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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Jan 12th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I have paid the hampton bill at the Ash. Iron & Mining Co Store of \$300.00 for 1908 and have authorized a continuance during 1909 which I believe is in accordance with your wishes -

Please advise me how much you wished shall be taken out of your expense account and transferred to Donations for the past year -

Your checks nos 9, 10, 11 and 14 have not been cashed - No 10, I believe is the one you sent to H.E.

You made out two as No 12 one to Lily and one to me and may have intended one of them as No 11 -

H.E. has just used hers to buy a guitar - So you may look for music here next summer -

In Philadelphia Thursday I saw Mrs. Warner and heard from her a very unfavorable account of Evelyn.

It is possible that I may visit New York next week but am not sure - I shall receive my new

Auto this week - Hope you are well and

having an enjoyable visit in New York

With love. Affectionately,

E. C. Means

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LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

July 13th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 11th received.
The notice of New York City Tax Assessment is the same as is received annually and does not require any answer unless you wish to complain about the amount being excessive — This amount is the same as for several years past and I can see no reason for disturbing it — The taxes are payable in October 1909 — last year's were paid at the proper time.

Pleased to learn you are having a good long visit — I expect to see you before you return to Kentucky —

We have been having a strike in our limestone quarry but the men are returning to work today — All are well —

With love

Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

Know All Men by these Presents:

THAT The Central Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a
corporation under the laws of Ohio,

in consideration of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)

to it paid by John Means, of Ashland, Kentucky,

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL
AND CONVEY to the said John Means, his

..... heirs, ~~successors~~ and assigns forever:

the undivided twenty-five three-hundredths ($25/300$) part of the following described real estate, situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the south-east corner of Fourth and Vine Streets, and running thence south along the line of Vine Street one hundred and twenty-eight (128) feet to a ten (10) foot alley; thence eastwardly on the line of said alley twenty-nine (29) feet four (4) inches to the west line of a strip of ground eight (8) inches in width conveyed by Philip Heidelberg, et al., to Samuel N. Pike, by deed dated October 25, 1866, and recorded in Book 335, page 588, Hamilton County Records; thence northwardly along the west line of said eight (8) inch strip of ground, and parallel with Vine Street one hundred and twenty-eight (128) feet to Fourth Street; and thence westwardly along the south line of Fourth Street twenty-nine (29) feet four (4) inches to the place of beginning. Also the undivided twenty-five three-hundredths ($25/300$) part of all the right, title and interest of the grantor in and to the above mentioned strip of eight (8) inches in width conveyed by Philip Heidelberg et al., to Samuel N. Pike, by deed dated October 25th, 1866, and recorded in Book 335, page 588, Hamilton County Records, which strip of land adjoins the premises first above described on the east, fronts eight (8) inches on the south side of Fourth Street, and runs back parallel with Vine Street, same width in rear as in front, one hundred and twenty-eight (128) feet to a ten (10) foot alley.

Subject, however, to a certain lease, dated the 1st day of February A.D. 1905, granted by said The Central Trust & Safe Deposit Company to The Cincinnati Realty Company, recorded in Lease Book 130, page 506, Hamilton County Records.

and all the ESTATE, TITLE AND INTEREST of the said The Central Trust and
Safe Deposit Company, a corporation as aforesaid,

either in Law or Equity, in and to the said premises; TOGETHER with all the
privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the
same to the only proper use of the said J o h n M e a n s , h i s

..... heirs, ~~successors~~ and assigns forever.

AND THE SAID The Central Trust & Safe Deposit Company,

for itself, its and heirs, successors, ~~executors and administrators,~~ ^{and assigns,}
hereby COVENANTS with the said J o h n M e a n s , h i s

..... heirs, ~~successors~~ and assigns,
that i t i s the true and lawful owner of the said premises,
and has full power to convey the same; and that the title so conveyed is CLEAR,
FREE AND UNINCUMBERED; AND FURTHER, That i t will WARRANT
AND DEFEND the same against all claim or claims of all persons whomsoever;
saving and excepting the lease to the Cincinnati Realty Company aforesaid,

In Witness Whereof, The said The Central Trust & Safe Deposit Company, acting by N.H. Davis, its President, and Theodore J. Geisler, its Secretary, thereunto duly authorized,

has hereunto set its hand and affixed its corporate seal this nineteenth (19th) day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine (1909)

Signed and acknowledged in presence of:

The Central Trust & Safe Deposit Co.

Philip Kinke
W. H. Davis
As to The C.T. & S.D. Co.
N.H. Davis, President
Theodore J. Geisler, Secretary

Theo J Geisler
Secretary



State of OHIO, County of HAMILTON, ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this *fourteenth* day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine (1909), before the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally came

The Central Trust & Safe Deposit Co., a corporation, the grantor in the foregoing deed, acting by N.H. Davis, its President, and Theodore J. Geisler, its Secretary, thereunto duly authorized, and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the above instrument to be its voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned; and also personally came said N.H. Davis, as President, and said Theodore J. Geisler, as Secretary, and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing deed to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation and ~~the grantor in the foregoing deed, and acknowledge the signing thereof to be~~

their voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal on the day and year last aforesaid.



