Ashland, Ky., Jany 1st 1857

Received of John Vreans Postage as follows:

	$	cts.
on Independent	13	
Bry Rent	20	33

in full for 2 Yrs ending Dec 31 1857

E S Fletcher P. M.

Postage Receipt .33 ¢
E. S. Fletcher P.M.
to 31st March 1857

SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR THE LITTLE PILGRIM,

CONTINUED.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, January 1, 1857.

MY DEAR FRIEND:—

Having found that the old form of The Little Pilgrim was somewhat inconvenient for binding and preservation, we have decided to change it—reducing the size of the pages, and giving twice as many of them.

We have much pleasure in being able to celebrate this change by commencing, in the January number, a beautiful Christmas story, by the distinguished English author,

WILLIAM HOWITT,

CALLED

"NIPPER AND TOBY;

THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD BOYS."

I take the liberty to send you a copy of the January number as a specimen.

May I ask you to do me the favor to interest yourself in my little paper, and exert your influence to secure a list of subscribers?

Yours,

GRACE GREENWOOD.

P. S.—On succeeding page please find an arrangement for registering a club. May I not hope to receive it back with the blanks all filled, and other pages added if necessary?

SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR THE LITTLE PILGRIM.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.

List for Assessor – 1st Jany 1857 –

2 Gold watches		$155.00
1 Silver do		5.00
1 Brass Clock		1.50
Silver Ware		70.00
2 Horses		200.00
6 Lots in Ashland –	have no title	1.000.00
12 – – –	– – –	600.00
Furniture		647.47
1 House in Ashland	amt paid on it	4.297.86

Monies & Accts – Notes $5.626.02

Interest

Buena Vista Furnace	630.00
Lamplin Reilz & Co.	6.73

161.50
70
230.50

Notes Interest to 1st Jany 1857

Hugh	$ 1.119.00	8 years	7 Mos	15 Days	$	579.08	
Hugh	1.976.45	8 "	5 "	5 "		999.68	999
H M & Co	1.575.30	6 "	3 "	"		984.56	
H M & Co	505.27	4 "	11 "	6 "		168.05	
Hugh	450.00	5 "	5 "	6 "		146.70	
	$ 5.626.02					2.878.07	

1857
Assessor Lists
County

Ashland Ky Jan 8th 1857

Mr John Means Please pay Alex McIntyre
Sixteen Dollars & Oblige

Lowthere & Russell

Order $16 00
Louthan & Russell
8th Jany 1857

Mr Ind Means

1857 To Messer & Davis Dr

Feb 2 To amt meat 7.57

" " 9 to Venison 9 81

" " 29 " meat 7½ 2.18

$10.56

261

13.29

Feb 2/57 Rec'd Pay 29/261

Messer & Davis

by Will H Hampton

Menn & Davis
2nd July 1857

1.96
1.81
70
821
2.26
7157

637

On or before the first day of July 1859 we promise to pay to the order of the Kentucky Iron Coal & Manufacturing Company - Twenty five dollars for the Second year - rent of the Ashland Ferry from & after the 1st day of July 1857 -

Feb 17th 1857

John Meant
Jos. J. Davison

Paid by John Meant 6th day 1861

$25/00

Note $ 25.00 Tenger

May 6/61 —

Prin	25.00
Int.	2.75
	27.75

Charged to John Means
private account
May 6th 1861

636

On or before the first day of July 1858. we promise to pay to the order of the Kentucky Iron Coal and Manufacturing Company five dollars for first year's rent of Scotland ferry-point & after the 1st day of July 1857 — Feb 17th 1857 —

John [illegible]

Jos J. [illegible]

Charles J. Jackson
May 6th 1859

$5 0/00

Note $500/100 due 1 July 58 -
Steam Ferry Company
Paid
6th May 1859 -

No – 639

On or before the first day of July 1861 we promise to pay to the order of the Kentucky Iron Coal & Manufacturing Company one hundred dollars for the fourth year's rent of the Ash land ferry point & after the 1st day of July 1857 – Feb 17th 1857 –

John Meant

Jos. J. Davidson

$100 00/00
Int. 6 88
106.88 to Aug 20/62

Note – 100.00 Ferry Co –
Paid 22 Aug 1862 –

Charged to John Mean's
private account Aug 22/62

No 638

On or before the first day of July 1860, we promise to pay to the order of the Kentucky Iron Coal & Manufacturing Company Fifty dollars for the third year's rent of the Ashland Ferry from & after the 1st day of July 1857

Feb 17th 1857

John Meant
Jos. J. Davidson

Paid Oct 1st 1857
Kentucky Iron Coal

$50/00

Note – $50 00/100 –
Ferry – Rent –

May – 6 – 61
Prin. $50.00
Int. 2.50
$52.50

Charged to John Means
private account
May 6th 1861

This article of agreement made and entered into this (17) seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Fifty seven (1857) by and between Joseph J. Davidson of the town of Ashland county of Bracken and State of Kentucky on the one part and John Mears of the town of Cattlettsburg, County and State beforesaid on the other part Witnesseth that the said Joseph J. Davidson and said John Mears have this day entered into partnership for the purpose of carrying on the ferrying business on the Ohio River between the shore of Kentucky and Ohio opposite the said town of Ashland, under the name and style of The Ashland Steam Ferry Company.

The capital stock of said Company shall be Two Thousand Dollars $2000/00

Each partner shall pay in One Thousand Dollars, as fast as shall be required for purchasing or building such boat or boats as may be required for the successfull prosecution of said business,—

Each partner shall pay one half of all losses and expences and share one half of all profits,—

This partnership shall expire on First day of July Eighteen Hundred

over

Article of Partnership
betw
Joseph J. Davidson

and Sixty Two (1862).
The said Joseph J. Davidson shall take charge of and attend to running the boats and also take charge of and attend to all boats and property of said Company when not running, in consideration for which said Company shall pay him One Dollar per day for each and every day such services shall be rendered.
Each and every note which may be given for the use and benefit of said company shall be signed by each partner and none other shall be binding on the partner not signing.
In case that either partner may wish to sell out his interest in said Company before the expiration of the time before mentioned he shall first offer in writing his interest to the other partner at the same cash price offered by any other person in good faith, and on the refusal of the partner to purchase at the same price may sell to any other person
Intestimony of which we have signed two (2) copies of this Article of Agreement this Seventeenth (17th) Day of February Eighteen Hundred and Fifty seven

John Meant
Joseph J. Davidson

Marietta, Feb. 14. 1857

My dear Hattie –

In answer to the enquiries of Mr. Means, in relation to the coal land, I give the following answers –

It lies in Range 13. Town 2. & is Fraction lot No. 18 containing 289 acres, by survey of Mr. Hackard the county surveyor in 1850 – I suppose there is coal on 280 acres – & timber on it all – though some of it has been cut off recently –

The lot lies about a third of a mile from the Ohio, is one mile long & a third of a mile wide, up and down the river, or east & west – Nailors Run, passes from the Ohio river, up into the land in a level, or alluvial ground – the county road from Pomeroy also passes through the land in the direction of the Run – on the south side of the lot is two or 3 acres of flat land, with the coal on each side it – suitable location for the manufacture of salt – The land was purchased from the son of the original owner, in the Ohio Company – I will give a general warranty deed – I ask for it $100, an acre – two thousand dollars at first payment – the ballance on time to suit the purchaser, with interest at 8 per cent – If less interest – payments in 3 – 4 – or 5 years –

I will sell the whole lot - & not a portion
H. B. Smith, of Pomeroy, is my agent & will show the lands
at the S.E. or upper corner, nearest to the river
we have about 6 acres, lying on the Ohio, where
Mr. Grant, formerly dug and traded in coal
it has a front of 150 feet on the bank - with a
way or road back of 15 feet to the coal land - this
was bought by Douglass Putnam & my son Charles
for the benefit of selling my land, as it had no
outlet to the river - it cost about $1500 - & will
be sold with the 289 acres, making about 295
acres ~~in~~ - from the N. end of this piece, there
is access to the coal - a right of way can be had
from Horton & Pomeroy, who own in front
I enclose a small sketch of the land, & the river
with the 6 acres of D. & C. at upper end -
George will be down this spring & bring a map
of the premises - -

we are all well & send much love to you
John & the little Thomas H. - & hope to see you
all soon as the river is fairly open
& the weather a little milder -

Very affectionately
S. F. Hildreth

HUGH MEANS, Pres't,
E. W. MARTIN, Cash.

CAPITAL,
$600,000.

Bank of Ashland,

Ashland, Ky 16th Feby 1857

John Means Esq

Dr Sir

Please hand to R. M. Biggs the draft on him for $289.86 with note attached, handed you for his acceptance

Yours Reply

E. W. Martin

Ashland Ky 17th July 1857
Received of John Means on a/c
Thirteen Dollars
$13 00/00

Thos. Irwin & Co

Receipt $13 for
Thos Irving Esq
17th July 1857

Mr John Means To Messer End Davis
To Bill of Beef Tongues.
" 1 1/8 Dozen. 20¢ per Tongue $4.00
" 1 Keg 25
Callellsburg. Feby 21. 1857. $4.25

John Means
a/c
$4.25

455

H Means & Co River ap
To W L Geign
30" Tree Shugar for J Means 1 hr 3 c $3 00
Chd to Ap
Mch 11th 1857

Bill $ 5.00
W. L. Geiger
11th March 1857

Cattettsburg Ky. 16th March 1857

Received of John Means Twenty Dollars in full for one old flat boat

$20 00/100

W M. Baldwin

Receipt $ 20/00

W.M. Baldwin

26th March 1857

Cattettsburg March 16th 1857 —

Dearest Mother

I write you a few lines to let you know I am well - & but a few as I expect we will meet soon after you get this - if the Mail goes at its usual snails speed - I hope we will find the weather warm enough, to come up in the Boston next week or the week after - John went to Pittsburg the first of March & I had my trunk packed to go as far as Marietta with him but it grew so cold I gave it up - and am since glad I did for it was so cold the first of the month Tell George if he wants to go to Cincinnatti with John he can be ready & go back with him - for he has to go as soon as he sees me safe in Marietta - he will stay over Sunday & go to Cincinnatti on Monday —

I hope we will all keep well so that I shall not again be disappointed Yours - over Hattie

Mr. Jno. Means
Bot of Wm. Miller

25 lb Prunes @ 14	3 50	
1 Day Lemons	30	
Box 111 – Dogage 11	20	$4 00

Ports. Mar. 18/57 Recd Payt
Wm Miller

Bill & Receipt
for 4.00 Wm Miller
18th March 1857

Catlettsburg Ky Apr 24/57

Mr John Means

Please pay D. H. Ebon Five Dollars the amt due me and this shall be your receipt for same — Yours Truly

E. N. Cushing

Order $5 Tow
E. N. Cushing
24th March 1857

Received of John Meand One Hundred Dollars
on a/c 25th March 1857 —
$100 00

Towthere & Russell

Receipt $100 for
Southwick & Russell
25th March 1857

Ashland Ky. 4th April 1857
Received of John Meant on a/c
Twenty Five Dollars
$25 00
L. E. Shepard

Receipt $ 25 00
L. E. Shepard
4th April 1857

DAILY AND WEEKLY COMMERCIAL JOB PRINTING OFFICE,

North East Corner of Third and Sycamore Streets.

