

NEW-YORK, FEBRUARY 7, 1887.

The Treasurer, in submitting to the Board of Directors of THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA, a condensed balance sheet, and the usual semi-annual statements, would call attention to the large amounts charged off to profit and loss, as follows, viz. :

Dividend paid in September,.....	\$18,000 00
Balance against House Erection account,.....	39,472 21
“ “ new Washer “	15,736 71
“ “ new ore Trestle “	4,013 89
	\$77,222 81

reducing the amount standing to the credit of Profit and Loss, June 30th, 1886, from \$199,639.34 to \$122,416.53.

The increased demand and enhanced value of our product, the last four months of the year, make the result of the business for the half year ending December 31st, 1886, what may be considered a very favorable one, Profit and Loss account showing that day a credit of \$185,146.70—a net gain of \$62,730.17.

In addition to this, there has been passed to the credit of Sinking Fund, \$4,348.31, and to Furnace Repairs account, \$1,927.23, after charging this last account with the brick for re-lining the furnace.

Since the Treasurer's statement in September last, the indebtedness for Income Bonds and borrowed money has been reduced \$3,000 on the first and \$25,000 on the last. \$9,310.24 has been paid on account of the new stack.

At the meeting of your Board in November, the Treasurer was authorized to collect from the subscribers for stock under his call of October 23d, 1886, the amount of their subscriptions as may be needed, on ratable calls of not less than 20 per cent., and to issue to the subscribers certificates for their stock when fully paid.

Without some unforeseen occurrence, there will be no difficulty in paying for the alternate stack from the earnings of the Company, without interfering with the regular dividends. Nearly all the stockholders have given their consent to take their proportion of stock.

Owing to the unfavorable weather this winter, the progress has been slow on the alternate stack. "Furnace A." continues to make iron, and, with the careful watching of Mr. Skelding, may do so for some time yet.

The Treasurer would suggest that a dividend of four per cent. (4%) on the capital stock of the Company be declared, payable at the office of the Treasurer on the 15th of March.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWD. A. LOW,
Treasurer.

Star ler - - - \$ 8,213.49 - (Paid Rent \$518.00 Interest \$299.96)

Quany Cr - - \$2,448.35 { $\begin{matrix} L. 60 \\ R. 10 \\ S. 7.05 \end{matrix}$

Rents Cr - - - 2,814.62

Mines Dr - - \$2,348.06 { $\begin{matrix} F. 2.00 \\ R. 15 \\ S. 7.10 \end{matrix}$

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18,322 To

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Condensed Balance Sheet.

DR.

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA, December 31st, 1886.

CR.

Real Estate,.....	\$620,135 41	
Low Moor Br. Railroad,.....	69,727 26	
Furnace "B.",.....	9,310 24	
Inventory,	281,252 75	
Furniture, Agent's House,.....	1,221 37	
		\$981,647 03
Cash with Treasurer,.....	\$32,237 73	
" " Agent,.....	2,622 68	
		34,860 41
Bills Receivable,.....	\$94,514 20	
Pendencies,.....	4,980 04	
		99,494 24
T. A. Mack, from sales iron,.....	\$8,905 12	
Jno. N. Gordon, ".....	4,067 41	
E. Pratt & Bro., ".....	3,520 48	
Sundry parties, ".....	53,209 45	
		71,702 46
		\$1,187,704 14

Capital Stock,.....	\$600,000 00	
Income Bonds,.....	213,000 00	
		\$813,000 00
Bills Payable,.....	\$32,133 28	
Stack Mine for ore,.....	3,176 78	
Alleghany Iron Mt. Mining Co.,.....	2,567 54	
Wages,.....	6,658 55	
Hospital Fund,.....	277 38	
Unsettled accounts,.....	32,001 01	
		76,814 54
Sinking Fund,	\$36,332 73	4,348.31
Insurance ".....	2,850 78	
Furnace Repairs Fund,.....	30,559 39	10,817.-
		69,742 90
J. F. Winslow, borrowed money,...	\$10,000 00	
A. A. Low, " ".....	15,000 00	
Geo. A. Archer, " ".....	18,000 00	
		43,000 00
Profit and Loss account,		185,146 70
		\$1,187,704 14

Inventory.

Blast No. 3,.....	\$41,070 42	
Foundry,.....	663 22	
Teams, &c.,	3,529 80	
House Repairs,.....	1,028 75	
Wood,	129 50	
Iron Product,.....	168,710 00	
Transportation,.....	31 53	
Farm,.....	519 25	
Limestone, No. 1,.....	2,228 24	
Store,.....	12,091 29	
Mines,.....	51,250 75	
		\$281,252 75

Iron Product.

8,899 Tons on hand at Low Moor, @ \$12,.....	\$106,788 00	
3,670 " at and in transit to New-York, @ \$14,.....	51,380 00	
736 " in hands of T. A. Mack, Cin., @ \$14,.....	10,304 00	
17 " in hands of J. N. Gordon, Rich'd, @ \$14,.....	238 00	
18,322 Tons. @ 12.66 ⁴	\$168,710 00	

22,104 " Sold @ 14.68³ 314,555.58
 35,416 " @ 13.92³ \$493,265.58
 21,634⁹ Made

Iron Made.

Iron made July,.....	3,588 ⁹⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ tons.	
" " August,.....	3,557 ²⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ "	
" " September,.....	3,701 ⁰⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ "	
" " October,.....	3,790 ²⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ "	
" " November,.....	3,287 ¹⁰⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ "	
" " December,.....	3,708 ³⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ "	
Total for 6 months,.....	21,633 ²⁰⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ Tons.	

Ore.

Ore from Mines, 6 months,.....	24,143 ⁶⁸⁰ ₂₂₄₀ tons.	
" purchased, 6 ".....	24,289 ⁴⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "	
" consumed, 6 ".....	47,342 ¹²⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "	
" on hand at Furnace,.....	11,224 ⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "	
" " Mines,.....	16,042 ⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "	

Limestone.

Limestone from Quarry, 6 months,.....	20,633 ²⁸⁰ ₂₂₄₀ tons.	
" consumed, 6 ".....	22,797 ¹⁷⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "	
" on hand at Furnace,.....	1,099 ⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "	
" " Quarry,.....	800 ⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "	

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New York 10 Aug 1887

The Treasurer of the Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia, in submitting to the Board of Directors the usual semi-annual statements, made up to June 30th, 1887, would congratulate them on the favorable result of the six months' business.

The balance sheet showing to the credit of profit and loss \$237,710.97, against \$185,146.70, December 31st, 1886, or, after paying the dividend of five per cent., \$155,146.70, leaving a gain for the six months of \$82,564.27.

The undermentioned accounts, nearly all of which have been standing to the debit of "Pendencies" for a number of years, have now been charged off to profit and loss; the prospect of receiving anything more on account being very slight, viz.:

	Originally.	Received on account.	
Russell Iron Works,	\$339 29	\$61 96	\$277 33
W. W. Collier,	506 59	122 50	384 09
Thos. Camp,	373 66	89 60	284 06
Indiana Foundry Company,	700 49	—	700 49
T. A. Watson & Co.,	3,350 57	335 05	3,015 52
C. T. Palmer,	467 78	16 50	451 28
W. A. Henshaw,	52 15	—	52 15
H. T. Morrison & Co.,	323 85	—	323 85
Iron and Steel Association of Virginia,	93 00	—	93 00
	\$6,207 38	\$625 61	\$5,581 77

\$3,321.89 has been added to the Sinking Fund, \$1,279.27 to Insurance Fund, and \$13,478.36 to Furnace Repairs. The brick for re-lining Furnace A., and charged to this account, has now been transferred to the debit of Furnace B. Since the February statement, all of the borrowed money (\$43,000) and thirteen of the Income Bonds have been paid.

