

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Low Moor, Va.,

July 3^d 05

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 2nd received enclosing your check in my favor for sum of Fifteen hundred (\$1500.⁰⁰) Dollars in payment for my services as your agent and Atty in fact during past year - I appreciate highly your kind words in praise of my manner of conducting your business affairs. If only I can fulfil my duties as faithfully as you strive to carry out those you undertake I shall be indeed pleased.

I wish to thank you too for ^{the} enjoyable visit at your home. H. E. and I were delighted with our stay in Oakland and announced upon our return here that we would prefer to live in Oakland. We have such a fine lot of kin folks that we would love to see more of them.

The Train stopped and let us off at midnight.
All are well. Buckner leaves tonight
With much love, Your affectionate nephew,
E. G. Means

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Low Moor, Va.,

July 4th 05

Dear Aunt Margaret:

In your bank book, Ashland Natl. there is a credit Nov 7th 04 Mrs. F. G. Lowell \$14.28

I find nothing to indicate why there should be such a credit and have to write to you for explanation—

Frances Davis paid May 23^d — \$10.98

Men Davis , Dec 24 \$ 19.00 quite a long time between payments.

The new thermometer shows 14° this morning—

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

Did you issue check #31? It was not presented at bank.

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E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Low Moor, Va.,

July 16th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 11th received here while I was in New York.

Today I am sending to Garfield Nat Bank for your credit check for Two thousand (\$2000.) Dollars - I trust the delay will cause you no inconvenience.

In New York I staid one night only with the Lymans - did not have time to visit the Maynards but expect to see them when Ruby goes with me in Febry or March.

We have ice enough for Harriet Evelyn to go skating today -

With much love

Your affectionate nephew
E. G. Means

P. S. Will get accounts completed this week

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E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA.,

July 20th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I hand you following statements and accounts - covering Jan'y 13th '04 to Jan 11th '05

Trial Balance, Profit & Loss, Dividends, Interest
 Rents, Expenses, Donations, Taxes, Repairs,
 Commissions; List of Assets showing book values
 and market or estimated values, List of Bills
 Receivable and list of purchases during year.

Securities having a market value are generally
 higher in value than one year ago. This has
 led to an increased value of your entire estate
 and it may now be considered as worth a
 half million dollars.

I have charged to Profit & Loss the amount
 loaned to Mary A. Thorne \$200 - as we agreed
 when I was in Ashland last month.

I have changed agents at Covington Ky because
 the former agent, D. A. Hynes, was not satisfactory.
 Improvements required by the city of Covington
 and those recommended by the new agents, Ed. E.
 Walker & Co have absorbed any surplus from rents.

The following comparisons may interest you

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Low Moor, Va.,

Received	Jan'y 13 ^m 04 to Jan 11 ^m 05	Jan 12 ^m 04
Rents	500.30	364.50
Dividends	10980.37	28095.36
Interest	<u>9932.36</u>	<u>9982.88</u>
Total	\$21,413.03	\$38,442.74

Expended		
Expenses	9211.21	11926.16
Donations	4592.50	5256.75
Taxes	306.90	272.41
Repairs	357.23	99.61
Commissions	48.80	35.82
Insurance	<u> </u>	<u>33.20</u>
Total	\$14,516.64	\$17,623.95

Unless the local companies at Ashland increase their dividends in 1905 over those paid in 1904 your income this year will be about the same as during the past year.

The Means & Russell Iron Co and the Ashland Brick Co paid no dividends in 1904 while in 1903 the former paid 60% — \$7200.00 Cash.
 the latter " 105, 5090.00 } Stock Divid. \$4,400-
 Cash " 690-

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B.

