

came up to spend the after-
noon and, and as Will had
to go to Pungon she decided
to stay and visit to and
looker came this morning
to stay a day or two.

I was very glad Miss was
here as Mrs Leubertson had
invited us up there last
night and we left Hildreth
with her, and still we
both able to go. we have
been taking turn about.

staying in in the evening.
Thought the Library Club
meeting here, and I am afraid
it will not be much of a
meeting as the last I heard
no one was prepared, but
I think we will have a good

surprise as Flora and George
have been helping Harold get
our ready.

Lizzie and Aunt left
today for Leinti, and will
go from there to Stirling north
Sun Chautauque, as the
Russells have written that they
could not advise them to come
out to Frankasha as they do
not like it. Mr and Mrs W. Dinger
went out there this week and if
they do not like it they will
go to Battle Creek Mich.

Miss Sophronia left here for
Pt. Pleasant and Charlie talks
of going with his Mother next
week but we doubt if he goes.

Mrs Hampton was here
this afternoon to see if I would
take one of the lady delegates to

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA,

Office of Treasurer, 31 Burling Slip,

EDWD. A. LOW, Treas.
A. AUG. LOW, Ass't Treas. }

NEW YORK, Aug 2^d 1889.

John Means Esq

Ashland

Boyd Co., Ky

My dear Sir

This regular day for the meeting this month will be the 21st. Will it be convenient for you to be present at that time? Mr E. H. Hyman has just returned from Europe & goes to Northampton to day. I think he will attend, and Frank says he will, though he does not want to, but I told him he must, or it would be doubtful if we secured a quorum.

The accounts are not yet made up, but I think we shall show that we have earned a dividend.

Kind regards to all. In haste, yours
(over) Edw A Low Tre

Ashland Aug 5th 1889

Dear Father:

Have written Mr. Low that you
would probably attend meeting -

I leave tonight for Virginia, leaving
all well here - Came home in hopes
of finding that you had turned everything
over to Will & Harry - and had made up
your mind to rest completely - I
concluded to wait to hear from you
but I cannot remain longer at present.
Grandfather seems very well and brighter
than ~~you~~ usual. We were teasing him
to sell Bellefonte to Charley, Will & I but
he was too ~~shrewd~~ to be caught with
any proposition we could make. I offered
him one thousand, he laughed and said "no!
not for seventy five thousand" "but we would
have to see you first" - Mag's tonic seems to
be of great benefit to him - Yours affly E. C. M.

Auckland, N.Z.
Aug. 3rd 1889 -

My dear Father:

Mather's letter was forwarded to me from Low Moor, I am very happy to hear that Dr. Alfred gave you so much encouragement about your health and hope that the tonic and sea breeze may be of great benefit to you. Now don't put off any thing to do when you return, try and feel that all is being attended to now -

I send you, under same cover, a check for one hundred & thirty dollars, dividend on Mail line St's. You can endorse it and send it home to be placed to your credit at the bank.

I will return to Low Moor, Monday, as everything seems to allright here and Will & Harry anxious to do what they can for you. Will & I have had a long talk about matters and he is very sorry that he did not see you before you left. He wanted you to give him any thing to attend to that you were willing and I hope

you will turn as much over to him as you can - don't
him back W.C. Don't wait any longer, it is hurting
you and you must have relief -

Every body asks after you and express pleasure upon learning that both are receiving benefits from your journey -

A large Temperance meeting is being held at The Park -

Don't think of coming home before, middle of September and I will come on then and return with you if you desire it. Write soon to mother, kids & yourself -

Your affection
E. C. Meane -

him when the train will stop.
When she asked where you
were when we were up town
we told her that you had
gone away on the train, & I
suppose she thinks you
are still on it. Mrs Lute
was out to have Rose entertain
Old mother Stewart, one of
the temperance people, but
she declined then she
wanted to know if she could
not send the carriage to
take her back & forth, but
she told her you thought
too much of Patsy that
she would be afraid to have
any one but you drive her
she was too busy, & she
had other uses for her.
Mrs Lute dont hesitate
to ask - the temperance
meetings will just suit
her, she is one that will

enjoy them. I hope you are going to have a
pleasant place & that
nobody will stay with
you a while. but sorry
you did not see letters
but I should think Al
would have had
probably a experience
I'm steady as good
as his brother. Will
send his love to you
both, & the babies send
pieces at East Hilda
& Seavilla would for
the carriage. Be ready for
me, with much love
for, dated daily & yours
W. Loringly Ben

your letters I read with great
interest. We went up there
Wednesday morning - Alora
& Miss Wiley came on the
afternoon train, & we stayed
to see them, & started home
and got over the A. C. D.
track, & it looked so much
like rain, we went back to
get some wraps. Will wanted
to go to Pine Grove, so saw
Charley & they decided to go
the next day, so left the

Babies & I up town Charlie's
new horse had just come
& they took Belle out of
the buggy & put him in
he is a splendid match
for Dudley & is to be
exchanged for Charlie's colt.
I was up two nights &
we slept in your room
& I had more room in
your big bed with Rose
than I have in any of
the other beds alone with
the babies. Mrs Culbertson
had company Thursday
evening so Rose felt
very comfortable about
leaving me in charge
of Tom & the house. They
have not been out to see
us yet though talk of
coming out next week.
Rose has every thing
nice & clean & gave us
good things to eat. Corbe
was down Friday morning
Sat. he & Magt drove out
& spent the day with us.
He did not go up town
this morning am going up
this afternoon will stay
to supper & bring Flora to
Miss Wiley home with me.
Aunt Antanda & Lizzie went
to Chautauque. Mr Russell
wrote that he did not think
the place he is would suit
them at all & advised them
not to go there. Hilda has
just come in & wants a clean
dress on to go up town.
I asked her what I should
tell Grandma for her &
she says tell her to come
down & see her someday
& Grandpa that she will visit

I recd a letter from Ira Lee,
He was travelling in Normandy
and Brittany France.

Leharis has sold their front
fields to Ed Roberts, Mr Pollock
Mr Hunter John and Luther
Butter, and Ed Roberts has begun
to fill in his lots opposite the pond,
they say the others will soon begin to
build too. I saw the G.S.W.
man was out to look at
Lida Mads house yesterday and we
were not sure if he will take it.

Henry Foster's wife and babies have come
in to make a visit as there is so
much play around the children at
Lealton and in the country looks
Henry Will and Mag have all had
their turn taking Frangie, but
Sam and I have been well and can
enjoy the preaches and they do
not complain any yet about my
not giving them enough to eat.

My father is regaining his appetite
and losing his head aches already.

I am glad about writing as
this is far and we hope
you will continue to write
by some means come if at
all possible my day or the
with love to all of
you
Love M.

Aspland Ky
Aug 6th 1889

Sam and I have
been looking the house over
for a little book with your
Florida trip in it, and today
I began to look thru the papers
in your drawer and found
the notes which I will enclose
I am sorry not to send them
earlier but we could not find
them, we went thru the
book case and all the bureaus
low, and the washstands and
chest of drawers too, and I was
about to give it up and write
and ask you when you had
put it away? Is this all you
want us to send?

Bess Will and Nilda Georgie
Miley and Lora went to Inverton
today, and came back by way
of N. and Lora and George,
on having a moonlight drive
"around the world" tonight
with Harold and Mr Gaynor.

The girls are going home on
the noon train tomorrow
and Bess and I are both sorry
as we enjoy Georgie so much.
The peaches are beginning to
get soft and I think I will
put up some on Thurs.
and Fri. I gave some of the
rot apples to Mrs Huff, and
Bess and Aunt Mag and will
give some to Mrs Isa and Miss
Eads as soon as I find out what
day they want them. I made
some sweet pickles of them but
some may do not think much
of them and will make some
out of ~~rot~~ peaches and peaches.

Mrs Lehnland was to come to
visit Mrs Leubertson last night
and I suppose she came as I
saw some trunks ^{come} ~~leaving~~ there
today. Miss Orr left yesterday
and we were sorry to see her
go as she was so pleasant.

Mrs. Hampton and Lallie Martin
are expecting young ladies to
visit them, but I think we
will not try to do much for
them. I doubt if they can
be as agreeable as Miss Orr or
Georgie.

I attended a Reading Room
Meeting last night and Miss Lou and
Mrs Stewart were the only other ones
present so the meeting was postponed
and they can not have it again this
week on account of the Temperance
Camp-meeting. It rained Sun.
and Mon so we have not been
over since Sun morning but I
hear that it is popular.

Ashland, Ky. Aug. 6. 1889

My Dear Mother,

I hope you & Father will be settled, at the time this reaches you.

I only shut up two chickens now the other two have died; the young chickens have not been eaten very fast; like they would have in Bess time.

We took the Old bow to the Park last Thursday evening after William got through milking.

William ^{took} some tomatoes to Henry Herbert's this morning.

Looke came home on last Friday, and your letter to him was received here, he left here last night for White Sulphur on business connected with Low Moor.

Dora Seaton & Georgia Mailey (of Woodstock Va.) came up from Greensburg Wednesday on

invitation,

Will, Bess & children same day; Bess & C.
stayed up here two nights and slept with
Rose in big bed, while Will & Charly went
to Pine Grove.

Bess, Will & children were up Sunday af-
ter the rain was over and stayed
to ~~the~~ supper and the company went
to the Furnace with them, they are
expected back here this evening.

I have a very bad cold contracted
by sitting in the draft, by not cl-
osing the inside shutters of ^{the} library.
You had better Mr. Maynard to take
a vacation to keep his from his books.

From your aff. son
Philareth.

