

E. C. Means.

Asbland, Ky. July 12th 1899

My dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter of 5th inst came after we had taken train for Washington hence delay in replying to it and delay in preparing usual annual report to you -

I am very much obliged to you and thank you for your liberality in estimating the value of my humble services in your behalf and take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your check upon the Asbland Natl Bank for One thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars in full payment of my services during the year 1898 just closed -

With the information furnished about your donations I shall enter same and take off usual trial balances and make up reports and forward later -

I note your desire to allow Mrs. Lampton not to exceed \$25⁰⁰ per month in supplies & fuel for home and will so inform our Mr. Foster -

Father & I returned home yesterday afternoon in good health and with feelings of relief that the Means' Mill Case had finally been argued before the highest court in the country

E. C. Means.

#2 M. A. M.

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We were pleased with Mr. Maxwell's presentation of our side of the controversy. He was thoroughly familiar with all the facts and points involved and could have kept the Court interested for a much longer period than the two hours allowed him. He made the entire argument for our side while Judson Harmon & J. G. Blidden divided the time for the other side. I do not believe they did well to allow a division of time as Harmon did not appear to be fully familiar with the case and did not make a forceable argument.

Mr. Frank Lyman came on to Washington to see us and he & I made a trip to the Maryland Steel Works, 9 miles from Baltimore. Mr. L. said if he was judge, he would decide the case in our favor. Mr. L. still wants me to go to Scotland with him and we have agreed on a six weeks trip in July & Aug. next. Under the circumstances I do not feel that I can go to Mexico and while I feel very grateful for your kind offer to meet the expenses of the Mexico trip I shall have to decline accepting it. If Mr. L. had not wanted me to decide before your kind proposal was made I would have been only too well pleased to have accepted

E. C. Means.

#3 M.A.M.

Elshland, Ky. _____ 189__

I am having very good health at present and as the summer heat has troubled me more or less the last few years I believe the vacation at that season of the year will prove beneficial.

All are well at home. Lily left yesterday -
With much love to yourself and kind
regards to Miss Molly -

Your affectionate nephew:

E. C. Means

P. S. Am sending draft to Mrs. McChesney today
in full for your rooms & board to Jan'y 31st 1899 -

ASHLAND, KY.

Friday

13th Jan'y 1899

My dear sister

We are glad to know you like the "Arc Roma", thought that as you are so familiar with, much of Rome and the surroundings you would be pleased with it.

The Goose has in former times been reputed to be a very wise bird, ~~now~~ if you mean to say it was the part of wisdom, "not to ^{stay} ^{here} until after the holidays, etc" and see little Dexter,

please pardon me for disagreeing with you in the matter. Ned is here by me while I write and wishes me to tell "Aunt Maggie" that he would like see her back again. It has rained all day, Bessie Kendall and Ned took dinner with us, Ned brought his horse over to show Dexter and entertains him by making horse squeak. Lily left Wednesday and we suppose is

with you today. We wish you many happy returns of the day. "Tom and Polly Cull" got into the train, ⁱⁿ which Leoke and I came from Washington, they were going to Leinti. Have forgotten "the compliment to Polly Cull" unless I wrote we thought her a very sweet woman and a good wife for Tom.

Mary-Rose-Ruby-Ben-Missou Beign and Vera spent yester afternoon at Mrs Leade, and were delighted with their visit - Mary is with Benie and Rose or would ask to be remembered to Polly S. and yours

This morning I wrote letter of condolence to Mrs Sarah Nye Lovell, per brother Supper having died suddenly.

He was a classmate of mine, in Academy and College. The last so far as I know, of my schoolmates living in Marietta.

Affectionately

John Means

Sister weighed 12^{lbs} when he came here 15th now

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, Jr., President.
JOHN G. PEEBLES, Vice-President.

E. C. MEANS, Superintendent.

ROBERT PEEBLES,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

(INCORPORATED.)

MINERS AND SHIPPERS OF
ASHLAND COAL,
LUMP, NUT AND SLACK.

PROPRIETORS OF
ASHLAND FURNACES,
MANUF'RS OF PIG IRON.

Ashland, Ky. July 16th 1899

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I send you certain statements in connection with your business affairs from July 4th 1898 to Jan 3rd 1899. "Trial Balance", "Profit & Loss" account.

Items of Dividend, Interest, Rents, Donations, Expenses, Insurance, Taxes, Commissions, Repairs Court Costs - accounts - Income & Expenditures - List of Bills Receivable - List of Assets having a market value and of those not -

I believe the above will give you all the information you may desire to have about last years affairs. If, however, anything additional is wanted please write to me and I will forward the information with pleasure.

You will notice that a balance remained to be carried from the Profit & Loss to the Capital Stock account this year of \$1,030.93, in spite of the \$2,000 reduced stock of the 2nd Natl Bank of Monton.

Yours affectionately:

E. C. Means Agent & Attorney at Law

E. C. Means.

Elshland, Ky. July 28 1899

Dearest Ruby:

Last night's affair was very swell. Aunt Mary, Hildreth, Will Seaton, Annie Poag & Mr Ballard are the only ones that I can remember as not in masque. The costumes were varied... nearly all of the men wore rented costumes and some were very handsome. The host and hostess put on masks after the guests arrived, and that was early - I went up at 8:30' and more than $\frac{2}{3}$ had preceded me.

E. C. Means.

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I send you the account from Daily News which will give the names & costumes represented. An orchestra from Cincinnati furnished excellent music and the "Lang" hard wood floor was thoroughly waxed making dancing very easy, but dangerous to the awkward. The floor was at times quite crowded and neighbors were often bumping. I danced and melted together. My collar wilted and my shirt front wrinkled so much that I could not

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dispense with the monkish garb when masks were removed -

John F. Hager made a very pious looking Friar and filled his girdle in a true monastical way -

Dr Trade as the Mikado, while spotted early and known of all, was gotten up in truly artistic style, and one could easily have believed he had just arrived from the Chinese legation at Washington

Rose & Nora were dead easy but Bess was not recognized so readily - Some one thought she was Ola Houston - Means's do not grow that way - Eh?

While I was melting the other Cook (Seizer) was hugging the fire. His tights were thin and his raincoat scant but striped a plenty -

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The crowd was good natured
but thoroughly well behaved - No
rude or any other attempts to
penetrate disguises were noticed -
I was surprised at the excellent
behaviour of all the men, as usually
some get "too funny" -

Several out of town people attended
Miss Hughes of Frankfort and Miss
Freeze of Louisa, that I recall -

The latter, quite a pretty girl, was
a guest of Mrs. Chas Russell - Chas
however had "La Grippe" and Phoebe
staid at home to nurse him -

Quite a number, including the
host & hostess, expressed regrets that
you were not there - You would
have enjoyed it -

With much love, & kisses to yourself
& H. E. And kindest regards to the
Lindreys - Yours affectionately
Cooker

List of Stockholders, NORTON IRON WORKS, Jan. 30th. 1899.

