



Master, C. M. & B. J. Cley
Whitehall P. O.
Madison Co
Ky.

Jan 11th 1858
Dear boys C. M. P. S. Clay

I have waited
for a letter from you but
I see you are not going to
write so I must begin the
correspondence but I
expect an answer soon.
Tell me back if you
have read the books you
bought I only remember
one the Young Voyagers
tell me how you like
them. What is the other.
What have you have
been doing with
your selves have you
~~been going~~ with
been going to school
or have you been at
home

Dear boys

Orute how are you
getting along with
skating are you learning
fast or you just
the same
I reckon Cash
can skate as well
as Henry and better
I can skate better
I have not seen Henry
since he left
Wednesday Thursday and
Friday I broke five
Wednesday Thursday and
Friday I broke twenty
pounds each day
did you go over to
Aunt Julia Saturday or sun
day as you stand at the
meadows till Monday
evening
How did that snow

ball fight and which
side whiped my side or
your side Cash whiped
or my side
Cash mama says I have
you sung chickadee de
I like say how do you do
both Cash and Orute
Now I must end
my letter
Your affectionate
Cousin L P Farrow
give my love to Aunt
Mary and Mary and Sally
and Laura.

Your affectionate
Cousin L P Farrow

Jan 29th 1857

Dear Mrs. C. M. & B. J. Clay

Lusk went to the Meadows
last Friday staying ^{a week} and came
home next day through a small
storm when he ^{was} in Maine
asked him if he a letter for
her he said no but I have
one for Master L. P. Chilton.
I was here all day Saturday
catching snow birds and
caught twenty six, the
next ~~two~~ two days I caught
none. It has been very
cold ~~and~~ snowy ~~and~~ rainy and
disagreeable. The snow has
been very deep but
too dry to make a foot
but where the snow
was thrown off the
payments had ^{been} together
then I took a shovel

Dear Mrs.

and put lumps out then
I pulled them nicely and
at night I dashed water
over it and at night it
froze, hard like a block
of ice and before I finished
it the snow melted.

You let not tell me whether
you sang chief a de-de-de as
Mama asked you.

I have been reading the
life of Daniel Boone
which I have been very
much interested.

I was most interested
with his fight with
the Indians especially
a fight at the Blue
Licks. One day he was out
hunting when two big
Indians appeared Boone
did not know whether

to resist retreat or surrender
at last, he determined
to resist so he hid
behind a tree then he
exposed a part of himself
the foremost Indian
anxious to kill him shot
at the pulling of the trigger
Boone drew back his body
then Boone exposed a part of
his person the other Indian
anxious too to kill him
fired and missed. Then Boone
raised his well aimed rifle
and fired and one Indian
fell dead, Boone and the
Indian were equal
then Boone took his hunting
knife out of its case the
Indian raised his tomahawk
Boone knocked the Indian's
blow off with his rifle

and plunged his knife
in the Indian up to the hilt.
You remember that ickhouse
we built, of rocks in the
pond, the ice has not
melted in it but I think
it will melt to day. The pond
has filled considerably
right back of the ~~stump~~
The water is out to the ~~well~~
The water has reached
the ickhouse. Cash I
expect you or Brute
go to the Post Office
When you find there
is no letter from
me you say why dont
New write. I aks says how do you ^{do}
Give my love to Aunt
Mary and your sisters
and brother ~~John~~
your affectionate

cousin L P Farlow

Stockland Fayette Co
Ky

Feb.
February 1819

Dear Boys

I received
your letter last Tuesday a
week. Mama has not been
able to attend the camp
and I opened it taping
thirtyfour trees I have not
good day since I tated
but I have made a gallon
and three quarts of molasses
and no sugar where is
Spreens camp and how
many trees has he tated.
Tell Aunt Mary I think
from what Lish said
he enjoyed his visit to
Cousin Mary Hobbs very
much. I have finished the
life of Daniel Boone
and commenced part of
of Debt and out of Danger
with

Dear Boys

which I am very much
interested. dont you
think Out of Debt and
Out of Danger is a
good saying you know
When you are out of
debt you are out of that
danger. Mauna planted
potatoes last Thursday and
spaded the ground up
the day before. So
tomorrow night the boys
are going to speak. Cusly
Goodloe is one of the
speakers they are
speaking in honor of
Washington's
birth day. Papa and
Grand Fish are going.
Leish thinks the chapel
will be full which
holds upwards to a

thousand people
and Mrs. Bickley
is going to read
Washington's
farewell Address

Give my
love to Aunt Mary
Berto Abby Sally
Laura and Helen

your
affectionate
cousin
Selwelyn Pitt Jallo

Dr. Eliza Wainfield
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Dr. Lane

Ashland Aug. 6th 1855

Dear Doctor.

You were good enough
to say that you would let me
have either or both the felines
by my house, for my exhibition -
I would be very glad to get
the bay filly & will have
her & her dam well fed
and attended to. I send
\$10 for her -

I am very truly
Yours
James B. Chay

Dr. Eliza Wainfield
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March 14th 1857