W. H. Davis
Notary Public,
Hamilton County, Ohio.

Central Trust & Safe Co.
Real Estate
[19] - 1909

Warranty Deed

FROM

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TO

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Transferred, 19.....

COUNTY AUDITOR.

State of Ohio, County, ss.

Presented for Record at

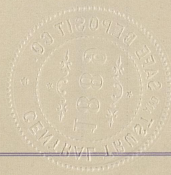
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In Deed Book Page

COUNTY RECORDER.

The W. H. Anderson Co.
Law Booksellers and Law Stationers,
Cincinnati, Ohio.



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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA,

July 25th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I hand you check on Corn Exchange Bank for One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars as per your verbal request last Friday. I arrived home on Sunday morning - before noon we had tried the new automobile which had arrived the day before. While it was a muddy road we managed to ride for 12 miles. Today we rode 16 miles on drier roads.

I did not find time to call upon you Saturday as I was detained down town with my business associates. The fog was heavy and train was one hour late at Washington but came into Clifton Forge on time.

All are well except Ruby who is no better and must have a change. I shall take her to Philadelphia and Atlantic City but doubt the advisability of the ocean voyage for the present. We are all enjoying the puzzles and will try the jig-saw one tonight.

With love - Affectionately
E. C. Means

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA,

January 29th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 27th received - Ruby, H.E. and the family after two evenings and an afternoon put together the jig saw puzzles - It makes a very pretty picture although the changes in color are abrupt and confusing -

We have been out every day this week in the automobiles except Tuesday when I was away from home, and today on account of rain.

If you are determined to pay the five hundred dollars but which I insist was not contemplated at time of purchase and of right should not be paid you can do so by purchasing at the Garfield Bank, a cashiers check payable to my order - This would require no entry on the books which I keep as all funds sent to Garfield bank are charged to your expense acct.

The value of the house could remain at \$9500. on the books or be increased to \$10,000. and the \$500. ~~charged~~ credited to Profit Loss -

With love - Yours affectionately;

E. C. Means

Report of
Harriet Evelyn Means
January, 1909.

Arithmetic	92
English	94
Physical Geography	97
History, Ancient	92
History, Local	98
French	90
German	94
Physical Exercises	100
Matrices	100
Behavior	90

H. G. Caldwell

Report of,
John Kings Means,
January, 1909.

Reading	92
Writing	85
Spelling	88
Arithmetic	95
English	95
Geography	92
French	94
Physical Exercises	90
History, Oral	85
Neatness	100
Behavior	88

H. G. Caldwell.

HOTEL BRIGHTON
ATLANTIC CITY.

Sunday

Feb 27th 09

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter I trust
has been forwarded from howell-

We arrived here yesterday morning
after two days in Philadelphia,
where Ruby went to see Dr Fuller.

Tomorrow we are going to see him
again when we expect him to give
instructions as to treatment to be
followed -

Mr & Mrs. Paul Warner and daughter
Elizabeth came down and dined with
us today -

We have met Mr. &
Mrs. W.B. Meachem on the boardwalk.

This hotel is very pleasant with
good rooms and table -

I had a very pleasant short visit in Asblund - All were well - There was a full meeting of Asblund Iron & Mining Co. directors and no friction - Will Seaton is taking charge satisfactorily to every one, but has not found enough business to justify starting a furnace -

Saw Tom Adams for a minute at the bank - Will & I called at house one evening but Tom was not in -

Father was well and cheerful - Aunt Mary is expected home Tuesday -

Molly Seaton was at Mills - She said her father was much better - Ned is still at Greenup -

Ruby joins me in love to you
Affectionately;

E. C. Means

HOTEL BRIGHTON
ATLANTIC CITY

Feb 20th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your 15th has been received after being forwarded from howellbor.

The Ohio Iron & Coal Co Stock was \$250⁰⁰ per value when accepted from Mr. Ellison and later reduced to \$62⁵⁰ which is probably less than its value - I should not be very about selling it and will find out from Tom Adams & Will Seaton more about its probable value -

We shall be here until next Wednesday and then go home - Ruby was not strong enough to undertake a voyage so we have spent our vacation here -

This hotel is a very good one - Has a fine table and rooms as neatly cared for as any I have ever visited - For the Lincoln Holidays and Washington Holidays every room has been occupied and many people declined who wished to come to it.