For the last six months the demand for the Low Moor pig iron, in this market, has been largely in excess of our ability to furnish it, and the Treasurer has been obliged to restrict the sales in Cincinnati, Baltimore and Richmond. Furnace was blown out on the 27th May last, having been in blast since November 17th, 1884—two years, six months and ten days, or actual running time about 886 days.

Iron made during that period,	105,658 ^{13.00} tons.
Ore used,	240,719 ^{15.90} "
Coke,	134,945 ^{13.75} "
Limestone,	115,683 ^{11.40} "
Average yield of Ore per ton of Iron,	43.892 per cent.
" cost of labor " " " "	about \$1.51.
" tons Iron made per day,	119 ¹ / ₄ .

The large output and favorable result of Blast No. 3 may be largely attributed to the careful watching and able management of Mr. Skelding.

The new furnace, or alternate stack, has been finished, at a cost of about \$60,000, all paid for except a balance of about \$6,000 still due the Portsmouth Foundry and Machine Works. The blast was put on the morning of the 27th July, but an explosion followed, caused by the engineer stopping the engines, thus igniting the gas, blowing off the hopper, dropping the bell into the furnace, and breaking down the sides of the long gas flue. The cost of repairs was about \$200, and the detention thirty hours. 29th of July again started, and up to the morning of August 8th had made

373 tons No. 1 Foundry.
194 " No. 2 "
214 " No. 1 Mill.
9 " Mottled.
7 " White.

Mr. Skelding says, "New furnace works like a charm, and is fulfilling expectations."

The Treasurer regrets exceedingly to report, that our Managing Director at Low Moor, Col. Goodwin, has been lying dangerously ill for more than two weeks, with but slight hopes of recovery. A letter, however, received this morning, says a decided change for the better took place yesterday morning and continues, "While the doctors are not altogether hopeful, they feel more encouraged than at any time the past two weeks." If he recovers, it will be some time before he will be able to attend to the duties of his position. It seems expedient that some one be found to fill his place temporarily.

The Treasurer suggests that a dividend of five per cent. (5%) on the capital stock of the Company be declared, payable at the office of the Treasurer, on the 15th of September next.

Respectfully submitted.

EDW'D A. LOW,

Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, August 10th, 1887.

Ston	For Cr	\$ 3,706.22	
	Minus "	2,717.06	after
			{ paid 333, rent
			290.10 interest
Quary	15,588 tons @ 67¢ Cr	4,199.63	
Rents	{ Cr	3,449.13	
	{ Dr repairs	3,042.90	
		Balance Cr	\$ 406.23
R.R.	Cr	\$ 897.69	
Mines	Dr in 25,425 tons @ 62¢	\$ 4,199.63	Cost 2,164
Interest	Dr	\$ 3,157.03	

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CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET.

DR. THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA, June 30th, 1887.

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Real Estate,	\$620,135 41	Capital Stock,	\$600,000 00
Low Moor Branch Railroad,	69,676 36 - 50.90	Bonds,	200,000 00
Furnace "B.",	47,419 32		\$800,000 00
Inventory,	171,757 62	Bills Payable,	\$27,367 22
Furniture, Agent's house,	1,221 37	Wages,	7,311 42
	\$910,210 08	Hospital Fund,	587 89
Cash with Treasurer,	\$29,145 54	Unsettled accounts,	20,234 27
" " Agent,	2,008 23		55,500 80
" loaned on call,	25,000 00	Sinking Fund,	\$39,654 62
	56,153 77	Insurance Fund,	4,130 05
Bills Receivable,	134,206 44	Furnace Repairs Fund,	44,037 75
T. A. Mack, sales iron,	\$13,402 62		87,822 42
J. N. Gordon, " "	937 42	Profit and Loss Account,	237,710 97 52.564.27
Sundry parties,	57,607 57		
	71,947 61		
Portsmouth Foundry and Machine Works,	8,516 29		
	\$1,181,034 19		\$1,181,034 19

Statement of Inventory, Iron made, &c., for Treasurer's Report, June 30th, 1887.

INVENTORY.

Blast No. 3,	\$38,082 65
Foundry,	552 70
Teams, &c.,	3,279 05
House Repairs,	353 15
Wood,	370 00
Iron Product,	68,508 00
Transportation,	20 88
Farm,	408 75
Limestone,	2,778 87
Stone,	12,542 86
Mines,	44,860 71
	\$171,757 62

IRON PRODUCT.

1,705 Tons on hand at Low Moor, @ \$12,	\$20,460 00
2,335 " at and in transit to New-York, @ \$14, ..	32,690 00
1,089 " in hands of T. A. Mack, Cin., @ \$14, ..	15,246 00
8 " in hands of J. N. Gordon, Rich'd, @ \$14, ..	112 00
5,137 Tons. @ \$13.336	\$68,508 00

IRON MADE.

Iron made January,	3,226 ¹⁰⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ tons.
" " February,	3,128 ¹⁴⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ "
" " March,	3,827 ¹⁰⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ "
" " April,	3,372 ⁵⁰⁰ ₂₃₀₀ "
" " May, (25 days,)	2,493 ¹⁵⁰ ₂₃₀₀ "
Total for 5 months,	16,047 ⁸⁵⁰ ₂₃₀₀ tons.

ORE.

Ore from Mines, 6 months,	25,424 ⁹⁴⁰ ₂₂₄₀ tons.
" purchased, 6 "	7,109 ¹³⁴⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "
" consumed, 6 "	35,840 ¹⁰⁰⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "
" on hand at Furnace,	10,214 ¹⁰⁰⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "
" " Mines,	13,820 ¹⁰⁰⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "

LIMESTONE.

Limestone from Quarry, 6 months,	15,588 ⁵⁸⁰ ₂₂₄₀ tons.
" consumed, 6 "	17,899 ¹⁴⁰⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "
" on hand at Furnace,	330 ¹⁰⁰⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "
" " Quarry,	1,500 ¹⁰⁰⁰ ₂₂₄₀ "

24.711 " sold @ 16.003 395.463.62

29.848 " @ 15.544 \$463.971.62

16.049⁸/₁₀ made

mn	minutely	sales
1882 July 1	\$15.28	
1883 Jan	15.21	
July	12.94	19.34
1884 Jan	12.90	16.25
July	13.00	15.20
1885 Jan	13.10	
July	12.63	13.86
1886 Jan	12.68	13.56?
July	12.53 ⁸	14.45 ³
1887 Jan	12.66 ⁴	14.68 ³
July	13.38 ⁶	16.00

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NEW-YORK, *February* 14, 1888.

The Treasurer of THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA presents to the Board of Directors the usual semi-annual statements, made up to December 31st, 1887.

The amount at credit of Profit and Loss is.....	\$285,717 44
Against a balance, July 1st, of.....	\$237,710 87
Out of which a dividend of 5 per cent. was paid in September,....	30,000 00
	\$207,710 87

Showing a gain for the six months of \$78,006.60.