STEAMBOAT,
RAIL ROAD,
Illuminated Poster
AND
FANCY PRINTING
OF ALL KINDS,
PROMPTLY EXECUTED.

Cincinnati, April 9th 185[illegible]

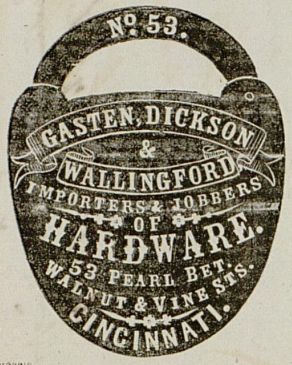
Mr Ashland Steam Ferry Co

To M. D. POTTER & Co. Dr.

200 Bills	5 00
Recd Payment M. D. Potter	

Bill & Receipt $5 for
M. D. Potter & Co
to Ashland Steam
Ferry Company
9th April 1857

Bank Stock Mar 21 – 1857 $ 9000 00/100



No. 53.
GASTEN, DICKSON & WALLINGFORD
IMPORTERS & JOBBERS OF HARDWARE.
53 PEARL BET. WALNUT & VINE STS.
CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, Apr 10 1857

Mr John Means

Bot. of GASTEN, DICKSON & WALLINGFORD

IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

FOREIGN & DOMESTIC

HARDWARE, CUTLERY & GUNS,

No. 53 PEARL STREET.

MORRIS R. GASTEN. JNO. DICKSON. J. A. WALLINGFORD.

1/3 doz	Brass Locks	4 50	$1.50
1/12 "	do do		38
			$1.88

Paid

A Wallingford

Bill & Receipt $1.88

Sarten Dickson & Wallingford

10th April 1857

No. 24 West Seventh Street.

Cincinnati, Ap. 11th 1857

Thos. W. Means

To Doctor T. WOOD, Dr.

To professional services $10-00

Received Payment, Thos. Wood

Bill & Receipt $10 for
Dr Thos Wood
to J. W. Means
11th April 1857

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

Ironton, April 30 1857

Dr S. P. Hildreth

TO STIMSON & PARKER, DR.

To Subscription to the IRONTON REGISTER, from February 7 1857 to Feby 7 1858 $1.50

Received payment, of J Means
Stimson & Parker

Recept $1.50/100

Stimson & Parker

30th April 1857

H Means &c
To Mr L Geiger 2

1857		
Mch 10	" 30 " Tree Sugar	5 00
Feb 1858 20	" 2 new Shoes 2 Removes I Mean	75
Ap 30	" 41½ " Tree Sugar	6 22
	" Expenses on Mare	20 00
		31 97
	Cr 1 Mare	90 00
		58 03
	did you credit me with 5 $ for Phil Strother 15 $ Cash	10 00
		$ 68 03

John Means
A/c with
Wm L. Geiger
$68 03/100

Entd
Nov 3rd
1859

Rec'd

J. Means

Ashland May 6 1856.

John Meant

To Steamer SCIOTO NO. 2, Dr.

To Freight on 1 Stove & Trimmings $. 50

Received Payment,

Davidson CLERK.

Portsmouth Tribune Print.

Bill .50¢
Receipt #2
6th May 1887
Paid
24th Nov

IRONTON FOUNDRY.

Ironton, Mo May 6th 1857

Mr John Meaul

Bought of **CAMPBELL, ELLISON & CO.**

Manufacturers of every variety of

STOVES, and Hot Blast Pig Iron from Pure Limestone Ore.

1 No. Star Cook & Trim $23 00

Cha To Acct of Campbell Ellison & Co
By W C Hraley

Bill $22 00

Campbell Ellison & Co
6 to May 1857

Copy of Contract 8th May 1857.

The Lexington & Big Sandy R. R. Co. & the Kentucky Iron Coal & Manufacturing Company agree as follows to wit—.

1st The Rail Road Company sells to the said Manufacturing Company Sixty of the bonds of the latter for $1000 each for the sum of Thirty five Thousand ($35,000) Dollars — which Thirty five Thousand ($35,000) are to be paid in hand or by taking up the paper of the Rail Road Co— due to the Bank of Ashland, to the Maysville Bank of the Farmers bank & to G. G. Porter or the debts now owing as aforesaid though some may be assigned off whatever these debts lack of $35,000 is to be paid ~~in cash~~ to the Rail Road Company

2 ond The Rail Road Company also sells to the said Manufacturing Company — One Hundred & ten (110) other Bonds of $1000 each executed by the latter ~~Company~~ to former at the price of Sixty Six and two third cents to the dollar to be expended in paying what may be owing at the Ashland end of the line for work done or money advanced or other thing, also to pay all estimates for work to be done between

Ashland and a point opposite John Ballins on Williams Creek, including the purchase of Iron Chairs, Spikes, Rolling Stock &c to the West end of Stewart Tunnel to be done as ~~rapidly~~ rapidly as possible and as to residue beyond that point (to Ballins) the whole work to be done within one year from this date should the sum which they have to pay be sufficient for the same which it is now calculated will be greatly more than sufficient ~~for the same~~, but whatever may be left of the proceeds of said ($110.000) of ~~said~~ bonds shall be used for rolling stock depots and such other improvements by extending the road further as the Rail Road Company may direct, but as to completing to said point opposite "Ballins" and putting on the road at the Ashland end a proper Rolling Stock the Rail Road Company shall not have any power to prevent that from being done at the price of construction and under contracts ~~now~~ already made by the Rail Road Company

300/ On this $110.000 the said Manufacturing Company are to the said Rail Road

Company interest till the 1st of July ~~1858~~ next but not thereafter

4 The Rail Road Company to surrender the whole $170.000 of Bonds when the $35.000 shall be paid or arranged and good and approved security given for the performance of the remaining part of the contract

5th The debts now due at the Ashland end of the line are to be paid not exceeding $2000 but this does not embrace estimates which are hereafter to be made for ~~the~~ work now done or which may be done at next estimate date, The said Ky S. C & M Co may have the force diminished beyond the Stewart Tunnell —

6 So far as the stock to be paid Contractor is concerned the Rail Road Company are to pay that and the ~~Rail Road~~ other Company ~~are~~ to pay the cash part of the estimates

Copy of Contract
Ry I. C & M Co &
L & B. S. R.R. Co
8th May 1857

J. M.

Cinti 9th May 1857 —
Gave V. B. Horton my check on Kinney Espy & Co
date 9th inst amount $ 10.000 00
W. Hornbeller note date 4th May 1857 — @ 30 days
favor Hiram Campbell — endorsed by — Jas Murfin
Thos W. Mean & W. T. Nicholls & H. Campbell
amt $ 5.000 00 payable at Kinney Espy & Co
office
W. Hornbeller note date 4th May 1857 @ 6 Months
favor Hiram Campbell endorsed as above —
amt $ 5.000 00 — payable at Kinney Espy & Co
John Meant

Statement 9th May 1857
Settlement of payments for
Steamer Boston

May 7th 1857 — discounted at Bank of Ashland — Draft of W. T. Nichols on T. W. Means favor of W. Horsbell @ 4 Mos payable at Kinney Espy this Cinti $5,000

proceeds of above	$4,844 17/100	deposited at
of Johnson Scioto	4,000.00	Kinney Espy & Co
of Kyle F. Queen	1,500.00	
	$10,344 17/100	8th May 57

1700 Queen

Owners of Steamer Boston —
as per enrolment

E. Baringer
A Baringer
J. T. Roup
V. B. Horton
T. A. McLean
E. Davis
R. Haslep
S. Webb
Perry Barnes
Murdock & Nye

W. Starkey
D. W. Curtis
R. B. Willson
J. E. Stansbury
W. Carr
G. Bumgarner
W. Nesmith
J. Webb
G. Martin

We ought to have —
J. T. Welt —
T. A. McLean

Boston

Power of Attorney
W. Nesmith

Amritsar May 14. 1857

Dear Hattie,

I received your letter written from your Fathers with pleasure: as I felt relieved from all anxiety from Steamboat disasters, & every other peril by land & sea which your fertile imagination had made as numerous as St. Paul's. — and which you was carried through safely, and not even one hair-breadth escaped to record — not even to tell me that the babe was eaten up by the dogs. — Now I have found for a good many years, I had as many real troubles as I wanted, and it was best to let all unnecessary ones go. I think you had better practice upon that system for the future.

Little Hildutta I hope is well & daily improving, I wish I had him here to learn him some more antics but I suppose you would fear I would spoil the beauty of his lower extremities: I expect I should have him walking soon. Miss Boothe has been here sewing since you left. She often would express a wish to see your babe; she says she never did see a babe that she did love so well. He has had a great many compliments passed upon him since he left.

It was quite a pity that you could not stay a few days longer -- you were to have had two invitation to tea the day you left -- if I had known it I should have tried very hard to have kept you until Wednesday.

I was sorry to have you go home without visiting any. The invitations were from Mrs. G. Woodbridge. & Mrs. A T Nye. Mr. Nye wanted to show you & Mr. Means some attention I suppose on account of your partiality to his Stoves.

You had a Number of Calls after you left; none seem'd to regret not seeing you, more than Mrs. Robbins.

I carried Mr. Means's apology to Mrs. Goddard She said she would'nt accept of it at all; her hopeful son Charley is here with her at this time.