	#Shares.
Estates, ✓ T. W. Means,	48 ✓
" ✓ Wash. Honshell,	48 ✓
✓ Geo. Slimer, Cincinnati, O.	20 ✓
✓ H. C. Threlkeld, Cincinnati, O.	20 ✓
✓ Jno. Means,	32 ✓
— ✓ W. H. Lampton, Winchester, Ky.	16 ✓
✓ Jno. M. Norton, Ironton, O.	16 ✓
" ✓ W. B. Belknap, Louisville, Ky.	80 ✓
✓ Chas. Bremaker, Louisville, Ky.	36 ✓
✓ H. A. Langhorst, Cincinnati, O.	40 ✓
— ✓ Jno. Dickson, New York. (Died 1/16/99.)	128 ✓
— ✓ Jas. M. Bailey, Pittsburg, Pa.	20 ✓
" ✓ Henry Peter, Louisville, Ky. (F.T. & S.V.Co.)	12 ✓
— ✓ Henry C. Barkley, Maysville, Ky.	8 ✓
— ✓ Frank S. Owens, Maysville, Ky.	8 ✓
" ✓ Jno. W. Means, T. M. Adams, Adm.	68 ✓
✓ Col. Douglas Putnam, Jr.	8 ✓
" ✓ S. L. Wilder, Cincinnati, O. S.H. Wilder, Adm.	48 ✓
" ✓ M. L. Belknap, Louisville, Ky. (F.T. & S.V.Co.)	76 ✓
" — ✓ Geo. H. Hill, J. D. Wood Adm. San Diego, Cal.	80 ✓
— ✓ Jno. C. Clarke, Toledo, Ohio.	32 ✓
— ✓ Jas. Capehart, Point Pleasant, W.Va.	20 ✓
✓ C. Robson, Cincinnati, O.	20 ✓
✓ S. P. Hager,	8 ✓
✓ Thos. R. Spence, Cincinnati, O.	20 ✓
✓ Mrs. E. H. Tomlinson, Ironton, O.	4 ✓
✓ Mrs. R. H. MacBride, New York.	
✓ W. W. Culbertson, Coconut Grove, Fla.	12 ✓
✓ Margaret A. Means,	124 ✓
✓ Gazzan Gano, Cincinnati, O.	50 ✓
" ✓ J. T. Wilder, Cincinnati, O. S. H. Wilder, Adm.	8 ✓
✓ Mrs. M. E. Johnson, Ironton, O.	24 ✓
— ✓ Mary E. Nesbit, Maysville, Ky.	4 ✓
✓ W. C. Richardson,	28 ✓
✓ H. A. Jones, Cincinnati, O.	20 ✓
✓ B. D. Adsit, Chicago.	12 ✓
— ✓ Ella P. Lampton, Winchester, Ky.	8 ✓
✓ K. I. C. & Mfg. Co.	96 ✓
✓ Amazon Insurance Co, Cincinnati, O. (Gano)	20 ✓
✓ Thos. M. Adams,	580 ✓
✓ L. B. Harrison, Cincinnati, O.	20 ✓
✓ Jennie M. Clarke, Ironton, O.	4 ✓
✓ Thos. H. Means,	8 ✓
✓ Mrs. Lillian M. Maynard, Brooklyn, N.Y.	8 ✓
— ✓ Mrs. Dr. Bullard, Waukesha, Wis.	8 ✓
✓ Mrs. W. B. Seaton,	8 ✓
✓ Sophia H. Boyd, Cincinnati, O.	40 ✓
✓ Alice H. Brown, Cincinnati, O.	40 ✓
✓ A. L. Schmidt, Louisville, Ky.	24 ✓
— ✓ J. D. Simpson, Winchester, Ky.	4 ✓
— ✓ J. C. Ward, Richmond, Ky.	12 ✓
✓ M. H. Houston,	24 ✓
✓ Harold Means,	8 ✓
✓ Kenny L. Butler, Cincinnati, O. (Trustee)	100 ✓
✓ E. C. Means,	28 ✓
✓ Ebenezer Cheney, Mrs. Josie Cheney, Adm. Hartwell, O.	8 ✓
✓ C. F. Schnerman, Pleasant Ridge, O.	20 ✓
— ✓ Horkheimer Bros, Wheeling, W.Va.	28 ✓
✓ Hermann Bahlmann, Cincinnati, O.	10 ✓
✓ Margaret Kyle, Cincinnati, O.	20 ✓
✓ F.T. & S.V. Co. Trustees. Louisville, Ky.	48 ✓
✓ Jno. F. Pogue, Agt. Cincinnati, O. Metropolitan N.B.	36 ✓
✓ Mrs. Minnie Patton, Catlettsburg, Ky.	4 ✓
✓ Mrs. Franzisca Schmidt, Cincinnati, O.	24 ✓
✓ D. A. Leffingwell,	12 ✓
✓ D. G. Putnam,	4 ✓
✓ C. Stege, Louisville, Ky.	68 ✓
✓ J. J. Gordon, Cincinnati, O.	24 ✓
✓ S. S. Savage,	32 ✓
— ✓ N. Hastings Allen, Osterville, Mass.	12 ✓
✓ A. T. Johnson, Portsmouth, O.	

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✓ Hugh Means, Lawrence, Kan.	30 ✓
✓ J. R. Houston,	12 ✓
✓ W. M. Kerr, Ironton, O.	4 ✓
✓ Mrs. M. V. Young,	4 ✓
✓ W. C. Moulton, Ironton, O.	4 ✓
✓ First National Bank, Ironton, O.	4 ✓
✓ J. O. Mathewson,	4 ✓
✓ Mrs. V. G. Houston,	4 ✓
✓ Martha W. Cecil, Cincinnati, O.	14 ✓
✓ Sarah J. Brammer, Ironton, O.	14 ✓
✓ Virginia E. Markin, Gray, Ky.	12 ✓
✓ Mrs. Dorsette Kruse, Cincinnati, O.	10 ✓
✓ C. H. Stimson, Detroit, Mich.	4 ✓
✓ Hannah B. Gano, Cincinnati, O.	20 ✓
✓ Amy S. Gano, Cincinnati, O.	18 ✓
✓ Jay. H. Northup, Louisa, Ky.	8 ✓
✓ Edward Bultman, Cincinnati, O.	2 ✓
✓ Emily C. Fortmeyer, "	2 ✓
✓ Josephine C. Dorman, "	2 ✓
✓ Helen C. Bultman, "	1 ✓
✓ Clarence R. Bultman, "	1 ✓
✓ Charlotte B. Peter, Louisville, Ky. (C.F. & T.Co.)	4 ✓
✓ Daisy C. Peter, " " "	2 ✓
✓ G. W. Lewman & J. H. Peter, Louisville, Ky.	38 ✓
✓ Jno. M. Stuckey, Louisville, Ky.	28 ✓
✓ Mary M. Whitman, Ironton, O.	2 ✓
✓ Miss Blanche McGovney, Ironton, O. (Mrs. Gray.)	2 ✓
✓ Ashland Fire Brick Co.	32 ✓
✓ Chas. L. Rogers, Cincinnati, O.	3 ✓
✓ Mary R. Rogers. Admx. Cincinnati, O.	129 ✓
✓ Jno. Russell,	10 ✓
✓ Chas. Russell,	10 ✓
✓ Helen V. Russell,	10 ✓
✓ Mary. H. Warner, Covington, Ky.	10 ✓
✓ Jas. W. Means, Lawrence, Kan.	30 ✓
✓ Mrs. Abbey H. Peers,	4 ✓

No. 11



Cincinnati, Feby 7th 1899

Citizens National Bank,

Pay to Gazgan Gow Treas or order
Four thousand Dollars

\$4000 $\frac{00}{100}$

The Foundry Stationery Co. Cincinnati

Margaret A. Means
by E. C. Means Attorney

Pay to the
FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
CINCINNATI, O.

OR ORDER
THE CENTRAL TRUST & SAFE DEPOSIT CO.
GAZZAM GANO, Treas.

First National Bank
FEB 7 1899
Cincinnati Clearing House

New York, February 11th, 1899.

To the Board of Directors of The Low Moor Iron Co. of Va.