Since the last statement, the bonded indebtedness has been reduced \$12,000, and the cost of the Low Moor Branch Railroad, \$1,660.57. The amount added to the Sinking Fund is \$2,922.89, and to Furnace Repairs Fund, \$5,396.68. The cost of "Furnace B." has been increased \$21,312.80, making the total cost to December 31st, \$68,732.12. This will be largely increased this year by the cost of a new hot blast stove and extra boilers, which have been contracted for, and the completion of which, it is expected, will add at least 100 tons of iron to our weekly out-put.

Contracts have also been made for the brick for relining Furnace A. ; also for a new roof, of iron, for the cast house.

The amount to the debit of "Pendencies," \$13,389.19, caused by the failure of Thomas J. Pope & Brother, owing us \$13,023.81, and of E. L. Harper & Co., owing \$365.38. We shall probably receive about 75 per cent. of the first ; the last may be considered a total loss.

Since the new furnace was put in blast, July 27th, it has worked very satisfactorily, making, to December 31st, 17,495 tons of iron, nearly 90 per cent. of which was foundry. From appearances, at this time, the next semi-annual statement will be less favorable, the demand for our product being lighter, with a tendency to lower prices.

From the earnings of the last six months, the Treasurer would suggest that a dividend of five per cent. (5%) on the capital stock of the Company be declared, payable at the office of the Treasurer, on the 15th of March next.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD A. LOW,
Treasurer.

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2. Tom	Fur	lev \$4.992.54	Sales \$42.200.38	} Paid Rents \$533. Interest 435.65
Minus	"	3.525.79	" 17.357.94	
		\$8.518.33	59.558.32	

Quarry on 18.315 Fur @ .60 Cr \$1.629.05 By .10 S. Fund, 05

Minus 20.321 Fur @ 2/4 Dr 6.705.25 By .15 S. 7.10
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Rents lev \$1.310.26 R.R. Cr 1.660.57

Interest Dr \$1.436.62

Dr	Inventories			Sales
1882 July 1	6729	\$15.28	Aug	
83 Jan	5.208	15.21		
July	10.922	12.94	13.962	17.34
84 Jan	11.928	12.90	17.575	16.25
July	10.636	13.00 ⁶	22.508	15.20
85 Jan	7.975	13.10	11.983	15.30 ⁶
July	13.611	12.63	17.064	13.86
86 Jan	9.003	12.68	25.795	13.56 ²
July	13.446	12.53 ⁸	14.841	14.45 ³
87 Jan	13.322	12.66 ⁴	22.104	14.68 ³
July	5.137	13.33 ⁶	24.711	16.00
88 Jan	6.547	12.76	16.379	16.80 ⁵

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Condensed Balance Sheet.—The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia, December 31st, 1887.

Real Estate,	\$620,135 41	Capital Stock,	\$600,000 00
Low Moor Branch Railroad,	68,015 79 — 1.660.59	Bonds,	188,000 00
Furnace B.,	68,732 12		\$788,000 00
Inventories,	200,415 16	Bills Payable,	\$21,137 37
Furniture, Agent's House,	1,221 37	Wages,	6,523 93
	\$958,519 85	Hospital Fund,	724 84
Cash with Treasurer,	\$8,700 14	Unsettled Accounts,	37,062 90
“ “ Agent,	2,661 02		65,449 04
“ Loaned on Call,	96,000 00	Sinking Fund,	\$42,577 51 — + 2.912.89
	107,361 16	Insurance Fund,	4,130 05
Bills Receivable,	60,196 14	Furnace Repairs Fund,	49,434 43
T. A. Mack, for iron,	\$2,822 94		96,141 99
Jno. N. Gordon, “	353 14	Profit and Loss,	285,717 47 + 48.006.50
Sundry parties, “	84,666 08		
	87,842 16		
Pendencies,	+ 13,389 19		
Thurmond Coal Co. Loan,	8,000 00		
	\$1,235,308 50		\$1,235,308 50

Statement of Inventory, Iron made, &c., for Treasurer's Report, December 31st, 1887.

INVENTORY.		IRON MADE.	
Blast 1 B.,	\$46,658 28	Iron made, month July,	129,100 tons.
Foundry,	462 65	“ “ “ August,	3,442,400 “
Teams, &c.,	3,282 69	“ “ “ September,	3,401,000 “
House Repairs,	193 07	“ “ “ October,	3,536,000 “
Wood,	462 50	“ “ “ November,	3,448,500 “
Iron Product,	83,544 00	“ “ “ December,	3,537,000 “
Farm,	678 00		
Limestone,	1,787 67	Total for the 6 months,	17,495,100 tons.
Store,	16,777 58		
Mines,	46,568 72		
	\$200,415 16		
IRON PRODUCT.		ORE.	
4,057 Tons on hand at Low Moor, @ \$12,	\$48,684 00	Ore from Mines, 6 months,	10,321,000 tons.
2,135 “ at and in transit to New-York, @ \$14,	29,890 00	“ purchased, “	17,405,100 “
346 “ in hands T. A. Mack, Cinn., @ \$14,	4,844 00	“ consumed, “	40,623,800 “
9 “ “ J. N. Gordon, Rich., Va. @ \$14,	126 00	“ on hand at Furnace,	8,368,000 “
		“ “ Mines,	13,820,000 “
6,547 tons. @ \$12.26	\$83,544 00		
16,299 sold, 16.80+	275,251.32		
24,926 @ 15.65	358,995.32		
17,495.61 made			

LIMESTONE.	
Limestone from Quarry, 6 months,	17,814,840 tons.
“ consumed, “	17,839,100 “
“ on hand at Furnace,	808,000 “
“ “ Quarry,	500,000 “

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Beechwood	398
Stone Cliff	399
Fin C -	384
Copminton	389

places to see that unless one were writing a book, you could do no more than mention them -

We find Naples quite as dirty ^{as in the beautiful view of the Bay from our children} as represented but are high up above the thickly settled part of the city and we avoid going into the nasty little streets.

This afternoon we went to the Aquarium that was very interesting with so many queer looking fish and water plants - and then to walk in the Park on the Chiaja that is the fashionable walk of Naples and saw many nice looking people -

We see hosts of beggars and children having their heads scratched every time we stir out, and comedians return with a few shillings but notwithstanding all the ugly disagreeable things we are charmed with Naples on account of the lovely warm weather. We will leave here Tues. for Pozzuoli (where St. Paul landed to go to Rome) and from there will go to Capri and Sorrento and several other places near there, and will

My father and I are almost
going to leave Naples
for the day of our stay here.
We have a very high tide
of Fifth Avenue doing to
all the family friends
at our house.

Pension Bellhouse
Napoli Italia
Jan 8th 1885

I received your letter
of the 18th on the 3rd and
of the 20th today, and we
are very sorry to hear of her being
sick and kept in the house so
long - I feel that I ought to be there
taking care of her, and am really
quite ready to come home when
ever Aunt is willing to start, but
she is not anxious to rush into
the cold weather the papers say
they are having every place -
We left Rome Tues. 3rd
at 1.05 and reached here at 7 and
that was the Express train, and
I am glad to hear of the
this week - so we could enjoy

the lovely drives.

