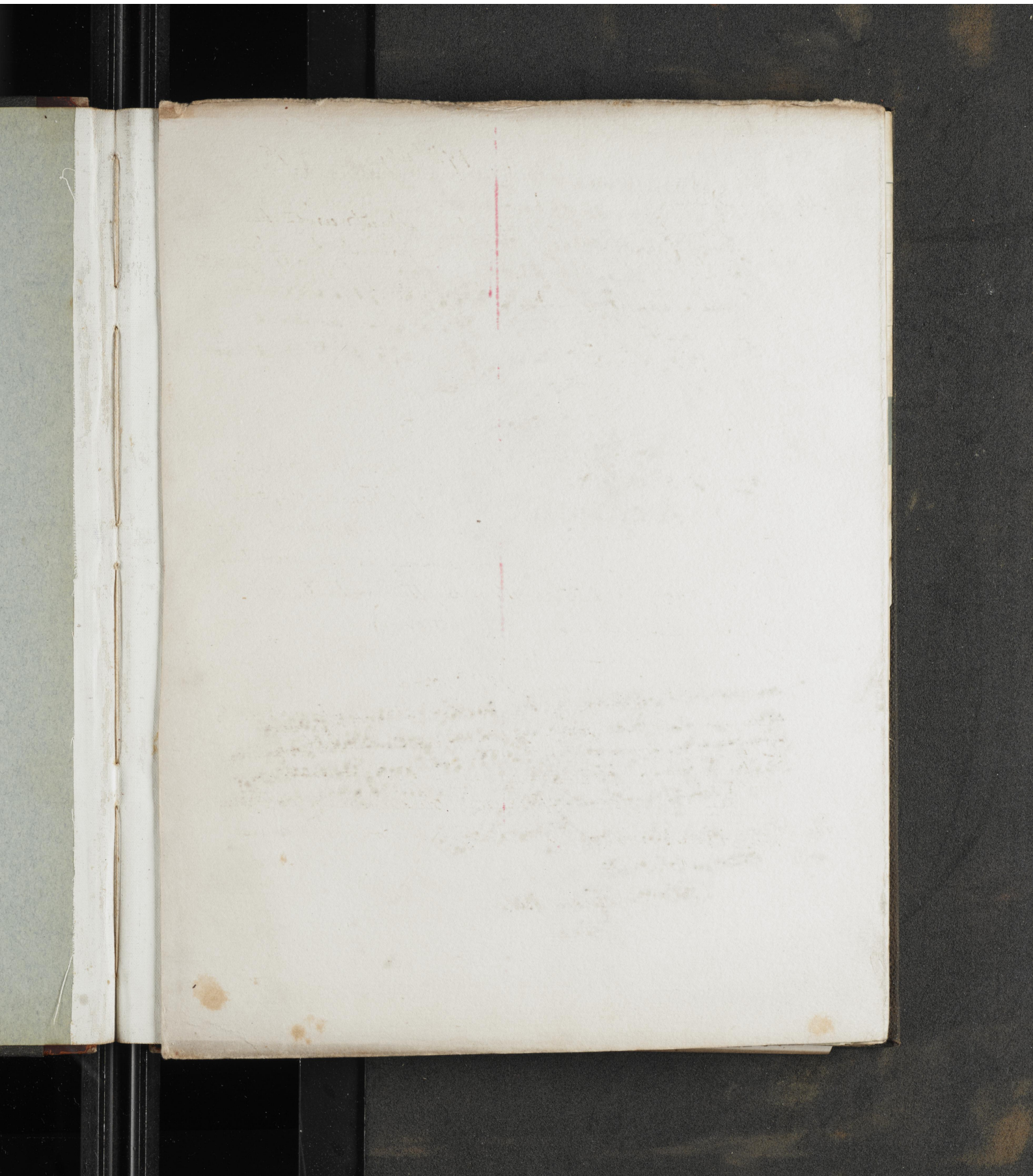


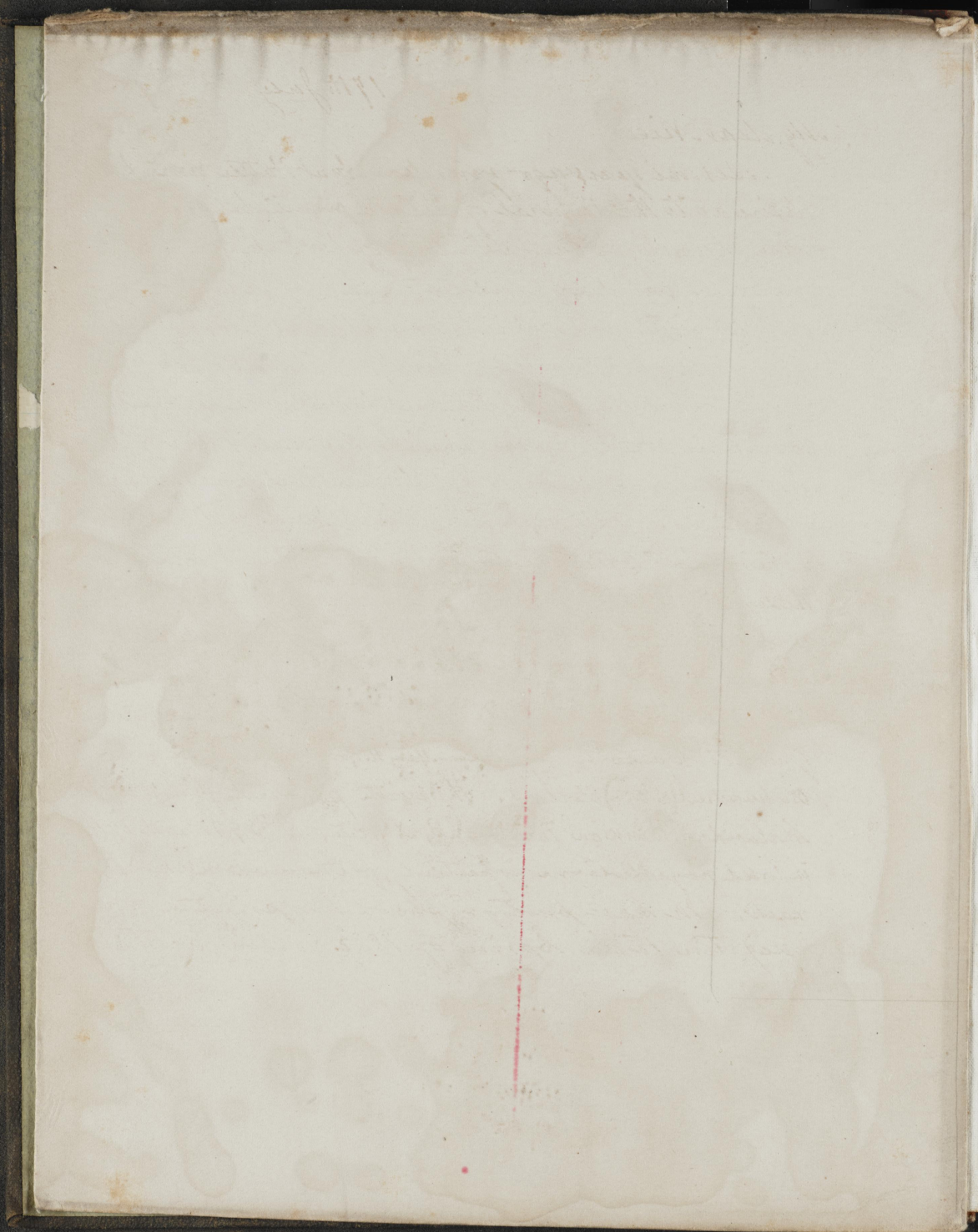
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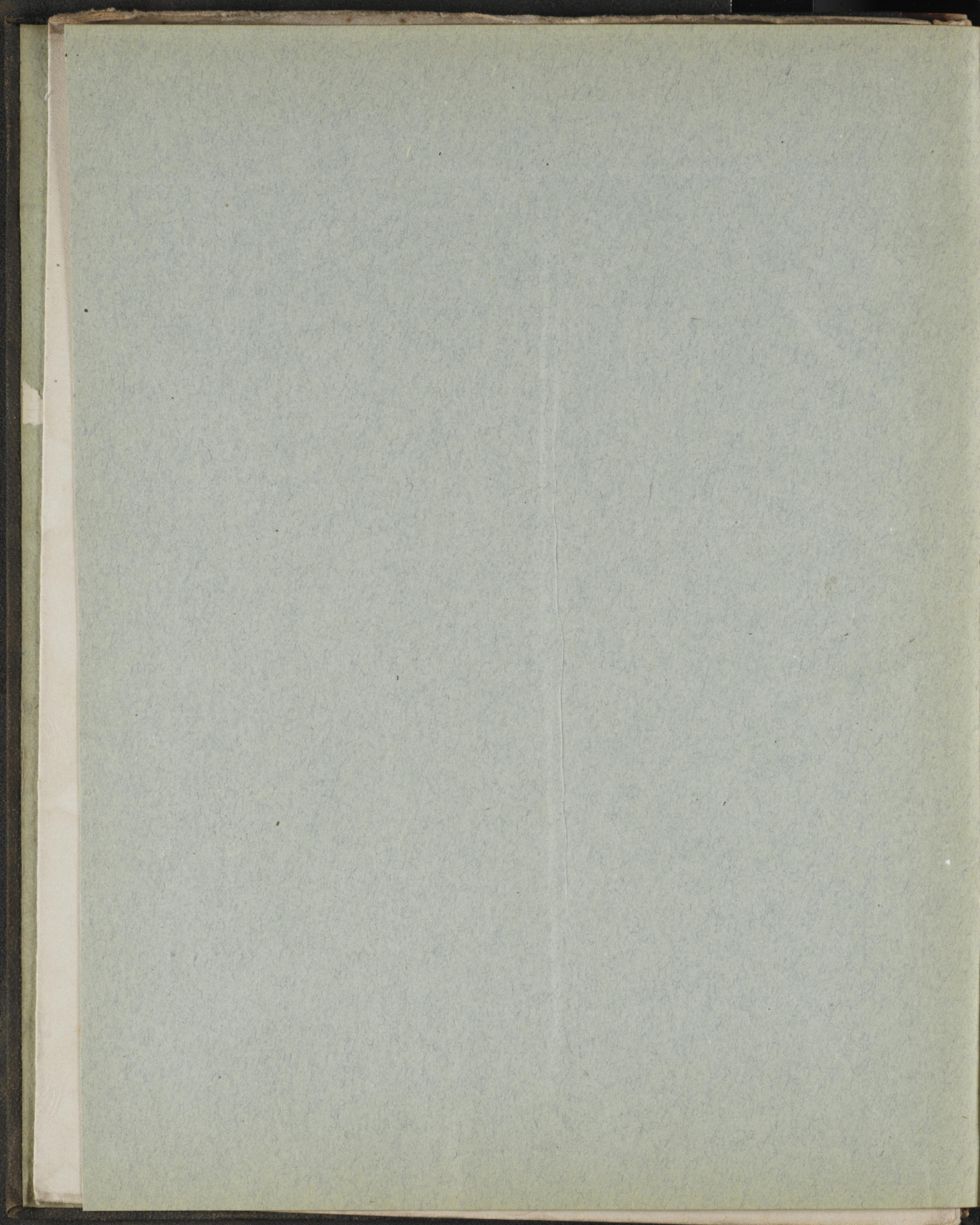