The 4th of June is to be a Memorable day with us here. Mr. Wards Church is to be Dedicated great anticipations. The & his wife have gone to Cincin to get fixing for the occasion.

The greatest Celebration of Railroad companies, is anticipated than ever was in America, you will learn the particulars by the papers; I fear some lives will be lost. I recev'd a free ticket some time ago, to go on the Rail Road to Cincinnati every day if I chose until the 15 of June. it was on the account of my patronise the road, & being a bond holder.

It would be a fine chance to see the City if I dar'd risk my neck.

I recev'd a long letter from Sarah a few days since. She inquir'd if we were all complaining of hard times here. She said their was nothing else to be heard of there were a great many families entirely broken up: all the Coxes were amongst the Number; Ned had gone West houses & furniture all taken. Mr. Sturgers that Mamie Rebecca Cram has entirely failed, he gone west to look a situation, she return'd here to her fathers.

So much for Zanesville extravagance: I am not at all surpris'd: Mr. Goddard would have fail'd long ago had'nt it been for his wife's legacies.

Mr. Huston has an appointment in Buffalo & she has come there to re[illegible]; which will please her much better than Texas.

Marietta is looking very beautiful at this time, every thing is growing finely in the garden. I wish you was here to eat asparagus as we have so much, & it is so fine.

Mr. Ross has finally taken some cloth to Mrs. Devol to make H. some clothes; after some scolding on my part at them both. I gave her a real scolding about the pretty little Coat worth $3½ ventrs'd with braid all in flowers a beautiful piece of french Merrero tin'd with plaid silk; it was such a shame to put it on to wear every day & spoil it entirely. She said the Child had nothing else to wear. Kiss H. for me.

Best respects to Mr. Means. Yours, Ever. R. Holdeth

Cincinnati May 11th 1857

Mr John Means

To Geo. D. Winchell & Bro

To 1-2½ in Plain Pump		$15.00
" 60 Feet 1 in Hose	@ 25¢	15.00
" 2 Sets Couplings attached to Hose		3.00
" 12 Feet 1¼ in Leadpipe (with Screws attached)	@ 33⅓¢	4.00
" 1 Branch Nozzle Pipe $1.50. Dray. 25¢		1.75
	Cr.	$38.75
By Exchange from Lead to Iron Pipe		40
		$38.35

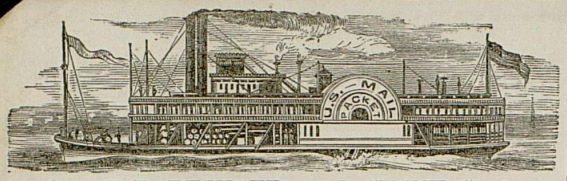
Recd Payment

Geo D Winchell & Bro

Bill & Receipt $38 35/100

Geo D. Winchell & Bro

11th May 1857



Capt. E. BARRINGER. D. SMITH, Clerk.

Leaves Marietta, every Monday, at 8 o'clock A. M.
Leaves Cincinnati, " Thursday, at 5 o'clock P. M.

Cincinnati Daily Commercial Steam Job Press.

Ashland May 14 1857

M John Meant

To Steamer BOSTON, Dr.

MARKS.	To Freight on				
	Lbs. 1	Pump & fixtures		$	50
	Lbs.				
	Brls.				20
	Brls.	Com			10

Received Payment. Davidson Clerk.

John
Means
May/57

Bill .50¢
Boston
19th May 1857
Paid
24th Nov –

John Means
70
75-
123-
$2.70

Room No. 82 Cincinnati, May 12 1857

Mr Means

☞ All bills payable weekly.

To SPENCER HOUSE, Dr.

PRATT & METCALF, PROPRIETORS.

1 Board	Self & wife	10.75
3 Sisters	Bill	22.00
Fires 1 ¢ Ex Dinner 1.50	Washing 25c	2.75
		35.50

Paid France

Bill & Receipt $35.50/100

Spencer House

12th May 1857

For Z. Wall

$24.75

777

CINCINNATI, 185

Terms Cash

Running accounts payable first January and July of each year.

INTEREST charged on accounts not paid at maturity.

John Means Esqr.

To **JOHN SHILLITO & CO.** Dr.

No. 12 EAST FOURTH STREET.

1857

May 19.	4¾ Yds Eng Velvet Carpet	200	83	50	
	36 33/100 Square Yds floor Oil cloth	125	45	41	
	6 Thds.	6¼		38	
	Making 41¾ Yds Carpet	15	6	27	135.56

Recd payment June 16/57

Jno. Shillito & Co
by M. H. Coats

Bill & Receipt $135 56/100

John Shillito & Co

16th June 1857

CINCINNATI, May 19th 1857

John Means Esq.

Bought of **JOHN SHILLITO & CO.**

Terms CASH. No. 12 EAST FOURTH STREET.

33.10 × 9.8 = 36 55/100 Sq. Yds. Floor Oil Cloth	1.25	45.41	
41 3/4 Yds. Eng. Velvet Carpet	2.00	83.50	
6 Skeins thread	6¼	38	
Making 41 3/4 Yds. Carpet	15	6.27	$135.56

Bill $135 56/100

John Shillito & Co

19th May 1857

Ashland Ky May 22/58

Mr D. Means.

Dr Sir

I have this day gave an order on you, for one Hundred Dollars, in my own name — That being the amount that I gave you, and charged my ~~Acct~~ Acct. I will let you have the use of it agane Shortley.

Yours Respectfuly
W. B. Russell.

Ashland Ky May 22th /57

Thos. J. Berry for J. Means

in acct with J. Irwin & Co

2	Sills	6 x 8 in	20 ft	160 ft	2.20
3	"	6 x 8	16 "	1.92	2.64
4 ps		4 x 4	20	100 "	1.37
6 "		4 x 4	16	120	1.65
6 "		4 x 4	12	96	1.32
24 "		3 x 4	10	240	3.30
2 "	Sills	6 x 8	25	200	2.75
4 "	"	6 x 8	24	384	5.28
3 "		4 x 8	24	1.92	2.64
1 "		3 x 6	24	36	.50
4 "		4 x 6	24	1.92	2.64
4 "		4 x 6	25	200	2.75
8 "		6 x 6	16	3.84	5.28
17 "	Joists	2½ x 10	18	6.12	8.04
10	Do	2½ x 16	12	2.40	3.30
30	Rafters	4½ x 2	15	3.60	4.95
12	Joists	2 x 8	13	2.04	2.80
12	Do	2 x 8	12	1.92	2.64
					$56.05

Amount of fencing Bid 48.12

3500 feet fencing 104.17

Ashland June 1st 1857
Mr John Means please pay Mr J. Irwin & co
the within bill

Yours very Truly

Thos J Berry

Thos Irwin Geo
A/c $104.27
Ent 13 Feby 1858

J J Berry's
Acc
for J Means

$100.00 Mr Jno Means

Please pay to

Mr C J Boyd one Hundred Dollars

& Oblige

W. B. Russell.

Ashland Ky

May 22/57

Order $100 00/00
Wm B. Burrell
22nd May 57
paid by
Check on Bank of
Ashland 23rd May

Please pay to William Jones
C S Boyd

1857

Ashland Mo May 6/ 50

John Means Dr

To Sullivan & Alexander

Nov 5 5 pair of Tongs $5 50

May 25 Received payment

Jas Sullivan

Receipt $5 50/100

Sullivant Alexander

25th May 1857

Bills of Lading, Bills of Exchange, Drafts, Notes, &c.
PRINTED AND SOLD BY
W. B. SMITH & CO. Stationers, Cincinnati.

Shipped, IN GOOD ORDER AND WELL CONDITIONED, BY

John S Phillips & Co

On board the Steam boat Boston the following articles, marked and numbered as below, which are to be delivered without delay in like good order, at the Port of Buena Vista Furnace Landing (the unavoidable dangers of the River and Fire only excepted,) unto John Means or assigns, he or they paying freight for the said goods, at the rate of

In Witness Whereof, *The Owner, Master, or Clerk of said boat hath affirmed to Bills of Lading, of this tenor and date one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.*

Dated at Cincinnati **this** 26th **day of** May 26 **185** 4

MARKS.	ARTICLES.	WEIGHTS.
John Means Buena Vista Furnace Landing Ky	1 Roll Floor Oil Cloth 1 Bale Carpet	

J Johnston

B. L
John Shillito & Co
26th May 1857
Boston

John Meant
B. V. Furnace Sq

Ashland May 26th 1857

Dearest Mother

I will write you a few lines this morning to let you know of the safe arrival of the little girl who you were so kind as to send me - She came safely last night about eight o'clock, on the Ohio John went down to the boat & said he saw a little girl with a big bunch of flowers & concluded of course she must be the one - a little daughter of Mr. Resmith's (our cousin) was with her & I thought when they both came in together that you had sent me a good supply - & was quite relieved when John took the little Resmith to her fathers - So far I am very

and won't care about reading when she ought to watch him - John has been very busy planting his flower roots & flower seeds I think he may come out a great lover of flowers after all he seems so interested in those Father gave me - every thing in our garden has come up that we have planted but the soil is so poor I fear we will not have as large crops as we anticipated - The flowers you sent me I shall send some of them over to Aunt Amanda & Mrs. Nichols they will admire them very much I expect - The white peonies are very handsome some of the rest are wilted some - Mary left her cape to her green dress here I will bring it up when I come home again - Give my love to her & Father George &c Tell Rita I will write to her soon Yours &c

Hattie

well pleased with her & have no
doubt she will make a very nice
girl – I want you to send me
the amount you have spent for
her passage – & clothes &c – & I
will send up the money in my
next letter – I am very much
obliged to you for the trouble you
have taken with her & for the dress
you gave her – I thought it was a
new one till she told me it was
one of yours – I think I shall
send her to school for a while
this summer as it is so muddy
in the winter here. she could hardly
go – & she can do all the work I
want her to, morning & evening, at
present – I cleaned house last
week – had a regular time of it
we had Caroline's sister here
a week & cleaned from the garret
to the cellar – turned my carpets
in the rooms with the folding
doors – & they look quite nice – I
wish I could have cleaned
before you came – the house
looks so much nicer now
I would not have believed it
was so dirty – If I had known
of the little girl's coming I would have
waited till she came & not taken
it so hard as I did – however
I am glad it is over now –
You had two calls after you left
& Mrs. Nichols regretted that she
did not get in to see you
Little Hildreth is well he missed
you very much at first – was so
cross the first day or two I could
hardly stand it with him –
he seems much pleased with Maria
& I hope she will make a better
nurse than Caroline probably she
will not be so literary in her tastes