GENTLEMEN:

In presenting my report for the six months ending December 31st, 1898, it is necessary to make the following explanation of entries to Profit and Loss, etc.:

The decrease in Profit and Loss Account for the six months is.....	\$33,124.58
of which there has been charged to this account:	
For cost of new washer.....	\$11,981.42
Settling damage cases and legal expenses pertaining thereto.....	2,300.00
Bad debts, Marietta Mfg. Co.....	\$16.96
South Brooklyn S. E. Works.....	44.22
Standard Iron Co.....	67.50
W. M. Leathley & Co.....	58.03
Grays Ferry Fdy. & Boiler Co., Ltd.....	126.00
	312.71
Dividends.....	19,996.00
	<u>\$34,590.13</u>
Profit for six months.....	1,465.55
The decrease in cost of Branch Railroads has been.....	2,801.31
Credits to Sinking Fund.....	5,970.15
The amount expended for improvements at Covington has been charged to Sinking Fund, as per resolution of Board of Directors, thus reducing that account.....	17,145.05

The usual reports and statistics are presented herewith. The Treasurer would recommend a dividend of one per cent. from the surplus, payable March 15th, as fully warranted by the sales already made, and the outlook for the current year.

It seems not inappropriate in this report, following established precedents, to record the death, on January 20th, of Mr. E. H. R. Lyman, who has long and faithfully served on our Board of Directors. Mr. Lyman was one of the organizers of our Company, and of the original Board of Directors was the only survivor of those who lived in the neighborhood of New York.

Yours respectfully,

FRANK LYMAN.

Treasurer.

Low Moor Iron Co. of Va.
Feb 1 1899

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET.
THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

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THIS DEED OF CONVEYANCE, made and entered into this 20th day of February, 1899, by and between THE COLUMBIA FINANCE AND TRUST COMPANY, a corporation created, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kentucky, Assignee of the United States Building and Loan Association, of the City of Louisville, County of Jefferson, PARTY OF THE FIRST PART, and JOHN MEANS, of Ashland, County of Boyd, State of Kentucky, PARTY OF THE SECOND PART,

W I T N E S S E T H:

That the party of the FIRST PART for and in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand and Five Hundred (\$2500.00) Dollars, cash in hand paid, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the assumption by the PARTY OF THE SECOND PART of any taxes due and unpaid upon the within described property, has bargained and sold, and does hereby bargain, sell, and convey unto the PARTY OF THE SECOND PART, his heirs and assigns forever, the following parcels of ground situated in Ashland, County of Boyd, State of Kentucky, also the improvements thereon, and described as follows:

Being two lots of land, namely, lots Nos. 49 and 50, Range 4 East, beginning at the Northerly corner of Carter Avenue, and Twentieth (formerly E.) Streets, thence Northwest with Carter Avenue one hundred feet (100), thence at right angles Southwesterly one hundred and forty-two and one-half (142 1/2) feet, to an alley, thence with said alley Southeasterly one hundred feet (100) to Twentieth Street, thence at right angles Northeasterly with Twentieth Street, one hundred and forty-two and one-half feet (142 1/2) to Carter Avenue, the place of beginning.

Also two other lots of land and improvements thereon in Ashland, County of Boyd, State of Kentucky, being lots Nos. 49 and 50, Range 3 East, beginning at the Northerly corner of Carter Avenue and Twentieth Streets (formerly E.), thence Northwesterly with Carter Avenue, one hundred (100) feet, thence Northeasterly at right angles, one hundred and forty-two and one-half (142 1/2) feet, to an alley, thence Southeasterly with said alley one hundred feet (100) to Twentieth Street, thence Southwesterly with the line of Twentieth Street one hundred and forty-two and one-half (142 1/2) feet, to Carter Avenue, the place of beginning, being

two lots, each 50 X 142 1/2 feet.

The improvements include the corn feed mill, with boiler and engine, and all appurtenances situated on lots Nos. 49 and 50, Range 4 East, above described.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the PARTY OF THE SECOND PART, his heirs and assigns forever.

AND THE PARTY OF THE FIRST PART covenants to warrant and defend the title to said property so far as it may lawfully do ^{as Assignee} so, and not otherwise, and in no event is the said COLUMBIA FINANCE AND TRUST COMPANY to be or become personally liable for anything in this conveyance contained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the PARTY OF THE FIRST PART has hereunto set its name and seal the day and year first above written.

COLUMBIA FINANCE AND TRUST COMPANY,

ASSIGNEE

UNITED STATES BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

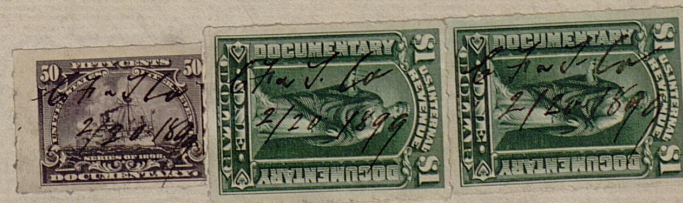
By *Attorney*

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State of Kentucky S. S.
County of Jefferson
I, *J. W. Datt*, Notary Public in and for the County of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, do hereby certify that the foregoing *deed* was this day produced to me in my office, and acknowledged by *Arthur Cox* President of the *United States Building and Loan Association* to be the *act and deed of said Company as assignee*
My Notarial Commission expires *July 1899*
Witness my hand and notarial seal, this *27* day of *Feb*, 189*9*

N.P.J.C.K.Y.



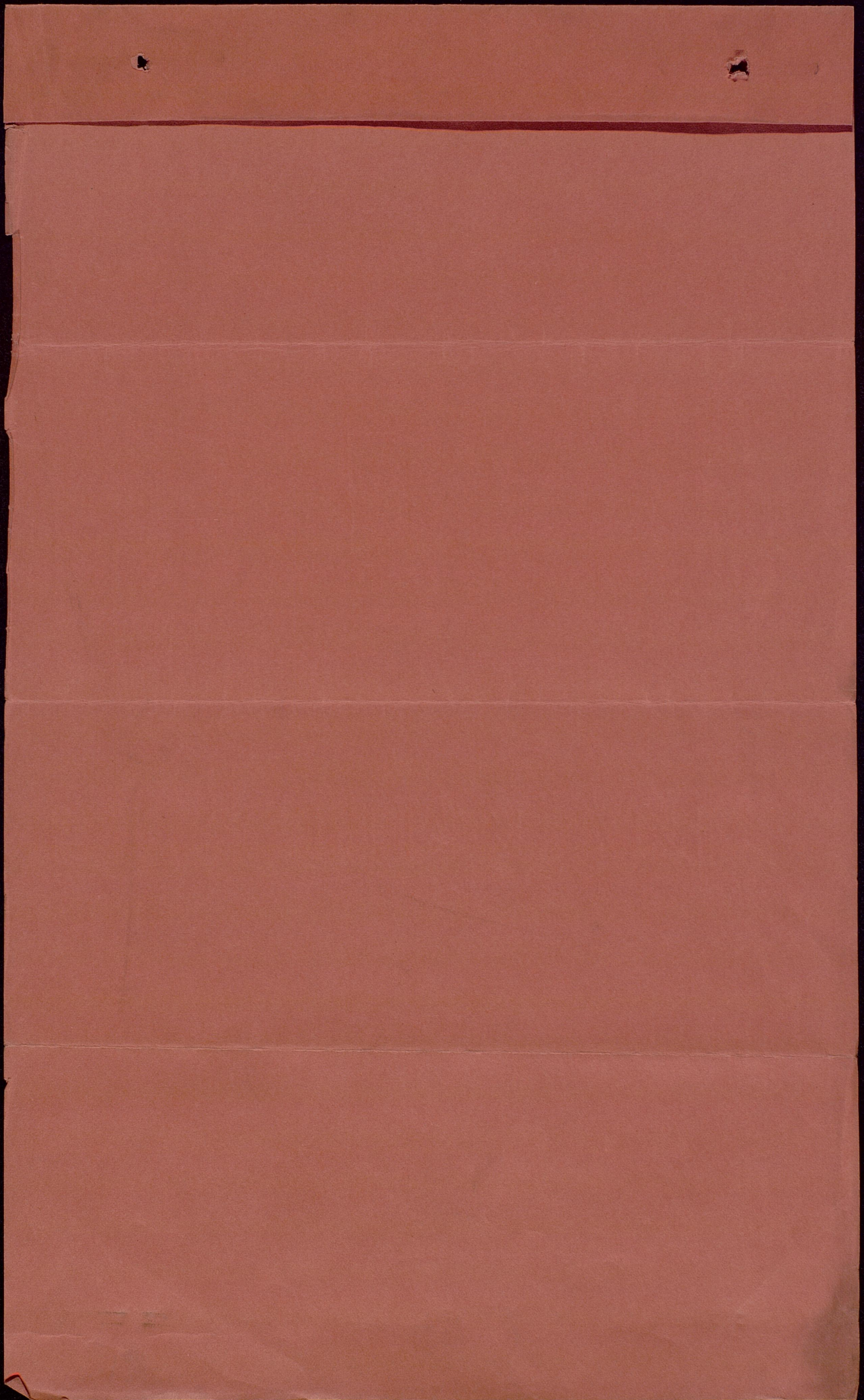
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I, Ellis E. Lawrence clerk of the Boyd County Court do certify that the foregoing Deed from the Columbia Finance & Trust Co. assignee United States Building & Loan association, to John Meaus was on the 13th day of April 1899 at 1:30 P.M. lodged in my office for record, duly stamped with Internal Revenue Stamps amounting to \$2.50 and the said deed together with the foregoing and this certificate has been duly recorded in my said office.