LOW MOOR, VA.,

Taxes - The City of New York has assessed you for \$25,000.00 personal property, while this is a larger amount than we expected I can see no way to have it reduced while it is less than the amount of bonds owned by you. It is probably in greater proportion than many are assessed whose owning of bonds equal yours. The tax notice was received in due course - The taxes will be payable in October -

Wishing you a prosperous year

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

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E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA.,

April 1st 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I enclose check for One thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars payable to your order as per your request Mar 30th

Mrs Ringo and Buckner were on No 2 last night and probably met you this morning

Last week I went to Detroit for a day but I was four nights on train and was glad to get home. If I had not hurried back to meet Mr. Lyman should have stopped over in Oakland - Mr. Lyman postponed his visit so I was disappointed in the end - I shall try to visit Oakland this month -

The iron market holds up very well and unless the unexpected happens we should have a prosperous year. The furnace here is running better than we expected and we have had good mining weather for a month -

With love
our Collie puppies are named
Low Moor & Minlyne Lassie

Your affectionate nephew
E. G. Means

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Low Moor, Va.,

May 6th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

You must pardon my delay in acknowledging the pleasant visit with you recently - I found all well at home and glad to hear such Ashland news as I could relate -

We returned last night from our trip to Washington - We all enjoyed the change and the children had a fine time seeing so much of interest. John especially kept his eyes wide open in wonderment from the time he saw the steamboats (which he said he "did not know ran on the water") until he entered the cars to return home. By comparison he found the postoffice larger than here, and the Zoo was almost too good to leave - His prize purchase was a monkey wrench for his tricycle -

With love

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Low Moor, Va.,

June 23^d 05.

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 20th received. I spent Wednesday & Thurs. in N. Va and this is first opportunity to reply.

Today I send check for One thousand ^{no}/₁₀₀ (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars to Garfield Nat Bank for credit your acct. as requested - Have filled out blank for

City of Ashland 1905 assessment and will forward. I am sorry to learn of the scarlet fever at Putnam's & Hagers. I hope it will not spread with so many children on the street.

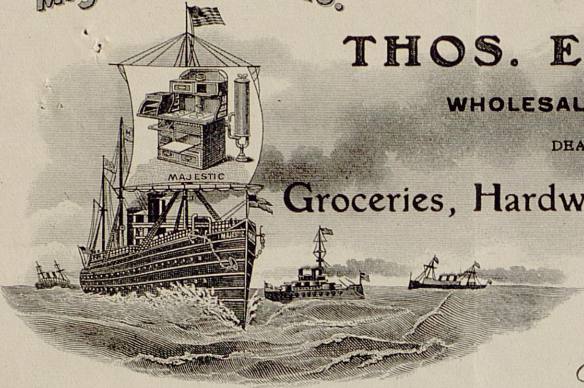
Ruby, L. E. & Buck are at the Fischers in Tryon. Have been away for two weeks & expect to return next week accompanied by Bessie and the children. Mr. Fischer is in Pueblo Colo where his mother is dangerously ill.

It was very warm on New River, especially so at night. Here it is warm during day but cool at night.

With love

Your affectionate nephew
E. G. Means

FORM 640.
MAJESTIC RANGES.



THOS. EMERSON,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

DEALER IN

Groceries, Hardware & Queensware,

FARM MACHINERY,
WAGONS AND BUGGIES.



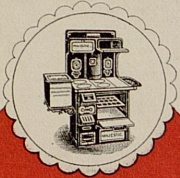
FIELD
SEED
A SPECIALTY.

Clinton, Ky., Aug 10 1905

My dear Mrs Ring

You will find
enclosed on for \$60⁰⁰ this
pays the interest on the One
thousand dollar not to July 17¹⁹⁰⁵

Please give the same to
Your friend
Thos Emerson



MAJESTIC
RANGES
AWARDED

GRAND
PRIZE
HIGHEST POSSIBLE
AWARD

LOUISIANA PURCHASE
EXPOSITION Co.
ST. LOUIS
WORLD'S
FAIR

E. C. Means,
Esbland, Ky.

Low Moor Va
Sept 4th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I have taken the liberty to write to the Tuskegee Institute as per enclosed copy - Jimmie Braxton is of good solid color and a steady worker. I think perhaps it may lessen his tuition costs if the scholarship can be used in his favor.