Dear Slew,

I received your letter about two weeks ago & was very glad to get it. Pa has been at home two weeks. He brought home the Daguerre of a little girl, taken laughing, with a Daguerreotypist gave him. When he first saw it, he was so much pleased with it he wanted to buy it, but the Daguerreotypist would take nothing for it. He says it makes him laugh every time he looks at it. Percy Warfield made Green ^{long} a visit lately. Whilst he was here, he & Green went to the river fishing & brought home a large mass of fish, but they were suckers, which have so many little bones that none of us ^{could} eat them, much except Pa he could manage the bones very well. Green made no more ^{of} molasses than that which I sent to you before. his camp was in the shaker's gate pasture in front of the horse house & he fished one

hundred & forty odd trees. One Sunday
Brute, Laura and I went out in the park
^{was} there was a bout fourteen trees ^{were} topped. We took
two kettles to boil the sugar water in that
held about one and a half gallons each
and put them over a rail and put the
rail over two logs and made a fire under
them & made a bad bout three pints of
syrup. We had a great deal of pleasure.
Do you go to school or not. It seems
to me by what you say you do that you
do not. Mr. Galine (our teacher) requires all
the scholars to write compositions or speak.
Brute, Laura & I prefer to speak. We have been
walking to school about three weeks as the
horses were needed to plow. I ~~would~~ would
rather walk than ride. Sally & Mary come
down home last Friday a week ago &
brought two young ladies with them, they
went back to town Sunday & Mo & Pa
went too to hear Dr. Green preach.
has Aunt Carry sett any hens yet? Moa
has set six but I have not sett any yet. I

Sold Moa 23 last years chickens of my own
raising for 15 cts a piece. I have now 105 hens
and one rooster. Brute & Laura & I have been
burning stumps and Moa gives us one half cent
for every stump we burn down to the ground.
I do not like the business very much, but it is
better to be doing that than nothing. I have
a young mare that Green bought at uncle
Elishas sale for which I gave him eighty
dollars. Laura ~~sends a letter in this~~
~~envelope and writes her that~~
Laura sends a letter in this envelope
and wishes that Aunt Carry would
give it to grand Moa.

good by. your affectionate
cousin, Lavinia M. Day Jun

May 5^{~~th~~} 1900.

My dear Auntie,

Since our mother's will was read day before yesterday, I have been reflecting upon that portion of it in which she divides the residue of Grandmother's devise among her daughters, and not among all five of us. ^{Remember} ~~And~~ ^{at} the ^{time} ~~time~~ the will was written we all considered you a very rich man, I feel ^{which must have} confident that ~~you~~ had a ~~very~~ great influence on our mother's mind, though she does not mention it, and ~~as the~~ daughters have since received a handsome legacy from Aunt Anne, which you ~~did not~~ ^{did not} share, ~~and~~ ^{however,} since that time you

have resigned their mother's fortune
to your children, and your ^{assets} ~~estate~~
have received a legacy from
Sunt Dune, in which you did
not share. As the relative financial
positions of her son and her
daughters have changed so mate-
rially, I ~~have~~ ^{most strongly} doubt
to believe that our mother would
not have made this distinction
had the circumstances occurred be-
fore she wrote her will. Therefore I
am not confident have concluded
that I would prefer ~~not to resign~~
to you ^{with the difference} ~~one fifth~~ ^{of that}
part of the ~~dividend~~ ^{of that}. As to the special
gift of twelve hundred dollars to me,
I will say that at the only time our
mother ever mentioned her will to
me, she told me that she intend-
ed to leave me twelve hundred
dollars in view of the handsome

entertainments she had given
her other children at their wed-
dings. As no circumstance has oc-
curred to alter ^{her mind about} ~~the~~ ^{of} this,
of course I shall accept it.

Affectionately your sister,
Laura Clay.

Grand Hôtel - Paris
12, Boulevard des Capucines.

Adresse Télégraphique:
GRAND HÔTEL. PARIS



Miss Laura Clay
78 North Broadway
Lexington
Kentucky
United States of America

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GRAND HOTEL



PARIS.

Adresse Télégraphique
GRAND-HÔTEL, PARIS

TELEPHONE
235 - 48 - 49 - 51

12, Boulevard des Capucines

le 17th May 1900

My Dear Sister Laura -
Upon my return
to Paris I find
your telegram and
letters, informing me
of the death of our precious
Mother - It was quite a
shock to me, as I felt
confident when I last
saw her, that she would
be spared to us for some
years - On my tour through
Italy I did not have my
mail forwarded, as my
plans were uncertain,
but had it retained
at Paris until my
return - In consequence

(2)
I did not learn until
now that my dear dear
Mother had been taken
from us. I regret exceedingly that
I was not with her
when she died, it would
have been such a com-
fort to me.

I wish to join with my
Sister in erecting a
suitable monument to her
memory, she was always
a most loving ^{affectionate} and
indulgent Mother to me,
and my heart bleeds
with sorrow. I shall
sorely miss her - Lalla
and I were speaking
yesterday morning (not
knowing that she was
dead) how much we

(3)

both loved her, and how much we enjoyed our visits to her at the farm, and wondering if she would be well enough to come over to the farm this summer.

My dear sister, how like your noble and just self, your proposal to divide our Mother's property equally between her children.

I agree with you in the justice of your being entitled to the \$1200 to equalize yourself with the other children. I

regret that I cannot be with you all to talk over the provisions of the will.

Children being brought

(4)

into this world without their consent. I have always taken the ground that every child is morally and legally entitled to their equal proportion of their parents estate, and that every child should contend for their birthright. In consequence of this belief (not knowing the disposition of my other sisters) I have instructed my attorney to contest the carrying out of the discrimination of my Mother's will. I in the past have never had cause to complain of unjust treatment upon my Mother's part. I was always an obedient

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May 17, 1900

and loving son -
and I can only
ascribe her discrim-
ination against me
to her several causes
which it is not neces-
sary to mention at this
time -

Now my dear sister, Lalla
and I wish you to
make your home with
us. We have a very
large house, our family
is very small, and you
are very congenial to
both of us, and we
are (as well as Willie)
very much devoted to
you, and would love
so much to have you to

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make your permanent
home with us -
You can have the
same freedom and liberty
as in your own home -
Do consent to come to
us when we return
home this fall about
Nov or Dec -

I am so anxious to
come home, but cannot
do so until fall -
We have decided to keep
home here instead of
living a hotel life, if
we can secure a desirable
location. With a heart
full of love and sympathy
for you all, from Lalla
Willie and myself. I am
your devoted brother. Brewster Holley

HOTEL BEAU-RIVAGE
MONTE-CARLO

April 23rd



Mrs. M. J. W. Clay
78 North Broadway.
Lexington -
Kentucky -
United States of
America.