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Received at

Ocean View 7 Aug 1889

Dated

Woodhaven

To

John Meane
Sun Ave Hotel

Telegram from Rose saying Dr
Chas Hildreth had stroke
paralysis yesterday Maynard

I left these at home in good health - Rose & Harry have been having good times but Rose seems to take good care of the house and of Mildred -

I stop one day at the White Sulphurs from whence Mr. Cargill and I visited the Glenmon Iron Property on horseback. we were only on it about two hours and only saw a small portion of it. The one that we saw seemed to be of excellent quality -

The people at the White were having a good time but they did not have so large a crowd as at this time last year. Only about 100 being registered -

Capt & Mrs. Merry will leave soon next week for Louisville. Mrs. W. & son are going to Philadelphia and then to Ocean Grove -

The changes is doing very well -
With love to all

Yours affectionately
C. D. Meade

(mother steward keeper is called)
80 years old, Rose and a party of young
people are going down to Greens to spend
the evening (tomorrow Friday?) I was
invited to go but as I was down the
day you left with Tom Adams, Rose staid at
home that time, I will stay this time,
Tom Adams and I were intending to go to Pine
Grove today but did not as Tom had other
plans on foot. Aunt Mag wants
me to ask you if you had any objec-
tions to her opening Grandfather's letters
as she had no ~~answer~~ ^{word} from you in regard
to it. Charley has sold part of the square
in front of his house to the Butler, John &
Luther, ^{bro} and Ed Roberts, and talks of selling
others to Pollock & Hunter. We are
well we have not heard from
Coke since his return to Low Moor
Tell Mother that we are having plenty
of salt, and that Rose makes a good
house keeper. I remain
your son
Harold Means

Ashland Ky 8th Aug '89

Dear Father

We have received
two (2) letters from Mother both
from Ocean Grove. We are glad
to hear that your appetite is im-
proving and that you sleep well
and hope that your headaches
will soon leave you. Bess
had Rose Hildreth Mrs Mead,
and her four (4) children rd out to dinner
today to celebrate her 31st birth-
day, the day was fine and the
roads good as I have seen them
this summer, she sent her
carriage after the meads,
we three (3) went out in the Phaeton
but divided coming back, the
Greens ^{and} young ladies left yester-
day noon, they came here on last

wednesday, and stand here until Sunday evening when they went out with Bess where they remained until Tuesday afternoon, when they returned here.

You will find enclosed a letter from Cincinnati ^{Lawyer M. R. (Cott?)} and some drafts from the Big Sandy Packet Co. a dividend of 5%. Grandfather's yours I have given Aunt Mag here but have not seen Tom Adams & give him here. I also have one for Lizzy which I will give Charley when I see him. I answered the Cincinnati letter ^{RMK} saying that you were away from home on account of your health and that I would forward it to you. I also have a check from M. Crowder of five ⁽⁵⁾ dollars payable to the Big Iron Coal Mining Co or bearer which I will deposit to their account in the Bank. And have Tom Adams make the proper entries on the Book. I will send him ^{Crowder's} a receipt

for it, making the proper explanation for the delay in acknowledging it, as Tom Adams has been away for a few days. I will answer the letter from Mr Heck containing the dividends & drafts in the morning. We have not heard any thing new from ^{Janesville} about Uncle Charley but have been expecting some thing all day. Rose wrote to Aunt Sarah yesterday (and also telegraphed) that you and mother were away from ^{somewhere} home on the Atlantic Coast and also Lily's address. Charley ^{Means} went as a far Cincinnati with his mother and Lizzy, ^{who} has gone to ^{Chattanooga} Chattanooga, he returned last ^{Saturday} night (on 4th) Rose had a letter from Eva who is having a nice in France she is still in France. The camp meeting is still in session it began last Saturday is to continue until Monday ^{on Sunday morning} I have only been over once and heard two (2) ladies speak, one of them being

Ashland Ky 9th Aug 89,

Dear Father

Enclosed please find letters from Sam + Hunt which I opened I supposed that you had no objection to my doing so. if I forwarded them on to you, also one from the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce in regard to Uncle Will ticket. I gave Aunt Mag her check from the ^{Big} Sandy Packet Co. and Charley, Lizzy and Tom Aunt Mollye.

Aunt Mag Means has just left. she told me to tell you that Grandfather had walked up to Lamptons House one day this week. and did not seem any the worse for it. as he gathered the eggs after he returned home.

Rose has not started to put up any pears so far but expects to do so.

soon as she had a letter from
Bird Hildreth in which Bird said that
she could come here when it would best
suit her. Berso has been up several
several times since you left. She was
here Sunday & Tuesday and expects
to be here next Sunday. There
~~was~~ ^{were} ~~no~~ ^{services} Church ~~at~~ any of the Churches
last Sunday, and I understand that
there will be none this coming
Sunday either in the morning or
evening. Prayer Meeting was omitted
this week on account of the
Temperance Camp Meeting which
is now in session over at the Park

We are well

I remain your son
Harold Means

P.S. We have ^{not} received any more
news from Gainesville,
A.M.

Abraham promised Sam to take
him out before but Bess has
been ill and on did not go.

I talked on Mother's Corner
yesterday for the first time since she
came up and she says Mr Russell
liked Frankish about Mr Russell does
not like it at all or does not think
it is benefiting him any. Mr
Campbell & Mr Eiger are charmed
with it still.

Mr Goran has decided to visit
Mr Mad's house or she is planning
to move back to Warkston in Sept.

The Campmeeting keeps up
its interest and today they had
quite a large audience. Eu. L.
Smith was expected but he did not
arrive and we had a lady speaker
Mrs Stubin of Ind. I have been over
in the evening time and once in the
morning and the exercises were interesting
it closes tomorrow and the speakers
will have in the afternoon.

With much love to you all lovingly
Edith

Asheville N.C.
Aug 10th 1879

My dear father

I'm more glad to receive
another letter from Mother
today and to know that Lily
is still with you. I am sorry
she does not enjoy the bathing
more so you could have some
fun going in together. Bess
or I would enjoy that more.

I have been busy today
putting up peaches. Aunt
Sads stayed all night with
me and she stayed and
helped me peel peaches this
morning and we canned a
shok tub full. It made
19 or 20 cans and I certainly
hope they will keep all right.

Sun afternoon

We rec'd a letter from Luke and Uncle George this morning and Harry has forwarded Uncle's letter to Gov. he seems to think Uncle's chances are hopeless and if he does not get well Harry and I will arrange to have Mrs Fuller and Mrs Pears keep home and go over there to the funeral.

I wrote to Aunt Sarah the day we rec'd the telegram telling her Mother's address in case of Lily, and that we could not of us come over except Louisa Long, and think I will write again ^{travelling} offering for some of us to come.

Bird Dilworth wrote that she could come over any time as Uncle Lehardie had changed her treatment, and I will write to her to come home with us if we

go to Zanesville. Luke wrote that he hardly thought he could go.

I am glad you and Mother are away from here for a week or two now as there is so much much sickness in the neighborhood, so many have flux. Miss Campbell and Mrs Campbell's girl are both sick in bed with it, and so many have been sick in Leaton. Mr Mrs Gay Norton and family and Harry Foster and family are in bed sitting for a week or two. Will and Bess and the babies are in today and the baby can almost walk alone, she will take several steps, she seems to be so well although she has cut another tooth lately.

Mrs Mad and Family Henry Tom and I spent the day with Mrs Young (her birthday) and it was a delightful day for the time yet

Temperance meetings will probably go tomorrow. Rose has only been a few times.

Leabella is not satisfied with pulling the papers off the lower shelf & pushes a chair & clings upon it & pulls the books of the upper shelf in the book case.

Tell mother I know she will be glad to hear that some of her church friends are talking of buying some of Charlie's lots, Mr Eads, & Bullington, Ed Roberts has a lower corner lot, ~~th~~ opposite Dr Tom's, & is filling with dirt from Mr Eads' new school building, so it won't be long until Bath will be built up, as all the ~~front~~ lots I believe are spoken for. Charlie is now interested in having a Princess house moved in, & Jackson & his wife to live in it & board him, that is he is talking about it, but that's a question

it are in different things
Will says every ^{thing} is working smoothly at present & that they have reduced the quantity of cash per lot. Leabella has come to ^{see} me with to Grandpa & I will stop & address with much love for mother, Lily & yourself from your affectionate
Bea.

Monte Ice, Ky -
Aug 10th 1889

Lily's letter ^{of the 8th} was received this afternoon. Will was up town & took dinner with Rose, & reported them all well they had not heard anything more from Uncle Charlie, so I suppose he is no worse. This has been a company week with us. we began Saturday, Corke & Aunt Mag spent the day with us, & Sunday, Cora & her friend came home with us. Monday was a rainy day so we

could not do much - out of doors though Georgia saw the furnace east & bought four etc worth of crash at the store, so she saw the important places. ~~Thursday~~ we drove them over to Droupton Hill & I called at C. C. Charles but they had driven to Haverhill so we missed seeing them, the girls did a little shopping, we drove around the City, returning via Ashland, & dinner at Hotel Aldine, where we had a very good one, & one that Hilda enjoyed very much, it was her first Hotel dinner. We left Scavella at home with the girl, & she said she was so good, that she would not mind taking care of babies if they were all as good as Scavella

she thinks she is a splendid baby, she is improving fast everyone thinks so, she is making up now with some one besides "mam mam" though that is all she tries to say - the boils have all left her face, Mrs Jennie Young said they came from her teeth.

On my birthday I celebrated by having Lida Mead, Bertie & the three boys, Rose Harris & Hildrest to dinner, the boys were around the furnace most of the time & behaved very nicely, Lida thinks Mr Green the milk sent her house, Lida with Lasher is home with her little daughter & Banton & Ratis expected soon, I saw Lida on the street if anything she is fleshier than ever, We have not attended any of

Lanesville Ohio..

August 10. 1889,

Sat. 12. noon.

Dear Sister,

I write to inform you, that brother Charles, had an attack of paralysis, on Tuesday Aug. 6, and is now, very low: paralysed on the right side; speechless; and failing. I consider his case hopeless.

If he dies I will send a dispatch to Ashland.

affectionately yours

George O. Hildreth,

Ashland Ky 11 Aug 89

Dear Mother

Enclosed please
find letter from Uncle George
who is now in Janesville
attending to Uncle Charley.

