Ironton Jan 7th 1856 –

Dearest Mother

You will be perhaps surprised to see my letter dated from Ironton but I am here ice bound – & visiting Aunt Jane Means – I came over to Father Means ~~last~~ two weeks ago today to spend Christmas & the river has been so full of ice for a week that no boats have been running – I hired a man to take me up in a sleigh as far as Ashland last Friday but when we got up there the river was so full of ice we could not cross so I had to come back again to Aunt Jane's – I have been at her house for a week now having a very pleasant visit – I came up on the New Years day in time to attend a party given by the ladies

does get here – I want you to get the "Widow Bedott" – & read Aunt Jane has had it here & it is very funny – make George read it out loud evenings – Give my love to Rita – I hope if I ever get home to find letters from you I have not heard a word since I left home – & begin to feel anxious – Lou. Shaw came from there a week ago but I cant get to see him – I must stop & pack up my duds now – as I intend to try it again – & the livery stable man will be here soon & take me up in a sleigh to opposite Catlettsburg & if I can get across the river I shall be home soon – It is snowing hard & I shall not have a very pleasant ride – Write soon to your

Father –

Love to Father & all the family & Rita –

of the different churches for the benefit of the Episcopal Church to pay off a debt on their new church Mrs Jackson & George were there head men as much interested as could be - George seemed to be the principal superintendent of affairs - they had a very nice supper - but were disappointed in their oysters, the river freezing up so rapidly they did not get them - however they all seemed to enjoy themselves quite as well the tickets were $1.00 a peice $1.50 with a lady - Aunt Jane gave considerable to the supper & seemed much interested - I had an opportunity to see all the beauties of Lewiston - but dont think they have many very pretty women - I think Marietta can beat them in that -
I met several Marietta people there & talked over Marietta news until it seemed quite like being there - It has been so cold & slippery walking since I have been here that I have not been out much or had many calls - Aunt Jane's brother the widower is to be married next week to a lady in Cincinnatti & she intends going to the wedding he will bring his bride to stay here through the winter - so she is very busy preparing for them -
The bride is a widow lady a sister of Dr Walton that married Miss Cutler Mr Bugess recommended her -
Billie Mead was bridesmaid for a young lady & went to Cincinnatti with them & is grown up at Portsmouth
I suppose Caroline is nearly running wild up there - you must tell her to come as soon as the river opens as I am depending on her
I expect I shall get quite tired of doing my own work before she

Houston Jany 8 1856

Capt Hornbell

You will say to John Means that if he will buy an interest in a steamboat with you that I will furnish him with 3000$ in April and with 100 tons Belfont cold blast Iron on the same terms that McCullough lately sold a hundred tons to the Rail Mill 35$ at 6 mo Also I will furnish you at this time with enough of Hot blast Iron to pay the balance of your stock

Also if Hugh Means concerns me will furnish enough of Iron at 34$ per ton at the landing to make the 2 & 3d payments on the boat and wait on the boat till they are able to pay they paying interest at 10 per cent after 6 mo.

If you buy I advise you to take the One quarter of the boat

Thomas W Means

we expect to make a dividend soon

Letter
Thomas W Means
Jany 8th 1856.
to W. Horsfall

Catlettsburg Jan 28th 1856.

Dearest Mother

It is not quite the proper time for me to write - but I have received your letter & have a little business to write on, so I hope you will excuse me - There dont seem much prospect of the river breaking up at present but still it might do so, some day and Caroline might possibly think of such a thing as starting down - So I thought I might as well write & get you to tell her that it will be such a little while before Spring now & I intend coming home in April to make a visit, so she had better not come & if I want her again, why she can come down with me then - And if I dont want her I will bring up her clothes & things she left here with me

my first in Cincy all keeps well - Rita says Isabel Rye & Sarah Guitteau are to be married soon - a very good match I think I hope Mrs Putnam will send for Mrs Bardwell to live with her, after he takes his children home - I suppose you enjoyed your New Year calls very much - I was in Scioto N. Years day the custom has not been introduced there yet - Give my love to Rita & tell her not to be sending me short notes in your letters but to write me a long letter by herself - when you both write together it seems a long time between the letters I would much prefer your writing seperately -
I was much pleased with the news from Sophia - You must keep me posted up in news - I dont get out anywhere this cold weather have not been to church for nearly a month
You must tell Mary Rose to be a good gil & ask her to send me word if she goes to school this cold weather & which of the boys draws her on his sled most & how little Hildreth is - Love to Father & George & the rest of the family & friends -
John has gone to the Furnace today -
Write soon to your

Hattie

or if she prefers I will send them on the Ohio, when it runs again - There dont seem to be anything among her clothes that she will need much - a few light Calicoes & the rest aways - so I think she wont need them till I come - I had to work pretty hard last week as I had not washed for four weeks so I had all the ironing to do & it took me two days - so Friday I heard of a girl in Ashland & John & I went down in a sleigh & brought her up - She is a german girl by the name of Caroline & a new broom sweeps clean you know - so, so far I am delighted with her - She is not so quick as Caroline but seems very neat & good natured John say to keep her by all means - he always thought Caroline was so dirty & I think so too - I never knew how dirty she was until I came to clean up after her - so I think if I can keep this one I shall try & do so - I own paid the Caroline by five dollars - which I suppose I shall lose - but I dont know but this one is worth the difference I shall give her a dollar & a quarter a week - I gave Caroline a dollar - but intended giving her more in the Spring ~~as she was~~ ~~not~~ So if Caroline is working in the factory you can send her word that she need not come back to me, but if I want her in the Spring I will come after her - I get along nicely doing my own work John & I had a very cosey time - I could not get him up so as to have the breakfast before nine so we eat but two meals a day - Father Means stayed all night with ~~us~~ one night & was all the company we have had for a long time -

The mill has kept closed so long that everybody is out of flour - I am so afraid they will be borrowing my Marietta flour - You may be sure I prize it highly & had rather ~~they~~ lend anything else than it, as I dont expect I could get so good again in return it makes beautiful bread - They have a meat store in Ashland so we can send there & get beef whenever we want so I get along very well about that The thing I miss most is potatoes mine are all frozen & those at the stores are in the same condition -

Recd Lorraine Ohio Feby 4th/56
of Jno Means Eleven dollars
the full amt of Qs to date

11 $ Ferguson & Wilson

Receipt $11 00
Jurgeson & Elsas
4th July 1856 –

Marietta Feb. 5 - 1856 -

Dear Hattie,

Maria W. has just handed in a letter to you - for me to add a note.

I have nothing in particular to communicate Still it is always pleasant to hear from each other. You are getting very much in debt; whether you are aware of it or not; this is the third time that I have wrote you since I have even sent a scratch from your pen: which things had not aught to be.

I have been anxious to hear how you get along keeping house this Cold weather; tell Mr. Means to give us a Statement of the weather; so that we may compare notes.

With us it has been unusually cold, the longest that was ever known here since your father has been in the Country & still continues the Thermometer this Morn 15° below Zero. It has been as low as 20° in Sept. fine Sleighing ever since Christmas, well improved. The Mean temperature for last Month was 18.

I hope you haint had it as cold with you.

Caroline was in here yester-day; she is living at Esq. Booths. - I wrote you in my last letter how I sent her off from here; for knocking us up one night to let her in.

My own health is unusally good have'nt had a sick day this winter; all the family have had a cold bed I have kept close to the fire by day, have my bed warmed with a warm brick & a good fire all night I am very comfortable.

Little Hildreth has the Mumps at this time; he has something the matter with him almost the whole time; he is just as ugly as any young Cain. I would'nt advise you to say anything more about taking him; he would be so troublesome to you; he is going to be a very bad boy to manage I fear; I come home scolding every time I go there; it troubles me very much to know what is going to be done with him.

I had a long talk with Mr. Br. & also wrote him a note advising him to change his situation. I told him his situation, & his family required it. But I shall pity the woman if he ever does get one, that has three Children.

