Low Moor, Va —

Jan 6th 1889

Rec'd 10th

My dear Father:

Enclosed you will find a letter from Mr. Frank Lyman of the 31st ult in response to my own — His views correspond to those expressed by me to you — The benefits to be derived from the associations —

As soon as you think best I shall speak to Capt. Merry for leave of absence for that time, if the Party makes the journey. That is to say, if they conclude to go — I shall also notify the proper personages in the Society as it is desireable to have as many go as possible and a certain definite number are required befor arrangements will be completed —

There will be a meeting of the Institute of Mining Engineers in New York on the 19th prox – At which time something definate may be learned as to the number of those will probably go abroad in May – The meeting will be same week as the L. M. I. Co's Directors, will it not? Of course I shall not care to attend for two reasons, Capt Merry will be away from here and second I prefer to put the money into the European trip –

Joe Skeldings seems to have found out that he can work more fine ore to good advantage – It is much easier in point of wear on the brick in the upper part of the furn and gives as good if not better yield of iron per ton of ore – The latter I think is rather doubtfull – But it is best to encourage the use of fine ore –

The sad news of the death of Mrs Merry's brother was received last Tuesday – He had been out prospecting in Mich. and over did his strength, reaching home in a bad condition he only lived for a few days – Mrs Thomas went to Cleveland to attend the funeral – His name was William Roy –

Mrs. Merry did not feel well enough to attend the funeral –

The prospecting shaft on the McClure has been abandoned after sinking 118 feet ending in sand with considerable water. Harry is now sinking another shaft 7'x7' below the old No 2 Shaft and back of the old log house infront of No 20 tunnel – We will call it No 5 –

My call has nearly disappeared – Please send me the "Bauerman" and Compass which I forgot – With love to all

Yours off on Cards

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 10th January 1889

My dear Cooke

Yours of 6th covering F. Lyman's came duly to hand – I think it would be best to answer, that you will probably go with the engineers. It may be that I shall need you here, and that the expenses of the trip may be hard to meet, with other demands on me for Wills affairs, I am sorry if it causes you to lose the trip. Left Lily & Mr M – very well. Was so hurried for time that could not see Mr Lyman or Lou while in N.Y.

All well here – and at Bellefonte.

I think it would be well for you to write F. Lyman about what Harry Meany told you as to their remaining at Lookout. And that Miss Minnie Meany told Lily about the same. The ladies of the family were not inclined to stay, believing some other location better for Mr M's health. In haste

Affectionately yours

John Means

Ashland Ky 16th January 1889

My dear Cooke

Yours of 13th came duly to hand but my time yesterday was taken up too much for reply. I think you are over sensitive about your work just now under Capt Henry and advise that you try to do any and everything he desires. It is for him or the Supt or head to determine whether you are useful in the place, and at the compensation. As to leaving Louisville I do not know any place, or set of men with which it would be more desirable for a young man to be connected, a place where profit is made at as low prices as we can see. Honorable, capable business men with plenty of Capital, are not always found together

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you might in a lifetime fail to find a more or even as desirable place all things considered. It would be very pleasant for me to have you here to assist me, but you would make same objection you do as to Lukeow, too much lesson and I could not afford much pay then too there are so many things which require to be done by myself only. The affairs of Brother Wm have taken so much time and money, as to become a serious matter for me, Dont mention this to any. Am going to Saint to night for a few days hoping to get matters shaped better than now are, and can hardly tell what the result may be.

Dont think of leaving home just now. You might find it very hard to get any position, let alone a place where you would have more than a bare living. Have not mentioned to any one here, but sister Maggie what have now to you. Have told your mother who has expected a trip to Mexico, that we cannot afford for her to go now, and it is a great disappointment to her. All are well in health but as you can see, I feel very much discouraged – The old No 1 Furnace Engine broke cross head – connecting rod and a piece out of steam cylinder night before last. Will take three weeks or more to repair.

Affectionately your
John Means

Ashland Ky - Jan 19th 1889

My Dear Cooke

I suppose you think your Mother very negligent in not writing oftener - but I suppose Rose & your father keep you posted as to the news - I dont know whether they told you that Rose & I have had to give up our trip to the City of Mexico - I had thought of starting next week - but as I suppose the trip would cost about $800 or $1000 - your father says that, on account of his having to pay so much money, for William ~~for~~ the Bank - he cant let us go - & that he cant let you go to Europe either, next Summer

I had a thousand dollars left from last year that I thought I could spend. & Mag kindly offered to lend me some of hers but he says it will take it all. It seems provoking to think we all have to economize to pay for your Aunt Martha's extravagance. And your poor Father nearly worried to death he has gone to the City for the 2d time within a year. I fear the case is going the worst way for Will - besides having ~~lost~~ I suppose over $10,000 spent on it. I had such a nice letter from Edith Wilson about the trip to Mexico that I felt quite anxious to go - I wrote to him about Hotels & expences as he has just been there. I wish we had gone last winter instead of to Florida - Aldrich, had a bad boy, shot him in the eye with a toy gun - it is better now but he came near having it put out. I was very much frightened over it - Rose had a Candy pulling on Thursday evening - The Archery Club - 22 with ourselves - they had a very nice time. Have you put your letter into the Presbyterian Church yet - I hope you will soon do so -

Love & kisses from your aff Mother


Pomeroy Salt Co
John Means Esq
Ashland
Ky.
Pomeroy Salt Co

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Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Blymyer

announce the marriage of their daughter

Caro Dana,

to

Mr. Charles Gates Dawes,

Thursday, January twenty fourth,

Eighteen hundred and eighty nine.

Cincinnati, O.

At Home,
520 South Sixteenth St.
Lincoln, Nebraska.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 25th January 1889

My dear Cooke

this morning I have letter from Mr Frank Lyman, that he will probably be at Louisville next Tuesday 29th, asking me to meet him. I shall try to do so, unless obliged to go to Lexington and that may be the case. I came home from there Sunday last, not having accomplished any thing. There I waited and went to see being out of the city. The Norton directors met, accepted Mr Meacham's resignation, but adjourned without filling the place. No one acceptable being offered for accommodation. This makes pretty hard for Mr Russell as there were none too many with Meacham. Will Dan in Saturday, and tomorrow we expect Bessie and family — F. L. is to wire me, day or day before he starts and if I come will be in time to meet him. He no doubt will wire Capt M. too,

Yours
John Means

Shall you be home
when your young
Church comes
into the Rec
Church in June
When all Lord's Dear
Dear is Quite well
baby flourishing -
two new pupils
a Medical student
Lady learning Greek
& Hebrew & Greek
Young people
Sunday School
Church
Sister's 5th anniv
had a happy day

My Dear

I am glad
to hear that you have
your pass again & can come
& see us, once in a while - I had
the pleasure of welcoming my
four children into the membership
of the Methodist Church, Sunday
before last, & if they enjoy their
new Church home & people as
much as their Mother does they
will consider it a happy change
I am so glad, I dont have to
go around, this cold weather
hunting up, Mr Condit's salary
as I have done for so many
cold winters - I raised nearly
$1800 for him in subscriptions &
in presents of money - Last year

this year. I hear they have made up $1200 & to do that I am sure some of them have have had to give a good deal more than they ever did before. The Beautiful Youthful Choir of the Presbyterian Church gave a Concert tonight, called "The Smith family" - We are having protracted meetings in our Church this is the fifth week - & they are meeting with very good success - We now number 250 members - the P. Church had 150 - & I suppose the Southern about 150 - so we are by far the largest Church in town - & the membership is increasing nearly every week, I suppose over 35 have joined since I have - I wish I could see your Father unite with us - Poor Archie Montmollin is dying today, of the Typhoid Fever he has been sick ever since his Mother died. - The Dr is nearly worn out nursing him - I suppose you have seen the Cin papers notice of Pearl Means going on the stage Lt S. - paper Commercial Gazette - Rose has gone out on horseback to see Bess, to stay till Friday - it is snowing hard now. Love & kisses from your loving Mother

Low Moor Statement
Feb. 1889

NEW-YORK, *February 13th*, 1889.

The Treasurer, in presenting to the Board of Directors of THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA the usual semi-annual statements, made up to December 31st, 1888, would state, that the price for our product has been unusually low for the six months, while the cost of getting it to market has been increased by the scarcity of vessels, and high freights at Richmond, yet, to the uniform good quality, and large proportion of foundry iron made, together with the economical management of the mines, under the superintendence of Mr. HENRY G. MERRY, giving us a larger out-put of ore, at a much less cost than heretofore, may be attributed the favorable result shown.

At the meeting of the Board in August last, Mr. MERRY stated, that his measurement of the ore in stock gave but 8,000 tons, instead of 12,469 tons, at which it had been inventoried previously. It was ordered that the difference of 4,469 tons, at $2.00 per ton, be charged off. This has been done, and the balance sheet now shows to the credit of Profit and Loss, ... $323,873 45

Against a balance June 30, 1888, ...		$301,478 02	
Less September dividend, ...	$30,000 00		
Shortage on ore, as above, ...	8,938 00		
		38,938 00	
			262,540 02
Net gain for the six months, ...			$61,333 43

The sales of our iron exceeded the production, yet leaves in stock at the furnace and in transit to market some 9,538 tons, against 12,390 tons June 30, 1888.

The light demand at this season of the year, and the large quantity of Alabama iron forced on the market at low prices, will hardly warrant us in expecting the next semi-annual statement to be as favorable. Since the last statement the bonded indebtedness has been reduced, by the payment of $50,000 called bonds, and the purchase of $17,000 at par and accrued interest, leaving $90,000 outstanding. The sinking fund has been credited with $3,662.84 for royalties, and debited with $8,700, cost of 218¾ acres of land adjoining our property, purchased of Mrs. MCELWEE, giving us a more extended limestone quarry, with a fair prospect of finding considerable ore.

Furnace Repairs Fund has been credited with 50 cents per ton on the iron made, amounting to $9,956, and debited with $14,248.75, the amount paid for re-lining Furnace "A.," repairs to cast house, &c.

$8,863.06 has been debited to Furnace "B.," for payments on account of new hot blast stove, new boilers, &c.

The cost of the Low Moor Branch Railroad has been reduced $3,445.

The Treasurer would suggest that the usual dividend of five per cent. (5%) on the capital stock of the Company be declared, payable at the office of the Treasurer, on the 15th of March next.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD A. LOW,
Treasurer.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET.

Dr. The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia, December 31st, 1888. Cr.