Your to Rose of the 8th was received
yesterday noon. we also had one
from Cooke this morning. We are
all so sorry that father is not
well enough to go with you to
Janesville. but Rose and I will
most admanely to go there and
get Mrs Spiller to come and keep
house for us. I showed uncles
letter to the Putnams. Cousin
Doug wrote to me Harris yesterday
Rose said that she will go again
to Janesville. she wrote Wednesday
to Aunt Sarah telling her about

your ~~and~~ your whereabouts and the
reason of you being away
from Home.

Cousin Doug said that he would
go to Ganesville if Uncle Charley
died, but did not think that we
would be of any use at present
but only be in the way. Rose & I
will go and ~~probably~~ probably Cook

Bess Will and the Bobbies
are up we all went
over to Camp meeting & say
We are all well

Your Son
Harold Means

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Received at: 335 Km Aug 11 1889

Dated: Janesville Co 11

To: Mrs John Means
C/o W E Maynard
Md

Mr Wilder died at noon today
funeral Tuesday afternoon of
Telegraph if you will be here
J C H Swearingen

It is hard to think of poor
but hard in the deep sorrow
the cause of your inability to
to make it nearly had to
you and to your children
had hoped to have more
uncovering news from father
but on his
trouble came upon him
that is the way that it will
probably disappear and we
must be satisfied for the
present with the thought that
it is getting no worse but
to me when you can even think

Law Moor, Va
Aug 12th 1889
My dear Mother:
Rose's telegraph
announcing the death of Uncle
Charles was not received until
late this afternoon, too late for
me to get to Jonesville in time
to attend the last ceremonies. I
had written to her to send me
word as soon as possible, but
the closing of the Ashland office
during Sunday probably prevented
her learning of the fatal result
until this morning

It is sad to think of poor Aunt Sarah in this deep sorrow. The cause of your inability to go makes it doubly sad to you and to your children. I had hoped to hear more encouraging news from Father by this time, but as his trouble came upon him slowly, that is the way that it will probably disappear and we must be satisfied for the present with the thought that he is getting no worse. Write to me when you can even though

it is but a short letter.

How Moor is your having its young birds on with more pleasant that usual.

Wed Seaton & I were up in Corington calling last

Saturday night - Several persons from Dronthon

were there. They saw Bird & Otter and Nipper Bird

and Skelting. The O & P is doing a large

excursion business this year, more so than

ever before with much love to all

Your aff. son: E. C. Mearns

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Received at

Dated

Ashland Ky 11

12 Aug 1888

To

Mrs John Means

Surf Ave Home

Uncle Charles died today at noon funeral Tuesday afternoon

Col Putnam here & I will go over

Rae Means

Smy Avenue House
Ocean Grove Aug 13 1889

My Dear Rose

I am sorry
I have not any encouraging news
to give you - I thought your
father was much better - but
Saturday he sat in a draft of air
& took a severe cold & Sunday
he lay on the bed nearly all day
only going down to his meals
Sunday afternoon he had a chill
& then a high fever - & today ^{Tuesday} the
cold in his head is going off & leaving
him with a hard cough - & his
headaches are bad as ever - so it
seems as if he was worse off than
when he left home - I was kept
awake so much by his coughing that
I think I will have a 3 days headache
& I have a sore throat - Mr Maynard
came over & spent yesterday (Monday)
with us - your father walked a
good deal with him

Send us the Republican Register. Advocate - Force Magazine
Be sure & put up plenty of pickles & peas
Put the Syrup at top of next can

and we took a boat ride
around the lake - last night
Rev. John Wronal came & tried to get
a room here - but could not - one
landlady turning off 50 others yesterday
who applied for rooms - & she can
only take about 100 - though others
come in for their meals from the

Cottages - Mrs Maynard's eyes are still
quite bad - Lily took her first bath
yesterday - & will try it again today
your father will take a hot bath - The
water looks so cold - I don't feel
any temptation to try it - John Wronal
is going in, twice a day - He went to
the young peoples meeting this
morning & yesterday morning - about
2000 present - they are very interesting -
Mrs Lucy Rider Meyer who has charge of the
training school for deaconesses in Chicago
spoke - & spoke well - last night there was
a parlor entertainment of recitations & music
by a young man partly blind - I don't
if we stay here longer than this week
as it don't seem to do your father
the good I hoped it would - but where
he will go next I don't know - love
to all & love & kisses from your aff
Mother

Ashland Ky. Aug. 13, 1889.

My Dear Mother,

I received your letter yesterday.

Rose & Harry left on the Scioto Valley for
Ganesvill at 8.30 this morning, to attend
the funeral of Uncle Charles. Who
died at noon, on Sunday.

Thursday we went out to Bellefonte
furnace for dinner; I did not
know from the day before until
the day after that is was Bess'
birthday. On the latter Friday Aunt
Mag asked me if I had gone to
the birthday-dinner.

William said he watered the flowers
every day that it did not rain.
on Friday Rose & Anna & ads went
Greenup & Anna staid all night
and helped to put up Pears, of the
ash-pit tree.

Bess and her Babies are keeping
house while Rose & Harry are at
the funeral; Will is expected here
to stay all night to night.

Cooper telegraphed that he could
not get here in time to go with
R & G.

Bess the children & I are invited
over to Put's place to dine today.

From your affec. Son
Thos. Childrath Meason

New-York, August 15, 1889.

The Treasurer of THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA presents to the Board of Directors a balance sheet and other statements, showing the condition of the Company on the 30th of June, 1889. The result of the business for the six months may be considered a favorable one, when the depressed condition of the iron trade the first four months, and the very low prices for our product during the months of May and June are considered.

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| The amount at credit of Profit and Loss is | \$333,105 72 |
| Against a balance, January 1, less dividend, | 293,873 45 |
| Showing a gain for the six months of | \$39,232 27 |
| In addition to this, we have added to the credit of Sinking Fund, | 3,481 25 |
| Insurance Fund, | 1,279 27 |
| Furnace Repairs Fund, | 5,093 60 |

The amount to the debit of Furnace "B." has been increased \$2,128.06, by additional payments on account of new hot blast stove, &c. Only \$2,892.70 has been added to the cost of the Low Moor Branch Railroad, though, since the last statement, \$5,500.00 has been debited this account for new locomotive, the difference being made up by profits of operating railroad the past six months. Mainly through the efforts of Mr. A. S. WINSLOW, we have obtained from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company some important concessions on rates of freight, viz.:

Fifteen cents per ton on coal from New River. Twenty cents per ton on iron shipped to Huntington, Richmond and Newport News; also, some modifications on rates to Cincinnati, Baltimore, &c.

The reduced rates were issued by the Railway Company on the first of May last, and are to continue in force until our iron nets us \$18.00 per ton at the furnace. When this figure is reached, we are to pay an additional rate on coal and iron ore of one-twentieth, and on pig iron of one-tenth of a cent per ton per mile for each dollar of advance. From the present outlook, we are not likely to be called on to pay any extra rate this year.

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 sixteenth of September next.

The accompanying reports of Capt. HENRY MERRY, Agent, and Mr. HENRY G. MERRY, Superintendent at the mines, will be found interesting.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD A. LOW, Treasurer.

Low Moor Statement
Aug 1889

him ~~in~~ them, as I could not do it.
(I suppose that you have Rose's letter from
Dresden telling about it.) Rose & I went
up Aunt Sophia's house the night Rose
stayed till Bird would come back with
her, which they ^{are} expected to do tonight.
Just before I left Zanesville was
Medcalf (I think) who came up to see ^{about}
Sarah who had not been seeing but few
persons) as I did not expect to ^{stop} in
Zanesville on my way home. She ^{did} not
did not at first remember me, but she did so
in a few seconds she looks very badly.
I heard that two weeks ago that she was very
low and that ^{she was} one night was that she was ^{not}
expected to live through. Bess is still
keeping house ^{till} Rose ^{return}. Will stay
Tuesday & Wednesday night here.
A Miss Mather is staying with August
Mag from Fronton for a short time.
We are all well love to
you Mother Lily from Bess & the
babies Hildeth & I.
Your Son, Harold Messer

Ashland Ky 15th Aug, 89

Dear Father

Your letter and Mother's
to Rose was received this morning. I am
sorry to hear that you are not improving as
fast as might be expected. I will see
that all letters from the parties you men-
tion are sent on to you. And will not trouble
you with the other. I had a letter
addressed to me from Wm Ramsey wanting
me to send him your address, as he had
important business he wanted write about
to you. I answered that you did not
want to be worried with business, and if
it was very important to confer with
Sam Hunt. Did I do right in answer-
ing him the way I did. I thought that
Mr Hunt ^{would} ~~might~~ know what was the
most important and would attend to it
and so not bother you with it.

I wrote Mr Hunt - that you had written that you did want to trouble with the business. There was absolutely necessary, and ^{also} that I had telegraphed Mr Ramsey to confer with him on the important business. The reason that I have been sending on these letters was that Tom Adams & Will Seaton thought I had best do so. I will send the letters that I received to Mr Hunt about the Met Bank those that I would send you ordinarily if you so desire it. I thought that by this course you would not need to know what was going on till you heard from him. I will not do this till I hear from you. Rose telegraphed you at Ocean Grove last Sunday night about Uncle's death. I did not think by yours and Mother's letters that you had heard of it. Rose & I went over & attend it. We left on the early train Tuesday and arrived there in

time for dinner. The services were held at the church instead of the house on account of Aunt Sarah who was ^{so} wrought up about it and also that more people could attend them. The church was crowded the sidewalks lined with people who could not get in. There ~~were~~ ^{was} a long string of carriages in the procession to the Grass. He was buried in the Jonesville Cemetery which is a very pretty place. Cousin Sam & his father came up from Marietta to it. Uncle George went to Jonesville on Friday as he could not get away from Marietta sooner, on account of a patient of his who was very low. He got up the case and left for J. the case had died the next day. I don't remember the name.

