



Miss M. Duncan
Levington
Ky

Mary



Lexington Kentucky

Mr. Pringle presents his
respects to Misses Duncan and
Higgins, and regrets that
he will not be able to give
them their lessons to-morrow;
his health not being yet
quite restored.

Jan^y, 5th 1853

Shelton N.Y.
N.Y. July 10

Mrs Mary Duncan.

Care Henry J. Duncan.

Cambridge

Mass.





We had the last vexation of seeing
the steam boat, in which we were
to cross the Channel, some distance
on its way. Imagine our dis-
-appointment if you can?
The heat and dust of New London
was so unpleasant, that we got
on board the steam boat again.
And went on to Stonington,
where we found a pleasant house.
Another stand over Sunday, &
started home Monday about
five o'clock P.M. Papa was
quite surprised to see us, as he
had given up all hope of seeing
us till the next week. But I can
assure you he was none
the less welcome you being most
-pected. And now clear

Very sorry not
to have seen you before left
Boston but the last few
days of my stay here so full
occupying that I could not find
a leisure moment. Thursday
evening I had to go up and see
you & take a short walk, but
saw nothing but how what
pleasant. I hope you will
take the first opportunity for
the sea and
I hope you will
forgive me for this
I shall be glad to
see you this morning.

My dear friends
Henry D.
Do you know
Mr. Davis of the
Folk Co. N.Y.
Shelton Island
July 8th/58.

and thinking I would write to you
soon; when I suddenly remem-
bered, that I did not know
your direction in Kentucky.
So I determined to write you
before you left Cambridge.
I hope you will answer this
as soon as you reach your
home. For you know you
told me you had plenty of
leisure there. I do not forget
your promise; for if you do
I shall find some way to be
near with you!

What have you been doing
since I saw you? - Suppose
school has broken up before this
did you have a pleasant
time? I saw something

of the crowd as I past the Church
on my way to Boston, where I
had some shopping to do. Could
not but pity you, in the Let
Church - though I suppose
you think I deserve far
more, for going to Boston on
such a day.

I saw your brother for a
few moments, who was looking
as brilliant as ever, and charged
him with some offerings to you,
which I hope he delivered with
-fully.

He left Boston at half past
eight on Saturday morning;
expecting to be here about
six in the afternoon. But
when we reached New London



Miss Mary Doolan -
Lexington -
Kentucky.

St. Louis. Feb. 23rd / 47.
Tuesday even. 10-12.

My dear Mary -

I am going to make one
more attempt to learn the cause of
your long continued silence - why,
I don't think that I have heard from
you for six weeks - and I am be-
ginning to be anxious for fear that
you are sick. Are you sick, married,
or have you left Lexington your
home, or have you forgotten me? Do
let me know something about yourself
in some way or other. Do you ever
hear from Clara? She is a real
good girl, studies & practices well,
and writes as regularly once a
week - are you enjoying yourself
as much as you did during the
fall of the winter? What has
become of the "Prisken" & all his
circles? For my "Prisken" I wish to
run into him now as I wish to,
but people will have it that we
are engaged -

During the last two months
I have been really very gay - very
much either out or having com-
pany at home - now that Lent is
here it is rather more quiet
but I have little time for myself
the only thing that I do regularly
is study German - in which I
am a good deal interested, because
there are so many German gentlemen
& ladies that are interested in my
progress & lend me books &c.

I have told you of a friend of mine
Miss Sutton, haven't I? she writes
me a short time ago giving me
an account of her marriage &c.
How funny! Her fun is all over now
that she has settled down in a home
of her own - don't you pity her?

I have no more time. I hope
that you will appreciate my
affectionate goodwill in writing this
letter when you have treated her
so wonderfully - Goodbye -

Your affectionate German
Friend - C. J. G.

I am told that she has made
a great sensation there - has
received a vast amount of attention
etc -

All are well

Beloved Father

Your affectionate
Daughter
Mary

Cambridge Apr 28th 1858

Dear Sister -

I ask your
pardon for not giving you
last letter, an immediate reply -
I should have written to you
on Sunday but was so unwell
that I could only write a
letter to Lily - the weather is
very bad there was a violent
snow storm during the whole
of yesterday and last night
- it is much warmer today &
the snow is fast melting - we
hope that winter is now over -
Miss Fay has left Cambridge -
and is visiting her relatives
you should write to her - she

is now at N. S. Fay's place
near Lynn - Stacy Greenough
is keeping house in Cambridge &
I suppose Miss Fay will come to
see him every now & then.
By the by - all the Greenoughs
are leaving Cambridge for a
time - Mrs Horatio G. & Mrs Henry G. &
Mr Greenough who lives near Mrs
Clapp are going to Europe &
houses are to let - the first two
at \$1000 a year each - and
Mrs G's at \$1500 a year - they
are furnished as you know
in a very handsome manner -
- Clara McDougall wants her family
to come on & take Mr G's house
- I am glad to hear that Cos Eng
is well & returns her my kindest
regards - Shall you accept her
invitation? -