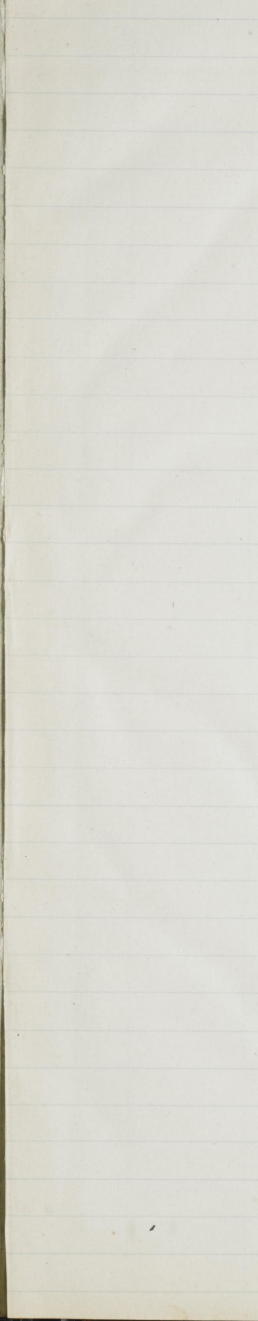


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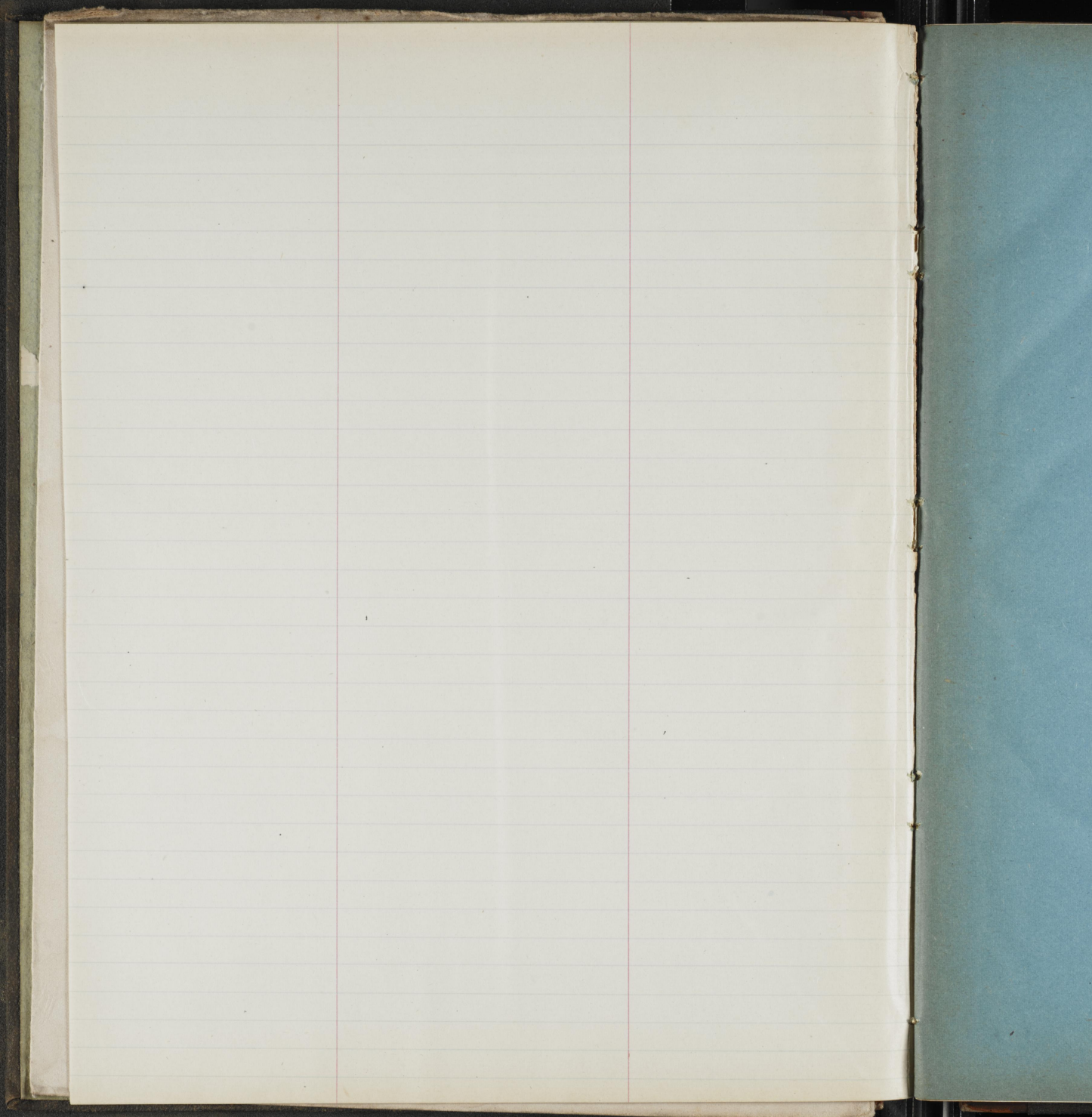
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Recd
24th Oct 1888

Recd
28th Oct 1888

St. Albans, Ky. 20th Oct 1888
My dear Will

Yours of 16th instant is at hand. I am also obliged by letter lot of papers coming to Robert matter from G. S. There are of no value to me, neither do I care about the Robert Will, or who may be appointed trustee under it, other than that one may be easier, more accommodating, in settling them another. What I desire and must have, is to know just how much is owing and to be paid to the trustee. As soon as I know this I can act intelligently and cannot do so until I do know. Will remit \$1000 say Monday 22nd to City of St. Albans. Herewith find letter from her. Advise me what I shall do, and sign your own name to letters

2

"Lark" and "Higgs" might be of little use to me should I have to use letters as testimony description. Saw Baker, Hunt, and J. B. Peyton in the city. P. is interesting himself in a friendly way, and to good effect. We thought when I left the city the matter was in a good shape. I paid Saml. F. Hunt \$1000.00 to settle some debts for you and today remit \$1600.00 to Henry Barker on the Syndicate debt. Send me your note this date in favor of father for \$2100.00 for these payments. Maggie's dear girl would sacrifice her whole fortune if you needed it, but this you would not wish done, neither would I permit it to be. I think we can pay your debts, but I shall try to do so, in such a

manner that the amount shall
not be a dead loss to you
or to future estate. If you
cannot get your accounts exactly
approximate as closely as
you can and advise me
soon as you ^{can} ~~can~~, I shall
probably have to come early,
as Baker and Hunt do not
think you able to come
here soon. May not be
able to leave home before
the first of Nov. But will
try to do so soon after
that date. May may go
earlier. All well!

Affectionately yours
John May

Whitland Ky. 20th Oct 1880
My dearest Maggie

Yours of 12th inst came
while I was at Leitch, where
I saw our friends and on
thought everything going as
well as we could hope for
now. The Leitch matter
may take a large sum of
money and I shall not
hesitate to use your
money and securities as
needed be. But think
I can manage so that
there shall be little loss
to myself or to yours. And
it is to enable me to do
this that, am so anxious to
know and act just as soon
as I do know. If or
we shall need to help

2. John Will and his family
 without doubt despatching,
 it is important to keep our
 business matters in such
 shape, that neither we
 nor father's estate shall
 be losers. The more
 we have, the better able we
 shall be to help those in
 need of assistance.
 During West Hunt's business
 war in that line of the law
 I had spoken to him to
 assist me in the matter,
 and he promised to do so —
 both an attorney and an
 a friend. He realizes the
 importance of charts, and
 understands much better
 why I am so anxious to
 be done with the Galt
 matter, than I have been
 able to get Will to under-

3. stands as yet. He will never
 to think it can be permitted
 to drag along indefinitely,
 which conduct ever must
 not be done. I have so
 much and many things to
 write you that I have been at
 a loss sometimes to remember
 of what I had written, and
 have given a pen copy book
 also you will notice this
 has been copied on my
 letters about business with
 be hereafter. Saw Will S.
 today. It depends on the
 weather whether he and Ben
 come up tomorrow. I don't
 think Will has forgotten you
 she appears to remember when
 we mention you to her —
 The Pocket has paid a
 dividend the 13th inst and
 the business has been

35 Bonds for payment. This
includes one D of yours
which I forwarded to Mr.
Low today, to be paid the
24th instant and the
money will come in an
opportune time. Mary
may leave for the East and
see you soon after this
reaches you. Rose is
busy as usual with our
kitchen club as her latest
adventure. She has been
talking about a trip up
the river to Pittsburgh on
one of the steamers, but
it is uncertain as to
whether she get up or not.
Have letter from Lily today

Affectionately yours

John Meard

23rd Oct 55

My dear Louisa

Yours of 21st inst came to day.
I wrote you yesterday that Savage had told
me you had kind ones on the way, but
probably had not reached London.
As to packing for Stover and Furness, I
did not mean to condemn the cinder
but that I preferred broken soft red brick
not fire bricks. Mr Skelting told me
that the space for packing was larger than
needed and proposed to reduce the space
by placing the brick closer to casing.
This I objected to and told him
to leave plenty of space and more
than 1ⁱⁿ would leave at least 2ⁱⁿ
or 3" if there was room. I think
very many stoves and furnaces
are broken for the simple reason
that space for enough packing is
not given. My impression is that
cinder will crush and pack like

dry sand, becoming very tight at bottom of shell - this is where H. B. Stone usually gives away. The broken red brick with wet rollers is sticky. However we have better kinds of packing in "Ashland" stores and without trouble. But we gave it to 3 1/2" space for packing.

I may show this to Leff. Henry if you choose to do so - I certainly think the space of some importance than the difference between cinder and broken brick. Fire Bricks is sometimes used but I don't like it - the results at Opimus are bad - I may not have made myself clear to Leff. H. and J.

Hoping to see you Sunday night - am

affectionately yours
John Hancock

Read
28 April 93

Ashland Ky. 24th Feb 1893

My dear Will

One of 10th instant is at hand, including notes for T. M. Wells \$15,000.00, \$5,000.00 and \$7,000.00 of sundry dates, and copies of mining contracts. The 1000 franc remittance Caution L'Abbeville est Ciel - Hundred and Ninetyseven ⁹³ - (\$197.13) dollars, as advised today by Bank. Herewith find a transfer received from Bank of New York \$391.21 as he says "from Mr. Wallace Keff". I suppose you understand it. Myself left Monday 22nd instant for the East, will most probably see you by the time this reaches you. As soon as you have your account with Lehigh finished

very much yours and love

advise me as I think it best
that I should come down then
to see you and advise with
you about some matters.

