

Russellville, Ky July, 1-1899

MR. G. Railey,  
Tompkinsville, ky

My Dear Rowland:-

Treached here last Tuesday evening and am just getting  
straightened out to business and feel very tired to night  
and for old Monroe, and to be with you all, dont you know  
that I hated to leave you all worse than I did any one in  
my life that were not related to me, I can never forget  
your kindness to me while I was there, nor the many pleasant  
moments we use to spend together.

How are you all getting along  
anyway? what are you doing in the way of liltigation and  
filing suits, and having rows with the attorneys?  
I have just drawn three replies to day in suits for the  
circuit court, liltigation here is very good, the fees are abo ut  
twice what they are in Monroe, and an Old Lawyer told me  
the other day that it was nothing for a good Lawyerto make  
\$5000 . a year here at the practice.

How is all the folks, Mr. & Mrs. Hestand Miss. Greene and etc.  
and your Cloe stick, your persimmon blossom and peach bloom  
Give all my old friends my best regards and wishes, I  
think now that I will be certain to come to see you  
all doing court as I now feel like that I could  
not stay away any longer

, be certain and give my old friend  
Captain Roddy my best regards, as there is no better old

man in Monroe than he is , And there is Uncle Rocky  
I would not have you to miss him for any thing in the world,  
You must excuse the style and punctation as well as the  
spelling in this letter, as I am just learning how to write  
on the typewriter, and very often strike the wrong keys  
and make a let.

Now write me soon giving me a full history of yourself  
and of the folks in general.

Your old friend as ever,

Joe M. Barlow.

I have a very pleasant place to board  
at, am paying \$10. a month, and get an  
& collect fare, it is near the College Grounds  
and a good walk from my office a little  
farther than we had to go. I believe I am  
going to do well here, and if I ever get up  
to the top then I will be independent of  
the world I hope, I trust you are  
getting along alright old boy. I hate  
to confess it but I am really home sick  
to night. Russellville is a very nice town  
they claim over 4000 inhabitants by last  
years Census, but you all have a better Court  
house than we have, but we are going to  
have a new one soon that will no doubt

Willis Tex.

Oct-26-99

Mr. R. G. Bailey

Dear Friend:-

Your letter  
came today and I  
suppose you will  
think I am very  
prompt to answer  
but as I stayed home  
from church tonight  
on account of rain  
I will put in the  
time writing. And  
then I guess you  
will expect to hear  
from me in regard

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to your visit to Texas  
in a few weeks. I  
don't believe you were  
really in earnest  
about coming at  
first. Were you?

I am sure though  
I thought you were  
at the time or I  
would not have  
written that I ex-  
pected you. However

I will be glad to  
see you and will  
try to make your  
visit pleasant. You

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will find Willis rather dull I am afraid but I guess you can stand it a while I have been here nearly five years and am still alive. Willis is on The International and Great Northern R.R. forty seven miles north of Houston.

The shortest route would be via Memphis Tenn. but the most pleasant I should think would be to go to New Orleans

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and take a steamer  
to Galveston. We have  
four trains daily  
two north bound and  
two south bound trains  
Should you come  
by Memphis you  
will reach Willis  
at 12:30 P. M. or  
2. A. M. and should  
you come from the  
South you will reach  
Willis either at 1:30 A. M.  
or 5. P. M. As to the  
hotels The best the  
town affords is the  
King Hotel, however

There are three in town. We live almost half a mile from the depot just a nice walk this weather. I hope you will make it convenient to reach Willis on Friday or Saturday so I will be at home then. I can arrange to spend the time at home while you are here or at least to go to school from home.

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I shall expect to hear  
from you very soon.  
Your friend  
May Bybee

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Mr R. G. Railey,  
Tompkinsville  
Ky.





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*Handwritten text, possibly a name or address, is visible at the bottom of the envelope.*

Peters Creek Barren Co. Ky.

Aug 1899

Mr R. G. Bailey, L. M. C. C.

Dear friend Bailey:-

Yours received  
the other day with the  
receipt for the chick I sent  
you I have wanted it since  
and have sent you \$9.80  
to which you will please  
send it back to me.

Remember I had some  
cast in this fast season  
Summer and some marrow cast  
fast summer Thomas or Huffing

Sum. Bond III

In book cases  $\$1.20$ <sup>60</sup>  
I for collecting ten.  
dollars of Jan. Marrow  
at 6 percent  $.60$ cts  
total  $\$2.40$

I see you are not bawling  
this for me.

you look and your book  
and see if you dont  
find it I will have it  
and my book

If I have not got it  
write I will make it  
all right.

let me hear from  
you at once

Harry Griley  
J. S. Britt D.S.

[1899]

From -

Miss. Marguerite Hoffmann

Toddsville June 6th 1899 New York

To Mr. R. J. Raibley, Thompsonville  
Mr. Raibley - R. J.

I saw your ad. in Cassid's Column  
and ~~so~~ thought I would write to you. if you  
Mr. Raibley find a few spare moments to to spare  
or why Sir by that you will kindly write  
in ans. to this letter and if you have our extra photo  
if you would only be so very kind as to exchange  
it for one of mine. Hoping that we may be friend  
ds in the near future I am though now a would  
be friend Marguerite Hoffmann

Toddsville

Mr. Raibley

Please write soon

Steg. Co.