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Monte-Carlo, le 23 April 1900

My dear Mother.

Lalla wrote you from Liverpool, when I arrived sick with Grippe which seriously affected my lungs. My Dr. advised me to go to Seamington Spa and drink the water there - I spent one week at Seamington, the water was of much benefit to me. Whilst there we visited Stratford, Shakespeare's home, Warwick Castle and Kenilworth castle, made famous by Sir Walter Scott -

(2)
From Seamington we went to London, where we did a great deal of shopping and sight-seeing. Lalla bought a tailor - made gown from Redfern - a beautiful white party dress from Redmayne, a long skirt or cloak and an open cloak of black velvet and ermine collar and yoke - lined with white satin. I bought ~~of~~ some clothes from the celebrated tailor Poole. We spent one week in London, and then went to Paris. Her found the Exposition not completed, and decided to make a tour of six weeks in southern France, Italy and Switzerland, returning to Paris about June 1st, when everything will be in a completed condition - Whilst in Paris ~~not~~ attended

(3) the opening exercises of the Exposition by President Foubert of France - Reception by ^{Ms} Ambassadors and Mrs Porter and a reception luncheon and ball given by President Foubert to the foreign Commissioners and their wives, and the Chamber of Deputies (the same as our Congress). There were 11 thousand guests - I could not have imagined anything so great and beautiful. The Palace was filled with paintings, flowers, music and beautiful dresses and costumes. There were refreshments, champagne, wines, punches &c without limit. We have since leaving Paris visited Lyons, Nice and Monte-Carlo, the great gambler's paradise - I never witnessed such a scene

(4) before - hundreds of women and men gambling, with thousands of dollars in gold being bet every moment - such flowers and palms, such beautiful mountain scenery, with the sea so blue. It surpasses anything in beauty that the mind could conceive. We leave for Genoa tomorrow, then to Pisa, Rome, Naples, Venice, Florence &c through Switzerland to Paris by June 1st. I will write you again in a few days. I do hope that you are entirely well again. Tell Laura to write to me for you as well as herself. With a heart full of love from Julia, Willie and myself to you all. I am your devoted son. Brother J. C. Cap.
U.S. Comm. Paris 1876

Mrs. Nannie Poore Fish

requests your presence

at the marriage of her daughter

Lalla Rookh Marsteller

to

Brutus Junius Clay,

Tuesday afternoon, January fifteenth,

eighteen hundred and ninety five,

at one o'clock,

Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Bonnie & Leola's wedding
invitation

880 from envelope

Miss Laura Clay
Lexington
Ky.

78 N. Broadway

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I lost your address and did not find it until
to day Jan. 21st. 1866.

Ann Arbor Mich.

My Dear Sister, Jan. 15th. '66.

I received your most
welcome letter some days ago, and
now sit down to write you a short letter,
for I send you two of Ma's letters, so
after you have read them you will
not care about reading a long letter from
me, because I know that I do not
write a very interesting letter. I had
a letter from Lew some days ago
he seems to be in low spirits at times,
he spent part of his holidays, that
is Christmas week, with Henry War-
field, had quite a nice time, went
to a party given by Sophy Warfield the
daughter of Cousin Will, but I suppose
you know her very ^{well}, but you know
hardly any of your relatives or school
mates. I do not think Lew will
ever return here, even if his health

should permit him. I feel so sorry for him. How thankful we should be to God that we enjoy good health, and have such a good Mother.

We had quite a gay time here last week, the gayest we have had for some time. Monday night we had a Unitarian Social, where we danced until nearly twelve o'clock. Tuesday Gough, lectured before the "Students Lecture Association". I suppose you have heard of him, he is considered the best lecturer in this country. I took a girl with me and had quite an agreeable time. Wednesday night we had our dancing school, I danced almost every set, never enjoyed myself more. Friday night I took tea with the Misses Bower, had a very good time after tea playing chess, cards, checkers &c. Went home at ten o'clock. Write soon. Good bye.
your loving Brother, Brutus J. Clay.

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Feb. 4th. '66.

Dear Sister,

I have been quite busy lately, so I have not had much time to write. I enclose you a letter from Ma which I received a few days ago. She wishes you to burn all of her letters, so you must not fail to do so. I had a sleigh ride week before last, to a country party, I had quite a nice time, only we did not get supper until late. I like the Michigan girls a great deal better than I did last year. I know several very nice girls, but one of them is a beauty you ought to see me making love to her. I hope there will not be any thing serious, for you know that I am desperately in love with Mary K. near Richmond Kentucky. Oh! she is a most beautiful girl or rather angel.

as some poor Love sick fellow would say,
I am glad to hear, that some girls are
going home with you next Summer, for
I expect I will have a gay time with
them, I will bring, or invite, some boys
over to entertain them, I suppose Ma
will have to give us a grand party, I
expect by that time I can dance all of
the fancy dances, Ma seems to be in
very good spirits, she has very good serwan-
ts, which I think is the greatest comfort of
housekeepers, I hope she may be able
to keep them during next Summer, for
I know it would be very disagreeable if
we have such creatures as we had
last Summer, How old, and what kind
of Ladies, are those whom you are going
to bring home with you; as Ma's letter is
quite long, I will now close, I hope you
will ~~not~~ write whenever you have time,
I was very much surpris'd last Friday evening
to see Flew walk into the room, he looks quite
well. Good bye. Your Brother, Brutus J. Clay,

no very particular business
to attend to. We have had but
very little cold weather this
year, and but two slight snows.
We had vacation last Thursday
and Friday, as Thursday was
Thanksgiving day, and the
boys asked for the other day.
We will have two weeks vaca-
tion Christmas and perhaps
more. I hardly know what I
will do with myself. I suppose
you will stay at school until
next Summer. I wish I could
come around to N. J. next
Summer to take you home
but that would be too much
out of the way. Do you ever
hear from P. Buck and Mary?
If you write to them give
them my love. I have heard
from Lew lately, he is about
the same. Good Bye. Write soon.
Your Devoted Brother, B. J. Clay.