All of the principal hotels are full of guests a great many are from New York -

With love - Affectionately; E. C. Meaus

Report of
John Kings Means
February - 09 -

Reading	92
Writing	80
Spelling	88
Arithmetic	96
English	96
Geography	90
French	88
History	85
Physical Exercises	86
Natural	100
Behavior	96

H. G. Caldwell.

Report of
Harriet Evelyn Means
February - 09 -

Arithmetic	90
English	90
Physical Geography	95
History, Ancient	95 92
History, Oral	96
French	94
German	96
Music	95
Physical Exercises	100
Natural	100
Behavior	100

H. G. Caldwell

The Misses Shipley's School
Preparatory to Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Mrs. E.C.Means,

Low Moore, Va.

My dear Mrs. Means,

We are in receipt of your letter of March 19th enclosing the application blank for your daughter and your check for \$25 deposit on room for which please accept our thanks. Miss Katharine Shipley requested me to say that she would write to you herself within a day or so.

Enclosed please find the formal entry blank which we should be glad to have you sign and return.

Very sincerely,

Margaret J. Rice
Secretary

March 23, 1909.

PHILADELPHIA.

March 23/1909.

Mr. E. C. Means,
c/o Low Moor Iron Company,
Low Moor, Va.

Dear Mr. Means:

You will remember one day when you were here, I suggested to you the question of your taking the Presidency of the Princess Furnace Company, and you said you would not want to do that unless it meant the consolidation of all of the iron works in that section of the country. I have been thinking of this more or less since I saw you and I have talked it over a little with the Longdale people.

You will remember that I told you it would take cash to get the Longdale people into the proposition. I believe now that if there was any way to show the Longdale people that there was a chance of dividends, that I could get them to go into this kind of a deal simply by the exchange of stock, and I believe that I could get the Princess Furnace Company to go into the deal on the same basis. Of course, the exchange of stock would have to be equitable. It would probably be necessary to organize a company to take over these companies at certain valuations. One of the considerations that Matthew Addy & Company would want would be that they would get the sales agency of the combined companies. I do not know how much stock has ever been issued by the Low Moor Iron Company and whether it has ever earned a dividend. The question of valuation and of the ability to earn dividends would enter into the matter.

Suppose you study the matter over and we can talk about it the next time we meet. I would not be very much surprised if the Allegheny Ore & Iron Company could be gotten in on the same basis.

Mr. E. C. Means,

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3/23/09.

We might not be able to get hold of the property until the lease is out, but at any rate, we would be able to regulate the people who are operating under the lease and see that they preserve the property for our future use.

As business is so rotten, it might be possible that the Oriskany Ore & Iron Company might be willing to turn over their lease for stock in a consolidated company.

One of the important points would be whether we could get the company into such shape that the stock could be listed in New York. If we could, then it would give Lyman and some of the other people a chance to get rid of some of their stock if they wanted to. This might make it interesting to him.

These thoughts and suggestions I throw out to you for your consideration and we can talk about it afterwards. I think we will have to be a little careful about talking to Parrish because while Parrish is a fine lawyer, and I think a very desirable attorney for you or for me, at the sametime, where his own interests are concerned, I think he would be liable to try to drive a pretty hard bargain with us, but you know him better than I do and I am willing to leave the matter largely to your judgment. It has always seemed to me that a consolidation of these various companies would be a matter of very great economy and would make it possible to make money in Virginia.

Yours very truly,

WWH/S

William W. Means

*Robert L. Parrish,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
Covington, Va.*

March 26, 1909.

PERSONAL

Mr. E. C. Means,
Low Moor, Va.

Dear Sir:

Here is copy of my letter to the Misses Shipley's School of this date that explains itself. You see when you run up against these Virginians they are bound to get on the question of genealogy one way or the other.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Parrish

Robert L. Parrish,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
COVINGTON, VIRGINIA.

March 26, 1909.

The Misses Shipley's School,
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Dear Ladies:

I have yours of 25th instant. In reply, beg to say that Mr. E. E. Means, of Low Moor, Virginia, is President of the Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia, a very large mining and manufacturing enterprise, in which he is also considerably interested. Mr. Means has lived at Low Moor some seven or eight years and moved there from Ashland, Kentucky, in which latter vicinity his family, for many generations, has been prominent, influential, and of the very highest social standing. Mrs. Means is a Kentuckian by birth, and I think she is probably a native of Frankfort. Her father was a prominent gentleman who held some high official position at Frankfort up to the time of his death some ten years ago.

Miss Harriet Means is a young lady who has been brought up under the very best influences, and I don't know of anyone that I could suggest as a more proper associate for the daughters of the best people in the land than she is, and from my knowledge of her mother, I know that her opportunities, so far, have been the very best, as far as proper training is concerned. Her family associations and personal qualifications, so far, I should say, would make her a desirable influence as a member of any high-class school family.

I may add that Mr. Means is, I believe, a second cousin of Mrs. Charles P. Taft, who, as you know, is a sister-in-law of the President.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) R. L. PARRISH.

The Misses Shipley's School
Preparatory to Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

E.C.Means, Esq.,

Low Moor, Va.

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt
of the signed entry blank for your daughter
for the coming year.