Send love to Mr. M. tell him to help answer me, there let

Mother

John Means to R L Poage Dr

for beef from Dec 11th 1857 to Feb 18th 1856 $2.50

Received payment R L Poage

Receipt $3.50
R. C. Poage
July 18th 56

John Krauss Dr

In Cash @ sundry times		$135.00
" Note date 30th March 1856, $50.46		
less Cr. 22nd May 1856	25.00	25.46
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Kentucky Supper - John had gone out to the Furnace to spend the day so I had no dinner to get for him & accordingly spent the day in preparing so I boiled some of those nice tongues you presented me with ~~me~~ & sent out my notes to the ladies of my acquaintance most all that I visit in town - They most of them came & I gave them as nice a supper as I ever got up in Manchester - & considering that I picked & cleaned the turkey & made all the cake & every thing after ten o'clock I thought I was pretty smart - They seemed to enjoy it as they paid proper attention to the supper & stayed till eleven o'clock - half past eleven when John returned from gallanting them home - John was quite surprised when he came home to see us all at supper - a long table well filled & surrounded & graced with a big turkey - when he had not thought of such a thing when he left home - He said as he drew near the house he thought there was most too much talking & noise for one woman - but he hardly knew what to make of it when he opened the door & saw us all -

Mary Anne went home this week She had been with me nearly five weeks I miss her very much - Give my love to father & all the family & write soon to your aff Hattie -

Mrs Sarah Hatch, Near old Mansion Pa.

Cattettsburg March 15th 1856 -

Dearest Mother

I was very much pleased to get a letter from you this morning - I was getting very uneasy about you - it had been so long since I had heard from you - I was almost certain you was sick - & I was beginning to worry myself a good deal when I received Rita's letter saying you had been sick but were now much better - but Rita never tells me exactly how sick you are - so I did not know you had had so severe an attack until I received your letter - I wish you could avoid being sick until I could get home to take care of you - but I never can seem to get there at the right time - I hope by this time you are about the house again - and have almost commenced house cleaning - It is fortunate that you still have Katie with you to depend upon - I wonder how you took cold or what first brought on the attack - I expect you must have been attending

Wash George tonight measure the back kitchen & tell him we have to make it as we want to send for the rest of the furniture in some next letter

until after Aunt Amanda's confinement which will be some time in April - as we live so far from the hotel that John always has to stay at Uncle Hugh's while I am away - and he would not like to go there till she is well again - He will not stay as long as usual at Cincinnati - not more than a week I suppose - so I shall have to wait till May I expect, unless you want to be away then if you do I can ~~make~~ make some other arrangement ~~perhaps~~ he says he will stay at the Furnace while I am gone - but I dont expect he would - However if you want to go to Lanesville in May dont stay at home on my account I can come home most any time while the rice is up - after April -

I suppose you will be anxious to go to Dresden to see your grand daughter - being the first of the Hildreth name I think Father ought to honor it with a visit. Tell Mary Ross she is not my only neice now - what does she think of her cousin? Pres will look funny with a baby - Turner I presume is much pleased -

I had quite a gay time yesterday as I gave my first tea party, in Catlettsburg - I found about ten o'clock a.m. that I could get a turkey - so I concluded as it was a pleasant day that I would have a Meeting so much - in the morning perhaps - I should like to be there to attend some of the meetings myself - as I have not been to church more than two or three times this winter - There must be a very great revival there from all accounts have many joined Mr Brickes church. You write me sad news from Athens - For poor Grandmother life seems not desirable, as all her capacity to enjoy it is gone - But Aunt Barker was so well & happy that I thought she would live many years yet - I can but hope she may yet recover - I expect Uncle Parson is quite worn down with nursing - By to days mail I also received a letter from Prescott informing me of the birth of a little girl - whom Turner requests should be named after me - I pity the poor child if it had so ugly a name fastened to it - I wrote to Pres that I was willing to share the honour of the name with Mrs. Brown as she is Sophia's only sister - so I suppose it will be called Harriet Susan if they so conclude - I was very much in hopes it would be a boy as little Hilaeths are so scarce - Do you still think of visiting Lanesville & Dresden this spring? - and if so, in what month - I would like to know so as not to miss you - I cannot come home

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Dresden, Muskingum County, Ohio. March 26. 1856.

Dear John

I learn from Sister Hattie & from other sources. that an interesting Revival of Religion has been in progress during the last winter at Marietta. Its influence has been felt powerfully in the College. A large number of the young men are indulging the hope that they have found in Jesus Christ an Everlasting Friend. Among these no doubt are some who were numbered among your acquaintances & friends while at Marietta. You rejoice I do not doubt - to learn their prosperity in the spiritual life. The Pearl of great price is cheaply bought if we sell all that we have to make it our own. What shall a man give in exchange for his soul? What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world & lose his own soul? - Would you not share in their joy? -

If ten thousand have drank of its living water - the Fountain is not exhausted = Unnumbered myriads have entered the world of light - & are sitting down at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb - But still in our Father's house - there is bread enough & to spare. The way to God is clearly marked in the Bible = "Ask and ye shall receive."

In the community where you reside - there may be at present no especial religious interest. The feeling exists with many that only at such periods - can effort be put forth to draw nigh the Savior - with the hope of success. But the impression is far from true. God has told us how He may be found. "Ye shall seek me & ye shall find me - when ye shall search for me with all your heart" = At whatever time that is done - He may be found plentiful in mercy - more ready to give, than we are to receive - Do you ask "How am I to draw nigh the Savior? What is the way to Christ?" - The door which shuts out from your soul a view of the Savior - is one that may easily be opened - He says - "Knock & it shall be opened unto you" = Make known to Him - the impediment - whatever it may be - that stands in the way of your approach to Christ = Is it want of feeling? - A quick interest in all things pertaining to earthly life - but an utter indifference toward the concerns of eternity? - Make known to Him this state of things - & ask for its removal - Say in Prayer "O God I would come to Thee - but I see nothing in Heaven to desire - I behold nothing in Hell that awakens a ~~longing~~ to flee from the wrath to come. Cause the scales to fall from my eyes that I may see eternity as it is."

He will hear that prayer - The hand that fashioned the soul - can quicken it to behold & feel the motives of the life to come = Is there a failure to apprehend the fact that in His sight you are a sinner - & therefore are condemned & lost? Disclose this difficulty = In your heart say to God as you rise up in the morning & lie down at night - "Show me if I have sinned against Thee - Teach me - if it be true - I have to believe that only by the death of Thy Son on the Cross as my substitute forgiveness for me is possible." He will hear that prayer. Offer it every morning & evening for one week = As you find knock - your difficulty & another will vanish until the Door opens fully & you stand in the presence of Christ as His follower & friend -

Yours Truly
S. P. Hildreth

Pittsburgh, April 3 1856

Mr. A. C. Loomis

for Thos. J. Berry
Ashland Ky

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Bill $34.96

A. D. Schoultus – for

John J. Berry

3rd April 1856 –

April 6, 1856. Received of John Means twenty five dollars in full of his subscription to my support, for the year ending April 1st 1856.

J. C. Bayless

Receipt $25 for
D. C. Bayless &
John Means
6th July 1856

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1	Cummings Christ & St. Press	1 25
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1	Merchant Prince	60
1	Macaulay 3d Vol.	90
1	Bancroft	2 00
1	German Testament	
	Recd. Payment	$6 70

Mess. Wilstach & Keys
made

Bill & Receipt $7 30/100

Moore Willitach & Keys Co

14th April 1856

Cincinnati, April 23 1856

John Means

Please Take Notice, That a Note for $5000 drawn by West Ky Lion coal & Manufacturing Co in favor of Yoursely or order, dated Ashland Ky Dec 20 1855 Payable Four months after date at the Ohio Life Ins & Trust Co Cincin and endorsed by you, payment having been demanded and refused, was this day **PROTESTED** by the undersigned Notary Public, for non payment, and the holder looks to you for payment thereof.

JOHN L. AVERY,
Notary Public.

Notice of
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Note
13th April 1856

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ASHLAND, KY. April 24 1856

Three years after date I promise to pay the

KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, or order,

at Ashland, One Hundred Dollars,

with interest from date.

John Means

Paid April 20th 1859

Ty J C Vill Co
By W J Nicholls Pr't

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John Means

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John Means

Paid July 25 1856

ASHLAND IRON & COAL CO. PAID KY.