Witness my hand this 13th day of April 1899.

Ellis E. Lawrence C.B.C.
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TAX AND FEES PAID, 87⁰⁰
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1797-1897.

THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL HISTORY
OF
ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO.

TO BE EDITED, COLLATED AND PUBLISHED BY
EMMONS B. STIVERS, VANCEBURG, OHIO. NELSON W. EVANS,
PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

February 24th, 1899

Mr. John Means,
Ashland, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Under separate cover, I send you 12 copies of the printed matter in regard to the History which we send out to others, and I hope you will be able to secure us some orders. I have written to the Mean's at Peru, Ill, but haven't heard from them yet. If you can interest any of them and secure their order, we will appreciate it and be under many obligations beside, and we will try to make the History, so far as you are interested in it such as you will feel amply rewarded for the assistance you have given.

Very truly yours,

N. W. Evans.

...The...
Centennial and Memorial History
 ...OF...
Adams County, Ohio.

The editors of this volume have undertaken its publication believing that their faithful devotion to the arduous task of collecting and preserving, in book-form, the story of the lives of the pioneers of Adams County will be appreciated and encouraged by a people descendant from such sturdy ancestry. It is an impressive statement that "the toils and privations of the early pioneers of Adams County will never be repeated; that they will never have a parallel in the future history of any country of the world!" Realizing the startling truth of this assertion, one can but regret that so much of historical interest and value to the present and future generations has been lost, never to be restored; that, from negligence, the annals of the builders of the foundation of our English civilization should be so imperfectly preserved for their posterity.

Adams County has been a fruitful field of important historical events. Being the fourth county in its order erected in the Northwest Territory, and the site of the third permanent English settlement in the State, the region within its confines was the theater of many perilous adventures and thrilling scenes of pioneer life. Her sons and daughters, from its inception, have been active participants, and many of them have borne noble parts, in the affairs of the State and Nation. The civil and military history of the county is, in many respects, more remarkable than that of any other portion of the State; while the story of the prehistoric inhabitants and their wonderful works, if truthfully recorded, would form a volume most marvelous. To the archaeologist, nothing in the Western Hemisphere, if indeed in the world, exceeds in point of interest the Great Serpent Mound. And the natural features and resources of the county are scarcely less striking to the geologist. With these truths confronting them, and in view of the fact that more than a century of years has been reeled off the spool of time since the settlement and organization of the county, and that no proper history of the struggles and achievements of the pioneers and their descendants has ever been written, the editors of this volume have undertaken to make use of the valuable material yet accessible to the diligent historian, and preserve it for posterity before it is lost and perishes from memory.

It is proper to state in this connection that the editors each are descendant of pioneer ancestors of Adams County, and that they have, it is hoped, a pardonable pride in compiling a history of the county that will reflect credit on themselves and do justice to the memory of a deserving people. It is their intention to search, with competent assistants, the records of the settlement, growth and progress of the county, and to state fairly the facts of history as they find them. Partisan bias shall enter no feature of the work. The volume complete will contain over one thousand pages, and will be illustrated with the portraits of many persons prominent in the history of the county, from its earliest settlement down to the present time; and in addition to these, numerous engravings of objects and scenes of great historical value. The volume complete will really be composed of four separate books, namely:

1. A GENERAL HISTORY OF ADAMS COUNTY.

This will embrace a brief description of the acquisition and organization of the Northwest Territory; the erection from it of Ohio Territory and its Territorial history; the organization of Adams County; the Constitutional Convention of 1802; that Constitution as adopted, and under which Ohio became a State in 1803; a roster of the county officials from the date of its organization to the present time and of members of both branches of the State Legislature and of members of Congress from the district to which Adams belonged; a review of the political history of the county; a review of the Church and social organizations; the Judiciary and Bar of the county; Adams County's part in the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Rebellion; the Underground Railroad; towns and villages; public roads and highways; the old tavern stands and stage routes; the old iron furnaces; the geology of the county; prehistoric races and remains; scenes and incidents of historical interest, such as the Execution of Becket, the trial of Tony Milligan, the lynchings of Tenn and Parker, the several county seat contests, the Cholera Scourges of 1835, 1849 and 1851, Morgan's Raid in 1863, new versions of the killing of Ashael Edgington by the Indians, the capture of Andrew Ellison of Manchester by the Indians, the Adventures of Israel Donalson with the Indians and many other subjects not mentioned in this outline.

2. CHARACTER SKETCHES OF THE PIONEERS.

These will be prepared by Mr. Evans, who has spent much time and has been put to great expense in gathering facts, and in taking notes in the preparation of the matter for this feature of the history. These will be real *character* sketches, and not merely dry and unimportant biographical outlines. This department will embrace, among others, Judge Byrd, Governor Kirker, Nathaniel Massie, Colonel John Lodwick, Israel Donalson, General Darlington, Hon. William Russell, Judge J. W. Campbell, Rev. Dyer Burgess, General J. R. Cockerill, Robert Morrison, Hon. John T. Wilson, Asahel Edgington, Judge Joseph Eylar, Andrew Ellison, Robert Crawford, Dr. William B. Willson, Rev. William Williamson, Dr. William Vorhies, Colonel John Means, Hon. Abraham Shephard, General James Pilson, Joseph Riggs, Rev. John P. Vandyke, Rev. Robert Dobbins, Recompense Murphy, Rev. Wm. T. McSurely, Alexander Mitchell, Hamilton Dunbar, Judge George Collings, Peter Schultz, John Sparks and Abraham Hollingsworth and many other pioneer citizens too numerous to mention here.

3. THE TOWNSHIP HISTORIES.

Here will be included organization of each township, list of officials, first settlers, Church and fraternal organizations, public schools, public buildings and improvements, pioneer incidents and traditions, early customs and manners, together with a particular descriptive history of the natural features of each township.

4. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

In this division of the volume will be found the biographies of persons prominent in the more recent history of the county and at the present time. Here characters of such prominence as Judge J. L. Coryell, Judge John M. Smith, John Ellison, Dr. David Coleman, Major John McFerren, John K. Billings, Captain David Thomas, Stephen Reynolds, T. J. Mullen, Nicholas Burwell, Hon., John P. Leedom and many others contemporaneous with them, and INCLUDING PROMINENT LIVING CHARACTERS distinguished in POLITICS, SOCIAL AFFAIRS, and BUSINESS MATTERS in general.