Wm. L. L. Clay,
Whitehall,
Kentucky.
Ann Arbor Mich.
Dec. 9th. 1865.

Dear Sister,

I received your
most welcome letter sometime
since, and now sit down to
answer not thinking that I
can write anything to interest
you, but you will find a
most agreeable letter from
Ma enclosed. I want you
to send me all that you
receive from her, and I
will send you mine, so
Ma desires it so that she
will not have to write so
often. I write home once
a week regularly, and hope
you do the same for letters
from either of us cheer Ma
up a great deal, she like

to receive letters very much,
and we can never repay
Ma, for the many kindnesses
and hard work she has done
for us, if it had not been
for her we would not be
where we are now gaining
an education, but perhaps
at work, I hope the girls
will have a nice time in
Washington this winter, I
believe they have received
an invitation to spend
the winter in W. with
Mrs Chandler from Detroit.
I am so glad to hear that
Lenny has recovered her
health again, and is looking
well and hearty, I believe
she and Green are now
living with Ma, I hope they
will comfort her, for she
is so tired of business.

I will close for to night
as it is getting late and
finish tomorrow Dec. 10th,
I have just returned from dinner
having our regular potatoes
and squash. Ma wishes you
to destroy the letters that I send
you, that is her letters, as soon
as you receive them, be sure
to do it. Ma has not sent me
any of Pa's letters lately, so I
do not hear much news from
him, but I suppose he is well
and enjoying himself amidst
the gaiety of the Court. I think
I will take a French paper after
Christmas, if I do, I will send
it to you, after reading it. I am
glad that you like your school,
Do you ever see Miss Fieldson
Bunnam? I would suppose
that you would call on them
occasionally. When you had

I hope he made a great deal. Be sure to let me know what your total profit was on hogs, mules &c. I hope you may do well with your sheep. I think you will if they are well taken care of this winter. If they are not I am afraid you will loose some thing. Do you think you will hire Winn another year? What became of Turner and Handy after you dismissed them. How is your and Conny's health? I am glad that Green is now with you. I cannot hardly realize that he is at home again. Write soon. Give my love to all. Tell dear Annie, and tell her I say she must learn how to Read. Your Son, B. F. Clay.

Ann Arbor Mich.
Dec. 3rd.
1865

Dear Ma,

I received your long, and most agreeable letter yesterday, also one enclosed from Laura. I have written two letters to her since I have been here. I am glad to hear that she likes her school. I think it will be a great improvement to her, to be among strangers even if she did not learn anything. I hope she will learn to play and sing well, for I think no lady can ^{be} perfect unless she can play on the piano forte.

We will have holiday next
Thursday, as it is Thanks-
giving day, I do not know
whether we will have
Friday or not. We do not
have as many holidays as
we had last year, because
there is no great victory as
the fall of Richmond to
rejoice over, but we have
therefore more time to study
and make men of ourselves.
What is going on at the
University of Kentucky, at
Lexington? I never hear
any one mention it, I
have written to Lew about
it, but he never says any-
thing about it. I heard that
they had three hundred
students. Have they a
preparatory department
connected with it?

Of the four Ky. boys that
came out here, Theo. Shaw
and myself are the only
ones left. You know that
Lew is at home, and Dick
Craig left nearly one
month ago, not being well.
I suppose neither him
or Lew will ever return
again, I can read French
now with very little trouble.
My professor advised us
to get a book or French
paper as it would aid
us a great deal. I think I
will take a paper, and
send it to Laura, thus
benefiting us both. What
do you think of it? What
is Green doing with him-
self? let me know what
he received for his cattle,
how much profit or loss.

will be of great benefit
to me. I am studying
for a "civil engineer" but do
not think I will ever make
it my profession. What do
you think about it? We
have very few pretty girls
here, none half so beautiful
as Cousin Mary, or Pauline.
I do not think the Northern
Girls are near as pretty as the
Southern Ladies, but I expect
they are smarter and better
educated both in business
affairs and in economy, which
is a great accomplishment
in these times. Give my
best respects to all beautiful
Girls and write soon to
your Devoted Brother,
Brutus J. Clay.

{Direct to Box 1052.}

Ann Arbor Mich.
Nov. 19th '65.

Dear Sister,

I received your
long and most agreeable
letter several days ago and
hasten to answer it. I am
truly glad to hear that you
like your new school. I hope
you will learn a great deal,
both of music and French.
I am studying French
myself. I like it very much
and hope to be able to corres-
pond in French with you
before many months. I think
if I was in N. Ry. I ~~would~~
would run about too much
to study, but here there is
no amusement to draw me
from my books so I have to

study because I have nothing else to do. I am glad that your teachers go out with you, for I would not like to leave College, to come to N. J. and find you, for I know you would lose yourself. What else do you study besides French and Music? I wish so much that this was my last year in College, I am so tired of study. It has been the same thing for twelve or fifteen years. Education is a ladder to which there is no top or end, it is a ladder which we may climb all our lives without putting our hands on the top spoke. I get letters from Ma quite often, but I suppose you also receive them, so I will only say that she is well

, but much troubled for the want of good Servants, such ones as he had when I was at home. I went to hear the Hon. John C. Abbot's of Maine lecture last evening, his subject being "True and False Religion & Stability". He is the Author of Abbot's history of Napoleon. I think he is a very good lecturer. I went to the Episcopal church this morning, had a very good sermon, but rather too long to be very agreeable. What church do you and your Room mates go to? My dum "Roommate" is one of most curious persons you ever beheld, full of fun and tricks. I am in the Sophomore class this year. I will take a French paper after Christmas, I think it

I hope you and Green are doing well, with your stock. Let me know what you get for your hogs. I will write to Laura in a few days, I commenced a letter to her to night but I do not know whether I will have time or not to finish it, I have so much to do, we have to make original speeches every three weeks, so all of my spare time is taken up with that. I hope I will have an opportunity to visit the Mammoth Cave this Summer. My Chum lives near there so if I go I can stay with him and truly enjoy myself still more, than if I was an entire stranger. Write soon. Love to all. Good bye. Dear Ma. Your Affectionate Son. Burtin G. Clay.

ask Green to write to me, if he has time.