Note $100 00
to Ky C. C. & M. Co.,
date 24 April 1856
paid 28th July 57

Ky C C & M Co
By E J Fletcher Sec

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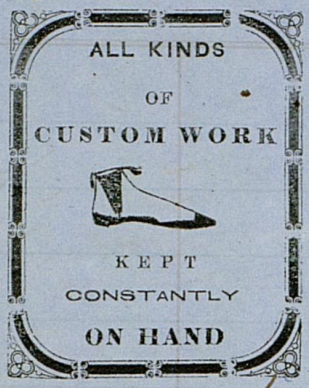

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1857

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To Ky R.R. Co

May 7th To 200 Locust Posts, $22,00

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by J. C. & M. Co
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Sent on to Mean. Clerks
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Received of John Williams one of the Stockholders of the Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing Company, the sum of Seven Hundred — fifty dollars and — cents, the same being the amount due said company, on a call of 30 per cent, upon his stock, made on the 20th day of Dec 1854

Ashland, May 12 1855.

John N Richardson Treasurer,
Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing company.

Receipt $750 for
John N. Richardson
Treasurer
Ky S. S. C & M Co
12th May 1856

Ashland Ky 2d May 1856

Received of John Meaux on a/c of building One Hundred and Fifty Dollars

$150 00

Thos. J. Berry

Receipt $150 00

Thos J. Berry

2nd May 1856

Cincinnati May. 13th/56

Mr. John Means

Bot. of Leonard Walton & Co

17 ft. 9 in Railing & Pearers @ 2 25 39.93

Dray. 25

$40.18

Dr. Sir.

above please find Inv. Portico Railing &c. Shipd you the 22d Apl. per St. Bt. Scioto in care of R. J. Berry Ashland we were under the impression that we sent you a Bill on B. of L. but it appears we are mistaken

Yours Truly

Leonard Walton & Co

per C. Hepp

Bill $40.18
Leonard Walton Ohio
13th May
1856

Marietta May 22 - 1856

Dear Hattie,

The long look'd for letter arrived in safety & in good health; after a journey of 12 days - is'nt it too bad? I began to fear something had happened to you: that was a very narrow escape indeed, the accident you spoke of, I don't wonder you were all frightend. Those Steamboats are frightful things, still we cannot go any other way: I think of risking myself on one in a few days; Charles Putnam & lady & Mother P. are going in a few days, & I think of going with them, as there is no probability of my starting either of my Beaux at home.

I have been gaining finely since you left me - I ride out daily = yesterday went to see Mrs Moore Dr. Hempstead is still there trying to arrange affairs to take Mrs. M. home with him, they have had an Auction & sold off most of their things - there was a man there yesterday negotiating with them wishing to purchase the farm, I think it probable will do so.

Madd's much strawberries & gooseberries now.

Maria I suppose keeps you apprised of all the great events of the town: I don't know as she told you that Dr. Andrews had gone to Niagary to get him a wife, he is about as old as George so their may be some hope for him yet.

Mr. J. Shaw was at church on Sunday I am told with a new wife: poor fellow I do hope he will have a more pleasant time than he had in his first marriage, at any rate he has'nt Mr. Perkins to plague him. — Don't you think they were pretty full at Mr. Maxwell last week Mrs. M. said they number'd 33 in family: Would'nt you like'd to have been at the head of the department?

Mrs. Dodd has a son about six months old, I doubted it.

Great prospect of strawberries: write me how they put them up in Wheeling. Gooseberries ready for use.

I have just stopt to take a ride to see Mrs W. Putnam I found her quite comfortable: I have many doubts as to her situation; I fear it will end in smoke.

Remember me to Uncle H. & family tell them I would like to do the balance

Much kind love to Mr. Means, tell him when you come up again I shall keep your until he comes after you.

Yours ever R. Hildreth

Mary B. assumed Lovie, would like to see Uncle Dolphus & family, wants him to tell them they must come up

We annex your Bill for arrearages due the HOME JOURNAL, which remain unpaid contrary to our rule. We have charged you, on our books, the credit terms, which are according to Public Notice. To make it easy, however, if you transmit us, immediately on the receipt of this, we will accept the cash rates, two dollars per annum.

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New-York, ... 185

Mr. John Means

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Dear Sir

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Yours very respy

John Means Esq

M D Pp

Cattlettsburg Ky, 18th June 1856
Received Three Dollars ($3) in full of
road work - Section No 7 - for year 1856
of John Mcant

Saml. Rowe
Supervisor

Receipt $30/0

S. Rouse

Superism Board

18th June 1856

Philadelphia June 22nd 1856

Mr Dolhr Means

Dear Sone we have been here eight days I Bought a fine good for Sinton & Means J W & H Means & H Means Flo on yesterday they will be Shiped to morrow the bills will amount to about Six hundred dollars each ~~of the~~ besides a bill of Pants for Ohio & Bellfont if there Should be any thing in bills purchased that does not Suit the furnaces on your Side of the river we can Sell them in Ohio the freight will have to be paid at the landing from this place the bills of the good are all Sent by mail and directed to Sinton & Means Hanging Rock Ohio if we Send a draft on for the goods in one month we will be allowed Six per cent. discount I think I will draw on Dugan Means Hall & Co for the amount on our return from New york we leave here to morrow New york Boston &c Everybody here and the ballence of mankind are for Free Soil free Speach ~~free~~ free Kansas and Fremont you may put Pensylvania good for fifty thousand majority for the republican ticket I would not be Surprised if it was double that the only fear is that the Democrats will vote in Mass Some old politicians did not altogether

like it but the people do Young America goes it Strong and the old fogies are coming in fast

Your Father
Thomas W. Means

Dear John

we arrived here on Saturday the same week we left home I have enjoyed myself very well since I came I have got aquainted with some pleasant Ladys we have been to Laurel Hill Cemetary and Fair Mount Water works and the academy of fine arts the Gerard College Mr Mc Nealand and his wife called on us He said they would go with every place He has lived here 7 years He said He thought he would be highly honered to do any favor for any of the Ellisons he brought an elegant carriage an took us every where we wished to go Yesterday morning He took us to see the City of Baltimore Steamship the Largest that is here it is a splendid ship at 4 oclock He came after us to go & spend the evening at his house I almost foundered on strawberrys and ice Cream Col Lee has been to often to see us He is a very friendly man He went with us several places to buy things He thinks a great deal of you and will His wife is not in the City now. tell Hatty I have got some white window Curtains for Her give my Love to her

Your Mother
Sarah Means

Ashland June the 30th 1856

Mr John Means pleas pay Mr Austin Sutton one hundred and seventy three Dollars Ballance Due him for plastering your House, there is due me one hundred Dollars on next to last payment and thirty seven Dollars for plastering attic

Thos J Berry

$173.00

Order & Receipt
$17.30/100

Thos J. Berry.
Farm
Austin Sutton
date 30th June 1886
paid 1st July 1886

Wm Sutton

Union Landing June 1858

Dearest Mother

I thought as I was down here on a visit I would write you a line as it would reach you so much sooner than it would from Cattettsburg — Father & Mother Means talk of going to East next week & so John & I came down to see them before they started — We came down yesterday afternoon on the James Watt. which you remember used to run on the Muskingum — It rained very hard when we started & I rolled down hill & got all mud to begin with — we reached Union about nine in the evening & it was very dark & still raining — I almost broke my neck over the pigs & cows but finally we reached the gate — Little Tom has two fierce dogs & they commenced such a barking we did not dare go in the yard — So we called to Mother & Belle but they did not know our voices — & Father Means being away from home felt timid I suppose & Belle imagined it was two drunken men who sometimes visit the house & plague them — So they blew out all the lights