We went out by the leather
fortress of St Elmo to St Martino
the best of Italian churches
and it was not at all too highly
praised for the church and
leopold and chapel and the
view from the Belvedere are
about north coming to Naples from
the church is small but the
paintings and statuary and the
mosaics of wood and marble and
the silver and gold in the
decorations are something remarkable
and the views from that height
are simply magnificent.

You can see Vesuvius, the
Island of Capri, Posilipo, and
several other suburbs. and as
we were fortunate in being
there on a clear day, the view
was grand.

Thurs. we spent at the
Museum as every one says it
is more interesting to see Pompeii
after you have seen all the things

they have brought away and
the statuary there is very good and
some of the cooking utensils and
the dental and surgical instruments
and vases and jewelry are so much
like those made now that it seems
as if we had invented nothing new.

We were to have gone to Pompeii
with a party from Rome but it was
broken up and we will go from Sorrento
as it is a beautiful drive from there
and it is a question as to whether
I shall go up Vesuvius or not as
Aunt does not wish to go and it is
one of the trips I can not make alone
and unless I can go with a party
I shall have to give it up - I go about
to a good many more places than
Aunt does as I do not get so tired
walking and then I think it my
duty to see all that is possible
on my trip. so I can tell you all
about it when I come home. and
afraid my letters from Rome are
not very satisfactory to Mother as for
descriptions for them even so many

Ashland Jan 7th 1888 -

My Dear Cooke

I think you
might come home the last of
the week, and we can then
start by Monday or Tuesday -
The weather is so bad, I feel
like I would like to get away,
where I could go out doors & get
my strength - Our principal
amusement the last few days has
been in reading Clara Campbells
dint for breach of promise, against
The Liberator of New York - The
papers are having a good deal of
fun over it - I imagine Aunt
Martha wont be very proud
over it - Hoping we will all

Keep well - with love & kisses
from your aff Mother -

I where the sleepers are not
so crowded the first of the week -

Low Moor, Va -

Jan. 12th 1888

Dear Father:

We are having a
fall of snow today -

Judge S.S.S. was here yesterday
all day and expressed himself
highly pleased with every thing -
Mr. Skelding gave him orders for
some brick, coke over 8 1/2" brick

Capt. Merry seems to expect you
in a few days -

The steam hammer is in
position and at work -

Skelding is still busy putting
bands around the furnace. It
looks as if he would cover
the casing with bands with
a few more -

Miss Merry & I enjoyed a
skate on the "Pike Pond" this
P. M. - We had to leave
early on account of the snow.

Tomorrow is set aside for
the day for putting up ice -
They will probably get some
about 5 inches thick -

I expect to leave here Sat.
night and will reach N. on
* 3 - Mother had better
telegraph Saturday for berths
on the day she chooses for
starting -

With love to all

Your aff. son:

E. C. Means -

The present furnace "B" will have
to be blown out and patched and
put on again before "A" is ready -
Thus losing at least 15 days running
time which means a loss of profit
on 1500 tons of iron. Besides the standing
expenses - By placing the hearth
back in position now it would save
time at the end even if the scaffold
on the inside was burned out & drying.
If "B" cannot be kept in for another month
both will be idle at once -

No cinder buggies or locomotive have
been purchased as yet - 40 tons
of rail are here and the new track
is being put in position -

Doyle leaves April 1st and Angell
takes his place -

Mr. Ham told me Foster was going
back to the A. C. & L.

Arrived
16th

Low Moor, Pa -
Jan 13th 1855 -

My dear Father:

Yours of 10th at hand -

I have written nothing to Mr. Lyman
since you were here and do not
care to write him about the matter
of the Merry's leaving - I do not consider
it my place to put him about
matters here unless by his request -

One matter that I talked with him
& you about at different times, & I
have not changed my feelings in regard
to it, is my dissatisfaction with my
position here. I am too well paid for
doing nothing and am losing valuable
time in which I might be at least
acquiring a habit of work & industry -

There does not seem to be any opening for me here, where I shall be taught that some responsibility rests upon me. At one time it looked as if the Furnace side would be divided between Joe & I but now it seems as if it is all being put on Joe and I am simply a companion for Capt. M.

I have said nothing to the latter about the matter but shall do so at the first suitable opportunity -

If you wish me at Ashland or elsewhere let me know soon because if you do not I shall look for a position in some outside company -

I would prefer to work for much less and feel as if I was earning my money and learning to fill some one position well, than to stay here and be so situated when I leave that I

cannot apply for any one position with a clear conscience. I am unable to tell it - without saying "My father is President" -

I have written at length that you may fully understand my means and I hope that you fully appreciate the position I am in - I prefer to make no more without your advice.

The furnace is about played out on top nearly all the brick work having worn away to the front of the down corner. The sheets are now not hot but have lost their painting much the last week -

Work on Fire A is at a stand still owing to Peter & Andy's delay in forwarding iron. I have been trying to persuade Joe to finish up the heats and look and get all connections ready for water etc but he wants to wait until the fall is in then

Miss Fanny May Rogers was married
Thursday to a Mr. White from Chatanooga.
Formerly at A. I. M. M. Co. with Rhinehart.
It was quite a surprise - Dally, Cargill,
Henry, Miss Mary, Mr. Williams & I were
invited over "to tea" with no intimation
of a wedding. In the parlor were
Doctor & his wife; on the ceiling lusticed
fine floral bells and when the preacher
entered the sequence was divined -
Engine & a friend of the groom entered
in full dress, then the bridal couple
in full dress came in and stood between
them under the bells. Mr. Hall, the
presbyterian, made the couple over
in a very simple manner and then
we all kissed the bride -
12 were seated at the table - The
bridal party went west on no 3 -
The affair was very quiet and had
been kept a close secret -

Joel Hoag the combined clerk in
the store and bond teacher turns
out to be a bigamist and has
skipped out. He was married last
fall to a young lady(?) from Piedmont
N. Va. whom he brought here to
live. The first wife, who had two
children by him, was hunting him
up by letter to Mr. Lawrence and
he received warning that a requisition
had been issued and ~~that~~ the
Constable would soon be after him.
The second wife is still here and
is being properly cared for by
Albert Skelding until she receives
money to take her home.

Altogether Law Moor has been quite full of excitement the last week —

With love to all.

Spec aff Soni J. C. Means

but I would rather go and
Am and then go on to Castellammare
and Pompeii on Mon. as we
had planned before we came
over here. They tell us that
every one who comes over to
stay for or three days always
stay a week or more sometimes
because the sea is so rough that
they can not go into the
Blue Grotto and sometimes so
rough that they can not get
any boat to take them away.

We were very fortunate in
having smooth water in
coming over from Naples, it
took us nearly 3 hours - and
there yesterday morning in
going into the Grotto. It
is a narrow opening in the
cliff and we had to wait
until a man could get a narrow

in 9 or 10 minutes - morning to
the sun of this island
visiting and the line of
it is a narrow arch

Pozzuoli Italy
Jan 15th 1858

Dear Father.
Aunt Mollie and
I came out here last
week and I came out Wed. morning
as I said. I went up Mt Vesuvius
with Miss Williams (of N.Y.) and we
did not get back to Naples till 7
and that was too late to come
out here that night.