$500 00/100

Ashland Ky. May 30th 1856

Ninety Days after date Pay to the order of W. F. Nicholls Five Hundred Dollars

Value received and charge the same to account of

To John Mears

Cattlettsburg Ky

Thos. J. Berry

Paid

Paid

Paid

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Aug 28/31

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John Means

500

Aug 28/31

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W. T. Nicholls

77

Pay P Kinney Esq Cas

or order

Kinney Espy & Co

Paid

[illegible]

Teller

deceptance $500/00 -

from Thos J. Berry

paid 28th August 1831

Ashland June 2 1857

John Means To

Alex McIntyre Dr

		repairing pipe		40
	11	110 feet lighting roads 13½	14	85
July	28	38 lb Zink 15 cts per lb	5	70
		fitting, ~~and~~ laying Zink down		75
		Varnish		15
			$21	85

Recd payt in full

Ashland Ky Sept 3 1857 Alex McIntyre

A/c $21 85/100
Receipted
Alex McIntyre

3rd Sept 1857

Cattletsburg June 9th 1857 –

Dearest Mother

I was very happy at last to receive a letter from you – the first I have had since my return home – It was about three weeks old when I received it and I began to fear you might be sick or something serious the matter – I hope Rita will write to me some time in the course of the Summer – I had hoped in the next letter I write to be able to inform you that we were about moving to Ashland – but it seems we are as usual doomed to disappointment – Mr. Burke thought of renting this house we are in now and we thought we would move out as soon as our barn & fences &c were completed at Ashland – but the man that purchased Uncle Hughs old house determined to rent him his house – so finally he has taken Uncle Hughs for $112 – a year – the one we are in having been offered him for $100 – it has moved

in - much to my annoyance + for though they may be good neighbors enough they have a little plaguey dog that barks all night + flies at any one who passes through the yard - Last night it was past midnight before I could get to sleep - I finally had to get up + move myself + baby - tea bowls + night tapers + other articles too numerous to mention into an upper chamber where ~~the~~ on the other side of the house where his incessant barking could not be heard - if any one could have knocked that dog in the head, they would have done me a personal favor never to be forgotten -

This very warm weather we are having now makes one feel very weak - the baby wont feed any at all - + dressing him so much makes me feel as weary + tired as could be expected -

John is gone about half the time now as the furnace is not running for a month - so nearly every day + two or three nights in the week he is absent - the only comfort I have in staying here is that we dont have much company to bother us + wont have most likely - but as soon as we get to Ashland we will have a good deal as there is no good hotel there now + no prospect of any one coming there to keep one -

Will Means + Belle + Esther are going east to Cape May - Saratoga &c for the benefit of Esther's health which is very poor - they will be gone nearly all Summer + I hope it will do her good she ~~has~~ a darling on her neck + is affected just like Mary Perkins was at the first of her sickness I fear she never will get over it -

The baby grows finely + weighs 19 lbs now - weighing him in the same clothes he wore the first time he was weighed - every stranger who sees him exclaims what a large child - so that we are beginning to think him a prodigy of fatness - he shows signs of cutting teeth but none have yet appeared he enjoys his little wagon very much + spends about half his time in it - riding through the house + out doors - John has gone into the sweet potato business somewhat + has spent six dollars for ~~plants~~ seed - I doubt if he gets his money back in potatoes though he expects about twenty bushels - I have a little lettuce bed at Mrs Patton's which keeps me from getting the scurvy + is all the vegetable I shall get this year I suppose - I few wish I could get home + get something good to eat - some of Katie's nice bread + some of your nicey vegetables - beans &c but I have to live on the memory of the past + good things - Give my love to Father, George McRae Katie + Mary Rose - I was so in hopes we could move so you would be down immediately to visit me now John thinks we may perhaps move in August no sooner any way - Do write soon to yours ever

Hattie

Cincinnati June 9th. 1857

John Means Esq.
Ashland Ky.

Dear Sir

Yours of 8th. inst. is recd —
Please send herewith, Rice for Carpeting and
Oil Cloth —

Very Resp. Yours
Jno. Shillito & Co
by M. H. Coats

John Shillito & Co
9th June 1857

Ashland June the 2th 1857

John Means Dr to John Kraus

to fencing in the lower lot 203 pannels with Gate 3 dolar	53 75
to T Means upper lot 143 Panels	35 75
to John Means Garden fence 77 Pannels at 40 Ct pr P.	30 80
to lumber on Garden fence 1800 feet	27 00
to 52 Pannels on T Means Stable lot	13 00
to dopple Gate on T Means lot 600 to two Gate post 200	8 00
to dappl Gate on Stable lot	6 00
to 3 Gates on Stable lot Orchet and Garden	7 50
to 53 Pannels Plaint on front lot with Boxen Post 75 pr Pannel including two gates 39.75 5.50	45 25
to 16 feet of Plank on front lot at 15 dollar pr tausend	24 00
Dedocht the amount of Lumber of Haskel out the above amount 251.05	25 200
Recived in Cash at diffrent times	135 00
	117 00

recived Paymand

John Kraus

Ale & Receipt $117 00/100
John Krauss
2 ond June 1857
Paid 4th June 57

252,
181,32
$70,68

Ale $252 00

Monday at about 3 o'clock Mary Ross & I left for Athens I stept into the "Bus" taken over the river went on board of a Car in two and half hours was landed from a Bus at Mr. Barkers door safely: O what a change from any way I ever went before

I had fear'd that I never could go there again; it would seem so chang'd & gloomy; but I am very glad that I muster'd resolution I wanted to visit their graves, & see Mrs Barker. Brother also & see how he was situated & Mrs Lyon I wanted also to see as she was so kind to the departed ones & particularly to Mother, when she had no daughter that could be with her: I am very glad that I went they all appear'd very much gratified to see me I was very much pleas'd with Mrs Barker she fills sisters place as well as any one he could select, they all appear very fond of her, seem very happy. I spent one night with Mrs Kinney she desir'd to be remember'd to you, she lives very prettily.

Do you & Mr. Means stay in & dine with us on roast lamb & green pease with all the fixens. with plenty of strawberries. Mary behav'd with great propriety as she was on trial to see if she would do to come to see you.

Yours. R. H.

Marietta June 14 – 1857

Dear Kattie,

Your letter has lai'd so long unanswer'd that I fear you may be uneasy, fearing some of us may be sick. I have been so dissipated of late & had my time so occupied that I have not seen any leisure for writing: I delay'd answering your letter for a few days after the reception of it, as the Dedication & Celebration of the Railroad was so nigh that I might give you some little items of the great events: after that I concluded to take a little trip to Athens: I came home yesterday so I can give you a few particulars from all the great events, and as you are so occupied with Hildreth I suppose you can scarcely give a passing thought to all the great events of the day: important as they may appear to others.

The great Railroad Celebration has prov'd a Noble affair; their scarcely was any event here that caus'd so much excitement as was manifested on that occasion; & our adjacent towns – you no doubt have seen many particulars from the papers = it is a matter of rejoicing that not the slightest –

accident occur'd to mar their pleasure.

There were some in the cars yesterday of the Excursionists on their way home; with whom I had some conversation with: they were delighted with their Tour; spoke highly of the attention & hospitality they receiv'd in every place they visited. I wish you could have been here to have seen them & heard their spheeches and seen the Boston & Baltimore ladies, & costume in particular they nearly all had cloaks on, made of brown linen; reaching nearly to the bottom of the dress, with hoods & two large tassels, it was a very warm day & they did look so singular; I presume they will spread the fashion to St. Louis. I follow'd them over the river to see them start, wh "as the bridge is not completed so they start from Harmer" It was quite a sight for M. five Locomotives with several cars to each made quite an Eastern procession.

They had sent off several car loads in the Morn' fearing they could'nt be accomodated in afternoon, George went with those.

They all stopt in Chillicothe that night, the Committee met them there from Cinin'. it was estimated that 2500 spent the night there.

Then we had a day of rest, when Mr. Wards Dedication came off. they were quite disappointed in the number of strangers that they expected, as some change had been made in their yearly meeting which interfered with this. they were expecting so many that they were soliciting aid from neighbours to help entertain them.

But they made the most of it, had all their Children here, had a large dinner party, "had all their Chair" in the evening they had a very large party many that had never been in the habit of attending such places, but will count in the Church Mr. & Mrs W. went to Cincin' the week before to get nice things for the occasion. five boxes of sparkling Catawba came up on the Ohio for the Dedication.

I wish you could have been there, as Mr. Ballard observ'd that it seem'd like any thing, but religious exercises some observ'd that the Ministers butter'd Mr. Ward all over & others said that they scatter'd sugar on after that; he up bowing, & responding swallowing it all down nicely.

It is a very pretty Church & I do hope that some good will come out of it yet. Mrs. Polston & Rhodes did not stay at the Communion. Mr. T. Smith did.

Cincinnati June 16th 1857

John Means Esq.
Ashland, Ky.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 12th inst. is recd. enclosing Check for $135 56/100 in payment of Bill of Carpeting of 19th May — for which please find receipted Bill enclosed — Much obliged to you for the remittance —

Very Respy. Yours
Jno. Shillito & Co
by M. H. Coats

John Means Esq.
Ashland
Kenty

Cincinnati
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Kenty
John Shillito & Co
16th June 1857

Ashland, June 20th 1857

Mr. John Means to J. C. Bayless Dr.