We can talk in a day or
two what will take weeks
to write. My desire and
intention is to pay the
debt, if it can be done,
at the earliest moment
and the aid of that. Unless
larger than your estimate
since one of the accounts
needs to be settled. Soon after
a new trustee is appointed.
You have not advised me
how much, whether it is
in the Hamilton or some
seventy pounds. All well.
Affectionately yours
C. M. H. H.

Recd
28 April 93

Highland St. 375. Oct 1893
My dear Sir,

Yours of 3rd inst. came to
hand last week enclosing Bank note for
of fifty pounds from ^{London}. Yours of
24th came yesterday enclosing note for
twenty pounds and £5.00 for ^{London}.
We send the latest paper by
express to say to care of Mr.
Higley is requested. We are hoping
Higley is enjoying good health. This after-
noon we have the City, and
expect to see Baker and that
Finnegan. Heart is in London
today. All well.
Affectionately yours
C. M. H. H.

Recd
12 May 98

Albany, N.Y. 3rd Novbr 1888
My dear Will

Have just returned from
Laird where I have been all the
week at work with the Abolition
Committee of Stockholders. We
will Hunt and Baker. We
hope to get dismissed in a
week or so. I am sorry of my
conference. If we are to pay
\$75,000 to the Abolition of the
Stockholders, and have deposited
that amount with the trustees. Will
explain above I am sure.

Make your note at once of
of father \$75,000 & date of interest
(when I made deposit) and give the
note to Henry H. to hold until
I come. Call at 10 to 12 daily,
or Tuesday, 10 to 12, and I will
give Thursday or Friday.

Henry Hagan is much better
and will be able to come
down with me. I can't
stay more than one or two
days and then must come
home and to Laird. Don't
be concerned about mine in
your board. Saw Judge Sage
about it and he explained
kindly why he raised the
amount.

Yours truly, affectionately
John H. Hagan

Helena, Ky. Oct. 10th 1888
 Mrs. H. C. Callaway
 Yellow Springs, O. -

My dear sister - Will
 writes me to send you five hundred
 (\$500⁰⁰) dollars - the President of the
 Ky. S. C. & M. Co. - I remitted you \$300⁰⁰
 last week, and send you herewith the
 draft for three hundred (\$300⁰⁰) dollars.
 He says you have been out of money -
 and have put property in hands of
 an agent for sale &c. Now you
 should have written me - and
 told me. Don't think of selling
 now - We have been used and
 now greatly perhaps both for
 three weeks, nearly to save brother
 husband father and family
 from disgrace - and leave
 good hopes of doing so - Help
 me with your confidence.

When we get the first meeting off
 if we can - there are will be - of
 the meeting of selling if needs
 be done - but don't sacrifice
 anything now - ^{don't} Harry may try
 to take advantage of your sell
 now. Maggie is ill and I
 leave today to get new horse
 and hoping to bring her home
 with me - If Will ever be
 able to come are afraid to
 bring him - am ashamed to
 write, but there is no danger
 of drink, when he is and
 if he was able to go to Saint
 there is great danger of it.
 Keep me advised of your need
 for money, use as little as you
 can - and help sister what
 encouragement you can give -
 Love to Martin & Father

Affectionately yours
 John McLean

Read
28 April 93

Wichita, Ky. 16th November 1892
My dear Will

I reached home yesterday evening
@ 5 P.M. and find all well here.
All hoping that Maggie continues to
improve and that Mary and young
keep well. Saw Becker, Hunt, and
the Harms in court, but that way
was out of the city. Dr. Harner
and myself signed the bonds and
Judge Camp will give them for
Capt H. to do so after his return.
They have great hopes to get Anne
to interfere and pardon without trial
possibly before there be need to file
bonds. Very few are adverse as to
our efforts and ~~the result~~ under
favorable result, will keep it as
quiet as possible. I could have
of paper
Copies and think it better for
you to send another leaving

out all that is sad. This night
I gave you trouble as to the
276 from W. N. Bond which I had from
the prison and 220 from the Ashland
N. B. When we were together I
was so hurried that I overlooked
the financial effect as would be
greatly injured to day and
will write you soon again.
Rose is away for a day or so, but
I think she will come back so that she
can return home with Maggie
and help. Think it will help her
to change her location as
soon as she be able to do
so.

Affectionately yours
John

John

Received
25th April
1908

Albany N.Y. 16th Nov. 1898

My dear Will

I wrote you this morning, but
desired to inquire further about the
matter of this. I am advised that
you can send me your note in form
of letter leaving the date to be filled
in by myself. Please write in your
letter giving the nature of the
the date and state clearly the purpose
for which the note is to be sent.
You have your account as stated
about \$200 made out or nearly
so - and can approximately the
balance down. Make the note
for say about ^{the hundred} \$200.
dollar less that, with the due
after taking out all your fees
and dues. Give the form
which I have and hope made.
Having this note done it will

not be absolutely necessary that
you and Maggie be here at
the time of closing the arrange-
ment of the part which we
are to do - and if the amount
is less as suggested, there can
be no plea of want of consid-
eration. If we do not benefit
yet settlement with you for
the balance we paid, it is
not a great matter.

I think you will understand
this and that it will facilitate
matters. I expect to be at
Lumberton on the 21st and 22nd
Wednesday and Thursday of next
week - here to Mary and Maggie.

Affectionately yours
John Moody

Received
25th April
1908

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Recd
28th April 93

Highland, Ky. 19th Nov 1888
My dear Will

When in Quito I received letter
from Judge Wiley dated 11th inst about
transfer from old to new stock. I could not
reply to him as I did not have his
address. I will learn some in your
name as requested. To day have
died of 18th, with Toledo dead.
You had better send me the
papers, with regard to insurance of
which I left with you. Do you
know where the certificates of stock
and Bonds of "old American & Ohio
R.R. Co." belonging to father are?
You had them when up at 8th
St Office. I remitted to F. Hunt
fifteen hundred and twenty (\$1500.00)
dollar 17th inst to pay premium
on Life Insurance Policy, in
New York Mutual Ld. Co.

✓ And me with @ 1 day free of
father for that amount, better one
from by down & up. I think
I left in N. Y. a gold pen if
so saved by sister. Mary of
13th came 17th and see her
to know that Maggie can go
to N. Y. this week. Think
it important that she be
moved as soon as able.
Expected to meet Fank at
City Sunday 11th but she
had some other engagements,
and did not come to see
me, as I hoped she would.
Please give me name and
address of the Labate in this
country. I think you said
there were two men. I
have had a good letter from
Martha, since coming home.
Father and Fern will
affectionately yours
John Mead

Dear Will I have just received
your letter of the 17th inst.

Island Aug 19th Nov 1888

My dear Mary

Received your first letter to Mr. Father and Tommy are both well. It is great good for us just now that Tommy stays and so kind and patient with our father. I do not see how we could go along otherwise. Berie has come down from the house, and is coming from the house.

Little Isabelle seems to have grown very much as we see her, and is a very good baby, giving little care to her mother. Berie and babies will stay here until Wednesday next and then go to the house.

I go to the meeting of stockholders and directors

W. H. H. on Wednesday the 21st instant.

When in N. Y. City I made an arrangement to either sell for \$2000.00 the stock or borrow money on the paper to sell as Wills affairs was considered never to go into debt if it can be avoided. I also made arrangements to sell the house and furniture belonging to Maggie at some time. Both Mr. and Mrs. have told me to use any money or securities belonging to you in order to help Will out of his difficulties, and I have used some of the stock of the C. & O. as security for the last loan from the house to father for the purchase. As you have only spoken to me as to this I think it better that you should write me to some effect, also advising Tommy that you have done

at the house and will

W. H. H.

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so, in order that he shall understand it. This being a business matter, write it and any other business matters in separate sheets from those of family and personal affairs, giving date, place and names in full. You will notice that I have copied this letter, as well as to Will. I find that so many things require my attention, that it does not do to trust any man, alone, when so much is involved. Thus too if anything should happen to me, the copies may give others a better idea of the same. Hoping that Slagge is up
 Affectionately yours

19th Nov 59

My dear sister

I suppose you have seen the article in Sunday's Councils say as to Sir Atty, visit in Washington &c. For three weeks I have hardly slept these hours soundly, hoping and doubting; and now that the affair is so near end am very anxious. Your kind letter of 14th was found on return home. I don't desire you to render an account out, to help me and be so kind and act. You fear as to one was grounded, I understood all, and we needed help from a quarter which am sorry has caused you to be troubled. I don't want Sir Hunt's help to pay the Press on Mr. Sedgwick's policy. Sir Hunt for Sir, must have a change and rest for a few days. Listen to Sir Hunt as to all he can get told. Love to Gertrude and Patten.

Affectionately yours
 John May

John May
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John May

Read
28 April 93

St. Albans, Vt., 25th Nov. 1892
My dear Will

Yours of 22nd instant is at hand, coming out a full day before the latest 17th instant, and was \$45,000.00. I wish to enter into the matter - I wish to enter into the matter by giving Shoggen's note or notes at such time as we can pay them, and to give her fullness note, by holding your note for me. I do not like an Atty in fact for him to make his note to myself - You will wish to give him of Atty to come over to accept for the Huntington money and to release the mortgage - (letter to L. F. Hunt) to myself - The Island paid for which I asked under the Bank agreement by

W. H. John P. De Camp from which Judge Higley drew the conveyance from you - I left it with you for that purpose, and no doubt has W. H. seen it.

You will not send the release as to the release Mr. H. made the mortgage for 5 and 6 months for 6 which I credit your note mine of 14th 16th instant -

Have a letter from C. H. Bradley inquiring about the Lake Conington Tap. Replied asking him to advise Judge Higley as to the amount also to advise me of course -

To day received letters from John J. Drexler about Thomas M. Co. Expressing himself as friendly to you and desiring to learn more of the business in connection with the property

W. H. 11/25/92

W. H. 11/25/92

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12/14.

I shall answer him to like effect
have not had time as made
yet. ~~Copy of the Rev. Mr.~~

A father but expect to
do so on my next visit
to Linton, or soon.

Father and Harry are
well. Hoping to hear
that Maggie and yourself
are well.

Affectionately yours
John Wellbank

Woburn, 14th Nov 1888
My dear Mary

Yours of 2nd inst. is at
hand nothing new to me of yours
for many to help our brother Mr. M.
He has not sold any of yours yet, but
pledged some A.C.P. books as security
for a loan to Father. I sent quite
large ^{large} parcels for yourself and Maggie
as to seducing the ~~Woburn~~ the
Bank stock. This collection will
give us cash and I think our
little left will pay us better
than it does now. Would be
glad to do the same thing at
beard Linton. - Gravy Moore
was arrived yesterday. Rose and
Harry represented our family
I hear you have had visits
from Mr. Bennett and glad
of this. He can understand Mr.

condition better, and I hope
will secure in time measure
his desire to serve people.

The newspapers and others give
our cause to hope the indictment
may be discontinued or a pardon
by the President, and if either I
think Mr. had better go to
Carlsbad Germany where Mr
Kane went for a time.

