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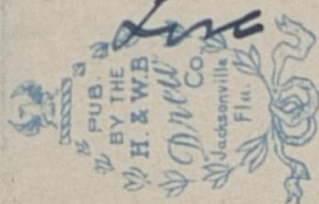
Jacksonville. Jan 27.

Dear Cousin Laura: We came safely to Jacksonville after a very pleasant trip down. Am going to be the guest of Mrs. Baker over the weekend. I miss you very much.

Love

Lum

Nancy.



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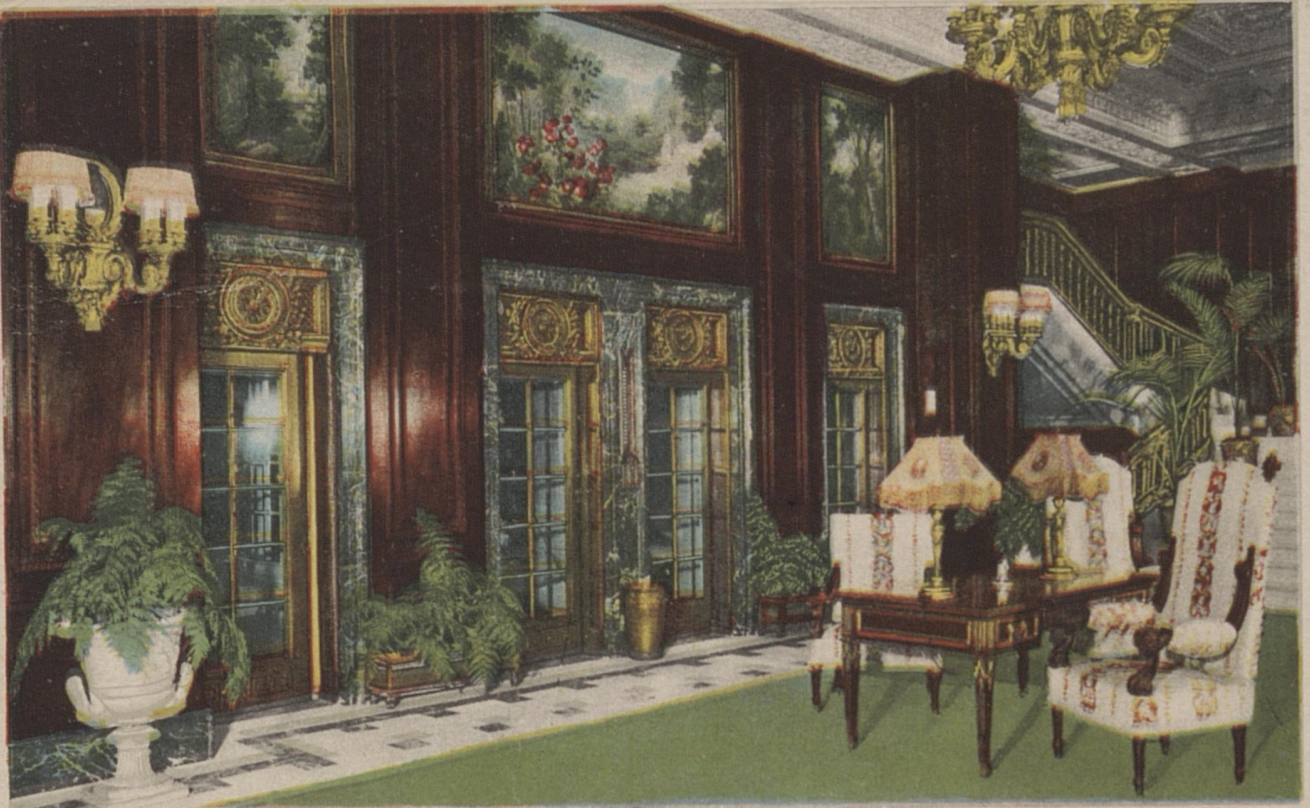


27. Lomax st
Jacksonville Fla.

My Dear Cousin - you do not know how much I appreciated you cutting the "story" out for me for I read the clippings you sent with great pleasure. I know just what an effort this meant to you with all you have to do. Mrs. Anderson now takes the Leader and I read all about the discussions you have taken part in - I know with you this means preparation

Love from Mary

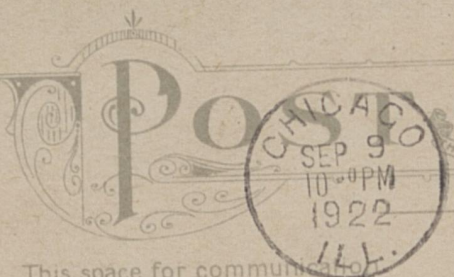
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This space for communication

Lizzie met us this morning feeling pretty well. We went to theatre this afternoon and are going again to night to see Lightning.
Love M.B.C.

ADDRESS YOUR MAIL
TO STREET AND NUMBER

This space for Address Only



Miss Laura Clay
Richmond
Kentucky

anert and indisposed to do any
thing but hold my hands and
lie on the bed. We are still at
the Land House. I was up to
Sally's night before last, she
is well but much crippled up
with sore feet her night-I
suppose she is very fat, but
when you write don't say any
thing about it, she has so
much pride about appearance.
I hope this finds you well.
Love
Trav'ly
May.

Richmond Ky
May 16 1919

My dear Sister,
Johns received, yes
my dear boy has gone from us!
I can't realize it, or what it means
I just feel dazed, as if in a
dream. Green and I will
welcome that Jane ^{and} children
and help her to care for them
down in the farm, for awhile; as
they are small, the country will
be best for them, and the country
school, is near on the Jacks
creek pike where they can go for
some years, except Mary, whom
we can send to town school.
We laid him as he asked, in
Pa's lot in Richmond, and there
is room enough for all of us there
if we choose; as Uncle Banters
family have said "none of them mistake

to be buried there", and there are
4 lots there, but, I want to live
with my dear Mother, and have
Green too, unless he should want,
or wish otherwise, I am glad
to tell you that he is now well,
and looks well, has lost that
congested look he had, caused
by poor heart-action, the support
to the heart - while he lived in bed
recovered strength - to hold the heart
in place, and his blood can flow
freely now, and he is cheerful
and bright, feeling well. Thank God,
your's of March 22nd is at hand,
and I have waited till your return
to answer, never dreaming that my
answer would bear such sad news
as this, we truly know not, what
a day may bring forth.

I have received many letters
from friends from all directions
expressing their sympathy which
is comforting to know that we
have so many and that my dear
boy was so appreciated, and they
feel kindly to me. in my sorrow
Dear Sam

I have just picked up
this letter begun some days ago
and not finished. I look for
children and children soon now
and Green and I will go down and
pick up for reception. I expect
we will have to give up the Colts
as we will need all the house
with no decided to us or use
the kitchen cabin as our kitchen
but I'm going to let Green work
out how we will manage I feel
incapable myself to do anything,
am just lying about the house

Whitehall Feb. 1st 1863.

Dear Laura,

The enclosed letter came yesterday and it had something written on the back to Pa so I opened it and found it was to you from Mary Liff. How are you pleased with Mr Craig I hope very much as I hear she praisis you very highly. Sall Ann and I are all alone but are quite content only a little lonesome. I hope Ma will bring Maria over with her or Sallie Wayfield. We called to see you at the Williams but you had gone home we were only in town a short while on our way to Benbow where we staid ten days having a delightful time Mary Patten and Mr & Mrs Holloway Anne and I were with us. Mary Rice came out and staid most of the time, we went to several parties and had company

at home. The girls left sooner than me
as they heard Rose was very ill and wished
the day they got there. Cousin Sid came
home with us and staid a day and back
by Lexington. I heard from Green he now
says he doesn't know when he will return
such a changeable fellow he is to be sure
so I am to remain an amiable Miss
for some time longer. Tell them when you
see her that we are all well and hope
she will make her visit out. With love we
send the this love from Bante.

Yrs. Mary Barr Clay =

Whitehall Nov. 12 (63

Dear Leanna,

I am to my promise
you see I am writing to you. We
had a very cold ride over, and I
have been sick ever since. Sallie
and Annie went up to town the
next day to see Aunt Ann Clay but
I could not go. Ma killed hogs yester-
day and today got through, of course
every body and all things in a hurry
and busy. The mules are so far, that
they are very troublesome, so Ma has
sent word to have the beer taken
and more sent. A man came today
with a pair of horses for carriage to
swap with Ma for mules but we did
not like the horses nor he the mules

so we made no haste. We found
Ma had made some improvements while
we were gone. cut a walk from before
the kitchen door to the carriage house
and planted a hedge of cedars along
it to hide the back buildings and
yard, it is meant for visitors to the
"Mrs. Jones", the sides of the crib she has
had slatted up and it is quite an im-
provement. The moulds for the statues
have been raised, and all the old
plum trees cut down, and the old
sowen tree pruned out of the circle.
They are now hauling the ornamental
stone for the house. Old Mr. Staragan
was found dead in his bed night before
last, poor old fellow was entirely alone,
his wife in Lexington. We have heard not-
thing from Zack yet. All are well
here. Green has been down two days
will leave Monday. Penni will come
over with him in the rock away she

does not go until he is ready to sail.
Ma had a letter from Pa night before
last. One jewelry has come, and is
elegant, we show lots for it, Ma up-
resenting you, I took first draw
in the pins, Suther got the handson-
est, you took first draw in bracelets
and got the handsonest, so you see
for once, you have precedence of me.
I have had no letter from Gaur, and
am quite put out about it. I
wish you would write to him and
scold him for me. his direction is "Sec.
de Legation d'Amerique, Paris Platin."
Pa's is "Ministre d'Amerique, A St-
Petersburg, Russie." I commenced this
last night and all this morning
have been seeing the meat curiers-
but just come in and will now close
with much love and kind remembrance
to the family. Write soon. Aff. yr sister-

Mary.
Barn Clay

Whitcomb Oct. 164

Dear Anna,

I called twice to see you when
over last but failed each time, not a soul
was to be seen the last time, and your window
wide open, any one could have entered the
house that way easily. I left you some putty
coats, did you get them? I enclose you a
letter from Carrie. Dr. White has named his
baby for me Mary Clay White - isn't that a
compliment? I have sent to Lin for a present
for her. So you are building castles too are you
on oil well we think 'tis pretty sure now
they are boring in Clarke and have one
spring that pours out pure oil: our springs
are said to be the best around. Hann Kurling
wrote Ma that he was keeping his spring for
her and Brutus. We have had rocks running

around for a week past buying and leasing
all the land he can find, he has not return-
ed yet, so we do not yet know what suc-
cess he has met with - but Sallie is dreaming
and she & Ma playing solitaire and he has met
great success according to them. So you may
expect the black horse, ring, etcetera. Ma says
you may continue your singing and do attend
to your bathing regularly get a tub just large
enough to sit in it and take it 15 minutes
morning and night, while you sit, throw the
water over you, have it cold enough not to
chill you afterwards, and as you get used
to it, have it colder. Having shortness of breath
I would advise you in practicing, not to
sing more than one or two bars, before resting
long enough to run one or two scales, and to
give force and distinctness to your pronuncia-
tion, in ~~softening~~ giving the sound of h, to
your words, thus Ha ha ah ha ah - you will
both these things of great aid to you I did,
being weak voiced too in the commencement.

Cook's method, the one I have is for the
most popular used, you can have it.
All are well and send love to you. Ma was
offered \$75.00 for your colt. Good bye off.

Yr. sister

Mary.