It was somebody that I did not know. Uncl Charley did not speak after he was first stricken, but he seemed to remember persons on Thursday and Friday. Bird ~~was~~ down on Thursday and she said that she thought he knew her. I asked her ^{and} Min to send Mother ^{all} the Jonesville papers that had any thing to say about

He expects to be gone about 10 days.
And when he returns if you
and Mather wish it, I can come
on, and be with you for a visit -
Any time after the first of September
will suit me - It seems to me
from what Mather writes that you
had better consult some other
physician, an older head than
Dr. Alfred Sp. would be better -
You must do these things for
your children's sake even if you
don't care to do so for your own

Cheer up and as Cargill's father told the parson;

"I am devoting my time and attention to getting well" so
meet you, thrive earnestly to secure health - Although

the future does not look as bright as you might
wield it to be, although we ^{may} have to endure the heaviest

humiliation remember that there remains to you

such great love you for your own sake, and also
care for your welfare - and for their welfare learn

no stone unturned that ^{might} restore you to your former self -

With much love to yourself, Mather & Edy. Your affection B. C. Stearns

Grandfather is about same as he was
the last time that I wrote you. H.M.
I went to the office the other day to get some envelopes but ^{could} only
^{find} those with the 3^{cts} on them. Where do you seek those with
the 2^{cts} on them as there were none in sight. H.M.

Ashland 16 Aug.

Dear Father, Rose & Bird reached
here last night on the night-train.
they said that they had left Uncle
George at Dresden. he came Wednes-
day afternoon. The man that brought
me down found him and took him up
to the farm. he uncle said that he had
not been to Dresden since Uncle Pres funeral
to see the folks and was going there before
returning to Marietta. He is to be there un-
til sometime today when he was going to
Zanesville, and from there to Marietta.
Tuesday night he staid with Mr Harris,
as Aunt had her brothers & sisters to look after,
and as Uncle did not want to be in their way, so he
went over to Mr Harris. I spoke to Uncle George
about coming down here and he said that
that he ^{would} come ~~now~~ now if you were here
I told him that I would write him when
you returned. so that he could then

come. He seemed anxious to come and see us.

Cousin Doug could not go to the funeral as he had pressing business then, but he said that he would go later on with cousin Love when they could make a longer stay than they could at present.

Cook went down to Milbrook ^{last Sunday} with Ned on the same train with Miss Miley, and did not get my dispatch in time to come home to go with as he intended. I send a dispatch on Monday to him the first thing, but he did not get it in time to make connection with the train here, he wired us that he could not come on account of the train not being sure making the connections, he was sorry that he was able ^{to} go with us.

Bess babies still death had dinner at Putnam's ^{on Tuesday}. Bess is going out to the furnace this morning, as she intends to go to Greenup tomorrow to spend Sunday with the persons there, she will bring Mollie back with her for a short stay. Tell Mother that every thing is moving ^{along}, very well it would be hard to tell who is running things she or

Rose, Love to All, All well your son
Harold Means

Ashland Ky 17, 8, '89

Dear Father,

Enclosed please ^{find} letter
from Mr Sinton which came this
morning. Bess Will and the
babies stopped in about noon on
their way to the train ~~from~~ for Greenup
where they expect to stay until Mon-
day noon. The Greenup people have
been wanting them to come down for some
time. Bess and the babies kept house
for us while Rose & I went to Janesville and
Dresden. They went out to the Fur-
nace yesterday morning. The
camp meeting is over. The Boyd
county school Institute was in session
in Ashland this week. The literary
club met at Tom Russell last night
the literary exercises were omitted
while we had the Surprise which

consisted of conundrums, some
of which were very good, the
attendance was poor.

Everything is going on about the same
around town.

All well. Love and kind regards
to your mother & Lily & Will.

I hope to hear better news from you
the next that ^{time} we hear

I remain your son
Harold Means

Ashland Ky Aug 26th 1889

Mr. Harry Means:

When you write to your father, please ask him whether he would sell me One & One half or 2 Lots, Corner of 2nd & Railway Avenue, I suppose the Lots, in the event he would sell, would be the usual size viz: 50' on Ry. Ave & 142 $\frac{1}{2}$ on 2nd St.

If he consents, I would like to know the price and terms of course I would expect to pay some cash - balance on such time as he would be pleased to give me, The reason I ask for part time, is to enable me to build without debt on house.

As I have already told you, I have agreed to sell where I now live, nothing remains but signing the Contract, I have given time on deferred payments, I have sold only Lot # 23 & I improvements, - retaining the Lots 17 & 18 on Front St. - Mrs Eba, would not object for me to build on these Lots, but would much prefer to get farther away from the noise & dust of that locality. - Please say to him in the event he agrees to sell me say 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 Lots

That I would agree not to put any kind or class of outbuilding on line of either 2" Street or Ry. Ave. further, that I would not ask or expect him, to open the alley, unless he sold all these lots on Ry Ave. when of course an alley would be necessary, — with a front of 75 or 100 feet on Ry Ave. a 9' gate at lower end of lot & another at back end of lot on 2" St would give ingress & egress to coal house & c without disturbing the pasture or going into it — the roadway would of course be on Lots sold me.

I contemplate building as comfortable a home as possible for say \$2000

If he consents to sell, would like to begin at once, as I have agreed to give possession at once, and if unable to complete this fall, the prospect of getting out of uncomfortable winter quarters, in the early Spring, will be some consolation at least.

Respectfully
W. H. N. Eby

Dear Mother
I hope your father comes back from
Pottsville he may go to some other
place -

Wood Haven Aug 27th - 1889

My Dear Cooke

I suppose you
are very anxious to hear from
your father. Though I have not
anything at all encouraging
to write you - I can't see any
change for better or worse. He left
Ocean Grove Tuesday - and came
to Wood Haven - your father came
in to the Low Moor meeting Wed -
& Thursday he came in & spent
the day with Dr Geo. Spalding. He
seemed to have the same opinion
of his case as Dr Alfred - only he
allows him more to eat - & thinks
what he needs is rest & to be amused
& to get his stomach right again

Thursday Lily & I went to Avenue
on the Boat to Far Rockaway -
Friday we all went to Rockaway -
Sat. we went to the City & Lily went
to market & then we went & engaged
& bought tickets on the ^{11:00} ~~North~~ - The
bed. Steamship for Portland - took round
trip tickets & will be gone not quite a
week - Lily made us walk so far that
I have been lame since - we took a boat
& came to Brighton Beach & then a
train to Manhattan Beach - I
like the looks of Manhattan the best
of any of the beaches after Ocean Grove
Bill Seaton is hanging on Burnett of the
Metropolitan Bank to see your father to ^{Marque}
your father did not want to be bothered
with business here - I don't see what
Harry & Will were thinking of to let the
Burnett man come on - I mean take
Willy & let you come on in my place
I am afraid they are not doing well
as home - Sarah Daboll is going to be
married & I want to go to Manhattan &
take Hildred for a visit before she
gets married - She will be married this fall -
I hope you will all keep well - Maynard
has gone to the mountains for 2 weeks -
Love & kisses from your aff
Mother

Ashland Ky 27th Aug '89.

Dear Father your letter of the
23rd I had, I am sorry that you
are not feeling any better.

I forwarded a telegram to you today
from Mr. W. M. Ramsey. I copied
the message and forgot to copy
the signature. I don't know
whether it would make any
difference, but suppose that by
reading my last letters to you
that you would understand
who sent it to me. I will try
and do better next time.

I suppose that Will Seaton and
Cooke are with you by this
time. Enclosed please find
a letter from Mr. Eba which
will explain itself. Rose
and Hildreth have gone

out to Bellefonte to supper
me Gaynor and Dave going
out later,
Bird H went out with Bess
Sunday. Molly Seaton went
out yesterday. She and I
took the drive around by
Cannonburg, starting ^{around} by Cattle
burg, and leaving the Pike by
the Dil well. It was not
very warm driving. It was
dark by the time that we reached
the Furnace. It took us about
5 hours to make it.

I staid an hour with Bess
and then came home it
was dark driving home.

Bess and the Babies are well
Isabelle was asleep about
Hilda was as lively as a
cricket ~~was~~ when we arrived
Aunt Mag was over today
about dinner time she was

here when the message came
come from Mr Ramsey.

She said that Grandfather
was about the same as when
I last wrote.

With love W all

Remain you son
Harold Means

all well

Grand Union Hotel

OPPOSITE
Grand Central Depot.

W.D. GARRISON.
Manager.

SIMEON FORD.

New York Aug 31st 1889

My dear Father:

Leaving the Grand Central Depot at 11.30 P.M. Tuesday we reached Boston at 7 A.M. by the Shore line Harrington & Son, Burnett & McConville went with me. We left B. on the Old Colony for Hyannis & Craigsville, reaching the latter place at 12.30 noon — Found all away on short excursion except Pearl, who has been with them for 3 weeks but is now in New York. She was so sea sick the previous day that she did not care to go on the water with the others.

We spent the afternoon bathing and sailing; going over to Osterville, a very pleasant sea side resort with Hatet & Private cottages —

The excursionists returned at 6 P.M.
I ate supper with Uncle & Aunt and
the three girls - They have been doing
their own house work and the cottage
is very small. Aunt said she & Uncle
had been on their first excursion but
the girls had often gone before -

I presented the case to Uncle and he
expressed astonishment that Aunt had
not been brought or had not given
them any word. He claimed that he
had remained away only through the
advise of Aunt and Madame, and
that he always had been and was now
willing to return to Yellow Springs if Aunt
said so, but that he could not do as
the attorneys of the opposition wished
without consulting his own attorney -

He had just received a letter from Madame
saying that Burnett & McCouirk had lost
money in the Grand Hotel affair and his
instructions from you had been that the
October should be saved for Ramsey -

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Grand Union Hotel,

OPPOSITE
Grand Central Depot.

W.D. GARRISON.
Manager.

SIMEON FORD.