Real Estate,	$619,349 41	
Low Moor Branch Railroad,	61,674 42	
Furnace "B.,"	82,728 41	
Inventories,	230,725 69	
Furniture, Agent's house,	1,221 37	
		$995,699 30
Cash with Treasurer,	$27,103 03	
" " Agent,	2,693 77	
" Loaned on call,	36,000 00	
		65,796 80
Bills Receivable,		59,547 40
T. A. Mack, for Iron,	$3,286 56	
J. N. Gordon, "	1,057 81	
Sundry parties,	75,557 91	
		79,902 28
Pendencies,		13,389 19
Thurmond Coal Company loan,		8,000 00
		$1,222,334 97

Capital Stock,	$600,000 00	
Bonds,	90,000 00	
		$690,000 00
Bills Payable,	$46,792 78	
Wages,	5,771 81	
Hospital Fund,	654 47	
Unsettled accounts,	53,471 07	
		106,670 13
Sinking Fund,	$41,333 90	
Insurance Fund,	5,409 32	
Furnace Repairs Fund,	55,048 17	
		101,791 39
Profit and Loss,		323,873 45
		$1,222,334 97

Statement of Inventory, Iron Made, &c., for Treasurer's Report, December 31st, 1888.

INVENTORY.

Blast 1 B.,	$46,460 54
Foundry,	623 15
Teams, &c.,	3,004 47
House Repairs,	346 19
Wood,	175 00
Iron Product,	122,982 00
Transportation,	21 05
Farm,	1,263 00
Limestone,	1,542 43
Store,	21,492 93
Mines,	32,814 93
	$230,725 69

IRON PRODUCT.

5,275 Tons on hand at Low Moor, @ $12,	$63,300 00
3,898 " at and in transit to New-York, @ $14,	54,572 00
350 " in hands T. A. Mack, Cin., O., @ $14,	4,900 00
15 " " " J. N. Gordon, Rich'd, Va., @ $14,	210 00
9,538 Tons.	$122,982 00

IRON MADE.

Iron made July,	$3,224\frac{1}{2000}$ tons.
" August,	$3,355\frac{400}{2000}$ "
" September,	$3,268\frac{1}{2000}$ "
" October,	$3,463\frac{1}{2000}$ "
" November,	$3,380\frac{500}{2000}$ "
" December,	$3,319\frac{1}{2000}$ "
Total for 6 months,	$19,911\frac{1}{2000}$ "

ORE.

Ore from Mines, 6 months,	$26,256\frac{113}{144}$ tons.
" purchased, 6 "	$18,686\frac{1}{2000}$ "
" consumed, 6 "	$46,928\frac{1}{2000}$ "
" on hand at Furnace,	$12,060\frac{6}{2000}$ "
" " " Mines,	$8,000\frac{5}{2000}$ "

LIMESTONE.

Limestone from Quarry, 6 months,	$20,704\frac{42}{2000}$ tons.
" consumed, 6 "	$21,009\frac{2}{2000}$ "
" on hand at Furnace,	$200\frac{9}{2000}$ "

Ashland Ky 23rd May 1889

My dear Leroke

I reached home this afternoon about one hour late. Train delayed at Big Bend Tunnel. Found Lily and Mr Maynard well and took breakfast there Sunday morning with them. You have no doubt had notice of 5per ct dividend with Treasurer Statement.

Hope you got along without much trouble with ~~Mac~~ or without machinists. And that the work at Hearth of Ice 'A' is progressing.

Harry was at Bellefonte last night and reports Hilda had been ill with cold

Two of Will's sisters were

at Benies. Your mother says Hilda has been pretty sick and that they sent for a Doctor from Boston, as Dr. Mont is away in Lexington.
Rose left this morning for a short visit to Dresden so I did not see her.
Your letter of 20th to mother is here repeating the big inks unk. Mother reports as having been to a fine dinner party at Mr Huffs, and is now gone to a Missionary meeting at the M. E. Church.
Harry reports the Furnace starting Wed or Thursday next, but does not know what sort of a start they have made.
Sund 24th. We are all at church, today being quarterly meeting and communion, the Presiding Elder Mr Hill preached. Have not heard from Bellefonte since Harry was out. The Mer stood +13° this morning + 19° at Noon, Snowing a little now.
Father and Maggie are well. Maggie was sick a day or so while I was away. Dr Mont was in Lexington, so she sent for Dr Wade, who said her trouble was from Malaria, this seems to cover all disease with Doctors nowadays.
Please remember me to Capt Henry and family
Affectionately your
John Meang

JOHN MEANS, KENTUCKY. PRESIDENT.
H. M. BELL, VIRGINIA. VICE PREST.

Henry Merry
~~H. W. GOODWIN~~ MANAGING DIRECTOR.

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THE Low Moor Iron Company OF VIRGINIA.

GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. March 3rd 1889

My dear Father:

Saturday Capt, Harry, Mr Hann myself went up to Stack Mine and spent the morning there looking over the property – Some day this week we expect to go over the Dally Run and Iron Mt. or a portion of it –

Capt. has placed the order for the Locomotive No 3 with the Baldwin people – a four wheel, saddle tank, 16"x24" cylinder, weight 70000 lbs, capacity of tank 900 gallons.

There has been one cinder car ordered from Laws & Hartman, 10 ton, end dump. Also two "Modoc's from Witherow same capacity – One end dump and one Modoc to be completed in four weeks and the second Modoc by the 15 of April. The track to the cinder pile is nearly completed and the others under good headway –

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Low Moor, Va. 188

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The bash in f'ce "A" will be completed tomorrow and the drying furnace erected by Wednesday - The bell is still to be placed in position - Will commence drying stove this week, using gas to obtain the necessary heat.

Furnace B is the same and continues to do well enough under the circumstances -

Will move old car repair shop to the rear of machine shop and run shaft through it for wood working machines & saws.

With love to all -

Your aff. Son:

E. C. Means -

Ashland Ky. 10th March 1889

My dear Cooke

Your of 3d came duly to hand, giving account of contracts &c. You did not mention price of locomotive contracted for, which it strikes me will be a pretty heavy machine for working on trestles. I suppose from the fact that only one end dumping Tank & Hartman car was ordered, that Capt M and Mr Lyman were not so well pleased with that style as Capt thought to be from seeing the drawings.

Harry went to Pikeville yesterday afternoon expecting to come home tomorrow. Ros came home Monday from Breckinridge Bessie and Will came in Friday afternoon, rode on horseback

the wooden thing too deep in mud for buggies. Bessie looked very well and reported her children as getting on nicely. Hidden talking some and some while the little one not exactly crawling, manages to get herself around the corner in a manner of her own. Have had equally disagreeable weather for several days cloudy with a little rain or snow – Expect to go to Cincin tomorrow, and to get home again Thursday or Friday Am not sure whether shall come over to Lowhurst Sat 16th or Monday 18th night, to meet Mr Lee & Lyman It will depend somewhat on when I get home from Cincin. So if do not come Sunday morning you may expect me Tuesday morning 19th

How long we shall stay cannot tell – If the weather be good the gentlemen may desire to visit both Stack and Dolly Ann. I have sold my interest in Dolly Ann to Mr E. H. R. Lyman he paying me just what I had paid in to it. I needed the money and could not see that I could pay, what would still be to pay, in any reasonable time if ever. Matters so far as I can tell no better, than when we talked as to affairs, every prospect is my favor. Make no needless expense but care all you can what you will have depends on what you care over expenses, and not what you make in gross –

It is not probable that I can ever give you any thing, but may need you to help me in my old days

Affectionately your
John Meany

Ashland Ky. 23rd March 1889

My dear Corke

We did not get away from Lexington Station until after 11 o'clock and I had gone to sleep — We reached Huntington a little after 9 A.M. and were held for No 3 which came on time. Mr W had expected to stop here, for #3 or the boat, but as Mr Hilleary would reach Louisa at night he thought best to go on with her that he might help in getting her fixed on train for trip. Mrs W.P. Cutler and Hunnicutt are visiting aunts yesterday they were at Fathers for dinner your mother represents ing our family. Will S and Hilda are up to dinner today. Did not have any chance to talk with him as he had to go right back with a machinist.

Sunday 24th.

All went to church but mother who has sick headache.

Aunt Maggie went with us, Afternoon mother went to class meeting with Rose.

Mr Campbell has not been so well since I went away, and is in bed again.

With remembrance to Capt M & family

Affectionately your
John Meaup

Hubbard
Letter

Law Maor. Va.
March 24th 1889

My dear Father:

Yesterday morning we had a call from Mr Hibbard who used to be at Center Furnace — He is interested in the Iron Gate scheme — He said he used to know you at Hanging Rock and Union Landing — He was anxious to see you and was sorry to have missed you — He knows all about Roan Mountain, and says it has a good future — He has been there and has had interests there — He knows Jennie Clark & Nora Scott, in fact, all our Doutton friends — He is aquainted with

Some of the Norfolk & Western people and Gen Enocks - The latter he saw in New York a short time since

Mr. Hibbard seems to have come out to boom the Iron Gate property and build the rolling mill -

He talked very kindly to me about Uncle Will and spoke of his strong friends in the Ohio Club of N.Y. of which he is a member - They would be glad to do anything they could for him -

Everything has quieted down at the mines after several of the worst had been badly scared and driven away -

John Haw went to Richmond & Old Point yesterday - His daughter is sick and he is afraid of a decline -

Silvery Iron here has 5.62 % Silicon -

I have received a very favorable response on the fine question and will soon commence shipments - which have to all -

Your aff Son -

E. C. Meade -

P.S. I have written to Cae -

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 26th March 1889

My dear Cooke

Yours of 24th is at hand. There are two or more Hibbards that I used to know, one of them married a sister of Mr Enocks.

Poor Mountain may be good in 15 or 20 years but how to take care of it for that time is the question, and where is the money to come from, and who is to look after it? Good after while does no good now. So with the good writes of the Ohio Club of N.Y. they dont avail anything.

Am afraid Mr Lee and his associates in the N&W- may get the impression, from your writing him, that I would sell out my fellow owners here

Mr Russell and myself go to Louis this afternoon to advise with other directors about a move for the Norton. Have sold Sam Savage 3 lots which I leave on

Carter near the Machine Shop for ($1,500#) 1/3 Cash to be paid next week balance in one and two (1 & 2) years with interest. He proposes to build houses on them and then sell on long time at small payments. He done this before and made something at it.