We had planned to go Mon.
and there all the others gave it
up and I said Miss W. came early
and said we could take a train
to Pompeii at 10-25. and we did so
and then rode horses from there
to the Lava fields. about 3 hours
and then climbed up thro' the
ashes and over the lava for another
hour to see the lava running out

Not down the mountain side.
 We could not go near the crater
 as the smoke was pouring down
 the mountain just over the path
 and we could not have seen
 any thing. It snowed hard while
 we were up there and was bitterly
 cold and blowing a real temontana
 (orgale) and I can not say that
 we enjoyed any thing but the
 view and that was magnificent
 as we were so high -

It took us about an hour to
come down the mountain to
the village of ^{or in case} ~~San~~ ^{San} ~~Marino~~, where
we left our horses - Vaccaroni
and Belfratko - and Guidi, Bello
and Angelo, and came in a cab
to ^{by train from there} ~~San~~ della Annunciata and
reached Naples at 7 and Miss W.
went on to Rome, and I met
at the Hotel Bellini and stayed
with some friends and came

Now I'll write ^{the} same from it
 and have been so stiff from so
 much climbing and the cold that
 I can't get about, up and down
 stairs with real comfort, and
 Aunt and Miss Horn say they
 are real glad of it as I am not
 always persuading them to go and
 see something with me.

I have done four things this trip
that I never want to do again
and that is go to another Popis
Jubilee and ascend a volcano

Leapri. Thurs 19th

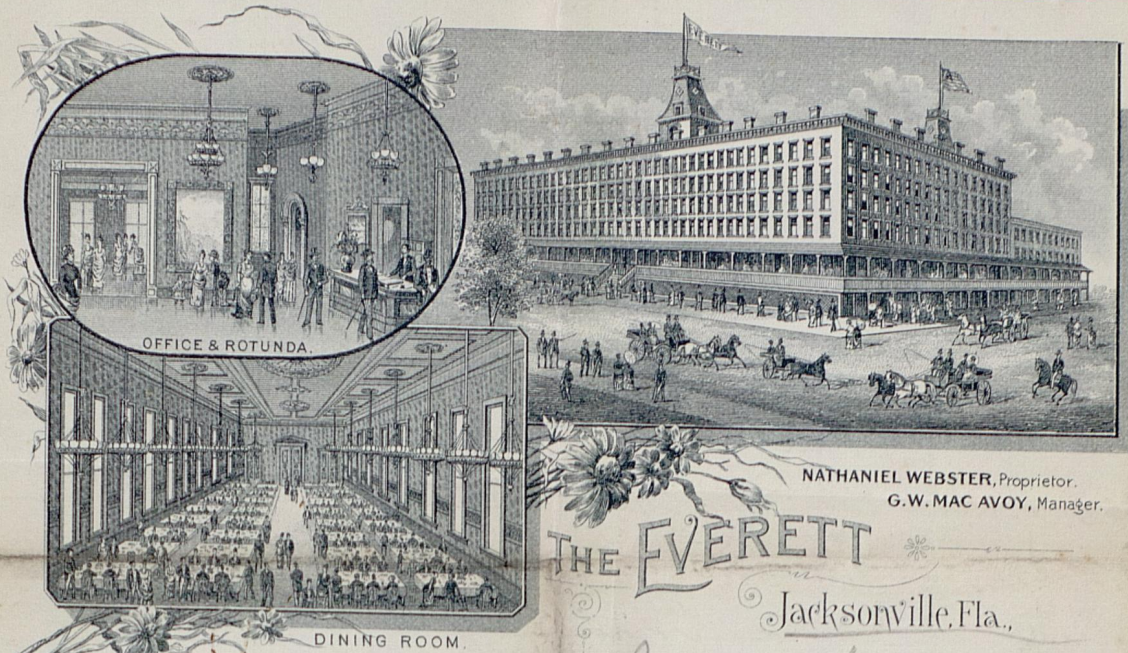
We came over from Inns and find it a charming place so warm and bright, and we are in a very comfortable little Hotel. The Quissana and may stay here over Sunday instead of spending it in Soerentr. as every one says it is so cold there.

we did and the grays dashed
into his boat and when they
came out of course they had to
sit down in the water again
to get over the low springing things
and for Blue Exotic's boat
rather dampened by their boatman.

There are many lovely walks
and drives on this island and
we might spend weeks very
delightfully but I am coaxing to
get away and get back to
Rome again and get some letters
we have not had any since we
left Naples on the 11th and am
still trying to get Aunt to
promise to come home on the
Bourgoyne. I can not learn
the date of its departure from
Havre yet but think it most
likely near the 20th as it was there
14th this month. I have walked
about the island so much the last
few days that I am not stiff any longer
I am happy to say, with much love to all

That would take us through
this narrow opening and we
all had to crouch down in
the bottom of the little boat
and to shoot in to this place
and out again in the same
way. The colors in the Grotto
are marvellously beautiful & so
clear and it is certainly one of
the most beautiful sights we
have ever seen any place.

Aunt and Miss Helen were a
little frightened, and Miss L.
almost was sick, and say they never
want to go in another, (and I
am mild to go and see the
others. The Green Grotto on the
other side of the Island and
the red and white ones and
shall certainly go if I have a
ghost of a chance of going with
some of the ladies next. A young
Scottishman went in the same time



THE EVERETT

Jacksonville, Fla.,

Jan 19th 1888

My Dear Hildreth

We arrived here safely this morning - and I did not feel near as tired as I expected to. We reached Lexington about four P.M. and got a good supper there but found the sheets all ~~was~~ the same as we left at home - We left Lexington at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. & took the Mamie Car & found it very comfortable as we were a little behind time we did not get out to any of our places but took them on the car except Burke got out to supper - I slept very well the last night - As they had had a bad wreck two or three weeks ago, I think they were very careful & did not go very fast - I thought I would come to the Everett again & I

find two ladies - whom I met here
last winter - he came on the card with
a party of Cynthiana Kentucky people
who are going to Indian River to stay -
till June - I shall stay here a day
or two & then go to St. Augustine - to
see that elegant five million dollar hotel
it is finished & opened now & I am
anxious to see it & shall stay there
a day or two - & then I think we
will go to Indian River - Rockledge -
Indian River Hotel - but you can
write to me at St. Augustine ^{Care of} Magnolia
Hotel - as I shall go ^{back} there to stay
a while & will have my letters forwarded
from there - I have not decided yet
where else we will go - Cooke & I
have been taking a drive around the
city - I suppose are in bloom here
& oranges on the trees - & they said last
week the thermometer was up to 80 -
but to day it seems cool - & I have a
wood fire in my room - Cooke has been out
getting him some camera plates & to night is
going to the theatre but I shall not go - we
rode by the Exposition buildings - but they have
not got much to show yet - he has
pleasant rooms that look out on the
business street - Give my love to Harry &
your Father & William & Minnie & Ed - I
hope you will all keep well - Write to
me immediately to St. Augustine Care of the
Magnolia Hotel - Love & kisses from Mother

Next at the Magnolia - so we
will have our letters sent there
& have them forwarded to us -
Coke has seen one Boston School
boy, a brewer's son, who is going to
Mexico & California - & has had an
invitation to visit at a school friends near
Tusburg. Coke says to tell you
he is living high - hopes he
will get rid of his cough which
seems better - Love to all the
family & love & kisses
from
Hattie