To cutting & putting up 820 rails, being 1/2 of div. fence on 7 acre lot, at 1.25 per 100, (Nay)	10.25
To 600 rails furnished at 40c per 100	2.40
	$12.65

Rec'd payt

Bill $13.65

J. C. Baylen

paid 23 1 June

1857

Cattletsburg June 29th 1857 —

Dearest Mother

I was glad at last to receive a letter from you — the second one I have had since I left home and I guess I have written more than haly a dozen — why upon earth dont Rita write to me, is she sick, dead or married — she must be paying me back for not writing to her last winter — I dont know what will become of me if she gives me up as a correspondent — do tell her I am in distress about it —

This week I believe is commencement week I imagine you all having an extremely gay time I hope you wont get sick from having too much company to entertain — Pres I suppose & Sophia with little Miss Mary will be at home I should like very much to be there & compare the little red heads — my boys golden locks would be hard to beat they are so plentiful & of such a brilliant hue — only exceeded by the redness

She says her Mother most worked herself to death at the time — up late & early —
Give my love to Father George — Mr. Ross Katie Mary & rosy body — Tell Rita she must write to me — Write soon to yours Hattie —

I open my letter to say that I have just received a long letter from Rita for which she may receive my thanks & I will soon answer it —

of his cheeks & lips – I think you would now pronounce him a very pretty baby – he is so fat & plump – has not been sick a minute time we left you – I had a call from Mr & Mrs Barton last week they intended going to Commencement – also a call from Mr Lanier Fannie Bowers husband – he said he saw Father last week – so it seemed late news from home –

We are quite disappointed about our moving though I still hope we will move in August – all our fences & out door buildings are now finished & ready – I tell John I mean to move in August, whether he does or not – I want to move in warm weather so the baby wont get cold being exposed as he will be during the operation of moving –

Bill, Mary Anne, Esther & Will are going east next week, Esther is out of health & the rest are going for company – I expect they will have a most delightful time – I was quite amused at Mary Ross' trial trip – I hope she will find occasion to put it in practice – I want to get moved so you can come down in pleasant weather – if you go to Portsmouth you will have to arrange it so as to escape the chills – I think I will try & come up for you if I could come up in Sept – you could come home with me in Oct & thus escape chills & I hope find me settled in my own house I am very anxious to move – the pigs have all got the cholera & are dying around here and bear rather an unpleasant fragrance on the wind after they are thrown over the river bank & other annoyances too numerous to mention – not to speak of the neighbors dogs – which still keep their nightly barking – I shall not shed any tears at leaving Catlettsburg of that you may be sure – Mr & Mrs. Doyle & Rick Means from Steubenville stayed with us last night – I have had less company this summer than any time since I kept house – but I expect when I get to Ashland I shall make up for it – as there is no hotel there at all – & strangers have to be quartered on the citizens – The hotel there is owned by Mr. Apperson & he asks such a high rent for it nobody can make anything by keeping it they are talking of opening the large one – if they could get any body to take it –

Tell Mary Ross that the baby has got a new hat trimmed with white & she cant imagine how pretty he looks in it – he will try & keep it clean to wear to Marietta –

Hat Ward says she missed the dedication by two hours – quite a disappointment

No. 640

On or before the first day of July 1862 we promise to pay to the order of the Kentucky Iron Coal & Manufacturing Company One hundred dollars for the fifth year's rent of the Ashland Ferry from & after the 1st day of July 1857—

John Means

Jos. J. Davidson

$100/00
Int 88
100.88 to Aug 20/62

Note $100.00 Tony Co
Paid 22 Aug 1862

Charged to John Mean's
private account Aug 22/62

Ashland, Ky., Sept 1857

Received of John Means Postage as

follows: on Mar Intell $ cts 13

on Harpr Magazine 14

" Independent 13

" Box Rent 20 60

in full for 2 Yrs ending Sep 30 1857

S Fletcher P. M.

Rempt 160¢
E. S. Fletcher Pte
July 1st 1857

$

Ashland, Ky. July 7th 1857

Three Months After date I Promise to pay to the Order of Louthan & Russell

One Hundred & Sixty one 60/100 Dollars

Value received. Payable at BANK OF ASHLAND.

Due 185

John Means

Pay

No 198

Moore, Wilstach, Keys & Co. Cincinnati, O.

Note $ 161.60/100
to Lowthere & Russell
Due & Paid
10th Oct 1857

Lowthere & Russell
W. B. Russell.

Paid

198
John Dean
Oct 7/10
$ 161.60

John Means

In Act

With Lowthere & Russell.

1856	For Painting Shutters	18 00
	" " 4 Mantles	3 00
	" Extra work inside	60 00
	" Painting Ceilings	100 00
	" " Porch	16 60
	" 35 Bushels Coal	2 45
1857	" Painting Brick outside	30 00
	" " Yard Fence	30 00
	" " 13 Pairs Shutters	22 75
	" " Attic	2 00
	" " Privy	13 00
	" " 4 Gates	3 00
	" " Glazing & furnishing glass	1 80
		302 60

Cr

By Cash & Orders	141 00	
Bal Due		$161 60

Cr

Aug 7	By Note ~~in~~ Bal acct	161.60

John Means
Ap^e

July 7 – Bonus 161 60/100

A/c Bonus
Lenthen Hamel
9th July 1857

JOSEPH H. LADD,
PUBLISHER,
No. 22 BEEKMAN STREET.

New-York, July 9 1856

~~Received of Mr.~~ John Means,
Sent by

$2.

for 1yr Subscription to THE INDEPENDENT,

from No. 391 to No. 443, being to May 28 1857

John Wilcley
For Publisher.

Receipt
Joseph H. Ladd
Publisher Independent
9th July 1856

We did not receive your letter nor mon-
John Wildey
for Pat

Ashland Ky Jany 12th 1857

Mr John Mears Sir

Please Pay William Smith fifty five Dollars and you will oblige yours

Phillip Kelly

Order $ 55.00

Phil Kelley in favor

Wm Smith

Paid 13th Jany 57

Cattetsburg Pa 13th Jany 1857

Received payment

William Smith

Mr. Johns. Means

To Mr. S. Wellman Dr

1857

Jan 22 To 5 lbs Butter 20 1 00

Mar 25 " 1 paper blk Sea 40 $ 1 40

Cattettsburgh Ky

July 15 th " 1857

A/c $1.40
M & J. Wellman
Paid
4th August 1857

John Means

In a/c with E W Martin

1857			
June	3	For Lumber	$ 88.14
	6	" "	63.20
	9	" "	5.60
	10	" "	17.47
	16	" "	3.36
			$ 177.77

Rec^d Pay^t.

28^d July 1857

E W Martin

Receipt of 17227
E. W. Martin
28th July 1857

Castleberry Aug 3d 1857 —

Dearest Mother —

I think the proper time has come for me to write you ~~a line~~ — but I really have so little to write about that it hardly seems worth while to try, still as you say a line to let you know that we are well is always acceptable I may as well write — I asked John if he knew any interesting news to communicate — and he says to wait two or three days till after the election & then he can have some — but if the election dont interest you any more than it does me — or than it used to interest you — it wont be a matter of any very great importance — To day is election day & John has been to vote & walked home the last mile so as to accomodate some then good whig voter — I tell him I expect he will have a fever to pay for his enthusiasm — He has been absent the last two weeks more than haly the time at the Furnace and I have been having a my lonesome time —

with nobody but the baby to talk to — and he dont make any very intelligent answers just yet —
He still keeps well for which I am truly grateful I dont believe I ever saw so healthy a child as he has been so far — with the exception of that cold he had before I went to Marietta he never has had any ailments whatever, and he is now eight months old — which I think is doing pretty well, ~~with~~ for a nurse of so little experience as I have had — He begins to sit alone now quite well & it is much easier taking care of him than it used to be — as he is beginning to use his playthings ~~very well~~ & be amused by them — I am very much obliged to Father for his good wishes that I might be there to help him eat vegetables — I would love to be most surely — however perhaps I am better off without them for I have not had to take a dose of paragoric this summer & I guess it is the first summer of my life that I ever went without a quart or so of it — I am happy to hear that my gooseberries have done so well & I hope I shall be able to come after them this fall — If they do as well next summer in my garden I may be able with their help to "worry down" a little 'gone' I had a long letter from Rita with the news — am happy to hear that you have all had such a gay time this summer — was sorry to hear of Mrs. Goddard's accident how on earth did she go to work to break her ribs — Fannie's house must be very

Slippery to have so many broken bones about it — her father — husband & Mother all injured — I hope mine wont be so unfortunate — What are the prospects for grapes & pears this year — I hope I may get home before they are all gone — the river is going dry quite fast & I feel as if my neck should be insured to try your railroad and dont think I could possibly summon courage to try it — Our Fairy Queen went to Pittsburg last week — she was here half a day taking on iron & it seemed a temptation to go on her — but I concluded as it was Sunday & I'd have to come back by the railroad I might as well give it up — I hope the river will rise in time & we get moved so that I can come home before winter & you return my visit — and there seems a faint hope that it may, as it is not as low as it was last year —
Give my love to Mary Ross & tell her that her cousin sends his compliments & would like to snuff & make a face at her if he could — being all the accomplishments he is at present master of — when he learns any thing more I will be happy to inform her — If my writing isn't very straight you must excuse it for the baby is sitting leaning on me & gives me jogs more frequently than is good for my writing beautifully I believe John has stopped the Kentuckian it is so mean I was ashamed of it. — Give my love to Father & all the family & all enquiring friends Yours ever Hattie —
Tell Rita I'll answer her letter soon

Office Lexington & Big Sandy Railroad Co.

Mt. Sterling Ky., Augt 3 1857

Dear Sir,

A meeting of the Board of Directors of this Road is called for Saturday, the 15th Inst, at which you will please attend, as matters of great importance will then come before the Board—

Yr M. O. Obt Sty
R. Appiron Pres.

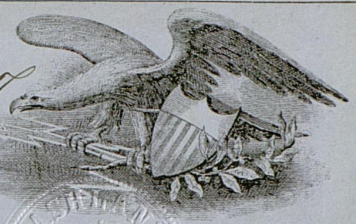
Over

Capt D. K. Weis.

Capt Weis - Lest Mr. Crawford should not get the letter sent to him in time to attend, I wish you to drop him a line on the subject and say he had been written to by me. -

Neither the Maysville nor Porter debts having been attended to, we are greatly inconvenienced by them both. From Maysville I hear that Mr. Fletcher said the reason they had not taken up the debt was, that your Bonds had not been furnished you. If this be the reason we will send you the Bonds and in that way obviate it - but should you not have written me to let me know the difficulty or why these debts were not arranged.

R. S.



$1250 — Ashland Aug 8 1857

At Sight

Pay to the order of Ourselves

Twelve Hundred & fifty Dollars

Value received and charge the same to account of

To Solm Wm Esqr Kentucky Iron coal & mfg co

Ashland
0762

Paid 12th Nov 1857
Wm Wm Lee
Bank of Ashland

Kentucky Iron coal & mfg
By E. S. Fletcher Secy

BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA
PAID

Kentucky Iron, Coal, & Mfg. Co.