- Please remember me in love to
the "Lovely Sally" & "The Spangled Banner"
- Why do not you have a meeting of
of the Club at Home - you should
be always prompt to discharge an
obligation of that kind -

And you are having a revival -
well - and you are serious - well -
and what else? -

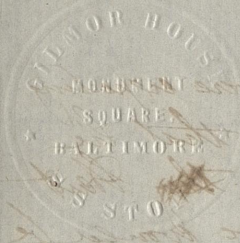
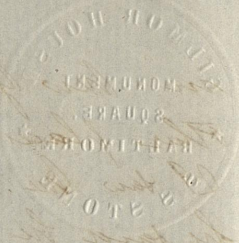
I attended a very pleasant Parlor
concert at Mr Bigelow's last week -
and on Saturday evening took tea
with Anderson at Mrs Austen's -
- During the past two or three days
I have been very devoted to
my old friend Miss Abbot - she is
as you know a very beautiful
woman - she leaves Camb. on
tomorrow -

Miss Libby G. has been in
N. Y. for a short time and

GILMAN HOUSE
MONUMENT
SQUARE,
BALTIMORE.
E. STONE



Henry O. Duncan Esq.
Lexington
Ky.



Sunday. Oct. 30th 1869.

You will see my dear Father
by the stamp on this paper where
we are - we left ~~New York~~ ^{Philadelphia} last
night and reached here at four
this morning - to day we have
seen all of Baltimore, that is worth
seeing - and tomorrow - will leave
for Washington City - which will
have more attractions - You must
not look for us at home until
you see us - at all events we shall
be home Tuesday of next week -
we saw Charlie Bookers - and
his father in New York - see

Bookies said you were expecting us at home, every day - that he saw brother - who said ~~that~~ Hart had written that we would be home by the 20th - I wrote part of a letter to you when in New York - but had not time to finish it ^{to any} owing to my running about all the time - the weather has been delightful with the exception of one cold day - of which - there has been quite a number in Ohio & Ky - Charlie Bookies tells me - he sailed yesterday morning -

I forgot to say that I saw Miss Stinger in Philadelphia - told her how well my dress &c. fitted - she seemed quite pleased that I called - we stopped at the Girard House only for one day having been

in New York so much lately - other places appear quite dull. I saw Mrs Ballard in New York he said he would be in Ky in about ten days and then he intended going to one of the territories to hunt - with a party of about thirty - I shall write to Mrs Ballard this evening - to let her know that I have seen him - he did not ask once for her - he appeared a little embarrassed - when I met him - but I tried to relieve him -

I shall not write again - before I reach home - with much love from Hart and myself - & hoping to see you all very soon - I remain very affectionately your devoted daughter
M. D. Gibson.

30
1856



Miss Mary Duncan.
Care Henry Duncan Esq.
Cambridge
Mass.

asking you to write the soon to your being James

The family were going, we did not go there on our way home from Pittsfield as we expected when we left you, but it was on account of Jennie's health; if you remember she had a severe cold when we left the "Institute" and still increased it in New York until she coughed very much, and indeed we had to stop several times on the way and call a physician, the last one we had in "Dayton" and he advised us to come directly home, which we did, and now she has recovered entirely from her cold, but has not been well for a few days, she sends a great deal of love to you, and now Mar in little sheet of paper Warner. I must close, and I will do so by

Jacksonville April 25th

Appearance dear Mary almost say my heart forgets the absent because its felt emotions have been so long restrained, but tis not so, neither the pleasant hours we have spent together, I have thought of you often and as often intended to write, but day after day would pass and my engagements increased, but now a few leisure moments and some pleasant remembrances of many moments long since passed and passed with you in N.Y. call back days gone by.

I suppose before this you have settled down in Cambridge to the quiet enjoyments of school

more enchanted perhaps than
ever Coeth its undisturbed repose.
How do you like your new home
as much as Bell'sfield? but I should
think better as you can have the
society of your Brother. What kind
of a School are you attending? Write
and tell me all about it. did you
not have a feeling of regret that
over you when you left Bell'sfield
especially when you parted with
your friend Miss Anne Offall?
did you part with ^{the} same feelings
you had during vacation, or was
there a reconciliation, was the
fire quenched or extinguish after we
left, or did it burn up brighter
and harder, it seemed to be in a
quenchless manner when we
bid you good bye, have you heard
from Sarah Moore yet, & how
does she exceed in fighting alone