Each person receiving this circular having an ancestor prominent in the history of the county as an official, lawyer, clergyman, physician, banker, merchant, manufacturer, farmer, or in any of the trades or professions, is invited to prepare facts and furnish them for a sketch of such ancestor in the history. Any former resident of the county who receives this circular is entitled to have a proper notice of himself in the volume, by complying with conditions herein stated.

The volume will not be published until the number of subscribers will justify its publication, and *only the number of volumes subscribed* will be printed. There will be no extra copies for sale.

Remember, the volume will not appear in print unless the citizens of the county together with former residents see fit to contribute their aid and assistance, both in moral and financial support by way of subscriptions for the volume, which will justify the cash outlay in its publication. Do not wait for any personal solicitation from any one. Fill out and sign the enclosed blank order and return it to either of the undersigned, together with any facts concerning a sketch of an ancestor or of yourself you desire to have prepared and published in the book.

If you desire any further particulars as to the book itself, or as to the sketches of living persons, write to Mr. Stivers, of Vanceburg, Ohio; as to anything relating to persons deceased, sketches of whom should appear, write to Mr. Evans, at Portsmouth, Ohio.

N. W. EVANS, Portsmouth, Ohio.
 E. B. STIVERS, Vanceburg, Ohio.

Aspland Ky.
Cincinnati Feb 7th 1899 No.

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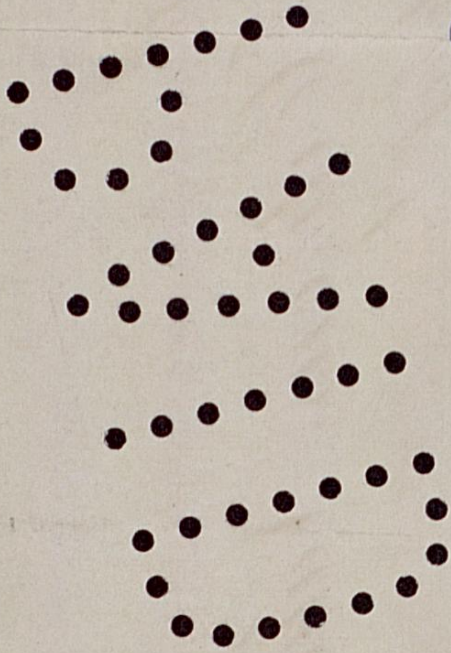


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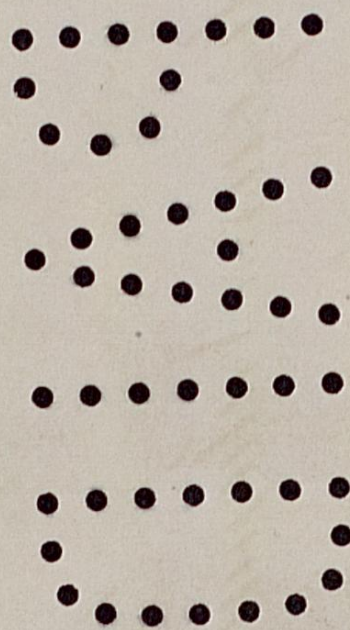
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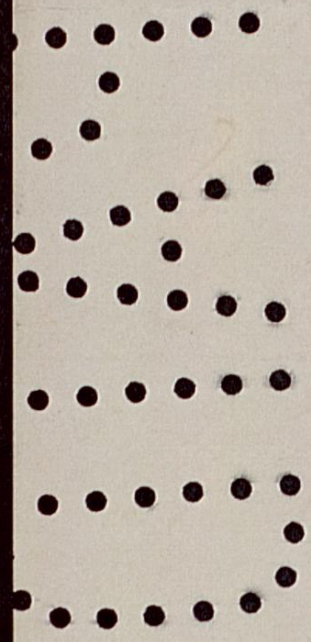
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H. W. Watley, Corresponding Secretary.



ASHLAND, KY.

Tuesday

14th March 1899

My dear sister

Rose and dearest little Dexter started yesterday afternoon for their home, Harry went with them to Cinti, saw them into their train for Chicago and came home at midnight. The little fellow was wide awake and happy, only sleeping about half an hour, on the way to Cinti. Was awake and interested in the new car and people, bound for Chicago. Dr. Bullard expected, to meet them in Chicago this morning - If not delayed they should reach Waukesha at 1³⁰ Noon today. We shall miss them very much. The dear little babe, is certainly the most universally good and happy child, I have ever known and dear Rose, the last daughter left in my home, seemed on this visit, to especially after Mary left, to fit right into the place, she filled for me, after her dearest mothers death. It was

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sight sad for me to say good by
and see them leave me, on the
anniversary of her dear mother's
death - To day is Harriet Evelyn's
fourth birthday, who while she
bears dearest Datties initials, never
had grandmother of my name.

Mary can tell you Ashland news.
Coke and myself will leave in a few
days for Hot Springs Va -

Affectionately yours
John Means

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that the way to spell it?) at Huntington
and Innton. Let George N. Gray
and S.H. Clark are here from
Innton - also one of our
workmen from Low Moor is
here for treatment. Mr Ingalls
was here Friday and we had
seen Arthur Stinson since
we came - He has married
a Virginia girl, since we saw
him and is at the Healing
this winter - His mother is in
N.Y. with her daughter -

Dr. Pole inquired about you
and desired to be remembered
when I write - Mary wishes
me to go home, by way of N.Y. city
but I shall probably go to Ashland
with Cooke. Kind regards to Polly
Mrs McC and Miss Clarke -

Affectionately yours
John Means



Monday 28th March 1894

My dearest Sister

Your welcome letter of 17th was
lauded me yesterday morning -
You did not do justice to your
Irish blood, by even a mention
of St Patrick - As we read of
that awful fire at "the Window"
we are very happy to think that you
are not in any of the "fireproof"
hotels - Cooke and I reached
here Friday morning and hung
ourselves in coat hooks until
6 P.M. when we were put into
The housekeeper's room, not
leaving until she had left it -
There are about 500 people

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here now and those only who
have rooms engaged can
secure accommodation. The
Homestead, has been enlarged
twice since you saw it, and
is really a pretty good hotel.
The old brick Annex, which
stood on the hill in front of
the Virginia, has been taken
down and a large addition
built, which extends nearly
to the Bath House, with which
it is connected by a nice cover-
ed way and elevator, so guests
can go from Homestead to Bath,
without necessity of being out-
doors on the way. Friday was
a fine day, but Saturday and
Sunday, we had rain and
too much mud for walking.
This morning is freezing cold

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with strong wind but clear.
We were not in time to get a
Bath Friday, but took our
first Saturday morning at
10^h 30' and are waiting now,
for the time to come for an-
other - Lerke thinks he does
not need to be here now, but
I shall try to keep him a
week or ten days, even if I have
to get humbug or something,
requiring baths and treatment
myself - It must have
been very pleasant for you at
Lily's Page's luncheon
They are very pleasant ladies.
I have had letters from Mary
and from home since we came
here - All well at home - Ruby
writes of Spinal Meningitis (is

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Ashland, Ky. April 3rd 1899

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter of Mar 30th received - Was pleased to hear from you -

I learn that Mrs. Lampton returned home last Friday but have not heard how she is -

I have paid Hackworth's bill for papering and painting and still have Prestons bill to pay for you "One has to go away from home to hear the news" is an old saying, and in the case of Tom's remarks about Tom Adams it fits - We had heard nothing in connection with it but if I find there are remarks in circulation I shall take pleasure in contradicting them - I am not familiar with the details of Tom's purchase of the Norton Stock but I have no doubt that he paid the full market value at the time and that it was a good sale under the circumstances -

There is nothing new to write about Charley's efforts to aid us in selling out our iron interests except Charley's information that he believes Means, Kyle & Co will be sold at the price asked for it -

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These receipts are full from Christ's for Mrs. Thompson's expenses
don't take any more received the bill from Mr. Eckberg-

Under the arrangement for the Electric Light Co to purchase the control of the Street Ry Co I have arranged to get you some 6% bonds \$5,000 of the Street Ry bonds and \$10,000 of the Electric Light Co bonds. The Street Ry bonds are part of an issue of \$50,000 first mortgage and the Electric Light bonds are part of an issue of \$20,000 first mortgage. I believe both to be good bonds and I expect to buy for myself some of the Street Ry bonds. I already have some of Electric Light bonds. Your Eureka Iron Co bonds will be paid today or this week at lint's \$15,000; and \$10,000 of that will be used to buy the Electric Light bonds. The money you have loaned to the Street Ry will pay for those bonds.