Jacksonville Fla Jan 21st 1888

My Dearest Lulu

I wrote to Hildreth
& Mrs Spiller Thursday - I'm sure
they do not get the letter please
tell Mrs Spiller that I left some
linen on Rose's bed that she can
amuse herself, by making up for me
Linto female shirts - I copy the
pattern by the linen - Coke & I
are getting along very well - He
smokes & reads the papers - He went
to the Theatre one night & yesterday
we went to the Exposition
where there is a very creditable
display of Southern fruits -
I had the pleasure of showing him
there, a Coconut tree with a

a good many green Cocoa
nuts on it - a tea shrub
Bohea - A great many pine
apples growing - & looking red
& ripe, as if they would taste
very good - Some Japanese
persimmons that looked in shape
& color like a ripe tomato - A
peach tree in full bloom -
Straw berries ripe & in blossom -
A tall Bamboo - a date palm
with fruit - A good many banana
trees with fruit - Cotton bushes -
& also some nice looking canned
peaches & pears - & splendid Kelsey
plums all raised near here &
a grand display of oranges -
Shaddock - grape fruit - lemons
Cocoa nuts in the hull - Sponges - Corals
shells - native birds &c &c - So many
things Cooke never saw before & never
will again likely, so unless he

goes to Cuba - or somewhere very
far south - so I was glad he had
the chance to see them all -
I met here some ladies that
I met here last winter - &
have met some other very pleasant
ladies - Cooke calls them "the old hens" -
says I may go & talk to the old hens -
I feel I am getting stronger all the
time. I was weighed at the Exposition
& weighed 98 pounds Cooke 149 -
I hope I will make it 100 before I get
home - I had such an easy trip
down, I was much surprised that I
was not more tired - I think Monday
we will go to St. Augustine & see that
5 million Hotel - Ponce de Leon - they charge
from five to seventy five dollars a day for
rooms - so we won't stay there more
than two days & then will go to Indian
River - Rockledge - but we will come
back to St. Augustine & will stay

Tell Mrs Spiller to please to
watch Minnie Gaud's fire at night
in her room + not let her go off &
leave it too big - as she is so careless
about it - You can write to St.
Augustine - Magnolia House
Feb 2 1888.

Dear Bess

I sent your mother
last letter thinking that you
might like to look at it. if you
did not come in today. we have
not heard from Rose this week.
Father went to Lowmoor Tuesday
night - & will be back tomorrow
or next day. The ^{new} Ashland ⁷ ~~Express~~ ^{Express} ~~Coach~~
started off very well. it is making
very good time. I thought
that I might come out ^{next} Sunday ^(if)
if the road was not too bad, or
if you did not come in.
We are doing very well with
Mrs Spiller for Bess.

Your Brother Harold.

Please bring or send this back to him.

Palatka Jan 26th 1888 -

My Dear Harry

We arrived here
last night - I was delighted
to receive a letter from Bessie.
We went up the Ocklawaha on
Tuesday & left Jacksonville
on Monday. Came to Palatka on
the Boat & took the Ocklawaha
Steamer & were on it all
night & reached Silver Springs
at 2 P.M. Stayed at the Silver
Springs Hotel ~~all~~ all night
& till after dinner - took a
Carrriage from there & went
over to Ocala ^(5 miles) & from there
took the Car back to Palatka
from here we are going today

we to Sanford & down to
the Indian River Hotel at
Rockledge which we expect
to reach this evening & will
stay there over Sunday - then
we are thinking of going down to
Punta Gorda which is at the
far end of Florida & the boat
go from there to Cuba.

Cooke don't go care to go to Cuba
or I might be tempted to go
there - We have been travelling
with two gentlemen & a very charming
young lady from Philadelphia
& they have gone over to Cuba
to stay two days - we met
them at the Jacksonville & have
been with them ever since - so
Cooke has had plenty of company -
Cooke has been taking plenty of
pictures & so far has kept
very good natured - The Capt

of the Ocklawaha Steamer said he
remembered I was on his boat in
1883 - so Bess & Lily must have
been with me then - The weather has
been delightful lately & I feel much
stronger & Cooke has got entirely over
his cough & I stayed out down
all the time on the Ocklawaha & at
Silver Springs - & found it very
pleasant - I have seen a good
many peach trees in bloom &
saw violets in bloom yesterday -
the woods were sweet with the
yellow Jasmine blossoms - This
was the pleasantest trip I ever
had up the Ocklawaha & Cooke
enjoyed it very much -
We think of going to Seaburg as
we come up from Punta Gorda -
& letting Cooke stop & see his friend
Curtis - Hoping you will all keep
well - Love to all - Father Hildreth & Bess
Love & kisses from Mother -

Most Southerly Hotel
* in Florida. *

Hotel Punta Gorda,

* On Charlotte Harbor Bay, *

D. H. SWAN, Proprietor.

Containing 120 *
* Front Rooms.

Trabue, Fla., Jan 31st 1888

My Dearest John

We arrived here last night at 11 P. M. - Should have been here at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ P. M. - but nobody ~~hurry~~ is in a hurry here in Florida so the rail roads take their time - the boats leave here every Saturday for Havana - you can go over to Key West for \$7.50 + to Havana for \$17 - but Cooke don't want to go - so we will not attempt it - there is an immense Hotel here + it seems a nice place for boating + fishing - + it is warm + pleasant here thermometer at 70 - the waiters + chamber maids all white my chambermaid is ~~for~~ a school teacher from Maine - + they are all from the North - this is the first Hotel I have seen with white girl waiters + it seems odd - I notice that the fireplace in my room has never had a fire in it - we have had to have a little fire, very warm ^{perfect} except Silver Springs - we left Jacksonville Jan 28th - went up the St Johns to Palatka - then up the Ocklawaha by boat to Silver Springs - where we remained all night - this so far was the most agreeable part of our trip - then

from Silver Springs to Ocala - then to Palatka -
from Palatka to Titusville by rail then by boat
to Rockledge on the Indian River - I intended
to have stayed there over Sunday - but it was
too windy for boat riding - so I got tired of it &
came back to Sanford - where we went to church
at half past ten & got out at a quarter of one - what
would Mr Condit's church think of that! - We left
Sanford Monday ^{at 2 P.M.} & got here at 11 P.M. - When we go
back we will stop at Leesburg & see Corke's friend Curtis -
then from there to St. Augustine - & then home
I did not get to see much scenery from Lakeville down
as it was dark, but hope to see it returning - Corke amuses
himself taking pictures - has got over his cough & makes
himself a much more agreeable traveling companion than
Miss Childers - as he don't have to stop to comb his hair or
write letters - As I am without a lady - I get acquainted with
lots of ladies from all over the United States & have met
some very agreeable ladies both old & young - I never got
acquainted with so many before - & have had a very
pleasant time & feel much stronger than I did
when I came down. I hope you will all keep
well & that Bess has got a nice girl by this time -
The air today is delightful & we have had bright
days nearly all the time - Love to all the
family & love & kisses to yourself from your aff.
father.

I brought him (Curtis) into the hotel and he stayed all night with me and until we left at noon today.

The hotel was full of English people who have come to Florida to make their fortunes. One of them died of too much whiskey while we were there.

The town itself seemed to be prosperous and full of life and substantial boom.