Glad to hear that Harry's strike is over — Good bye

Affectionately yours

John Meaud

Annual Statement

OF

MEANS, KYLE & CO.,

FOR

Year Ending March 31, 1889

15th Aug 1889

OHIO FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1889

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 18

ASSETS.	
Cash,	
Hands' Ledger Balances,	
Bills Receivable,	
Merchandise,	
Principal office,	
Invoice ..... iron and	
Balance cost of ..... tons iron delivered at Union Landing,	
$	

LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,	
Hands' ledger balances,	
Sales---Pig iron	
Annual gain and loss to April 1, 18	
$	

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 18

ASSETS.	
Cash and book accounts,	101689
Merchandise,	439405
Bills receivable,	
Principal office,	
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,	2170290
..... tons pig iron at	
..... " " " "	
..... " " " "	
$	2711384

LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,	416144
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 18	
Principal Office.	2237270
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1889	57970
$	2711384

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Union Landing,			
..... bushels coal ..... at			
..... tons ore ..... at			
..... " limestone ..... at			
Running up stock,			
Transportation to Union Landing,			
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Union Landing,			
Cost of one load charcoal,			
Average sales per ton,			
Merchandise sold,			2222895
Net profit on merchandise,			490882

HANGING ROCK.

Number tons iron made,	
Whole number cords wood used,	
" " loads coal "	
" " tons ore Mined & Bought	10215
" " " limestone " at NC	7994
No. cords wood to make one load of coal,	10161
" " " " " ton of iron	
Average cost of Nation on " days furnace was in blast	18510
" tons daily average product	
" " iron sold,	
" " on hand,	

Furnace went into blast ....., 18...., **and blew out** ....., 18....

HANGING ROCK COAL WORKS, BALANCES AND STATEMENT OF COAL MINED.

ASSETS.	
Book accounts,	230066
Cash,	
Invoice merchandise at New Castle Store,	851481
Invoice personal property at mines, and	421983
" " " at Hanging Rock,	
Balance,	5301382

LIABILITIES.	
Book accounts,	432440
Principal office,	3914847
Balance, Gain	954095
$	5301382

COAL MINED AND SOLD.	Bush. Slack.	Bush. Coal.
To Steamboats,	132300	440000
" S. R. Sales	6000	625200
" Sundries by Barge loads,		10600
" Retail by Wagon loads,	4000	41800
" Quantity on hand, Apr. 1st 88.	1200	7200
Total Mined,	141400	1050000
Average Sales per day,	390	2067
" " " " to Boats	362	211
On hand Apr. 1st 1889	300	2600

PINE GROVE FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1889

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 1889

ASSETS.	
Cash,	1315
Hands' Ledger Balances,	4977 74
Bills Receivable,	500 –
Merchandise,	6102 53
~~Principal office~~, Pig-Iron	2695 93
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,	2670 176
Balance cost of 4171 tons iron delivered at Hanging Rock,	7443 639
	$14269 160

LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,	815 32
Hands' ledger balances,	5275 49
Sales---Pig iron,	8670 347
Principal Office	4523 831
Annual gain ~~and loss~~ in Merchandise to April 1, 1889	465 891
	$14269 160

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1889

ASSETS.	
Cash and book accounts,	7990 89
Merchandise,	6102 53
Bills receivable,	500
Principal office,	
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,	2670 176
1309 4 tons pig iron at	2695 993
" " " "	
" " " "	
	$6825 511

LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,	609 081
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 18	
Profit on Merchandise	465 801
Principal Office	4523 831
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1889	1226 708
	$6825 511

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Hanging Rock		17 85
126½ bushels coal at .0621	7 86	
2 7/10 tons ore at 2 06	5 56	
407 " limestone at .75	305	
Running up stock,	332½	
Transp'n to Hanging Rock Landing,	80	
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Hanging Rock Landing,		
Average sales per ton,		20 88
Merchandise sold,		2847 723
Net profit on merchandise,		465 891
Cost of one load charcoal,		12 43

Number tons iron made,	4171
Whole number cords wood used,	
" " loads coal "	2638
" " tons ore "	1126 2
" " " limestone "	1697
No. cords wood to make one load of coal,	
" " " " " " ton of iron	
" days furnace was in blast	258 2/3
" tons daily average product	16 12/100
" " iron sold,	3362 7/10
" " on hand,	1309 4/10

Furnace commenced blowing May 7th, 1888, **and** ~~blew out~~ was in blast Mar 30th, 1889

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, HANGING ROCK, BALANCES.

ASSETS.	
Means Pig Iron Stock ~~Gain and loss to April 1, 18~~	4000 –
Cash,	2552 437
Cash Due Notes	2004 72
Bills Receivable	5019 827
Individual Accounts	1086 943
Real Estate,	2768 914
Coal Works,	3914 847
~~Cash Dividends~~, Hamilton Fur	1271 5310
~~Stock Dividends~~, Ohio Fur	2237 270
Pine Grove Fur	4523 831
~~Balances~~, O. I. H. Co. Stock	4405 10
	$6078 0561

LIABILITIES.	
Pine Grove Furnace,	
Ohio Furnace,	
Bills payable,	
Individual Accounts,	1504 850
Capital Stock,	5000 000
Balance, Profit & Loss a/c	9275 711
	$6078 0561

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, April 1, 1889

Including Business of Pine Grove and Ohio Furnaces, Hanging Rock Coal Works, and Principal Office, Hanging Rock.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash at Pine Grove Furnace,	13 15	Book Accounts at Pine Grove Furnace,	6090 81
Merchandise " " " "	6102 53	" " " Ohio Furnace,	4161 44
Book Accounts, " " " "	7977 74	" " " Coal Works,	4324 40
Bills receivable " " " "	500	" " " Principal Office,	15048 50
Furnace invoice " " " "	26701 76	Bills Payable " " "	
Pig Iron " " " "	26959 93	" " " Sundries	6150 47
Cash, " Ohio Furnace,	227 90	" " "	
Book Accounts, " " "	788 99	Capital Stock	5000 00
Merchandise, " " "	4394 05	Surplus to April 1, 1880	104283 83
Bills Receivable " " "		" " " 1888 87700 79	
Furnace Invoice " " "	21702 90	" Gain 16583 04	
Pig Iron " " "			
Cash " Coal Works,			
Merchandise " " " Ne S	8514 81		
Book Accounts, " " "	2300 66		
Bills Receivable " " "			
Invoice Chattels " " "	42198 35		
Cash, " Principal Office,	25524 37		
Bills Receivable " " "	5019 27		
Real Estate, " " "	27689 14	Lost during the year	
Book Accounts, " " "	10869 43	Lumber-Parker bo 4515 55	
Cash Due Note	2004 72	Ohio & N. M. Ry 642 60	
D. J. & L. bo Stock	4405 10	1094 15	
M. K. & L. " "	4000 —		
Harriston Fur Pig Iron	7233 32		
" " Invoice	4544 33		
	$640059 45		$640059 45

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Annual Statement

Hamilton Fire

April 1st

1889

3rd Annual Report of Hamilton Furnace

For the year commencing April 1st 1888 and ending March 31st 1889 during which time the Furnace was in active operation 331½ Days producing 22330 9/10 Tons Iron an average production of 67 3/10 Tons per day Using

22721 8/10	Tons Native Ore & Mill Cinder	65845 –	
6126 4/10	" Olympia Ore	1421615	
6666 9/10	" Cleveland & "A." Ore	4288249	
3056 8/10	" Buffalo Glass & Furnace	1686179	
3260	" Paint River & Mastadon	1463637	
41831 1/10	"		15444180
6259 3/10	" Coal		1134035
19930 1/10	" Limestone		1746582
31429 9/10	" Coke		10336358

(The above is the cost of material delivered on Track and at Elevator Switching, unloading & elevating being included in Labor Acc.)

Gen'l Labor Including Salaries	4428168
All other Expenses not above detailed	1301094

Cost of 1 Ton Iron @ H.R.

1 87/100 Tons	Ore	6.91.66
28/100 "	Coal	.50.78
89/100 "	Lime	.78.20
1 47/100 "	Coke	4.62.86
	Labor	1.98.30
	Office	.58.25
		15.40.05

Cost of 22330 9/10 Tons @ $15.40 05/100 — 34390417

Proceeds from the sale of

237847 Tons		40270496	
Less Expenses after leaving Furnace		4421088	35849408
49437/10 " In yard, with Agents &c			7233732
287287 "			43083140
6398 " On hand April 1st 1888			9629668
223307 " Sold & valued @	14.98 10		33453472
Balance - Loss -			936945

Average price at which Iron was sold	16.94
Agencies, Int. &c	1.86
Net proceeds per Ton	15.08

Assets

Coke	489160	
Native Ore	2224078	
Coal	80.	
Limestone	1953	
Olympia Ore	6160	
Cleveland & A "	737062	
Martadam Ore	289755	
Globe & Buffalo "	334345	
All other Personal Property	454120	
Iron	7233732	

Liabilities

Mean Kyle & Co		12715310
Balance - Loss -	936945	
	12715310	12715310

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THE Low Moor Iron Company OF VIRGINIA.

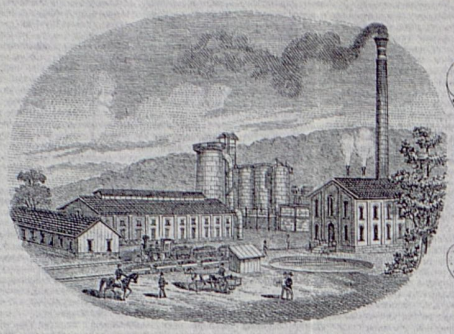
GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. April 17th 1889

Dear Father:

We have enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Charley & Harry — I expect to come home Sunday, May 5th, for a few days if you think it all right. I have written Will about the K.C.I. & M. and want to have a talk with you both about it. You have managed the Company for a long time successfully and with wisdom for the growth of the town, but at the same time you have often by your liberal spirit and heartfelt interest in the town shown partiality against yourself and in favor of others — This spirit appreciated by few, while well meant, has not had its proper reward — The jealous spirit of the average Ashlander has always been against your wise and carefull administration —



VICE PREST. TREASURER.

THE Low Moor Iron Company OF VIRGINIA.