Probably Post might go with
him and be good for both.

They would need to get improp-
er places to stay. After a
time he might go to see
Mr Coffin. ~~Am~~ am anxiously
waiting to hear that Mayne is
able to move, shall be anxious
until I hear the dear girl is
in N. Y. or Woodhaven.

Johnny & father both well

Affectingly yours
John Mulleary

25th Nov 88 28

My dear brother

We reached home on Thurs night morning
after leaving you. Found all well.
Mr Winslow stopped until 8:30 and
left in N.Y. having visited the office
and furniture. He said he thought that
he could sell 20 tons of any of the new
block at 100. He said they may
change his mind and conclude to
buy some. I told Mr. Winslow he
might sell 10 tons for me, and that
I should wait a little while to
hear from Capt. Henry. I have
sold 9 tons of good dip just now
and there will give me fairly for
present use. It is my intention to sell
and pay, and not to borrow for a length
of time. Rec'd and fairly paid
you before I came home, but
if weather be good we look for
it to be soon - Thanking you.

Roan Mountain Salt & Iron Co. V.C.

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161	50	5,000.00
155	100	10,000.00
156	100	10,000.00
176	200	20,000.00
192	97	9,700.00
	917	\$ 91,700.00

Taken to Limestone Sept. 1888
to New Hampshire to Thomas W.
Mason - Will leave with Henry Adams

J. H. H.

Handed over to Henry Adams
on June 1888 to New Hampshire
to the W. H. Adams
J. H. H.

Read
28 April 93

Abland Key Feb 9th 1888
My dear Will

Enclosed find N. Y. draft
fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars for
you which I have made payable to
order of William Higley - and today
I send twelve hundred (\$1200.00)
dollars to George C. -
to E. R. Bailey Western ²⁰ of 1888
to pay Emory's Exp. property of
Belgian Lobbs. Such sum will
be paid to father for account of
them in \$2,711.80 as he has
given you. Can you tell
me where to find the Participant
of Stock N. Y. Insurance
Insurance Co. mentioned in
the Inventory of A. Lobbs
estate? I have never seen
it nor ever heard of it until
I saw the copy of Inventory

13th Dec 88

My dear brother

This morning I have received from Edw. B. Low - certificate No 69 dated 10th Dec 1888 for ship ⑥ share in London Iron Co of Va. in your name. This will be put with some other certificates of yours, in my bag in the Ashland Hotel Bank. Mom and I were in Minto yesterday, the out-coming by train and I by 6.15 P.M. I think have written you that Tom Lamberton went to Pine Grove on the first instant. We hear that Maggie is pretty well and in N.Y. again. Expect her home about Christmas. Fannie and Annie came up Friday and stayed until Sunday afternoon. Remember me to Capt. W., Henry and family.

Affectionately, your brother

Ashland Ky 13th Dec 1888
My dear sister

Your letters Mary of 8th, Maggie 9th and 10th have been received. Am glad to hear that you are feeling so well and hope soon to see you home again. To day received letters from Mrs. Wiley and from Dr. Linton. I think will be home to visit tomorrow night spend Saturday there and Sunday at G.O., where expect Mr. Hunt to go with Mrs. Fatten and those are quite well. Ben - has gone to Bellefonte today and will stay tonight. Has her letter from Mrs. Wm. Beatt a few days ago, also inquired about you and add.

We will settle for the share when you come home

I am your capt. of yours

43244 she should like to see
 you both before you come
 home. There has not replied
 to her yet and unless you
 you give her your boarding
 house at hotel, cannot
 advise her where to call on
 you. We hope Lily may be
 able to come home for
 Christmas, are expecting
 Cora then. Had letter a
 few days ago from Lizzie
 Cutler. Aunt B is pretty
 well worse about her
 room, but don't go
 out of, nor much about
 the house. She is now
 in her 90th year. Father
 asks every evening when you
 are coming. He has only
 lately done so, but now
 seems to miss you.
 Some days his mind

is inattention is made better
 than others. He repeats his
 questions to me often for the
 reason that he likes to hear
 me tell him certain things
 and not because he has
 forgotten, but in fact because
 he has not forgotten.
 It is tiresome to tell the
 same thing over again and
 sometimes tries my patience,
 but I do the best I can.

Fannie don't seem to like
 in his kind care of him,
 and deserves our thanks for
 his constant attention.
 Very few young men could
 be as good. Father appreciates
 how good Fannie is, often
 speaking of it to me.

There is much that I would
 like to talk with you
 when we next meet
 which would take long.

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Time to write and then not so satisfactory. In writing our private matters it often comes into my mind that letters are mismanaged and find their way to the "dead letter" office, where things solemn and sacred are matters of joke, for those whose business it is to open and examine such letters.

It is raining and stormy today. Not been gone to the Ladies Aid Soc, where she has a good time with her Methodist Sisters. When you get home you will be amused and disgusted as well to hear the many petty spiteful things said by our former P. Ch friends. Every day brings to us

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more heart, kindness, meditation or consolation, and about my wife and myself by our ~~Communion~~ ^{Communion} the members, who were desirous to drive us off, and we were made because we went.

14th - Friday morn -

The sun seems to 20° this morn. Bright and clear. Many are complaining with colds, others clearing the winter cough and have just had. Hoping to see you soon.

Affectionately yours

John H. H. H.

Aldershot Reg. 20th Decr 1888
 Warren Hiley Esq
 care Portwick Gate & Shutter Co. Limited
 73 Essex Victoria St, London E.C.

Dear Sir

Herewith please find
 authority to James H. Conville Esq to
 to pay dividends on Metropolitan Bank
 shares as follows viz
 500 shares Certificate No 76 to United States
 National Bank and - - -
 50 shares Certificate No 249 to same City No 249
 to Farmers Bank of Massachusetts Or
 then need William's signature.
 Please have returned to me at
 the earliest opportunity. Your names
 are likely to be impatient at waiting.

Very respectfully yours
 John Hiley

Aldershot Reg. 22nd Decr 1888
 Warren Hiley Esq
 care Portwick Gate & Shutter Co. Limited
 73 Essex Victoria St, London E.C.
 England

Dear Judge

Herewith please find
 authority for paying dividends on
 500 shares Certificate No 76 to United States
 National Bank & Farmers Bank
 London Reg. Have same signed
 and return to me at earliest
 convenience. These parties will prob-
 ably be impatient at the needless
 delay in getting signatures.
 W. look for active favorable first
 week in Jan -

Very truly yours
 John Hiley

Wheland P. 2615 June 1888

My dear sister

Your telegram of 24th asking
if I would be at home yesterday
was received and answered
that "would be here," about nine
(9) o'clock same morning.

Yesterday received yours
that "message received too
late". Have waited until
this afternoon expecting
to hear that you are
coming today, but have not
heard up to this time.
I hope there is no new
trouble for us. We love
to hear of a patient.

Affectionately yours
John Allam

How humble to hear

N. E. cor 5th & Main St. Cincinnati Ohio

My dear Sir

Early this morning rec'd ^{letter 25th Jan} Telegram. "Come to New York at once" Martin - Answered is "Can't come this week, do nothing until hear from Hunt or myself. Come here"

Also another "Mr H. is here you had better come to N.Y. at once she seems bent on mischief. I have refused to go for all information - E. W. Higley" - At noon rec'd ^{letter 27th} Martin. Mrs H. refers address refers to your telegraph it immediately "M. E. C. H." - and another is about leafy hour later - "You've received telegraph address at once and save me trouble" "M. E. C. H." - Martin declined here to me at same time. Answered "Don't know. Probably gone where we told you last week ^{conveyance} full". What will happen next the Heavens only know. Her address today is No 49 West 32nd Street N.Y. City. Possibly I may be able to leave for N.Y. Friday night and reach there Sunday depending on what may hear further from there. Could you meet me there if need be?

Yours truly
John May

28th June

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Hon. Samuel J. Hunt

N. E. cor 5th & Main Street, Cincinnati Ohio.

My dear Sir

after writing you yesterday, I received
 at about 4 P.M. - Were they gone when you saw me
 or since, this is vital on it depends what I do
 "Hester" - and "Surrend" - "Possibly gone then, can't tell
 "until I hear from them. So nothing without
 "seeing me." - I write you that we may understand
 each other and agree as to reports and action hereafter.
 What will she do? What can we do? If we can only
 keep her quiet until after next week and action by
 court, otherwise all our efforts come to nothing.
 I do not wish to go to N. Y. and don't know what
 could do if there. Will advise you further as
 I hear.

Yours truly,

28/6/88 -

John May

just received - Shall see H. your advice acceptable
 when are you coming back to C. O. W.

Surrend - Before acting come home for consultation.
 for sake of children, nothing lost by waiting.

John May

Yours sincerely F. Went

N. E. cor 6th & Main St, Cincinnati O.

My dear Sir

at 11:30 AM - received this

"Shall finish before I leave here, Mr. C. M.?"
 I must "Will you wait without asking for me to come
 "Sunday" July 1st and am expecting reply. I have your wish
 to day. I must Tuesday to give time to advise you by letter
 as it may be too late to visit you this afternoon. If I go with
 sister to leave here tonight and reach N.Y. Sunday morning,
 Will go to Woodharrow (Woodharrow) Green Co. to my home in day
 William C. Maynard who letter or wire will reach me, sent to
 his care. Will try and advise Mr. Maynard when I am Sunday and
 Sunday, his address was 1183 Madison Ave N.Y. Will give you to
 come if I go and hope you can reach N.Y. Sunday evening
 or Monday morning that we may have a conference before
 seeing Madame M. If you can come to Woodharrow
 Sunday night or Monday morning. We can meet there first
 time by train from Fulton Ferry to Long Island R.R.
 depart Flatbush Ave Brooklyn. Then take I.D. & R. train
 or the Rapid Transit train to Woodharrow. Or take
 elevated road from the Brooklyn Bridge to Howard

"Horse House, East New York," and then take the L.I.R. or Rapid Transit Train, (both on same road) to Woodhams and inquire for Mr. Mayhew. Woodhams is small place and any one can tell you where he lives. You can take a "Brooklyn Express" Ferry boat at Jersey City which land in Brooklyn near Fulton Ferry where all the Horse cars come - taking them can ask for one to Long I. R.R. Depot at Flatbush Ave. - If you don't come to Woodhams advise me where and when to meet you Monday, advise as early as you can and by or before Noon if possible. Better that you go to a Hotel where you will be undisturbed by acquaintances.

