce we proved to be very welcomed additions to the party.

The music was furnished or given-out by two negro musicians who came over from Fow-Dutac it was delightful especially when one would sing to waltz time.

I met a German from Marietta over there a Mr Goebel his father keeps a furniture store there and he is a teller in the First Nat. Bank.

Bill and I leave here next Tuesday, we will stop at Highland Park and reach Rockland either Thursday or Saturday perhaps later.

How is Mr Culbertson and what is the real cause of his attempted suicide?

I have received a letter from Harry, also the 3 which were forwarded. And one from Father enclosing a draft on New York's Sharks.

Woodhaven N. Y.

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1884-

My dear Father

I send you  
timetable of the Long Island  
road and if I only knew  
upon what train to look  
for you, would go down to  
the depot to meet you.

If you should arrive  
in the depot at Flatbush  
and find a Rockaway  
Beach train coming before  
your train you could come  
on that, by buying a ticket  
to Coney Park which is  
the next station beyond

Woodhaven, and get out  
at H.H. - we very often come  
on the Beach train trains, as  
very often it is so long to  
wait for the L.I. trains -

We shall look for  
you now on every train  
until we see you,

Hoping you are well  
and with much love from  
Mr M. and self.

Your loving daughter  
Lily M. Maynard

Marion Sept 21 1877

Dear Father,

I have received a letter from Cook which describes his Louisville trip & what he has been doing since he come home from there. Everything goes on as usual in the College. We had two afternoons given us to attend the Fair, which was the same as usual, I went Friday afternoon. There was fewer entries than usual in all departments. The reason for it was the small premiums that were given. Uncle has fewer Bears on his trees than for some

years past. There are very few  
peaches here this fall. There  
is about as <sup>many</sup> Apples and Melons  
as usual. Our Class is  
studying Psychology or the Elements  
of Intellectual Science, Lucretius History  
of Civilization, & Natural Philoso-  
phy by Comstock (Subject - Health)  
Charles Schurz is to speak here  
next Wednesday evening in  
the City Hall. I think I will go to hear <sup>him</sup>.

We are all well.  
Love & Regards to all  
Your Son  
Harold Means.

Parker House,

Boston, Sept 24/1884

Dear Father

I reached here safely last night at 6 P.M. making very good connection at Washington and 4 hrs at New York. Left Lily in Jersey City on her way to the Annex. The Harlem River packet Maryland had gone when our train arrived but my coupon was accepted by the Transfer Co.

I met an old Marietta Boy by the name of Morgan of '72, he was on his journey to New Haven, <sup>he is</sup> in the Theological dep. there.



I am going out this afternoon to seek a boarding house, I will try and find one near the School.

This morning I went out to the School and showed them my certificate, they at once said I could go into the Freshman Class and if I had been up in Chemistry, into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. They advised me to take a special course in Chemistry and Metallurgy, doing most of my work this year in the Chemical Laboratory and taking up also French and Mechanical Drawing & if I found this would not occupy my

# Parker House,

Boston, ..... 1888

full time take some-  
thing in addition

The Institute consists  
in 3 buildings, just  
across the street from  
the Brunswick.

I went out this morning  
before breakfast and bought  
a hat, a high crowned,  
stiff one. Like all the  
others one sees on the  
street -

I have nothing to do  
until Monday except to  
buy a suit of clothes  
and find a boarding place  
School opens Monday at  
9 A.M. when we shall

to sign our attendance  
papers and are addressed  
by the President.

I will try and secure  
a roommate in the  
same class as myself

Give my love to all the  
family

Your affection

E. C. Means

229 W. Canton St  
Sept 28 1884

Dear Rose

The regular work begins at the institute next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> but I do not suppose we will get started until Tuesday.

I had no trouble in entering the Freshman year my certificate from Marietta was all that was needed.

I have decided to go in as a special and later if I chose to become a regular student. Going in as a special will give me more time for Chemistry. The French and German are

nearly the same as at Marietta and only a short time is given to each.

If I had been up in Chemistry I would have had no trouble in making the Sophomore class.

I could have stayed at home until Thursday if I had only know about my certificate, for there was no need of being here until Saturday or Monday.

I have caught cold to begin with but think will so disappear as I am much better at present. Have <sup>been</sup> to the theater a few times, saw a game of ball and some bicycle races.

Only met 3 or 4 boys, one

from Tennessee and 2 from Virginia - There is one here from Louisville but I have not met him.

I am rooming by myself this week but expect to get a roommate soon, probably a Mr Carpenter from Tennessee.

Some one said that we would have a class of about 250.

I attended the Congregational Church on Columbus Ave this morning and heard Dr Webb preach a very good sermon.

Write to me and send the papers to me at 229 W. Canton. Give my love to all.

Your aff bro.

E. C. Means



Marietta, O., Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1884

Dear Mother

Your and Cooke's letter were received last Monday evening with news of what the Means family were doing which was gladly received by this part of it. Things are going on about as usual in town and college. I have called upon Miss Maria Woodbridge, & Old Mrs Nye, & also on the Knowles family, all well glad to hear from you through me, and want to know if they were going to see you here this Fall. I told them that you were <sup>not</sup> thinking of coming here till next

June to see me graduate. I saw  
the new Greek Professor at Mr  
Knowles when I called he is at  
bout as tall and slim as the rest  
of our faculty. It seems rather  
queer to see such a small senior  
Class. ~~Junior & Sophomores~~, after  
seeing ~~them~~ <sup>him</sup> 3 or 4 times as large.  
Was to the City Hall Wednesday night  
to hear Chas Schurz speak was  
disappointed in him & his reasons  
for not supporting Mr Blaine  
Heard Congressman Boutelle of Maine  
speak last Friday night & like  
him very much. Sorry that I  
was not at home to help you eat  
those 4 large melons

Love & kind regards for  
you all at home

All well your son  
Harold M

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wanted done with them,  
Hotten and girls expect to  
go to Leitch Tuesday, and have  
engaged Leitch to keep  
Tom and myself straight,  
Law Pat eat too much  
Candy and cider and made  
himself sick Friday,  
Take good care of yourself  
and write as often as  
you can

Affectionately yours  
John Means,

Arlwood Ky, 20th Sept 1887

My Dear Leitch

Yours of 24th and Pater  
of 25th are at hand, We also  
have letter of 24th from Lily,  
and Harry of 21st - all well.  
I think the course of study  
as advised a good one.

The chemistry is an essential  
and Mechanical drawing imp-  
ortant. The best books on  
Metallurgy are written in  
French and German; many  
of them not translated into  
English, so if you can get  
the time for German, better  
take it, I studied the  
German out of and in  
addition to the course



at Manitowish. It was many  
years after I left before it  
was made any part of  
their course of study.

You say you are to pay  
\$3.50 per week for room  
and \$4.00 for board; it strikes  
me the room is at a  
much higher rate than the  
board, and should be a  
pretty good one, and well  
furnished, for the dimensions  
you give are not great.

Tuesday and Wednesday we  
had the Soldiers reunion  
in the Fair Ground. There  
were more than 500 soldiers  
present and they had a  
very pleasant time, meeting  
Cherades; many of whom  
had not seen each

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other since their discharge  
from the service about  
twenty years ago.

Mr Madworth was  
here and spoke Tuesday  
evening at C. & P. Hall.