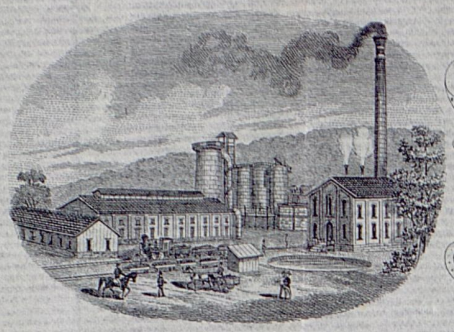
GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. 188

I now propose to Will that we make an effort to secure options on the stock of the Co- Options for 60 days, at the lowest price - That we induce Ashland people to buy the stock, going first to Mr. Russell & Campbell. That a change be made if you agree and that Will Seaton, Abe Campbell or John Russell, Jr. one or all assume the active management and an effort be made to inaugerate a boom - Such a thing if successfully done would give you a change to reduce your Real estate holdings in Ashland at a good figure and relieve you of considerable work - You must have some relief and be able to rest and recuperate. At the same time you cannot feel willing to take an active part in any booming scheme -

Mr. Campbell, so Charley told me would be willing to go into it and I think he & Will & John would



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make a good team — I do not want you to sell your stock in it unless you will exchange with me for some that I hold. If the affair is carried on with some energy there need be no fears as to the stock going above par — What I have lately seen here at Iron Gate & Clifton Forge shows to me what can be done in Ashland — After the receipt of the Norton Dividend if one is made, I shall be glad to exchange my stock in that concern for K. I. C & N. Stock Bar for bar —

If you think my plan absurd write and tell me so and offer one instead ~~stead~~

If you do not do something to relieve yourself I shall be tempted to seek a position in Ashland and return to help you as much as I am able —

With much love and best wishes

I remain your aff son E. C. Means —

2 How will you get options?

1 How fix value to be paid for stock?

3 How will you pay for one half the stock if you even get options?

At 50¢ will take $100,000.00

A larger part of holders will not sell at less than about par.

Do you know that W.P. S.S.S. & C could not raise gold to pay for 10 shares let alone more

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 29th April 1887

My dear boy

Your dated 17th mailed 24th instant is found on returning from Louisville, where I left for 25th — Yours being in printed address was not opened until this morning. It gives me pleasure to know how much kindly interest you take in my welfare, and that you seek to relieve me from work. All my children have shown such a spirit as a parent likes to have. The disposition, to remove my care is appreciated, but I fear must prove groundless. Your scheme for business am afraid cannot be worked out. The Norton will make no dividend soon if ever. I am able to see many difficulties ahead with little that is encouraging. When you come we can talk better than I can write —

Your loving Father

John Means

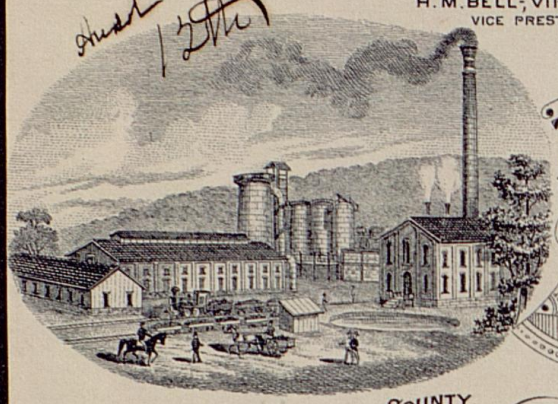
Ashland April 1889 -

My Dearest Cooke

I have been expecting to write to you for a long time but have been busy housecleaning, gardening tending to chickens &c — We are about through with the house cleaning & the gardening & chickens are progressing finely — We had Asparagus yesterday & young onions, pieplant &c — 32 chickens have safely hatched from 6 hens — which is not much to brag of — but Hildreth is busy with them — our sewing society have made 40 sunbonnets & orders for more as Ashland belles will be fair this year — Mrs Drennan

is visiting Aunt Mag & dines with me on Monday - Bishop Dudley (the Episcopal) & 12 preachers meet here next week & their new church will be used - Rose is busy with her three societies & the young ladies Society does give a Centennial tea & wile dress in old style & they some have an old fashioned supper - Candies &c Pies. had an Easter tea last night - Episcopalians have a broom drill soon - Mollie Seaton is at Bettie Harry was out here last night - perhaps your pa will drive out this afternoon - the first time since Oct - Patsey is very fat but the plowing season has begun & she will hire down ~~Lily Miller seldom as she has a new~~ girl in her kitchen - I dont know how your uncle Mills case is coming on - but I fear the worst for him I wish it was settled some way - for your father is still so worried over it - I would advise you not to go fishing - it is too hard on your eyes - Love & Kisses from your aff

Mother



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THE Low Moor Iron Company OF VIRGINIA.

GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. May 10th 1889

Dear Father:

Arrived safely on time Tuesday noon. Found all well. The Laws & Hartman cinder car is here and will work o.k. they think when repaid. The new Locomotive has arrived and will be run Today. I was right in saying that the prices for L. M. Iron in New York per last report were $18.50 for No 1 X and $17.50 for No 2 X. The report for the past month will soon be in and when it comes will write you.

With regards and love to all

Your aff Son

C. C. Means

Ashland Ky. 12th May 1889

My dear Cooke

You went out so quietly Tuesday morning that I did not hear you leaving. Col Moore and Mr Leland spent two days this week taking depositions in the A. C. & S. R. Co suit vs McKenzie. Owing to absence of some whose testimony is needed the case must go over from the June court until December. Delay does the Co no good. Capt Hourihell was down at Ky. I. C. & Ill. Co meeting Thursday and took dinner with us. That evening Rose went up to Huntington to visit Mrs Vint (Mallory) Lyons and came back Friday evening. She and Harry went down to Greenup on N. & yesterday, coming back on No 2. Mr Campbell came home yesterday having been to Old Point, then to Philadelphia to see Dr Agnew.

who examined and prescribed for him. He is much better than when he left home, but expects to take it easy and not to do much this Summer.

We have letter this morning from Uncle George He that Mr Ross died Friday morning - Probably to be buried to day He expected Mary R. Edgerton to reach Marietta yesterday.

We had not heard of his illness, and letter is received too late for any one to go from here to the funeral -

The new time table on C&O, Ry goes into effect to day - I dont know which will be the best train for me to get to Lowtown on, and the office men here never know anything about your end of the road - I wish you would write me whether No 4 stops at L. ville - and generally how trains arrive there, and which stops if all do not stop -

Will Bevin and baby came to church and dinner to day going home in the evening All very well.

Your of 8th came duly to hand Letter from Mr Low fixes 22 and for meeting at Ellen - and also Mountains a drop of $1.50 per ton in iron by the Thomas Iron Co - This wont leave any margin for profit, at L. M. or here -

Mr Russell went to Cincin Saturday to consult Dr Whittaker.

Remember me kindly to Capt, Mary and families

Affectionately your

John Meany

Low Moor, Va.
May 15th 1889.

My dear Father: Your favor 12th inst received this A. M. — No 4 does not stop here — No 2 stops on signal and No 32 makes a regular stop — It will probably suit you best to come over in No 2 arriving here at 11.21 P. M. You could go to Clifton Forge on No 4 and return on No 31 at 9.50 A.M. but as the latter train carries much freight from Richmond it is apt to be late —

Advise me what day and train you will come on and if possible I will meet you on the roads—

10 of us go to Staunton tomorrow in suit of Spalding vs Life Ins. Co— Will drive or walk to Clifton Forge and take No 4 from there—

Mack sold 400 tons No 2 to Stove Co at Piqua O. for $17.50 for June, July etc— 75 to 100 tons per month—

Hoping to see you soon with love to all

Your aff. Son

E. C. Means.

Was sorry to learn of Mr. Rao's death but am not surprised)— It will be very lonesome for Uncle George now— I wd that none could attend the funeral—

The mail Dennie here is very poor as present—

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 18 May 1884

My dear Cooke

Your of 15th at hand — I have letter this morning from Mr Winslow that he expects to come Sunday night on No 4 go to Le Forge and take the 9.40 train back to Louisville. Will & family up yesterday and we look for them tomorrow. If I conclude to come before Winslow will wire you or Co train

Affectionately Your
John Means

Ashland Ky May 18 1889

Mr. Thos. W. Means Dr to Dr Stuck
For service of Bull to 1 cow $2.00
March 11th 1889
Recieved Payment
Buck Stuck

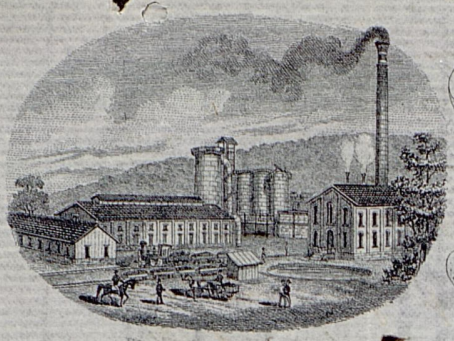
Paid Cash
18 May 1889

Ashland May 30th 1889

My Dear Cora -

This is decoration day & the rain is pouring down — we are having too much rain, particularly for the strawberries as they are not so sweet. I have a splendid crop - one measured 6¼ inches around it - & I have a great many luscious ones. Monday ~~Tuesday~~ we picked 3 gallons & Tuesday I had a big dinner party - mostly ladies, where I had been invited this last year - & I treated them to my strawberries with ice cream & cake & coffee for dessert - & they praised them highly. We had a very jolly time - the Methodist sisters being a lively set much more so than the Presbyterian ladies - the longer I stay with

them the better I like them —
I had 28 to dinner counting
the cooks. Hilda &c — Bess came
in, just in time — without knowing
of the party — We are pickering
the Chambernies & Cherries that
we dont eat, so you may get
some share yet — I had a long
letter from Mary Ross — Mr Ross
was only sick 4 days — Mary got
there after he was dead & Frank
& Hildreth Ross came just too late
for the funeral — they stayed a
week — & Mary several weeks — Eva
Means goes to Europe next week
for the Summer, with her french
teacher — Mary Anne & Mr Pelley, Means
are still at Lily, but are going to
Sour Springs — I think he had better
go to Yellow Springs & make Martha
quiet — she writes your father such
fearfully abusive letters — he has quit
answering them & but of course it worries
him — He is in Cincinnati this week —
I hope you will come home the 4th of
July & cheer him up. Come —
love & kisses from
Mother —



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THE Low Moor Iron Company OF VIRGINIA.

GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. 30th May 1889

My Dear Cook

I reached here yesterday noon and found everything quiet at the furnace — the make for Stack No 3 will reach about 105,000 tons. We shall not touch old furnace until the other is blown in, but let her stand to be cleaned out and repaired at spare times. If all the material was here think new one might be finished up in three weeks and Skelding could be ready to blow in about five or six weeks. As all the material is not here, we cannot now tell just how soon we may get in but probably before 1st August. Skelding and Goodwin both would like to have you come as soon as you may be ready. And Frank Lyman would very like to have you join him or some one else in examining some ore lands, which the

would be glad to call to Troutman
Expected to meet Lyman here but he
has been detained and may not be
able to get here before I leave, which
expect to do tomorrow night. Skelding
says he would like to have you come
while he is finishing up, that you may
have good opportunity to get all the details
of construction of furnace B. He desires to take
full measurements and have you make plan
showing the exact shape of furnace and
he does not wish to tell Stuford (the
draughtsman here) all this to have plan to
carry away. S, will finish the lining to day
and get up the water jacket and begin on
the hearth and Bosh this week.
The plate iron workmen begin on downcomer
today. The bridge and platform are all
said to be shipped and on the way.
Bell and hopper to come yet — If
Mr Linton is ready expect to leave
home by or before 6th prox for our trip.
So that I shall hardly see you until
after my return — Mrs Leony and
another lady are waiting for me to go with
them to the furnace

Affectionately yours

John Meant

MURPHY'S European Hotel,

Corner Eighth and Broad Streets.