New York _____ 18__

He considered Harrington as trying to use him to shield Duckworth. All things considered I concluded to humor him and try and communicate with Hunt. The others, (McC etc) were not so anxious to have Hunt's instructions and we talked until midnight. Uncle would not talk to the others until we heard from Hunt. I telegraphed Hunt as follows: "Harrington, Burnett, McCouville here anxious to have us return, await instructions from you or will meet you in Boston, they come with Cooke Means and bring letter from Brother John advising it. Answer quick. (Signed) M. A. Adams" Hunt replied: "Under circumstances it is better to return to Yellow Springs—"

Uncle at once prepared to return and left last night on the Fall River line for this point. He will return to Yellow Springs via Springfield. He talked to me as if he was trying to be very careful not to give the Madams any grounds to find fault with you or with ease as being conducted by Hunt.

The three that went on with me are about as screwed as one finds them. They were going to keep your letter but I made Uncle secure that. I think that they retained a copy. They did not want Hunt to think that they were doing it all alone. You might tell Hunt to write to Will & I for details if you think necessary.

I think Uncle would have done any thing for you & Hunt.

Pearl is doubtful but Gertrude and Patti are with their Mother.

Those men are the worst flatterers I ever met, when they thought it would help them -

Grand Union Hotel

OPPOSITE
Grand Central Depot.

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Manager.

SIMEON FORD.

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New York

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Hoping that the trip to Portland
has been beneficial to all and
that every thing now go smoothly I
will close and call on the Spauldings

Tom Adams is with his mother and
will help her pack up and return home

I return to Low Moor tonight.

Your affson,

E. C. Means

Low Moor, Pa -
Sept 1st 1889

Dr. B. Seaton Esq

My dear Will: Reached here safely
this A. M. walking the last four miles.
Found Burnett on the train, I
think on his way to Louisville or
Frankfort. He gave me some
information about Hunt that has
caused me to do a good deal of
thinking, he says the rumor is that
Sam Hunt is having illicit relations
with the Madame at Yellow Springs -

I told Burnett that any communication for Father could
only reach him through you or the and that Nordhagen was
no longer the proper place to forward to - If Burnett has
gone to Louisville perhaps show me the pass he coming on to
see him - you had better tell Alby to be very careful about
letting any know Mr. George's address and how Father goes out
to Nordhagen had very little -
Remember me to Mr. George & Alfred, and Alby,
Alfred & Alby: Had given me in regards - and asks you
to stop on return -
Yours truly, E. C. Hoag

that he goes up to see her and stays from Saturday night until Monday. Burnett says he does not know how much truth there is in the matter but that it is common talk at his place.

Tom Means told me that it seemed as if Mrs M. had carried out as far as possible a letter of instruction written by him to Hunt -

Burnett, and he said also the others say that Hunt has been lying to them about Tom's return and are inclined to think that Hunt is acting double and had some object in keeping Tom away from Ohio -

You had better tell Father that from what I learned on the trip that the less he has to do with Hunt the better because Hunt has not acted in good faith and has ^{also} been boasting about charging \$1000- for the Toledo transactions -

He received a letter from the Madam while Father & I were in his office in October last -

Burnett asked me as to what Ramsey wanted with Father but I told him that I did not know - Tom did return Friday but agreed to start Saturday - McConville waited for him and they will come together -

Grapes which we have been enjoying very much. Hilda is wheeling Sabella up & down the hall, & is little horse

Mary. She has a new amusement runs & walks at the teams & passes by like Ted Jr. does. it is quite comical to see them.

I wrote Will a letter this morning & Harry has already mailed it. & Hilda being horse Mary, makes me think of Childs driving reins, which I wish he could get for her as she will insist upon having a string around her neck, & keeps it so red.

We have just returned from Mags. She & Grandfather are well. her new girl she says is very good with Grandfather, and she says she will soon be out & spend the day with us -

If Will is gone before you receive this letter, never mind about the reins. Mother I suppose will soon be home. Tom Culbertson & Charlie Russell were in to call. Mrs Mrs McIntosh & Pine Grove spent the day with us last week. a social call. I will close
with much love
Yours aff
E. L. Seaton

My dear Father,

I did not write last week as Will was going on and he would answer for a number of letters as far as news went, and I have been waiting until I heard from him before I wrote again. Everything moves on as usual, and it gets hotter and dustier every day.

The girls reported it very warm at church. We came up yesterday morning to spend Sunday, as Birdie is to leave Monday for home. She has been out

walk me for several days -
& molly id up visiting me
so I have not had time
to be much lonesome.

Rose, Mr Gaynor, Tom & Harry
took tea with us Tuesday.
Wednesday Aunt May
brought Mrs Mrs Robinson
out to call. Uncle Alex
was very sorry that he
would not see you & Mother.
They celebrate their 50th
Anniversary in November.

The old lady wanted to know
if they made Charcoal at
the Furnace. May had told
her it was a charcoal
Furnace. She did not know
they made iron. She talked &
showed Uncle Alex around the
Furnace which he was
anxious to see, but his wife
& Aunt May stayed with Bird.
They were only up a week.
He is getting feeble but is as
jolly as ever. He is eighty two
this Fall. The Qualls &

Doagles have returned such
a day as today will make
them feel like they had
come home to town. It
is as warm a day as
we have had since summer.

Mrs Mead is to leave Wed
for Charleston & seems very
happy to be going back. I
am very glad it is not us
returning. I saw old Billy
Geiger on the st yesterday &
he wanted to know what I
had in the carriage & I said
something pretty. He came over
near Hilda & said well she is
a mighty pretty little girl
then Iabella raised up & he
wanted to know if she was a
boy. I told him no. Oh! Good
Lord, he said, & left.

Coz Henry sent over some

Sept 2nd 1889

Mr John Meaus
Wood Haven L. I.

Dear Father

Alfred + I will go to
Nashua + Amherst. N. H. tomorrow
Will return to N. Y. Saturday. Suppose
you will have returned by that time
and we can arrange matters + I will
leave for home Sunday or Monday

W. B. Seaton

It can't get a steamer like Friday -
the night to have gone in the steamer
on early this morning -

6881-7th trip
Wood Haven Sept

Mike & Lily have been in to the city &

My Dear Cooke

We returned from
Portland on Monday - We went
there on a boat on Thursday
Tom Father was quite sea sick
& Lily & I both kept our beds
all day though I took ^{the} four meals
& they only ate two meals - We
stayed in Portland Friday Sat &
Sunday - The Falmouth Hotel is
the best hotel ⁺ a very comfortable
house & we had a very pleasant
stay in Portland - As we could not
get rooms on the boat for the whole
trip coming back, we sold our

return tickets & Came back by rail -
were detained by the "Labor day procession"
in Boston - had to stay an hour in the
Bus waiting to get across Tremont St -
so we missed the train & took a train
that brought us into N.Y. so late we had
to go to a hotel - We went to the Murray St
Hotel - I had to pay nearly \$10 for lodging &
breakfasts - Dr. G. Spalding wants your
father to stay at his house for the
present. As I will go home with
Will Sealton this week - I think your
father is a little better though he had
a bad headache affecting his

sick - He was never sea sick before -
They write that they are all well at
home - I intend to take Hildreth's Rose
& go to Manhattan for a short visit - just
as soon as I can after getting home -
Tom Adams & Mother had not gone home
at last accounts - Mr Maynard is still
away - Your father stayed at Dr. S. last night
was out here today & went back again -

Love & kisses from

Yours aff Mother

5th Sept 1889

Woodhaven, N.Y.

Thursday morning

My dear Father:-

Will and I could not secure a sleeper for this afternoon, so he and Mother will be here until tomorrow afternoon, and if you feel like coming over in the morning, you will find us here, glad to see you.

Today we are going to look for a present for Bessie from Willie, and to look at some of the fine stores. Received a postal this morning from Mrs Comstock who sends regards to you.

Her "Aunt Sallie" is in

New York, and we may
call upon her today -

There are no letters for you
in this morning mail -

I hope you are feeling
better today and out enjoying
the bright sunshine

With love from Mother
Kell & self & kind regards
to Mr George -

Yours lovingly
Lillian

No letters from Mr Maynard

[Sept 6 1889]

Woodhaven, Saturday 9, 1889.

My dearest Father: -

Mother and Alice left yesterday at 3-30 for home, and were quite disappointed that they missed seeing you again. We looked for you ^{here} all morning, and at the depot -

Mr Maynard returned Thursday evening at six - looking and feeling much improved since he went away - Last evening we went down to call on Sister and Mr Smith.

They are both looking well. Sister gained sixteen lbs. but has begun to work it

it off already - as she has
no girl yet to help her -

I am going to be
at home today, as I stopped
and did some of my
marketing yesterday, and
will put up a few pears -

I wish you were coming
out to see me -

With much love

Yours Lily -

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SUCCESSORS TO

MEANS, RUSSELL & MEANS.

"Bellefonte" Superior Warm Blast Charcoal Pig Iron.

Thursday

Ashland, Ky., Sept 8" 1889.

Dear Father

I received your telegram at Wood Haven. Letter explaining it I don't think I was ever guilty of quite such a blunder before & hope I never will be again. I somehow or other got under the impression that the checks was only simply endorsed & as I was going around a good deal & in great crowds I began to fear I might lose the checks. & when George handed me tickets for self & Cook to go to the races I thought that it would be a hard crowd as usually attends such places. & asked George if he had safe place to keep some checks or if he could put them in safety deposit vaults till I got ready to leave for home. he said he could, but as there was limit in time day to get them out. he said he would give me his check payable to me & I could deposit it here without further trouble. So thinking he might be away when I got ready to start or Bank closed I handed him the checks without again looking at the endorsements & took his check for amount \$2470⁰⁰ which I will now return to him. I don't think there can be any excuse offered for such gross carelessness on my part or oversight as it may be called. but suppose busy N.Y. rather turned my head for the time being. at same time I handed him

what money I had that I didn't need till I started home. the amount you paid me back.

Mother & I arrived safely yesterday on No. 3. about an hour behind time. we had a very pleasant trip & mother was much pleased with the "F.V." train she thought it was about the finest she was ever in. it commenced to rain just as we pulled out Jersey City Depot & rained very hard for a while. but cooled the atmosphere & made it very pleasant on train all the way home. we had three very nice meals on board train. Bess & Babies were at train to meet us in our carriage & Harry & Rose in yours. So you see we were well met. Father was also at Depot to take the train for home he had been up taking depositions &c.