= Barn Clay =

Whitehall Mass. 29th 464

Dear Anna,

You have no doubt
seen Aunt Ann ere this and
had the pleasure of reading Carrie's
letter by the way let me tell you that
in reading letters to others you should
always read them over beforehand so
as to see whether there is not some
thing that is not intended to be gener-
ally known. Mrs Craig would be interested
in hearing Carrie's letters so you can
read them, skipping things of a private
nature. I have had several letters from
Green but he does not tell me when
I may expect him. Ma had a letter
from Pa last night with a french paper

with a description of his Ball you
must translate it with your pen
hatcher and write it out for us.
I enclose Mrs. Craig some poppy seeds
if she doesn't want them she can give
them away. Ask Lizzie if she can find
out for me, how deep a ruffle I can
get fluted in Louisville, and please
let me know at her earliest convenience
by love to them all. Green has arrived
at Pestet, his destination is Care of English
Consul, Southern Russia. Every thing begins
to look like Spring now, fresh and
bright. Ma had a letter from Banty you
must send Crui's letter to him
with the injunction to preserve them.
Old Mr. Wagle is dead, I don't know
who is to be Post Master or whether we
are to have any but trust me we are.
There is nothing of interest now Ma is
busy and Sal and I are getting our
clothes made ready for warm weather.

I have a sturnet calf in my care
now, and Sallie the gardener. As soon as
the weather permits I shall be out busy
with the flowers &c &c. I suffered no
inconvenience by coming over home so
was glad that I came. Write soon love

aff. yr Sister
Mary.
"Barn Clay"

you must write to
me often Laura I enjoy
your letters so much.
Very love to all my dear
family. Hoping to hear
from you soon.

I remain ever your
sincerely devoted friend
Mary

Feb the 11th

Dear Laura,

1860's

I hope

your dear acceptable letter
last night, and hasten
to reply. I was very
sorry to hear of your
indisposition. Please let
me know you are
entirely recovered.

you should be prudent
as there is so much
diphtheria prevailing.

our sick are all better.

I rec'd a letter from
dear Lizzie last night
also one from Fisk.

which I will answer
soon. I have written
some letters to Lizzie and

Fannie. I cannot imagine

the things don't receive
them. I hope you
had a better class last
Sunday. I am so much
obliged to you for taking
charge of it.

How old Bro. Page was
honored you with his
presence these days.

I was over to the Opera
last Friday evening.
played the French. Oh
it was very good. I
wish you could have been
with me. I know you
would be enjoyed it.
it was part of the
company that was in
Lamington.

I am glad we got ice.
quite a many put in here
the snow has almost

entirely disappeared
to a large degree and
warmer. I am glad
Christie He still sends
to the poor sick
soldiers. I wrote to
Miss Goring this morning
and sent the same.

I am glad the General
has sent home to his
friends. There are
very few sick here in the
hospital. I was
glad to hear Emma
you passed her, if it
is only at the whist
table. Give my love

to Sister He Bro. G. Thos.
and Miss. how does
Silas and his mother
get along I wish they
had some more sheltering

Cincinnati Dec 29th 65

Dear Ma,

I suppose Corni arrived safely at home. I was introduced to a Mr. Wilson Mr. Ward and Grims and Mrs. Allen all coming to the city, so I had a very pleasant ride, got home at eight o'clock, they all looked for me Sunday, and Wednesday night Mr. Pearce told me we were invited to a party in Covington at Mr. Ball's, I think we will have a pleasant visit, but not gay. I have not yet been out to look at furniture. Georgia and all asked why Sallie didn't come, and say ~~she~~ must come. It is not cold yet for skating, the girls say they have splendid place for it. We go to the theater tonight to see Mrs. Florence, no Opera here yet, will be next week. I give my direction 12.5 John St between 4th & 5th. I sent Cousin Kate's velvet.

Tell me about every thing at home - what
arrangements about servants. Tell Anne I saw
a great big doll, big enough to dress in
her baby clothes, at fifteen dollars, can
open its eyes, but doesn't cry. With Georgia
will not be married until twenty third
of February. Good-by

Yrs aff.
Mary - Barn Clay

Whitthall Mar. 13th 1865

Dear Laura,

Yours is just received, and to
shew my appreciation, I answer immediately.
Yr. gown cloak has been done, ever since the
third day after my return, I cut and made
it from ten to three o'clock, beautifully made
Aunt Anne will say no doubt, but you
must not examine too closely, and just
so it doesn't come to pieces, 'twill be all
I bargained for. I cut it as large as the
cloth would allow. I did not get Aunt Anne's
other patterns until too late. I'll send it the
first opportunity. We are getting along very com-
fortably now with our servants. Sallie and
I clean house while Amanda is gone. Sal-
takes our room and the nursery and gives
out the things I clean the lower rooms and

Ma washes the tea things. Perry takes up ashes
slops, cleans hearths, and sets the table with
Belle's assistance so you see we are quite
free State like. Mrs. Winn washes the clothes.
We have engaged a man for gardener, he
will live in Sarah's house, she has not
gone yet, Ma will have to send her to
Cin. or Les. Would Aunt take her, for her
clothes and food, as washerwoman? I guess
not though. Lina is in Les. Hannah has moved
off, also Minerva. Mr. Sumner is in those houses
by the pond, Amanda and Sophia in the brown
house the other two houses we reserve for
the carpenters, so you see we will have
quite a settlement here. We still have maids,
will rent out part of our farm. Green hopes
to be at home in October we had letters
from both he and Carrie last night. Major
H. says you said you wanted to see him
yesterday once, and he was going to propose
to you in order to give you an opportunity,
now don't say no to him. I think he is
charming. I have just returned from a visit

to Aunt Parkins of a weeks length - Aunt
is much better, they all enquired for you. Perhaps
Sister Clay may bring a package up to Aunt
Lama to keep for me if so put it in the
trunk with the other things I have the
two bracelets you mention. All is quiet over
here we were so glad to hear the favor-
able report from you of Grand-Ma, sorry
that Aunt V. is not better. Ma has made
one or two efforts to get over lately but
the river prevented. Ma received your letter
please return the books for us to the Library
when she comes over get us more I want
Wandering Jew and Mysteries of Paris. Uncle
Frank kindly loaned us some by Ma. I have
not heard from Green since he sailed,
can not for two weeks yet. My love to
Aunt Ann will write to her in a day or
two. Love to Aunt Laura and Mary
aff. pr

Mary C.
= Mary Barr =

scolded you almost enough for not
writing, and as school will commence
in a few minutes, So good bye.

Give my love to all, and write soon.

Your affectionate sister.

Saura C.

Jan: 11th 1865.

My dear Sister,

I have not received any
letter from home for three weeks, and
I do not know whether to impute this
to neglect or misfortune. I hope it is the
last. In either case, I am getting some-
what homesick in consequence of this
long silence. Two mails come a day,
and each time I think I shall certainly
receive a letter, but am constantly
disappointed. I have sore throat at present
caused, I think, by the cold weather
and singing too much on one day. My
teacher, thinks I will have a very
good voice, and is quite satisfied
with the progress I have made.

I suppose Ma has received the letter I wrote
on the day after New Years. I have received
the check she sent me, and acknowledged
it in that letter. Since then I have written

to her once. I wrote to Cornelia the day before Christmas; did she receive it? I also wrote to Pauline Brock, according to your recommendation. That day or a day or two before, I wrote to you, but I suppose it will be necessary to wait several more weeks to receive the answer. I do not think you write frequently enough, or long enough letters, considering that I am so far from home, and will have been away nearly a year when I get home. You never speak of Annie, and Nellie, and William, though I have written inquiries concerning their progress in reading, sewing, &c. Have Annie and Nellie learned to sew much better yet.

I like Minnie Chandler better than any girl in school, and I hope that she will come to pay me a visit next summer; but how came you to invite her to come without letting me know

that you were going to do it? In one of my letters to Mr. I wrote an account of my visit to Mrs. Estelle, and nothing has occurred since I returned to school; not even the arrival of a letter from home. If Mary Rogers did not write to me, I do not know what I would do.

Have you had any hops or parties, or any thing of the sort during Christmas holidays? I suppose this year I will not have as gay a time as I had last summer.

What sort of servants have you now? I do trust that you have endurable ones. I would like to know anything and everything that occurs at home, if I could; and I think you have written enough letters in your life to enable you to write long ones without much trouble.

I believe I must close now, as I have

to visit some friends in Brooklyn, and at N.Y.
Minnie Lake, from San Francisco, Cal. He
visit an uncle, and Annie Jewitt, home,
in Steubenville, Ohio. Give Abba these
particulars, if you please, for she wishes
to know, and I have neglected to write to
her about my room-mates. Annie Jewitt
knows very intimately the family
of Mcorks, whose brother Cole Robert
Mcork, was murdered in Kentucky
by the rebels. You remember the story, do
you not? He was wounded, taken prisoner,
and afterwards murdered.

Are the rebels yet keeping up their
bitter feelings? And are the slaves yet
set free by law in Kentucky? I hope Abba
has a little comfort in her servants by
this time. Give my love to all, and
write soon. Good bye.

Your affectionate sister,

Laura Clay.

Dec. 21. 1865.

My dear Mary.

I did not give your
letter to Miss Joe Estelle, because I did
not know her address, and I saw none
of the family till the Thanksgiving
holiday, when I delivered it. In one or
two of my letters to Aba, I said that I
had not delivered it, and so I suppose
you knew it.

It is quite sad to hear of the depopulation
of Richmond, though I know little or
nothing of most of the persons of whom
you speak. I will not have a very gay year
to start in society if things continue as
you represent them to be now, but that
does not trouble me much.

Saturday, Decem. 23.

We have holiday at last! School is
empty now, as there are not more
than five or six girls left of upwards

of seventy. I have been half-expecting Mrs. Estelle to send for me, but now I do not suppose she will till after Christmas day.

My blue silk dress has come home. It is trimmed on the body with white flung lace. It fits very well except around the neck; but that, I think, can be altered. It is gored, and has quite a trail, and is altogether very handsome. I have folded it nicely, and put it away in a box by itself, and intend to be very careful of it.

About the letter to Pauline Bach, I think you are right, that I ought to write one to her, and I should have done so, if I had thought it was at all capable of writing it. I shall try, however, though I have not much hope of succeeding. And I will also try to follow your sisterly advice to cultivate my social affections. For me, it will be very

hard, for you know that naturally I am not sociable.

I thought of going to the matinee this morning, but as I was partly expecting Mrs. Estelle to send for me, I thought I had better not. Besides, as all the other girls were gone, or were going out, I would have had to pay for the teacher's ticket by myself, which I thought would be a little too expensive. I have almost no opportunity to see the city, but improve all I have, so if I come home remembering nothing more of New York than when I came, you will know it was not my fault. Sallie Burnham, in that respect, has vastly the advantage in her school. Since I have been here, there have been only two permissions to go to the matinee, and no opportunity at all to go anywhere else.

My room-mates have all left. Frankie McKittrick, from Kalamazoo, Mich. has gone

Cincinnati Jan 12th 1865

Dear Ma,

I have just received your letter, and am so glad to hear you are getting on comfortably. I feared you were not, as none of you had written me for so long. I hoped she will stay longer, she would not need a bonnet much, and return no visits where she could not wear her hat. I wrote her a letter which I suppose you have read. I wrote to know whether I should bring her and Corrie some skates and Anne would be so nice for us I am learning rapidly and enjoy it so much but we have had a few days for it. I have been going ever since I have been down, my visit has been very pleasant. Major Kemick has been here to see me, stayed two days and nights he went out skating with us and to the Opera he is very pleasant and the girls liked him very

much he wished his compliments to you and
is an extravagant admirer of yours. Last
night Mary Pearce invited us to spend the
evening with her we had quite a little party
and very pleasant. To night we go to hear
Goff Lecture. I have taken her twice at the
Williams' sons. We had an invitation to a box
last night also. I shall show all the things sent
to care of London, they deliver them at
the Paddington depot, except carpets which
go by express. I thought I would take a chisel
glass and small table instead of beanseam
for my room and have a rush stand made
at home painted, all that I want with
a mount to \$68. some cts. so also the chairs
and carpet for the parsonage. I will see
about the mantle the first opportunity. I trust
you will continue to find your servants com-
fortable. Do you object to my having a carpet
like the bedroom I like it, and don't think
it would matter. Have you heard Mr. Winn
again? I wrote to Pa a few days ago. You did
not tell me of B. Ma how is she? I would
like to have all letters sent me. Write in
a few days. I suppose Cora is at home, tell
her Mrs. Pearce is looking for her down.