JOHN MURPHY, PROPRIETOR.

Richmond, Va. June 2nd 1889

Dear Father;

Harry Merry & I left L. M. on No 2 Wednesday night arriving here on time Thursday A. M. and although intending to return on Friday we have been unable to do so - yet. Will perhaps get away tomorrow, Monday - Have not as yet been able to get away any letters or telegrams - The C & O is pretty badly done up with washouts and bridges gone - Am afraid considerable damage must have been done at Low Moor - See by paper that the County bridge at Covington

just completed, has been carried away-
High water here is doing considerable damage although most of the people had time to prepare for it-
Lynchburg has been a severe sufferer-
M went to Dr. Shields for treatment, he was very much interested in Harry's case and wants him to come back and spend a week with him in the fall-
He prescribed a tonic for me, and advised the giving up of smoking and indoor work- The principal trouble is bronchial which will need attention for some time-
Will write again from Lawnmoor giving account of rain there-
With love to all and hoping that you may be still improving-

Your affsons:

E. C. Means

[June 3, 1889]

On or about the 12th July 1888, see letter, William Means wrote me that he was owing to the Heirs of A. Talbot about $50 (00) or a little more, asking that he might inform the heirs that he had placed their affairs in my hands &c See also his letters of 17th, 27th July 1888 and others afterwards My reply to his of 12th July 1888, said "you may assure "the heirs that you have placed your affairs in my "hands and that I shall do my best to straighten "them out &c &c". He only had to turn over to me on account of this matter ten (10) Bonds of the L.H.B.S. RR Co. (A. & S. R. Co) Nos 172 to 181 inclusive $10,000 — Estate of H. D. Huntington secured by Mortgage on City property 10,000 — These came to my hands some months afterwards, the inventory filed shows there was some shares of Cincinnati Insurance Co — $ belonging to the estate, this was dividends therefrom never came into my hands, Yet it seems that he himself, and through Judge Warren Higley, assured the Heirs that the whole amount for the estate had been turned over to me in cash or cash assets, on or before the 1st of July 1888, to which date he had made out an account for filing in the Probate Court of Hamilton County O — said account verified in May or March 1889 showing that there was due $75 (00) more or less on the first of July 1888. My first knowledge of this matter being the information contained in his letter of 12th July 88 showing that the account as stated was not true, and as to turning that or any amount to me on the first of July 1888 and his letters show

that he did not leave anything but the $20 (m) mentioned which he could hand to me. Moreover he sent out to Lewis about first of December 1888 an account made up to that date showing less due them, than the a/c of Aly or March 1889 showed as due 1 July 1888. Sarah L. Hunt knows of the 1 Dec 88 account He sent me as shown by letter of November 1888 his note favor of our father Thos W Meany $45.(m) stating that this note and the 10 (m) Bonds and Huntington note would make the amount which would be due 1 December 1888. ~~which~~ This would be some 10 or $12 (m) less than the account of Aly or March 1889 shows as due on 1 July 1888.

My sister Margaret is knowing to most or all of this from him, probably not in the details as to the amounts, It was through and with her that I expected to make such settlement as we might make with the Talbot Bros,

I have written the foregoing in order that if I may be prevented, by death or otherwise, from settlement of this matter myself, that my family and my friends may know that only the 10 (m) Bonds and 10 (m) Note came into my hands as shown by William's letters - and not $75.000 - more or less, as stated by William Meany o/a and as I believe by his statements to Warren Higley and the Talbot Bros.' My mistake was in supposing that he would make statements in regard to this matter other than facts, and thereby put me in false position, while his statements might have the appearance of truth and yet be far from true.

3rd June 1889 John Meany

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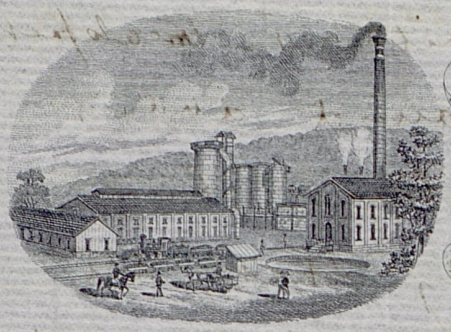

THE Low Moor Iron Company OF VIRGINIA.

GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,
ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. June 3rd 1889

Dear Father:

Yesterday I wrote to you from Richmond but I imagine from the difficulty we experienced in returning today that this will reach you first. John Haw, Harry & I were in Richmond, Thursday, expecting to return to Low Moor, Friday but there was no possible opportunity offered. The C & O has a bridge out between Richmond & the R. F. & P. Junction and will not run trains over that portion of their road for 10 days (30 miles). The R. F. & P can run up to the Junction by one transfer but try to keep their movements secret, attempting only to bring passengers into the city that have been out on the road for several days. After a great deal of inquiry we finally obtained information of a train that would leave at 6.30 this morning

To bring in passengers on No 2. We got up at 5 A.M. and without breakfast went to the Station and found about 20 people waiting for the train but none able to say positively that the train would go as stated - We secured a sandwich and waited patiently - Our efforts were crowned with success and after changing cars 3 times, riding on four trains and walking 4 miles we reached Laurel Moor safely at 6 P.M.

The Furnace is running and has not had to stop at all - The water was high and rapid and made one washout near the mines and damaged the Quarry Bridge -

Capt. M. went to work Friday and today, the engine was able to go to the Quarry and to the mines - The Bridge was easily repaired by Sunday noon - All departments were running when we returned -

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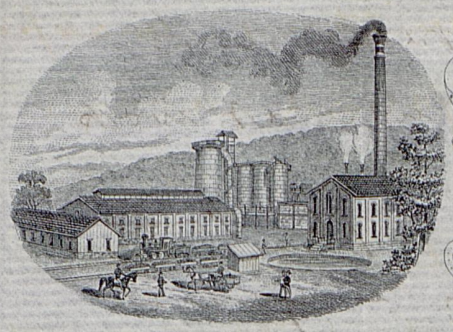

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ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

2nd Low Moor, Va. 188

The Dolly Ann R. R. has been seriously damaged and cannot be repaired befor the latter part of the week. Have not been able to learn particulars but it is reported to be between the Depot & washer that most damage was done –

Parker telegraphed John that it would be Thursday befor engine could run –

C & O are handling but little freight owing to washouts near Richmond and the general unsafe condition of the road –

They put some coal into the yard here this P. M. We have considerable coal on the bin and will make out if nothing further occurs –

No New York mail for 4 days or since Thursday – The P. Midland has two bad trestles –

As we come past Goshen. I noticed that the Quarry at Bellevalley was being operated and men were at work—

The County Bridge at Clifton Forge is safe but the one at Covington is gone—

The Richmond & Alleghany R. R. is very badly used up; probably be unable to move freight over it for 10 days or two weeks, if not longer—

The Washer here is running O. K. and I have heard of no damage at Stack Mines—

I hope that you are well and safe—

With love to all

Your aff. Son:

O. C. Means

State of Kentucky }
County of Boyd } Sct.
City of Ashland }

This is certify that at a regular Election held for the City of Ashland Kentucky on June 3rd 1889, for the Election of City officers that John Kleaing received a pluraly of the Votes that were cast for member of the Common Council for the 2nd ward at said Election, and was duly elected Member of the Common Council of the City of Ashland and was so declared by the Mayor and Common Council of said City of Ashland

Given under my hand this the 6th Day of June 1889.

Ben W Seiger
City Clerk

John Means

Ashland Ky 6th June 1889

My dear Cooke

Yours of 2nd and of 3rd instants came duly to hand. War glad to hear that you had gotten safely back to Louisville again; for there is great danger travling in such times. You escaped well at Louisville that there was no greater damage. The rains were not so heavy here as they were East of us. Our papers are filled, with accounts of the great calamity at Johnstown Pa. Certainly this country never had anything approaching its horror. Have not seen the names of any one that I met three years ago, among the dead.

Bessie and baby came Saturday last and stayed until

Sunday evening, Will brought them up and came after them but did not stay himself. We have had fire in house for a week, rain nearly every day. The river is pretty high, and one day had a great deal of furniture among the driftwood — Monday 3rd Eva Meaut left for Lincoln, and is going thence East, expecting to sail Saturday (8th) in the French line of Steamers "La Gascogne" I think the name of the vessel — She goes with her French teacher from the school she has been in at Lincoln.

Last night Nannie Gans was married to a Mr Leatlebury. A farmer from the Boston part of this State. Rose and Harry attended the wedding.

We hear that John Russell and Miss Flye are to be married this month.

The Norton is running, to work up some steel on hand when they stopped. The prices of Nails are below any cost possible for the Norton; so it is very uncertain what will be done when this steel is worked up — Their furnace is working very irregularly and will probably go out next time the factory stops. Mother and Rose have been busy for several days at cherry and strawberries canning and preserving

Affectionately yours
John Meaut

Mrs. Ashland Poage

requests the pleasure of your company

at the marriage of her sister

Addie N. Flye

to

John Russell, Jr.

Wednesday afternoon, June nineteenth

Eighteen hundred and eighty nine

at three o'clock.

Ashland, Kentucky.