I have just received from Miss Humphrey thinks we can adjust matters, that my advice is correct. She wishes her that I'll be there Tuesday, and write you - "In New York Sunday and Monday, meet me" - Which taken with this letter you will understand I shall be at Longwood Va tomorrow from 6 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Yours truly
John Mayhew

Mrs Mary A. Adams in a/c current and interest with John M. Adams

1888	Dr.		Interest 15
Feb 7	To Adams & N. Bank Check	315 00	17 01
Apr 5	" do " "	175 00	7 75
June 8	" Paid Taxes Corington	30 11	1 00
Aug 1	" Adams & N. Bank Check	315 00	7 88
Sept 24	" do do do	1 600 00	25 76
29	" do do do	175 00	2 63
Nov 28	" G. R. Bradley Pay Corington 2/1889 10 30 Comp 1 20	21 55	. 12
Dec 31	" Balance	165 24	62 70
		<u>2,797 90</u>	

1889	Dr.		1889 Jan 1
Jan 1	By Balance per Jan Sent	1 636 60	98 20
30	" J. C. & Co - 9 Compens due 1/28	315 00	17 33
Apr 2	" S. Bunker Co "	175 00	7 85
May 12	" G. R. Bradley Bank Corington	10 80	. 41
16	" do " "	10 80	. 41
25	" do " "	10 80	. 39
June 19	" do " "	10 80	. 35
July 19	" J. A. C. & Co. Compens due 1 Aug	315 00	7 82
24	" G. R. Bradley Bank Corington	10 80	. 23
Aug 30	" do " "	8 80	. 18
Sept 22	" S. Bunker Co Compens due 1 Oct	175 00	2 63
	" G. R. Bradley Bank Corington	10 80	. 18
Oct 20	" do " "	10 80	. 13
Nov 28	" do " "	12 00	. 07
Dec 26	" do " "	10 80	. 01
31	" Interest for difference in 100 p/pt	74 10	136 30
		<u>2,797 90</u>	
1889 Jan 1	By Balance due M. A. Adams per 1/28	165 24	

Adams & N. 4 Jan 1889

Margaret A. Meany in account current and

1888				
April 8	To Ashland N. Bank	check	175 00	775
June 8	" G. R. Bradley	Texas Livingston	56 48	225
13	" Mitchell	Shingles for Kelly's House	33 75	111
July 13	" N.Y. draft by Mail		300 00	840
Aug 11	" do		300 00	699
	" Paid Roll Padden	Near Port C	100 00	233
Sept 12	" 10 Emma Bond	provisional account	10,315 00	186 90
13	" N.Y. draft by Mail		300 00	540
Oct 3	" do		300 00	438
4	" Texas R. Co. Richmond	See City	616 35	893
20	" do	Carton Box	31 67	37
29	" do	L. G. Hibber R.R. Co	910 20	937
Nov 6	" N.Y. draft for L. G. Hibber		300 00	273
9	" Cash	handed M. A. Adams	150 00	129
Dec 19	" Ashland N. Bank	check	1,000 00	200
27	" Paid Kim M. Adams		4623 99	694
Nov 28	" G. R. Bradley	Comp 6.20 & 42.48 Livingston	49 68	27
1889 Jan 4	" Balance		5,750 34	267 28

interest with John Deane
Cr.

		1887 Jan 1st	
1887 Dec 31	By Balance per a/c int	6,632.50	397.95
1888 Jan 30	" 16 Compere A.C. & S. R. Co. due 17/2	560.00	30.80
Apr 2	" 5 do Eureka Co.	175.00	7.85
May 12	" G. R. Dudley Corvington rent	20.55	.78
16	" do. " "	50.90	1.91
26	" do. " "	38.32	1.34
June 16	" James T. Ranfield rent pd 25th Apr	90.00	3.69
19	" G. R. Dudley Corvington rent	29.15	.93
29	" 10 Compere L. H. & Co. due 1 July	300.00	9.00
July 19	" 16 do A.C. & S. R. Co. " 1 Aug	560.00	14.00
20	" Ashland N. Bank Check	2,000.00	53.60
24	" G. R. Dudley rent Corvington	55.80	1.46
31	" Cash of Louis Fearing Street	10.00	.29
Aug 30	" John Peters check	72.89	...
	" G. R. Dudley " Corvington	30.25	2.06
Sept 27	" do do	44.20	.73
	" 15 Eureka Co. Compere due 1 Oct	535.00	8.88
17	" Cash of Louis Fearing	300.00	.35
Oct 10	" do do	10.00	.14
13	" Ashland N. Bank Check	680.99	8.85
15	" Big Sandy Pkt Co. dividend	405.00	5.10
20	" G. R. Dudley Corvington	45.80	.54
24	" Lumber Bros & apptd interest	1,019.00	11.31
Nov 5	" Hy. J. C. & Co. dividend	400.00	3.72
17	" 9 Lumber Bros & interest per 1 Dec	927.50	46.18
17	" Big Sandy Pkt Co. dividend	405.00	2.84
27	" Note & interest Ashland Fire Ins Co	1,339.20	7.50
28	" G. R. Dudley Corvington	62.00	.34
30	" Cash J. T. Ranfield pd 6th	90.00	.83
Dec 8	" do Louis Fearing	200.00	.08
25	" G. R. Dudley Corvington	42.30	.04
31	" Interest for difference in	364.83	6.2204
		<u>\$ 25,320.46</u>	

By Balance due W. A. W

\$ 5,700.34

Ashland Ky

5th Jan'y 1889.

11th Jan'y 89

My dear sister

Yours of 5th and of 6th at hand with accounts and telegram from Siegmund. Just as soon as I can learn, will come to G. L. to see you, in the meanwhile be as content as you can. The papers report that Judge Jackson will be in court tomorrow when we hope the case against Will may be dismissed. Of course we cannot tell what day whether the first or later. Wait for me to see you, as it is all important to yourself and children, all of us, to have them dismissed.

Affectionately yours
John May

Island Ky. 14th Jan'y 1889

My dear sister

Yours of 11th received yesterday morning enclosing my fare. Not having had line from Baker or Hunt, and really in hopes that Judge had gone home, was heart sick from fear of disappointment, and until I learn, expecting an answer tomorrow. But as a love to know whether anything more can be done, I am here feeling badly since coming home but am coming to you for with you, rest of this week or first of next. P. write this week. I hope Patti is well again and you will quietly wait my coming.

I have just received you by wire of this date, and answered. Would not now in the least like to get into the middle as it will only give all of us more trouble and

and painful notoriety. We shall
 have none that we can call
 dear without newspaper new-
 sational reports. If you have
 any request for me or any
 opinion don't submit to be
 interviewed.

affectionately yours
 John May

15th Jan'y 89

Hon Samuel F. Hunt

N. E. cor Main & 5th Sts, Cincinnati O.

My dear Sir

Yours of 14th at hand. Am
 afraid under the circumstances now, that
 no gentleman will help, or be back, and
 dismissed or pardon hopeless. Am thinking
 now to be in Cts Thursday (17th) morning to see
 you by 9 or 10 A.M. If boat gets in so soon.
 But you think we should confer with Mr. May,
 as deeply interested. Please to see you office
 early, as it is but that I see you before any one
 else. Shall not advise any other of my coming,
 not it will be known when we there.
 Mr. May insists on seeing me soon, and how
 strains his will do so, last of this week or
 first of next. Am afraid of trouble there, as
 to quickly writing developments. Express me
 unless otherwise advised

Yours truly

John May

Highlands Ky. 20th June 1889
My dear sister

Enclosed please find
Atlantic N. Bank draft No 56426
indorsed payable to your order
for first hundred (\$100.00) dollars
which according to your reckoning
when I am at your house will
enable you to pay all debts you
are owing and something to go
on for a while. Make it last
long as you can for myself,
as there are many calls on me
now and to come. Have
letters from Mr Hunt in
Washington and cannot
take much comfort from
them. Suppose he
has written you as
much as he has
to and,

In fact am feeling very much
discouraged at the prospect for
either dismissal or pardon.

I seem to be content as
you can and help with
kind words, trying to see
that while my sisters may
have made errors they
were not recent unkind
as you imagine. We
have troubles enough without
discussion among ourselves.
I found all well on my
return home.

With love to sister and Patie

affectionately yours
John Thomas

To Mr William Beards
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Yours affectionately
John Thomas

25th Jan'y

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Dear Mr. Egge

Bentley & Co. Limited, 73 Queen Victoria St, London E.C.2.

Dear Sir

Yours of 5th and 10th insts. came to hand & I, glad to hear from you, but have no good news to write you. Judge Jackson came to Court a day ahead of the time he was expected, and spent a part of the time at least in examining the laws. Then Hunt & McConville called to see him, he told them that had changed his mind and could do nothing without authority from the Capital. Last week Hunt, McConville & Bennett were in Washington as the newspapers cutting hereafter show, with what purpose and prospect of success. Have not yet heard from them since as I suppose they have returned to Court. If there had been any thing favorable to report they would have done so before this. So far the travelers going, have not become known, but we daily expect that if action comes whenever it might, and we could see no good of publicity for a time. What to do now is more than I can tell and can only tell matters doubtful as best they will. It is my hope that you have seen or ~~are~~ communication with Mrs. Adams for the distance between us is so great that much time required to hear from you or her. And what seems advisable to do now, may be that which we would think otherwise before the advice reaches you. Our will must be directed to the best for appearance and will be a very serious matter for me to arrange. When filed I suppose there was no doubt as to a discontinuance of the case, and thus one end of the matter, but now can hardly see what may come of it before I get through. I am and still with my own family and business
 Wm. Hunt, Esq. J. McConville

11th May

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My dear sister

It is more than seven weeks since I saw you and second a long time sent to have news to ask both of you. I was hoping to hear from you to you or to myself but have not a line.

Remained over from Judge H. of the landing after a long voyage and that had stood the trip without any sickness. Landed on the continent and after resting a few days would seek some quiet place in the interior. Another that his health was about as in St. Martin's last, sometimes cheerful at others gloomy and concerned. We at home have been hoping when we were very few people and no business. May went out in a different steamer from his last landed in England. Has only one letter from her and she was then waiting to hear from him and so from us. Address of his location would join him. Mother had heard at some of his letters from the country. Did not know of the change in mind of Judge J. But were looking to hear of a dismissal and will all be greatly disappointed as we have been. If you wish to write include your letter to me, and I will endeavor to show it to him.

order to England only. I have, however, they are found
to have present ones. With light, higher and complete
of ordinary things, but greater value, as that he
may incline to leave. We in daily expectations
of the good thing, that this is with him. To
him, we should have some thing of the change
of mind, and our disappointment.

Efforts to be away from home most of this
week and next. With it, not as well as I like
to go for, am myself about as well as your
house. This almost convinces the life out from.

With love to father and mother and yours

John L. Loring

P. S.

As you requested, I have not written him nor shall
I as to writing to you or family, leaving that to
himself. For last time not written to him & him.
He says my letters to Mary and he has decided to
be on that subject in my letters.

St. Louis Mo. Feb. 1889

Dear Sir

Yours without date is for me in
return. Judge Higley's
letter of 12th inst. I
can't give date as have not
received it, and then others
are 24th inst. Both rec'd
to me direct ~~not~~ through
his wife.

When I write you tonight might
serve to go to Lexington.

I leave to night for Virginia.

Affectionately yours

John May

16th Feb

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St. Louis Mo. Feb. 1889
H. C. cor Main & 6th Sts, Cincinnati Ohio

My dear Sir

The enclosed ^{from St. Louis Mo.} telegram handed me
at 2 P.M. too late to wire you if going
to Va. today. Still it is for granted you
have written Mr. M. about Illinois if
you do not go today. Had letter from
McEnnis about bonds and answered
explaining him to G.O. He ^{has} written as if he
thought it belonged to my wife.