I will go down this evening to see about the
mantle. For since nothing of our darling,
has Aunt Anne sent her the big doll. With
much love dear Mamma

I am gas.

Mary Barn Clay =

the man says he could make a very
nice finish of the marble slab - as you
wish with the grate for \$42.50 \$4.00 for
for hearth - 76 cts for slab. This marble
plainest - for \$15.00 a very nice one with
the Phila. grate \$90. the same with com-
mon grate good size \$15. send measure
for opening height and width of grate -
of fireplace and the same for grate -
for these you have, they will cost 20 cts.
a foot. send measure of the length of
hearth.

After Julia left I came down - did not find she
had cheered dear Ma - poor girl her face always
looked like a cherry cloud since the close of the
war - her face should now be clothed with smiles
since the deliverance of her child - for the last
several days - I have been much annoyed by a
continual roaring in my ear - it is most distur-
bing - did you hear thunder last night (Monday
night) - we hear nothing further of Betty & her
father's marriage - All the Brads are going to
John's marriage - Eliza Macalester does not go
we hear no news - I received a long letter from dear
Ed - he begs me to come out to see him - thinks I
am leading a term life - enough to kill me
hoping down to hear you & why did you not write
of your letter - do write soon - I hope you may
not fail to write soon -

The Meadows - March 20th
Tuesday Afternoon
1866

Dearest Mary -
I have only since dinner
received your note of the 18th
but I hope that it should have
been the 19th hereafter do name
the day - The boy is in the woods
so even if I knew that dear Sally
was really in town I do not know
that we could get the carriage -
to-morrow however if I can possibly
go in I shall with the hope
of meeting dear Sally - I shall be
so glad to see her - "Grand Ma"
is so low spirited that perhaps
young company may do her
good - I have been staying with
her every night since Thursday
night - she has slept very well
till last night - & would have
slept well then nothing to prevent
but her fear - her boards had

~~head~~ "naturally" (which she always so desired) been opened
but then she wants but only once in the twenty four hours
& they would be four times but all consistent & healthy -
she would take brandy to prevent further action - although
the Dr has again & again told her not to stop such actions -
the brandy excited & kept her awake - today she feels badly
and the Dr has not been out - he found her so well yester-
day that he did not think it necessary to come - I have
been lying down resting - I hoped to get to sleep but did
not - Julia & Sister Rhoda are with her now - Caroline
was here yesterday - looking very well to be so much & so very
unwell as she is constantly - I praise my God & thank Him
for I feel wonderfully sustained in being enabled to undergo
so much fatigue & still to keep up - may my merciful Father
in his mercy continue it - Fanny Lawrence has not been over
since the accident - you do not know how I miss her - her
husband not yet here - Laura Rogers doing well - Uncle Lloyd
attended her at first, but she suffered so with his setting, she
sent for Dr Buck - such a difference she said one could not com-
pare - she says it was instantaneous relief that she really believes
if she had not sent for him, that she would have had lock
jaw - if Uncle Lloyd is so poor a surgeon - think of the poor
soldiers during their horrid war - what suffering & how
many deaths for the want of proper attention -

Frank would send love if
 here, a kiss to all, and forgive
 self darling Mother all the love
 of my heart. I am perfectly well
 and have been ever since my
 arrival. I wish me to remem-
 ber them to you always. Goodbye

yours fondly
 Mary L. H.

Mary Barr Clay Herrick

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Cleveland Nov. 6th 66

Dear Mama,

Last night I am happy
 to say my piano came and after
 that Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews
 came in, and Mr. A. Major and I
 had a gay time singing together
 until ten o'clock, so we didn't
 go to Uncle's as I thought we
 would. I am now waiting for the
 chamber maid to finish in my
 room and then I am going to
 spend the day with Uncle. I
 think I will have a very pleas-
 ant time here at the house
 there are several very pleas-
 ant young married ladies about
 my age and younger so with

be very agreeable to go into the
different rooms play cards and
sing together. I am happy to tell
you that law business is brisk
and Frank is hard at work. The
piano was twenty two dollars and
a half the stool will cost seven
or eight dollars I expect, I shall
pay it today and write you the
paid seven dollars to the man for
the hired piano. the piano was
mitchely packed and very much
rubbed every where. Every body here
has pictures hung up in their
parlors, engravings &c which I
don't admire but Major wants
them so rather than go to the
expense of buying I would rather
you would send them, the Mary
making scene, the trappers last
shot, Anne Page, the voyage of
life, or Elisabeth signing the death
warrant of Lady Jane Grey any of them.

are pretty send, Jenny Lind, my
match box, the Virgin Mary framed
and St. Isaacs Church, the ~~straw~~
shell frames out of my room, and
the frame in which Green is.
you can roll up the engravings
so as not to take a very large
box and send by Express at same
time send the mine. if you please
the piano seems a visitor from Gen
all and makes me feel near you.
I am afraid dear Mother you
will miss the music so much
I do hope you will feel able to
wait one until you buy I would
regret to deprive you of mine if
I thought you would not. I know
what a pleasure my music was
to you in the evenings. I hope
you will write me that you are
well and about again in your
nest and that you are getting
on comfortably in every way.

White Hall Ky,
Jan. 29,



Miss Laura Clay,
Care of Mr. Ogden Hoffman,
No. 17 West 38th St. New York City,
New York.

White Hall, N.Y.
Jan 30,



Miss Laura Clay.
Care of Mr. Ogden Hoffman,
No. 17. West 38th St. New York City,
New York.

Mother writes that Sallie has half the interest in the oil wells, and so will, if they succeed, be very rich. She will then be in her glory, for I think none of us are so anxious for wealth as she.

Tell her when her good fortune comes, I shall expect her to take pity on her poor sister, and be very liberal in her gifts.

"Mother" sounds so very odd to me that I doubt whether I shall keep it up long; so do not make yourself too merry at my expense.

Give my love to all, including my future brother, and write soon again, and immediately, if it is decided that I can continue my music lessons.

Your affectionate sister,

Saura Clay.

N. York. ^{Mar} 14th 1866. Thurs.

My dear Sister,

I have just received your nice, long letter, and proceed to answer it immediately.

If another decides that I can continue my singing lessons, ask her to write that moment, if it be only a line, for I have already asked my teacher to find some one in my place if he could, and it would be very embarrassing, if, after he had done so, I should change my mind.

I think I am improving in my dancing, for I try as much as possible, and am determined to know how by next summer and to be ready for all the fun going.

What are the articles of lace father has sent you? You see I say father

and mother, for I think I will adapt to school, even to Richmond, and there that, I have always liked it better, and are now no schools in the neighborhood, I believe. Her education will not require very strict ^{attention} ~~affliction~~ from me, and so it will be no confinement for me.

I do not know what to get for my present to you, and propose that you make some suggestions. In our large new house we will be able to have a very large company when you are married, and as we have plenty of room, I suppose you will have six bridesmaids, of whom I expect to be one.

I am glad mother has let Nellie come back, for it must have been very lonesome for Annie without her. I expect to take their education in hand when I come home. Even if it were not my choice, I imagine it would be necessary for me to do so, because Annie is too young to be sent off

I am getting very anxious to be at home, since there is so much going on now. Would it not be glorious if at last we should realize a fortune from our oil wells, and have everything we wish. Perhaps I should go to school another year, though I do not know how I could reconcile myself to staying from home another whole year. I am very tired of it now.

I received a letter from father the other day. He speaks of the reception he received in Moscow. I am afraid he will never be contented again at home, should he return. If we become rich, and he remains in Russia, perhaps I will go sometime to spend a winter with him.



Sat. April 21st 1866.

My dear Mary,

I have just received your letter telling me of the death of Grandma. I was very much shocked, for I had thought she was better lately. I do not know what poor Aunt Anne will do. I hope she will be situated more happily to herself.

I have not taken an angry fit lately, but I have not written so frequently as usual because I have not felt in the mood.

I am glad that all the family were so much pleased with Col. H. I liked him very much indeed, and am sure you will be very happy with him.

I have just gotten my spring bonnet; it is made of white chip, and is trimmed with tulle and blue.

I received a bracelet from father to-day. I was very much disappointed in it, for I hoped it would be prettier than it is. It has a large pearl in the centre, surrounded with red stones, and ~~four~~ has four large leaves in emeralds, and some other pearls and red stones. It was very kind in him to send it. A man, who is engaged in the American and European telegraph line brought it. I talked in French to him.

I cannot write a long letter tonight. Give my love to mother. It is a sad loss to her; and she has been able to be so little with Grandma lately. Give my love to Corrie and to all. And write me a long letter in answer to my short one. Good bye,

Your affectionate sister,
Laura Clay.

N. York. Friday. Febr. 16th. 1866.

My dear Mary,

I received your letter last Monday, and as you have been, I will be, prompt in replying. I congratulate you, but I am sorry for myself, because we will miss you so much.

I wish I could see you before you are married, ~~that~~ I mean now, for of course I will be at home a day or two before the wedding. Salhi writes in dreadfully doleful spirits at the idea of ~~the~~ being left alone, leaving me entirely out, as far as being company ^{goes}. I could not help being amused at her groanings in spirit.

I suppose of course I don't have the honor of being one of the bridesmaids, if you have got begun to arrange such matters in your own mind.

Saturday, I am not going out to day, and

so have a whole afternoon to amuse myself, as I have very little else to do today.

My black alpaca dress has just come home; it fits me very well, and I think I look better in it than in any other day dress I ever had. It is made with coat sleeves, and is trimmed with three rows of black ribbon around the skirt, and a little on the bodice.

Tell Mrs. Hoffman has written to her, but she gave the letter to her book-keeper to direct, and she directed it wrong, and so she supposes Ma had never received it. Mrs. Hoffman has been very kind to me, whenever occasion offered, and I love and admire her very much. My best love. Tell Sallie I will answer next Friday our monthly holiday comes, and Mrs. Bodley has made an engagement with me, on condition that her health enables her to keep it. Mrs. Bodley has been as kind as possible, especially when it is considered how little our families are acquainted.

I have received no letter from home this week, except yours, on Monday, which should ~~have~~ come last week, and you may readily imagine that I am anxious to hear from home again. Had I known Major G. was ever going to carry off my dearly beloved sister, I would have tried to be better acquainted with him when I had the opportunity. But I did not know Cornell at all before her marriage, and we have found her such a good sister, and I know we will find Major G. just as good a brother.

By the by, tell Corrie she has not yet answered my letter. Give her and Ellen and her letter soon. Love to all, and kiss Ma and Annie for me. Good bye.

Your affectionate sister,
Laura Chaz.

found the South not as charming as
they thought. Emmi is at her Mother's so
Ann and Will and I are alone today, it
is Sunday. yesterday I spent the day with
Dr. White and Lea. as 'twas his birthday
they have had their little party, had snout
or a pie. There is nothing more to write
that I can think of so I'll close with
love from all. I have received my
lace and it is beautiful, came just
in time for my wedding. Goodbye
yrs aff.