+ pretended they had gone to bed - + kept quiet - We could not imagine why they did not come out + hush up the dogs, who were barking like mad - + the rain was still pouring down. I told John we were having rather a cool reception I thought so we waited about half an hour + then I began to try my voice - which I'd Jenny finally recognized + they started out - Belle had the poker + the revolver + said she had some notion of firing it off at us thinking we were the tipsy men - We had quite a laugh at our reception - But they said they did not think of any one coming to see them on the Lamar Bat that time of night - I think of you very warm day in Louisville + hope you are not suffering with the heat - but expect you are having a melting time - I was much pleased to get a letter from you at last - it is about three months since I had one from you before I can't tell you how to put up the strawberries but I expect just like peaches in ~~molted~~ boiling syrup - they are said to be very nice - Mrs. Lampton sent me over a few which will be all I will get this year - Our house still progresses finely - It is said to be the best looking house in Ashland by most every one - The pillars are up + the iron balcony + look very nice - as my dutch girl says they look "kind of grand" - The house is painted something the color of Rhoda's rather lighter perhaps it will soon be finished - We have a beautiful carpet plastered + nice enough for bedrooms + the porch John says will be very nice + large. The cellar floor is to be ceiled like a cistern - The front yard will be graded down to the street + will have quite a slope both three feet I believe which will make the house look still higher - + will make the yard much prettier I think - Our window blinds will be painted the same color as the house only a little darker - The pillars will be white - they are larger than Daniel Bosworth's - The iron balcony is very pretty + I like it better than I thought I would - Father Mens house is quite fixed up the rooms + hall new papered + painted - it looks nicely now - You know father would not believe ~~he~~ Betty Mean had taken $100 000 stock in the bank of Ashland - but it was so - he took $20 000 in his own name which is all they can take + the rest he had taken for him, owning in it in other people's names - though he does not want it known - this of course gives him the control of it, as the whole stock is $400 000 - and he can manage it all his own way now - They have new officers to manage Ashland now - John is a director - So I hope they will do better - Give my love to Sarah + Charles - Fred + Sophy + tell them all to come + see me - Belle's pen is so poor I can hardly write at all - We shall go home tomorrow - I am afraid my dutch girl will have chills ask Charlie what will keep them off - I write to Mr R. have had no answer yet wrote a long letter - Aunt Amanda's baby is cross as ever she says she can't even get time to mend her stockings it cries day + night. Write as soon as you can to your

Hettie -

John sends love -

Ashland, Ky., July 1st 1856

Received of Jno Means Postage as follows:

	$ cts.
Box Rent	20

in full for 2 Quarters ending Septe 30th 1856

C S Fletcher P. M.

Receipt 1.20¢

E. L. Fletcher
P.M.

1st July 1866

July 3d 1856

Mr Sam Mercy Dr

July	3	By Clearing away Dirt for Mr Berry from House	3 00
	do	By Hauling 2 loads lumber	1 50
August	5	By Hauling 5 load do	3 75
		By Grading lots	120 00
Sept	1	By 2 lots & 3 Men Hauling soil on lots	7 25
	3	By Plowing 12 lots	7 00
	4	By do 2 lots	1 20
	5	By Plowing 12 do	7 00
		By 3 load of lum from J. Peal Jones	3 00
			$ 153 70
			3 70
			150 00

Philip Valle

Ashland June 1 th. 1857

Mr John Meeing Dr

By	front steps for House	50 00
By	Back steps do	12 00
By	well stone & cesterns stone	15 00
By	water Maxons	5 00
		$ 82 00

P. H. Kelly

Received Cash 63 00
do back 5 00
Received from 2,10 lb 8 40
$ 126 40

Rec'd July 8th 1854 of John Means Seven Hundred & fifty dollars, being 3 per cent Call on $25,000, stock in Ky. I. Coal & M Company due June 20th 1854

Kentucky Iron Coal & Man Company by D K Weis, Pres't

Receipt $730 00
L. K. Weis Pres.
Ky J. Letteller
8th July 1856

Total

360
240
300
168
$10.68
5.80
16.48

9.00
6
5,40.66

Rec'd July 9th 1856 of John Means five dollars and eighty cents Road tax for 1855 Saml. Ross
Supervisor

Receipt for 5 Sv.
Road tax
Thomas Rouse
Overseer Roads.
to John Meaus
9th July 1856

Cincinnati July 12th/56

Mr. John Means

To Leonard Walton & Co. Dr.

1856 Apl. 23. To Railing per Bill rend. $40.18

Received Payment
Leonard Walton & Co.
pr C. D. Wright

Recpt $40 18/100

Leonard Walton Treas

12th July 1856

Cincinnati, July 14 1856

Mr John Means

Bought of **WM. BROOKFIELD & SON,**

Marble Mantel and Monumental Designers and Executers,

Cor 8th & ~~Broadway, above Fifth~~ Street, Plum

Grave Stones, Counter and Table Tops, Soda Fountains, and Marble Work generally.

3 Marble mantels one 40
Two 30
$100.
3 Grates $18 54
$154

Rec'd Payment
Wm Brookfield & Son

Bill & Receipt

$154/00

Wm Brookfield Esq

14th July 1856.

WM. RESOR. JACOB RESOR. C. M. VALLEAU.

Cincinnati, July 15th 1856

Mr Means

Bought of WILLIAM RESOR & CO.,

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

TIN PLATE, SHEET IRON, COPPER, TINNERS' TOOLS AND MACHINES, &c.

AND MANUFACTURERS OF

STOVES, GRATES, HOLLOW WARE, RESOR'S PATENT GLOBE FURNACE, AND RESOR'S PATENT ELEVATED OVEN RANGE,

Nos. 13 and 15 MAIN STREET.

1 No 2 Franklin Grate	18.

Rec'd Payment

Wm Resor & Co

A Carrigan

Bill & Receipt $18 for
Wm. Beson & Co
14th July 1856

Cincinnati July 15/56

Mr. H. Means

Bot. of Horton & Macy

3 No 4 Crates compt. @ 10 — 30.00

Received Payment
Horton & Macy
Jm C. H. M

Bill & Receipt
$ 30 00/100
Horton & Macy
14th July 1856

Ashland July 21st 1856

Mr. John Means please pay Mr Alex McIntyre one hundred and ten Dollars and and charge to my acc and oblige

Your &c

Thos. J. Berry

John Means

Alex McIntyre

Order $ 110 00
Thos E. Berry
favor of
Alex McIntyre
date 21st July 56
paid Sept 1st 1856

Mr John Means

Please pay the Bearer E J Hutton
Ten Dollars & charge to a/c of forms &c

John Means

Ashland July 21st 1856

Order $10.00
John Kraus in
favor E. S. Fletcher
date 21st July 1856

my bake oven out doors. I shall be ready for any emergency. The gates will not be up yet for a month as John had a larger line made than any the man had. Do you see we mean to keep warm if possible. The walls are high & I think the house will be a hard one to heat. They are beginning to lay the iron on the rail road. The locomotive has been there some time. Do there seem a better prospect of our moving than there was. I hope to move the last of Oct. I want to move before you & Father come down. if there really is any hopes of your coming I would like very much to have Father show us how to arrange the garden, orchard & yard. things would grow better if he could tell us how to plant them out. Mag Lampton says if you come down you must be sure & come out & see her. As the rail road will be done most of the way Father could go & visit the iron furnaces ~~on the same~~ at the same time. How is Frank getting along with my pickles if it is too dry for them to grow tell him to buy more seed & charge me with it & plant it after a good rain. I am depending on those pickles. Please hand the inclosed description of an ice cream freezer to Mr Ross & ask him when he goes to Philadelphia to get me one or if he cant find any there to get ~~some~~ one of the merchants who goes to New York to buy one for him & I will pay him for it & get it when I come home this fall. Tell him I want one of the two quart size costing two dollars if they are as good as they say I should have ice cream frequently if I can get one. I suppose they are not to be had in Cincinnati. Tele Mary Ross Uncle John when he came home from Cincinnati brought a beautiful large book for her full of pictures & more nice stories in it. Handy book. She has not & when I come home I will bring it to her. I expect the girls will be very anxious to see me. Give my love to Father & all the family tell Ella & Willie dear I hope you & Father will come down this fall I should be delighted. Write soon to your affy

Hattie.

Cattletsburg July 29th 1856.