Low Moor, Va.
June 24th 1889

Dear Father: No. 4 slowed up to allow a freight train time to clear and I got off without going to Clifton Forge—

Found every thing here about as usual— Furnace doing well and iron being sent away faster than made—

Mr. Low states that he has

The Band boys' Festival netted about $200— Rain only interfered one night—

Hodgen has asked for samples of Low Moor iron and they have been sent & then— They are trying to buy iron Mr. Lump for $20 and wash for $1.25— They do not want Stack at any price— Big Vein people are selling them on @ $1.25 I shall go down then Saturday this week & they are unsettled whether to see Connellsville or New Rivers Coke— instead go Pocahontas— Mr. Lyman told Joel I

sold 6000 tons and custom-
ers are anxious to receive
their iron — He has some
trouble in securing vessels
and the O. & S. S. Co are
so crowded with produce
that they will not take iron
to any extent — He expects
to be able to do better next
month — Papers all agree
on advance in price, and eagerness
to buy in Eastern market —
The railroads are purchasing
their supplies more freely —

Mr. Frank Lyman was here Thursday night &
I drove him to C. Foy for Mrs H. Sunday A.M.
He would have asked you to meet him here
if he could have stayed longer — He is going
to have a camp in the Adirondacks this summer.
and is going to invite you to visit him —
August. I hope you will find it convenient
to accept — It will be very disappointing to you —

to give Low Moor preference and not to sell any thing that Mr. Merry wanted for this furnace — John wants to start his washer and ship as fast as washed — If Capt can take 6,000 or 7,000 tons as fast as washed I see no reason why he should not have the difference in cost between loading direct and from stock-pile — John should be satisfied at saving the interest on the stocked ore — otherwise carried —

Mr. Lyman asked very kindly about you and your affairs and seemed to think it might be well for me to take a trip with you or to come home and be with you - Helping you as much as possible - The need of rest appearing to be an important item in your present condition - He spoke of his Father's turning matters over to him while away in Europe and thought you might in some degree do the same with me - It will be a question of a few months for me because

I certainly shall not spend this winter in Low Moor - If you wish me to be with you and to help you it will please me very much. If not I shall look elsewhere for a position. I am young and capable of earning my own living and I do not propose to stand this kind of business much longer - With love to you & yourself and all - I remain Your affd Son. C. C. Dreano

See on my Broker Account "Toledo Adventure"

1888 May 7 Note of Charles J. Hunt assigned to me

Page 241 due 23/26 April $9333.33

Interest 6 Mos 7 days 290.90

Do 6 " on like Note due 1889 280.00 $9,904.23

1888 June 20 Paid Taxes 84.40

See letter 2 May 88 C. P. Griffith U.P. Citizens Nat'l Bank,

The Hunt Note is a first lien — prior to the Note due 1889)

on the 3/4 interest owned by Jas McCorville Agent &c

John Meany

See over

1889 July 2nd Sent Saml F. Hunt Cincinnati O. for collection the $9.333.33 note - $180 - receipt - and Mortage by W Meaus to Metropolitan Nat'l Bank, by the Recevr assigned to me - See copy of letter to S.F.H. of 27 June & 2nd instant

Personal

I have written you herein a long and it may be perhaps thought by you too personal — and as my time of writing is pretty near gone by — I think you may have some trouble in reading and understanding it. Clearly if too personal please forgive me as my intentions are to do you good. and I pray that God may incline you to see it as I desire you to see it — as there is intended for you personally — and not for the family I trust you will use it in that light. I shall be pleased to have a favorable reply from you

July 22/89

J W G P

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Personal

July 22 1889

Mr Means Esqr
Ashland Ky

Dear Sir.

I was sorry that I had so short a time to spend with you when I was up last week, but as I had during the short time I saw you, a very pleasant interview with you, and was exceedingly sorry to see you look and talk so despondently, permit me dear friend to say that I sympathize large with you in your affliction, and am willing to say that you have cause to some extent to mourn over the cause for sorrow, but as I said to you when I saw you that this affliction was not brought on by any act of yours. It is true that the source from which the cause of your affliction comes from a source, that is hard to obliterate, family afflictions are near and exceedingly dear, and is very hard to eradicate, but we are taught to look upon such things with great consideration, it is natural for you to meditate upon the great cause of this affliction coming as it does by an act of one that is so near and dear to you, it is natural and right that we should care for those that are near and dear to us, and to weep for them is natural and humane, but in said afflictions we are not to let them have too strong a hold on our own temperaments so as to render our condition one of misery, we are taught in the good book to look at such things with consideration, and not let them have such a hold on us

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as to render our lives a burden not only to ourselves but to our own families and associates - it is right to look at such things in a moral and sympathetic way, but not to such an extent as to destroy our future usefulness, we are here not only to do good to those that are connected with us, but to use our energies in taking care of the means that God has so liberally bestowed upon us - and we are so situated that large responsibilities rest upon us, and we are required to use the ability that God has given us in such a way as to do the most good

Now my dear friend do not consider as intruding upon your good sense & interests, but permit me to enter into and upon what I think will be most conducive to your mental physical and financial interests, having known you for a long time and for the last 20 odd years been personally connected with your business and social interests I feel free to say and think that I know pretty well your situation and think I am well ~~enough~~ prepared to give you an opinion that I think will be of great advantage to you at this particular time - as I said before I have been associated with you for a long time, and our business and social relations have always been of a pleasant and cheerful character, you always looked upon the bright side of all passing events, and looked favorably towards the future, but in my last 2 or 3 interviews with you I have

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discovered that you do not look at matters and things as you used to do, I am conversant with the reasons, and hope you will excuse and pardon me for making some suggestions that I think will be of great benefit not only to you and your family - and to those with whom you have been so long associated with -

1st the principal cause and source of your trouble is the unfortunate mistake of your brother, it is true it was a great mistake and the effects of it contributes largely towards unsettling your mind, and unhinges you so that you have got to look on the future with a desponding look - I do not blame you for it - it is human to do so, but there is an extent to which it can be carried, and a stopping point, as I said to you when I last saw you; that your course in life has been one in which no charge of wrong could be charged to you, you have the confidence and esteem of all who know you, and no act of any other person whatever is chargable to you - God in his infinite goodness has been very kind to you, he gave you a good Mother who no doubt offered up many prayers for you, and were she living at this time would I think give you perhaps more consolation than you could get from any other living living - your father has been a kind and affectionate father to you, and has given

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you the means, and ability that was necessary to assist you in the ministrations of your duties towards, him your family and the very very many persons with whom you have been associated with – and now as your Father is totally unfit for business and more than ever needs your assistance, and not only him but your Sisters and also your family needs your assistance more now than ever before, as I look upon it the whole responsibility rests upon you, and there is no other person ~~that is adapted to the~~ task but you, and as you are as yet comparatively blest with reasonable health and superior mental faculties you can with proper assistance do more to aid the interests of your father Sisters and your own family than any other human being you have in your hands and under your direction a very large estate to manage, and will in order to take care of it require strict and careful management, much of it at this time is unproductive, and will require strict and close personal scrutiny to take care of it – but in the administration of it there will be a sufficiency of means to enable you have a superabundance for all the required necessities, and I think you need not give yourself any uneasiness on that score there is such a superabundance of it that in case of necessity you can dispose of some of it to assist you, or in case you cannot sell it and do not want to sell it at what you think ruinous rates, you can

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use it as Collateral — you of course are aware that your Father cannot live long, and that the burden not only of his estate (ie) closing of it will rest upon you, as well as the interests of your Sisters, and as yet your own Sons are not far enough advanced in business relations to have this burden cast upon them, necessarily you are compelled as far as you have the ability to continue as you have — my opinion is that you ought not to think so strongly about the troubles of your brother, it is right to have a brotherly affection, but not to sympathize to such an extent as to ~~ma~~ render your life of useful[illegible] void — you must remember that this calamity has not come upon you on account of any action of yourself — but be assured that you have the entire sympathy of your friends, and the number is very great and it is your duty to put your trust in God, he will care for you and will never forsake you as long as you do your duty and my dear friend permit me to urge upon you the necessity of ridding yourself of your present despondency — personally and financially you have no present cause for it. you are young enough and have the mental and physical ability to carry you through successfully for (I hope and trust) many years — personally you are not extravagant in your expenses and ideas, and I ~~feel~~ feel confident that, with your usual ability ~~that~~ your basket and Store will not decrease to such an extent as to give you any uneasiness as

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to the future, my advice to you would be to train your boys, or at least one of them in the line of your business. your children are the hope of your life, and it is your right and duty to do all you can to qualify them for the furtherance of your interests, you have the means and ability to train them, and if you think that they are not as yet sufficiently skilled, start them out now, your own and your fathers and sisters interests are such a magnitude that you need some ~~[illegible]~~ assistance to ~~do the work~~, you will find that you will have enough to do in looking after them, and in doing that you will not only do them good ~~but~~ and at the same time give yourself sufficient work and interest in the business my acquaintance with you and being identified with you for so long a time satisfies me that you have a congenial temperament and that you delight in matters of a social character — and for this reason I want to urge upon you the necessity to going away for a limited time, casting off all cares of business at home, and going and taking some person (Male) with you with whom you can associate with — some place where you can enjoy yourself — you do not need any woman with you, as in order to enjoy yourself and entertain yourself you will as you go to the various places of interest and amusement necessarily have to encounter difficulties, that women are not accustomed to and if you start out with a woman your views of interests will

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will clash, they will want to see things that you would take no interest in, and you would want to see things which would be very agreeable to you and would require more physical strength than they would be inclined to put forth, while at the same time that character of sights and efforts would be beneficial to you in starting out you want to have some man, with whom you have confidence in, and whose inclinations are of a similar character to yours, and would be willing to unite with you in whatever choice may be determined on, a large proportion of the pleasure in traveling with outsiders is to have a person of known congenial disposition, and for that reason I would urge upon you at this time of selecting a companion whose habits and tastes are similar to your own, one that is willing to see and let others see the means I know and am confident that you need recreation away from your home troubles, and as I said before your troubles are not of a financial character, but caused by your strong sympathies for your Brothers situation, while you stay at home and mood over it you cannot expect to be clear of its troubles, personally you are clear of it — and as all acts of yours to have the matters set aside have been in vain — you have done your duty, and owing to the personal care ~~of~~ and responsibilities of your Father & Sisters business as well as that of your own which is large and needs your personal attention, and as long as you stay about home

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where your attention is called to your troubles - you will not improve and having had a talk with Capt Marshall lately he gave me to understand that he would be willing to go with you, he thinks it best for you and he to go without any women - as you would be free to go to and from such places that would be too laborious for women, and that character of sight seeing and labor would be beneficial to you, I do not want you to think that I think your condition is of such a character as to require strong and heroic steps - medical relief - you have as I have learned quit Smoking (and bless you for that) and as I and all your friends (which are many) are of but one opinion, (ie) that you go away from home leaving your business troubles behind - and go with the determination to recuperate - I wish I was placed at this time so that I could go with you and Capt Marshall - I have some matters pending that will require me here but I am well assured that if you and Capt Marshall will start out to go not knowing where you will stop, and not stop until you find a place that will meet your ideas of comfort, you are the one to be benefitted by the travel, now my dear friend I have in my weak manner attempted to advise you, I hope you will give me credit for sincerity - and it will not only rejoice me but a host of your personal friends if you will make this trial - With kind regards I remain