I leave for Virginia tonight and expect
to be away most of next week next week
convinced M.C. if you can, that he should
return to me ~~the~~ ^{the} G.O.; and not shilly
as to the a. it stands now.

Yours truly

John May

Helena N. 3000 Aug 1 1871
Dear Sister

James Buchanan

My dear friend of Saturday was
happy in reaching home.
I am sure you had a pleasant
trip. I am sorry I have not
seen you since your return.
I am sure that I shall not
not to trust to paper in the
mails. I am sorry to see
that Saturday was spent by
thine. I am sorry to hear
from your brother Charles that he
will come up to talk with
me about our meetings, as
soon as the season of my being
at home. With love to brother
and sister.

Albion N.Y. 30th May 1884
Dear Sister

van Schiedam

Yours by air received
this morning. Had written you that
you better Charles very coming
to see me about your happening
I & he had been of a party and
knowing what we were concerned
to see better, that you might know
I expected him to come, and
never a quiet talk on his
expressed it, out of which good
may come. In your respect
for vindicating in black and
white what many can I do to
you I can't wait that we have
all been badly used & that
the cause is the trouble, & the
truth is if I could be a catalyst
between you & the other party
I should very interpose.

in his affairs. You are expected
to show yourself and others for
doing what you would not should
be done, and which he was
constantly urging on his sister.
As to these and places you made
no mention nor exception but
acted the part. You say people
ask you and to trust me
and not to sign any paper.
Have I asked you to sign any?
Or have I in any way tried to
induce you into any business
transaction?

Try to get yourself into a better
state of mind, and not to
be jealous of all in the
your affairs.
J. B. H. and

to the end of the world
and to the end of the world

My dear Sir

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Hon. Samuel F. Smith

N. E. cor. Main & 10th Sts., Cincinnati O.

My dear Sir

Yours of 30th inst. is at hand, inclosing T. B. Captors of
 the certificate returned, as to suit of Jacob vs. McLean et al.
 The certificate was commended to the Bank's Receiver or Agent
 and not assigned to me. Therefore I do not wish answer
 in any sense as Mr. P. suggests.

As you seem to think it best to give with the
 Bucknuth in the defense, and file answer for William
 McLean, I defer to your judgment in the matter.

Do not know when my case comes down, will say
 any day that Mr. Connelley will turn was departed
 with him.

Very truly yours
 John McLean

29th May 89

Blunder Campbell Esq
Boston Ohio

My dear Sir

I write you to know and
tell that in the connection with and case
of William since he left home in
June last, the policy pursued by me
and my relations has not been intended
to reflect in any manner upon his wife
or children. I write this as against
any rumour which may possibly arise
among persons not conversant with the
facts, and especially to ease the minds
of your sister and her children.

My truly yours
John May

Ashland Ky, Oct 14th March 1889
Dear Sister

Yours of 4th instant, sent
by Express with our of debt all
duly at hand. It seems
as you could wait, yet a
request to send you money
for sister. I must find
sister's debt indeed payable
to your order. Chequered and
fifty (\$150.00) dollars.

Expressing to you and
wish. With love to sister
and Father

Yours
John M. Mearns

27th March 89

Dear Sister

Yours of 17th was found on return home,
you are well aware that we were greatly in debt,
and that all we were with was not have paid his
indebtedness to the Bank which I paid
hoping the matter would end there. No other
debt still unpaid is a large amount. It
being true, could he possibly have made any
arrangement other than to trust to his
brother and sisters who have supported
himself and family the past year.

So you think it was of significantly acts
and bitter words a good return
for this, or that we are not as badly
disappointed and saddened in result
as you can be. Since the 11th of
in December I have not received
a line from him, and until I
hear from Mary cannot tell what his
address now is. With love to both of them
Yours John M. Mearns

29th March 89

Charles W. Baker Esq.
Cincinnati Ohio.

Dear Sir

On my return home I find
letter from Mrs M. in which
she says she will attend Court
in April. If you can, quiet her
as to present mischief, is not
needed to say to you. I can imagine
no good for Wm or his friends in
this purpose of being and with
that you may know of her coming.

Yours Truly

John Adams

29th March 89

John C. Belcher Esq.
Indo Ohio.

My dear John

One of 29th inst came to hand
this morning. I am in the city Wednesday
and am sorry could not have seen you and
had further talk. Am very glad to hear
you take the interest in matters which you
do. If you can induce Martin to feel
more kindly and not look for actual
work in any act of myself and my
sister. My long friends of her side
certainly are that the same character
to pursue must be full of ill to
all, without good to any one.

But she has made friends as you
in firm of some notorious she
appears to have friends; it is a
mistake would have been better for all
of us. With kindest regards

Very truly yours
John Adams

Dear John Adams
I have just received your letter of the 29th inst. and am very glad to hear of your interest in the matter. I am in the city Wednesday and am sorry could not have seen you and had further talk. Am very glad to hear you take the interest in matters which you do. If you can induce Martin to feel more kindly and not look for actual work in any act of myself and my sister. My long friends of her side certainly are that the same character to pursue must be full of ill to all, without good to any one. But she has made friends as you in firm of some notorious she appears to have friends; it is a mistake would have been better for all of us. With kindest regards Very truly yours John Adams

30th March 89

Dear Sister

Yours of 24th instant came while
I was from home.

He has not returned yet. I
think he will be on his way
in a few days, if not already
coming. So you see it is impos-
sible for me to give any address,
now until I learn further.

I wish for you and Holland
and means, that we might see
each other often, but as it only
saw both of us travel and safety.

With love to Sister and Father.

Very fondly yours -

John Mearns

John Mearns
30th March 89

Atlanta, Ky. 1st April 1888

Mr M. B. Mearns

Yours of 30th inst is at hand demanding of me to order Bertie & Patti to leave your house & a telegram of same purport was also received. A short time since you professed to fear that my aim was the separation which you now are so anxious for me to bring about.

My expectation has been to support myself and daughters together. The desire to separate from your children it seems is all on your part.

If the girls come to us we shall take care of them. Will you say so to them for us

John Mearns

18th April

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My dear sister

Your telegram was not plain to me. I did not understand that I was if held to come to Gt. Britain could I hear your Father better came this day I left home. He asked me to allow her to remain with her mother and continue at Antwerp. Would advise to do so. But I have no control over Patti whatever: show her your other than as you will accept advice or assistance from me. You write that you desire to do something, fill some position, and not to be dependent. What am I to do for you, if you are determined to be independent of me? How can I help the family, if you are then considering anything done by me, in an unfriendly spirit? I am very sorry for you and all of you, and would gladly advise or assist to ease your troubles ~~me~~ if in my power. If you can give me any right in this, I shall be glad to hear you, for my desire has been and is to do the very best for you. Hoping then any error for us some brighter days than now promise, with love to Patti

I am affectionately your mother

John Deane

18th April

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Dear Will

Read

when in haste first of this month Judge Hopley said you had agreed to pay him \$ for going away with you, and that he was to get three thousand (\$3000) dollars for an Atty in the Lehot Estate business. That if the Court did not allow him so much you was to make it up to him ~~then~~. He was agreed to have one pay him five hundred (\$500) dollars then or to remit to him this week. He has written me about it since he went home. It was not convenient to pay him then and I had no advice from you that you desired ~~me~~ to pay him any amount. I did not pay any account. It struck me the pay for going and the expected an Atty was very large. The account had been changed greatly from what it was I saw 1888. It was then ~~shown~~ ^{shown} that about \$700 was due. But now it shows some \$750 due 1 July 1888 to which add three interest making about \$775 increase. Judge said you told him, and that he informed the heirs, that the whole amount had been paid on ^{before} 1 July 1888 (at which time as you know I had not even heard of it) in cash or cash assets. and he was disappointed that I could not turn the amount over ^{having had} in cash or assets over a week or two. He at first was inclined to charge me with deception. But I think but have satisfied him he was mistaken. To make the money change in the account and much representation without advising me, was pretty hard on me, who have had so much to lose. You write me that you had only asked of me to pay the Trust. But you know that all I paid has been with knowledge and advice of yourself or your connected parties.

You write me that your Select of this State, would
likely represent the heirs at settlement, and that I could
arrange for time of payment to suit my convenience.
Now we find strangers for Trustees then -

When I deposited the 75 in hoping to receive a note, I had
been written to latter by Baker and by Hunt to come
to South as to the amount, that I had to agree with
Mr. Currier. And it was on the opinion of said Hunt
so strongly expressed in the ~~last~~ form of it that I
made the pledge. The great trouble has been that with
you so far off, Mr. Baker in Europe last summer, that
said H. and myself could not avoid some mistakes.
~~which were a great and did not at all in compliance of~~
When you left, we thought only the 75 was due to be paid and not
your trouble as far as the W.S. was concerned, and prepared
to strain to do that. But to have had the 100 in for just as
adding largely, and the change in business were such
that I could not see any way to protect Mrs. Hunt's holding.
In this whole matter I certainly have had no desire nor
intention to pay any more than needed: my own selfish interest
was against any payment. Have done what I did, as I
thought for your benefit only, and I ~~am~~ Hunt will tell
you how earnestly we have striven to help you.
Hoping you will remember how much easier it is to see
an error when made than to avoid making it, and give
me the benefit of the thought -

Yours affectionately,
John

Office 87

Mrs. William Bleary
 Green Spring, O.

Yours of 22nd is at hand demanding
 of me that you see William or that I should assume
 responsibility of requests. Do not from refusing
 or promising you being angry. I shall be
 glad to hear you see him. The earliest
 moments for them are may be that you
 are pleased now for what I do not care
 and can not. But not longer from him
 directly or indirectly since I have seen in
 the papers that vessel in which I suppose
 he sailed has arrived. Tell him you
 of his address just as soon as it is
 known to me. May he should keep it
 from me and not communicate with
 me or have over him a secret influence.
 He can't control him more than you can

Yours
 John D. Bleary

Recd
2nd July
1898

My dear

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My dear Will

Some partly written you side, part on this side after you
accessed mine, came duly to hand. Have noted Mayo's coming over to explain
to her before replying. Yesterday Mrs H. showed me some of Mayo's which does
not indicate her coming here. I gave my hand to make up my mind
to ask you to come back; and only then after careful survey of the
situation, and finding without question that justice to Hanna and Helen
compelled it to be done. Responsibility of the family must not have rested
on the 1000 bonds. We put the matter to Mr Hanna and her sister Catharine.
With 700 in H. Hanna's if we do not get it back, will be a serious matter to pay
the 1000 bonds. This was changed from \$70.00 to as now 1/2 '88 to 77.25 +
as due 1/2 '88 in the offer for Roberts' Court. Without asking or advising me
you say I told you to assure the heirs the estate was all right. What
I wrote you was "you may assure them that you have placed
your affairs in my hands and that I shall do my best to straighten
them out." I am thus afraid, to say positively or you for you for
me that I could and would pay the whole. As to keeping it
a secret from Hunt. He had asked me about it before I heard of
it from you, and I had told him of the \$700 paid the man at
Frankfort which I suppose was all then due of the matter. I never
knew until the receipt of your letter about middle of July 1898 that
you held the trust or that there was anything connected with it.