Dearest Mother

I think I am a little behind the appointed time for writing, but I wrote you a note in Rita's last letter which I thought would serve to show you I was still alive. I was very much pleased to get your last letter & find you had enjoyed yourself so much in your trip particularly your visit to Wheeling. it is indeed the most delightful place in the world for visiting. I never enjoyed a visit anywhere as I did my visit there. Can I see having such a large family connection all so polite and anxious to show you some attention makes it very agreeable. by the time you have taken tea with them all, once or twice you will have made a long visit. and then Eugene & Ada & Philander are all so attentive and anxious to show you the 'Lion' of the town. they kept me going all the time somewhere. I expect I should enjoy another visit there very much as I should have found relations there, the Ellisons' to visit besides my own.

The rise is beginning to get very low. I look upon it with as much fearing it will be clear dry by the time I wish to come home. but John thinks

the boats will run by the last of Sept - Bruce he dont know all things if he is pretty smart - We have had a long dry spell - the gardens are almost withered up my squashes & cucumbers are about dried up - The tomatoes still hold out but are very small so that I fear I shall not get any to put up - No blackberries are offered for sale this year as I suppose there are none - I regret them more than anything else as I had set my heart on making about a bushel of jam - The cry among the ladies here now is what shall we do for pickles & preserves - fortunately I have some old pickles left which being put up air tight will keep another year very well - I should like to have been at home the last three weeks very much for John has been away most all the time to Cincinnati three times & Pittsburg once - I believe he has been at home but four days for the last three weeks & he will not be at home till Saturday of this week - I have been at home two Sundays without him the first Sunday I have been alone since I have been keeping house - While he was at home those four days he took me down one day to Ashland to see the house - it is now nearly finished - it is painted on the out side a light drab color - something the color of the old Quaker ladies bonnets only a little lighter - The blinds are a little darker - and I think it looks very neat indeed - The inside will have the white line paint - over the doors are ventilators or glass windows which can be opened or shut at pleasure

The wood work of both windows & doors reaches to the top of the ceiling & looks very pretty - it projects slightly over the windows so curtains will hang quite handsomely for little rooms - The porch will be very cool & nice to work in - The back stairs are too narrow & steep is the only fault I have to find about the house - there was a mistake about them - but if we ever build another kitchen we will take them away - When John went to Cincinnati he went to a marble store to see the mantle pieces and instead of buying only one the man coaxed him to buy three - one for parlor & one for the sitting room & one for the dining room which you remember have folding doors between - I told him I thought he was getting quite extravagant - They are of white Italian marble & very pretty he says - They will set off the house very much & will look nice with the white line paint - but will be hard to keep clean I am afraid particularly in a dining room - He bought the largest size of the projecting grates to go with the mantles and very large grates for all the chambers - girls room & all with nice fire fronts to them - excepting our room for which he bought a franklin stove - There was only one stove in the City he could find them at & I expect I would like ~~some~~ one of Mr. Ryes manufacture when, from his description of it - I believe I wrote you that we intend getting a coal cooking stove like one Mrs. Hamilton thinks is perfect - when I get that &

Marietta August 8. 1850

My dear Hattie,

I suppose you begin to think it is time I should scratch a few lines to you: and as I am sitting waiting for company, I will commence which you know is half at any time, the rarity, is Mrs. Sally, Dana & cousin.

I make no apology, about writing only say it has been Commencement which covers the whole ground: although I have not much to complain of as to company; & was able to be out I don't know how many times: Prescott was here a week & you know he has a great many warm friends; however I kept off at least with as many of his friends as I could accomodate around a table: he left us yesterday, he was with us yesterday, in a little boat call'd the Young America so I suppose he will go pretty fast.

Mrs. Maurice & Sophia came with P. as far as Zanesville waiting being rather low they stopp'd there.

When they return they are all going up to Mrs M's to spend the Summer: Sophia is to be housekeeper Mrs. M. & her Niece are still boarders.

They have changed the time for their Commencement; it is to be next year the last of June which will probably be an improvement

Mr. Hoge the Father & Mr. Shaw were in great affliction.

Only, think what a hypocrite she must be: only see what money will do, she thought her Cousin was rich, & she was so fond of dress & shows. Her brother William went on with her, he said she went right to one of the first Hotels in the City of N. Y. he said he went with her in one of the Stages, in about 20th. She spent $20.

She waited for a vessel bound for Australia & I suppose William knew; he went on & away they have gone: but I don't believe you will go with them; it is too Mean a trick to prosper.

I am trying to prevail on Mr. Dana to go to housekeeping as I don't see any Movements towards following your advice: I was very unwell a few days since, & Mary was such a trouble to Mr that I told Lizzie I should let her go home with Mr when you came up; she told her father he would not hear a word to it. I told her then I should have to go & spend the Winter.

No school nothing but go, go, or have company I got desperate the other day, I call'd Frank & told them to go down & talk with his father & see if they could not plan something, as there was not one first as they ought to be; & see if they could not rent a few rooms & go to housekeeping he could get Mary or Anna Holt to keep house for them & where his father could be with them at meals & nights & for him to go into some business where he could support himself, he is just losing his time now. Mr P. came up he said he would try to find a place for

If we should all live Prescott says you & Mr. Abbens must meet him here & he will show you his little red head. Strangers centered somehow to get here last week we had a great thing in town ~~last week~~ - One great inducement was a very large Show they had their tents spread back here on third St. so we had the benefit & pleasure of seeing the spectators too.

I had a rich treat from my windows, perhaps it much but I think I should still more if you had been with me there came up a very heavy shower about the middle of the afternoon, but they would not give up the show for a little sprinkling - such a looking set as they all were I don't think Peter did see, most of them dressed in white or what was white once: I don't believe you could beat it at Freeman's going to a hanging.

9th. Last evening I received your letter of the 29 July was happy to hear from you; to hear all the particulars of your domestic concerns: I was pleased to hear of the possibility of your getting into your new house in time for "that visit" before the river freezes up: as it is so seldom that your father takes a fancy to go from home, I want to have him gratified. The weather is beautiful & cool this morning; could not you come up here soon & make your visit?

You could go to Cincinnati & to Zanesville, & a boat runs regularly from there here: I don't think you would suffer much from the heat: & it is as cool here as almost any where, no Musquetoes yet: I sewed all one afternoon in my parlour very comfortably, when the Thermometer stood at 100°. I would like to have you come soon as I am pretty well for me now, tho' not very strong not able to do scarcely any thing: my two last boils are nearly well: and another thing Katy, wishes to make a visit up to Beaver to see Eliza & I shall have a new Girl in her absence. Newhall goes with the Rev. As for news I do not know of any thing worth relating remember says that two Kentucky Students are to take wives from here Miss Fanny Beach & Miss Dawes. I think Marietta will be well represented in your State soon.

P.S. I must tell you one piece of news if Maria has not; it is respecting Mrs. S. Shaw, you know she was here in the winter her Father came up here with her; she was going on East to see her Mother's relatives, "I thought it very strange at the time as the weather was so cold". Uncle Tommy, called to see me the other day, he had just returned from a visit to his Brothers. he said that Mr. Vinton that Uncle Abel thought so much of had gone on to N. York had left his wife, taken Sarah & they had sailed for Australia.