No. 16

$1250.00

500 Shares.

Kentucky Iron, Coal & Mfg. Co.,

Ashland, Ky., August 8th 1857

Received of John Means Esq

Twelve Hundred & fifty Dollars, being the full amount of the fifth call on Five Hundred Shares of Stock in the **KENTUCKY IRON, COAL, AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY,** now standing in his name on the Books of said Company, and in full of all that is now due on said Stock.

E. P. Fletcher Sec'y.

D. K. Weis Pres't.

Stock Receipt $1250/00
Rg S. le + M lee
8th August 1857

Cincinnati, Augt. 17 1857.

Mr John Means

Please Take Notice, That a Note for

$ 4000 drawn by D. K. Weis Jr. &c

in favor of Yourself &c

or order, dated Ashland Ky April 14. 1857

Payable Four Months after date

at the Ohio Life Ins & Co Bank Cinti

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.

Mr John Means in a/c
with L. E. Shepard

1856 June	10th	To digging & walling vault	29	25		
		" 2 wooden circles for same	5	00		
		" digging walling & cementing cistern & filter	37	00		
		" 2 circles for same	5	00		
Oct	4th	By cash			50	00
March 5		To work on cistern & cement	11	25		
April	4	By cash			25	00
June	3	To digging & walling vault	22	55		
	4	" filling fire place	1	00		
July	28	To 205 yd pavement at 35 cts per yard	71	75		
Aug	22	By cash			~~75~~	00
			182	80	125	00
			125	00	25	00
			57	80	150	00
		Ballance	25	00		
			32	80		

A/c $182.80
L. E. Shepard
to
22nd Aug 1857
Cut 24th November

John Means
o/c

Mr Jno Means
Bot of Jas Haskell Jr

1836.
Aug 29 To 1088 ft 2 in Cem
Lumber @ 17 ft 18.50
Per Krouse

Recd Payment
James Haskell & Son
Ashland Mch 20/57

ok

A/c & Receipt $18.50 cts
Jas Haskell & Son
paid 20th March 1857

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Mr J Means Dr. to whitewashing ~~D~~
Stable wash house & Chicken house
to white wash brush & pt brush $1.50
to Sulpit Zink and lime 2.00
to 6 days work at 2.25 13.50
Received payment J. R. Hyatt $17.00

Paid to Brigham
Dec 14th 1887

A/c $170/00
John R. Hyatt
Paid 29th August
1857

$6 50/100

Recd Ashland Ky Sept. 17th 1857
of John Means six Dollars in full of
all demands, W. B. Russell.

Receipt $6 0/00
Howden & Russell
11th Sept 1857

Cincinnati, Sep 24th 1857

Mr John Means

Bought of **WILSON McGREW & SON,**

JEWELLERS,

WILSON McGREW.
WM. W. McGREW.

South-West Corner Main and Fourth Streets.

To 1/2 Doz Silver Forks	20.00		
" 1 Napkin Ring	4 00		
" 1 Silver Fish	3	75	27,75

Recd Payment
Wm McGrew & Son

Bill $27 75/100

Wilson McGreen & Son

24th Sept 1857

Paid

LATIMER, COLBURN & LUPTON,
WHOLESALE
HARDWARE MERCHANTS,
NO. 74 MAIN STREET,
NEAR PEARL ST.,
CINCINNATI, O.
RICHARD J. LATIMER. CHARLES L. COLBURN. JAMES LUPTON.

CINCINNATI, Sept 24 1857

Mr John Means
Ashland Ky

BOUGHT OF

LATIMER, COLBURN & LUPTON,
WHOLESALE HARDWARE MERCHANTS.

		$2.25	$3.50			
1	doz Sash Fastners Ea	#3	5	5 75		
1	Spool Copper Wire	#24		80		
1	Flush Bolt	15 in		58		
2	do	12 in	40	80		
3	do	8 in	25	75		
2	Pairs Fire Iron Stands		3 00	6 00		
2	Dead Locks	#6	25	50	$	15 18
				5% Cash Dis		75
					$	14.43

Rec. Payt

Latimer, Colburn & Lupton

14.43
6.00 Furniture
8.43 House

Bill & Receipt $ 14 $\frac{43}{100}$

Latimer Colburn & Lipton

24th Sept 1857

$3.300.00
3156.26
143.74

John Means

Cincinnati, Sept 24 1857

Bought of **MITCHELL & RAMMELSBERG,**

CABINET WARE-ROOMS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,

Nos. 23 & 25 Second Street, between Main and Sycamore.

APPLEGATE & CO., BOOKSELLERS, 43 MAIN STREET, CIN.

6	Wal Gen Bun Chas	10	
1	" Nun Am Rock	3	50
1	Dmt Hat Rack	16	
1	My Wash Stand	15	
1	" Pry Dup Bruce	12	
6	Dmy Lind Chas	8	
2	Chilas "	2	
3	Rm Chairs	3	75
2	Single Mrs Bracket	11	
		81	25

Received Pay
Mitchell & Rammelsberg
" A. C. Richards

Bill & Receipt $81.25

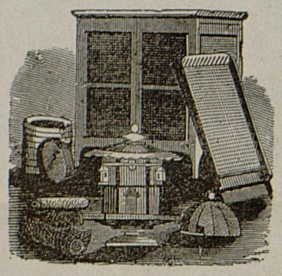
Mitchell & Rammelkamp

24th Sept 1857

CINCINNATI WIRE WORKS,
No. 181 WALNUT STREET.

WM. BROMWELL.

T. J. MELISH.



Cincinnati, Sept 24th 1857

Mr Jno Meant

Bought of **BROMWELL & MELISH,**

MANUFACTURERS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

Annealed and Bright Iron Wire, Wove and Worked Wire, Plain and Fancy Bird Cages, Riddles, Seives, Screens, Traps, &c. &c. and Dealers in Brass and Copper Wire.

COLUMBIAN PRINT

2 Fenders	11 00	
6 feet wove wire 30¢	1 80	$12 80
Rec'd Pay'mt		

Bromwell & Melish
Talbot

Bill & Receipt $12 80/100

Bromwell & Melish

24th Sept 1857

A. Real Est 1.80 Wm

Furniture 11 00 Lenders

CINCINNATI, Sept 25 1857

John Means

Bought of **JOHN SHILLITO & CO.**

Terms CASH. No. 12 EAST FOURTH STREET.

33 yds Ext super fine Carpet	90	29	70	
2½ " 12/4 Wool Drugget	1,50	3	75	
19 " 30 in Buff Holland	20	3	80	
18 " 34 " " "	25	4	50	
13 " 36 " "	25	3	25	
21 Sets Shade Fixtures	62½	14	38	
1 Remt Floor Oil Cloth		1	75	
1 Eng Velv Door Mat		2	00	
1 " Brus Rug		4	50	
2 " " "	3,50	7	00	
1 Sheeps Skin Mat		3	75	
2 Adelaid Mats	1,25	2	50	
Binding & Threads			75	81 63

Sept 25/57

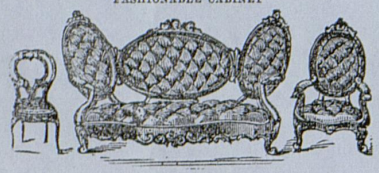
Recpayment

John Shillito & Co

To Douglass

Bill $ 81 $\frac{63}{100}$ & Receipt
John Shillitoe & Co
25th Sept 1857

S. J. JOHN,
FASHIONABLE CABINET



CHAIR & SOFA WARE-ROOMS
No. 23 EAST FOURTH STREET.

S. J. J. keeps all kinds of Cabinet Furniture, at as low prices, and warranted as well made, as at any Cabinet Ware-Room in the Western Country.

Cincinnati, 25 Sept 1857

Mr John Means

Bought of S. J. JOHN

No. 23 East Fourth Street.

Ben Franklin Print.

PATENT EXTENSION
DINING TABLE.

A Table that is so simply constructed that a child of six years old can manage it as well as two persons the common Extension Table. It is said to be, by all who have seen it, one of the best inventions of modern times for durability and convenience. A general assortment of the above tables always on hand.

To 1 Wall Cottage Bstead Extra 10 00

Recd Payment
S J John
B W

Cash

Bill Receipt $10 00

S. J. John

25th Sept 1857

2794.43

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BEDDING, UPHOLSTERY, AND WINDOW SHADE WAREHOUSE.

CINCINNATI, Sept 25 1857

Mr John Means

Bought of SNOWDON & OTTE,

MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN

Spring, Hair, Cotton, & Husk Mattrasses, Damask & Muslin Curtains, Window Shades,

TERMS CASH.

SHADES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION MADE TO ORDER.

Gilt Cornices, Green, White, and Buff Shade Linens,

No. 21 West Fourth Street, between Main and Walnut.

3.6	1	Cotton Mattress	6	6 00	
6 "	1	"	"	12 00	
3.6	1	Husk	"	2 50	
6 "	1	"		5 00	
		Barbery		75	26 25

Repayment
Snowdon & Otte

26.25
17.50
8.75

Bill & Recept $26.25
Snowdon & Otte
25th Sept 1857

Shipped, In good order and condition, by **MITCHELL & RAMMELSBERG**,

On board the good Steamboat Fairy Queen

the following articles, marked as below, which are to be delivered, without delay and in like good order and condition, at the Port of Ashland *(the unavoidable dangers of navigation and fire only excepted,) unto* John Means

or assigns, he or they paying freight for said goods at the rate of

In Witness Whereof, *The Owner, Master or Clerk hath affirmed to* 2 *Bills of Lading, of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.*

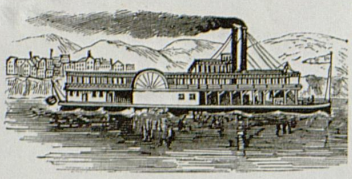
Dated at CINCINNATI, this 28 **day of** Sept **1857.**

APPLEGATE & Co., Booksellers, 43 Main Street, Cin.