I have had no doubt heard of the matter from others or from friends
 of the law and have more than I did. These afterwards - The
 10 Bonds and the Mortgage will come to me this day Monday
 and the account which Higley made for 1 year 1888
 and the last one of April 1889 - and understood the
 matter without need of any explanation on my
 part. - I think they are yourself seem to understand
 our own wife the financial condition - Pig Iron and
 products are lower than ever before - You can hardly
 imagine how depressed everything about Portsmouth Indian
 and Ireland - Everything in Iowa can be - Iowa
 regions are producing greater quantities and at less prices
 than the other regions can hope to do - The iron furnace
 are an increasing cost or expenditure ^{propensity} entirely. -
 The mortgage I have lost money from the start - I doubt
 whether any purchaser could be found for M. H. Here property
 at what we paid Mr. Norton for Ohio & Illinois - Just as with
 Bellefonte. There is no one to buy - no matter at what
 price offered - Norton's share has been sold at 25%
 of its value and if we tried to sell what our family
 has we could not get 10% for it. The Norton has
 not made one per cent since starting and now cannot
 keep even - My stock in A. C. & D. Co is so far as selling
 or can borrowing on it is no better - If I borrowed I doubt
 whether I could hope to get to repay - We in
 January received Capital of the Ashland N. B. Bank 400,000
 and even now our loans are only about equal to our
 Capital. Business profitable business, seems to have
 utterly stopped about here - It looks as if shortly
 our loans will be less than the Capital.

5.

There is no turning in the Cork business no profits ~~and~~ all
or nearly all the traders being gone from off our shores,
there is nothing to make them saleable.

This is no doubt to you a most and glowing prospect and
you may think I have a passion, but I think, and fear, that
it is the truth. Everything we hear is in this region
about of it too we are all in the same things -
we ^{are} - we will work, ever to be improved.

The steam boat clock which has heretofore been so good is at
 my writing now as any the windmills on ^{the banks} this side the river
 as well as the men on other side making a dead fight
 against the boat. If the Packet be slowed down a boat it is
 doubtful whether would or could build another to take the place

On the year just past, we received dividends in part from profits in business of years before or by sales of accumulated stocks of iron &c. The payments we made for you ~~came~~ out of them and from sale of the best things we had and in our anxiety to get you clear we overlooked how near we were exhaustion of all. We failed to see that what had hitherto been so good was now producing. and that all we have is in such a report still all giving out so that about the situation -

Recd
28th Feb 93

10th May

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My dear Will

Yours of 7th instant at hand - asking me to send
Mamma \$500+ at G. S. - Has heard nothing from Mr
Hunt since he left Cin. - Mamma from Mamma
an act to be esteemed for truthfulness. Her letters from
her tell an outrageous vindictive, malicious. There was no joke
in her seeing John Little (Lange) and in his signing himself
"Henry for Edward" as he did last month in a letter to W. A. -
It is I agree better to keep her at G. S. at
the moment. He must understand that she must thank
him for what we give. She has had \$1,000 in her
last month - If she needs \$500+ now she is spending too
fast I can afford for my own family. You and Hunt
should ask or leave her to write respectfully to me that
she needs money. As I have said above and written you
a few days ago the money question is a serious one.
I don't know how Mary's affairs are, she put them into
Tom's hands. He holds \$200 and also \$70 in the States
with little if anything. He borrowed large sums and
invested in Pig Iron some 2 or 3 years ago, has paid
interest and the Iron would not now sell for original
cost, losing interest. Expenses must be cut down.

by all of us to my small amount to keep within
our incomes. ~~My~~ ~~and~~ ~~Aggie~~ find it ~~hard~~ to ~~under-~~
~~stand~~ ~~that~~ their incomes can stop, or the principal
or the portion. So look on I very much
fear the look is the case to very great extent -
Have another letter from the very recent that
he shall send him \$1000 - in season or say in
the Tex & French matter. - Your letter did not
make it plain to me what you supposed might
be due him on account of what you or father promised
for his going with you. I did not know that anything
had been promised him, on that score. He is now
going to England while you were going to the
Continent &c. and when he told me, was the first I
knew he expected anything on. Wm
W. C.

How absurd to desire myself to know what to do - have
my own to take counsel with here. Do not ask to
be taken out of school life and children ^{there} ^{there} ^{there}
there could help. Have improved on them out of
economy which they don't understand to be so important
to do - any more than blagues or blagues do.

As to the 4th and 5th I am not sure that I have secured
them for the same reason. I have shown
as to their impossibility, it is making out them.
Have no idea that the Court will allow them what he saw
as an advance, and our not even as to
what he might do to show the loss ^{in the other} side.
You will remember that you presented a quit claim deed
to me for your interest in the Toledo. The donor retained
the right and release by himself. If it is sold for the
same reason, money ^{or} would have no down, and you
ought to be ^{able} to get on a good terms with them
again. That she really given nothing by so doing.

Windsor N.Y. 19th May 1882
 My dear sister E. May
 Yellow Springs Ohio

Yours informing me of your mother
 from time came duly to hand. Was sorry to hear of
 Patten illness as well as of your own - and hope both
 may soon be well. I took three (3) drops of Fowler's Solution
 of Iodine before each meal for four or five (4 or 5) months.
 Prescribed by Dr. C. W. Walker in Summer of 1881 ^{Cincinnati} No 96 W 584.
 Used Lycopersin (Paly-Podius) a few times as an external appli-
 cation when needed. Did not diet myself as I never could
 find that any one thing brought out the liver. Was advised
 to not eat anything that did bring them on, if it increased
 the first draft for ~~Quinine~~ ^{Quinine} (100%) dollars
 instead payable to your order, which you may need
 if you see the doctor for yourself and Patten.

The weather is very warm here, and unpropitious
 I have not felt right well, since I was at your
 place. With

Love yours
 John May

25th May

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Dear Will

You have not replied to my letter in which explanation
 was made by me as well as I could of matters here.
 And one as to arrangements by your wife. I have
 two letters from her of 21st & 22nd instant both of
 which show that her intention is to give all the
 trouble she can to Maggie and myself, in fact to
 the whole family. Her letter from Berlin in which
 an ^{English} ~~English~~ hints as to Mother's intention that she keeps
 up a correspondence with some one ^{or more} ~~one~~ ^{whom} ~~whom~~
 Ester says must be a bitter memory of mine, ^{that} ~~that~~
 it can be or what they write her is more than I
 can imagine. So I don't think that our her career
 is mentioned by one to any but Maggie and myself &
 you and Mary should be very careful as to what you say
 or write to Mother. Ester writes that she and Peter propose
 to pay you a visit. You and Mary should be careful what
 you say to them as she will work it all out of them
 and add or subtract as she may think suits her
 purpose. I find it very hard to remember what I have
 done or said within some months, as to determine
 as to any course of action to be taken.

Read
28th July 93

7th June

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Dear Will

Yours of last instant came to hand yesterday. Herewith find draft three hundred (\$300.00) dollars indorsed payable to the order of sister Mary F. as requested by you. Acknowledge by note to me, not in letter with other matters. Your wife threatens to cause me all the trouble that may be in her power and I desire to be able to show receipts for money furnished you.

But your undertaking to do anything about the T. S. Co. If by any pretext M. C. has M. C. or his Committee, if could be set up as yours, they would attach same and give me an end of trouble; it has caused me enough already. C. H. Hunt and myself will manage it and any interference on your part might defeat our endeavor. Now certainly as anxious about it as you can be, needing it for the Trust. If don't get it for that it will be a very serious matter for me. Yesterday saw Hunt & he came to Boston on business of his own, giving us to meet him. He told me you complained that the Trust had not been settled, said. It has not been ^{settled} for lack of funds to pay with, but if had it, desire to use the T. S. Co. if it can be finally be had for that purpose. In my last letter to you I have tried, it seems without success, to explain to you how we are not so rich as has been imagined, & no longer ^{rich} as we were.

That property which formed an extremely and ever valuable
 has been estimated and now the new crop lands in
 now out of account. That everything we have is in iron,
 or dependent on iron in this & other regions, and other
 mines are now producing it out and quality with
 which this cannot compete. The payments made last year
 out of the savings of years, and ~~the~~ once, are gone
 forever. That there is now no selling any property such as
 we have, many believing that the iron business is done forever
 & out. That we have no investments elsewhere in anything
 which do pay. I don't see where income to father and my-
 self this year can come to exceed the interest on
 amount of bond as shown in the last account. These
 facts I wish to impress on your mind and Mary. I trust the old Slagies
 do now partly appreciate the situation but not fully so. If they
 are coming to all of us, so that before long there can be
 no mistaking the situation. And for myself is the
 feeling that the ability to earn, manage, or do ~~any~~
 more in way of business, to stand assured, has gone from me.

Hoping you may both be in better health than I feel
 myself - am affectionately yours

John

26th June

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Dear Will

Read 28 May 93

On the 17th inst. and R. L. Bright writes me that
 "you bring out against Arthur Mearns & Mearns Co. to
 collect several claims including Turner and William"
 "Mearns, peremptory action meaning. Is your opinion? &c."
 Answering I know nothing of claims. Williams sends
 "all you collect". Now the latter sum is
 at least from Bright. As I had never heard of any
 claims, of course I could not give advice or approval as to suit
 and did not wish to put myself in for an attorney, for with
 nothing to gain. Return Bright letter to me, and if you know
 where T. notes or evidence of claim is, send it out to me
 or to Bright and retain what you wish leave. I don't
 know Turner, don't wish any correspondence with him.
 What does your friend mention the Mills & Co. or claim to you
 so I suppose knows nothing of the matter.

Arthur writes me that Mearns will send the girls ^{and} father
 this week and that she (he) will go to London & be engaged
 then over to Mary

Yours

Dear Will

Recd.
28 July 90

9th July

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Your of 2nd instant is at hand. Being one that you have
referred to Bright to me, the information about ^{my name} the matter of which
I inquired of you in letter to which yours is an answer.
After I had written plainly that I had ~~never~~ ^{never} heard of any claim
made against the Athens Co; why you write to me and to me so
is more than I can imagine. Other than a few of the, to sell
share, gotten from W. Conville Rivers & I have no papers from you
nor information, relating to Athens Co. and such affairs as I
have from others, is that the Athens Co. stock is of no value.
You seem to forget that I had no knowledge of your business
affairs, until you quit looking after them; and that you have
seen as far from me, and from any accounts or papers which
you may have had, and that my first information comes from
some outsider source, as in this case from Bright; yet you
write to me or refer others to me as if I had been always
familiar with, and not been intentionally kept in ignorance
of your affairs. This concern by you has made me much
trouble, taken much time, and made expensive to attend to
and why does one is anxious to me, that you continue to
assume my knowledge of things never heard of a man.