May
Barreclough

Whitcomb Feb 26 (66)

Dear Laura,

I received your letter a few
nights ago, and will reply to-day. Ma and
Fanny have gone to Dix. to see Grand Ma
and on business & Ma is not as well as
think as she was a few weeks ago her
spirits are again depressed nothing bodily
the matter the matter more than usual.
Her nerves are all there except some
of the men who are gone. Our oil lands
on the Cumberland have been leased by one
other party and they have commenced boring
Ma sent down to see about it and find
they had gotten a very good vein Mr. Johnson
says Ma's lease will hold good he thinks
so perhaps one may make first rate deals
with these people who have done the work
selling them so much of the bitumens and

keeping the one share, so you can continue
your singing lessons I expect; and I'll have
a grand wedding. Aren't you delighted to hear
this good news? Those men say they will make
any terms with us, rather than go to law
about it, so hurray we may be rich folks
after all! I suppose I'll have to let you be
bachelorette we will talk about it when you
come. I think it probable I shall not be married
before this fall. I have not decided, will write
to you when I decide. I hear every night from
Major he will be over next month & antic-
ipate much pleasure when he comes I shall
have him stay here with me. He has written
to Ma and Pa, and I have consented, so
will they I presume. He is very kind, and
I know you will love him very much. Ma
is perfectly in love with him, from reading some
of his letters which I let her see, we call
him Frank quite naturally. We had a letter
from Pa last night he says he had a
grand dinner at Moscow and now presents
an elegant portfolio of photographs by

the people none of the Nobles were allowed
to attend; was given him by special per-
mission of the Emperor. I think you have met
with many kindnesses from persons there. Mr
Boddy is very kind. We had a letter from Bartis
a night or two ago, he is well, and so delighted
to have Ellen again with him, he has become
quite a gallant. We expect to dismiss Sarah
and Ellen soon as we can get a cook in her
place. We are getting on very agreeably with our
other servants. Mr. Winn is hired for another
year at the same rate. Phelps has sold
Sarah and Lina ten acres just as the
old Cuss house, Jerry & Frank bought the
Smith house, so we are surrounded by
rings. Mary Kane is now at home had a
quarrel with her doctors in Danville, and
back went for her she will not go to
school again I think will now be a young
lady. Mrs. Bannan has been very ill but
is now out of danger. Perhaps you may
have a gay time this summer at home
all the home who must off have come back

Dearest Anne,

Wednesday, Jan^y 17th 66,

Having just rec'd a letter from your Father in which he compliments you & finding a letter addressed to you, written by Sally & left in my writing-desk with a clean page I determined to send it off. She said she could not send it for a week as mine went out only the day before this was written. She went to town to-day to beat up some company for she is tired staying by herself. Carrie went to her Father's last Saturday & returned only a few hours ago & Mary is still in Cincinnati, I hope enjoying herself. I send you a letter from Rich I

to attend to my part.
I am tired so tired of such continued labor & care - but I see no prospect for another year, at least. After that we must all make in - arrangements for me to rest. Your Grandmother's heart is weak.

Yrs. devotedly
M. J. May.

White Hall, Jan. 14th 1866.

My dear Sister,

I regret not writing oftener than I have, since in most persons, it would imply forgetfulness or indifference. And although such charge cannot be brought against me. I might have written oftener.

We are getting along very well indeed with servants. Lucinda at five dollars cleans bed-rooms & washes. Amelia keeps the rooms down stairs and attends the table for eight. Sarah, Ellen & Jeff. we get for thirteen dollars a month.

All of these we like very much. The three last mentioned are not engaged, but for three months. The others for the year.

Mary still remains in Cincinnati where she has enjoyed the Opera & skating by moon-light with music exceedingly. Have you been out to the Park skating? So if you can. I went to Frankfort the the ball last Tuesday and enjoyed it exceedingly, returned the next day. By leaving home I lost the opportunity of learning to skate. It is turning colder to-day, however and sleeting, so I may have one other chance. We have filled our ice-house, as every one else has, I suppose, with beautiful ice.

We hear frequently from Brutus, but as he mentions his writing to you I have nothing to tell in reference to him, except, we think from the

tone of his letters that he is improving in his studies. I am delighted to notice how affectionately he writes to our dear Mother. I sometimes think that I never until now, fully appreciated her. I suppose you know that William ran away from Ma when she was in Lexington. His Father went to Aunt Laura to know whether Ma would take him back. Of course Ma would not. He is very happy with

Whitehall April 18th 1866

Dear Anna,

We had a letter from Ma last night, stating Grand Ma died at ten o'clock Sunday night. Ma went over that evening found her unconscious when she arrived. Ma had been over and stared nearly a week, but Anne had the measles, and I wrote for her to come, she stayed at home two days, and went back again Sunday. Fortunately, she died, Anne was not much sick with the measles. Ma did not write me the particulars of G. Ma's death, I am sorry she did not send for us to come to the funeral & presume she will be buried today at four o'clock, she had

not become more resigned to her death but
I dare say died without knowing she was
which was a blessing. she suffered mentally very
much, her death was a blessing to her, there
will be a great breaking up, I don't know
where our two Aunts will live, poor Aunt A.
will be miserable any where I expect they
will board in Sea.

Col. H. made me a visit the 1st of this
month of four days which I enjoyed very
much I have determined to be married in
Oct. perhaps the 9th though I have not
set that yet. he will visit me in June again.
I hear from him almost every evening, I feel
very happy and do not doubt being more
so when married. He and all liked him
very much I suppose he made you his
impression he was delighted with his recep-
tion by the family and they did receive
him very cordially and as one of us I feel

sure you will like him very much he is so
gay, full of fun, and humor, and always
cheerful. He has received Pa's consent to our
marriage. Why have you not written to me
for so long a while you owe me two letters
you must not play the virginian this way
but write - whether you have a letter or
not just to let us know you are well.
Aunt Corni has been very ill and Mother
too, Aunt Pauline is also quite unwell.
Aunt Ann Clay & Mrs. Barton were down to
see us a day or two ago, both well. Like
Clay is to be married next month to Miss
Woodford, which gives him a farm and house
as large as his, or larger. The Williams' have
moved back to Paris. All join me in love
Corni says you must answer her letter.
Pa says he wants you to learn dancing,
Barton also. Good-bye you &

May. Barr Clay

Baltimore, Maryland.

Box 1157.

Novem. 4th. 1868.

My dear Mary,

Ma got a letter from Brutus last night saying he thought the chimney would be a great success, and he is in hopes of making a fortune. Ma wishes you to forward the letters to him she directed to Major's care immediately. You will find his address at the top of this page. He writes that he has seen Mr. Ames, who has seen the chimney in successful operation in Europe, and who has had twenty years experience as a mechanic in Europe and America. He wishes an interest in the chimney in the state of Maryland. And now

that is all I know of business matters, so I will speak of home matters. Ma says she has written you concerning your steer. Pa has sent Sallie \$200 to buy a large carriage. She thought at first that she would get Dr. Walker's, and have it done over, but finally concluded to buy Mr. Bobt. Stone's, now in Mr. Schmidt's possession. So she went over to Lex., where it is in storage to look at it, concluded to take it, and yesterday Ma sent her large waggon over for it and her groceries; and the man who had it would not let it come, because there was a debt on it for storage; so I do not know when we will get it, if we get it at all. It is too bad.

I have quite recovered from my fit of dyspepsia, except that

my lips are still blistered and unrepresentable.

It is the report now that Mr. Duncan is to be married to Miss Gatewood in a week or two; he and Mr. Estill went over there a few days ago, and we suppose that Mr. Estill proved of sufficient utility as a friend to procure a positive answer, and that answer was propitious.

I have given up all hopes, too, that Mary Kane will reject Mr. Shackleford; and I expect they will be married before Christmas. But it is time to send Lewis to the mail, so I must close. With love

to Major and the baby, I remain
Your affectionate sister,

Laura Clay.

I have written to Mother to send
an agent to fix mine and Mr
Bennett's machine so we can cut
our oats when ripe. I hope I'll
have a good crop and some to
sell to help pay me for the
loss of wheat. I hope my
cattle will bring me something.
My C. C. R. stock did not bring
me as much as usual without
counting the last fine hundred
that I bought for Green, by
twenty seven dollars. I hope the
next payment will be better.
it seems I am curtailed in all
sides, losing so many lambs too,
and my wheat puts me in a
pretty tight place for next year.
But I hope to manage some way
to return here next year. As
the time draws nigh I grow
impatient to be at home, will
Laura stay with me again? she

May 21st 1885
Ann Arbor

Dearest Mother
Your nice letter
was most welcome and I
received today a letter from Mr.
Bennett with a check for my
wool he does not tell me
what he got for the wool per
lb. but if it was a quarter they
did not average three lbs. to the
sheep. He says Laura sold a part
of my hops to some one and
Arthur said they could not
drive them to the scales so
the man went off without them.
I don't know the reason he
could not get them there.
I can't come home until they
are sold, as I have no
money to come on. I had to

borrow twenty dollars of Mrs
Ashley before I got this, and
will be out again in a few
days if I do not sell my
hogs at once. I have had to
borrow so much already this
year, that I don't want to
borrow any more. if I can possibly
help it. I expect to come home
the 1st of June and the boys
will come with me. So Sally Ann
in the neighborhood, I would
like to hire her again if possible
I am so sorry Mr B. did not
sell my hogs with his, I can't
see why none of you sold
mine with yours, I don't see
what you thought I wanted
to keep them for? I had no
opportunity to get anything more
than what you were getting for
yours.

You did not write me of Sally
Strathers will. I am indeed glad
to hear of Uncle Allen's improve-
ment. I had a nice letter from
Aunt Carrie in answer to mine
written some time ago. she was
quite sad but as usual
trying to make the best of
her circumstances. I had not
heard how Aunt Maria's beau
treated her, but I suppose as
I expected he would, failed
to come to be slaughtered on
the matrimonial altar. Will
you be at home the 1st part
of June or are you going over
to Madison? I thought I would
come through La. if you were
there and make a short visit
what time are the oats ready
to cut? I need not hurry in
if they are not ready to cut.

May 21, 1885

things - I asked too much for
board, but when I came to count
up my expenses last summer
I came out behind rather
than making money on her as
a boarder, without counting the
additional care and trouble
of a large family, living as
plainly as we did. She has
little idea of the expenses
and trouble of house keeping
I do not feel that I can
afford to give Laura her board
any more than she could me
She has for years paid me the
nominal sum of a quarter a
day with fuel and light, just
what my work hands pay, and
you know that their fare costs
a quarter a day. If you go over before
I come, please see if I can get Sally
or Emma as cook.

I have two of the neighbors children
staying while the brother has gone
to play a game called Barbaree
his mother left them with him, but
while she went to the ^{theater} the boys asked me to keep them
while they play and they interrupt
me so much I am writing most
disconnectedly. and will close I
shall be home the 1st week in
June if I get my money in time
to come then write me whether
you will be at home or not?
I hope Anne got my letter
with enclosures. write soon Love
to you both-

Car. aff.

Sign this paper Mary. Ben Clay
and put it with
your papers for safe keeping.
Herick

On either route, however, the landing will have to be there, for that is the legal place for the ferry, and the law requires, I believe, that there should be three miles between ferries. And though the ferry is now in operation at the mouth of the creek, that is only by allowance, and anyone could at any time force it to be ~~more~~ moved back below the short, by ~~enactment~~ an indictment. So, if the pike should go to the mouth of the creek, it would then have to run half a mile down the river to reach the ferry.

Sally sends ^{love} to you. Ma liked the pictures very much; and Annie was delighted with hers, and with the ~~ma-~~bles. Corrie and Green were much pleased with the picture, and send you thanks. Kiss the children, and love to Major. Remember me to the Herricks and Andrews. Affly, Laura Clay.

March 15th, 1870.

My dear Mary,

I reached home very comfortably Tuesday evening. In Covington Mr. Poland attended to my baggage for me, and that was the only place I would have had any trouble. I stopped at Aunt Ansis while I was waiting for the stage; but ^{she} had no news to tell. The wedding with a uniform that we were so much exercised about, was Miriam Gratz's, who married a naval officer.