MARKS.	ARTICLES.	
John Means Ashland 1	12 Cane seat Chairs	+
	3 Army "	+
	2 Child "	+
	1 Caned seat Rocker	+
	1 Hat Rack & Pan	+
	1 Ewd Wash Stand	+
	1 Pr marble	+
	1 Bureau & Glass	+
	2 Cott. Bedsteads	+
	1 Pr. Rails	+
	1 " Slats	+

B. L.
Mitchell & Rammelsberg
28th Sept 1857
Fairy Queen

Jno Means
Ashland

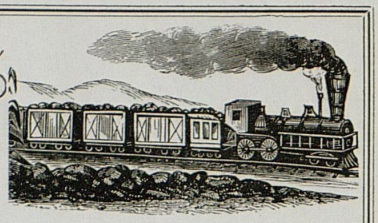


SHIPPED

IN GOOD ORDER & WELL CONDITIONED

BY

JOHN SHILLITO & CO.



No's 101, 103 & 105 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati,

On the good Steam Boat Fairy Queen now lying at Cincinnati, the articles marked and numbered as below, which are to be delivered in like good order and condition at the Port of Ashland Ky (the dangers of the River and unavoidable accidents excepted,) unto John Means Esq or assigns, he or they paying the freight at the rate of Customary

In Witness Whereof, *The Owner, Master, or Clerk, of said boat has affirmed to ..... Bills of Lading of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished the others to stand void.*

CINCINNATI, *September 28th* 185*7*

MARKS.	ARTICLES.	WEIGHTS
John Means Esq. Ashland Ky	1 Rolls Carpet	+
	1 " Window Shades & Fixtures	+

B. L.
John Shillito & Co
28th Sept 1857
Fairy Queen

John Means Esq

To Presbyterian Church Dr.

To Sub. to Church building $200.

Rec'd payt.

Ashland 1st Oct. 1857

E W Martin Trus

Receipt - $200 for
E. W. Martin from
Paris Church
Oct 1 - 1857

Mr John Means

1856		In Acc with	D.K.	Ebn	Dr
Dec 31	To	8 yds print 12½	1.00		
" "	"	1 " Flannel 60	.60		
Jan 7 10	"	3 5/16 lbs Cot Batting 18	.60		
" 17	"	1 Box Cigars	1.50		
" "	"	1 Pr Gum Shoes	1.50		
" "	"	2 lbs Butter	.50		
" 23	"	1 Hank Thread	.10		
" "		By 1 Pr Shoes Cot		1.50	
Feb 12	To	1½ yds Muslin	.19		
" "	"	2 " Flannel	1.00		
" "	"	Cinnamon	.10		
" "	"	Nutmegs	.20		
" "	"	Spool Cot	.05		
" 21	"	13 lbs Ham	1.43		
" "	"	7¾ " Dried Beef	1.16		
" 26	"	2 lbs Chalk	.20		
" "	"	1 yd White Flannel	.45		
" "	"	½ " Irish Liner	.40		
" "	"	½ " Jacnets	.13		
" "	"	" 1 Sheet wadding	.10		
" "	"	2 yds Ribbon	.17		
Mar 13	"	20 lbs Ham	2.50		
" "	"	2 Doz Eggs	.20		
" 16	"	3½ " "	.35		
" 25	"	Order per Gattoe Cushing	5.00		
May 14	"	16½ lbs Peaches	2.48		
" "	"	5 " Peaches	.62		
" "	"	6 " Apples	.60		
" "	"	3½ Qts Beans	.35		
" 30	"	10½ lbs Ham	1.58		
June 6	"	9½ " Peaches	1.19		
" 8	"	5 " Starch	.63		
" 11	"	½ " Tea	.50		
" 15	"	5 yds Ribbon	.50		
" "	"	2 lbs Tea	2.00		
		amts forward	$ 29.88	1.50	

Quize		Pc Continued		
" "		To Amt Dr over	29.88	
" "		Bz Amt Cr "		1.50
Quize	5	To 2 Cigars	.10	
"	13	" 1 E Zds print	2.38	
Aug	25	" 4 lbs Crackers	.50	
			$32.86	$1.50

Bal of Pc $31.36
Cattettsburg Ky Oct 21/57

		Amt of Bal down	31.36
Oct	22	1 Ball Twine	.25
	24	1 do do	.25
			$31.86

A/c $31.86 / 100
D. W. Ebon
24th Oct 1857

Pd Ebon
$31.36

October 28 1857

Mr J Means
Bought of John Johnston

6	Bbls of Appels $1,75 A Bbl	$ 10	50

John Johnston

Ashland

Receipt $10 50/100

John Johnson

Paid 30th December

1857

General Statement of Rec^ts and Expenses of Steamer Boston from May 12th to Sept. 14th 1857 in all 127 days making 36 trips.

Total Amount from Freights		15344	24	
" " " Passage		13903	40	
" " " Sundries		280	68	
				$29528.32
Total Amount from for Fuel	4121.60			
" " " " Wages	8717 00			
" " " " Stores	5701 24			
" " " " Expense	3149.63	21689.	47	
Balance being Profit		7838	85	
				$29528 32
Average per day for Fuel	32 45			
" " " " Wages	68 65			
" " " " Stores	44 88			
" " " " Expense	24 80			
Total average expense per day		$170	78	
Average per day for Freight		120	82	
" " " " Passage		109	48	
" " " " Sundries		2	17	
Total average Rec^ts per day				$232 47
Scioto $ 2		8708.	53	
Boston		7838	85	
Total Profits				$16547 38

Steamer Boston
Nov. 2d 1857.

T. R. Johnson Ck

General Statement of Rects and Expenses of Steamer Scioto #2 from Dec 5th 1856 to May 11th 1857. in all 28 trips and 104 days running time.

Total Amt from Freight Rects		16114 67	
" " " Passage "		10626 40	
" " " Sundries		13 00	
			$26754.07
Total Amt paid for Fuel	3394.80		
" " " " Wages	7178 87		
" " " " Stores	4684 25		
" " " " Expense	2787.62		
		18045 54	
Balance being Nett Profits		8708 53	
Average per day for Fuel	32 64		
" " " " Wages	69 03		
" " " " Stores	45 04		
" " " " Expense	26 80		
Total average Expense per day		$173 51	
Average per day for Freight		154 94	
" " " " Passage		102 17	
" " " " Sundries		13	
			$257.24

For Statements of Boiler see over

Kentucky Iron, Coal, & Mfg. Co.

No. 92

$339 60/100

500 Shares.

Kentucky Iron, Coal & Mfg. Co.,

Ashland, Ky., November 13th 1837

Received of John Mean

Three Hundred & fifty nine 60/100 Dollars, being ~~the full amount of the~~ part of the Sixth call on Five Hundred Shares of Stock in the KENTUCKY IRON, COAL, AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, now standing in his name on the Books of said Company, ~~and in full of all that is now due on said Stock~~

E J Fletcher Sec'y.

D K Weis Pres't.

Stock Receipt
$359 60/100
Ky S. C & M Co.
13th November 1857

a pound all the irish & duch women in town have been here to see if I wouldnot buy some of them one calls most every day to see if she cant sell me some - every body in town keeps a cow - so if I can raise the money I can get butter easily which was more than I could ever do in Catlettsburg -
Give my love to Father & all the family - Little Hildreth sends his love to cousin Mary -
He has had two good tumbles today as he has just attempted pulling up by a chair - & dont manage very well -
We have great times going to meeting here the first Sunday I got there an hour to soon & the next Sunday an hour to late - sermon half out - so tomorrow I think I will stay at home - we have no bells here which is rather troublesome - Write soon to yours ever
Antie
Great complaint here about the hard times, nobody will pay their debts - the Ashland bank is good yet & likely to keep good -

Ashland Nov 14th 1857 -

Dearest Mother

I have the pleasure at last of dating a letter to you from my new home where I am finally - moved & settled - the last of the carpets having been put down this morning - I have had a very busy time as you may suppose the last three weeks - or rather four as it took us a week to wash up & pack up - We reached home on Thursday of the next week after leaving Marietta after that we washed & ironed & on Wednesday took up the carpets all but one - & shook them & then commenced packing - We didnt know before how much of woodly goods we possessed - John said he didnt think I would ever need any more new clothes I had so many old ones - John did the most of the packing with Caroline's assistance & I had to hold the baby to keep him out of things & mischief so I did not get as tired as if I had worked harder it seemed as if there was no end of the things to be

packed so many little articles constantly presenting themselves when we would think we were through We rested on Sunday & Monday The ferry boat came up for us & we landed about twelve o'clock & came down in an hour very comfortably - We brought every thing even to the cats chickens, cow & hose - our dishes were packed in bran in tubs & nothing was broken or injured - there never was any moving done with so little damage to every thing -
We had to clean the house after coming into it - but John had swept it four or five times which helped considerably - Caroline's mother worked there for three days so we got along very well - the paint was very dirty but the floors had a good deal of plaster on them which was hard to get off - but the windows were the worst job as they were so spattered with paint - which we had to scrape off with a knife which was slow work but we have most of them pretty clean now - though some of them were a good days work on one window - Thursday John put down my parlor carpet & today he has been putting down the hall oil cloth - both of them were very ugly work as they were so stiff & heavy to manage - I had my hall carpet to make for the ~~upstairs~~ upper hall which was considerable as the seams were so long - it is a yellow & brown & matches the oil cloth nicely - I think the halls are the prettiest part of the house now they are carpeted, they look very neat - The parlor carpet looks very pretty on the floor but it will take it some time to get smooth as it cant be stretched much - my other carpet you have seen but they look much better in a new house than in the old one - John treated me to a marble top wash stand which compares very well with the marble mantel - I have my bed down stairs in the front room ~~& the other with~~ the folding doors & the other room is the sitting room & dining room - I like my sofa bed very much it stands in the corner & dont take up more than half the room - it has the red spread you gave me on it - but I shall have to make some covers on purpose for it, as my spreads are all too small - The fire places all draw well - & the new coal cooking stove - the Trenton stove is a jewel - It bakes fast or slow at your pleasure & is very clean burns but little coal & needs no wood at all - (our old one had to have some wood to bake well) I am delighted with it & wish you had one just like it it is such a relief not to have to hunt a man up to chop wood every two days - I could not wish any thing better than it is - The baby keeps well & so far has not taken cold though he has been much exposed - has not cut any teeth since he left Manitou - he creeps very fast & is into all manner of mischief whenever the biggest pile of dirt is - he is after it -
Beef & butter seem plenty here Butter is thirty cents