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Green mms
of two

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2.00
17.50
5.00
12.50
2.50
14.50 } 1052.
Ask Abner much,
Sunday, Nov. 13th '55.

Dear Ma,
I received your letter last week, also the one you wrote to Grand Ma. I am so sorry that you cannot get good and stationary servants. I know how much you are troubled and annoyed, for I saw something of the wants of good servants when I was at home. I do not think that you will be satisfied, until you get a white cook and house servant from Cincinnati. The trash that we can get about home do not know any thing about the house, having been raised in a log hovel, only knowing how to cook a

peice of meat and bread, and
knowing nothing about the
first principles of house cleaning.
Have you ever attempted to get
any thing from the person
who hired Liny. I see from the
papers that there is quite an
excitement upon this subject
in Kentucky. I also saw an
account of a negro woman
of Uncle Brutus'ses who fell
dead in the streets of Lexington,
but I suppose you saw it.
What new relatives are those
in New Jersey, of whom you
all are always talking about?
I hope Mary and Sally will
not go to Washington this
Fall or next Spring, for I know
you will be lonesome by your-
self, that is with only little
Annie. What is the darling
little thing doing with itself?

these cold and dreary days.
I have just returned from
seeing some Kentucky Ladies
from ^{the} Green River County. Mrs.
Barnett, Miss Barnett and Miss
Eaves also three Gentlemen, Mr.
Barnett, Mr. Eaves and Mr. Mus-
sell. They passed through here
to leave Mr. Eaves, having been
on a Bridal Tour to New York,
Washington, Niagara Falls,
and many other places of Amuse-
ment. I found them quite agree-
able. I went with them to the
College Buildings &c. &c. They like
the grounds and buildings very
much, and especially the
Museum, which they think
better than the patent office at
Washington. They arrived
here Saturday evening and
will leave tomorrow, Monday,
directly for home.

Miss. Laura, R. Clay.
Care of Mrs. L. R. Rogers,
Lexington,
Kentucky.

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Ann Arbor April 23rd, 1865.

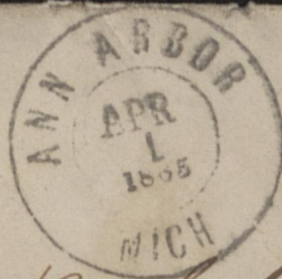
Dear Sister,

Please find enclosed letters from Pa
and Corny. I would write but I have not time
but I will write you a long letter before long.

Give my love to all. Good bye.

Your affectionate Brother,

Druid J. C. C. Jr.,



Miss L. R. Taylor.
Care of Mrs. Laura R. Rogers.
Lexington.
Kentucky.

*Received by
Miss Taylor
at Lexington
Ky*

Ann Arbor, March, 6th, 1865,

Dear Sister,

I send you some letters
which I received from Ma. I received
your most welcome letters but have
not had time to answer them. I will
try to be a good man, but I do not
know whether I shall succeed or not.

Give my love to all my relatives. Good
bye write soon. I hope you have
enjoyed good health. Lew has been
sick, but is nearly well, sitting up.

Good bye again. Your affectionate
Brother,

Brutus J. Clay.

Inn Arbor, March 30th, 1865.

Dear Sister,

I received your most welcome letter a few days ago, and hasten to answer it. Fine enclosed two letters one from Maren and the other from Corry. I hope ~~you~~ to see them both safe at home again before many months. When will your school be out? Ours will be out about the last of June so I will not be able to be at home before the first of July. Oh! how I wish that I was through College, and settled for good at home. I wish so much that I was at home now to take the trouble of the farm off of her hands, she is so tired of farming, I think she has

done so much for us, we should
thank God for giving us such a
good mother. You must write to
her often, for she is so lonesome
by herself. I think that Mary
and Sally should have staid
with her, instead of going to
Frankfort. I do not know what
she would do, if it was not
for dear Annie. We have one
week's holiday, as the Medical
and Law Classes graduate and
the Junior exhibition comes
off. Please excuse this short
letter, I will write more in
my next. Good bye. Study
hard. Give my love to
all. Yours affectionate and
dear Brother.

Dr. J. C. Clap, A. M.
Address. B. F. C. Box 1043,
Ann Arbor,
Michigan.

Address Box 104B. Post Office

^{Arbor}
- Sun, April 30th, 1865.

Dear Sister,

I have not received a letter from you for some time, I hope you will find time to write to me, for I like so much to hear from you. While looking in my trunk, I found some of the letters which I send you, keep the one from Green for Ma. I want you to send me your photograph if you have one. I hope to send you mine, I have none at present. Ma seems to be in low spirits, write to her often, and long letters for she needs our ~~sympathy~~ sympathy. Write soon. Give my love to all.

Good bye. Your loving
Brother. Brewster Cley jr.

Frankfort. March 26th. 1864.