New York

P.S. Mr Bailey Please express poem with  
Andreas takes

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"Home Sweet Home"

This very day

June 24, 1899  
Horse Cove, Gt

Dear friend -

I trust under the circumstances, you will pardon me for not writing sooner. I did not mean to wait this long - but you know when anything is once begun how easy it is to keep postponing and thinking - "I will write soon". Have been very closely at home and much employed all winter and spring. Have been almost living out doors this spring and have found such

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exercise ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> beneficial -  
but - soon burnt? - Oh -  
my! - you would hardly  
recognize me! But my  
appearance is the very  
least consideration to  
me - these days -

Well - what have you  
been doing? - I received  
your nice long letter  
and enjoyed it very much  
Am glad you have  
found such a nice  
friend in Nashville -  
you probably have made  
several other visits there  
since Christmas which  
you must tell me  
about - You will find  
me a good confidant and  
that I shall be a "bold tennable"

Person of myself Age 19 yrs  
Weight 120 lbs. 4 ft. 7 in. dark eyes and hair  
Demonstration French Desert  
American born. I don't <sup>can</sup> make <sup>and</sup> fine <sup>and</sup> sweet  
tarts can do fine Pastry cooking I must  
that I in full believe that I could <sup>confess</sup> run  
a so called house to perfection hoping  
to hear from you. In Railway at an Early  
Date I am as ever your a wood be Friend.



in silence" any secrets  
which you may repose  
in me. As for me, I  
have no secrets, but if  
I had, there is no one  
whom I would sooner  
trust than with than  
you. Bryan is in Glasgow  
today, and I suspect you  
will be there too; Mrs.<sup>2</sup>  
Dapu wanted to go, but I  
persuaded him not to.  
I have no news to tell  
you. For many months  
past my life has simply  
been a monotonous rep-  
etition of itself. Nothing  
new under the Sun" has  
come into it. However, I

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must confess I rather  
enjoy it. You know I am  
rather eccentric in some  
respects anyway. Sometimes  
I am sorry that I am  
different from most  
people and again I am  
glad - Ha, ha! - For this is  
such a vain world.  
Mamma had "snip" again  
last winter, but she  
was not dangerously  
ill as she was before.  
However, she did not  
leave her room for  
eight weeks.

I still find my pet  
very interesting. Have  
a cage for them in

The yard. The white  
 one is much more affection-  
 ate little creature but  
 the black one doesn't  
 like much attention  
 except when he is hungry  
 Sulphur nasal! I noticed  
 recently when a young  
 lady died from hydropho-  
 bia caused by the bite of a  
 pet rabbit. Hope this  
 may not be my fate.

Thursday evening  
 Did not get to finish  
 this yesterday. Mama  
 was taken ill with fever  
 today and while attend-  
 ing her tonight shall  
 finish your letter. Hope

she will not be serious-  
ly ill - though her fever  
is 105 at the present.

Mr. P. please write me  
very soon - Have heard  
nothing of you for so  
long, should like to know  
what has become of you.

Suppose you are still de-  
lighted with your office?<sup>2</sup>  
I had several clippings  
which I took from papers  
last winter - expecting to  
send them to you but  
I can't find them any-  
where - I shall look them  
up and send them  
later - But let my letter  
prove a nuisance by  
reason of its length - sleep  
close - Believe me -

Sincerely, your friend - Martha

Junction City, Ky. 3/19, '99.  
Mr. R. L. Railey,  
Tampkinsville, Ky.

Dear Brother,

I got married 3/9, '99.  
Can you come to see us?

If you can come, write me when  
and I will tell you how to come.

I am away most of the time  
and if you will write me when  
you are coming we will see you.

If you can come make arrangements  
to come right soon.

Your bro,  
J. R. Railey

Forest City

July 14 1899.

Mr R. G. Bailey.

Lombkinville, Ky.

I am a widow of  
23, 5' 10" lbs. friendly  
and kind nature  
of a good family  
from City of St. Louis.  
have a little boy  
4 years, considered  
quite cultured &  
desired will ex-  
change photos.  
will be delighted  
to exhibit you as

one of my correspondents.  
Trusting to hear from you soon  
& beg to remain

Very Respectfully.

Mrs Alta Erwin.

Forest City Iowa  
Box 105.

Shelby City, Ky., 8/4, '99.  
Mr. R. G. Railey,  
Tompkinsville, Ky.

Dear Brother:-

Your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> of  
July just received. Contents noted  
with pleasure.

R. G. I am trying to secure a  
position on some St. Ry. as conductor.

I am corresponding with Supt. of  
a line where they pay me \$19 per hr.

I want you to send the names of  
about 8 or 10 good reliable citizens near  
Tompkinsville who will recommend  
me. You know that I will give the names  
to the company and they write personal  
letters. How are the following persons  
T. J. Evans, H. M. White, J. T. Patterson, but  
you just write the names of a few  
who will be all right.



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A man has to do something let it be hard or easy. You give me the names of the parties and I will give them as references when I hear from the company.

R. G. Make it a point to answer this by return mail as I am expecting a letter to day asking for references.

A steady salary is always better than a good to day and a bad tomorrow. Your letter ought to arrive here next Tuesday if you answer right away, and you know that is a long time to wait to answer a letter that will in a short time place me in a position.

Do not mention to anyone of the family or anyone else about the position I am trying to get.

A man has to take something hard in order to get something better <sub>over.</sub>

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I have no application with Mr. T. W.  
Cranst of Dearborn Station Chicago

I hope a number of letters out  
and hope that I may be able to strike  
a stepping stone,

Do not address me Junction City  
but address me Shelby City  
Ky. The two towns are just one  
mile apart.

Your other letter must have been  
mailed about two weeks after it  
was written. Please write me  
~~at once~~ and have it put in  
the mails soon as possible.

Mail it at Tompkinsville and there  
will be no delay. There would be  
no delay at Forkton but your chance  
for sending it out there might  
delay it. Write at once, your bro.

J. P. Railey,