Sally's nurse came over with me in the stage, and it was well she did, as Sally was taken sick that night, and the baby was born next evening. Sally names the baby Mary Warfield. She herself is remarkably well, and the baby

to seems quite strong and healthy, her money enough is offered by
Salli's nurse is very good, and a persons who wish that route to induce
great comfort to her. You would them to select that one. If the pike
laugh, I know, to see how much de- should run that way, it would still
lighted Salli is with her baby, and be as convenient for the upper part
I assure you, you need not condole of your farm, where all the arable
with her at all. I do not think even land is, to haul to the pike through
she is disappointed that it is not from the nearest point through the
a boy. lane, and there will be but little need

Miss Kate was down to see Corrie for hauling from your hilly
day before yesterday, and I went land. The brook will be opened
over and stayed all night with her. Wednesday, and we hope enough
She reports Richmond to have been has been promised to build the road
more than usually dull, and no news. with the assistance of the county.
Mr. Bennett and I rode over the farm and we are confident the county
the other day, and saw where the pike will assist. Major asked me to find
will run ~~at~~ on my land. Your out how far below the mouth of
land lies about a hundred yards the creek the landing for the new
from it down the lane. Green says ^{route} ~~pike~~ will be. It is just below what
it is not certain that the pike is called the "shoot" in the river,
will not run down Jack's creek, as that is, the rapid current caused
that depends upon which will be by the projection of the sandbar,
the most practicable road, and where and that is about a half mile.

I am to come down and you must
 call on her. I am Mrs. Stokes now
 married. At the Boston Convention
 of 1840. I have something to
 write though so cannot write in
 a long letter. Father and all are
 well. The Bazaar is in fine health
 more of the family run up to
 see a great many A. M. has been
 home I have not heard a word
 from her since she left to
 be grafted at your plantation
 in being there. There is no news
 of father. The children are fine
 and are anxious to be with you
 God bless when you are
 here time to allow to this do so
 as you know your aff.

May 13. Day

Richmond Nov 5th 78

Dear Laura

I have been a long
 time writing to you but with-
 out what, house keeping, church,
 temperance, &c. &c. getting Miss Anthony
 here advertising &c. I have been
 exceedingly busy. We had Mrs.
 A. lecture here three times and
 I think she has done lots of
 good. I have already twelve or
 thirteen signatures to our petition
 to the Legislature & Congress. We had
 her speak at Green's Opera Hall
 and the Cent. House. I invited
 Mrs. R. C. Barnum, Lucy, Mrs. Sommers
 Ma, Sallie, Mrs. Dennis, Julia Patton
 Stone and Mrs. Harris. The two last
 did not come nor have I seen
 or heard from them since. I enjoyed
 this a very much found her charming
 in every way. We had good crowds

all three evenings the best people
of the town. I am going to try
to get Wendell Phillips sometime
this winter. Mr. Gibson has some
good wheat and says he would like
to rent your pasture and feed
your fowls in it if you would
let him have it right. Corn is now
selling at one dollar and a half,
all say will be over two dollars
by 1st Jan. so you can get the B's
to cut your corn and by using one
pair of Ma's mules which she
will lend you, you can have it done
for fifty cents per barrel. If the
B's won't do it for that, I can get
Carmus to attend to it for you.

I cannot afford to pay twelve dollars
per week for one room and furnish
light and coal. Could you not
see some land agent for me and
see if I could not rent a house
by the last of Dec or Jan 1st. a if

I could get two or more rooms
and furnish myself for say in
some house where they would not
want to board me. I could give
two hundred and fifty dollars for
a house large enough to take
three boarders and make them
pay expenses. So when you take
a walk look at any houses that
are for rent and see if you could
not get me one. Just tell the parties
to write to me about the terms.
You know the kind of house I want,
just as it is in a respectable
part of the town. A little white-
wash and a few nails will make
a place look very much better.
I would greatly prefer to keep
house if I can at once. We are all
so glad to hear of your pleasure
in your studies. Miss A. said she
would be sure to see you if she

one bed and small table with green counter-
pane and rocker. My trunk and dining
table are in the dining room. I have no
carpet on my bedroom floor ~~and~~ yet, I
may get a strip to lay before the
stove but as yet feel too poor for
that. I am comfortable and thankful
that I have what I have and the
children will have more of a home feeling
here. Mrs Roberts of whom I have spoken
from before has been so kind calm and
helpful we find the house helped make
the carpet and put it down and
says any time I should want help in
any way will give it to me such as staying
with the children when I want to go out.
I rent the house by the month - unless I
can give it up any time I want to
before or keep it longer as I choose.
so if I rent the rooms above can make
my rent free I think I can rent them
I had a letter from Wm. he says Mr. Bennett
has bought my cattle and Laura through

Ann Arbor Mich
Nov. 7 1880

Dearest Mother,

It is Sunday and
while the children are at Sunday
School I will try and write you a
little of my doings since I last wrote.
I was very comfortably fixed in one room
at Mrs Curtis cooking and eating in
her kitchen but she is queer and she
lives in such disorder as you could not
dwell of except to see it her whole house
looks just as if one had just moved
every thing dumped down where you
could find a lodgement. Her agreement
was to furnish my two beds with sheets
and pillow cases and as I had blankets
and comfortable she was to furnish the
other she failed to do this so I asked
for clean ones once moved them myself
another time raised for her to do and
was at night - &c. &c. so speaking again I

told her I wished she would have them
regularly and I wanted two shirts for
the childrens bed, at which she got
very angry and said she was not going
to furnish but one bed, and would make
no deduction in her rent. So I cast
about and found a house next to
church and the high school and down
town on Division Street below the 4th
ward school near Mrs. Fosters that I
could rent for ten dollars per month,
with eight nice rooms (the same I paid
for one, at Mrs Curtis) so I rented it and
moved in Wednesday. Some one rents the
half of the house but we are entirely sepa-
rate from each other as Clara Wayfield
is from her neighbor except we use the
same front door and well. I will rent
the four rooms above and keep the lower
floor myself which I hope to make pay
my rent. I bought two beds and mattresses
four chairs one rocker three tables washstand
looking glass one carpet bowl and pitcher

shove, soap bucket, 3 pillows, quilt and
2 tin plates span all for less than fifty dollars
the man from whom I bought will take back
the furniture at half price when I am done
with it. We have a good yard in front and
back filled with apple trees I have made
furniture a dresser out of two boxes and
some calico, my curtains I had in my dining
room I have made a dressing room in the
bedroom in one corner behind the folding
door. I have one bed in there, and one bed
in my parlor to help furnish. A table in
the center with a green cloth cover I had,
with my lamp, desk, case & portfolio, photographs
and box station, albums, clock sec. or. w. lace
curtains, chairs, pictures, two chairs make
up its furniture, and the carpet, abing-
colored oak, red, and green. I gave 32 cents per
sq. In the bedroom I have the stove on which I
cook it has an oven below two holes on top
and can open it like a franklin so as to see
the fire, use wood. Lace curtains with cord
and tassels for finish my dresser one bench

Nov 7, 1880

my sows are with pig by Gibsons hog. so I
will not need geese. The names of the two
ladies I wrote of are Mrs Laine, and
Kelly, and Wheeler, May Hale I do not
remember her married name. I had a
sweet letter from Aunt Ann sympathizing
with me in being alone here. I am truly
blessed in never being really homesick
since I have been here, my time is too
fully employed and good health - keeps
me cheerful. I am getting on pretty well with
my bookkeeping it is all practical from
the beginning as we are partners or participants
in the business of bookkeeping from the
first day when I came to the Laine's set
of books will send it to you to study out.
Nichols "Bookkeeping" is the title of the
book we use, and is the teacher of
the study. I go one hour every day and
write what I can during the week. Your
poetry is very sweet and I write as often
as possible to keep you cheered about
my concerns you are never out of my heart.



Dear

Elise

November 5

thoughts - I do assure you my only regret
in being here is that I cannot have
the pleasure of being with you, as often
as when at home. I have had a letter
from Sattie. she says she will not be
here this year I feel disappointed but
I hope she will improve her opportunity
in so at the school there. Anne ought
to learn book keeping so as to attend to
her business profitably. I gave 95-cs. for
the book and \$1.20^{cs} for the writing books
necessary to keep up the business accts.
I have a letter from Miss Anthony will send
it to you when I answer it. Frank has
written to you both will answer your questions
with ever so much love to you Anne Laura
and all at home I am affrs

your loving

daughter Mary

Barrclay Herrick

April 26th 1885

Dear Mother,
Barney
Clay
Herrick
are to all
no off. may

Love to Aunt's Anne & Carrie and
ask both to write to me. I enclosed
Frank's report in Aunt's letter
it was better than Green's so
you must not fail to give him
credit, his average is ninety two.
Frank has made him a nice
boat, and launches it this week
upon the river, it is very nicely
made and painted. Green has
been trying to make some money
by selling an album, and I see
another postal card to some address
for an agency for something else
written by him, but I think he
is a little disheartened in the
book selling business, still I
encourage him all I can to try
again. he gets 20 cts on every
album he sells, selling them at
two dollars, they cost him one
dollar and forty cts. and after selling

It has been a long
long time since I had a letter
from you, all winter you have
been on the fly so that I
have felt that my letters are
lying at home unread or ~~unread~~
do not feel that I am
talking to you as when they
go directly to you. John writes
me that you bought 30,000
shingles I suppose he means 3,000
at ~~two~~ dollars and sixty cts. is
that the best market price,
I hoped to get three dollars
per thousand for them? I have
lost 18 lambs by dog & disease
my wheat all killed, and little
or no clover, my prospects for
next year are not very
promising. I hope the rest of you
will do better than I. I see hope

are selling at from 4⁸ to 4¹⁰ per hun.
quite low for this time of year,
~~my~~ sons have not done well
either, several losing their pigs.
I am well here no cold either.
I hope I can raise money enough
to come back next year.

I am now writing from my new
home, I have moved and got
pretty settled. I shall be very
easy and nice. I went to Detroit
and bought my carpets and
bushels, and a set of colored
china, brown figures for fifteen
dollars a dinner set. I have
two rooms down stairs and a
half story upper room. I shall rent
out, to help me pay my rent
which is 200 dollars, that leaves
me four rooms beside the
kitchen, my land lord allowed
me to select the paper for

all the down stairs rooms, and
painted the dining room, so with
my new carpets, and curtains
and paper, and my furniture
changed. I look quite new and
comfortable, we are in a pleasant
locality, and I can keep the
house as long as I want.

Carpets are very cheap here now
as well as every thing else.
Mrs. Tuttle keeps the same house
and hopes to make something
by keeping rooms and possibly
boarders, but I doubt if she
makes a cent, if she gets back
her investment in furniture.
every body has told her it is
a losing business, so she goes
in with her eyes open to the
probabilities. Tell Anne that
it is time for another letter.
I am looking anxiously for it.

Mar 31st
1885

Dear Lama

I have just this moment received and read your letter. Please tell Julius to get oats from Jay or a Covington and he and Johnson both harrow it in the Rice fields up to the old line. and then you can divide the other fields as you decide between the two, letting them each have the same quantity of land. in all. I enclose check for ten dollars. How much has Julius plowed of the turf? let me know in your next. Please ask Johnson to let you see my letter to him about garden and read it to him, so he can understand it. Please loan me ^{Thomas} your harrow

for one of the men to use so
that they can put the oats
in at once using both at once
sell Fulus as soon as the clover
will do, I want the sheep and
turned on it, and every thing
taken off the lower pasture
so as to let the grass grow
for the cattle. I want to sell
my lambs to Bayles for July
delivery. Sell my wool to Brown
ton if he is buying. he has always
given us the best price and
thrown out least. Ask Fulus
if he and Johnson have harmony
wether my clover. I want them
to do it certainly. Please have
Johnson understand that I only
pay him for his team, that
is not horses, twenty five ^{per day} ~~cts~~ and
feed them, and only want them
used when they need more than

mine, and that for breaking
up the ground only. For other
plowing they must make mine
do or in case of mine being
disabled in any way or to
harrow in the oats, when there
is necessary. &c. I am getting
my sewing done so as to be
ready for warm weather. And
I move the middle of next month.
The boys are at school.
Tell me how my cattle and
hogs look.