Very sincerely,

The Misses Shipley
(U.S.)

March 27, 1909.

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Mar 30th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 29th received -

Today I am sending check for One thousand Dollars to the Garfield Natl Bank for credit your account.

I hope you will have good luck with your trees -

We have several men at work on yard and garden and soon will be house cleaning -

Mrs Rings went to Asbland this morning and Mrs Davis will stay here for a visit with Ruby who is still in a sad nervous condition as I told you on train - I have written to Bess Seaton in confidence about her and I do not object to your talking to Bess about her - Ruby has been anxious that her Asbland friends do not hear about her condition but I am not sure as to what her Mother will say -

H.E. has gone to Baltimore for a few days and with the assistance of Miss Bixby is purchasing her Spring & Summer clothes - We had a nice visit from Buckner and he escorted H.E. to Baltimore. John is busy, when not in school, riding his bicycle or with me in an auto -

When I last saw you - I think you have fully recovered from the cold you had -
A. C. Means

New York, April 1st, 1909.

To the Shareholders of the

Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia.

Herewith I have the pleasure to submit Balance Sheet of the Low Moor Iron Company as at December 31st, 1908, which has been audited by Messrs. Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., Accountants and Auditors of New York, whose certificate is attached thereto.

Yours truly,

FRANK LYMAN,
Treasurer.

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

Condensed Balance Sheet, December 31st, 1908.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Virginia Real Estate, Mines, Buildings, Furnaces, Coke Ovens, Railroads, Machinery, etc.	Capital: Common Stock: Authorized: 15,000 shares of \$100 each \$1,500,000.00 Issued: 10,500 shares of \$100 each \$1,050,000.00 Preferred Stock—5% Cumulative: Authorized: 5,000 shares of \$100 each \$500,000.00 Issued and Fully Paid: 2,113 Shares of \$100 each 211,300.00
Book Value at this date \$1,032,933.80	
Potts Creek Valley Real Estate, Buildings, Washer, Rail- road, Machinery, etc.	
Book Value at this date 294,508.74	
	211,300.00
	<u>\$1,261,300.00</u>
	First Mortgage 6% Gold Bonds: 500 Bonds of \$1,000 each 500,000.00
	Consolidated Mortgage 6% Bonds: 1,000 Bonds of \$1,000 each 1,000,000.00
	Less: Reserved in hands of Trustee to redeem First Mortgage 6% Gold Bonds: 500 Bonds of \$1,000 each 500,000.00
	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
	Deposited as Collateral for Loans: 140 Bonds of \$1,000 each, \$140,000.00 Deposited with Mr. Frank Lyman, Treas- urer, as security for his endorsement of the Company's note: 100 Bonds of \$1,000 each, 100,000.00 Held in Treasury: 260 Bonds of \$1,000 each 260,000.00
	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
	Loans on Notes Payable \$120,000.00
	Notes Payable 95,236.13
	<u>\$215,236.13</u>
	Accrued Interest 1,700.90
	216,937.03
	Sundry Creditors 52,407.42
	Accrued Interest on First Mort- gage 6% Gold Bonds 5,000.00
	Reserve for Dividend on Pre- ferred Stock 3,081.45
	Accrued Wages and Taxes 20,455.32
	Potts Creek Royalties: A. F. Mathews, Trustee 23,606.46
	Cash received in advance on ac- count of Pig Iron Contracts 28,725.74
	Hospital and Burial Funds 7,054.29
	Reserves: For Furnace Repairs \$21,890.90 Insurance Fund 26,449.58 Casualty Fund 27,000.00
	<u>75,340.48</u>
	General Profit and Loss Account: Balance to credit of account at this date 271,374.61
	<u>\$2,465,282.80</u>
Virginia Real Estate, Mines, Buildings, Furnaces, Coke Ovens, Railroads, Machinery, etc.	
Book Value at this date \$1,032,933.80	
Potts Creek Valley Real Estate, Buildings, Washer, Rail- road, Machinery, etc.	
Book Value at this date 294,508.74	
	<u>\$1,327,442.54</u>
Deduct: Sinking Fund—Virginia Lands, 46,770.95	
West Virginia Real Estate, Mines, Buildings, Furnaces, Coke Ovens, Railroads, Machinery, etc.	
Book Value at this date 592,946.99	
	<u>\$1,280,671.59</u>
Deduct: Reserve for West Virginia Lands, \$25,500.00 Sinking Fund— West Virginia Lands, 2,470.66	
	<u>\$27,970.66</u>
	564,976.33
	<u>\$1,845,647.92</u>
Railroad Locomotives and Cars, Live Stock, Carts, Wagons, Harness, etc., as per inven- tories of this date	114,315.90
Materials and Supplies, Coal, Coke, Ore and Limestone, Pig Iron, Merchandise, etc., as per inventories of this date	257,178.62
Cash Payments in advance on account of Contracts, etc.	49,865.45
Notes Receivable	10,861.79
Sundry Debtors on Open Ac- count	<u>\$124,441.28</u>
Less: Reserve for Doubtful Debts 1,317.57	123,123.71
Cash in Banks and on hand	55,289.41
	<u>\$2,465,282.80</u>

Having audited the books of account of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 1908, with the vouchers and other records, we certify that the above Balance Sheet, in our opinion, fully and fairly represents the position of the Company at that date.