He and John Seaton  
dined with us Wednesday.  
I cannot tell yet much  
about his chances for election.  
We had a little rain Friday  
and little last night, enough  
to lay the dust, but not so  
much but Charley and Waxy  
turn up dry when we  
hit them at side gate.

John Hutton told me he  
had some sampler of iron  
that you had spoken for before  
we left for Louisville, but  
as you left no word I  
did not know what you

229 W. Canton

Sept 29 1884

Dear Father

We were addressed this morning by the President and assigned some of our lessons. We also signed attendance papers showing what studies we wanted to pursue. I have chosen for this term the regular studies except English, for which I will substitute extra chemistry in the laboratory, 2 hrs per week. The others are Algebra, Solid Geometry, General Chemistry, and French & Mechanical Drawing. My Drawing Instruments, those sold by the

school will cost \$30 but are  
of course a \$61 set. They  
recommend them especially  
to the mining engineers and  
as the metallurgical is the  
same as that I will buy  
a full set.

Please send me (\$50) Fifty  
Dollars as I have not  
enough to buy all my  
books and pay my board.

I must start on my  
purchases now so good by  
Give my love to all

Send the papers to 229 W. Canton

Your aff son

C. C. Means

Boston Mass.  
229 W. Canton St.  
Oct. 1, 1884.

Dear Father

A notice was put up this morning that Tuition must be paid and a deposit of \$50 made before Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. So the money

I wrote for yesterday will not be enough. Please send me \$100. (One hundred dollars)

Send it care of my boarding house 229 W. C.

The course of Metallurgy has been combined with Mining Engineering.

Our class has been divided into 10 sections and I am in the 7<sup>th</sup>

Give my love to all

Your aff son

E. C. Meane.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 4th October, 1884

E. W. Meany

729 W. Canton, St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir

I have two letters and  
have one from you this week. Herewith  
I send you draft N.Y. for One hundred (\$100) dols.  
Hope you are well of your cold. The  
weather for one week past has been  
not like it was before and when we  
started to Louisville, I have had birds  
in consequence, which are not pleasant.  
Your mother being there with Mr. Putnam  
went via U.S.P.S. to Cin. Tuesday and  
came home yesterday. Saw the Blair  
and Logan demonstration, exposition &c.  
The Western Mailer go to work Monday night.  
Mailed the Ky. onward to you this morning.  
It has the fullest account of the Review of  
our local papers - Saw Minnie Moore & mother  
yesterday, asked to be remembered  
They came down to funeral of

Sam Savage's youngest child Sam Jr.  
The Bromberg & Blair had \$20 m  
insurance each —

All well

Affectionately yours  
John Means

JOHN MEANS

her now. Blaine is to be here  
Monday evening With much love  
and many kind remen-  
berances from friends  
We are all well  
Harry Means

P.S. I would like to have you  
or father send me a draft  
of Twenty five Dollars \$25.  
for board  
Harry Means

Mauietta Oct 3. 84

Dear Bessie  
Fathers and  
Cooke's letters were duly receiv-  
ed, and I am glad to hear  
that you are all doing so  
well. Cooke has been very  
good in writing, as he has  
written two letters to me  
from Boston given the  
news about himself and  
his place. Thursday there  
was an explosion at the  
Oil Refinery which jaded the  
whole town, it occurred about  
Chapel time and as a conse-  
quence there was <sup>only</sup> about half  
of the students in their

seats in Chapel. There was not much damage done by the explosion, only one man burned a little and the still blown to pieces or the ends torn out of it. There was a small concert at Judge Knowles last Friday even<sup>g</sup> for some person whom I do not know. It was a very nice one. In it was singing, playing on the piano and other instruments besides some pieces which were recited. all went off ~~very~~ very well. There was a house full to hear it. Bessie Putnam leaves to-morrow for New York she & Mary Newfort are going to the same place that they went last year. I met her at Judge Knowles on Friday

evening. She wanted Lillie's address in New York or Woodhaven which I furnished <sup>her</sup> with pleasure. Charley Slack is going to leave to-morrow with May Woodruff for Colorado where May's folks are living at present. Uncle George went to Cincinnati last Wednesday on the night train he staid <sup>there</sup> until Friday morning he reported a nice time while he was in the City <sup>and he saw Logan</sup> I told him he ought to stop off and make you in Ashland, but he could not spare the time this trip. Aunt Burgess was out to Church this morning for the first time since I returned from home which is a long walk or trip for



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# Metropolitan National Bank

Cincinnati, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - 1884

Dear John

As per your request I send you a few collateral notes such as are used by bankers in Ohio. This bank has improved on them a little by leaving more space for description of collaterals and additional signatures.

I was about to write you that I wish to borrow from you and the girls or rather ~~from~~ from father's estate 30  $\frac{1}{2}$  in good long minded and if possible un-negotiable notes not bearing over 6% per annum. They are to be used in settling estate of Robert Hamilton, and as his executor and heir Robt. Prodyer Hamilton is disposed to gamble not only with cards but in bucket shops, I think it will be kind to make the estate difficult to dispose of. I propose to pay the interest on the securities precisely as it is paid now; consequently

Wm. Myers  
Aurd 13th Oct 84

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1888

do not wish it to exceed six per cent.

It was my intention to dispose of stocks and pay off the account in money, but everything is so flat now, it will take time to recover so that this could be done without loss, even were it desirable, which it is not. For instance my stock in this bank (25 <sup>shares</sup>) cost on an average of 25 <sup>per cent.</sup> <sup>premium</sup>, or more, and if placed on the present market would hardly bring par. This will not continue long, probably not a year, but I would be glad of their help for the present. The estate is about \$60000 -

Glad you are all well and that the Norton Works will resume soon. My folks all sick with colds up in the country.

Sincerely yours

William Means

John Means Esq.,

Wm Mead  
7<sup>th</sup> Oct 1884  
Amd 1884

Ashland Ky. Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1884.

My Dear Cooke -

I am glad you write so often, and you must write to me, without waiting for an answer, as my same hand will keep me from writing much so often this winter - and I shall have to write two letters instead of one, as formerly, to you two boys - I hope you have a steady nice boy for a woman mate, these Southerners are generally so wild, that I would rather you had chosen, one from another State - Or are surprised at your being among the tall 18 in. - as I don't consider you very large, compared to Hilduth - You must be careful & wear your own coat, cool days as the

Boston Climate will be a trying  
one to you, this winter - I am very  
lame, this week - the effects of  
a trip to Cin. Exposition & Shopping -  
We saw Blaine & Logan & Mrs  
Logan & the Torch Light procession  
& feasted on good things at the  
St. Nicholas, where we had a lovely  
room & could see every thing from the  
front windows. Mrs Putnam went  
with us - I was disappointed when  
I had a letter from Harry, to hear  
that brother George was in the  
City, at the same time, that we  
were & we never knew it - We killed  
"the fatted calf," after our return &  
feasted on veal & now have occasion  
of milk, which I wish you had  
some of - We have also, some nice  
apples, from the Sandy farm -

Love & kisses

from  
Mother -

also have 6 hrs per week  
in drawing, 3 " " "  
in French, 3 " " "  
in Drill, 3 " " "  
in Conic Sections, <sup>all in the "school"</sup> 1. I was  
promoted on petitioning  
the faculty from the 1st  
to the 2nd year in mathe-  
matics, the reason being  
that I had already  
covered the ground in  
M. College. The same  
thing will probably happen  
in German next year as  
I have ~~covered~~ <sup>done</sup> the work  
in German required to be  
be admitted to the 3rd  
year class in same.  
German is only studied in  
the Second & Third year -  
French only in the first year.  
We will have monthly  
examinations, given without  
warning and the reports  
sent to our parents, so that  
we will be kept busy review-  
ing - Give my love to all  
and believe me to be

Your affectionate son

Cooker

Boston Mass

Oct 10th 1884

April 15th  
Dear Father

Your letter was  
received on the 8th, it  
contained all O.K. a check  
for One Hundred (\$100.) Dollars  
for which please accept  
my thanks.