I suppose you got Lily's letter saying that we could not get sleeper Thursday & had to stay over another day.

Mother talks of going to Marista next Tuesday.

I found everything working smoothly along here as well as if I had been here all the time. So I don't feel as anything was lost in my absence. Maurice is still working very well.

and I feel much better than when I left. I have quite recovered from my sea both & haven't any desire to take another soon. but don't suppose I will have another opportunity very soon.

I hope you are having a pleasant time with George & are feeling better than you did when you first returned from main. I know George appreciates your staying with him & will be glad to have you continue with him as long as ~~the~~ you feel like doing so. he writes me that he has "plenty to eat". I don't suppose he would dare boast if I were still there.

Bess sends love to you. Hoping you will soon feel much better

Forever yours — W.B. Seaton

thereby forcing up the prices -
the whole thing was rushed so
fast that often persons bought lots
that they did not want, while
under the impression that they were
bidding on the ones they wanted -
Property holders in Clifton Forge
have already commenced to cry
Accon Iron Gate - I did not go
to the sale and did not buy anything
The pig iron market is improving
and Mr. Low cannot get his iron
fast enough to suit him -
Furnace made 782 tons last week
and shows for better this week -
John Ham & Harry Merry are away

visiting mines in Pennsylvania -
a grating block to protect the men from the weather -
The ore is coming in so fast no can be handled -
Locken is out for a new fourth shaft in the
beginning - with another coming on and prospects
for a large accumulation of iron before opening trade
It looks doubtful just yet -
I'm glad to learn that your health is better -
Millard's name is at Yellow Springs -
With regards to Dr. Spaulding's Dr. Spauld
Yours affly
E. C. Mearns

the latter part of July, on account of
- your health, and that I would
forward the letter on to you.

Aunt May had a letter from Mrs. C.
Laft, a few days ago, in which she
sorry to hear of your poor health, and ^{hoped} that
you would improve in health
very fast.

Every thing is going on very well
The Pay Roll of the A.C.T. for last ^{month}
amounted to \$12,000.00 Norton & about
(\$6,000.) Fire Buick to \$1,850.00

Hoping to hear from you soon,
that you are improving and
that will soon be able to ^{do business} tend.
But do not think of returning
till you are able to do so.

I remain

Your Son
Harold Means

I deposited yesterday a check of the
U.S. mail for \$130. in the Bank
& your credit. ^{the Bank guarantees my signature}
for you see; Harold

Ashland Ky 12th Sept '89

Dear Father

We were glad to see
Mother at home again and to hear
that you are feeling somewhat better
than when you left and that you
will stay with the Doctor until you
^{are} well and able to tend to business.
Will and I went down to the Office
to write up ~~the~~ what you gave him,
He wrote or is going to write and
see if you did not want him to
post the entries that had not been
posted since April. ^{He said that}
^{he} would have the Dr. to write ^{what} you
said about it; We thought that
it would be best to have them
fixed up to date, so that you
would not be so busy when
you returned. Mother Rose
and Hildrette left yesterday for

Marietta to make Uncle George
a short visit, of about a week
if she staid longer it would
interfere with Conference,
Mother is to entertain the Savages
(Geo & his wife), I dont think that
she will have any more, as I see
shear that the Brethren has all
been provide with places,
Some Some of the ^{other} Denominations
are to take care some of them,
so you want any of the Home
Papers if so you can have the
Doctors say so I will when he
writes to him, or you can have
Lily do so for you,

Mr Crother & Mr ~~W~~ Jolly wishes
to be remembered to you when I
write to you along with many
other persons that I meet on
the streets - Bess Hill & Hilda
were up on Tuesday & see Mother
before she left, they ^{are} all and

hope to hear more encouraging
news from you.

I expected to go out tomorrow evening
to spend the evening with a few of
the young people, Mrs Lynn
& daughter from Louisville are
visiting the Gortrells this week,
I had a letter from Cooke a
few days ago and ^{he} is glad
to hear from that you are improving
and that you will continue to stay
with the Spaldings, He says
that Iron has advance a little
and that the outlook for it is
very encouraging,

I have just return from a call
at Aunt Mags Means, both she
and Grandfather are well,
Grandfather had just returned
from down street,

Enclosed please find a letter
from Mr Dinton which I answered
sworn by saying that you
were out of town and had been

Ashland Ky 12th Sept '89

Dear Sister

Enclosed please find letter to Father, which you had better forward to him.

Mother and Rose ~~and~~ Hildreth left yesterday for ~~New York~~ Marietta where they expect to be until next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Our Princess drive on Monday was a success. We had four couples. Rose went with Mr Gaynor, Mr Richardson with Jane Farrell, ^{J.W.} Henderson ^{and} ^{Prue} Eads Mollie Seaton and I. We left here about half past four and we arrived there in a little over two hours we could ~~not~~ ^{not} have had a better night for it.

It took us about three hours
to return, as we ^{were} taking advan-
tage of the moonlight.

Mother is feeling very well
and she expects to be back in
time for Conference.

The Bishop that we have is an
old man by the name of Merrill.
You will see by the Republican
where the Preachers are to stay.

We are all well (that are
at home). Love & kind regards

Hoping to hear from you

I remain your Brother

Harold Means

certain that he realizes the true condition of affairs and that the Madame has adopted the wrong course to secure money for herself and daughters -

She adapted her plans, apparently, under the impression that ~~Mr~~ would commit suicide sooner than bear the disgrace of a convict's garb - His doing so would make her and her daughters his heirs and for that reason she was willing to allow just debts to go unpaid that she might later have the money due to his creditors. If he lived, she knew that any money inherited by him would belong to his creditors and could only be saved from them by some wrong act - His life in her mind should be sacrificed to save the money - He realizes that his daughters can only be benefitted by the kindness of those at Oakland and he proposes to stick by them - He is of a vacillating turn of mind so be carefull

this employing ~~John~~ little to ~~assist~~ ~~the~~ ~~Madame's~~ ~~influence~~ because ~~little~~ has been an attorney for some time past - ~~John's~~ is not free from the Madame's influence and I greatly regret his connection with the case. I do not think he has acted wisely or ~~with~~ ~~justice~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~matter~~ ~~at~~ ~~heart~~ - ~~What~~ ~~is~~ ~~confidential~~ -

In this affair now stands all that we can do is to await developments and hope for the best -

Trusting that you and Bradford are well and ~~with~~ ~~much~~ ~~love~~ ~~to~~ ~~remain~~ -

Yours affectionately,
John R. McLean

John R. McLean

You need not enclose the letter -
Sincerely,
John R. McLean

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Received at *Ashland Ky* *6 Pm* *Sept 10 1885*

Dated *Ashland Ky* *10*

To *W E Matmaid*

Wm - writes he is
going to Woodhaven
to see Father
W B Stator

is wild about Frankesha Springs
says he is well - better than he
has been for 10 years & he is sure
it will cure you & that Mr Ireland
would go with you there. & Mrs
Putnam would like to go also -
& board can be had for \$7 a week -
a very cheap place. - So if you don't
get better at N.Y. you might go & try
Frankesha - all that went from Ashland
were helped - Dr Shout read in & sent
his respects also Mr C. Shout can't talk
of anything but the Widow Mrs Lida Mead
it is quite amusing how he brings
the talk around to her - Abz is
sure Frankesha will cure you
So you must not get discouraged
till you try it - he says it is a great
cure for dyspepsia - I hope you
are feeling better - love to Liz
& love & kisses to yourself
from yours
Katie -

Wm H + my wife
Manilla Sept 13th 1889 -

My Dearest John

We reached

here safely Wed. morning at
4 P.M. - had a very pleasant
trip here & Hildreth seemed
to enjoy it immensely, going
through the fine farms on
the Ohio river valley -
Sarah & George were expecting
us & she word seemed to
have got around that we
were coming & we have had
a good many calls -

Rose was invited to a ship
picnic yesterday - & I took
dinner yesterday with Mrs P. G.
My + Mrs Lovell - today I take
tea with Miss Maria + tomorrow
take tea at Mrs Putnam's

Have had calls from Mrs Knowles
Lodge - Woodbridge Sam + Mrs Putnam
Mr + Mrs Douglas Putnam - Miss Ches-
ter - there are a great many
inquiries after your health & great
sympathy expressed for you -
Sarah Dabolt is to marry her brother
in law in Oct. - He is a widower of
3 years - & has 3 grown children
& two farms & is very well off and
a very nice man - & she makes
a good match in taking him -
There has gone down to look for
wedding presents for her from
the boys + us - all the old

ladies in town are looking up
suitable women for house keepers
for George - I have already
heard of 8 - that they think
would do - & I have told George
what his plans are I don't know
& don't think he has any at
present - Sarah Dabolt is a great
loss to him - ~~As~~ I hear Sister
Ann Sarah Hildreth thinks of
taking her share, instead of
going by Charles Will - She had
some sisters who have nothing &
I suppose she wishes to be able
to give to them - Mr John Harris
is executor - George don't seem
to have found out much about
Charles' affairs - but thinks he
was probably worth about half
the papers stated - I met
Abu Campbell on the train. he

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Capital,
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Ashland, Ky. Sept 13th 1889

Dear Father,

I had letter from Genl S. J. Hunt this morning saying that "if Mr Means is not at Wood Haven please telegraph me as it is important that I should have a word with him." I suppose from that that he will go at once to Wood Haven. & I telegraphed Maynard that "Hunt writes that he will go to Wood Haven to see Father" I did not give him your N.Y. address as I thought you could use your own pleasure about that. & I saw no way to keep him from going to Wood Haven. Perhaps you will want to see him.

I made the entries on your Books according to your memorandum. If you desire it I can post up your Books also your Fathers? Harry received another CK L.R. Keck. U.S. mail Lino 130⁰⁰. I made entry on piece paper & left in your Journal. using your memorandum to go by. If it is correct it can be placed on Journal in short time. The entry I made on piece paper was as follows.