New York, March 3rd, 1909.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO.,
Accountants and Auditors.

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA,

April 9th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 5th inst & 6th inst rec'd
found enclosed the checks Ashland Fire Brick Co \$707⁰⁰
and Ohio Iron & Coal Co \$25⁰⁰ both dividends

I am pleased you & Bess carried Ashland dry.
Too bad you did not spend half the day in
Cattlettsburg - Your influence would have won sure.

I returned this morning from Philadelphia and
Easton Pa. At the latter place we left Ruby under
the care of Dr. C. Spenser Kinney in ^{his} the Easton Sanitarium

A very pleasant home like place where she will
have the best attention - Homeopathic - Nora Davis
went with me and was of the greatest assistance in
her thoughtfulness and cheerfulness - She can tell
you about the place and the doctor -

This morning the new housekeeper Mrs Kuepfer of
Brooklyn arrived and will look after us as
best she can - I hope fairly well but of course
not in the same way we are used to -

With much love

Affectionately:

E. C. Means

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

April 13th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your very kind letter of 12th inst received - with enclosed check Ohio Iron & Coal Co \$250. which check is a dividend, and was paid in time to avoid taxes in Ohio by the Ohio Iron & Coal Co.

Both of the children are well but the Governor has a bad cold - I am trying to keep out of doors as much as possible, and not to worry - Of course I feel the effects of nursing Ruby for past few months but I am getting more sleep and think in a little while shall be normal again -

The housekeeper, I am afraid, will not suit us. The children do not like her, she is an everlasting talker and wants to change things too much and teach us all how we should do - She is a widow of 60(?) says she is 48 years, her husband has been dead one year but he was such a wonderful man that we hear about him all the time - I am waiting for Bess Seaton to decide what to do about her - I am hopeful of getting the housecleaning out of the way before Mrs. Ringo returns - She needs to rest and be cared for instead of having cares - Harriet Evelyn is ambitious

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LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA,

to run the house but I think it too much for her. She will have to be out of doors this summer preparing for boarding school and should not assume much responsibility - Our help are all trying to do their best but they require some one to look after them.

I can stand some poor housekeeping but I am anxious that the children be properly cared for and be kept happy -

It is possible that I shall be in Ashland the 21st of April to attend A. I. & M. Co meeting -

With much love

Yours affectionately:

E. C. Means

I wish to thank you for the Easter Remembrances Ruby was not able to send hers as usual and I persuaded her not to try -

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA,

April 30th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

When I was in Asbland you spoke of additional remittance to the Garfield Natl Bank I am uncertain as to the amount and am therefore sending One thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars. I thought I had made a memorandum of the amount but could not find it upon my return home.

Our colored cook left us to go to a sick brother so one of the other girls, Cora, has been cooking for us -

Catherine L. Mann, East Orange, N. J. has written about being our housekeeper, having heard of us through Miss Miner - Please thank Miss Miner for me as I fully appreciate the favor.

I also wish to thank you for writing to Miss Miner -

For the present we shall continue with Miss Caldwell, our governess, who has been with ~~with~~ us for 2½ winters and who understands Ruby's housekeeping and care of the children - The children are fond of her -

All are well - With love

over -

E. C. Means

Mr. Kinney on 27th inst wrote

"Your wife has had a pretty fair week, and she is gradually coming under treatment all right.

She finds it rather difficult to believe that she has not actually acted very unwisely and done just those things that she should not have done, to explain the reason why there is not more health in her at present. We have an excellent nurse for her and we are doing all we possibly can for her."



*The Senior Class
of
The Jacob Tome Institute
requests the honor of your presence
at its
Class Day Exercises
Monday, June the seventh
nineteen hundred and nine*

MR. B. BUCKNER RINGO.

The Director, in behalf of the
Faculty and Trustees
of
The Jacob Tome Institute
requests the honor of your presence
at the
Commencement Exercises
June 6th, 7th, and 8th
1909.

June 21, 1909.

Mr. Thos. Emmerson,
Clinton, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I wish to call your attention to the note, which is due on July 17th. Will be glad if you will advise me by return mail as to whether or not you wish to renew this note, or pay it in full. It will be satisfactory to me if you pay the interest as formerly and continue for another year.

Yours truly,

SERIES "D"

ORIGINAL

No. 65

Assessment Street Paving

CITY OF ASHLAND, KY.