Ruby has been ill with malaria but is now up and going again - H. E. is well and so am I. With regards to Miss Molly and love for yourself

Yours affectionately;
E. C. Means



Cincinnati, April 11th 1899

Citizens National Bank,

Pay to Gas Eickberg or order

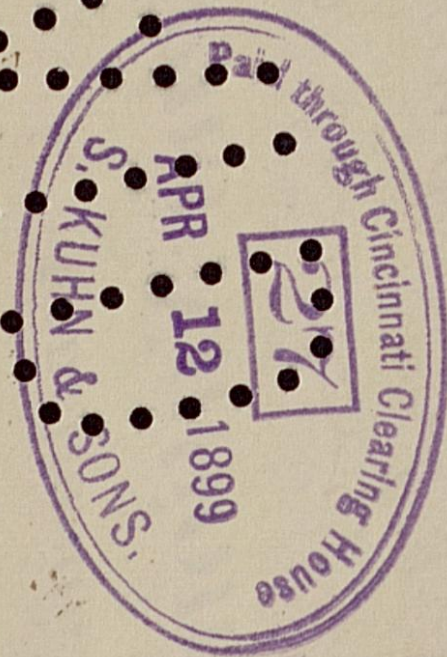
Three hundred and sixty — Dollars

\$360⁰⁰

Margaret A. Meaus
by E. C. Meaus Atty in fact

Pay J. Kuhn & Sons
a/cy.

Joseph Eckberg



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Ashland, Ky. April 11th 1899

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 10th inst
enclosing bill of Dr Jos Eickberg received. Today
I send him your check for full amount \$360⁰⁰
as requested - I had supposed from the
envelope that it was a letter to you from
some lady friend and forwarded it to you
without opening it. Had been expecting
his bill and was ready to send check at
any time.

Tomorrow Mr. Leffingwell and I are going
to Portsmouth to meet the fire brick manufact
urers. A move is on foot to consolidate all
in this region into one company. We will
attend the meeting and decide whether we wish
to join or sell out to them, if the combination
is effected. There is nothing new to report
about the Means, Kyle & Co, A. C. & J. etc deal.

With regards to Miss Molly & love for yourself
Your affectionate nephew:

E. C. Means

ASHLAND, KY.

Monday Morning.

17th April 1899

My dearest Sister

Your welcome note of 13th, came to hand Saturday, true Mary is good correspondent, nevertheless it does me good to see something, from under your own hand. The portraits you handed me at 144 Sixth Av, for Dexter and Mary, were put away carefully in my bag, (did not see Mary until she came Thursday) and brought home forgotten, having no use for the bag here, until Mary discerned the pictures next day after she came home, bawling dirty clothes in my bag. Thus she took possession of and Dexter, was mailed for Washeta, at once.

You will understand why neither has been acknowledged before. Mary has been working "like a Turk" well, better a woman, unpacking, tearing up, raising "cain", dust, generally, and the worst of it is, she promises to keep it up, house clearing (?), for a week or two

longer. Moreover the evjryg "complaining"
 that she has had no more head
 aches, since she came. Letters from
 Rose tell us that she, Dexter and Dr., are well,
 baby weighed 20 lbs Sunday 9th inst.

Polly Cul, reached home last week
 but we have not seen her. Poor Bess
 has been without a girl for some weeks,
 the "Gulu" is to be married soon.

John broke out with Measles Tuesday, Hilda
 and Isabella, afraid of taking, came over,
 stayed with us until Saturday, when
 Hilda thinking she had measles, went
 back home. However she was well
 enough yesterday. Very probably the
 children may take the disease, one at
 a time and drag along for some weeks.

John is about well again. A Mrs. Koons
 came up from Greenup, Thursday will stay a
 week to help Bessie nurse. Mrs K. is good
 nurse, can cook, can and is willing to
 make herself generally useful. They
 have the promise of another girl, an
 orphan aged 16 or 17, who desires a home.

Whether she comes or is useful, remains
 to be seen - behauly was in last evening,
 is well and gives good report from Ashbiddle.

Dora went to Greenup Saturday, to stay a week
 and raise "cane".

With kind regards to Mr McC. Miss C. and Polly
 affectionately John Means

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Ashland, Ky. April 22nd 1899

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Here with, as per your request,
I enclose draft of Ashland National Bank upon
the National City Bank for One thousand (\$1,000) Dollars.

The Expenses at the Christ Hospital paid by your
check by me were for Mrs Lampton as follows:

1899 Febry 27	—	\$ 39	
Mar 8	—	\$ 39	
" 14	—	\$ 39	
" 29	—	\$ 78	Total \$195 ⁰⁰

To this add cash paid by you 39⁰⁰ \$234⁰⁰

Prices obtained for pig iron vary according to
grade and quality an average would be

Hanging Rock	# 2 F	\$ 14 ⁵⁰	per ton
Low Moor	# 2 F	13 ⁵⁰	" "
Ashland	# 2 H. S.	15 ⁰⁰	" "

The above would be for past month and are
about the highest obtained. Prices are so high
that it is hardly probable they will be maintained
for any great length of time unless cost for labor
is advanced. It looks as if the companies should

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make handsome profits this year -
Yesterday we gave an option on the Clinton
Fire Brick Works at a figure which should
net us \$2⁰⁰ for \$1⁰⁰ if accepted - However
I do not have any faith it will lead to a
purchase and think the option was taken for speculation

Mr. Meachem writes that he has not yet sold
our iron properties but will come here soon
and tell about the progress he is making -

Charley Means is sick in bed with a bad cold
which came near being pneumonia - He can
account for it only from walking too much
on Wednesday - a warm day -

I am feeling very well and am out of doors
a great deal these Spring days - I shall give
H. E. the message about the cats - She has been
feeding the cats with corn bread -

With regards to Miss Molly and love to
yourself

Your affectionate nephew:

E. C. Means

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Ashland, Ky. May 1st 1899

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Replying to yours 24th inst
After receipt of your letter I called upon Mr.
Kouns, the liveryman and arranged with him to
take Mrs. Hampton out driving 3 times per week for
four weeks. He agreeing to send a survey so that
Aunt could take Sadie with her.

Charley is up again and going about the house
Lizzie came Thursday and we were all pleased
to see her.

Today the bonds of the Street Ry Co \$5,000-
and of the Electric Light Co \$10,000- were bought for
your account - The Street Ry Co paying the rate
held by you - Hereafter the controlling interest
in the Street Ry Co will be owned by the
Electric Light Co - W.B. Seaton and I being directors
in the latter company, we believe the bonds of both
companies will be satisfactory investments.