My Dear Sister,

I received a letter from you about one week ago, with several letters inclosed. I hope you are learning fast. How do you like going to school to Mr. Williams, ^{do} you like his school better than the one you went to before in Lexington. I like Mr. Sages school better than any I ever went to before. I am learning very fast, and hope to be able to go to college next year. Ma wants me to go to Ann Arbor. I may go there. Are you studying french now? How are you getting along with your music. I received a letter from Ma last Wednesday, she was very well, she said she had the cellars of the new house cleared out, and was ready to put up the walls. I will be so glad when our house is finished. I will have such a nice room. Is there any pretty girls going to your school, if there is let me know. Give my love to all. Write soon. Good bye. Your affectionate Brother. Brutus J. Clay.



Miss Laura B. Clay

Care of Mr. Dudley Craig
Lexington, Kentucky.

Address, R. F. C. Box 653, Ann Arbor Michigan

Ann Arbor, Nov. 19th. 1864.

My Dear Sister,

I received your most welcome letter yesterday. I was glad to hear that you were well, and studying hard. I hope you will be able to play and sing for me this Summer, on the Piano. You wrote that a Miss Rogers was staying with you. How do you like her? How is Aunt Laura pleased with her two little girls? I expect she will soon get tired of them. I suppose you do not go to school on Saturday. I have just returned from making a speech before my class. I did better than I thought I would. I belong to two Literary Societies. I am Vice President of the Freshmen class of 1868, there is 82 belonging to it. I am studying hard, write Essays every few days, and hope soon to be

able to make a speech once a week.
There is a large library here, it has
about 20,000 volumes in it. I have read
nearly two volumes of Irving's life of
Washington. I gain a great deal of
information from it, about the
Revolutionary war. If you have not
read it, I would advise you to do so.
I send you some letters Ma sent me,
that she received from Europe. I received
a letter from Ma saying that Green
would be home next Spring. I wish
I was at home to see him when he
arrives. I want to see him so much.
Ma is getting along slowly with her
house, but the first story is finished,
and she finds that she will have
plenty brick, which takes a great weight
from her mind. I am glad you go to
see Aunt Barry, & give my love to her
and Uncle. Love to Aunt Laura and
all my relations. Write soon, do not fail.
Good bye, Your Devoted Brother,
B. J. Clay

Miss. Laura. R. Clay.

Care of Mr. Dudley. Craig.

Lexington.

Ky.



Frankfort. February 4th, 1864

My Dear Sister,

I have just received a letter from Ma through you, and two books. I have been trying to make up my mind to write to you for several weeks, but this is the first time I have succeeded. I write to dear Ma once every week, I hope you do the same, it gives her a great deal of pleasure to hear from us every week. When did you write to Papa last, you ought to write to him at least once a week month, I am going to try and write to him that often. I got a letter from Lew last Monday, I think it was he wrote in good spirits, I hope you see him often. Has Aunt Anne gone over home yet? I hope Ma will not be lonesome by herself, that is, without Mary & Sally. I would like to

see sweet little Annie, so much. I expect she will be very much grown when I see her next. I like my school very much, as well as Severdis, our school takes up at ten o'clock and lets out at three. I am not studying latin this year, so that I have a very easy time to what I would have if I studied latin. I like Frankfort very well. I went to one hop since I have here, but did not dance any, therefore I did not want to go again. There has been two shows here, but I did not go to either as I did not feel very well, one was the spiritual manifestations, the other, Tom Thum & Commodore Nat. There are several pretty girls here, so I have a nice time with them, when I have any spare time. Have you written to Greenoborn yet. when you get their adresp let me

know it. We have a very large school, eighty odd scholars. How many have you in your school; are there any very pretty girls going to school with you. You must address my letters Brutus J. Clay Frankfort, Ky. you need not put it to the care of any one unless you want to. I have not any more to say to night, so good-bye. write to me as often as you have time. Give my love to all.
Your, Affectionate, and devoted,
Brother, Brutus J. Clay.

Frankfort, January 13th 1863

My Dear Sister,

I went up home about three weeks ago. I missed you very much at home. Papa got there a few days before I left. I would have come to see you but I did not have time. I like going to school here very much, a great deal better than in Lexington. You must write to ^{me} very often, Tell me all about how you are, and how you like boarding and your school. Write to me whenever Mama comes over to Lexington. Give my love to all my kindred. Tell Lew if you see him he must write to me. Write to me. Love to you. From
Your Affectionate Brother,
Brutus J. Clay, jr.

Miss. Laura, Bay.
Lexington.
Kentucky
Care of Dr. L. P. Garlton.



Bennett

Warren, Ohio.

March 31st, 1905.

My dear Brutus,

Well, I write this to welcome you home and to congratulate you on your appointment, in which we are rejoicing with you. I suppose this will reach you just about the time you reach Richmond, as I suppose you will stop a few days in Washington. I had no idea that you were expecting the appointment until I saw in the Herald that you were booked for it, with some complimentary remarks both of you and Lalla. Now I shall be much concerned to know when you leave for Europe again. You must write it to me as soon as you decide.

I hope you got my second letter in Nice, enclosing some others from the family. Either in that or the first I mentioned receiving the final dividend in liquidation from the Bank of Louisville; I enclose a check for your part, and a receipt, as I wish to keep all these accounts carefully. Some time after I received this letter that I enclose from the Farmers' bank of Frankfort. As I was directed to you and me as executors I decided to await your return, and so did not see until I got out the certificate that they still remain in my name as trustee. Therefore I enclose my check to the bank signed both as trustee and executrix, with the certificates. You can collect the money and divide it. The dividend is three dollars on each share; and one share belongs to Grandma's estate, so please notice in the division that Mary receives $\frac{1}{4}$ of that share, making the whole that comes to her \$3.15, and to the rest of us \$2.96 $\frac{1}{4}$.