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Ash Natl Bank Co. | \$ 130. ⁰⁰ |
| P.L. fr on # 801 L.R. Keck & on # mat Cents any 28/89. U.S. mail lin indorsed by Harry. left in a n BK | |
| | \$ 130. ⁰⁰ |

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* Address to

Mother & Rose_n left Wednesday for Marquette to make a short visit. Everything in this part is getting along very smoothly. Bess & Bobbie are very well. The weather is hot & dusty no rain since I got home. Mr. Russell is looking much better since his return has been out to Furnace time or two.

Furnace is doing very well & Pig Iron is "looking up" we are having more inquiries & have made several small sales lately. at 20⁵⁰ Cash for 6 cars our switch_n ^{for No. 1} sold a 50 ton lot to L & N RR. yesterday at Louisville. + 175 tons to Gurr Scott & Co Richmond Ind No. 2. at \$19.50. Every thing is looking up a little. Warrants have advanced to 2⁰⁰ mostly.

With kind regards to George, tell him I am feeling much better since his meat bill got up to \$50 - for now & sorry I could not have stayed another month with him.

Yours affectionately

W. B. Seaton

Askland Ky. Sept 14th 1889

much love
your loving
Bees

month he writes. I hope he will
with. he is so funny. I like him
so much, he is certainly original.

Mother will not be home to
receive her ministers. she is to
have Mr Mrs Savage. she said
Mrs Spiller could entertain them
one day, but after that I suppose
she will be busy with the meeting.
Mr Green's family have come
to town. Sunday.

We drove up to church & took
Isabella with us. she did so well
that if Hilda had not been so much
assistance on the crackers. we
might have stayed for all the
sermon, as it was she & I explored
down stairs & outside for halsam
Harry has come out to take tea
with us. Tell Lily that she owes me a

the next time I think
will be a good time for
to write to me to write a letter or two.
Mollie is busy sewing on
my machine. they have an
old Wheeler & Wilson machine
so when she comes up to stay
any time she brings up her
sewing. I send you a piece
I cut from the Post of one of
your old friends - Brother
Tom & Aves left Wednesday
for Marietta. Harry was out to

My dear Father,
Isabella has gone
to sleep and Hilda out on the
porch washing her feet. I think
it will be a good time for
me to write a letter or two.
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for Marietta. Harry was out to

see us twice yesterday: in the afternoon with Mrs. Mrs. Culbertson & the children, & in the evening with Mr. Richardson. We knew they were coming in the evening so had some ice cream made. Harry Culbertson wanted to know when they were going to have ice cream out here again? & he would come out.

After John Hayes was through freezing the cream I gave him a saucer full, & he said it was good, that mollie & I could beat him & Charlie making it. But that Charlie did not have any "perfume" in his, he meant flavoring. While Will was away mollie & I were up town from Sat until Sunday & left John & Charlie to cook. The girls got things ready & I told her she

could make a Sunday visit - so Charlie was happy to be cook again, & he gave them lemonade & ice cream for supper. For a qt of lemonade he took a dz lemons, some way the lemonade was not a success.

You should have seen how quick Hilda was to decide on the little pine. Will brought them & told him to put the other one away for Doll & Baby. Isabella goes every place. I found her the other day over the board on the front stairs, all but one foot, & such a squealing as she was doing since then the board stays out. Will seems to have enjoyed his trip very much. It was a change that will do him good. Ned was sorry not to have had him stop over here but he is coming home next



Statement Sep 16th 1889 Ash Natl Bank

| Resources | | Liabilities | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cash on hand | 2893420 | Due other Banks | 653812 |
| U S Tr | 4500 | Capital Stock | 210 |
| U S Bonds | 200000 | Circulation | 90 |
| Other Bonds | 2500000 | Ind Dep | 28757875 |
| Ch & D R R Stock | 26250 | Certif of Dep | 1973726 |
| Judgments in Court | 3600 | Surplus Fund | 63200 |
| Loans & Discounts | 31953644 | Int & Exchange | 714599 |
| Office Furniture | 1800 | Profit & Loss | 526011 |
| Real Estate | 11000 | | |
| Due Banks & Bankers | 3535605 | | |
| Premiums | 3000000 | | |
| Expenses Tax etc | 348354 | | |
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Ashland Ky Sep 18th 1889

John Meaur Eyr

Dear Sir

I know you are kept posted from home on all that is going on around the town but I thought I would write and send you a statement of affairs at the bank you will see that the loans have increased considerably since you left and that our earnings are good being about one thousand more than they were this time last year and the Dep are keeping up very well the demand for money has been good and we are about up to all we can lend. I saw Mrs Meaur the Sunday after she came home at church and went out to see her but she had gone to Marietta Everything is moving along in town and every body seems busy the brick yard is running full and selling as fast as they can make and as you know nails have advanced and demand good Norton is running about full and shipping nearly as fast as they make them the river is low and the large boats are very late and will have to go to the shore before many days

Miss Means Kyle Ho asked the loan of 10 or 15
thousand a day or two ago but notified us today
they had made some collection and would not
need it. Uncle John I think is very much
improved by his trip as he seems and says
he feels very much better than when he went
away. The M & E conference is in session here
now and I suppose chickens will be scarce
for some time after they leave. I don't know
of anything more to write about that will interest
and for fear that what I have already written
will not I will close hoping that you are
improving and will continue to. I am

Yours Very Truly
W. H. Houston

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 "Bellefonte" Superior Warm Blast Charcoal Pig Iron.

P. O. address,
 Ashland, Ky.

Bellefonte, Ky., Sept 19th 1889

Mr Jno Means

#248 Lenox Ave. N.Y.

Dear Father,

Your favor 17th inst just to hand & I am very sorry indeed to hear that you think you are no better. but I hope you are mistaken. & I know from what George wrote me when he enclosed etc that he thinks you are slowly improving. & I hope you will not return till that troublesome matter is settled for good. I have heard nothing whatever for some time but suppose things are gradually working to an end. I don't think there is any doubt in regard to Uncle Will's sincerity & that he will stick to his brother & sisters and do all in his power now to save them.

I hope you will have strength to take as cheerful view of the whole situation as possible as I hope it will all turn out better than we have been led to hope for. anything now though is fast mending in the hands of others over which we have no control. I trust a kind providence will bring all out right yet. you need have no fears of my "complicating" your books or accounts. I know exactly just how easy it is to get books out of order & how hard it is to get them straightened out again & think I have had enough experience in Book Keeping to keep things straight. As I was entrusted with the checks & Memoranda to match. I felt it my duty to make entry to correspond with your memo. & then see that the amount was deposited in Bank to

to make Books Balancer with the Entry. I had the three CKs deposited properly viz to Cr for Means 985. to Dr Means 1300 + 105. leaving due you for Memorandum \$50 - + \$130⁰⁰ & Drw Dr Means \$200.

I thought I would wait a few days longer to hear from the 3 missing checks $\left. \begin{array}{l} 50 \\ 130 \\ 200 - \text{Dr Means} \\ \hline \text{total } \$380 \end{array} \right\}$ As I suppose Gerron has by this time either had them returned to him or received Credit for them and will send me his check to cover amount

The error in first place no doubt has caused you a good deal worry & I most sincerely regret it on that account. But I have felt no uneasiness on my part either as to loss or a mixture of accounts. Let me finish this business & I think it will all come out right.

We had a hard rain Monday & Tuesday. & it has been pretty cold ever since. but fine weather for work. we had a frost on River Bottom yesterday morning but none as far back as furnace. We are cutting up corn & it is turning out very well we have the finest in this neighborhood. Mr. Russell & Mr Campbell were out yesterday took dinner with us. they both seem very well Mr Campbell to tell you that if you will go to Nauvashew he will come up & stay week or two with you & will guarantee a cure

He thinks he is better than he has been in a good many years & I think he & Russell both look a good deal better than they did when they left

Rose & Harry drove out this evening & took supper with us. They returned from Marquette last evening 5 o'clock train. Rose says they had a very pleasant trip & all enjoyed it very much. that Tom was no trouble whatever. Rose & Harry are talking of going to Cicuti tomorrow to see August Mexico. says she has finished reading it & is very anxious to see it. they want Mollie to go with them. I think she will go but she hasn't decided yet. she has been making us a very nice visit. stayed with Bess while I was in

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New York, but was going home this week. Rose also talked of going on to see Lily this fall I think next month. I think it would be pleasant for her to go on while you are there. Rose said Mrs Putnam was wishing she had someone to go to Waukesha with her thinks it would do her good. Wanted to go with Mr. Campbell. Don't you think it would be a good plan for you there to meet there & spend two or three weeks?

I think the Iron market is getting a good deal firmer. Prices will come up shortly in Charcoal Iron. Coke Irons have already advanced. Every body seems to take a more cheerful view of the situation & I hope we will have fair profits once more in our business. I think we can do very well this year.

I stopped in to see Aunt May & Grandfather first of the week. May looks & seems very well. Grandfather about same that he has been for some time. He asked me a good many questions about Bellefonte & Price Pig Iron he remembers my name very well. Made me get up from the porch & go in his room with him said he wanted to talk with me & didn't want me to leave after I had taken him in. He recollects very well that Jno Means is President of a Firm that makes 100 tons per day. Bess & Children are all very well. Isabella is running around everywhere in the house & yard. Bess has a hard time trying to keep up with her. Aida wants to go & see Grandpa very often. They have both

grow a good deal since you left.