Nora Davis and her three boys are with us. It is a pleasure to see how our children enjoy having playmates. The life here does not provide the children with the companionship they ought to have -

We will not go to New York until late this month - The Directors are having their vacations and do not wish to meet as early as usual. - I hope you can visit us on your way East and that we shall see you again in New York -

With love from all

Yours affectionately:

E. C. Means

E. C. Means,
Asbland, Ky.

Low Moor Va
Sept 7th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I enclose
letter forwarded from Hotel Martha Washington -

As per your request 6th inst I am sending
check for One thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars to
the Garfield Natl Bank for credit your acct.

Yesterday I returned from a two day visit
on New River - Train was hour late -

The children are having great pleasure
with the visit of their cousins - At some
times gets very noisy in the hall at night.

Buckner was quite ashamed when his
attention was called to failure to call
at your house - This year is the first in
which he has taken an interest in the society
of girls of his age, and he went to some
parties at Swanton; staying several days with
friends there - With love your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

E. C. Means,
Asbland, Ky.

Low Moor Va
Sept 18th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret;

Your registered letter
Sept 12th duly received. Found enclosed
certificate No 154 covering 5 shares \$50.00
each Ohio Iron & Coal Co in your name, which
you accepted in settlement note R. H. Ellison -

Also have account of B. O. Becker for
collections and disbursements of \$67.00 received
by him as your agent for the Pearing property
Your letter states Mr. Becker gave you check
for \$26.80 on Second Nat Bank in settlement.
This amount I shall charge to your expense acct
Unless you deposited to your credit at the
bank this I presume is proper.

My absence from home last week prevented
me writing earlier in acknowledgement of
receipt of the above.

I am glad to know that the Pearing property
will be a revenue producer instead of an
expense as heretofore.

Sara Don's 7 children left us this morning.

With love your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

ASHLAND IRON & MINING COMPANY

Statement Of Trading Profit For Three Months Ended September 30th, 1905.

General Expenses	\$2668.20
Taxes	3000.00
Insurance	255.00
Balance Trading Profit For Three Months	22742.70

28665.90

By Net Earnings Of	
Following Departments	
Furnaces	21834.48
Coal	3501.90
Machine Shops	1300.81
Stores	750.00

27387.19

Lumber Sales (net)	210.00
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Rents at Ashland	731.80
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Interest & Discount & Exchange	336.91
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28665.90

Net Trading Profit Mining Co.	22742.70
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" Revenue Railway Co.	3623.46
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31366.16

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E. C. Means,
Asbland, Ky.

Low Moor Va
Oct 5th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter of ^{the} ins. recd
with enclosed bill for City of Asbland taxes \$96.85
for which I shall remit to Robt Russell Collector.

I have sent check to receiver of Taxes in
NewYork for amount due there.

Ruby has written to you about our trip to
NewYork - We were fortunate in meeting
Aunt Amanda, Charley & Evelyn and enjoyed
the visit with them -

Mrs Ringo and Ruby went over to the Ramsey
mine with me Tuesday and rode on a flat car
We came back 5 miles by gravity to Corington -
Yesterday Mrs Ringo went to the Fenwick Mine
in Craig County with me - I tell her she
is making an inspection of our property -

The children went out for Chestnuts Sunday
and are planning to go again -

With love
Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

E. C. Means,
Asbland, Ky.

Low Moor Pa.

Oct 9th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Yours 6th duly received
enclosing Boyd County tax notice which shall
have prompt attention -

Saturday I was in Richmond - while there
I called upon Mrs Knight & Rev Knight - they
were both well and inquired about Asbland
friends -

Ruby & H.E. leave for Baltimore tomorrow
and I leave for New York Wednesday - Mrs Ringo
and John R will entertain at the Lodge during
our absence - I have promised John to
take him down to Asbland, some time soon -
My business engagements for next two weeks
are coming up so that I am unable to determine
when I can fulfill my promise -

Sunday the temperature was 36° when I
drove up from Clifton Forge

With love
Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

E. C. Means,
Asbland, Ky.

Lawellor Va Oct 19th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Yours 17th received this AM.