I am still as busy as I can be every day with my E.R.A. work. Yes, I am greatly pleased with my typewriter. It is invaluable in business, for it is a great thing to be able to have copies of all the letters one writes. I take carbon

of almost every letter I write, as it is just as easy to do as not, and then if I ever wish to know what I said in my letter I have it hand to refer to .I consider a copy indispensable for a business letter, and of course now that you are to hold such a responsible position you will study all such business details.If Lalla is thinking of helping you in your office certainly a typewriter would be a wonderful help.I made a careful investigation of the merits of the different patents before I bought and I consider this,-the Underwood,-the best beyond comparison for one who does not already understand the use of a machine, as the writing is all the time in sight, so the operator can see when a mistake is made, while in all the others one has to lift the roller to see what is written, and except with an expert one may ruin a whole page before the mistake is seen.Besides thas great advantage, it is superior, I am informed, in other respects.But this advantage I know of my own experience.I paid \$97.50 for my machine, of which the seller took %25 in advertising in our little quarterly paper, "Progress"?This was of course to the benefit of our Association;so if you decide to buy a machine and decide to take the Underwood,I wish you would let this office sell it and get the %25 on advertising, unless you can get better terms in some other way.In any case, if you take this make, as I think you will after you investigate,please make a point of mentioning that I recommended it to you and that it is advertised in the little paper of the N.A.Woman Suffrage Association.

I have no news about myself and as you are now at home I need not write any about Anne, as they have the latest in Richmond.I hope you all three will now have time to write to me a line or two.Love to all.

Your affectionate sister,

Warren, Ohio, Mar. 8th, 1905

My dear Sallie,

Your letter of the 7th inst. is just received. In reply I will say that on Febr. 9th I wrote to the State Bank and Trust Co. as follows: "I received today a letter from Mr. Turley, saying you are preparing to make a final settlement as administrator of the estate of my father. Therefore I suppose it is the proper time to say that I relinquish any claim I may have on any part of the estate on account of any share I may be entitled to in what has been designated as the Contingent fund, under the will of my grandfather, Green Clay; and I request that you distribute the funds in your hands as if no such claim existed!"

So you see I have relinquished it, and have no right on earth to indicate how it shall be distributed. The executors will have to decide that by their own interpretation of the law. You will remember, if you think of it, that I told you, and I think the other members of the family, that I intended not to have any share in the Contingent fund, not as a matter of principle, but as a matter of taste. I am ready to pay my share of Dr. Perry's bill as soon as I know what it is. As for debts that the Committee did not incur, I held myself in no manner responsible for, and shall not concern myself about them.

As for my share of the \$800, I have not relinquished it, and it can be placed to my credit in the bank, and I will send a check for what I owe Warfield.

I learned yesterday that the President had given the appointment as Minister to Switzerland to Brutus, and I am rejoicing with him. I suppose there is no doubt that the Senate will confirm the appointment. I received a letter from Brutus and Lalla a few days ago, and I am going to send it first to Mary Cell

ask herte send it to you.

I am very serry Mary is thinking of throwing good money after bad by carrying that suit to the Court of Appeals. I hope she will be dissuaded from it.

I find I am just as busy all the time as I can stand. I do a good deal in the office, and then I want to keep all my work in Ky. going. I am now concerned about sewing my alfalfa. How is the ground drying out? I shall order the seed through Covington & Arnold, and I find it is higher than clever and takes several times as much to the acre? So I am thinking of sewing only half of the field.

You do not say how all the family are, so I suppose they are in their usual health.

Give my love to all, and write soon.

Your affectionate sister,

My dear Laura -

Richmond Ky.

April 3rd / 1910.

We are home once more
and glad to be here -

I am glad to tell you that your
set of parlor furniture is in excellent
condition, not a bit moth eaten.
What shall I do with it?

If you bought any furniture
with the \$75⁰⁰ I sent you, please
ship it by railroad to me; if not,
please return me the money.

May and Green took supper with
us to night, both are looking
well.

When will you be over? We
hope to see you soon.

Affectionately your brother.

Burtus J. Clay.

(4) danger of a coal
famine -

Wm. is doing nicely
in his profession and
is very happy and
enthusiastic in his
work -

We have an excellent
cook, a white woman
that we brought from
Ky. Do write again soon,
we are always glad to
hear from you.

I return the printed mat-
ter - Lalla, Lucy & Wm.
join me in love and
wishes for a happy Xmas.
I am aff. your brother.
B. J. Clay.

7575. Lagrange St.
Dear Laura, Cleveland, O.
Your letter Dec. 14-1919.
of Dec. 10th, with enelo-
sure received -

We are very much
delighted to hear of
Dubuys' release and
restoration to normal
condition - It must
be a source of great
relief and happiness
to all of his family -
We read the Court
proceeding with
great interest although
we were familiar
with most of the facts.

(2) I note what you say with regard to the Clay County land. I understand from Green that he has been collecting the rents and paying the taxes of this land. Whether there is coal on this land, it is not accessible to the railroad. As to oil, I do not think that any oil has been found in that vicinity. I doubt if the land ever proves valuable.

Bob Moore claims the land as his wife's

and threatens Green (3) with a suit over it. We have our first snow about 3 in. deep. The winter so far is mild.

I am sorry to hear that the corn has been damaged by wet weather. We are having a very pleasant visit. do not know when we will return to Richmond.

Am glad that the coal miners strike is over and that there is no further



HOTEL GLYNDON

G. G. Corzelius, Prop.

RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

July 3rd 1918.

Dear Laura.

I could not think of charging you anything for the use of my twine binder. I was only too glad that I could help you out. I return you herein your check.

I learn this morning from Mr. Church's daughter, that his brother died in Tennessee, and that he and his wife went to the funeral, that Mr. Church will return to night or in the morning. He will be down in a few days to see you. Aff. your brother,
Benton J. Clay.

Lexington, Ky.

April 5th, 1910.