Your personal friend

M. G. Peebles

close around me as now, has been pleasant to think of. That you would all be so near together and that the business interests which my life has been spent in building up would ever keep you all near each other and prosperous. Whether it is because of my illness, or that am right in the only view in which I can see it as it seems to me now my whole and father's business life have been mistakes, remains to be seen. I shall hardly live to see or if living to understand, but my dear family must see and if it has been mistake may be deprived ~~suffer~~ hereafter for worst of things which so far they have been used to

Ashland Ky. 22nd July 1889

My dear Cooke

I have not replied to your letter you was here did either of us mention your to me in which you wrote you did not expect to stay another Winter at Lookout. If your health is to be endangered by staying there and possibly benefitted by leaving it will of course be better to have I did not feel able to talk of or advise in this matter and my hope had been that you might become of importance in the management if not the head, taking care of the interests there that now must belong to your mother brothers Bill and yourself. I feel any day that what I told you, in March, is true as to my ~~continuing~~ inability to business is

growing. It gives me great concern to think that the affairs of Father, sisters and my own after which I have looked for several years, depend so much on myself, and that am utterly unfit to attend to them. Mott Carolin advises a trip to sea shore, all my friends and acquaintances who return to advise me tell me that I must get away from business. And that then I will soon be well again, but I feel that they are mistaken and that my illness is more serious than they imagine. Yet I have shrunk from mentioning my fears to any one but to you my dear boy. And it gives me great pain to inflict

on you for well do I remember your expression of concern when I did mention to you and that you begged me not to mention to any other. I do not know what you dear said to W. Seaton but he seems more anxious than any one else, and dear Bessie seems to partake of his fears — I should have now pleasure instead of trouble, my family wife and children are such as I or any one might desire — My business has been prosperous above the average of men — and my neighbors not aware of my troubles and fear look on me as one to be if not envied, to be glad to exchange places with. The hope that my family might be

that benefits – Be careful and when you have saved invest it – Don't risk in speculations where you may lose all savings or what is still worse load yourself with debt Avoid debt, better have a bare living free from debt, than an expectancy or possibility of a fortune loaded and harassed with debt – I am repeating these ideas for the reason, that you so often speake of something speculative, and of which you have not knowledge only rumor or hearsay, Seek something safe even if the return be small, Am not writing this, to inflict pain upon you, but for the reason that you may know how much I feel it and the load upon me now – and of which I have only spoken freely to you my dear boy

I feel that in allowing respect my life has been a mistake, in that now I have not the comforts of a religious life, Your mother and sisters I think do and will have such consolation in such a life, so have Harry and Fran I hope you may yet have – and While Fran will not have much to depend on for himself in capacity for business, he has I think religious character and honor I desire that all of you shall make it a charge upon you to looke after his welfare so long as any of you or he may live, in fact that all of you aid and assist each other, if there be any one that needs aid, That if any or all live to

old age, the kind feeling and affection which so far has existed between you shall continue to the last. Remember what I have said to you about wine and women, that they are dangerous to men of any age. The society of bad women will bring sure ruin, while that of virtuous women is to be sought always. You may read the Book of Proverbs of Solomon for a guide in this, and generally for the best guide in business. Never do anything you would be ashamed to have your mother or sisters know of. Never do anything of which there you have doubt as to its being right, no matter what the promise of profit or good may seem. If ever tempted to some

doubtful course, remember your Uncle Wm. Had he stopped when he had doubt Oh how different all would be now. In the mad race for money he went into ventures little better than gambling, and then even worse to carry along and get out. Had he been successful they would have been called good speculations, they were bad and all will blame him. Here let me call your attention to successful business men. They are not speculators. Such men as Mr Hanna, Sinton Sons and Lemmons, always looked carefully into purchases and then bought to hold. They lived at rates far below what men of less fortunes spent and in best their savings sought investments for to keep not speculations or gambling ventures. Investment means permanent, and one should invest their savings or profits so as to produce an income. It is not what one makes but what one saves that counts. ~~And~~ invest in some safe ~~thing~~

much lesser time, but would as I think you know have given me pleasure to have lead you with me, and especially so if I could have thought to your advantage. That it would have been an advantage as I have mentioned to others, I now see plainly — My great concern now my dear boy is for my own and my fathers family, and my hope is that things to come may not be so bad as seems to me now to promise. Why should my life now seem so clearly a mistake and not have occured to me before? I hope am mistaken for the sake of those so dear to me — Try to lead an honorable life — be religious (not hypocritical) if you can and in that have an advantage before me I pray you.

Your father

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This is a disjointed and uncertain letter but may show more clearly to you the condition I am in — I am hardly able to better it even if I wrote it again. Mother and I have had our trunks packed for a week and I have felt loth to leave home, not knowing how if ever I return. The trip to N.Y. and out to Woodhaven seems to me a very great undertaking. Capt Hewitt talked last week of going with us — and this greatly relieved me — the idea of some one on whom I might depend and have, say, to take care of me, but Mr H. ~~thought~~ thinks she cannot go and leave her mother — You can hardly imagine what a disappointment this was to me — have waited hoping they conclude to go

you wrote of coming here to help me in your letter
Now don't think that it would not have
been a great pleasure to have you with
me - The question was would it be
better for your health or your business
prospects than at Louisville? There
are reasons which I can see now, that
it would have been well to have
had some one interested, familiar
with the business of myself and
of others to which I have almost
alone attended to. Papers of
mine and of others which I could
lay my hands upon easily, that
are almost not quite unknown
to any one likely to come after me
or to take up my business, and
of which it might be important
to know of and to find -
Unless I shall be in better
condition hereafter than now
I could hardly hope to communi-
cate in short time the information to you
or any one else, which will
add to the labor and may
prove to the disadvantage of those
interested. Everything possible has
been kept up as close as I
could do and accounts on both
or written contracts made of which
myself and the contracting party
sometimes only know -
To learn of these would take any
one sometime, as they might only
come to my mind as occasion
for reference to them should arise.
This of fathers, sisters, my own
and the Ky. I. & M. Co. business
The latter Mr Wilkins age and not
being a good accountant makes
more so - John Seaton posted up the
books of the Co. for me for the last
May meeting, as I did not feel
equal to the task, To have
had you with would have
given you and myself

CAPITAL $5,000. SHARES $10.

No. 8 10 Shares.

BOYD COUNTY FAIR.

This is to Certify, That John Means

is the Owner of Ten (10) Shares in the Capital Stock of the Boyd County Fair, which Stock is transferable only on the books of the Association, in person or by power of attorney, and on the surrender of this Certificate.

Dated at Ashland, Ky., this 13 day of July, 1889

Wm W Duiger Sec'y. S. S. Savage Pres.

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Boyd Co Fair 10 Shares
This Certificate is given
in place of No 45 dated
1 August 1888

For value received, I do hereby transfer and assign to .....

All my interest in and to ..... Shares in the Capital Stock of the Boyd County Fair, and hereby appoint ..... Secretary, my lawful attorney to make the transfer on the books of the Association.

Dated at Ashland, Ky., this ..... day of ..... 18 .....

In Presence of { ....

Low Moor, Va.-

Personal July 26th '89

Miss A. A. Means,

My Dear Aunt: I feel as if I must write to you about Father but can scarcely control myself ~~tods so~~ after reading the letter I received from him today.

Can't you get Mr. Campbell or some one to go away with him for a trip- I feel that he needs some one besides Mother-

Can you ask Dr. Mont. what he thinks about Fathers health I have not the courage to do so?-

Your aff nephew E. C. M-

Low Moor, Va.
July 26th 89

My dear Father

Yours of the 22d at hand - I was very sorry to learn that Capt & Mrs Horsfall could not go to the sea shore with you and Mother, they would have been such pleasant companions for you both - You must not stop on their account but go ahead, you will meet friends on New York and at Rhys and make them wherever you go - If you would like to have me start out with you and stay with you until you get located in some pleasant place, no doubt Capt. Merry would be glad to have me go - not connect with the church - It would be a great pleasure to your children to see your face a member once at the same time. I feel that God has a record for you that will pay be paid then the rest of your family receive. You have done too much for others, to be forgotten at the end. Mother Gray tell that he may remember the prayers Mother taught his all "to make a happy family around Thy throne in heaven"

Pleasant dreams, please ask me to come to you and be with you if you wish it and I feel that I shall in coming the lower by so doing —

With much love and wishes for your letter be all

Your affd son. E. P. Meem

He is anxious to have Mrs. Merry and Tom take a trip and suggested to me that you all go together. Perhaps he would go to if you should write to him about it —

You must not put off any longer consulting a good physician. I can meet you in Cincinnati almost any day if you would like to have me with you — Do not hesitate to call on me because I am sure Capt Merry will be only to glad to do us both any service in his power —

When you can find time and inclination write to me, each time giving me some item about the origin of the different companies and your part in them this may afford you some diversion and be of benefit to me and others. I think that for you to turn your business and the others over to Will Seaton and Tom Adams and then you can drive out to Hills to advise Willie & Tom about trying things that may need advice. Do this at once, do not think it cannot be done. You know yourself that some day it must be done but I hope not necessarily for many years to come —

Your life so far as I know has been one that you have not to be ashamed of and you have been regarded by all good and fair minded men as the highest type of honorable manhood and a good man — I see no reason why you should

Belleforte Pa. July 28th 1889

My dear Father & Mother,

We were very sorry not to have been up to see you off on your trip. We had no idea Tuesday but what we would be up rain or shine.

Wednesday night Will was taken sick with cholera-morbus & was in bed all day Thursday. I was very much afraid he might have the Flux. He took some Asiatic Cholera medecine, and it worked like a charm with him. Friday he stayed at home, & most of Saturday. He felt very weak

Harry was home. The house seemed so lonesome without either of you there. We were not there long until Lizzie came over. She thinks they may be off Thursday to the place Mr Campbell has gone.