Herewith I enclose as requested check to your order in sum of One thousand (\$1,000⁰⁰) Dollars which I trust will reach you safely at Hotel Martha Washington.

Am glad to learn you have not given up your usual visit to New York which you always enjoy so much.

Ruby is in Lynchburg at Kings Daughters Convention - she expects to return Saturday night with Mrs. Pinner of Suffolk Va.

I leave tomorrow for Charleston W. Va. to meet Mr. Lyman & others - We are negotiating for some ore lands in opposition to another party and it is keeping us busy.

I am very much obliged for your kind invitation to stay at your house while you are away - My plans are still uncertain as to Asbland visit. With love
Yours affectionately
E. C. Means

Excuse poor copying.

E. C. Means,
Asbland, Ky.

Low Moor Va Nov 6th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter Oct 30th enclosing check Means & Russell Iron Co for Fifteen hundred Dollars I find upon my return -

The New York & New Jersey Telephone Co have issued rights to subscribe for twenty five percent additional stock at par - These rights are now selling at 13 or that means if you sell your rights it is equivalent to a 13% dividend in addition to the regular annual dividend of 7%

You now own \$22,000 - stock in the company and can use the rights by subscribing for \$5,500 - additional - at par - My advice is to take the additional stock because it pays 7% annually and every two or three years rights are given which are practically additional dividends - I recently bought for myself some N.Y. & N.J. stock at 109½ and shall take new stock - However I shall be glad to learn your wishes and be governed accordingly -

The telephone stocks in the larger cities have usually been very profitable and the N.Y. & N.J. covering Long Island & New Jersey must have a good future -

I reached home Sunday morning and leave again tomorrow for Richmond

Kindest regards to Miss Molly - With love Yours affectionately
E. C. Means

E. C. Means,
Asbland, Ky.

Lowellboro Va

Nov 13th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 9th was received.

I am not certain from your letter whether you prefer to sell the "rights" or take the new stock of the New York & New Jersey Telephone Co at par. My advice was to purchase the new stock - you now hold \$22,000 - and will be allowed to subscribe for \$5,500 - more. - You have the funds in bank to make the purchase and I hope you will authorize me to take the full amount \$5,500 - A seven percent stock is hard to get -

Relative to Government Bonds, I do not forget your wishes and have the matter often in mind - I shall purchase the bonds later - With the Panama Canal and other expenditures to be made I do not think there will be any advance in price before 1907 and possibly there will be a decline -
with love

Your affectionate nephew:

E. C. Means

John's idea of an engine is not fully determined.

E. C. Means,
Asbland, Ky.

Lawl Moor Va Nov 15th 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 14th at hand.

Found enclosed check B.O. Becker Eight $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars (\$8¹⁰)
for rent of Peering Property -

The change in weather upset John and H.E.
who have been laid up with colds for two
days. H.E. does not appear to keep as well
as usual - she has not really been free from
a cough for two months -

Ruby has been going to lectures in
Clifton Forge for several nights - Rome and Paris
illustrated -

The directors meet next week. So we are
house cleaning and polishing up generally

with love

Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

E. C. Means,
Asbland, Ky.

Lowellton Va Nov 20th 05

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I hand you check
of the Lowellton Iron Co on the Corn Exchange Bank
payable to your order for One thousand (\$1000^x) Dollars

● Mr. Lyman has been with us since Saturday and
we expect Mr & Mrs Winslow tomorrow.