St. Augustine, Fla. Feb 5th 1888

Dear Father;

Mother has written so often that I have been afraid to write and repeat to you the items she has noted. Yesterday (Thursday) morning we left Punta Gorda at 6.25 for Leesburgh on the Florida Southern Ry, a narrow gauge. We were fortunate enough to find a Pullman attached and rode all the way in it.

The hotel at L. was a very poor excuse for one so we concluded to remain but one day there -

After getting our dinners I took a buggy and driver and went out to Gardenia to see my old friend & classmate Lutherie Curtis, a son of Capt. Curtis. He has an orange grove bearing fruit and devotes his time to it - He was looking rather thinner

than he used to appear at Marietta five years ago -

A Miss Cooke from Belphe is keeping house for him - She came down on acct. of her health and has been very much improved by her stay -

A family of Halls are his neighbors. They used to own a saw mill at Marietta and lived on Second street -



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St. Augustine, Fla.

It now then we came to this place and are spending the night at the "Ponce de Leon," the finest hotel in America if not of the world. It is fairly well filled with the rich nabobs of the East and a few from the West. We will stay here but one day and then go, either to the "Magnolia" or "St. George." I will let Mother write the details of this place -

We found Punta Gorda to consist of a very good hotel and a few houses & stores. The latter predominating. The air is balmy and salubrious in a great degree, so says everyone. I was anxious to stay longer in hopes of benefiting my catarrh but Mother found it very lonesome because of the lack of ladies to keep her company.

Two gentlemen from Chicago killed three alligators in two days and were going to try & kill enough to cover their

dining room chairs. The above mentioned animal is getting very scarce when sportsmen are about.

The hides are not worth but a couple of dollars apiece notwithstanding.

We will be in this town about a week and then start northward.

Write love to all & hoping that all are well

Off your son
E. C. Means

Tombs and life size figures of
 Angels, Father Time, Sailors, children
 Widows in long veils &c, all in
 beautiful white Carrara marble.
 On our way back our cat man
 insisted on racing with the other
 drivers and kept us - saying
 Piano! Piano! (slowly) until
 we were in the city gates again.
 Genoa has a number of
 little Parks & monuments and
 some fine old buildings and
 as it is a great shipping point
 there are many ships in the
 harbor. We left Genoa at 9-25
 and changed cars at Turin and
 at Modane ^{for the frontier} where our baggage was
 examined. which consisted merely
 in opening our trunk & lifting the
 trays & marking all the pieces with
 chalk. We travelled at night
 and as only one other lady was in
 the compartment we were very
 comfortable & they changed the
 hot water cans often & we were kept
 quite warm & reached Paris at 7-30
 this morning. Found letters from home

I wish to thank you for the
 your very best this time
 with the
 all
 yours ever
 Rose

26 Ave de Friedland
 Paris France
 Feb 12th 1888

Dear Harold
 We reached Paris
 last Tues. morning, and
 have had rain every
 day since. Nora had been
 in Pau and the south
 of France for six weeks
 and she reached her Aunt
 and went to the Hotel and
 we saw her yesterday and
 invited her to come to
 dinner with us today and
 think we have almost
 persuaded her to come up
 here to stay, as we like it

I am sorry to hear that you
 are not well. I hope you will
 get better soon. I am
 about the best.

so much more than any other Pension or Hotel, we can see here, it is true it is rather far out as it is quite near the Arch of Triumph but we are near the trains and can always get cabs, and Rosa thinks she will be ready to sail with us on the 10th of March, and we shall do all we possibly can to encourage her in that idea.

We have met a few friends and it feels like we are getting nearer home as we can talk so much more French than Italian, and get about easier.

We had a very nice little journey from Rome and if anything even more comfortable coming Second Class than going

down first class, as we had more room and there are no arms to the seats to divide them and we had more room to rest. We left Rome Fri afternoon at 3 and reached Genoa at 10 P.M. - a left there the next morning at 9.45 and that gave us time to go up to the Cathedral and go all through it and to see the Town and I made the ascent. As Aunt had been up before she did, not care to go up so many stairs 280, or 300, and she walked about looking at the shops.

We reached Genoa at 3, and walked out to see the Principal street near the Hotel, and then we took Mother's usual drive to the cemetery, the Campo Santo, and so much has been added to it since I was there before, so many beautiful monuments and

[15 Feb 1888]

QUIT CLAIM DEED.— [Without Dower.]

ROBERT CLARKE & CO., Law Publishers, 65 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

Know all Men by these Presents :

That I, Williams Means, of the City
of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton
and State of Ohio—

in consideration of
One Dollar, and other considerations including
25, 9 11 ⁷⁴/₁₀₀ Feb. 15th 1888, paid James McConville, Receiver,
to me paid by John Means, of Ashland,
Kentucky,

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby **Remise, Release,**
and Forever Quit Claim to the said—

John Means - his

heirs and assigns forever.

All my undivided one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) interest
in and to the following described real estate
situate in the City of Toledo, Lucas County,
Ohio, and described as follows, to wit:—

"Known as part of the west half of the
South west quarter of Section 26, Town 9,
South Range 7, East, and described as follows:

"Commencing on the South line of said
half of quarter section at a point $424\frac{63}{100}$ feet
west of the South East corner thereof; thence
North, along the west line of a parcel of land
designated as Lot One (1) in a general par-
tition deed between the owners of said half
quarter section, to a depth of $1571\frac{83}{100}$ feet;
thence west parallel with the north line of
said half quarter section $392\frac{66}{100}$ feet; thence
South $1571\frac{83}{100}$ feet to a point on the South line
of said half quarter section; thence $391\frac{27}{100}$
feet to the place of beginning."

Being Lot Two (2) as shown in said
partition deed recorded in book 92 page

193 of the records of deeds of Lucas County,
and the same properly conveyed to
John K. De Camp by deed dated April 23,
1887 to be held in trust for the equal and
joint benefit of himself, Wm. Means, (the
grantor herein) Walter L. Granger and
Charles J. Hunt.

and all the **Estate, Title and Interest** of the said

William Means

either in Law or in Equity, of, in and to the said premises; **Together**
with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, and all the rents,
issues and profits thereof; **To have and to hold** the same to the only proper use
of the said John Means, his

heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said William Means

has hereunto set his hand
and seal, this 16th day of November, in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight

Signed, Sealed and Acknowledged, in presence of us:

Mary A. Adams

W. Higley

E. Granger

William Means

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The State of New York, County of New York, ss:

Be it Remembered, That on the 16th day of November,
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight,
before me, the subscriber,
personally came

William Means

, the grantor

in the foregoing Deed, and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof to be
his voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed
my name, and affixed my
seal, on the day and year aforesaid.

E. Granger
Notary Public, Kings Co.
Columbia River, N.Y.

State of New York, } ss.
City and County of New York, }

I, **JAMES A. FLACK**, Clerk of the City and County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme
Court for the said City and County, the same being a Court of Record, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That

E. J. Granger
has filed in the Clerk's Office of the County of New York, a certified copy of his appoint-
ment as Notary Public for the County of
with his autograph signature, and was at the time of taking the proof or acknowledgment
of the annexed instrument, duly authorized to take the same. And further, that I am well
acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to the said
certificate of proof or acknowledgment to be genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the
said Court and County, the
day of Nov 1888
James A. Flack
Clerk.