Gettysburg Aug 8th 1858

Mr Lahm Means Bought of Sugar & Ulor

1856					
May	8	20	2 ℔ Butter	20 –	40
"	6	"	1 Box Blacking –		05 –
"	8	"	1 Paper tacks		06
"	19	"	2 gallons molasses 50 –		1.00
"	"	"	Ant to I. amind on your order –		~~3.90~~
Jun	7	"	Shoe Brush & Box Blaking		20
"	20	"	2 Bars Soap –		20
					$ 5.81
Sept	2	to	1½ dozen Eggs		15 –
"	18	"	5 Boards		45 –
					6 41
"	28	to	Shoe Black in Box Blaque muslin	45	
Oct	3	"	2 1 gal jars –	20	63
				65	7.04
			Less	F. W. M	3.90
					3 14

A/c Bugn & Allen
£3. 14/00 —
Paid H. Meant Esq.
1st Nov 1856

John Allen
to
Francis Allen

Received of John Mennt Ten (10 $)
Dollars on a/c
Gallesburg 12th Aug 1856 John Knaar

Receipt $10 00
John Kraus
12th August 1856

John Means Dr

To 133 Locust Posts @ 10		13	30
3 Large do	1.00	3	00
2 Small "	75	1	50
		17	80

Received payment

N. Savage

Battle Abbey 16th August 56

Bill & Receipt
£ 17. 80
N. Savage
16th August 56

$100 00/100

Received of John Meaux One Hundred Dollars in full for one man

Cattlettsburg Ky 16th August 1856

Benjamin Sweet

Receipt $100 %
Benjamin Sweet
16th August 1856

I was quite surprised to hear of Sarah Shaw's going with her Cousin to Australia - She was the last one I should have thought of as she was so devoted to her husband - I always thought them one of the most loving couple of my acquaintance - It was something new for a Marietta girl indeed -

So Prescott made you a visit & I expect you were run to death with company I would like to have been at home to help you entertain them & to instruct your new girl - though I suppose Katie can't go to see Elvira until the water rises now - I think your plan for Mr. Ross to go in housekeeping a very good one - Mary Hetta would do very well for a housekeeper as she can both sew & cook well & is clean & tidy - But Mrs Bennet or Mrs. Browning would do better as they could manage the children better - If Mary could make them mind her & could nurse them when they were sick - she would not be so expensive help as the others as she could do the work & he would have to keep a girl for the others - If he could get rooms near your house where you could run in if they were sick & advise Mary what to do - I should think it would do very well the children ought to be together & I think you have been worried to death enough with them & I am sure Mr Ross would be better off if to have some one to cook for him - If I were you I would try & think up some agent that would do & hunt up his furniture - three agents would do as they could have each in them all but the kitchen - & I should think he might get them furnished & keep house without much expense as they would live plainly - I hope you will succeed in getting them changed so the children can be together for some way I think it would be better for all & the care of such a large family is too great for you - I expect you have a tough time with Mary while the vacation lasts I am glad for your sake it is most over -

Give my love to Father & all the family - Ask Frank how my Cucumber pickles are coming on - I hope they are growing as I shall be broke up if I dont get them - I wish you would get about twenty pounds of butter for me of Poley for winter use - if you can -

Write soon to your affd daughter Katie

Cattlettsburg Aug 23 1856

Dearest Mother

I believe I have been a long time writing as I cannot remember the date of my last letter but I wrote to Rita last week & so thought best to wait a week before writing to you - John has gone to the Furnace & will be home four days - I wrote you about his long stay of three weeks at Cincinnati &c - how I did wish I could have spent the time at home he said he was not afraid I would run off this time as the water was so low I could not get away - I am so afraid the iron will not use it & I can come home by Sept - The weather is so pleasant & rain so scarce that there seems no prospect of it - I wrote to Rita about the poor hope there is of our getting moved this fall - Mr Apperson the president of the road paid the hands for three months work in "the Valley Bank of Maryland" money & it broke the next day - So of course they all quit work - poor fellows it will cause much suffering among them & their families - It was generally considered that he knew the bank was not safe as all the bankers about

here were afraid of it – probably he made some money out of the operation himself – He is not considered an honest man by any means – though an elder in the Presbyterian Church & pretending to be very pious – the curses he gets from the poor people they say are loud & deep – & I dont feel very good natured to him myself – for keeping us out of our new house till next summer as the prospect now is – John says he wishes he had not built quite so soon – he will have the house insured & trust it to Providence I suppose – he says he wont rent it if it stands empty for two years – Mr. Atterson managed so badly about the rail road iron not having arrangements made for sending it up from Cincinnati until the water began to get so low that they could not get up enough to lay more than two miles & the rest cant come now until the rain rises – still if he had not paid out the bad money John thinks we might have moved this fall – But now I dont suppose there is the smallest chance of it – so if you & Father visit me you will have to come to Catlettsburg again – however we can ride down & see the new house which will all be done by that time – which will be some satisfaction – John thinks we might venture to set out some fruit trees & forest trees – though I suppose there would be danger of their being stolen – still it will make them a year later if they dont get set out & I think we will venture a few at any rate – John bought 8 acres of land this week about a half a mile from the house which we intend for pasture lots &c so we shall have an abundance of ground now – & can take part of the square back of us which we first intended for the pasture & plant it in corn & tomatoes &c &c – perhaps set out a few fruit trees though as there is a street between it & our garden lot there would be danger of the fruit being taken – I suppose I say he might put up a little house on his 8 acre lot & get some good dutch man to make garden for him there on shares & live there – then we could plant fruit trees out there – I think Charlie & I will have to correspond on the subject as you say he goes so largely into the business – I think it will be a very interesting subject particularly when the fruit gets ripe – You must tell Pitty Dove to keep that pear tree he promised me as I shall want it when I get home – And I hope Father will keep that pear tree he promised me & not give it away – also the goose berry bushes – I shall try & get the garden ploughed up this fall & manured so as to be ready for next summer Aunt Amanda will move this fall in Oct I suppose so she can watch things a little for us – I shall be very lonesome without them – & shall feel much more afraid at night when John is away than I do now – Their house is nearly done now though not as near finished as ours – every body in speaking of the two houses says they like the looks of our house so much the best – Uncle Hugh cant decide what color to paint their house outside & I am hoping they will have it the Brick color as it will make ours look so much better by contrast

Ashland Ky 1st Sept 1836
Received of John Means Twenty
Five Dollars on a/c
$25 Jno

John [illegible]

Receipt $25 00
John Krauss
1st Sept 1856

On John Campbell

Of Groton O.

Date May 1st 1856

Time Four Months

Due Sept. 1/4 /1856

No. $ 2500.00/100

On A. McCullough

Of Groton O

Date May 1st 1856

Time Four Months

Due Sept 1/4 1856

No. $ 517 00/100

Endorsed by
A Means &
H. T. Nicholls

Endorsed by
A Means &
H. T. Nicholls

September th 6 1856

Mr Mcanes

Sir you will please pay Mr C D me boy 27 dollars and fifty cents on the brick that is in your wall and oblige me

Edwd Courtney

Order $27.50
E. Courtney –
Favor A. McCleery
6th Sept 1866

Received payment
in full
Sept 6th 1866
C D McCoy

Marietta Sept. 6 — 1856 —

Dear Hattie,

Your favour of the 23. of August came safely to hand, after a journey of about two weeks. Isn't it too bad? Let your next letter I want you to send to Ashland & get it started with their papers for some weeks yet. I have received their paper in three days from the date; and your letter two weeks & 4. Just as I had started myself to write you a good long letter I heard an unusual noise down stairs, I thought I would step down and see what it all was about when I was happily surprised to see Mrs. Hempstead & Hattie: they have been at the Springs at Parkersburg some weeks, she is quite improved, looks much better than she did when we saw her; she can eat any thing now & it does not distress her, she says the water has done her more good than any thing she has ever tried. I expect it would be just the remedy for your dyspepsy friends.

Mr. Gaylord & family have gone on a journey to visit his friends: they visit N. York the Falls &c.

The Dr. went home about three weeks ago, we are expecting him daily now to return with Mrs. H. & Mrs. Moore.

Your father is out in the garden gathering your Cucumbers, he wishes you were here to help him, I think it would make your eyes shine to see them. I think they must be endowed with powers of perception to know that you want them & they want to take a trip on a Steam boat or something they have in view, for they are doing their very best; we never had such fine looking vines I think you can have as many as you wish for without robbing me: your father takes the whole care of them — we does not allow me to pick them — "I don't know but he is thinking about that dollar you owed Frank. Green tomatoes we shall have plenty. Better I cannot promise; tho you may get some good. I have not been able to get any from Polly this year. The season is very dry here this year, garden all dried up around us, but ours looks finely, with artificial rain.

Mr. Ross has returned, from Philadelphia he says he purchased your ice cream freezer, he expects his goods the last of the week by the way of Evansville.

Mary Ross says you had better be coming up or we shall be using your freezer.

I was quite disappointed that you did not say when you would visit us in your last letter.

You will have to come by the way of Cincin. I suppose: and I do not know for certain as you would get a boat from Z. but one comes occasionally of the smaller class, but the Stage runs daily if no other way: tho rather a hard one: Mr. Ross came down by land on Saturday pretty well.