Owner Means, John
Street on which property abutts Central bet 10th & 11th
No. front feet abutting improvement 130
Cost per front foot \$

Total Amount Assessed Against Property,		429	43
Annual Installments,		42	94
Amount on Which Interest is Collected,		386	49
Numerical Order of Installment now Due, <u>2-3</u>			
Amount of Installments Collected on This Bill, No. <u>2-10</u>		386	49
Interest on \$ <u>386.49</u> to July 1st, 1909, \$ <u>39.66</u>	}		
Interest on Amount Herein Paid from July 1st, 1909, to Date of Payment \$			39
Total Collected on This Bill,		426	15

Paid by John Means

This 22 day of June 1909.

L. R. Putnam

Treasurer City of Ashland, Ky.

E. C. MEANS
LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

July 7th 09

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter of 4th just received
this morning with dividend check of Fire Brick
Co. enclosed —

Have just returned from the station where we
welcomed "Dow Moor Junior" a Scotch Collie
pup two months old. Who will find "Jack"
an active play fellow.

I returned yesterday from Easton and the Delaware
Water Gap — Ruby has improved a great deal
and it was only after being with her for several
days that it could be realized that she should
remain away a few weeks longer — She is
so anxious to get home and be doing something
at home and for her family that it is necessary
she should wait awhile to acquire more nervous
strength — It will be very difficult to keep her
from getting busy when she does return — She has
promised me not to resume all of her church
work —

Our children enjoyed the Fourth here — Base
ball, tennis, field sports and a brass band all
helped to make a great day for howlmoor —

We are enjoying Hilda's visit and hope to
keep her much longer — She looks better, I think —

E. C. MEANS
LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Have just mailed check to pay for your rooms
at the Martha Washington until Aug 11th

Have arranged to buy 100 shares (\$10,000) stock
in Washington Water Power Co - Pays 7% yearly -
Costs 130 - There will be rights at par later on
so that it should be a good permanent investment -
This will take \$13,000 - of the \$20,000 notes paid
by the Washington Water Power Co on July 1st

Mr. Lyman and the Whites are large stockholders
and think highly of the future of the Water Power Co

The pig iron market is slowly improving and
I expect better prices for next year -

Wily has promised to come and see us this
month - We would be pleased to have you
too - With the auto we can meet you at
either Clifton Forge or Covington so it does not
seem so hard to get here -

I thank you for your kind expression of
sympathy - Bessie has been most kind to
me and I am very grateful to her -

With love

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

E. C. Means,
Ashtand, Ky.

Low Moor Va

Aug 2nd 09

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter of 28th came while we were on our tour - I am writing to the Register for the amount due from you and as soon as I hear from it will send check so that Miss Holloway may have benefit of same in interest.

We had a fine tour. All enjoyed it. We had some difficulties but all were patient. Our visit with Rose was very pleasant and we found the Pullards very hospitable - The last day we encountered a heavy rain which made the running difficult and we waited for a creek to be lowered so we could ford it -

I have been busy today catching up with business Lily leaves tonight for home and I go tomorrow night to Easton to get Ruby and bring her home - She has improved rapidly since I saw her -

H. E and John are both well - John is going to build a shanty large enough to sleep in so he is very busy now -

With love

Cooke

E. C. MEANS
LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

August 20th 09

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 19th received -

I shall send the One thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars
to Garfield Nat Bank as requested -

Have paid the Dorton Register One dollar (\$1⁰⁰)
and Miss Holloway has received the votes -

H. E. and I have been playing tennis this
morning - We have a very good court and
some one plays there every day -

Ruby has now been home for two weeks
She is very well, heavier than ever before but
is still very active at home and does not
sleep well - It seems impossible to make
her take life less seriously - However we
have kept her out of church work so far.
Red Seaton and John are having good times
together -

I have just spent two days in the
Coal field -

With love

Affectionately

E. C. Means

COKE.

PIG IRON.

COAL.

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA,

Sept 27th 09

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Today I am sending
the Assessment Blank filled out to Mr A. H.
Cassidy - 614 E Front St Oakland -

Your tax bill from New York City is for \$419.51
payable in October and I shall make
payment for you at proper time -

John R and I returned from Philadelphia
this morning - Saturday we visited the
school of the Misses Shipley where H. E.
becomes a resident on Wednesday - The
Traversers were in same hotel with us which
made it pleasant - Had a nice Auto
ride yesterday to Ogontz where we saw
the Jay Cooke place. It is now a school
to which the Traverser girls will go this year -

Am pleased to know that Tom is better
Hope you will not over do your strength
With love.

Affectionately
E. C. Means

The Misses Shipley's School
Preparatory to Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

October 4th, 1909.

Mrs. E. C. Means,

Low Moor, Va.,

My dear Mrs. Means:-

We are in receipt of your letter of October 2nd, and shall be glad to give Harriett Evelyn the privilege of accepting invitations whenever possible of the ladies whose names you give us.