But - Man I am afraid you
will find my letter to be uninteresting
that you will not want to receive
another. I hardly know what
to write your not being a regular
letter with any one here. Will I
give you sentiment - general news
or an account of how I am
spending my time. The first
I am tired overburdened with
and as for news my budget is
small. therefore myself must
be the last although not on that
account the least important.
This morning I met Coeth a
little disappointment in not
going to the. An Aunt of mine
left for there this morning and
wanted to have me go with
her, but I could not get my
own consent when the starting
time came as none of the rest of



Lexington Jan 13th 1859

Miss Mary

Hearing to day
that you were sick, and thin-
king that you would relish a
Partridge, I have the pleasure
of sending you four, which
I killed this evening. I am
sorry that I found no more
birds, and more so that
you are sick. Hoping that
you will be out in a few
days, I remain yours truly.

Isaac Webb

23 Clinton Place
New York May 7 1894

Mrs. Duncan

to M. McConnell

3 marlet flow	1	3 00
board for 1/2 a week		3 00
lining & trim steam bonnet & flow		12 00
to lining & trim boat for Mrs. D		10 00
2 Garden hats	2 50	5 00
linings	50	1 00
tulle strings for boat		1 50
1 1/4 pink	50	.62
1 blk feather		3 50
1 yr wheel white	50	50
1 steam ornament		1 00
Prov. Uprising		1 50
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Mr. Duncan



Miss Mary C. Duncan
Lexington
Ky.

Care of Mr. H. J. Duncan Esq.

But Siry Bonditch came out - and is quite overwhelmed at
I was much less; he was quite
lost with so many girls - but
he had a very jolly time. I assure
you. After tea was over we were
startled by some very ~~and~~ surprising
& sad news - that Siry Bonditch
was going to start - Sunday.

Jan. 13.

I was interrupted at the
word "start" by the entrance
of a friend who had come
very pleasantly to make me a
visit and have had us
time to resume my discourses
since until now, when all
are quietly reading. But
Siry Bonditch is to start the 16th
of next month for Europe, when
she will probably remain
two years. Her place - is speed-
ing the Sunday winter here -

and is quite overwhelmed at
the thought of being so suddenly
separated from a friend that
she loves so tenderly. It will be
a pretty sad parting - & the
separation will be hard to bear -
for the girls are more like
loves than merely intimate
friends. However Siry has the

promise of spending the
first winter after her return
with us at St. Louis. Don
for in the future that is the
making plans I promised.
No shall miss Siry sadly
enough. Letters from a fortnight
will hardly supply the place
of letters every day - or at least
two or three a week.

All of the ^{best} St. Louis girls that are
now in Cambridge - have to part with



Miss Mary Sumner
Care of Mr. William Webb
St. Louis Mo.

You as soon as you reach home
I am your sincere friend

Mary Vincent

St. Joseph April 25

Dear Mary

I was true by glad
to received your kind letter.
I feared mine was not
directed right and of course
had not been received.
When I left St. Louis I was
certain I would be ready to
return to Ky with you, but
my brother is not willing for
me to leave so soon, and
as I am enjoying myself very
much, I am perfectly
satisfied to remain. Still
when I think of our pleasant
trip out I cannot help
regretting I am not to be with

you going back. Yet I hope on
my return to see more
of you than heretofore. I am
much surprised at Fissie
being homesick, as she is
fond of parties & gay society,
which I suppose you all had
plenty of. How many you know
I like Mr. Breckinridge
very much, but I am afraid
Fissie did not consider as she
ought - the serious step she has
taken. I am going to tell you
some thing which will
astonish you equally as much
as it did me. I received letters
from Sister & Mary Wainson saying
Fissie & Mr. B had joined the
Presbyterian Church, and ^{he} is
going to Knoxville to study for
the Ministry. What do you think

of that? Strange things take
place in this world. Fissie
wrote me a short letter a
few days after I left St. Louis
since then I have not had
a line from her. At first I
felt quite badly to think she
would treat me ^{so}, but a person
can become accustomed to
anything, and now I feel as though
we were only formal acquaint-
ances, I would to say that everyone
I know you have had a delightful
time, and so have I. But prout
Frank be glad to see you? Do
you really think Speed went to Kansas
for any special purpose? Remember
me to him. I feel as though I could
write more, but have not time.
 Hoping you will have as pleasant trip
back as we had, and to hear from

Melrose Avenue

May 13th 1859

Miss Dugan

please call and get your
sleeves and if convenient let me have
the little amount you owe me
the Bill

6 chemise bands & sleeves	\$ 12.00
4 bands & sleeves set on	2.00
French cotton floss	50
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	14.50

P.S. if you have your other work ready
please bring it as I am at your
command

Respectfully

A J Flanagan