Ashland Ky. 24th Nov 1857.
Received of John Meant Twenty
Five Dollars on a/c
$25/00

L. E. Shepard

Receipt of £5 for
L. E. Shepard
24th Nov 1857

Ashland Ky, 28th Nov 1857 –
Received of John Meant
Seven Dollars in full
for well & Windlass
$7 00 Edward Courtney

Receipt $7 00/100
E. Courtney
28th Nov 1857

Mr John Means in a/c with
Patton & Ulin

1857			
March 9 So	17a flour 59 — 13th 15a flour 53		$1.12
26 "	1a Tea 1.00 May 2d Matches 10		1.10
June 18 "	8a Beans 60 Head on Bucket 20		80
July 13 "	1/4 Bus Potatoes 30 — 20th 3 yds B Muslin 60		.90
20 "	9a dry Beef @ 18 — 1.62 Augt 5 — 7a Cotton Batting 1.40 =		3.02
7 "	10a Coffee 1.50 20th 1/4 Bus Potatoes 15		1.65
	Cash on 20th May	Hurtle	~~5.00~~
Oct 14	1/4 Bus Potatoes 15 3½ Dry Eggs 35		50
"	1 Squash 10 20th 5 " " 50		.60
20	Sack Table Salt 25 2½a Butter 50		75
22	4a Nails 25 2 Balls Twine 10 2a Nails 12		47
Nov 16	Empty Box H M & Co		30
			$16.21
			3.60
			$19.81

16.21
5.30
$10.91

H. Means & Co. a/c

A/c
Patton & Ulin
4th Decembr
1857 —

Mr John Means

1857 Dr a/c with R & Garrison

Nov 19	To 12 Bus Cob Meal @ .35	4 20
Sept 17 1857	" 1240 lbs Hay @ 60 per Cwt	7 44
" "	" 1 Bus Potatoes @ 60	60
Nov 13	" 8 Bus " " 80	6 40
		18.64
	Cr	
Nov 1857	By $15 Cash	15 00
	" One year Interest on $10.80 @ .10	1 08
		16 08
	To Ballance	$2 56

R. Gamine

Paid 19th January
1859

Ac $18 00
Robt Gamine
Paid 19th. Jany 1859

Kentucky Iron, Coal, & Mfg. Co.

Recd Feb 1857 $600.00

No. 93

$600.00/100

500 Shares.

Kentucky Iron, Coal & Mfg. Co.,

Ashland, Ky., December 1st 1857

Received of John Means

Six Hundred Dollars, being ~~the full amount~~ ~~of the~~ a part of the Sixth call on Five Hundred Shares of Stock in the KENTUCKY IRON, COAL, AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, now standing in his name on the Books of said Company, ~~and in full of all that is now due on said Stock.~~

E. Fletcher Sec'y.

D K Weir Pres't.

Stock Receipt $600/m
Ky I. C & M Co.
1st December 1857

Ironton Ohio Dec 10th 1857

Mr Ino Means

1857	In of with J M Ferguson	
April 7	1 Coat & 6 Shuts	$3 00
July 16	1 Pair Pants	10 00
Sept 16	Coat & Vest	$2 00
Nov 1st	Repairing Coat	1.50
		76.50

Recd Payment
J M Ferguson

Receipt $76.50
J. M. Ferguson
Paid
15 Dec 1857

The Commonwealth of Kentucky,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY,

MOUNT STERLING, December 14th 1857

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,

That a Note for Four Thousand Dollars,
drawn by Kentucky Iron Coal & Manufacturing Company by D E Weir Pres^t
Payable 116 days After date
in favor of John Means & D E Weir or order,
dated 17th day of August 1857. Payment
of said Note was this day demanded, not having been
paid was Protested by the undersigned Notary Public for non-
payment The holder looks to you for payment as Endorser
thereof.

To John Means Esq

S G Millspaugh Notary Public.

Mr. Jno Means

1887 To Jacob Price Dr

Oct. 29	To	6 lb	Beef	@ 7	$	.42
Nov 3	"	8 lb	do	@ 7		.56
7	"	7½	do	@ 7		.52
10	"	5½	do	@ 7		.38
14	"	7½	do	7		.52
17	"	7½	do	7		.52
21	"	5½	do	7		.39
	"	2 lb	do	7		.14
23	"	11 lb	do	7		.77
28	"	6 lb	do	7		.42
Dec 1	"	3 lb	do	8		.24
3	"	6½	do	7		.45
5	"	8½	do	7		.60
8	"	5½ lb	do	7		.39
12	"	7½	do	7		.52
						$6.88

6.88

To Amt Brot Over $6.88

Recd Payment

15th Dec 1857

S Block.

Recept V A/c $6.88

Lent Price

15th Decem 1857

OWEN & HURLEY
SOLEE
MASS

John Means Dr

1857 To Apperson & Weis

Dec 24 To Box Cigars 2.00

Rec^d Pay. Apperson & Weis

Bill $ 2 00/100
Appleton & Weis
Dec 24th 1857
paid 11th June 1858

Pay the Bellamy
Appleton & Weis

Ashland Dec 28th 1859 –

Dearest Mother

I was very glad to hear from you again & sorry to find you had been sick – it makes me feel dissatisfied with my lot to know that you are sick & I am so far away from you – Aw I wish John could live in Marietta so that I could be near you – I felt like starting on the first boat to see you – but John thought if I took Bub along I would be more trouble than profit – I hope by this time you are entirely well – It seems strange what should make you have chills & poor little Mary too I dont see where you got them from unless it was out to Athens last summer – Little Hildreth has been trying to cut teeth & had the diarrha all last week – but is better now & yet no teeth to be seen – I suppose Mary Ross had a joyful & merry Christmas – I kant say that I did myself I had a turkey however & Uncle Hugh's family over to dinner – which was all the rejoicing I had we bought three turkeys one of them died – & the other had run off – though we may catch him again There is to be a large party this week at our big

hotel in honor I suppose of its being opened - part of it is to be a cotillion party & their invitations were given out for those who dont dance to assemble in another part of the house - so I suppose John will go on one side of the house & I to the other - if I go it is raining to day which will make it so muddy that I expect I cant get there - Aunt Amanda is to have a party this week & Mrs. Boales also - so there seems a prospect of a little fun -

Is Frank Ross with George Dana yet - John wrote to ~~him~~ Mr Dana about fruit trees & he answered the letter & sent us his Catalogue - it seems he cant furnish any thing but Apple trees - I think we will buy them of him - he has all I want but the 'honey greening' - I wonder if I could get one of them any where else - I am much obliged for your offer of bringing me down one of Kate Fay's little girls in the Spring - If I could get a good one I think she might be a great help to me - I would like one thirteen years old if I could get her - Caroline aint near as steady as she was at Cattetsoung - her Mother & the children & Aunt Amanda's girl bother me a great deal - and then she is as good natured as she was in Marietta - I suppose you remember her sweet face - but I dont know of another girl in the place or out of it that is to be had for love or money & if I had a little one, I should feel independent enough to scold Caroline when I pleased -

Give my love to Father, George & Mary I hope I will see you all as early in the Spring as you can come - Yours ever Hattie

Portsmouth Decr 31st 1857

Mr John Means —

Dr Sir

your favour of the 26th inst is before me and in reply will say I can supply you with all the peaches named in your list but my plums, cherries apples &c — all failed last season on account of the dry weather ~~in~~ Aug, — The other trees named in your list you can procure of Kelly, Clifton, or Ferris Pleasant Ridge both near Cincinnati If you wish the peach trees to be sent as soon as the season will permit please let me hear from you soon — I have 40 or 50 varieties many of which will ~~bear~~ the coming season — as some of them bore last summer and yet they are not too large to move safely —

Please remember yours &c —

us kindly to Hattie J. S. B. Hempstead

Mrs H — is at present very unwell —

Dr. C. S. B. Hempstead
Dec 31st 1857

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Rec^d of John Means twenty eight dollars
and 10 cents his Rev^t levy for 1857
Decr 31. 1857 G W Darlington S.T.C.

Tax Receipt $28.10
G. W. Darlington Sheriff
31st Dec 1857

Know all men that we W. W. Willson and Martha Willson wife of the said W. W. Willson of Bloomington Indiana do hereby constitute and appoint L. H. Fletcher of Vanwert - Van Wert County Ohio our attorney for us and in our names to bargain, sell and convey in fee simple by deed of general warranty for such price upon such terms of credit and to such person or persons as he shall think fit the whole or any part of the following premises situate in Van Wert County aforesaid and described as follows - The South half of Section thirty three in Township two South of Range the East containing 320 acres. Hereby ratifying and confirming all such bargains receipts for purchase money agreements and deeds as shall be made executed or acknowledged, in the premises by our said attorney the same as if we were personally present and did the same

In Witness Whereof the said W. W. Willson and Martha his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals this thirty first day of December 1857

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us

Seal
Seal

1857.

John Means.

2 Gold Watches		$ 155.00
1 Silver "		5.00
1 Brass Clock		1.50
Silver Ware		70.00
2 Horses		180.00
7 Acres Land	Bluff	175.00
18 Town Lots	Ashland	5,897.86
Furniture		647.47
Value under Equalization		6,050.00
1 Cow		
		13,181.83
Deduct for Furniture		100
		$ 13,081.83

County -
Assessor List
1857 —

John Means

1859 Jo Thos J Berry Dr

June	30	to Balance on			
"	"	" Carpenters work	27 93		
"	"	" Stove account	5 96	33 " 89	
October					
"	30	" house Bell & hanging	4 25	✓	
"	"	" putting on sash fasting	1 50	✓	
"	"	" side light Shutters	3 00	✓	
"	"	" kitchen closett	3 00		
"	"	" work & Lumber for coal house 364#	7 00	✓	
"	"	" 1 Step ladder	3 00		
Dec	1	" 1 Safe or cupboard	6 00		
"	"	" 1 table Stand	3 00		
"	"	" cellar Door & hinges	2 00	✓	
"	"	" Swinging Stand	1 50		
"	"	" Book case for office	3 00	36 25	
				70 " 14	

J Means 33.25
H H Oh 3.00
36.25

Ope $70.14
John Means
with Thos J Berry

Bal due Berry $45.03
23 March 58

Ap
Thos J. Berry
Rent 23 of March 1858