With regards to Miss Molly & love to yourself

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

Friday A.M.
Ashland, Ky., 12th May, 1899

My dearest Sister

Wednesday was a sad letter day for me, the Mail bringing one from each, you, Lily and Rose, while Mary received one from "Becky." Yes, the Spring cleaning is over and now, we are like the ^{Scottish} deacon whose wife died, "vera dull but ^{very} peaceful". Hope you did have "a good Time" on your visit to New Jersey. Kind regards to Mrs M^cChesney and sister. Mary, Doris and Bessie, now that peace is restored are having a campaign, of night meetings at their Church, a sort of discipline is pursued; the preacher does not allow drowsy ones to finish snaps, but requests that such shall be awakened.

Mary and myself, attended a party at Mrs Cherringtons, last Friday evening, saw about all the ladies am acquainted with in Ironton, excepting Mrs. Ellison and Mrs. Mather. Tuesday evening Mrs. Matt Houston invited us to dinner next day, but Wednesday morning recalled the invitation, saying they had received telegram, that Mr. W. M. Kerr had died suddenly the evening before. We suppose the family with his body may reach here Monday next ie 15th inst.

Tom Adams has been here several days, had

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Sold the pig inn he had piled near the Fair Ground
Lizzy and Charley went to Leinti yesterday.

I wished to see your "Dr. McKinley". Charley
appears to be getting along pretty well, he was
pretty badly scared about himself, if it only makes
him more prudent, he will be better for the season.

Yesterday morning about 7^o 30' I saw Harriet Dodge
escorting Ned home with her, saying she had "invited
him to spend the day and eat strawberries".

Ned accepted promptly, as soon as the berries
were mentioned. We hear of Mag Lampton riding
out often in Houn's carriage, was letting her have
Patsy, but as Job had to come or send for P. I
suppose it was too much trouble for a busy man
and he prefers to have you pay, for his leisure.

We have set out 2000 sweet potato plants, have our
own onions, radishes, asparagus and rhubarb (spin plant),
Ashland looks very pretty now, the trees with such
heavy foliage, that on several streets only, houses
near one can be seen. Love to Polly.

Yours affectionately,
John Meany.

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Ashland, Ky. May 16th 1899

Dear Aunt Margaret:

A few days ago I sent you the store account of Mrs. Hampton as prepared by our Mr. Foster. I have given your check in payment. I intended writing to you at the same time but had callers preventing doing so.

Today I send you a proxy for the Low Moor meeting which please sign and send to Low Moor. Father and I will leave here for Va. Saturday night and spend Sunday & Monday there.

Charley & Lizzie left yesterday for Atlantic City. Dr. Eichberg advised Charley to go there for two weeks in order to get the sea air. He told Charley that his recovery from his pleuro-pneumonia would be much more rapid there than here.

Tomorrow is the date for annual meeting of this company. Mr. Bailey & Mr. John G. Peebles are here for it.

Ruby & H. E. are going to Cliffside Park this afternoon. The Park looks very pretty with its buildings freshly painted. With regards to Mrs. Malley and love for yourself. Your affectionate nephew:

E. C. Means

General Office
FURNACES AND MINES

The Cow Moor Iron Company of Virginia.

H. G. MERRY, GENERAL MANAGER.

5/20/99

Paid from profits 17 years

Dividends	710.895-
Bonds	226.000-
" Interest	99.938.50
Bad debts 17 yrs	17.081.48
Charged off July 1 st 93	130.000.00
Balance on hand	136.435.87
Profits 17 yrs	<u>\$ 1,320,350.85</u>

Average Capital say	\$ 741,000	
" Earnings		10.48%
less average % bad debts		.13
		<u>10.35%</u>

average dividends 17 years ~~10.65%~~
but original stock holders by
reason of 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ % stock dividend
have reced for 17 years avege 6 $\frac{1}{3}$ %

No allowance is made for stock dividend. It
being counted as simply increased capital.

5/20/99

Profeto Low Mass Iron Co

ASHLAND, KY.

Monday

29th May

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My dearest Sister

Yours of 17th was duly received and read by the branches of the family. My trip to Virginia however interfered with an early reply. Saturday 20th Leoke and I left for Low Moor; when we had a pleasant visit. Leoke returned Tuesday Thursday, bringing a slight cold for my part, which Cooke came in contact with poisoning with usual result. Besides his hands he has a little on tips of his ears. It is troublesome and apt to return for several years, may give him trouble. Harriet Evans was feverish yesterday, possibly may be taking Measles. Glad to hear of Mrs Adams and that she was visiting Lily and yourself. I called at her home in December, when went for Rose. Dr. Mont and Casselia inquire about you and desire

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to be remembered to your ^{emotions}
I met them. Bessie Dora and the
five children went to Greenup Saturday
expecting to return this afternoon.

Dora said she wished to fill Ned
once with strawberries. Will dined
with us yesterday. The "Memorial"
service was in the Methodist Ch.
Crowded, seats in aisle &c. I went down
looked in - then came back, met
Polly Cul, went home with her to
see Tom - Ruby's sister Mrs Fishel
has young son. H.E. very much out
of humor, saying it should have
been brought to their house.

Bath Ave is curved with gas
pipe to be put down for Natural
gas for heating purposes -

Had a visit last week 17th from
Dr. Lew Worthington whom we
met in Paris - urged Mary to go
over next year - Kind regards
to Polly Mc M^e & Min Clark

Affectionately

John Means

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Ashland, Ky. June 1st 1899

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Charley and Lizzie reached home Tuesday afternoon unexpectedly. The law suit in the Supreme Court is not yet decided and may not be until next winter. When the argument was made last January but eight judges heard the case, Justice Brewer being in Paris, France, these eight judges have announced that they cannot agree, but upon our request they have granted 60 days time for a motion for a new hearing and allowed us to file a new brief. If the case is heard again it will be before a full court of nine judges and a decision will be rendered, but if no rehearing is granted we will have lost the case. It is probable that the new hearing will be allowed and the matter will rest with Justice Brewer to make 5 for or against.

Of course it is a great disappointment not to have won the case but we still have one more chance

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Ashland, Ky. _____ 18

There is nothing new about the options - It is the general opinion here, that nothing will be done in making purchases - The floating of the industrial combinations is becoming more difficult - Under the circumstances we will remain in the iron business for some time yet.

At the Law Moor meeting it was decided to acquire more ore lands and some coal lands also to issue some 6% bonds, some of which I expect to buy for you when they are offered for sale - I consider that with the new land purchases Law Moor will be our best iron investment.

At present the iron business is flourishing and prospects are favorable for the entire year. However most companies instead of dividing their earnings will add to their properties so as to strengthen their positions for the future.

Ruby is well, H. E. has some malaria and I have an eruption on my hands which I believe to be ivy-poisoning - possibly Strawberry poisoning
Trusting that you are well and with love
Your affectionate nephew, E. C. Means

COPY OF WILL.

26 June 1899

I, JOHN MEANS, of Ashland, Boyd County, State of Kentucky, here declare this to be my last WILL AND TESTAMENT:

ITEM FIRST: My executors hereinafter named shall pay my funeral expenses and just debts.

Item Second: My will and desire is that my household goods, furniture, books, maps, pictures, clocks, watches, silverware, jewelry, guns, pistols, musical instruments, tools, implements, wagons, carriages, harness, horses, cattle, hay, corn, feed, personalty of every kind, used in or about the premises where I may reside at the time of my death, be and are hereby bequeathed; to my beloved wife Mary Seaton Means, and my children herein after named; to be divided in kind by and among the survivors of them as they may agree, without appraisement or sale.