● Harriet Evelyn finally has been put in bed
and I believe is better - she had a good night's
rest and is coughing less - As soon as she
is able to travel I hope to get either Ruby or
Mrs Kings to take her to Frym to see the
● Fishers - We hope it is like the "grip" that
a few days in bed will cause a change for the
better while if one keeps moving about there is
no improvement.

With love to yourself & kindest regards
to Molly Seaton

Yours affectionately,

E. C. Means

Jno. F. Winslow,
511 First National Bank Building,
No. 109 Fourth Street, East,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

November 24, 1905.

E. C. Means Esq.,
Low Moor,
Alleghany Co.,
Va.

My dear Sir:

I enclose a copy of the minutes of the Board meeting of the Low Moor Iron Co. of Virginia held at Low Moor on 22 November, in which please note particularly the vote directing the Treasurer to cancel your note for \$150,000.00 on your surrendering and assigning to the Company 1500 shares of its stock pledged as collateral to the note. I have sent a fair copy of these minutes to the Secretary to be transcribed into the record book.

Sincerely yours,

Jno. F. Winslow
Asst. Secy.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOW MOOR IRON
COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

Low Moor, Va.

November 22, 1905.

The Directors elected at the annual meeting of the shareholders held this day, met for organization and other business.

Present: Messrs. Frank Lyman, E. Cooke Means, Jno. F. Winslow and Robert L. Parrish - Four. Absent: Messrs. Alfred T. White, Robert L. Pieffrepoint and Edmond P. Harrison - Three.

On motion Mr. E. C. Means took the chair and Mr. J. F. Winslow was designated to serve as Secretary of the meeting. The Secretary (Mr. Winslow) read the minutes of the previous meeting (September 27, 1905), which were on motion

ORDERED To stand approved as read.

On motion, duly seconded, the following were elected:

President: E. Cooke Means.

Vice-President: Frank Lyman.

On motion, duly seconded, the following were appointed at the same compensation as last year:

Secretary & Treasurer: Frank Lyman

Assistant Secretary: Jno. F. Winslow

Auditor and Assistant ~~Treasurer~~: Samuel G. Gargill

On motion, duly seconded, Mr. E. C. Means was appointed General Manager, pursuant to the contracts approved February 14, 1901.

On motion, duly seconded, it was

VOTED To constitute and appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of the President (E. C. Means, Esq.) ex officio with Messrs. Frank Lyman and Jno. F. Winslow.

The President for the Executive Committee laid upon the table an agreement in writing under date of October 21, 1905 for a

lease to be made to the Company by A. F. Mathews, Trustee and Associates, of lands, ^{and} mining and other rights, in the valley of Potts Creek, being the same approved by the shareholders at their meeting held this day. A copy of the agreement is as under.

Charleston, W. Va., Oct. 21, 1905.

To captain A. F. Mathews, Trustee & Associates, and all others who are interested legally or equitably in the real estate and mineral rights, and other rights, and so on and so on lately the property of the Valley Ore Co., situate in the Counties of Alleghany and Craig, Virginia,

Gentlemen:-

We beg to make you the following offer to lease the northern or lower portion of your properties and mineral rights, situate in the County of Alleghany, State of Virginia, being that portion of all your properties that lies below, or northerly of a line drawn as follows, it being the southerly boundary of the portion of your properties and rights we wish to lease;

Beginning at the center of the Post office building on the farm owned or occupied by William M. Robinson, which Post office building is located a short distance south from the dwelling house of said Robinson, and near the ford of Potts Creek, and from thence running north 45 degrees west to the crest of Peters Mountain, and from the same beginning point; that is, the said Post office building, running south 45 degrees East to the crest of Potts Mountain.

The lease that we offer to make to be for the term of fifteen years, beginning January 1, 1906 and ending January 1, 1921, with the privilege of renewing said lease as hereinafter mentioned

for the period of fifteen years, beginning January 1, 1931 and ending January 1, 1936.