I paid my tuition \$125.  
and also made the deposit  
of \$50. as required by the  
school. This deposit is  
to insure the property  
of the Tech. against  
damage by any of the  
students. Or in other words  
to have a hold on the  
student for any bills that

may arise against him.

I wrote to Beacie about the money which I thought would be best for me to keep on hand, and told her to show you the letter. I think I stated the matter clearly so that you could see the reasons for so doing.

I have not yet bought any clothes and I do not believe I will until some time later, as I have a good fall suit which was not worn out last winter.

It has become most too cool for my summer suit so I have put on the other. It will probably be best to buy a heavier one about the

first of December.

As I told Beacie I now have a room-mate a young man from Tennessee he is the son of a gentleman by the name of J. E. R. Carpenter of Columbia Maury County, who is interested in the Napier Iron Co. of Lawrence Co. Tenn. He says his father once got a man by the name of Boyd from the N. C. Iron region to come down and manage for them.

Perhaps you know Boyd.

We have got settled down to hard work and have plenty to do. I am having 10 hrs per week in the Chemical Laboratory and 2 in lectures on chemistry, or 12 per weeks in all.



# Work for First Term

## 4 First Year

### III. MINING ENGINEERING.

FIRST YEAR.	
FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.
<p>Algebra. <i>passed</i></p> <p>Solid Geometry. <i>passed</i></p> <p>+ General Chemistry. <i>2 hrs</i></p> <p>+ Chemical Laboratory. <i>10 hrs</i></p> <p>Rhetoric.</p> <p>English Composition.</p> <p>+ French. <i>3 hrs</i></p> <p>+ Mechanical Drawing. <i>6 hrs</i></p> <p>+ Military Drill. <i>3 hrs</i></p>	<p>Trigonometry.</p> <p>General Chemistry.</p> <p>Chemical Laboratory.</p> <p>Modern History.</p> <p>English Literature.</p> <p>French.</p> <p>Mechanical Drawing.</p> <p>Military Drill.</p>
SECOND YEAR.	
FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.
<p>Chemical Analysis.</p> <p>Physics.</p> <p>German.</p> <p>+ Analytic Geometry. <i>3 hrs</i></p> <p>Surveying.</p> <p>Drawing.</p>	<p>Chemical Analysis.</p> <p>Physics.</p> <p>German.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Options.</i></p> <p>1. Surveying; Diff. Calculus.</p> <p>2. Phys. Geog.; Gen. Biology and Botany; Zoöl. and Palæontology; Mineralogy.</p> <p>3. Surveying; Mineralogy.</p>
THIRD YEAR.	
FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.
<p>Chemical Analysis.</p> <p>Physics: Lectures and Laboratory.</p> <p>German.</p> <p>Mining.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Options.</i></p> <p>1. Chemistry; Int. Calculus and App. Mech.; Surveying.</p> <p>2. Chemistry; Const. History; Geology; Zoöl. and Palæontology.</p> <p>3. Const. History; Sp. Methods; Indus. Chem.; Theoret. Chem.</p>	<p>Chem. Analysis and Assaying.</p> <p>German.</p> <p>Mining.</p> <p>Political Economy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Options.</i></p> <p>1. App. Mechanics; Mineralogy.</p> <p>2. Chemistry; Physical Laboratory; Geology.</p> <p>3. Chemistry; Physical Laboratory; Industrial Chemistry.</p>
FOURTH YEAR.	
FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.
<p>Chemical Analysis.</p> <p>Mining Laboratory.</p> <p>Modern History.</p> <p>Metallurgy.</p> <p>Memoirs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Options.</i></p> <p>1. App. Mechanics; Geology.</p> <p>2. Chem.; Sp. Geological Work.</p> <p>3. Chemistry; Sp. Metallurgical Work.</p>	<p>Chemical Analysis.</p> <p>Modern History.</p> <p>Metallurgy and Ore Dressing.</p> <p>Memoirs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Options.</i></p> <p>1. Mining Laboratory.</p> <p>2. Special Geological Work.</p> <p>3. Mining Laboratory.</p>

## II. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

FIRST YEAR.	
FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.
Algebra. Solid Geometry. General Chemistry. Chemical Laboratory. Rhetoric. English Composition. French. Mechanical Drawing. Military Drill.	Trigonometry. General Chemistry. Chemical Laboratory. Modern History. English Literature. French. Mechanical Drawing. Military Drill.
SECOND YEAR.	
FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.
Principles of Mechanism. Construction of Gear Teeth. Drawing. Carpentry and Wood Turning (shopwork). Analytic Geometry. Descriptive Geometry. Physics. Modern History. German.	Mechanism of Mill Machinery. Mechanism of Shop Machinery. Slide Valve. Link Motion. Drawing. Pattern Work (shopwork). Differential Calculus. Physics. Modern History. German.
THIRD YEAR.	
FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.
Thermodynamics. Steam Engineering. Drawing, Design, and Surveying. Forging (shopwork). Integral Calculus. General Statics. Physics: Lectures and Laboratory. Constitutional History. German.	Steam Engineering. Drawing, Design, and Surveying. Mech. Engineering Laboratory. Forging, Filing, and Foundry (shopwork). Kinematics and Dynamics. Strength of Materials. Physical Laboratory. Political Economy. German.
FOURTH YEAR.	
FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.
Hydraulic Engineering. Machine Design. Mech. Engineering Laboratory. Engine Lathe Work (shopwork). Strength of Materials. Hydraulics. Metallurgy.	Hydraulic Engineering. Construction and Equipment of Mills and Machine Shops. Mech. Engineering Laboratory. Machine Design. Engine Lathe Work (shopwork). Hydraulics. Theory of Elasticity. Dynamics. Building Materials. Thesis Work.

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Cincinnati, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1884

Dear John

Yours of 13<sup>th</sup> rec'd and I  
am sure you ~~don't~~ understand me.  
with reference to my request of 7<sup>th</sup>  
I don't want any money. I  
wish to borrow notes payable as  
far ahead as possible and I will  
give my own with collaterals.  
If you will read my letter again  
you may see your mistake. I only  
wish to swap my notes for  
any good notes, or if possible  
some local securities that my  
bank would have difficulty in  
disposing of. It is quite possible  
I can obtain the same goods by me  
by purchasing them from my bank,  
as he claims that he will keep

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his property where it is. Please  
read my letter again and I  
think it will be plain that  
you did not understand me,  
and that you can comply with  
my request.

Yours truly  
William Means

Good deal of excitement at the  
election here, and a good deal of  
killing going on.