Yours lovingly
Mary
Mary Ben Clay Herrick



Miss Anna Clay
Whitehall P. O.
Madison Co.
Kentucky

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 27th, 1909.

My dear Mary, *Barn Clay*

This morning I received a letter from Miss Shaw, urging me to go to Arizona, to try to help the suffragists there to get woman suffrage by territorial action, before Arizona is admitted as a state, which is expected this winter or next, as both parties are pledged to give it separate statehood. Mrs. Munds, a Prescott woman, is begging Miss Shaw to send organizers; and our Board has been for some time trying to send some one or two. We had voted to send Miss Chase; but her health is too frail to undertake it. Then we intended to send Miss Gregg; but just now she is in South Dakota, where they have passed through the Senate a bill to submit an amendment granting tax-paying women full suffrage. It seems impossible for her to leave there immediately. In the meanwhile, Mrs. Munds writes that the Arizona Legislature convenes on Jan. 18th, holds sixty days; and that she wants a convention called in Phoenix during that time, and wants two organizers to come at once. In this perplexity Miss Shaw begs me to go.

I want to do all I can for suffrage; and I have all the time insisted on working in the territories. So it seems only consistent that I should make sacrifices in what seems to be the hour of need. I have therefore about decided to go; I am deterred from a positive decision partly by the big Petition work I have promised Mrs. Catt to do. Of course, as the National president asks me to lay aside this National work for another apparently more needful field, I have no scruple in doing so; but I hate to leave it unfinished. I have written many letters to E.R.A's and W.C.T.U's; and if this is not followed up, not much will be done. So it has occurred to me to write and ask you if you would not be willing to come to Lexington for a few weeks and continue this work. I have engaged Miss Redd; but she could

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carry it on without direction. Besides, I would not altogether like to have her open my letters. I thought if you are not tied down at home at this time of the year, you might find some enjoyment in a change. The expense would not be greater than you incur at home; for I am willing to keep up the gas and the water, and Sophy's hire to clean the rooms, as I do not care to dismiss her right in the winter. You could get your meals brought to you for \$4.50 a week., which is only a little more than you pay at home. My telephone is already paid for till the first of April. In short, you would have no expense except your meals and washing. If you will come, I will continue to employ Miss Redd, which will relieve you of the physical labor of writing them. I think employing her half the day would be all that could be necessary. I think of starting Friday night. I am hurrying a dress made, for I cannot go without a new one. As soon as you receive this letter either call me over the long distance 'phone, or telegraph; for I have no time to spare to hear from you; and if you do not come I must try to arrange some other way to carry on my Petition. At the same time, I do not wish you to come unless you feel it would be a recreation to you to have a change for a few weeks; for since Miss Shaw asks me to go I feel released from my obligations about the Petition. If you can come, of course

I would like to have you get here before I leave Friday night. But it is not necessary; and it is not necessary at all for you to obligate yourself to stay any longer than you care to do so. I do not know how long I would have to be away; but probably two months.

Give my love to Sallie and all her family; and to yours when you write.

Lovingly your sister,
Laura Clay

get your meals so close at hand
this bad winter, so slippery
and dangerous, Frank has
another daughter "Charlotte"
and which Mary is greatly delighted
and I hope will be the last
she came on his 49 birthday, I am
doing well when he wrote.
I saw Sally a day or so ago, all
well with them. Belle Bennett
is here now and looking well
will be off again I suppose, soon.
Bertus and Harleah join in love
to you. I went to see Mrs Davis
a day or two ago she was sitting
alone in her conservatory, and as
far as I could see no one about
in the house, I hear she has lost
the servants she has had so long

I am awfully glad you did not get hurt in your

for me as old as she, and
I just feel exhausted all the
time, tho' I am taking a time
from Dr. Holler - I don't seem
to gain strength. You will see
we are still at the Slysden
and Green too is ailing and
in town, but I can find out
ago and he said he was feeling
some better today, and so do
I, just now, after breakfast.
It is raining out, so we will

my dear Laura
you need
help. now
no doubt
such is life
keeping this
first of Jan
well and
I wish you
for
in it. I am
very truly
Mary

Hotel
Feb. 19/18
1919.

would not go home today, the ground is soaking wet and slippery, and it is dangerous travelling in the auto on our road, so we are here for some more days I think. When feeling well enough in the afternoon I slip across the sheet to the movie and enjoy an hour's diversion when I feel inclined. Brutus and Hallelah sit in their rooms day after day never going out except for a walk. I don't see how they can stand such a poor position of life year in and out. Yes, I can almost feel Cel. Shelly's death, poor fellow he had a dreary life at best. I suppose now, Sue will have to have her son, who lived with him, at her home

Told in ordinary way a dangerous time. I took my umbrella for a walking stick.

while defective but since manners and is capable of enjoyment. I suppose Sue will never have him with her and Lucy all the time unless one of the sisters takes him which I think doubtful. He has been accustomed to stay there at times, when his father cannot to town. Yes I saw Anne's letter you sent me wasn't it for listening in Sabry's case? and according to my knowledge of the poor child not time to my view point. Yes, I think the tobacco crop is fine, and we'll need money to pay for my long stay here in town, which I have enjoyed very much. I am glad to know you have been well and can

when I feel stronger and it is convenient for you to have me. I'll come.

who the summer

Charles

To Mary B. Claf

[Dec. 1915]

for so long. One of my neighbors, Miss Stoner, has called, and has promised to call on me to take a hand at Bridge from time to time, which I hope she will do.

I got a letter from Mrs. Boyer this morning, enclosing one for you which she wished me to address. I suppose you have received it.

I was grieved to see announced the death of Mary Smith. It is dreadful to a family to have such a sudden death; but I do not know that it is to be regretted for the person herself.

I find Linda Neville is getting a great many cards signed; and I got five the other afternoon when I spoke at the W.C.T.U. about the suffrage conventions. The W.C.T.U. resolved at their convention to circulate a petition for a Constitutional Amendment; so we can depend upon their assistance.

Let me hear if you decide to go to Washington, and when. I shall wish you good luck.

Give my love to all the dear ones, and with much for yourself.

I am

Your affectionate sister,

P.S. Ask Helen if she would not like to come over to the banquet to be given Elise on Dec. 27th? If she would, I shall be so glad to have her stay with me. I ought to know, so as to secure a ticket for her. Elise says she will come from Frankfort. I should be delighted, too, to have Esther come, if she will.

Dec. 9th. I was interrupted, and have not been able to finish my letter till now. I have received Annie's last letter, and after reading, I sent it to Mary Collins, as I knew she would be glad to hear.

I have just finished looking over my accounts, and find I owe you \$26.20 for board since Sept. 1st; and I enclose my check for that amount. I find it much more agreeable to take my meals next door at Mrs. Zimbrough's than it was at the Exchange; and she is always prepared to take a person for one meal, and so I enjoyed having Mrs. Beauchamp for my guest today at dinner. Old Sophy came Saturday to clean up, and I find myself very comfortable, though a little lonesome after having been with all of you

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 15/10.

My dear Mary,

I was so glad to get your letter and to hear how well you were getting on ~~that~~ ~~Harbarn~~. I wish I could be over there a while myself. Mrs. Cramer and I went to Frankfort on Thursday, and Mrs. Cramer saw Mr. Blair and he promised to support our co-guardianship bill in the lower House. I saw Judge Burnham and he promised to draw up the bill and support it in the Senate; so we feel that that bill is well taken care of. We find upon investigation that the mandatory law for a woman physician has not been repealed, though two of the asylums, the Hopkinsville and the Lexington Asylum are without women physicians on account of the difficulty of finding a suitable woman. The Fayette E. F. A. is now endeavoring to find a woman physician for Lexington.

The other day Mrs. Nuckolls who is one of the Daughters of the Confederacy showed me some photographs of Mrs. Basil Duke, which she was selling for some object of the Confederate Home. Knowing your friendship for Mrs. Duke and that it would be difficult for you to get a photograph of her, I purchased one, which I am going to send you by this mail.

I expect to go to Harrodsburg next Friday on the invitation of Mrs. Eletcher Riker and give an address on Equal Suffrage.

Give my love to all and write soon. When are you coming over?

Affectionately yours,

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 6/10.

Dear Mary,

I thank you for your Christmas remembrance, which I found awaiting me on my return from a visit to Annie Crenshaw. I had to go to New York to a Board meeting of the N. A. W. S. A., and I took the opportunity to visit Annie.

I found them all very well. Dabney, Jr. met me at the station and he had changed so much that I actually did not recognize him. He is growing quite fast now. Little Elay has had his curls cut off and has on blouses and trousers and looks quite like a big boy. Fannie was home from college for the holidays and both she and Warfield were going continually, having a very gay time. Annie and I played bridge almost as industriously as Sallie and I did when we were with you. They all spoke of you very affectionately. Dabney remembers your visit and always says how much he liked and admired you.

The women in Richmond Virginia have recently organized a Virginia Suffrage League. They have about seventy members, with many of the leading men and women in it. Among the ladies are Miss Mary Johnston, who wrote "To Have And To Hold", and other popular novels. Miss Ellen Glasgow, who has also written many pleasant books. From all I could learn the movement is in the hands of the very women who can advance it the most. Of course, I am exceedingly gratified.

I found Cousin Kate Reid with a serious cold on my return.

which has kept her in the house ever since the day after Christmas. She has a friend, Miss Lutie Fox of Maysville, visiting her. She says she had received one of the most delicious fish she had ever eaten from Paul and that it arrived on Christmas day just in time for the Christmas dinner.

I have not heard from Madison County for some time. I suppose some of them have written to you that Jane Clay's new baby is a boy and was born about November the 19th. Mary was with her and says he is a very fine child, though no child can outshine in her eyes little Mary Barr, who is just as bright and sweet as ever. Sallie very seldom writes to me, so that if you do not write and tell me how little Sara Clay is ~~and how she is~~ ^{the} I shall not know anything of them, until I get back to Madison and ask questions.

Today we are having a heavy snow storm. The snow is six or eight inches deep already and is still coming down. The first week of December, we had weather that would rival the weather of Washington, and since that we have had a good many stormy spells.

I hope you and Paul are taking a good deal of interest in the Suffrage Campaign in Washington and that you are going to do all you can to help it to success. Please give my love to Paul and to all the dear children.

Wishing you all a happy New Year, I am

Your affectionate aunt.

Richmond Ky
Dec 10 1909

My dear Laura,
I agree heartily with
Miss Shaw, and as far as my vote -
goes hope you will make some
effort to get our Governor to appoint
a woman; and as you are going to
New York so soon my vote is for
the Gov. to appoint you as the
Ky delegate and wish you would
send this letter to the rest of
the committee so they may unite
with me in this petition. To the
Gov. Wilson. Yrs
Mary B. Clay

Lexington, Ky.

Apr. 20th, 1917.

My dear Mary,

I am sending at once a letter I received from Anne this morning; and which I wish you would let Brutus and Lalla see.

I returned last night from Louisville where I went Thursday morning to a Board meeting of the Ky.E.R.A. Elise invited me to stay and I remained one night. I wanted to tell her of dear Dahnney and of my trip in New England. I found all her family very well. Helen will remain there till next Friday, as they both are going to a lunch given to Miss Margaret Wilson the President's daughter, next Tuesday, and to a concert Thursday. Miss Wilson has come to sing at a concert for the benefit of the Red Cross.

You see the Lexington Herald, so I have no Lexington news to tell you, as I go out so little. I saw Cousin Clara Warfield at a lunch of the Woman's Guild, and I thought she looked as well as usual, though Mame had said she was not strong. She is willing to knit some of the articles for the sailors in the battleship Kentucky, which Mrs. South has asked the Ky.E.R.A. to furnish. So far, though, we have not been able to get the yarn. It requires a particular weight and color; and the central bureau undertakes to sell it to those who want it for knitting for the sailors. Mrs. Hutchinson is trying to get a sufficient quantity for what the Fayette E.R.E. will pay for and knit; but so far she has not heard in answer to her letter about it.