We offer to pay you a royalty of 20 cents per ton of 2240 pounds for all Iron Ore mined and shipped from said premises and the minimum royalty for each and every year to be as follows:

For the first year	No minimum royalty.
For the second year	\$20,000.00 minimum royalty.
For the third year	30,000.00 " "
For the fourth year	40,000.00 " "
For the fifth year	50,000.00 " "

And for each and every year thereafter \$50,000.00 minimum royalty, and in case of option to renew being exercised, same will be renewed on the basis of a minimum royalty of \$50,000.00 per year.

Should the proposition herein outlined be accepted by you, later at some time between now and the 1st of next December, a formal lease can be executed by the proper authorities representing you and representing this company. The said agreement will be executed on behalf of this Company by Mr. E. C. Means, its president, ~~and details in behalf of this Company by Mr. E. C. Means, its president,~~ and details in behalf of this company to be agreed by him and Mr. Robert L. Parrish, our Counsel; on your part the details can be arranged by Captain A. F. Mathews, and either Judge John H. Holt, or Mr. Dabney Davis.

It is understood that you have acquired the right-of-way to a railroad through certain portions of your properties, described in the deed conveying same from the Potts Valley Mining and Mfg. Co. to the Valley Ore Co., which is on record in the Circuit Court Clerk's office of Alleghany County, Virginia, and to which deed reference is hereby made for a further description of the said properties,

rights-of-way and other rights, etc., and also to the suit of Alexander F. Mathews and others against the Valley Ore Co., and others, lately pending in said Court. You will convey us in fee simple all rights of way for railroad, so that we can turn over said rights of way to the railroad company that will build a railroad through these properties.

We reserve the right to wash this ore either on the premises or off the premises, as we see fit, but in case the minimum tonnage is not mined and shipped from the premises during any one year, we will reserve the right to make up this deficiency at any time during the next three succeeding years; that is to say, in case year "A" we mine ore aggregating you only \$40,000.00, we pay you the minimum royalty of \$50,000.00, but at any time during years "B", "C" and "D", being the next three years after, we can mine Ores in excess of the minimum royalty to the extent of \$10,000.00, without paying you any more than the minimum royalty.

Weights governing the payment of railroad freights to govern in all cases,

Yours respectfully,

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

by E. C. Means,
President,

The foregoing proposition is accepted upon the condition that the details of the lease to be hereafter executed in consequence thereof, shall cover specifically, among other things, the following points, that is to say:

FIRST: The royalty upon the ore mined and shipped shall be paid quarterly, not later than the 20th day of the month succeeding the end of the quarter, and the minimum in case of deficiency in the royalties shall be paid at the end of the year.

SECOND: The lease shall give the lessee the right to use all timber from the premises for necessary mining and development purposes, but none shall be taken for sale or use off the premises, except that, so far as needed, railroad ties for lateral lines of said lessee for the development of said property, may be so taken and used.

THIRD: It is understood and shall be expressed in the lease, that all tracts and parcels of land within the exterior boundaries of the leased premises, to which the lessors have no right, shall be excepted.

FOURTH: The lessee covenants and agrees to conduct the mining operations on said premises and exercise the rights granted in a proper workmanlike and economical manner, and without unnecessary damage to the premises, all in accordance with the approved methods of mining iron ore similarly situated.

FIFTH: The lessor shall convey to the lessee in fee simple, all such rights of way for railroad, of which they are the owner, so that the lessee can use or convey said rights of way to the railroad Company that will build a railroad through these properties, which railroad company shall be a common carrier.

SIXTH: The lessee shall pay the taxes upon all buildings and improvements; the lessor shall pay the taxes upon the land.

SEVENTH: The lease shall contain a provision, if the lessee desire it, giving the lessee the right to remove limestone from the premises upon a royalty or price of one cent per ton.

EIGHTH: It is also understood that the lease to follow this proposition and acceptance shall contain the ordinary lease provisions with reference to strikes.