W. M.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, N.Y., 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1884

Martin E. C. Means

229 W. Canton St., Boston Mass

Dear brother

Your of 10<sup>th</sup> inst came to hand yesterday. Herewith find N.Y. draft to your order Fifty (\$50<sup>00/100</sup>) dollars to keep the wolf from your door. When you were at home we talked of a monthly allowance but fixed on nothing definite. Have been thinking about it since and think about sixty five (\$65) per month should do while you are from home, of this you now have had \$350.00 - What do you think of it, If you think differently give me your estimate for the various items - Went to Lonslow last week, but hires on me prevented my enjoying the visit. Skelding was getting his work along pretty well, and thinks to get home in by 12<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> instant

Walker is getting along very well at  
the Island - Mr Russell has  
called a meeting of the directors  
of the Norton for Friday next  
Mr Boyd was at Bellefonte and  
went from there to Lemmer  
some 10 years or more ago  
You will find it well to get  
all the German you can as  
heretofore its business you  
will, as I have, find it a great  
advantage. Mack is here today  
and of course don't give  
me much time to spare  
for writing. We are highly  
pleased with the result of the  
Ohio election yesterday.

Affectionately yours  
John Meany



a battalion of about 400 in the line. But I have decided not to enter although no time would suit me better. It will cost each one that marches \$1.75, for uniform, torch, band etc. It is expected to be the best that has ever taken place in Boston -

The next time you are in Cincinnati I wish you would have a bottle of "No 93065 Dr. Whittaker's", 1X, '83. at Martin & Heister, N.E. Cor. 7<sup>th</sup> & Elm Sts Cincinnati

The above is the label, it is catarrh medicine and good for colds -

Love to all -

Your aff son

E. C. Weaver

Boston Mass

Oct 18 1884

Dear Father

Your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> was received today, it contained Fifty Dollars (\$50.) for which please accept my thanks.

Your estimate is too small at the facts will show. The following are the items as close as I can count them

Tuition for the year	\$200.00
Drawing instruments & materials	35.
Laboratory	25.
Books	25.
Board \$5.75 per week (36)	207.
Washing .75 " " "	27.
Clothes	125.
R. P. to and from	64.

This makes a total of \$708.00 and does not include the deposit of \$50. required and already made by me. Nor does it allow anything for the subscription to the paper published by the institute \$2.

nor in fact for any incidentals. My incidentals will not amount to much. for I have no time to spend money on theaters or amusements.

Realizing the unusual expense which I cause I promise not spend money foolishly and will keep a strict account of all expenses.

The room which we have is as cheap as can be found in the neighborhood of the Tick. and is within

10 minutes walk. or is about a half-mile away. The Tick is situated in the fashionable part of the town between the Hotels Vendome & Brunswick.

I walked down to the Post Office this afternoon with Carpenter who went to mail a package. It is a new building but not completely finished. I think they have a ~~separate~~ custom house in another portion of the city. The State House is not as pretty as the one in Hartford which I saw from the train as I came through.

The big Republican torch light procession will take place Thursday night. The M. S. T. is going to have

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, Jr.

Superintendent.

Ashland, Ky.

24th Oct

1884

Dear Leok

Yours of 18th inst came to hand a day or two ago. Your estimate for expenses is plain and as I desired it,

My clothing for a year dont cost quite up to your estimate, but you need better in Boston than we do here. The \$50+ deposited is not lost, but will be repaid in cash or its equivalent. I dont think its worth your while, to spend much in the political line until you can vote,

Nor for theatricals until you begin to earn something. The habit of spending more than our income is always followed by inconvenience, and especially when the income gets small. If in after life you should get to have a large income, it will be easy to find ways to dispose of it, and it will be much harder to learn to get along on a reduced income. I dont want you to live and dress meanly nor to be riggardly

in sharing expenses with others,  
Best to live comfortably, dress respectably  
and to be liberal, in sharing with  
or joining with associates in necessary  
expenses. If you advise me in time  
how much you need, there is not  
much reason for keeping money  
on deposit in Boston. Expect  
to be in Saint's Tuesday night (28th)  
when will order prescription as requested  
I ordered the Boston Register sent to  
your address that you <sup>may</sup> know what is  
going on about us - Mrs Neal  
(Mary J. Campbell) died in Boston Tuesday,  
her remains passed through here this  
morning, funeral at 10 A.M. to morning,  
saw Mr Broas a few days ago  
and gave him your address, said  
he wished to send to a friend of  
his in Boston - Senator Beck  
spoke here Wednesday night, and the  
Democrats had a very respectable pro-  
cession at night.

The Republicans are preparing for  
a grand rally tomorrow night

Ashland, Ky.

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The ladies gave a supper last night for benefit of Reading Room. Minnie Morn came down to hear Beck and stayed at night with us. The demomrats seem determined to defeat Wadsworth. Have sent their Big Guns into the district, as well as some smallbore. Senators Williams Beck, Genl W. C. P. Beckenridge, McKenzie and John L. Jones have been here, and spoken for Powers. Powers himself has been here but did not essay to make a speech —

Young Joe Butler is here and we have started him out to sell Coal for us on the River and Rail Roads in Ohio. Dr. Lewis N. Worthington made us a short visit, inquired for you. The Norton Farmer is first and will blow in Sunday or Monday next. Frank Morn asked how you liked your school &c, &c. Walker made 315 tons last

with good results as to fuel and  
labor - The sun is too low  
for the Lucy C. Men down to  
29° F this morn -

Aunts Mary and May go to N. Y.  
next week for a short visit,  
I ordered the Independent sent  
to you sometime ago -

Miss Ada Flye arrived here  
yesterday -

All well

Affectingly yours

John Meany

Have Blair's "Twenty years in lempers" and  
find it very entertaining.

Staunton Virginia  
Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1884

John Means Esqr  
Ashland Kentucky

Dear Sir,

As there was no one in Ashland Virginia to claim my letter in reply to your telegram telling me that Cousin Lilly and Cooke would pass through here on a certain day, it has safely come back to me at last and I write now that you may understand why I should have seemed so careless as not to either meet Cousin Lilly and Cooke or thank you for telegraphing to me. In the first place the telegram was not received until after six in the evening, some hours

after the train had passed,  
and in the second place  
my letter was not properly  
addressed, so you failed to  
hear from me.

I am very sorry to have  
missed seeing Cousin Lilly &  
Coake, and had I known that  
you were in the train, I would  
have gone as far as Waynesboro  
with them. Cousin Lilly, I  
hope is well, and Coake also.  
When you write to them give them  
my love and also my regrets  
at not seeing them.

I am moving slowly along  
and am still with Mr Miller  
as I have not yet succeeded  
in making a change for the  
better, but I hope to be able  
to do so soon, as I cannot  
stand my present position much  
longer, the work is so heavy.

John is at the mines in  
W Va, but leaves next month  
as he finds his venture has



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not be a success. So yet he has not made up his mind what he will do, but as he has plenty of go ahead he will not long be idle.

I have not seen Mother for some time, but when I last heard from her she was quite well, though she is much disabled by rheumatism and can with difficulty get about. I have been trying to get her to come and live with me, but she says she will never leave her present position until she ceases to be of use, so I fear I will not succeed in having her with me. We are scattered far and wide and if I could get Mother here with me I think all of us would feel that we had something of a home.

Your Father is - I trust as hale and hardy as ever. Remember me most kindly to him and to

his household

When will Cousin Rose and  
Cousin Bess? At home or  
travelling? Give them both  
my love and tell them I have  
so often wished, I could  
run out and pay you all  
a visit, but I am so very  
busy that I never get off.  
Remember me to Miss Means  
also, and with best wishes  
for your self.