Will close for this time & will write again soon. & I do hope you
will soon feel much better. Best sends much love & with kindest

Regards to Geo

I remain yrs

W. B. Seaton

Best Recd her ck for Low Moor dividend yesterday

Low Moor, Va

Sept. 20th 1889

My dear Father:

Mr. Frank Lyman was here Sunday on his last trip to Va. before going abroad in Nov. He said he would be pleased to call and see you in New York so I gave him your address, knowing that he would be a welcome visitor - He reported his wife as being much improved by her stay in the Adirondacs and that they would go to the South of France for the winter, acting under advise -

To agree in the belief that he possesses an excellent one properly - The more I travel about here the better satisfied I am that the one perfectly is certain for some time to come -

(16th)

Joe Shelding will be married next month to a Miss Vletaker, a daughter of one of the Stone Tankers. Carville & Berwin Borden will be united in the bonds in the latter part of October - Sam Ireland will be married some time in Oct or Nov to a young lady in Ill -

Capt. Wherry asks about you every few days and wants to see you again - Tom has gone back to school -

Mr. Lawrence, storekeeper, left for the East last night to purchase a fall supply of goods - I did not give him your address -

We are sending iron forward rapidly, the railroad people doing better in furnishing cars - Harry Merry is sending down a good supply of ore and reports a good showing ahead -

Goshaw furnace is still out of blast but will go in next month with better equipment than ever, having made additions to boiler capacity -

Capt. W. J. Lee & S. J. visited the Stonydale Furnace last week. Found both running, making principally forge iron with a small percentage of foundry - Iron heated with cordial hospitality by Messrs Johnson and Strimona. Enjoyed a splendid dinner, quite appreciated after the Pocomoke train -

The work on the Annapolis R. R. is progressing and we hear occasionally of the wonderfull ore supplies over there - A Boston Co. has under contemplation a R. R. up Potts Creek - It will pass Mr. N. S. Law's ore property and all who have visited his property seem

Gibbs, the carpenter, enquired about you a few days ago and told me to write to you that he thought this would be a good climate for you —

The recent Low Moor dividend has placed me in a position to close my indebtedness and then have something left over for wedding & Christmas presents —

Cargill offered me 125 for Low Moor Stock but I would not sell. It would be too hard to replace —

There seems to be some talk of a steel plant at Droum, it strikes me it's a poor place for such a thing —

Hoping that this will find you much improved and with regards to the Spauldings and Lily & Maynard —

I remain, Your affluant E. C. Means —

and she has a girl engaged
to cook for her until she can
make some other arrangements.

His neighbors make many
plans for him, but he says
"circumstances will arrange
themselves and there is no use
to work against fate."

I received a letter from
Lily and she would like to think
I would enjoy coming east after
Brother Maynard had made
her visit so I will not come
next week as I had thought
when I came home from Charlotte,
but think I will go soon after
before all the pleasant weather
is over.

I hope you are beginning to
feel better now, and that I will
see you soon in N. J.
Sincerely
Ross

Atlanta Ga
Sept 25th 1877

My dear Father

The Methodist
conference is over and our
ministers have gone away and
now we have begun the
fall house cleaning, they put
the carpet down in Mother's
and Father's rooms yesterday and
will put the rug down in
Harold's and the spare room
today, and the chloride of lime
in the parlor today.

The Miller is coming to see
and help fix some of Mother's
winter dresses, take the ruffles
off so they will be in style?

We enjoyed having Mr
and Mrs Geo. Lunge together

as Mrs. S. was so full of fun
The other minister Mr. Leuter
of Lexington we did not like
so much as he was not so
interesting.

Nov. 28th

There were over 100 to be
entertained, and more than
they expected to come, so there
were several entertained by
families that were not Methodists.

The foreman is to return
here, and we are to have a
new presiding elder. I believe
his name is Ramsey.

Mr. John Hampton is
going to be transferred to
Lynch and will move in
Oct. his successor Mr. Leuter
is here now from Parkersburg.

My mother came home
yesterday and the family are
all delighted to have her
with them again. She looks
very much as she did when
she left home, and if anything
is a little thinner. She said
she never did enjoy a trip
more, and when she was
in Switzerland, she was in
better health than she had
ever known before. Miss
Sophronia she thought, no
she had ever enjoyed a
trip to Europe so much before.

Mag came in while I
was in at Ernie and they
were planning to go out riding
while this pleasant weather lasts.

Mr. Drunion comes next
week and Mother invited Mr.
Kroger to come down but we
have not heard if he will come.
We are inclined to think he
won't come the first of Oct.

Larab Sabold did not know
just what day she would be
married, but probably in Sept.

are well they had his preachers
one old man. whose mother
was a Presbyterian who
Grandfather was
T. Ellison & more of the West-
minster people. Grandfather
seemed to enjoy him very
much I spent the day
there while he was there &
did not know there were
many preachers there. I
I knew preachers & tables
and of how much
for mother in one dose
Mr. Jones returns to
Ashland. Much love
from
Sept 30th
1889
Beacie

Today has been
a beautiful Sabbath day -
which we have enjoyed
by going up home. Just
before we started Tom
Albertson & young McIntosh
called, they went on their
way to Princess. Tom
looks real well.
Last Sunday was such a
early day that we decided
a little while before starting
for town that we would
go to Greenup. we were

Two hours going - as we
started late. We stayed
all night. Aunt Mary,
Helen & Becky were out,
to see the family. They did
not know of our being there.
Hilda & Will walked home
with them. Mrs Spalding
surprised Will very much
by telling him that she
had never seen you or
mother. Mollie went with
Rose & Harry to see Montezuma
& expected to be home
on the midnight train Sat.
but afterwards decided to go
on to Ashland as the train
stops at Riverton & not at
Greenup. They looked for
Sam home the Sunday
before but he went to Princess
with Charlie. Father Seaton

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said since Mollie & Sam were running with Rose & Charles he could not count upon them, we thought it a pretty good joke. Eva has returned ~~at~~ looks very well indeed, & enjoyed her trip immensely. I had a letter from Minnie Hildreth and she is coming to make me a visit the middle of Oct. she went to see Dr Case for a tonic, he gave her a small bottle, & told her mother she had better pack her off to Ky. that she needed a change. Mr Russell & Mr Campbell were out here to dinner Friday week, Mr Campbell thinks Frankesha just the place for anyone to go, & that he would be glad to go & spend a couple

of weeks there with you if you
would like to go. Coz Lona
also says she will go with you
but she is rather uncertain
when it comes to going - but
she has not felt well since
she fell down stairs, over
a month ago, & wants a change

May said Grandfather was
talking about you the other
day - & she asked him what
you looked like if you were
like him. & he spoke up as
quick & said no, that you
were better looking. Will
had a letter from Mr George &
he seems to think you are some
better. I hope you wont be home
until you feel real well, though
we would all love to see you,
still we know Ashland is not the
place for you now. Grandfather & May

don't want things hurried into
market so as not to bring a good
price - Lydia says the Swearingens
always spend every cent they
can get hold of of course they
want Sarah to give them all she
can - of course it is right she
should have her shares if she
prefers it - but we don't care about
the Swearingens having ^{more than that}
Charlie evidently wished his brothers
& sisters & their heirs to have it all, as
they say his will was made 20
years ago - George thinks the estate
probably is not worth hardly half
what the newspapers say - I feel
provoked at Lily for not writing
me about you - if you can't
write yourself do make her write
us a line every time you go out
there, as all of us & your friends
are very anxious to hear from
you - Give my respects to Dr Geo +
Dr Alfred Spalding love to Lily +
her husband + much love + kisses
from Hattie

Mailed 30th

Askland Sept 1889

Dear John

I have been

so busy the last week
or two with conference +
house cleaning after it
that I have had no
time to write - We had
a very pleasant conference
Mr Centers + Dr Geo Savage
& wife stayed with us -
Mr + Mrs Savage regretted
very much indeed not
to have seen you - Mrs

Savage particularly - she
has heard Mr Savage talk
about you so much she
was very anxious to see
you - The dear old lady
says she prays for you &
has done it for years, that
you may be converted -
any one is interested in the
Bible Cause as you always
have been she thinks right
to be a Christian - She is an
immense woman & weighs over
200 - & is a splendid speaker -
& greatly interested in Missionary
work - We had a very pleasant
visit in Manetta - Hildreth

enjoyed it exceedingly & we got
along very well with him &
George seemed pleased to have
him make him a visit -
Sam Putnam & Lydia are very
uneasy about brother Child's
estate - In fear it won't be well
managed - Sarah has taken her
things - instead of the income - She
is very feeble in body & mind - they
are afraid the Swearingens will
get more than her share - John
Harris is executor - Sam wanted
George to go up to Concord with
him & look after things - & get
some lawyer there to see that
everything was managed right -
but George won't go - I wish you
could give your opinion as to
whether anything better could be
done - None of us know but very
little about the estate - but we

Dear Lily -
This letter will do for
your father & your
brother - do you care
to send it to him
or her -

Aunt Amanda
Lizzie
Thomas - Mary Anne
Tom - one still east
for one -
When they tell
him where
you are -
Dear satisfied
I send you - but
your father -
Great days
Sept 1889 -

My Dearest John,

Milk & I had
a much pleasanter trip home
than I expected - I found the
Aristotle train very easy &
a good table - Bess & the babies
were up to meet us - & Palsey. So we
made quite a procession - Bess
& family were up yesterday -

Brother Fungus & wife have just
called & Brother Fungus says
to tell you he hopes you will
soon be well - & he regrets greatly
that you cannot be here to
attend Conference, as he thinks
you would enjoy it very much -
I was quite disappointed in
not seeing you again - I was

in hopes you would be either at
Lily's or the train. I missed you very
much - & do yet, at home - Rose & Mary
have gone on a picnic drive. Rose &
Hildred & I will go to ~~the~~ Manuka on
Wed. I had a dispatch from George for that
day - The sugar barrels have given out
so Rose has put up plenty of fruit - I don't
know whether to get another barrel if
you come home or not - Please tell
Lily what I had better do about it
if you don't write yourself - I tell her
she has to do all the writing -
We are having very nice corn & tomatoes
Rose has made quite a hole in the chicken
crop - They are looking for 90 preachers &c
at Conference - Mrs Spiller keeps house for
me while I go to Manuka & Mr & Mrs Geo.
Savage are to be the guests at our house -
I have to go to Manuka now as Sarah is
down to marry her brother in law, he has 3
children - I found them all well &
Sarah walking & into all mischief -
Love & kisses from
Hattie -