NINTH: It is also understood that at the end of the term, the lessee shall have the right, if not in default at that time, to remove all improvements from the premises that were placed thereon by it.

(SIGNED) Thos. B. Paxton
Judson Harmon, by Thos. B. Paxton
Atty. in fact—
Alex. F. Mathews, Trustee
Alex. F. Mathews, in his own
right.

Etc., etc.

On motion, the agreement was referred to the President and Secretary with full power to make and deliver the lease in question, and to agree upon such further stipulations as they should approve.

The President laid upon the table a list of options acquired at the instance of the Executive Committee for the purchase of certain lands and interests in lands in Potts Creek valley adjacent to the lands mentioned in the agreement with A. F. Mathews, Trustee and Associates, and upon motion it was

VOTED To empower the President and Secretary to acquire for the Company such lands and interests in lands in Potts Creek valley in addition to those included in the lease to be made by A. F. Mathews, Trustee and Associates, and upon such terms as the President and Secretary shall approve.

On motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED To instruct the Treasurer to cancel and deliver to Mr. E. C. Means as of December 1, 1905, the promissory note for \$150,000.00 made to the Company by Mr. Means under date of March 1, 1901, on consideration of Mr. Means assigning and surrendering to the Company 1500 shares of its stock pledged by him as collateral

security therefor, certificates for which accompany said note.

And thereupon on motion, the Board adjourned.

ASHLAND, KY., 16th Dec 1905

My Dear Ruby

herewith find N.Y. Exchange indorsed payable to Cooke's order 1 \$ for Cooke's birthday 2 \$ Christmas for yourself and children. Ned Seaton was in yesterday and told us A. B. was sick & in bed. In yours of 28th ult you said you would keep her out of school awhile, but we had not supposed her to be so poorly, and hope to hear soon, good news of her. Bess put in a burnt wood frame photographs of H. G. and of Hilda; they are pretty pictures of ^{the} first granddaughters of the grandmothers, whose name they bear. They stand facing me on the piano and I take much pleasure seeing them. Hilda came yesterday, is looking well, New England agrees with her. Rose is coming Saturday 23rd and Lily 23rd or 24th insts. We were hoping all or some of you might come too after Christmas, so we could all be together again in the old home. Aunt Mary is down at dentist's. Winnie Putnam comes in very few days, and has been hoping to see you and Cooke while "twins" are here.

Aunt Mary may come back in time to write come on other side.
My stiff hand gets very tired to write so much. Kind regards
To all friends
John Means

Supper Time

Dear Ruby

I have just returned from down street and have only a few minutes to write. Your father encloses his birthday present for Cooke and our Christmas present for you all. Give Cooke my love and tell him I hope it will be many many years before he gives up having birthday. We are sorry dear A.C. is not well but hope she soon will be.

The usual family reunion will be here on the 25th and I will be glad for as many of you as can to come. Hoping you all and we all will have a happy Christmas & New Year
I am your aff. aunt Mary

E. C. Deans,
Ashland, Ky.

Enclosure 2
Dec 2 ~~18~~ 1905

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I shall leave here tonight
on No 1 for Cincinnati — Expect to leave
there on No 2 Friday for Ashland arriving
3:30 P.M. —

On account of Ruby & the children leaving
here the 28th for the South and for business
reasons I must be here next week — and
the above makes only arrangement by which
I can visit Ashland at this period —

With love

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Deans



Dec 28th 05

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I have just returned from station after seeing Ruby & children off on the Southern for Rockledge -

M. drove down to Clifton Forge in fine weather and all seemed in good condition for their trip - with John & H.E. much interested in the change of scene. John was trying to get some idea of how the berths are to be made up - It will be his first night in a sleeper and I imagine he will not sleep much -

I wish to thank you for your hospitality which I enjoyed very highly - It was quite lonesome on the train when I thought of the happy gathering of the Meaus family which I was leaving -

With love
Yours affectionately
E. C. Meaus

I go to Richmond tonight -