I am

Very Truly Yours

Ed Preston Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, N.Y., 1st November, 1884

Martin E. C. Means

229 W. Canton St., Boston Mass.

Dear Levek

I was at Levek 29th and ordered prescription sent you from Martin & Heister, which I hope will go all right. Saw Messrs Sinton Winslow and Mack - were all well, wished to know when you are and how you like it, &c, &c. Took tea with Anne Tuff and children. Mr Walker inquired often as to when and what I hear from you. He made 325 tons week ending 25th Oct. It is encouraging to hear him go steadily with increased output, rather than to have the output fall off. I keep stirring him up and think he should and will get his work up to 350± tons.

He is rather sensitive and at first did not take kindly to <sup>the</sup> pushing, but am getting him to understand that, <sup>my</sup> pointing out to him, when he may improve, is not criticism or fault finding with his work, for excepting this "thin skinnedness" I think him a right good furnace man. Dr. Geo. N. Waddington gave me a call a week ago; inquired about you and wished to be remembered when I wrote. He sent me

a copy of Blaine's "20 years in Congress" and I find it a very interesting book - The Republicans here are wide awake for Wadsworth, but the Democrats have had some of their best men in this district to do what they could to defeat him. Han had two, Senators Beck, Williams, and Blackburn, McKenize and Blackburn Joe.

While we hope for the best we are not sanguine as to the result. Had any letter from Preston Mead - He received your telegram after the train had passed, if in time he would have gone as far as Waynesboro (some 12 miles) with you. As he did not know where you were going, he wrote to me, but misdirected the letter to Abland Va - and only learned of it after the letter was returned to him.

He is still with Mr Miller, his brother at some of the mines on New River, and his mother at Blacksburg. Have letters from Capt Goodwin, that Garrison may not be ready to blow in before the 25th of November - The Alabama furnace is doing pretty well now, and it is expected to get the second  $\frac{7}{8}$  in about the 20th -

The Norton blowed in last Monday and

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_\_

has made a good start, have had no great confidence in the founder, and Mr. Russell tells me this afternoon, that he is away today drunk. Am afraid he dont know any too much sober.

Uncle Hugh has not been so well for several days as he was, when you was here. We have had a few days of rainy and raw cold weather, which prevented him from going out, Am in hopes that after a few bright days he may be better. The river continues very low. The Tom Spulock and similar boats are all we have passing here - The Big Sandy Pkt Co. have contracted for hull for a boat to take the place of the Bonanza. It will take 7 or 8 months to build and we shall have to put a stem wheel boat in the Porto trade until new boat is done. Have bought the St Lawrence, but will probably keep her in the Pittsbg & Cinici trade. Expect to put the Andy Blum to Maysville, she belongs to the Memphis & Cinici Co. - but the P.S. Co., owns the control of that Co. - Our new boat will be finished about middle or last of December, until which time we

fill the day with a stern wheel. With the three  
chartered boats we can't make much  
money, but there are none to buy that will  
suit near so well as boats we can  
build for our business.

I may take a short run down into Ala  
after the election. Unless I hear otherwise  
from you, will send you 50¢ about the 15th.

All well — affectionately

Yours

John Meany



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Cincinnati, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1884

Dear John

I am glad and surprised  
to learn that Uncle's condition is so improved,  
but I am obliged to you for the information.

Yours truly  
William Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Noy., 6<sup>th</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup>, 1884

Master E. C. Means

229 W. Canton St., Boston Mass-

Dear Levek

We bear you to you  
and to Ben - Herewith find N.Y.  
draft to your order fifty (\$50<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) dollars,  
Uncle Hugh is failing gradually, and  
while we should not be surprised at  
hearing of his death at any moment,  
he may live several days. Takes  
no nourishment, excepting by  
injections - All well at home and  
at father's - Election returns leave us  
at this moment in doubt, with  
chances in favor of Blaine and of  
Wadsworth -

Affectionately your  
John Means



on to N. Y.?

I hardly think it will  
be possible for me to come  
home Xmas, but I shall try to  
come in the spring - I hope  
we shall be able to have  
Looke come down to see us  
before very long, and now with  
love from Mr M. and love and  
kisses from self hoping to hear  
from you at the usual time  
this week. I am as ever

Your own loving daughter  
Lily

Send  
1/2 the

Woodham N.H.

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1884-

My dear Father-

You are all probably  
just returning from church at  
home and perhaps all at dinner  
while here we are all doing  
something different. Mr and  
Mrs Smith are taking their Sunday  
morning drive, Mr M. has gone  
to Jamaica to church, Willie is  
out with a friend of his, Mrs  
Maynard is reading the papers  
and Harry has not left his  
room yet. he has been at home  
all week with an inflamed  
eye, and did not get up  
as early as usual today, his  
eyes you know have given him

a great deal of trouble, a few years ago, last Saturday he went to a Democratic Procession and took cold in one of them and has been suffering with it ever since, all the family have had to keep their <sup>rooms</sup> with sickness inside of a year past except Harry, and now even he has to come to it.

Mr Smith and Willie are a little better this week, and Willie's wrist is getting stronger but he is unable to do any writing yet. I suppose you are

glad that the election is over and surprised at the results.

There has been great excitement here since election day, which however passed off very quietly it was much sweeter than any

day since. I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Hugh's failing health. I hope he may rally from this attack and yet live to enjoy good health. I hope you are succeeding in breaking up your hive and will soon be well again. How is Aunt Mag L.? was quite surprised to hear of her injury. I hope she will not have so serious a time with her ankle as Mrs Knight had with hers - and that she will soon be out again.

Please give much love to Mrs Ireland and Boston, am so glad Mrs Ireland can go about so well on her chair-wagon - Give love to Aunts Mollie and Maggie and Grand Pa, when do they talk of coming

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE  
OF TECHNOLOGY.

Boston, Nov. 10 1884

The bearer Mr. E. C. Means  
is a student at the  
Mass. Institute of Technology

James P. Munroe  
Secy

Ashland Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1854 -

My Dear Cooke

I send you  
a letter from Lily -  
I suppose you have heard  
of the death of Uncle Hugh  
He was unconscious all day  
Friday & passed peacefully  
away between 7 & 8 Friday evening  
He was buried Sunday Morning  
from our Church at 10 i -

The Church was filled to overflowing  
There being no Church at the  
Southern & most of the Northern  
Methodists were there & many  
from Linton, Portsmouth -

Cattlettsburg - Hanging Rock  
& Inch Mile from The City &c.  
I counted 32 Carriages - &  
it was a very large funeral.  
Mr Condit preached a  
lovely sermon, one of his very  
best funeral sermons & I think  
he excels in funeral sermons -  
The day was perfect mild &  
bright - We shall all, miss  
him very much -

Mr & Mrs Russel & Mollie, Aunt  
Amanda, Lippi & Rose Hair all  
gone to The City - Kate Shannon  
has gone on a "tour" to Coalton  
& we look anxiously for her  
to come home tomorrow -

Your father thinks the United  
States will still exist, even if  
Cleaveland is elected, so don't be  
discouraged - Love & kisses  
from Mother

How is Charley? Does he suffer much from dyspeptia? I hope he will not get any worse.