I hope Gre~~en~~ is getting stronger and is taking care of himself. Give my love to him and to all the family. I wish you would come over to see me before the weather gets warm.

With much love, I am

Your affectionate sister, *El*

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Lexington, Mar. 3, 1909.

Miss Allie Combs,
Hindman, Ky.

Dear Miss Combs,

Under a separate cover we are sending you some suffrage Petitions which we hope you will be interested in circulating in Hindman and the county. Full instructions are given on the little slips which you will find with the Petition blanks.

Any information that you may desire about this work can be had of Mrs. Mary B. Clay, 189 North Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

Yours truly,

Mary B. Clay

Dict.

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 14th, 1908.

My dear Mary, *Ban Clay*

I got your letter yesterday, and have considered your suggestion of asking for suffrage for tax-paying women, to be added to the constitutional amendment concerning taxation. I suppose this would not be possible, for the constitution says in Article on Mode of Revision, Section 256, "No amendment shall relate to more than one subject". It would be well to inquire about this point. Either Mr. Burnham or Mr. Sullivan could give information on it. If you do not come over here before Sunday, could not you see one of them on Saturday or Sunday, and get this point settled? It would be a great thing if we could get it as a part of the constitution prescribing the laws for taxation; and I think we would be justified as an Ex. Com. to act on the chance. But I do not think we would be justified to ask for a separate amendment asking for suffrage for taxpaying women only. If it could be hitched on to the tax amendment those interested in the tax amendment would carry on the campaign for it at the polls; but if it is our amendment we would have to carry on a very expensive campaign for a principle which neither the State Association or the National has ever endorsed.

I have an engagement with the dentist this morning, so must close. Give my love to all the family, particularly Mr. Bennett. I hope you are coming over very soon. Good-bye.

Your affectionate sister, *Laura Clay*

Jan. 5, 1909.

Dear Anna,

I received your letter & enclosures. I have talked with - Mrs McCann, Sallie; Mrs R Burman & Mrs Buchanan. Mrs Roark was not at home a day or two ago. I cannot go with Miss Penfield. But we think that we can find some one in Berea, Kingston, Ricksville, Valley View who will meet her at the depot and invite friends to meet her in their houses, we will send the petition as well as enrollment cards to each place and endeavor to get them signed but neither Sallie nor I feel inclined to do much with the enrollment-petition. She can go to all these places by rail except Kingston - but we can send her there in buggy or some one will take her out in private conveyance. At Berea she will have to stay over night - and I thought we would write to Mrs Frost and ask if he would not let us have the hall and have her talk to the students - there that night - after the parlor meeting. Mrs Burman said she'd write - when how much Sallie or I remember about what and how she is to be paid, write us we will also have her talk here in the Court House if she is a good speaker, is she? The district of Columbia has been asking for suffrage for years I don't think much of that, indeed I don't think they have any right to it - under the circumstances as they occupy the position of a territory in which all officials are likewise non voters. I would take a day each for those five places for Miss Penfield having to stay over night - in Berea, these are all we can undertake. Sallie has Laura and Celine's baby

on her hands and I feel not very energetic,
so the above named places are all we will
undertake. Sallie says 25 cts is the price for
fodder per shock. I'll let you have it out
of the Rice field which is the best part up
I shall have more than the fifty-shocks
I think, so after you have gotten that we
can see about it. You set the date of Miss
Penfield's coming and we will see about
taking her. We have set Virginia going about
getting her in these places Sallie and I
will entertain her while in the country.
Perhaps Mrs. Fish will get engagements around
and in Lancaster Nicholas with 3 other places
Mrs. Dr. Perry wants her in Stamford, &
Sara Clay Garland arrives Tues - Thurs day
some faded young man with 3 heirs. Laura is
having pains, and her milk has come, and she
is generally uncomfortable poor child. Little
Cokie is much improved Sallie keeps him
at night and day at present he sleeps pretty
well and does not cry much or not at all
at night. Love to all the kin and for
yourself much love.

all my family well lovingly
when last heard from. Mary Barn Clay Herrick
Chris's Sam working on her
booklet.

Feb. 6th 1909

My dear Lamma

Both your potatoes are received
and right glad was I to get them for we had
such a blizzard that I feared you might
be snowed up in the way somewhere so I
am much relieved to know that you have
reached Mrs Bond safe and sound. All
are well with us as far as I know not
having heard from Sallie since I came
over. Sam heard from all the children all
well with them. Clay has been promoted
to the main office Cleveland Trust Co as
statistician with one hundred dollars more
salary making \$1,900 now. and with which
work he is pleased. Now about business I
enclose bill from Mrs Scott the \$7.75 I depos-
ited to my credit at the ^{Banking} Trust Co.
I had paid out the chks. 1 supply \$1.85
Gas \$7.25 Miss Reed \$5.00 Miller \$3.00 supply \$1.85 - 6th Feb.
making 5 chks. which were all you left. not thinking
that I should have drawn some and deposited
it to myself for other needs. so I took Mrs Scott's
chk. and put it to my credit - \$7.75 Feb 6th today
so as to have money to pay hereafter. I altered
one of the checks that I had made out for supply
"this morning"
but the bank would not cash it, so I thought
of this putting the Scott chk. to my credit, until
I could hear from you, as Mrs Reed, supply 50¢ this
month want their money before I could hear from you

I don't know how far we are, all in
the way of money, but I don't think we are
very far from being broke. I don't think we are
very far from being broke. I don't think we are
very far from being broke.

Now I understand you that Mrs Beauchamp would
pay half Miss Reed's dues & I pd for you as direct-
ed last Sat., but Mrs Beauchamp says she
finds she must do for her week, not efficient
enough, she will write to you about it; so
far she has ^{half} little or nothing to do for you,
and there is nothing to justify you in paying
her so much, Mrs B. has used her more
than you have this week, unless there comes
a good deal more to do than at present and
you are going to stay a long time I would
dismiss her as Mrs B. is not going to use
her, I can answer all the letters that come
and send off literature that is applied for
only cons transport - have so far asked for
any and Mr & Finley who said she would
send some to adjoining towns, so you see that
we have not much to do. If you stay long
you will have to send me another - etc
enclosed as Miss Reed will be 5,00 a week
if you conclude to keep her. The water-bill
has not been sent - or the paper, for two weeks
now, and I pd. Sophy out of the \$8,75 today,
and Miss Reed also, of course I pay for my
meals this week Feb. 6. Yours last week, Cousin
Kate & Sally Clay both - have had me twice
to take dinner here several evenings with
Cousin Kate & Sally & others, so I am not
alone some and the weather - has moderated so
I can get about too. Hope you'll have a good
time and have great success my regards to Mrs. M.

Feb. 17th 1909

My dear Samma

Yours with enclosure just
received I send several letters to you rec.
to-day. Miss Lema White has sent 21 letters
me and 54th since you left. Mrs Centilli says
she wants to do something so I sent her some
too. I had a letter from Ann yesterday saying
that she had your card telling of being on
the way to Arizona and she writes to me
saying that she wants Mary Mayfield to come
and visit me during Sept- and ^{also} would then
come over here to visit you, so as you wish
me to stay here until your return I wrote
asking Mary to come here first, and visit with
the relations, and if you had not come
home by the time her visit was over then
go to visit Sallie and thence home, as
I could not tell when you will be at home.
so I'll of course pay her board while here
as well as my own, and you are keeping the
house otherwise any way, and I hated not to
have her visit with me. As for here in here, for
I fear none of the kin ~~here~~ would likely to
visit her ~~here~~ as there are only Cousin Kate
and Sallie Clay left who could do so, as home
Benny's girls as well as herself are all busy,
and at school. Ann wants her to go to see
Sallie Brodhead a day, Maria to see the Clays and

and to see Helen Tarleton - to all of which places
I will probably accompany her if the weather
is good and I feel well enough to go with
her. I have had two short letters from
Sallie but she says not a word of Samra
and babies nor when Helen will start home.
I am with me that Watson had that day gone
to the bureau and pulled open the drawer and
taken out his clock and hands and taken them
to her and said 'bye, bye!' is he not smart for
a sixteen months old boy? and Mary B. of
course is just as smart - ha, ha! at her age.
I get a little lonesome now and then, but Sally
Clay and Cousin Kate and Sue Shelby have been
very nice to invite me often - and that I should
come when I felt inclined. We have had much
rainy weather so have been kept in a good-
deal so by coming and Miss Reid keeps me
company too. Miss Reid has been busy since
I last wrote with Mrs. B.'s tracts for the M.E.S.
she's about ten days now, and she'll be busy for
several days yet. Have you any idea when
you'll be home? Mrs. Sharpshin phoned me she wanted
to see me about the flat, did not say what she
wanted that Mr. Sharp would see me when I told her
you would not be home for some time she seems not
to be at home now, I have heard nothing further from
them. Mrs. Grooms said some room leaked, so I
told her she had best have it attended to at
once. Glad to hear you are having a pleasant
time and unless something unforeseen occurs
I can stay some time longer. Good bye lovingly Mary

Harriet
Dancy

Dear Laura

Nov. 1st 1909

Yours of 28 to hand it was a great relief to me to have a letter from S. lately, after two weeks with not a line from any body, then I heard Sally's, Helen's, and yours so feel much better. I felt like the bottom had dropped out of my shoe. And every day since I came we have been expecting Jane's confinement and still there is no sign so that I have been closely confined fearing to go even down town, where I have been twice only and to the cemetery twice I was afraid to go alone and Frank was very busy with a case when I first came. Jane has had the nurse here for several days but sent her home Sat. and there is no sign yet and as long as I seem to be with her for awhile after the event - I'll now have to stay until it is over so see no chance for me to come to the convention. I thought it was to be at the Irvington, you say in Lewisville now. Helen says Sally is going and will be several days, then on to see Lammie's father of which I am glad to hear. I'll decide about the man after I get home. Sam is in Columbus now gets \$25 per wk, says he has a nice boarding place where he gets all for six per week and is much pleased; is business editor on "Columbus Times". Clay & Alice have moved into their new home will be settled by time I am ready for home. Mattie Carter invited me to lunch with her and I spent a pleasant afternoon. Pauline Christie has been away most of the time I have been here but yesterday invited me to come tomorrow to spend the night and day but of course I'll not be able to go until Jane is well. Mattie's daughter

has gone to Norfolk for a month, will then go to visit
Sallie Broadhead, will you be back in Acadia after the
convention? I have written to ask Sallie to have my water
turned off, as if there is cold weather in next month - it is
apt to burst the pipes, the cellar window was up and the
pipes are apt to freeze. I'll be sorry to miss the convention
but don't see much prospect of getting there now by the way
glad Sallie can come. Lamer photo has written to know what
I have done about the peace business. I gave the books
she sent me to Miss Foster, but I don't think she
did anything about it - I'll look it up when I get home
if I can. I feel that my days of usefulness in many ways
are over, so shall quit taking any thing on my shoulders
except to take care of myself, so that I may not be a
burden to any one else the rest of my days. I hope there
will be a good attendance at our convention. You may
contribute for me \$5.00 to our work. Sallie & Lucy M.C. have
gotter up a goodly sum for it I think. I must now
close hoping this finds you well with love

Mary Barnsley Herrick

Lexington, Ky.

May 18th, 1909.

My dear Mary,

I have just received your letter, and am glad to hear from you all. Mrs. Avery has written to me that she can employ Miss Penfield in Delaware and New Jersey, perhaps; so I suppose ~~she~~ she will not come to Ky.

I am glad we are likely to have some delegates from Richmond to Seattle. I wish you would let me know immediately if any positively promise to go.