To say to me no doubt is somewhat but you know
adventures to the fact you write and so on. I should have

into such as he might advise or recommend,
 should be very fearful to trust his judgment
 or to lend money for his operations. especially
 if John C. and Peter M. are good samples
 of him and are now feeling very badly
 and have not been well since Sept. last.

But that I should have better medical advice than
 can be had here with probably strangers of
 John - and yet hesitate to go on account
 of the expense. I wish you had seen
 left home and that when you were
 again, it seemed as if everything went wrong
 since you left home and when you
 she left home in Oct. As to movements
 of Martha and daughter I only told you
 what Martin had written me they would do
 nothing and Trueman and sister father is not
 very strong and his memory is now very
 poor - With love to Mary and the girls if
 with you

Affectionately

John

17th July

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My dear Niece

several years ago, your dear Aunt wrote her
deed, as to the disposal of certain property belonging
to her, knowing that under the laws of Kentucky,
she could not then make a valid will and
testament. She told me of this writing, but
I did not ask to see, and she did not see it or
know the contents while she lived. The
memorandum has been copied, altered, and
proved by her until her death, she believing
that if surviving her and if otherwise, our
children would respect her wishes, and would ful-
fill her desires. The paper shows it was written
before 1875, is dated 9th of September 1886, (at the
time I believe she made the last copy) but alterations
therein bear evidence in themselves that they were
made late in the year 1888 or afterwards.

Among other desires, which I regard as sacred
as if legal bequests, she desired that to each
of her three Nieces, namely yourself and Mary
Hildreth and Rhoda Hildreth, One hundred \$100.00 dollars
be given. We have photographs of her from

Negatives taken in Spring of 1882 & one of
which will write you again, as soon as we get
framed and ready packed to carry safely to
you. - Kindly please find Abraham N.
Bull in Fourth N. B. City. No 9181 enclosed
payable to your order One hundred dollars.
With kind regards to your mother by me
Affectionately yours

John M. Leary

To Mr. James W. Leary

170 Portland Ave.

St. Paul, Minn.

an excellent likeness of her in her last years, and
even as her dear face appeared after death, which we
will send as soon as we get framed and packed to carry
safely to you. With kindest regards to your mother
Yours affectionately

John M. Leary

To Miss Mary Hildreth

and Rhoda Hildreth

Edmund Hill, P.O.

Ohio.

19th July

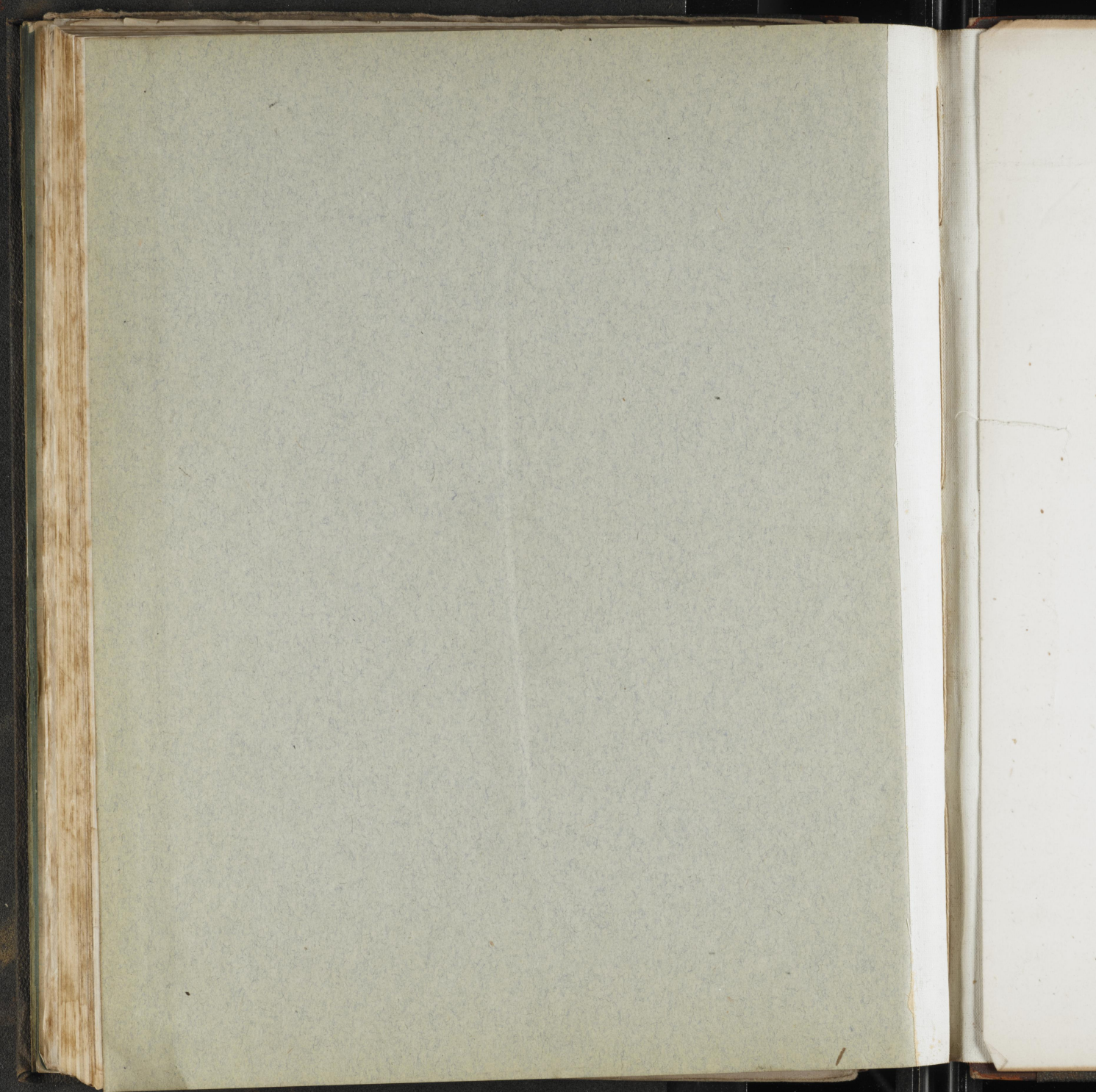
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My dear Niece

Several years ago your dear Aunt Hattie wrote her desire as to the disposal of certain property belonging to her, knowing that under the laws of Kentucky she could not make a valid will and testament. She told me of this writing, but as I did not ask to see, nor did see or know the contents while she lived. The memorandum has been copied, altered and preserved by her until her death, believing that I, if surviving her and if otherwise, our children would respect her wishes, and would fulfill her desires. This paper shows that it was written before 1875, is dated 9th of September 1885, (at this time being the last copy) but alterations therein bear evidence that they were made late in the year 1888 or even later. Among other desires which I regard as sacredly as if legal bequest, she desired that to each of her three nieces, naming yourselves "also to my niece Mary M. Ross" should be given One hundred (\$100) dollars. Herewith please find drafts of \$100 each on Farmers & Merchants Bank, N.Y. City, Nos 89182 and 89183 indorsed payable to you respectively, for One hundred (\$100) dollars each. We have photographs of her printed from negative taken Spring of 1882 which we think

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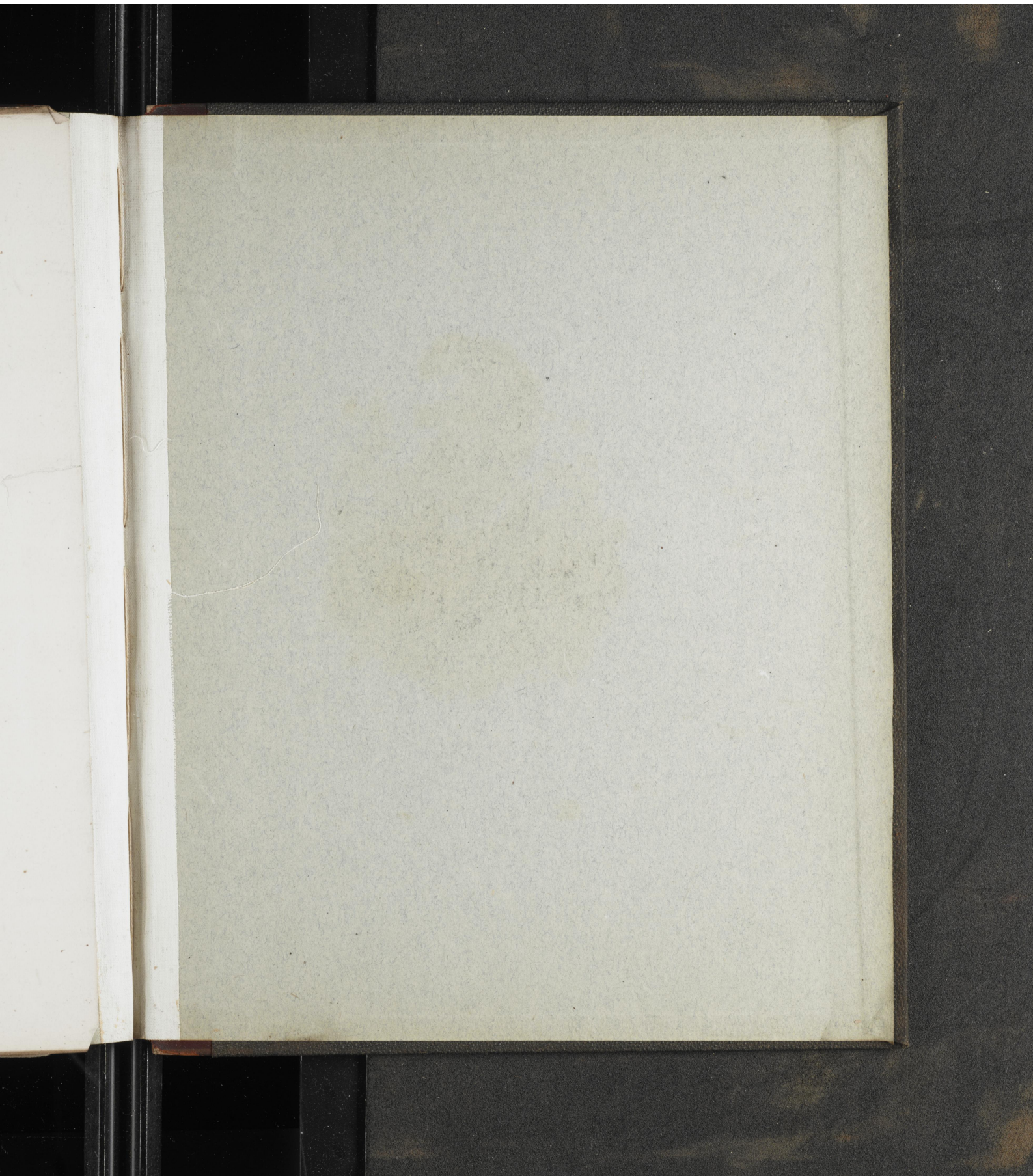




Western Bag & Co.

William Means





JOHN MEANS.