Ola was out to a baptising they say her Uncle Columbus has skipped by the light of the moon. I am very glad I have made a change. I like the new girl still very much. She has a beau tonight. Will says that the Furnace is working O.K. The last change in the Hot Blast was a decided improvement. We hope soon to hear from you & that your trip was not as fatiguing as you expected. The Babies are fast asleep, & Will gone to bed. He has done so much sleeping the last few days that for a wonder he was not sleepy today, but as I am

Lovingly yours
Jennie

Will close write more

but today is feeling pretty
well again, I sent for Mrs Davis
to come & make him some gruel
Thursday afternoon, & she is very
much down on Dr's medecine. &
thinks if Mr Donta had taken
some of the different kind of
teas that her old "mistress"
used to give them he would
not have died, so she &
Mr Kazer between them had
a number of things gathered
to make teas of for Will if
he did not get better. While
Oak & Beech bark, & different
kind of roots, we made one kind
of tea but he refused to let me
& Mrs D. doctor him, with our
quack medecines, as he called
them. The Asiatic Cholera medecine
smells very much like
Mother's kind of paregoric.
While he was home Isabella
whined & was so fretful he
concluded she could not be very
well & today we drove up to
Dr Youngs for Mag Jennie to see
if she did not need something
for the boils she is having on
her face. she gave us some powders
Mrs Biggs heard we were there
so sent down for us to come up
& take dinner with her, Sam
drove us up. We were so
sure when we left home that
we would be back for dinner
that he was easily persuaded
to drive us. Rose sent word
by Mag & Charlie Sat. they
were out horseback, that
she & Tom would be out
Sunday afternoon, so we left
word that we would be around
at four o'clock. We found
Rob Eade making a call. Tom
was at the reading room

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MEANS & RUSSELL IRON COMPANY,

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"Bellefonte" Superior Warm Blast Charcoal Pig Iron.

Ashland, Ky., July 29th 1889.

Dear Father

I was very much disappointed at not being able to go to Ashland to see you & mother off last Thursday. It is needless to say that Bess was more so. But I had an attack of cholera morbus the night before & was sick in bed all that day but was all right the day following only a little weak. I suppose you got through safely & I hope you are feeling much better after resting up a little. If you had not started last week I was going to propose going with you as far as N.Y. & going with you to see Geo Spalding. & then return. Have you seen Geo yet? I was anxious to get the change made in Hot Blast & he started first & then I would have felt free to have gone. reason I didnt say anything was that I thought you ought to go as soon as possible & I might delay you as he might not start off as expected But the change in Hot Blast improved it very much & it now works very well indeed the Combustion Chamber is red hot all the time but we havent gone far enough since starting up to tell how much it has reduced Coal. I think that though will be satisfactory and our out put of Iron a little greater. I feel very much encouraged & satisfied with the change. & think at the end of this Blast

can show the best record Bellefonte ever made for quantity & quality Iron. Every thing is working smoothly & satisfactorily now saved all our Hay & oats in good shape. Harvesting all Complete which takes quite a burden off my mind. to hear all is safe in the harvesting department. I will have an. easy time now. till late in fall. Was thinking of going to Low Moor some time soon & spend day or two with Cook & Ned. if I could be of any service to you would come on & spend few days with you Think the trip would do me a great deal of good. & would like to see George & Alfred Spalding for day or so. Haven't made up my mind to go to either place yet have only been thinking of it. Bess wants to make our folks at Grange a visit some time this summer & that would be a good time to leave. We are expecting Mollie & Dora up this week for short visit.

Bess & I drove up yesterday with babies Called on Dr. Young & took dinner with Aunt Ann Biggs we did not intend to but couldn't get away from them. Rose seems to be getting along very well keeping house we stopped to see her on our way home. She is going to bring Tom out here one day this week

as supper bell is ringing & Hilda is hurrying me up I will close this time. Will be glad to hear from you when you get settled with love to Mother & Lily & Mr Maynard

yrs truly.

W. B. Seaton

Ashland Ky
July 30th 1889.

Mother

We were very glad to receive your letter last evening and to know that you had arrived in N. Y. and were with Lily and had had no wrecks or long delays on your trip. The trains here on Sat were delayed for six hours.

We are getting along very nicely keeping house, but I find it pretty lonesome without Father and Son.

I suppose you would be pleased with the way I have been cooking this far, as I have been in the kitchen nearly every morning for the morning ever since

I will send on this in a letter down to Father down Sat. I will write again this week. Mother is feeling better. Affectionately Lizzie

Pass it all over to Lizzie and Dave and tell Dave to write to Father

you left. With love on Friday on Sat. and Blackberry jelly Mon. and as it did not all jelly nicely, that means to cook part of it over again today.

We have had very little company thro' the day but have had company every evening.

Mr Geo. O Barnes was here Sun. night, and I went to hear him with Robert Sadt but we started too late to get into the church at all and did not stay as there were so many people outside that you could scarcely reach the windows. Mary and Tom did not care to go to hear him Sun or Mon. to his lecture Mr Saynor came to see if I wanted to go last night but I thought it too late again so we called on Mrs Culbertson's friend Miss Clow.

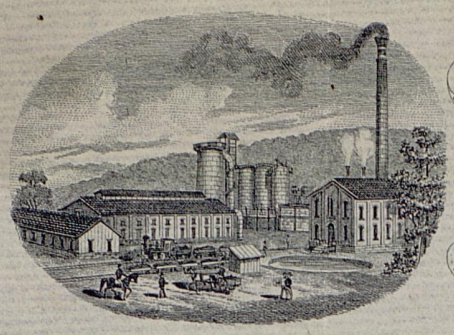
Wood Haven July 31st 1889

My Dear Cook

Tom father says he knows you will be anxious to hear from us so I will write you a line We left Ashland Thursday at 1.30 P.M. & reached Washington Friday an hour behind time & just had time to catch the parlor car train - reached New York at 3.30 P.M. & got out to Wood Haven at 5.30 P.M. Tom father stood the trip very well - Sat. it rained as it has every day since we have been here - Monday we came to the City - Tom father had intended consulting Dr George Spalding but he had gone on his vacation to be gone till the middle of Aug - so we went to see Dr Alfred Spalding - he says Tom father requires rest & tonics & when his stomach gets in order again his headaches will leave him - & that he has done the best thing he could do in coming to the Sea Shore for a change of

Climate & diet - He was to have gone in, to day to see him but he missed the train - We think of trying Ocean Grove or Asbury Park as there will be something going on there to amuse us & it is not an expensive place - Lily will go with us & stay two weeks - The weather promises to be cool enough to make me wish I had left my summer clothes & taken my winter ones - Mr Maynard's eyes are so weak he cannot use them at all at night & he looks thin - Lily is well & her yard & garden are in beautiful order & a great many flowers - Kept them all well at home - Rose insisted on keeping house though I would rather have had Mrs Speller We will leave probably on Friday for Ocean Grove - & stay there if we like it, till we come home - by the way of Philadelphia - probably we will stay through August - Love from Father - he wanted me to write to you & hopes you will keep well - love from Lily - I wish we could afford to have you come on & stay with us. am hoping to get acquainted with nice people who will walk with your father & help amuse him

Love & kisses from your aff Mother -



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THE Low Moor Iron Company OF VIRGINIA.

GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. July 31st 1889

My dear Aunt Maggie:

Your welcome letter was duly received yesterday noon, also one this A.M. from Will Seaton — After consulting with Capt. Merry, he advised me to go home and see the condition of Fathers affairs and to try and arrange matters, so that if possible all business could be kept away from him, and at the same time looked after so that there would be no accumulation awaiting his return — I have written Will that I shall be at home either Friday or Saturday to stay a few days — I have suggested to him that he and Tom Adams could look after every thing during Fathers absence — I think that it would be a great relief to Father to know that they have every thing in form ~~so that~~ they can understand it and that he has left all his work in clear shape & expression — Hoping for the best —

Your aff. nephew — E. C. Means —

Low Moor Va.

July 31st 1889

John Means Esq.
Woodhaven N.Y.—

My dear Father: We have had continuous rains for nearly a week and it shows no signs of letting up. Furnace A, is working satisfactorily and will probably soon commence to increase her output. Harry is sending in more ore than at any time since Christmas and reports a good showing ahead— Capt. is well & hearty—

My throat has improved considerably since I last saw you and my general health means better, I have been in the laboratory here and now have several short prospecting trips in view that will be beneficial. Am sorry that no one sent me word that you intended coming through when you did, because I would have arranged to have met you—

With love for yourself, Mother Lily & Mr Maynard and with anything for your better health—

Your affd son:
C. C. McKenna—

I hope that you received a favorable report from your physicians as to your own condition - If you have not already done so, don't you think it would be well for you to give Will Seaton full Power of Attorney for you - He could then act without causing you any worry, thereby allowing you full and free relief from business - I do not know what arrangements you made befor leaving home but

am anxious to know you feel that we can look after everything while you are away regaining your health. Capt. Merry has suggested to me that if I can do any thing to help you, to take a week or home with Will, or to come on and be with you I was very glad to have him do so without any asking - So if you will send the Power of Attorney to Will, I will go home and help him to assume control of all necessary business and thus free you from any care as to an accumulation when you return in the fall -

Memo

John Means Ashland Ky.

1889

June	20	Expenses To Cash Telegrams Hunt .25 Bright .50	✓	.75
		" " Barber	✓	.25
July	2	Mary A Means To Bank for 279 2600 & 3500 free	✓	1.201 36
	5	Wm Malbourn To Cash on a/c	✓	28 00
		Cash To Ky. I. C. R.R. Co for of N.W. Building	✓	4 00
	8	Bank To Prof & Loss for U.S. Mail Line Dividend	✓	130 00
		Mary A. Means To Bank for 280 Circle draft to	✓	130 00
		pay Tax Sabrit Estate	✓	
	9	Expenses To Bank for 281 N.Y. draft "Bert Ho"	✓	40 00
	10	Expenses To Cash for 1 syringe	✓	1 40
	11	Cash To Rents for W.C. Stewart	✓	3 00
	13	B.C. Hyman To Bank for 282 Bad a/c	✓	29 50
		Tax To Bank " 283 John O'Kelly Ex. B.C.	✓	750 82
	16	Expenses To Cash for Com Gazette to 19 Nov	✓	6 00
	18	A.N. Bank To Toledo Adv &c for Hunt check	✓	12.519 61
	18	Wm Means To Bank for 284 pd Mrs W. Means	✓	2.314 61
	20	Expenses To Cash for Medicine 75 Mrs B.	✓	3 75
	23	Cash To Profit & Loss for dividend Boyd Co Fair	✓	15 00
		N.B. exchanged Certificate No 45 ~~for 1 B~~ dated 1 Aug 1888	✓	
		for No 8 dated 23rd July 1889	✓	
	25	Cash To Bank for 286	✓	1.200 00
		Expenses To Cash for Mr Means to N.Y.	✓	900 00
		" " " Rose (Home)	✓	200 00
1890 Jany	10	Cash To Bank for Circle draft	✓	315 00
		William Means To Cash for Burnt Horse a/c	✓	
		for Circle draft sent by W.B. Beaton to S.T. Hunt 315 00		
		" Cash paid " " 100 00	✓	415 00
	25	Expenses To A.N. Bank for Mr Means		200 00