Lily sent me a letter from Harry which Mother had sent to her. It contained a word or two about my catarrh. I did not send for the medicine because mine is worse but because I wish to have it in case of cold.

Give my love to all the family and relatives and believe me

Your affson

E. C. Meaus

Boston Mass

Nov 14 1854

Dear Father

Your letter came duly to hand and contained a draft on New York bank for \$50. Please accept my thanks, for it came in good season to purchase me a new suit.

We are kept very busy the first 4 days of the week and I have scarcely any time to spare from my studies. Thursday and Friday work is not quite so hard but still there is sufficient to satisfy most of the boys.

We generally put in extra time

on drawing, and reviewing is all ways in order.

Our drill is still advancing in standing, we are handling the guns now and by the time Christmas comes, we will present a very good appearance and drill very well as a battallion.

A person gets well used to mounting stairs here.

Both of our Institute buildings are 5 stories high, and we have drawing in the top of one and Chemical laboratory in the top of the other. The Rogers building has 53 rooms and the New building has 46 rooms. They are both heated by steam.

The election excitement has subsided every person seems willing to concede the election of Mr. Cleveland. Some of the republicans still have hopes of success in the end. The Democrats have had several rejoicings.

The bulletin boards are still eagerly scanned by the people passing in front of the printing offices.

I am glad to learn of Mr. Mack not having any serious trouble in the University Club. The jews are a little to fresh.

It was a painful surprise to learn of Uncle Hugh's sudden decline. I thought he would live until next year at least.

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Peru, Ill. Nov 17 1884

Mr John Means  
Ashland, Ky

Dear Sir: I am obliged to you for the paper sent me, containing notice of the death of Mr Hugh Means, which is the first information I had of his death. My sympathy goes out to his wife and children, and to his immediate relatives and friends. My remembrance of him will always be, that he was one of the best men I ever knew.

Please remember me to your father, and to your wife and believe me

Yours truly  
A. Means



the old letter -  
You need not send back

Ashland Ky Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1854

My Dear Cooke

I send you Nany's  
last letter - I feel very sorry  
he will not get to go, on  
to New York - but your father  
thinks he cannot well afford  
it; The Steamboats burned up  
last fall, & some other things  
did not pay, as well as usual  
so he is not as flush, as Common  
Nany asks, for so few favours, that  
I hate to see him denied, when  
he does make a request -

I am glad Sarah has got  
back again, to cook for George -  
Your father went up to Catted  
buy this morning, to be put in

executor for Uncle Hugh's  
estate - & they want him to  
be President of the Bank, but  
I believe he does not intend to  
be - He has so much to do, poor  
man - I wish you could be  
home for Thanksgiving dinner  
I shall have the Putnam's & Grand  
father's families to dinner - Service  
will be at the M. E. Church with  
the Baptist preacher - "The little  
boy preacher" at the Southern Methodist  
is getting up quite an excitement  
particularly among the school  
children - he draws crowded houses.  
I hope you go to Church regularly  
every Sabbath - & behave yourself in  
all respects like a good Christian  
ought to - How do you like your  
room mate - What Church does he  
attend & is he a member of any  
Church - I hope your influence over  
him may be a good one - Don't be  
ashamed of your religion -  
Love & kisses from  
Your every true

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Noy., 25th Novem., 1884

Dear brother

Your of 14th came, last week while I was at  
Concord. Started  <sup>furnace</sup> Monday morning. Skelding had  
everything in first rate order. I never saw a  
better fitted up furnace, and he had done  
all the work at L.M., with their own men  
without having expense seen from abroad.  
She made a nice start, and when I left  
them, was working sure like a furnace that  
had been in blast 5 or 6 weeks, than one only  
in that many days - Skelding inquired about  
you and said he wished you was with him  
now - Yesterday we had the Mer at 27° and put  
in our hall stove. I down to Catterbury to  
qualify as executor of Uncle's estate, and found  
it pretty cold riding. May Sampson is getting  
on well with her ankle and thinks to try soon  
to walk with a cane or crutch. Debarley is pretty  
well, took tea with us last night, thinks he will  
try it again at Bellefonte Furnace. Get as well up  
to your drawings as you can, and whenever you  
have to do with any machine or machinery

study them closely. One of Skellding's strongest points is that he understands fully the working of any machine, big or little, that he has to work with; how to mend when broken, and often to alter and improve on the maker - To take care of and keep in order while in use. He did not need to spend \$107 on his black engine after a two years steady run. At Ormon after about the same run, it took 2½ to \$3,000+ to put things in repair. The buyer of Pinner had her ready to start and put fire in last Friday - so I suppose she is in black now. Walker is getting on very well; for several weeks his work runs between 315 and 325 tons - Take as good care of your eyes as you can, avoiding so far as possible night work, remembering that if your eyes fail you everything must stop - Mack tells me that a son of my friend Wm Woodward of Wheeling Ala - (near Ormon) is at your school.

I know his grandfather also at Wheeling W. Va -

Affectionately yours

John Deane

Nov '84

Dear Cooke

I send you  
Harry's last. He expects  
Miss Hildreth - Miss to  
go to New Orleans with  
me - Monday. <sup>Small</sup> Sallie.  
Ben had a dancing party  
last night, Mat Houston a  
large party Sunday - Cooking  
club will be here Friday.  
It is to be a bubble party.  
Something new - I have a lame  
hand as well as a lame leg -  
I hear you are looking thin.  
Eat more bread - Miss Moore  
is visiting us - Love & kisses  
from Mother

do not know whether they do so for the specials or not.

Woodward told me that Mr. Mack was expecting to come to Boston before a very long time. I would like to see him if he comes.

I am glad to hear that Ashland Lee is improving in her output of good iron. Let the good work continue.

What has been the effect of Mr. Cleveland's election on the iron trade?

Give my love to all the family and to all inquiring friends and believe me to be your aff. son

E. C. Means

Does Mr. Broas want an assistant surveyor next summer? I should like such a position after Harry graduates ~~for a~~ for about a month, the remainder of the time I want to put in about a furnace.

Boston Mass

Dec 7 1884

Dear Father,

Harry arrived here yesterday and will leave tomorrow at 9 am for New York, where he intends spending a day with Lily before returning home. I was surprised to receive a telegram informing me that he was coming. I had no idea that he would come over. He has leave of absence for a week and the other one for 10 days so that if  $\frac{2}{3}$  of his class are away the other one

remaining at Marietta will not be very far advanced. He seems to think that the trip was worth the time and money.

We wandered around Boston today looking at the pretty residences and handsome business houses and churches. We looked at the Bunker Hill monument from a distance. Harry seems to be very well pleased with Boston. I am sorry that he did not come when he could look through the Institute.

I had an examination in French yesterday and have no doubt of having passed alright.

My supply of money is reduced to a very small amount and if you will please be so kind as to remit my allowance for December I shall be very happy to receive it. Any thing additional which you may send for me to buy Christmas Presents will be received with thanks.

Have you received any monthly reports of my attendance at school.