We acknowledge the receipt of the Twenty (\$20.) Dollars which you enclosed. We suppose you intend this for Harriett's personal use.

Sincerely yours,

The Misses Shipley
M I R



HOTEL SEVILLE
MADISON AVENUE & 29TH STREET
NEW YORK

Thursday Oct 7th 1904

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Upon receipt
of your letter I wrote to have
One thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) sent
to Garfield Nat Bank for your
credit.

When not down town on
business I am in the dentist's chair
about 2 1/2 hours each day - Had the
pleasure to break a tooth on arrival
and as dentist appears to be good
am having more work done -

H.E. will thank you for your
considerate gift -

With love

(over)

E. C. Means

Lily was over yesterday and
lunched and went to theatre
with Ruby - She staid for
dinner and the Hippodrome with
us both -

Sony Tom Adams is making
such a slow recovery. It shows
his trouble was deep seated
and I hope he consults a
good city doctor when he can
find opportunity - would
be well for him to have
a general examination made.
Give him my best wishes -

We go to Northampton today
and should be at Lew Mass
next Tuesday

E. C. MEANS
LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

November 1st 1909.

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith circular relative to new stock to be issued by the Old Colony RR Co. As the stock pays only 7% on its par value, the new stock ^{at 195} will pay only 3⁵⁰/₁₀₀ % which is not an attractive rate of interest - You would be entitled to subscribe for 2 shares only - I think it better to sign the "Form of Assignment" and, if it can be sold for something, to sell it - However make your own choice - You now own 40 shares -

I hope Tom Adams is better - Give him my best wishes for his early recovery -

We are all well here. H. E. has been playing Hockey and has lost her little finger nail from being hit with a club - She is now walking for exercise. She will probably spend the Thanksgiving holidays at home. John is taking great interest in attending school here. Ruby keeps well and busy.

I trust you are keeping out of doors all you can so as to build up some strength for winter. Pig Iron business continues good. -

With love
Affectionately
E. C. Means

The Misses Shipley's School
Preparatory to Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

November 13th, 1909.

Mr E. C. Means,

for Harriett,

To The Misses Shipley, Tr.

By

Deposit on room	\$ 25.00
Check, September 25th,	635.00
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	\$660.00

To

Tuition & board, 1st term	500.00	
Seat in church	5.00	
Gymnasium suit	10.00	
Gymnasium shoes	3.00	
Deposit for incidentals	50.00	568.00
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Balance on hand		\$ 92.00

The Misses Shipley's School
Preparatory to Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

November 15th, 1909.

Mrs. E. C. Means,

Low Moor, Va.,

My dear Mrs. Means:-

Your note has been received and we are carrying out your wishes with regard to Harriett's tutoring. Harriett seems to be doing well in the work of her new class.

We are enclosing a revised bill. On it you will see that we have on hand a balance of Ninety-two (\$92.00) Dollars which we shall apply to Harriett's tutoring as you request. Of course this does not include the money left with us for Harriett's personal use.

With kind regards, we are,

Sincerely yours,

The Misses Shipley
M J C

COKE.

PIG IRON.

COAL.

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Dec 20th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I was pleased to get a letter from Will Seaton telling that Tom Adams is able to get out on the street - I hope Tom will not feel it necessary to go back to Norton until he has taken several months in a high dry altitude or in Florida where he can keep out of doors. Then too I hope you will be getting away for a rest and change of ~~scene~~ - You have had a long hard battle and you have won it and should feel quite contented that you were "Johnny on the Spot" - I believe Tom owes his life to you, and no matter how much the doctors and nurses had to do with his recovery, it was your forethought in maintaining a home for him that made the care and nursing possible. You have many good deeds to your credit but probably no other represented the self sacrifice which this one has -

I have enclosed a Christmas Gift, which I trust is in accord with your wishes - We shall have only our family here - Mrs Ringo

COKE.

PIG IRON.

COAL.

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA,

has gone to spend the day with Buckner in Boston.

H. E. came home Saturday morning - She is well and happy - She is growing taller but study and exercise have prevented her adding flesh -

John R. has recovered from the chicken pox and is fixing his skates for the pond -

Pig Iron prices are not so firm but are still profitable and I see no reason why 1910 should not be a prosperous year -

Ruby has continued to improve in health - She is looking for a housekeeper to meet my wishes that she be relieved from responsibility and be free to get away from here occasionally -

We all wish you a Merry Christmas -

With loves

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

COKE.

PIG IRON.

COAL.

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA,

Dec 22nd 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 21st received -
I am today sending check for One thousand Dollars
(\$1,000⁰⁰) to the Garfield National Bank for credit
your account, as requested by you -

Your very generous Christmas present came
this morning and I extend to you the thanks
of the family -

I am much pleased to learn that Tom Adams
is regaining his strength and able to walk so far.
However I do not believe in cases requiring
open air treatment that much exercise should
be taken where the exercise is fatiguing - Horse
back riding is preferable to walking long distances -

The children were out skating last night. We
carried 10 down in the auto in one trip, 11 counting
myself. It was as full as the old woman's shoe
of "Mother Goose" - Today it is snowing -

Again wishing you a Merry Christmas

Affectionately:

E. C. Means

Moffat & White,
Bankers,
5 Nassau Street.