My dear Brutus,

I am glad you are at home again; and, I judge from your letter received this morning, in your own house. I did not know whether you would be able to get settled in it so soon.

No; I did not buy any furniture with the \$75.00. When I went to Brower's to look at it I found that he had no seven piece sets; only those with a small divan and two large chairs. I saw only two sets of these three pieces that I admired at all; and one of those was more than the \$75.00. After considering it, and reflecting that you evidently expected from your letters to me that I would be able to get a handsome set of seven pieces which would be of use to you when you returned, I concluded that the sets I saw would be very unsatisfactory to you; and I decided to have some old mahogany pieces which Aunt Anne had left me done over; and to wait till your return to get my own furniture. I enclose a check for the \$75.00. I am going to Washington in the next few days; and if it is convenient to you I would like you to wait to return the furniture till my return, as I am over head and ears in work preparing for my going; and I have no one to attend to receiving it if it should not get here before my going.

I am glad you think Mary is looking well. When I was over to Warfield's wedding she was just recovering from a sick spell, and I thought she was looking badly. You do not say how you and Lalla are. I take it for granted that Will is in his usual good health. If I can spare the time, I want to run over if it is any for a day to see all of you before I go to Washington, as I expect to stop awhile with Anne, and she will want to hear direct-
(Over).

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ly from you. But I may not be able to come over till my return. Give my
love to Lalla and Will.

Your affectionate sister,

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P. M. SMYER, PROPRIETOR.

RICHMOND, KY. Oct. 29th 1922

Dear Laura.

I thank you very much for the use of your mules and horse. I kept the mules for only a few days as the ground was too dry to attempt to plow and we have not had a rain on my farm since you left. I finished cribbing my corn Saturday and told Mr. Hutchinson to take your horse home to day. I will go to my farm tomorrow and see that he has done so. Mr. Jake Shearer could not have attended to my business without a riding horse and I do so appreciate your kindness in loaning me one. Mr. Shearer relieved me of all responsibility.

my corn crop was excellent
and I cribbed it without
a rain -

Green and June signed
a contract for 1923 - June
to keep steady for the horse
nut and ten dollars per
month, Green will bring
steady up when the weather
turns cold - Green has con-
-tracted to keep ^{the} horses for
another year - Green took
dinner with us to day.
Lalla joins me in love.
I am your aff. brother.
Benton J. Clay

From B. J. Clay
THE GLYNDON HOTEL
P. M. SMYER
PROPRIETOR.

RICHMOND, KY.
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RICHMOND, KY.

*Miss Laura Clay,
Cor. Mill and Second Sts.,
Lexington -
Ky.*

Dear Laura-

Richmond Ky.

Apr. 13 - 1916.

I enclose a
check for \$31.80, being 1/3 of \$159.03
received through Denny B. Goad Admr.
Maria Barr Warfield - he having quali-
fied as Admr. after the death of Geo
O. Torton. You need not send a
receipt, as the check endorsed
will answer -

Lalla joins me in love
for you Mary and Grou -
Come up to see us and we
will get up a game of bridge -
I have paid Mary and am
sending all the other checks to
day. Affectionately your brother
Butler J. May.

"From B. J. Clay
Richmond
Kentucky"



Miss Laura Clay
Mill St. &
Lexington
Ky.

Dear Laura -

Richmond Ky.

From the best in-

May 10th 1916.

-formation from all available sources - I find that the \$750⁰⁰ mentioned in Lew P. Tarlton's will was paid you as Adm. of Wm. Clay, and was divided by you, between yourself, Sally & Annie \$250. each. This amount was from Laura Rogers estate - The \$500 mentioned as due Mrs Reid was paid Hunt & Hunt, Adm. of Mrs Reid -

The \$1250. fund mentioned as due Mrs Reid has not been paid and we are I think, entitled to $\frac{1}{6}$ of this fund, with six per cent interest from June 18th 1910 until paid - The fund of \$1000. left in Lewis hands as Adm. of Maria Barr Marfield, should be divided into sixths, our family being entitled to $\frac{1}{6}$ - with interest from Feb 24. 1908 (the date of Eli's death) until paid -

I am disappointed in Mr. Denny B. Good one of the Executors of G.P. Tarlton, as in my opinion instead of paying these bequests

May 10, 1916

(2) he is inclined to quibble and seek means to avoid the payment of these claims with interest.

He claims that Mrs Ann Ryland's estate is entitled to $\frac{1}{7}$ of the \$1000. fund - he had just as well claim that Mrs Reid and Mrs Rogers is entitled to an interest.

Goode has written me that he intends withholding $\frac{1}{7}$ of the \$1000. fund on the ground that it belongs to Mrs Ryland's estate and that we are entitled to only $\frac{1}{6}$ instead of $\frac{1}{6}$.

I have notified him that as Co. Administrator of M. J. Clay and individually I refuse to accept this partial payment, also wrote

him that as the estate of M. J. Clay had been settled - he should send individual checks to each of our mother's children. I think he will attempt to send you as Admin of M. J. Clay for decision among mother's heirs of single check. I therefore write to ask that you do not accept such check unless it is for the full $\frac{1}{6}$ of the \$1000. fund - with six per cent interest from Feb. 24 - 1908 until paid. This interest amounts to near half the principal.

May 10, 1916

(3) Neither accept as Adm. of Mr. J. H. J. J. any part of the \$1250. due Mr. Reid's estate without consulting me.

I am confident that none of us have received anything from the \$1000. Eli fund - or the \$1250. due Mr. Kale Reid's estate. - As there are trust funds in Helen's hands for distribution, there is no reason that we should not receive our share.

I hear that Josephine Woods will receive about \$20,000. from Helen's estate -

I hope that you are well and are having a pleasant summer. - Mrs. Talla joins me in love and best wishes for your happiness.

Affectionately your brother.

Benton J. J. J.