I would like to have you send them to me for in case that in roll call my name was marked wrongly I could have it corrected. They send the reports of the regular students home but I do

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 14th June, 1884

Master E. S. Means

229 West Canton St., Boston Mass.

Dear Sir

Yours of 7th instant is at hand. Herewith find N. Y. draft to your order Security (\$700) dollars, 20x mes Harry appears to have had an enterprising spirit developed in him, to induce a Trip all the way to Boston. We have not heard direct from him as to his trip away from Marietta. No reports have been sent me, regarding your standing. Have letter of yesterday from Mr Mack, who will start in a day or two for Oymoor Ala - The news papers say Mr. Brown, has gone to Europe. Both furnaces are in blast at Oymoor, and doing fairly. Lumber has made a first rate start. Ashland fell off last week to 319+ tons, but is working well. The Norton is making about 460 Nails are very low and dull sale - The iron is rising and we expect the big boats after to day. The new one "Big Sandy" will be ready for work the last of next week. The St Lawrence is coming up to day, and the Buckeye State will fill Fleetwoods days



until the "B.S." is ready for work.

Bessie and Rose went to Leitch yesterday by R.R.  
They will probably come to morning by steamer.  
Mr. Wadsworth was in Leitchsburg at least  
last week. Had not heard of any intention  
to contest his seat in the next Congress —

Am summoned as a witness in several  
suits at Leitch, and am afraid I shall  
be obliged to spend remainder of this week  
there — Not much going on to write about.  
Last evening had Putnam and wife, Misses May + Liz  
Leitch — Aunts Mary and Maggie, were in and we  
began to read McMaster's "Hist of the American  
people" — expect to continue reading every Tuesday  
through this Winter. All well

Affectionately yours  
John Means

Ashland Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1884

My Dear Cooke

Your letter  
was received yesterday - Your  
father sent you some money  
last week - if you are  
so in want of an overcoat - why  
dont you price them & send for  
the money. I thought you had  
one, long ago - Buy a shaggy  
one like Hildreth's old one. They  
are the warmest - Keep dressed  
warm, in that cold place  
or you will get your death  
of cold - I am afraid you  
will anyhow - boys have to

little sense about taking care  
of themselves - or girls rather -  
Rose & Bess have gone back  
to the City - Dr Dawson says  
Rose had Catarrh of the Bladder  
the medicine <sup>she got</sup> is very  
sore & she suffers much  
they will stay till near Christmas  
So much for not taking care of  
herself - Your father has gone  
to Cattetobury about his old  
woman case - Mrs Kitchen - she  
beat her children & raised  
a big row & the neighbors came  
to your father about it & he  
told Emmous (Whitney) to shut  
her up - & so she sued him  
Bunning & Batty are her  
lawyers - & I am sure your  
father - he has made several  
trips to Court about it & nail  
wood suits & it has been good  
for his health this cold  
weather - "Big Sandy" - the  
no. boat came out yesterday  
Harry will be home next week  
There is a big snow falling  
today - I send you  
five dollars - 2 dollars for your  
birth day & three for your  
Christmas present -  
The Cooking Club will meet  
at Moore's next week -  
on account of Dorse being at  
home -  
The Church gave \$30 last  
Sunday for Christmas - so the  
children will have lots of  
candy & oranges - Probably  
will have the meeting in the  
Church. Meacham will now  
be Superintendent - Meetings  
still going on at the Methodist  
Vigie McKempie is one of the  
counts - so Mrs Mc - wouldn't  
let them dance at the cooking  
Club - Love & kisses from  
Mother

There was skating on the pond in the commons last week but I did not have time to try it. I heard some one say that there is good sleighing out in the suburbs. The wagons spoil it in the city.

Mrs. Lockwood - ex-presidential candidate - is lecturing down street this afternoon and I have no doubt has a full house to hear her. Her <sup>lect.</sup> is on temperance I believe.

Give my love to all the family and relatives, I wish them all a Merry Christmas, and tell them I am very sorry at my inability to be present with them during the holidays

Your aff. son

E. C. Meaus

229 W. Canton St

Boston Mass

Dec 21 1884

Dear Father

I received your letter containing Seventy ~~five~~ (\$70) dollars in the shape of a draft on New York. Please accept my thanks, and pardon my delay in acknowledging the receipt thereof, but I have been very busy this week.

I received a letter from Lily inviting me to spend Christmas with her and a second one containing, time table, directions for reaching depot in Brooklyn etc. We have a three day vacation this week but when we have reviewed studies gone

over and worked up<sup>th</sup> drawing which we have not had time to do in the drawing room, there will not be enough time to spare to allow me to make her a visit. However I hope to be able to see her the latter part of Jan. during the 10 day vacation we shall have then.

I shipped a present to Mother by express last week and tomorrow I expect to send another package containing books for you "Hawthorne and wife" and one for Tom, about the recent expeditions to the North pole -

The skate satchel, cards seal etc, are for Rose and Bessie

which they can divide as they choose - The songs are for Auntie Molly & Mag.

Tell Mother to renew subscription to paper for Lily.

I hope that you may all enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I received a letter from Rose written in Cincinnati and am very sorry to learn of her sickness and hope it shall soon disappear.

We have had cold weather for the last few days, the thermometer showed a temperature of  $-8^{\circ}$  Fahr. yesterday but today it is snowing with temp. of  $33^{\circ}$

I have purchased a new overcoat and am prepared for cold weather. May have to buy a pair of rubber boots -



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. E. Cooke Means  
229 W. Canton Street  
Boston  
Mass.

Auckland Dec 22<sup>d</sup> 1884

Dear Cooke -

Your present  
to your Mother, was  
received in good order  
and I am very much  
obliged for your handsome  
gift - Rose + Bess are  
still in the City but will  
be home for Christmas -  
Harry will be home Tuesday -  
We shall miss you very  
much as this is your first  
Christmas away from home -  
We have just received cards  
for Burt + Mollie's wedding  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January - A small  
wedding at home - May  
Means goes to New York  
to night to meet Lemmie Clarke -  
We are having very bad  
weather - Christmas Bazaar  
at the Church, as last year  
Candy bags + oranges - We have  
had snow + now rain. I  
have been home bound except  
to go to Church - Love from  
Mother

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 25th Decem., 1884.

Dear brother

Your of 21st inst, came to hand yesterday, and acknowledged mine of 10th, to which had called your attention by Postal 3rd. Always acknowledge, at earliest opportunity receipts of drafts for money, mentioning the amount. Yours to mention feeling how uncomfortable you felt, at being from home, in debt, out of money, and needing heavier overcoat, came a day or two after I had made remittance to you, and I desired to know whether mine had been received. Berrie and Rose came home Tuesday noon, and Harry came last evening. This morning the presents of them at home were distributed, Lily's and yours had not reached here this morning. We had the Mer e -  $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  last Friday and  $+14^{\circ}$  this morning. The river is filled with running ice now and should the weather hold as it is the Steamboats must soon stop. Aunt Mary and Maggie left Tuesday noon for N.Y. City. Molly Russell and Burt Warner are to be married New Year evening at 8 o'clock. Annie O'Farrell ran off with a Mr Phillips and was married last week. Mr. P. works at Hermann's Furniture place. None of



we know him, or anything about him,  
The new steamer "Big Sandy" is pronounced  
as a success, is two (2) feet wider and 23  
feet shorter than the Fleetwood, Madly to  
look at her you could hardly tell, but  
that she was about the same size.