GEORGE BARCLAY MOFFAT.
ALEXANDER M. WHITE.
MEMBER NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
FRANCIS M. WELD.
HAROLD BENJAMIN CLARK.

New York. December 29, 1909.

Dear Sir:-

The Portland (Oregon) Gas Company, which has been in business for fifty years, has just changed ownership, having been sold to new interests, closely affiliated with the Electric Bond and Share Co. which is controlled by the General Electric Co., who intend to issue other bonds and stocks in place of those previously outstanding.

The new owners have sold to us, subject, of course, to ratification of various legal and other steps involved in the transfer of the property, \$1,000,000 7% Preferred Stock of the new Company, description of which we enclose herewith. Dividends will be payable $1\frac{3}{4}\%$ quarterly, Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, and Nov. 1, the first regular dividend being on May 1st next.

Before making a general offering of this Preferred Stock we wish first to offer it, subject to the above ratification, to some of our own customers at

102 and accrued dividend.

yielding a net income of 6.85%. This price is subject to change without notice.

We expect that this new Preferred Stock will be readily taken, as it yields an income of nearly 7%, and possesses, in our opinion, adequate security. Furthermore, it would be a natural reinvestment for some of the cash proceeds, aggregating over \$3,000,000, from the sale of the old Portland Gas Company stock.

We make this early offering partly on account of the near approach of Monday, January 10th, as many New York investors desire to place their funds in securities exempt from personal taxation before that date.

Kindly advise us, without delay, in case you wish to purchase, and we will confirm the transaction by letter. Payment may be made at your convenience, not later than February 1st, for which Temporary Receipts will be given bearing 7% interest from date of payment to February 1st, 1910.

Yours very truly,

MOFFAT & WHITE.

(over)

Lewell Moor

Dec. 31st 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I believe this stock would be a good investment for you and I have asked Moffat & White to reserve one hundred (100) shares (\$10,000⁰⁰) until I hear from you - At present you do not own any gas stock and as Portland is a growing city the stock looks good to me - I am going to purchase some for myself -

The funds for same will arise from sale of part of your telephone stock which will be paid for today -

Please let me hear from you promptly about this - There will also be some funds to buy bank stock in addition if you approve

Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

E. C. MEANS
LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Dec 30th 1909

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter of 2st received with
dividend check Ashland Fire Brick Co \$207—

I have purchased for you some additional stock
Pennsylvania RR Co 125 shares \$50 = each \$6250 +
at par, under rights to subscribe—

You have some funds to invest but every thing
seems high now and I am not hurrying—
The Chicago & Northwestern gives rights to subscribe
in January at par and the Washington Water
Power in April— As these are both 7% stocks—
I shall purchase your shares for you—

You do not own much bank stock. How
would you like to buy some bank or trust
company stock in New York? They are not
taxable and proportionately you do not own
as much bank stock as you do manufacturing,
Railroad and telephone stock— I can ask my
New York friends to help select the stock—as I
did when Father bought some not long ago—

Ruby and children are well— H. E. returns
to school next Sunday night—

With love

affectionately yours—

E. C. Means

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TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

- Dressing gown.
- Bath-robe.
- Bath towels.
- Bed-room slippers.
- Shoe bag.
- Laundry bags—2 large and 2 small.
- Hot water bag.
- Umbrella.
- Rain-coat and overshoes.
- Thick walking boots.
- Sweater.
- Napkin ring, marked with first and last names (not initials).
- Cash's woven names or steel plate engraved individual labels. (To be had at John Wanamaker's.)
- Down quilt or Roman blanket to lay on foot of single bed.

Students usually bring muslin window curtains.

Trunks should be marked with full name of pupil.

We can be responsible for no article sent to our laundry, unless it is clearly marked with the full name of the pupil.

Great simplicity in dress is required. On week-day mornings, a dress in the plain "Peter Thompson" style will be useful. At dinner, light waists and dark skirts are allowed, although entire light dresses are preferred. Low-neck dresses are not allowed. White muslin, for either informal or formal evening occasions, is always appropriate at school, particularly for the younger girls.

The Misses Shipley's School
Preparatory to Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

September 25, 1909.

Mr E. C. Means,

for Harriet Evelyn

To The Misses Shipley, Dr.

Board & Tuition, 1st Term,	\$500.00
Deposit for Incidentals	50.00
Instrumental Music, 1st Term,	100.00
Use of Piano (for practice), 1st Term	10.00
	<u>\$660.00</u>
Deposit on Room	25.00
	<u>\$635.00</u>

Received Payment,

*The Misses Shipley
by Hannah J. Shipley.*