You may if you please slip in your Cocoanut & some teaspoons into your trunk if we should feel animation enough to have some company while you are here to head it: and also bring me something to make some good Dolls. Prescott sent me a bottle but it is so pale that it is scarcely perceptible when just written I don't know but it may get some color by the time it gets to you, but I don't like it.

I hear frequently from Sister Noble, they have got into their new house she frequently speaks of you says you must be pretty, I must if you can keep with them in their town as it is improving so rapidly. I just told her, as you know she always liked to be where there is "doings".

Has Mother Means returned? Mrs. Hempstead says that she & Margaret had intended visiting you last spring when they were at the Rock, but heard you was up here.

Kind regards to Mr. Means.

My family join in much love. Ever yours, B. H.

Misses means I Send to you my
Compliments weare in good health hoping
you enjoy the same And Send you the
Sweet William Seed the Same you
Treed to get at my house
Yours &c Margarett Hutson
Sept 9th 1856

Mrs Esther
Means

Mr John Means

Dr

E. S. Fletcher

For order for John Firouse 10,00

Rec Payment E S Fletcher

Ashland Sept 13th 1856

Per J. H. Lord

Receipt $10 00

E. S. Fletcher

Paid 23rd Sept 1856

John Hume

B.M.

$10 00

Rec'd Sept 30th 1857 of John Means Seven Hundred & fifty Dollars on account of Stock in Ky L. & M. Company

D. R. Mus, Prest,

Receipt $1750 for
S. K. Weis Pres't
Ky. S. C. & M. Co
to John Meaux
30th Sept 1856

Ashland Ky. 4th October 1836.
Received of John Means twenty
eight Dollars and fifty cents in full
for digging well
$28 50/100

Edwd Courtney

Receipt $ 28 50/100

E. Courtney

4th Oct 1856.

Ashland Oct 4th 1856

Mr John Meeres Dr

Please Pay the Bearer Thomas Madden
Sixty three Dollars & charge to Me

Philip Riley

Order $63 00
Philip Kelly
in favor
Thomas Madden
Paid 7th Oct 1856

Thomas Madden

Ashland Ky 7th October 1836
Received of Erbin Mount
Fifty Dollars on a/c
$50.00

L. E Shepard

Receipt $ 50/00
L. E. Shepard
7th October 1856

Cattletsburg Ky. Oct 8th 1866
Received of John Meaux Five Dollars
in full of subscription for building schoolhouse

Jeff Gibson
agent

Receipt of 5/00
Jeff Kilkenon
Agent
Cattettsburg School
House - Fund
8th Oct 1856

Ashland Ky Oct 10

Jno Adams

In acct with J. F. Jones

Jan	10	for	1	Keg 4d Nails	5 00
Aug	6	"	1	" Pensing "	5 00
	9	"	10	lbs 20d Nails "	50
	"	"	10	" 8d " "	60
~~Oct~~	22	"	12	" " "	72
Sept	2	"	1	Gro 2 In Screws	110

Oct 10th Amt Due 12 92

Recd payment

J. F. Jones

A/c $12 93/100

B. F. Jones

Paid 11th Nov 1856

Geo Means

In acct with

B F Jones

I believe the within

Correct John Tracey

15.00
12.92
2.08

Acct 11 11/25

Marietta Oct. 13 - 1856 -

Dear Hattie,

I received your communication dated Sept. 27th was happy to hear of your good health.

Our family are all in good health which is a great blessing: my own is very good & well it is for I have quite a load on my shoulders: but the old saying is that one had better wear out than rust out. — I think the prospect is rather unfavorable for me to rust out.

In addition to my other cares I have taken Hilah the here; Mr Leonard has moved into a very small house & she is just ready to be confined & they wanted him away & I thought I would take him here, & make him some new clothes: & see if I can possibly keep him; he is a rare lad I will assure you, a special child: but I think I can get him into the traces after a while: we have a bath very few lovers; but no lives lost yet. tho' it has cost some time in impressions not. If I find I cannot get along I must look some other place for him: I don't know as you would be willing to take him now. The family has been a heavy tax on us every year since they were married & I see no prospect but it will continue.

You see the prospect is very poor for May leaving home; you must hold yourself in readiness, as soon as you can get to Portsmouth to sail; the Railroad will take you to Athens. Dr. Hempstead said the Nags was very good & he came very comfortably here.

I heard of Aunt Means being here by Hattie H. who saw her at Meeting; Mrs. H. & I waited on Monday in pursuit of her; we got on the trail & after a while we found her at Mrs. Andersons. They had just sent up a carriage from Warren for her to go down that evening & she had not time to return my calls which we all regretted. I was much pleased with her; George did not see her at all. Since I have heard that Rebecca's visit was deranged I will not make any more plans; as I was anxious for him to go for her.

For a week or two past we have had most delightful weather. I wish you could have been here last week: we had our Agricultural Fair, two Weddings & an Indian Show, which kept the town very lively with Political Meetings almost every night & stomping their heels all off of their Shoes: no peace nor quietness until after 10 or 11 o'clock. O how delightful.

Mr. Ichabod Nye, & Miss Guitteau, you probably see in your papers are married.

Miss. Fanny Burch to another Kentuckian I believe this is the ninth or tenth young lady that has been taken from here in the course of a few years.

We all attended even to Mary Bass as she was last. I think they had a very large & nice wedding: Sarah Lovel is very fearful that she will have to leave before you arrive.

Tupper was married to Miss Lewis last Thursday in Baltimore; She went on to visit her Aunt there with Mrs. L. some weeks since & they concluded to be married there about as novel as it was for Hannah Cotton & Dr. Shepman.

We had a rumour here last week that Dr. Perkins had been thrown from a Carriage & broken his leg: your father went to Mr. Currier to ascertain the truth, he says it was not broken but badly injured. They are travelling about yet in search of a home I think it more than probable they will die poor yet.

By the side of Mr. Shaw in our grave yard is a Stone erected to the Memory of Douglass Perkins. "I hope its paid for."

It is said that Mr. Town & Miss Hattie Nye are to be the next on the docket. It is reported that Mr. Barker has gone to Iowa to see Sister Webb, on some special business.

Fanny S. & Lucy A. will be here as soon as they can get there by Wednesday. Kind love to Mr. Means. My family join in much love to you. Yr Hildreth

Scranton Ohio Oct 1856

Mr John Means
Son of Smith & McFerguson

1856			
May 7th	1	Coat	18.00
10	1	Pair Kid Gloves & Silk Buttons	2.75
17	1	Over Coat & Vest	36.00
Augt 30	1	Pair Pants	10.00
			$66.75

Rec'd Payment

J. M. Ferguson
pr W. D. Parsons

Receipt $66 25/100

G. M. Fugere
29th Oct 1856

Allen Allen
Esq & Co
Cattaraugus Co N.Y.

1856	Wm Means	To Clerk Greenup County Court	
Oct	Order Qualifying as Notary 25 Oath 15 Bond 50		.90
		Att Wm Corum clk	

Paid 13 June –

Means Wm

90c

(Boyd)

See Jno.

Didn't pay

90
43
133

Cattlettsburg Ky - 1st Nov 1856

Received of John Meanto on a/c

Thirty Dollars

$30 00

John Kraus

Receipt £30 0/00
John Kraus
1st Nov 1856

Ashland Nov 19th 1856.

Mr John Means

To Steamer **FAIRY QUEEN**, Dr.

To Freight		
15 Bs Grates & Fronts	$1.	00
		25
Cash	$1.	25
Received Payment, Dowelser		Clerk.

Bill $1.00
Zaing Lugen
Nov 19th 1856

Paid
24th Nov 1857

Gohn
Oil cans
127

[illegible]

Gettysburg Nov 27th 1856

Mr John means Dr
To C. S. Ulm
for milk & butter from may
10th to this date $13.73

Recd Payment C S Ulm $13.73

Receipt — $13 73/100

Ch. S. Ulen

2nd Dec 1856

John Meant

milk acct

$13 73

STIMSON & PARKER,
Publishers of the Ironton Register,
BOOK & JOB PRINTERS,
Ironton, Ohio.

IRONTON, Nov 27 1856

John Means

TO STIMSON & PARKER, DR.