I am sending the account between you and me, as nearly as I can make it out from the checks and the memoranda you have made. I can make out what was paid by check very well; but am not certain that I have included all the items for which you paid in cash. Look over the cash items carefully; and if I have omitted anything deduct it from the balance you owe me, and make a note of what it is. Please send the money to me here, as I need it. I met with a most unpleasant prospect yesterday, when the newspaper announced that the City Council intends to have the property owners make vitrified brick streets from Church Street to Third on Mill. That means hundreds of dollars of taxation for me. Last year my taxes on this property were more than half the income; and now if I have to pay this enormous tax I shall be greatly cut down in my means. All or most of the property holders are going to protest; but I do not know that it will avail anything.

Give my love to all.

Your affectionate sister,

two thousand dollars. He is a great fool & all sides are
campaign at him, & some of the accessories are causing him.

Aug 11th You see it is some time since I wrote the
first part of this letter. The election has taken place
& the Union party have elected two thirds of
the members, & feel quite jubilant over our success.
The Estote crew off, & going Walter Sherman was
run off by the accessories, & was beaten six hundred
votes. Tell Lattie & Mary that I think they might
have written to me before this, & that I do not intend
to write until I hear from them. You must write
to me all about Annie, tell me what she says,
& what she does, & who she looks like, I will not
know her in four years I do not expect. Write to
me again soon, for I wish to hear from you often. Giving
love to Pa & Ma & all of the others. Your Brother

Green Cole

Dear Pa.

I have written to you once before but I have
just received a letter from Ma, saying you have not
yet heard from me, so I will just write you a few lines
here. I have hired all of the negroes except Minerva & I
could not hire her at any price I offered her for 10
& could not get it. I got small sums for all of them.
I have not been able to rent the Rockledge place on
the Seaford, nor can I get any stock to pasture
so they have good grass but are bringing nothing.
But just now it is quite dry, & I may be able at least
to pasture them this Fall. I could fifty dollars worth of
corn & one hundred dollars of meat, but no votes,
so I am not able to pay your debts, which I think come
to over three hundred & fifty dollars. Write me what
I must do about it. For I cannot raise one dollar

White Hall, Mass. Co. N.Y.
July 22nd 1861

To Miss Anne Cole.

Dear Sister

This is the first letter that I have written
to any of you since you left as Aunt Anne has kept you
parties all the time. I shall write to you first, as you
are the only one of them all to write to me. What shall I
say first. I have just returned from Washington City.
I was at the great battle at Centerville on the 22nd
and will have to give you a description of my idea of
the fight of what I saw & did. I left the city on Friday
in company with several gentlemen, by the summer of
Gen Smith, son of Mass-Hersey being of Lexington
Co. & myself in the same carriage. We crossed the long
bridge & landed safe on the sacred soil of Old Pa-
a home-fire cooked in the morning, and then had
thirty miles to ride, passing through Fairfax before
we found ourselves at Centerville where Gen McDowell
had his headquarters at that time. The soil was
poor & sandy, covered with a scrubby growth of pine
& black-jack oak. The houses generally seemed clean but
now & then one was found. The fences were torn
down, & you could see such stock as have been left
by brute armies swarming over the corn fields as wild.
I never saw such devastation in all of my life. The
few people that were left looked as poor & dejected as
did the country. I saw one old man having potatoes in a
a foot deep. At Fairfax I saw the fortifications from which
your troops had driven the Rebels. The town itself looked

Ann Arbor Mich
May 12th - 1885

Dear Anne,

I have just received a letter from Miss Anthony in answer to a letter I had written her, in which I had mentioned that you had been asked to join the Equal Rights party. She does not wish it publicly known what I enclose you, but I thought it best just to send you a page or two of her letter to see what she thinks of the company you will be in, by associating yourself with them.

A word to the wise is sufficient, let's work with them, when we think best, without connecting ourselves with the party. Miss Anthony has invited me to write up the State work for the "History", if you have gathered up any items that I do not know please keep them for me. She wants a profile picture for the "History", does not like the one I gave her. I have written to as many persons scattered over the State as I knew of who would give me any information. Please put a notice in your editorial saying Mary B. Clay would be glad of any information in regard to any legislation done for women or any effort made at any time to make women stand under more equal position with men under the laws of the State, give any and all efforts that have been made in her behalf, and by whom ^{and when made} made, D.C.C., address Mrs. Clay Whitehall P. O. Madison Co. N.Y. The Michigan Legislature will vote after submitting an amendment

to the vote of the people I inclose the bill, a note from
the Rep. who introduced it, and a note from Mrs. Doe, Pres.
of M. State S. Association, ^{just received} to let you see how important
it is, that we should let no opportunity pass of encour-
aging the men who work for us. Upon receiving Mr. Hark-
bush's letter, I went out at once, and saw twenty or more
persons and asked them to vote to him and their
Rep. and Senators and all promised to do so. Last
night I was introduced to Sen. Kemp on my way to
church, and took occasion to ask him to vote for
the amendment when it came into the Senate.
We must try and get up some force to go to our
Legislature this winter, try and induce Mrs. Clark
to help us there, and T. & Curry of Manchester
who is the R. R. Candidate. I have had not letter from
you. I want you to sell my wool with yours. I need
the money badly now. hope my hogs will be sold soon
and that I can have that money too. I shall be home
now soon, I will not stay for the June examinations
as it is not necessary for the boys standing next
year for me to do so. And I am growing impatient as
the time for me to come draws nigh. I fear I'll have
to go in debt to come back next year as this loss of
my wheat crop, cuts down my income immensely. well
I will just have to struggle along, drawing in my horns
here and there. I do hope I'll get a good sum for
my cattle. I wish to mail this hope to hear from you
soon yrs. aff.

Sister Mary B. Clay Herrick

from Crockett two dollars and Julia
Jones one dollar and a quarter and pay
very I enclose check for Dan. I sent
Mr. Gibbons acct. in my last. I hope
he has sold my cattle with this.
What is the prospect for selling
our corn in the field? Mr. Ham-
will attend to selling my hogs that is
get them up and see them weighed
I will get Mr. Bennett to sell them
for me. Send Dan to get the two dollars
from Crockett I send check for the remainder
due those two. I enclose Fry's acct.

This I think has arrived at last -
I doubt if she stays long she is now
at Mrs. Foster's where she will board.
I have seen no one nor been to see
any one. I am going to study book
keeping. I am tired and it is late
will write soon again. I enclose a
check to Laura. Love to you all
If you are homesick why do you not
go over here at once Laura can stay

Good by all
the children are happy
putting to you they are
soon after each
the letters.

Am Arbor Sept 31, 1861

Dear Mother,
Your two letters of
Monday and Sunday came today
I am disappointed in the weight
of my hogs truly I confidently expect-
ed they would weigh three hundred
at the least. Hammond evidently
has not been attending to them
and as I have written him. If he
does not do better I shall dismiss
him, however I do not think he
is as bad as he is represented for
he has always been careless even when
I was with him. And Mrs. H and he
also said to me that "I would lose
more by employing others for they would
not have my interests as much at heart
as he had. &c. that is the way he meant.
that I would lose. I am giving him
just the same as all the year only

I am not employing him regularly
and I don't mean to, as I have
engaged these other two men to do
my ploughing. I have made the same
contract almost with him as heretofore
but if he is not taking care of my
stock I will dismiss him and not
employ him next year, as he has
not entered my house I can hinder
him from doing so and break the
contract. Can you ride over in a
day or two and see if he has done
what I will tell you I write to him
by this mail to do at once. ^{ie} haul
the water trough to the crib, put my
hops in the barn lot, fix a hop and
mini ~~plough~~ fix the fence with stakes
around the spring so as to keep the
pigs out of Carm's lot and cornfield,
haul up my lamb in the cloverfield
turn the sheep in the upper pasture
and fix fence between Brutus and me
in the field. Tell him I had written to

him to do this, and repeat to you so
as to be sure that he gets the right
word or fear the letter may not reach
him. I will him to do this at once
If you are able to do this for me
please do or Laura either, if he
has not I shall notify him that
I don't want him next year. I
could employ Johnson <sup>(and possibly during
captivity, when)</sup> to attend to
feeding my stock and come home
in time to have the shearing done,
as Laura will be here then and
could see to the children for me
I hope no one will say a word more
to H. about working for me I don't
want to employ him by the month
I have engaged him for the lambing
time and that is all I want him.
I think after I get up my own
and dismiss the men I have, it will
all be right with him, if not he can
go. I owe Dan three dollars Jerry ² fifty
dollars thirty five cents. Please collect

Friday 16th

Dearest Mother -

Perhaps you have heard
of some of my doings from the papers
but I will give you a note myself
Friday morning two gentlemen waited
upon me and informed me I had
been elected as ^{one of the} delegates to represent
Ann Arbor, at the Union parties
State Convention at Battle Creek,
to meet next day, and it was
eighty miles away, so I bundled
myself up and went that night,
as I felt I would be used up
to go and be in the Convention
all day, and home the same
night. The gentlemen I rode down
with insisted upon my going to
the club meeting that was to be
held Friday night to arrange for
next day so I went the only

women at the meeting. the gentle
men were very frolic and came
up many of them to be introduced.
Then next day there was a prelimi-
nary meeting in the morning before
the Convention proper began. Again
only one other woman a delegate's
wife came in and I was invited
to take my seat on the platform
with the Chairman and Secretary
~~and~~ by a vote of the meeting, but
with thanks I declined, ^{afterwards} then I
was invited to address the
meeting, but declined saying I
hoped to be able to do down
a few remarks for the evening. As
I had been so unexpectedly called
upon of course I had no time
to prepare any thing to say ~~but~~
~~said~~ the afternoon something was
said against putting in a Suffrage
resolution. then I arose in my seat
meaning to say just a word in

opposition to the motion but
they insisted ^{so much} that I should go
upon the platform - that I had
to comply, and I have no idea
what I said, but several told
me they liked what I said. So
you see I have actually taken
part in a political party
Convention of men, it is to be
I think the future ruling
party, prohibition and Woman
Suffrage will come in together.
Your letter is just received and
I hope I will be able to come in
time to meet your visitors. I
think I must go to Anti-Slavery
Suffrage Convention Wednesday 21st.
Upon reading your letter it will
be impossible for me to come in
time as ^{Miss C.} she must be at home the
25th, please express my regrets.
There are several and good reasons
why I think best to go to this

convention which I will tell you
when I come home. I may possibly
come Saturday night, but don't
look for me until you see me.
as I will have to work hard to
accomplish all I want the next
week. Darling Mother I wish I
could bear your burdens for you
I makes my heart ache to know
you to be so tired and I can
do nothing to relieve you I wish
we could arrange so we could
all be here together where you
could enjoy so much the intellectual
pleasures that this place affords
well love to Anne Mela & Ellen
and dear Aunt Ann. I hope
soon to see my darling Mother -
I grow impatient when I think
of the time to come.

Yrs lovingly
Mary.

May 15.

Dear Laura

Yrs just-rec. Hayfield
Burns has left yesterday is at home
Today if all went right, your
money is in bank \$175, & something.
Hayfield is not at home or else I could
tell you exactly. Sally says the
woman's name is Miss Logan who is
a teacher at Buena Vista when she
went there this summer she would be
and have her come up to Manchester.
She writes him there too in summer
I think. Mrs Burnham is going to see
~~Augusta~~ perhaps may go to Seattle.
I have given up all idea of going

may go to meet her in New York.
Lama will & children when last heard
from. With love

Wm.

Mrs. B. & children may go also. Mr. C. & Mrs.
Parks I will leave Mrs. B. very ally-
-mate if she goes. Sally will determine
later. Just now I don't feel as if
I could do any thing this summer
in the way of work. I told Rufus
your message but Anne mentions her
to come right - now she had a quiet
visit but a pleasant one here.
My love to Cousin Kate & Sally C.
when you see them. My cousins are
still here and I find them pleasant.
one lives in S. who. The others I don't
see when. I look for Frank and Jane
this Summer. Clay & Ah is may go to
Seattle. Sam is having rheumatism
again. Helen will sail in a few
days for home? with Mrs. Riddle. Hopeful