Item Third: The remainder of my estate, of which I may be possessed or to which I may be entitled at the time of my death, is hereby bequeathed to my beloved wife Mary Seaton Means, and my children, viz: ,Thomas Hildreth Means, Eliza Isabella Seaton, Lillian M. Maynard, Rosalie M. Bullard, Harold Means, and Ellison Cooke Means, to be divided and distributed among them as the law directs; however to be held and controlled by my executors, as they may deem for the best interest of the estate until the same has been distributed. I have made equal advancements to my children, possibly may make other advancements to them, or to some of them, these advancements shall be reckoned in the division and distribution of my estate; no charge or deduction for interest shall be made by my executors on advancements by myself made.

Item Fourth: If any of my legatees die, before my death or after my death before the distribution of my estate, the portions of such legatees are hereby bequeathed to their heirs of

issue, if they leave none such portions shall go to the remainder of my children hereinbefore named and the issue of such child or children of mine then deceased, per stirpes.

Item Fifth: I hereby appoint my sons Harold Means, Ellison Cooke Means and William B. Seaton, the survivors or survivor of them executors of this my last will and testament.

Having full confidence in the capacity and integrity of these, it is my will and desire that no security shall be required of them, or either of them, for the execution of this my will. The decision of a majority of these executors of my will shall be binding upon all and upon all questions concerning the administration of their trust as such. My sons-in-law, William E. Maynard of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Ernest L. Ballard, of Waukesha, Wis, cannot act as my executors in Kentucky, therefore are not appointed

Item Six: My executors are hereby authorized and empowered to collect, adjust, compromise (compromise) and discharge, the accounts, claims and debts, due to my estate, and to settle my affairs; to sell at private sale or in such manner, upon such terms of credit or otherwise, as they may deem for the best interest of the estate, all or part of the personal property belonging to my estate; excepting that bequeathed in item second of this my will; to deliver the same, give receipts for money paid or accounted for to my estate, by purchasers or others, who shall be exonerated by such receipts, from liability in respect to the application thereof; to divide and distribute in kind, the whole or part of the claims, notes, bonds and stocks, to any or all of the legatees under this my will, subject to the conditions in item four; to rent, sell and convey any or all of my real estate not hereinafter devised if they deem for the best interest of the estate.

Item Seven: Should all of the persons hereinbefore named as ex-
ecutors fail, refuse or from any cause become unable to act my will
and (th) desire is that the proper court of jurisdiction shall ap-
point such person or persons as my surviving children or a majority
of them may name and recommend to said court as administrators will
the will annexed.

Such appointees shall be required to give full and sufficient
security for their administration of this my will, and when qualified
shall be vested with the same powers, and duties as my aforementioned
executors would be vested with if acting.

Item Eighth: My executors or administrators shall not
be required to make final distribution and settlement of my estate,
within three years from the date of my death, if in their discre-
tion they deem it for the best interest of the estate.

Item Ninth: It is my will and desire that each and
every portion bequeathed, to my wife or to my daughters, which has
been ~~or which has been~~ or which may be given to either of them, to
every female who may become entitled to a portion, under the pro-
vision of this my will, shall be for their separate estate.

Item Tenth: I hereby give and bequeath
hundred dollars, to each, my dear sister Margaret A. Means, my sons-
in-law William E. Maynard and Ernest L. Bullard, in evidence of love
affection and good will, by this remembrance.

Item Eleventh: Hereby revoking all former wills and
codicils, this my last will and testament is wholly written by my-
self on four pages of one sheet and signed without witnesses, on
the third page, item sixth, line seventeenth, the words "or all"
are interlined before signing this sixteenth (16th) day of June
Eighteen Hundred and Ninety nine A.D. (1899). There is also
written at bottom of page two (2), "John Means' Will."

Signed : John Means.

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Ashland, Ky. *June 16th 1899*

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 14th at hand
this morning. As per request, herewith please
find draft for One Thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars
payable to your order.

Today at breakfast time the thermometer shows 54°
and a cool breeze direct out of the North. It is
quite a relief from the sultry weather of past week.

The options on the iron properties have all expired.
No sales under any of them have been effected.

Tonight Ruby and her assistants present the "Old
Mardi Convention" at the Opera House, for the benefit
of the Baptist Church.

Business is still booming and prices for iron are
very high and the iron is sold as fast as made.
The Fire Brick Works also have all they can do.

The ivy poison only lasted one week and the Coal
washer is again absorbing my attention while
we are endeavoring to make some improvements.

Lizzie & Charley have gone South. With love

Your affectionate nephew;

E. C. Means

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Ashland, Ky. June 28th 1899

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Another party has paid a bonus to secure an option on the Portsmouth Gas Co stock - I enclose herewith a letter from the directors of the company, which I believe you had better sign and return to me. Sign at the bottom of the page -

There will be issued shortly a letter to the stockholders and bond holders of the A. C. & I. Ry Co notifying them of the new issue of bonds to take up the old issue - The new bonds will bear 5% interest instead of 7% as the old did. Any bonds not taken by the former holders have been asked for by a New York Trust Co. - I believe it will be well for you to accept the new ones for your old ones, as I do not know where you can do better with the money - and it is probable that the company will make enough money the next nine months to pay its notes of which you have \$30,000 - which will have to be invested elsewhere - You hold both notes and bonds.

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ASHLAND COAL,
LUMP, NUT AND SLACK.

PROPRIETORS OF
ASHLAND FURNACES,
MANUFACTURERS OF PIG IRON.

2 M. A. M.

Ashland, Ky. 18

Father has some A. C. & I. Ry bonds but he is not certain whether he will exchange. He says he cannot afford to pay the Kentucky taxes on them. If he does not want them (\$12,000) and you do it is probable that he would let you have them.

There is some prospect of the Electric Light Co being sold and if it is, I have thought best to sell the bonds, \$10,000, that I bought for you May 1st, as a sale would take Will Seaton and myself out of the board of directors.

Ruby left for Frankfort today to be gone until the 1st of the month. Aunt Mary & Hildreth are at Healing Springs. Father is keeping well and in good spirits. Last night he walked up with me to see the new Rod Mill for the first time.

With love to yourself and kindest regards to Miss Mally

Your affectionate nephew;
E. C. Means

ASHLAND, KY.

Friday

23rd June 1899

My dearest Sister

Yours to Mary and myself, having been replied to by Mary soon after the receipt, my own reply has not been returned. We have had some varieties of weather now hot, Saturday Sund & Mond were cool enough for a little fire in library. We should be pleased to see Rachel Shiro's and her family and hope they may make their home where we can meet them oftener than of late years. Your N.Y. dentists seem to be slow fellows, the ones about here, would take all teeth out of head and take head off too, in less time than Polly and you give for a few old teeth. Tell Miss Clarke and P. to drink my health again, in nice cool ale tomorrow, better not more than two bottles for the two ladies - Remember me kindly to Mrs Adams when you see her - Mrs Leone left yesterday P.M. 3³²

for N.Y. City, to sail Wednesday, with a
 lady friend in the Majestic 28 inst -
 Told her had written Lily, she hoped
 L. might see her at the Store, Wednesday
 I sent you the "News" about Mr & Mrs Peck.
 He was here ^{at} meeting, very well and
 asked about you. Last Friday night we
 all went to Ruby (Baptist) "Old Maids Con-
 vention" - had lots of fun - Was a
 great success and netted them over 70%.

Molly + you, lost good chance, to be
 worked over into pretty young misses -
 Mary and I called at Mrs Lead-
 on Robt E. and wife, also saw Mrs. E & girls.
 Minella has not been away this summer

Leah Putnam and Mrs P. are very
 well - G. D. Keig. has sold his home
 and moved into the frame in same
 block, I think his son lived ⁱⁿ the frame
 once - He ⁽⁹⁾ still owns that and hopes under
 the homestead law to hold same - It
 is too bad, the way the good old man
 has been robbed (?) is not too strong) in his
 old age - With kindest regards to
 Polly, M. Clark & Clark - your

Affectionately
 John Meany