Yorkman made 920 Tons week ending 13th  
The Adland and Norton are doing very well,  
Mother says this is the first belintian you  
have been from home - Hoping you  
may have a pleasant one and

Affectionately yours  
John Meary

Give my love to all the  
family and wish them all  
a Happy New Year

Your affson

E. C. Means

I hope the year of 1885 may  
prove a good one for the iron  
business -

Please don't forget to find  
out whether I can find  
some work at surveying for  
a month next summer, the  
rest of the time I wish to  
spend at the furnace and  
studying German -

Boston Mass

Dec 28 1884

Dear Father

Your postal is  
at hand, am sorry I did  
not acknowledge the receipt of  
the draft any sooner than I did,  
but as I usually write on  
Sunday and your letter was  
received on Monday there was  
thus considerable delay. I wrote  
to Mother a week ago and told  
her to tell you that the draft  
had been received.

This was a very queer  
Christmas, there were four of  
us together most of the day  
who had never been away  
from Christmas until this time.

I was the only one who had received any presents and mine were from Mother and Lily.

We went to the theater that night to see Kilralfy's Eccelesion which we enjoyed very much it was a representation of the conquest of light over darkness, in steam, electricity, Brooklyn bridge, the great tunnel of Mt. Cenis. It is one of the finest spectacular pieces in the U. S.

Some say that the cold snap of one week ago showed a temperature of  $-20^{\circ}$ . It certainly felt very cold. The ground is at present covered with snow but the ~~temperature~~<sup>mercury</sup> is rising, standing about  $+2^{\circ}$  at present.

Some very pretty sleighs have been on the streets the last 3 days but the single sleighs seem to be the most prominent, they are all painted and varnished and shine brightly. It is considered improper here to take a young lady driving in a carriage but the swell thing do is to take her out in a sleigh just large enough for one and a half.

I have nearly finished a drawing commenced some time ago which we have to hand in before the 16<sup>th</sup> it is simply to give us practice in handling our instruments but it has about 30 hours work on it.

We have commenced our work in projections and find it to be difficult at first.

I. N. POLLOCK  
ASHLAND, KY.

Boston Mass

Dec 29 1884

Dear Bessie

Your welcome letter and present came to hand today. Please accept my many thanks. The chain I have been wishing for some time and the handkerchief is very pretty. We are much indebted to our family for kindness bestowed on ye poor unfortunate away from home on Christmas day.

I wish that you may all have a Happy New Year.

I have just got the better of a cold by staying in the

house Saturday and Sunday,  
except for church -

Our last examination this  
term will be on the 26<sup>th</sup>  
of January and the 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
will begin Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
giving us 7 days vacation,  
rather short but very welcome.

I expect to study very  
hard until the end of the  
term so as to pass good  
examinations. You certainly  
cannot pass unless you study,  
is the experience of all the  
lads here.

Well as I have acknowl-  
edged my thanks I must  
close with a second to the  
motion previously made, viz -  
that you all have a Happy  
New Year -

Your affords

J. O. Means  
Give my congratulations to Bert & Mollie.

Ashland Dec 29. 1884-

My Dear Cooke -

Your presents  
were all duly received in  
time for Christmas. And we  
were all much pleased with  
them - My present is very  
much admired - Lily sent  
us a big box of beautiful things  
which came Christmas morning.  
Some elegant lace for me -  
Brass bins for your father's mantle  
A lovely blue toilet set, painted for  
Bess - Silver ornament for Rose -  
Some bisque figures for Hildreth  
A plush plaque for May - pipe for  
Grandpa - a lovely dish for Maryanne  
Handkerchiefs for the men &c - I gave  
the men, over shoes from you &

Kate, Gingham for aprons from you  
all of which were thankfully received  
Aunt Amanda sent books (four)  
& I gave them & the Putnam boys books.  
We have a table full of presents  
in the parlor, & they make  
quite a good display -

The children had their treat of  
Candy & oranges in the Church  
& spoke pieces & looked quite  
happy & sang very well. Christmas  
was cold & very slippery - We had  
2 turkeys & Moll Seaton for dinner  
& had rather a quiet Christmas  
We missed you & Lily very much  
The Cooking Club met at Moores  
went up on the train - expecting to  
return on a freight train - none came  
so they sat up all night & got home  
in the morning at 7 A.M.

I wish you a happy New Year  
& hope you will have a pleasant  
visit to Lily - but if Mrs. Smith offers  
you wine - I hope you will refuse it  
Love & Kisses from your aff  
Mother

boarding here who wears his  
hair quite long and crimps it  
every day. I first saw him at  
the table and could not tell  
whether he was man or woman.  
Chara Campbell is some where on  
23<sup>rd</sup> St. but we have not been  
able to go to see her - owing to  
Mollie's putting her address away  
too carefully.

I do not know an hour for home  
but probably hope you could  
answer - This.

Mollie joins me in much  
love -

Affectionately yours -

M. C. Means -

5<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.Y.C.

Dec. 30. 1874 -  
Mr. John Means  
Cleveland, O.

My dear Brother.

Mollie & I had a  
pleasant trip on and managed  
to keep in the road we could  
use our tickets all the way -  
and arrived here safely last <sup>city</sup> Wed-  
nesday 2. M. and spent the  
all in holiday attire - and slipped  
with their jingling bells. flying  
in every direction - but their  
lives were no longer than the  
butterfly for the snow and  
ice had all gone and the weather  
is warm and sunny and



house is heated to summer temperature.  
Fily and Mrs. Smith lunched with us today and  
visited us over for two years. Fily is looking so  
well, good color and a face rounder than Bessie's.  
I was in hopes she would go home with us but  
she says she would rather wait until spring.  
I hope your birds are gone, if not do please  
consult a good doctor in Cincinnati or let them  
come here. Please thank Battie for her handsome  
Christmas present - as I intended closing the evening  
we left but was too tired to go on - I  
did not go anywhere but to bed. Aunt Mary wrote  
that Father was doing mag and I am sure he  
will take good care of the black & tan.

Fannie Clarke arrived this A.M. from Providence  
where she has been visiting the Colins' and  
is now at Mrs. Skinner's the daughter-in-law of  
Dea Skinner who preached in Cincinnati so many  
years. Fannie asked me at once about your  
widower with the four or six boys - and says  
it is time you were bringing <sup>him</sup> out. She  
is going to house keeping at once with Miss Tompkins  
says so will <sup>not</sup> be West for some time.  
There is a ~~son-in-law~~ son-in-law of Grace Greely -

# CONDITION

—OF THE—

## Ashland National Bank,

*At the close of Business, Dec. 31, 1884.*

### RESOURCES.

U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation.....	\$350,000 00
Notes and Bills Discounted .....	333,688 38
County and Corporation Bonds.....	45,325 15—\$729,013 53
Due from Banks and Bankers .....	\$ 51,524 15
Legal Tender Notes with U. S. Treasurer.....	15,747 50
Currency and Coin on hand.....	42,316 95—\$109,588 60
Banking House and Furniture.....	13,780 00
Total Resources.....	\$852,382 13

### LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in .....	\$350,000 00
Circulation Outstanding .....	314,950 00—\$664,950 00
Due Depositors.....	117,175 47
Due Banks and Bankers.....	4,594 26—\$121,769 73
Surplus Fund.....	\$ 50,000 00
Profit and Loss .....	15,662 40—\$ 65,662 40
Total Liabilities .....	\$852,382 13
Profit and Loss as above.....	\$ 15,662 40
Less Dividend No. 24 of 3 per cent. this day.....	10,500 00
Leaves Profit and Loss.....	\$ 5,162 40

**W. C. RICHARDSON, Cashier.**

January 1st, 1885.