To Subscription to the IRONTON REGISTER from Jan 13 1856 to Jan. 13 1858 $3,00

Advertising

Received payment,

Stimson & Parker

Receipt $30.00
Stimson & Parker
27th Jan 1856

Moore, Wilstach, Keys & Overend, Prs. Cin.

No.

Ashland, Dec. 4 1856

~~BANK OF ASHILAND.~~

John Means Esq.

Pay to W. Means or order ~~on Bearer~~

Fifty — 100 Dollars.

$ 50 00

Thos. J. Berry

Order $50 from
G. G. Berry
Farm Wm Means
date 4th Decr 1836
Paid 9th —

Dresden. Muskingum County. Ohio- Dec 4th- 1856-

Dear John-

I congratulate you on the birth of your little boy.
May he prove a comfort to you in after years-

I will send a longer letter to sister Hattie - when she is better able to read it -

Your affectionate brother-

S. P. Hildreth-

John Megan

To Road tax for year 1856	$ 5.80
Less 1.20 on paid in 1855	1.20
	$ 4.60

Received payment
10th December 1856

Saml Roy overseer

Receipt # 460
Road Tax
S. Rowe owner
Paid 10th Decr 1836

Cattettsburg Ky. 20th Decr 1856

Dear Mother

Yours of 8th inst came to hand last night. Not knowing but that you might conclude to pay us a visit, I delayed writing until now. Hattie and boy have been very well so far, and Hattie is regaining her strength fast; being able to sit up in a chair nearly all the time; sometimes walking about the room a little. Though her knees, and ancles, have been most too weak, for much walking. We have seen nothing of George and suppose he has gone home without stopping to see us. Our boy has hardly been awake enough yet to get much acquainted, but we suppose intends to make it up after while, Mother went home last Monday, and my sister Mary came up Tuesday. We dispensed with our nurse yesterday (Friday). Our love to all

Your affectionate son

John Means

Mr John Myers Dr - Cr

1856		In Acc with D. W. Elder		
May 1	To 13½ lbs	Beef 12½ ¢	1.69	
" "	" 20 "	Ham 11 ¢	2.20	
" 2	" 3	Papers Seed	.15	
" 3	" 5	lbs Lard	.63	
" 6	" 1	Bu Potatoes	.65	
" 10	"	Dried Apples	.40	
" "	"	" Peaches	.18	
" 16	"	Mending Boots	.75	
" 20	"	11¾ lbs Lard	1.24	
" 21	"	1-10 gall Tar	1.00	
" "	"	70½ lbs Lard	7.05	
" 27	"	½ Doz Tape	.13	
July 5	"	1½ Yds Flannel	.83	
Sept 11	"	Cash	30.00	
" 24	"	14½ lbs Beef	2.14	
Oct 6		By Check Bank Ashland		30.00
" 7	To	2 gall Molasses	1.50	
" "	"	Mending Shoes	.35	
Nov 8	"	1 wood Saw	1.00	
Dec 24	"	6 Yds Flannel 35	2.10	
" "	"	10 " Print	1.25	
" "	"	1 " Drilling	.13	
" 26	"	7¾ lbs Feathers	3.10	
			$59.40	30.00

Ballance $29.40

Cattettsburg Ky Dec 26/56

Acc $29 40/100
D. W. Eba
to Jany 1st 1857

J Means

being so round (he has a very pretty shaped head) —
No one was with me but John — The Dr. and a black
woman — my next neighbor — rather a select party —
but I hated to ask any of the ladies as they do not like
to go out here on such occasions I have heard —
I did as well though I suppose as if I had had a
dozen with me — I was very anxious to take Chloroform but
the Dr. & John were so afraid if they would not let me
have it — I have got along nicely so far — I did not have
any fever & have been very prudent not sitting up till the
tenth day & keeping my room for four weeks and as
yet I do not go out to my meals — Sister Mary Anne
Adams is with me now & has been for the last two weeks
Mrs Warner — my nurse left me a week ago —
to look at me you would not think I had been sick
as my cheeks are so red & complexion so clear — Mother
Means declared I never looked so well before — I am
still though very weak as I have taken no medicine
to strengthen me — I have tried hard to make a good nurse
& drink large quantities of tea — & for three weeks did not
have to feed the baby any — but now I have to feed him
a little — I wish I could have enough milk for him myself but
suppose the case impossible — Tell Mary Rose Little Cousin
Hildreth will answer her nice letter very soon — & he was
much pleased with it — Love to Father & all the family
I named the Hildreth for him — & want you all to call him
that — as I dont fancy the name of Thomas, myself —
I was sorry not to get a visit from George — If he had been
down up here it would have been a good chance for him
to see the Furnace girls — Love to Rita shall write to her soon
Yours ever — Hatie —

Carlettsburg — Dec — 9th — 1856 —

Dearest Mother

I have been wishing for a long time to write to you but have not felt able to do so until today — How I wish you could step in this morning and see my beautiful baby boy as he lies asleep — looking so sweet — The very picture of innocence and peace — I do so wish I could have his daguerreotype taken to send to you — but there is no one here who could take it — I am so anxious for the time to come when I can bring him home and show him to you — every one who sees him says "what a fine looking child and how much he resembles Mr. Means" — which of course pleases John very much — I did not think John would be so fond of him as he appears to be — You seldom see a prouder or more devoted Father than he is — and indeed the little fellow will

deserves his love — for he certainly is one of the very best babies in the world — never cries unless there is something very important to cry for — last night he slept nearly seven hours without waking up — and this he frequently does — and that without rocking as we have not yet his cradle prepared for him — I think he will be very fair as he begins to look quite white — his hair Mother Means says is just the color John's was when he was a baby — an auburn his eyes now are a deep blue — almost black & I hope they will be black or brown eventually they are very large & bright — his mouth is small like the Means family — hands & feet rather small with fingers & toes very long — in which respect he resembles his Uncle Will — he is a very fat, plump baby, & seems to grow finely & so far has not had one bit of the colic — which I think is owing to my keeping him dressed warmly & his arms well covered — I intend in a few weeks to dress him in flannel dresses — little pink & blue ones — which Mother Means thinks very sensible of me and I suppose Father would agree with her — I was very glad you did not find out that anything of the kind was expected as I feared you would be uneasy about me — even Mother Means did not know it more than six weeks before his birth — The time when she came up to see me, first — she came as soon as she heard of it — and then came again and stayed two weeks with me after he was born — I was very glad indeed she did so — as the nurse I had thought a most excellent one — was a midwife and had to be away about half of the time attending to her professional duties — I think she had three baby cases while nursing me — to one of which she devoted two days & two nights — to another one a day & two nights &c — this with going out home in the country to look after a sick woman in her family took up so much of her time that she had but little left to attend to me & I should really have suffered from want of attention had Mother Means not been with me besides she could not bear to get up nights — smoked every two hours at least & got boozy if she had a chance but we kept the brandy hid while she was here — so she kept sober while here — however I was very glad to get her as she was so big & strong she could lift me around like a baby — & really understood nursing well — She has ~~attended~~ brought with more than a thousand women as a midwife & has almost all of that kind of business about here — more than all the doctors put together & is very successful — I suffered much more than I expected to at the birth of the baby — You remember I took Chloroform when my other child was born & had no idea of the suffering — The pains commenced about ten at night & the child was born the next morning at five the Dr. said the labor was longer on account of his head

2 Gold Watches - - - - - -	155.00
1 Silver do - - - - - -	5.00
1 Brussels Carpet - - - -	1.50
Silver Ware - - - - -	70.00
1 Horse - - - - - -	65.00
6 Lots in Ashland - - -	1.000.00
1 House on same - - -	1.600.00
Furniture - - - - - -	543.00
Monies & accounts - - - -	8.000.
	11.439.50
deducted	100.00
Received	11.339.50

1856—

	$1.500 –	7 years	3 mos –	12 days –	$637.50
H	1.119 –	7 –	7 –	15 –	511.38
H	1.976.45 –	5 –	3 –	– –	881.30
H	450.00	4 –	5 –	6 –	119.70
	505.27	4 –	11 –	6	273.42
	1.575.50	7	5 –	12	988.82
					3,412.12

Sept 1876 –