In Witness Whereof, the said William Means

has hereunto set his hand
and seal, this 16th day of November, in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty Eight

Signed, Sealed and Acknowledged, in presence of us:

Mary A. Adams

W. Higley

E. Granger

William Means

SEAL.

SEAL.

SEAL.

SEAL.

The State of New York, County of New York, ss:

Be it Remembered, That on the 16th day of November,
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty Eight,
before me, the subscriber,
personally came

William Means

, the grantor

in the foregoing Deed, and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof to be
his voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed
my name, and affixed my
seal, on the day and year aforesaid.

E. Granger
Notary Public
Certificates Filed N.Y.C.

Toledo Ohio

Quit Claim Deed.

William ^{From} Means

To
John Means

Transferred, Jan 15th 1889

P. L. Goodrich
County Auditor.

PRESENTED FOR RECORD

On the 15th day of Jan 1889

at 8²⁵ o'clock, A.M.

Recorded Jan 21st 1889

in Deed Book No. 155 Page 34

Wm. V. M^{rs} Makin
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70 D^{oll}

Dear John

I am not quite
sure whether it is this
morning that you want
Father & me to meet you
at the bank or some day
before you go away again

Affectionately yours

M. R. Means

Feb. 17th

Waggen & Meane
17th July 1888

am sorry she thinks we
have seen so little and
spent so much money and time.

It is true we have not been
flying about so many places
in three weeks as she has done
in Florida, but we certainly
have enjoyed it more than we
could have done if we had
hurried as much as she does
and she says she would have
gone to Egypt and up the Nile
to our Pyramids. She evidently
does not know that ladies can
only go in parties, and they do
not leave Rome till the last
of Feb, and it costs over \$1,000
to go from there and takes three
or four months.

I hope you will not think
the same about my trip. Aunt
says we will certainly remember all
the things better and not get everything
confused by seeing so much by sight
with so much love to all.

The train for
T. and the train for
T. has here at midnight
on the 20th. It is
not much done well.

26 Ave. de Friedland
Paris
Feb 20th 1888

Dearest Father,

What sort of

rather are you enjoying
or rather not enjoying?

It has been wretched here for
four days raining and snowing
and cold, but today it was better,
being cold and clear and frosty.

They have had dreadful
snowstorms in the mountains and
all the papers are filled with
accounts of avalanches, blockades,
etc. in England and Scotland
and Switzerland, and storms
on sea, so we are glad that we
are not starting this week.

Wed - 22nd

We sent our cards to Mr and Mrs Northington Lane, and they called soon, and we were out, and we returned the call today, and found both at home and her mother Mrs Browne there. They live in an apartment on the third floor, and it was very handsomely furnished.

They had tea on a little table by the door and offered us some soon after we went in. Aunt took some, but I was afraid to venture as I can only take it when it is half hot water.

Mrs W. is from Ireland and we thought she might be about 40, and she is quite pleasant. They were in N.Y. in the summer and the Mr. was in Paris for a few days during that very hot weather.

They both seemed very glad to see us and invited us to dine with them Sun. at 7 o'clock.

Mr W. sent you his kindest remembrances, and spoke of the kind note you had written him when he was married, and he asked us a number of questions about the business outlook for Ashland that we answered to the best of our ability.

We saw in the Paris New York Herald that the ^{President} of the Metropolitan Bank had been arrested, but could see nothing more about the Bank being suspended and wonder if it could possibly be true. We watch the papers closely but have no other way of hearing till we receive your letter this week. I rec'd Mother's letter from Florida, and with Lily's, and

1888 February 2nd.

Range Two (2) East.

on Grump Ave.

40 Feet Nos 70. 71. 72. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. @ \$400

" " " 73 with House

50 " " 80 @ 550.

on Winchester.

40 Feet Nos 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. @ 500.

on Grump Ave.

35 Feet Nos 93 and 112 @ 300

" " Nos 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. }

" " Nos 111. 110. 109. 108. 107. 106. 105. 104. 103. } 250

Hold 109. 110. 111. 112 for Toll House

on Winchester Ave.

35 Feet Nos 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120 Don't Sell

" " " 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. @ 350.

" " " 129. 130. 131. @ 350. 132 @ 400 Hold Toll House

RANGE THREE EAST.

on Winchester Avenue.

40 Feet Nos 71. 73 @ 550

25 " " 87. 106 @ 400.

" " " 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. }

" " " 105. 104. 103. 102. 101. 100. 99. 98. 97. } 350

on Carter Avenue.

35 Feet Nos 107. 126 @ 350.

" " " 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. }

" " " 125. 124. 123. 122. 121. 120. 119. 118. 117. } 250

Range Four (4) East.

50 Feet on Carter Ave. No 82 @ 600

50 " " Railway " No 66 @ 450. Clear filed 25/3/89

40 " " do " " 86 @ 400. Jacobs deed 14/2/89

50 " " do " 94 @ 550.

Range Three (3) West

on Winchester No 104 @ 750

RECEIVED

Ashland Feb. 27th - 1888 -
My Dear little Cookie

I suppose you have seen your father & enjoyed his visit. - We feel quite lonesome without you both - I have been amusing myself with hunting up the preached salary - & have had splendid weather & better success than usual - (I put down ten dollars for in your name, which I suppose I can have the usual pleasure of paying - Today is a cold day - & we had a light snow, both yesterday & today - my eyes still have the black specks in them from the Florida white sand & the rides on the water in the

bright Sunshine - The town was
lit up with the electric lights
on Friday night - The band performed
the cannon fired - & the small boys
rejoiced greatly - It don't help our
house much, though, to my sorrow -
Everything in Oakland is duller
than usual - Bess has no girl
yet - Mary went out there yesterday -
Rose sails on the 10th of March, which
ought to bring her home by April -
I had a letter from Lily last
week - she has just been helping
give a Martha Washington tea party
in their Church - Mrs. Peppert
is better & so is Mrs. Chaffer - I wish
I had all the family & myself in
Florida, till this cold weather was
over - We eat our last Indian River
Orange yesterday - I hope your
Catarh - Cough & Throat are better
You must try & not expose yourself
to the cold - Write soon if you don't
write but short letters Love & Kisses
from your loving Mother

Mr. Str wanted to be remembered
and said he was thinking of
writing to much Will but
was afraid he would think
it presumptuous.

Hoping that we will
hear from you again
before we leave here, and
with much love to all the
family from Aunt and

Your loving daughter
Bobie Dr.

We are by the Republican that
you are beginning to use
the electric lights, and are
glad to know that it will
be all fairly started when we
return.

26 Ave. Friedland Paris
Feb. 28th 1888

My dear Father

We have been
anxiously awaiting your letter
for over a week because we
knew you could tell us more
about much Will's trouble than
any one else, and the letter
of the 14th came last night with
one from Aunt Mag and one
from Tom A. and Aunt was so
nervous she could scarcely sleep
so we did not go out this
morning and will not go till
after lunch and while she is
sowing I will write letters.

We suppose you will be in

New York this week and will
be with Lily. How I wish we
were there to all go home together.

It seems as if we ought to be
hurry home sooner now
but of course we ^{could} not do anything
more than than here, except
that Aunt Mollie would be there
to be a comfort to Mag and you
and I could have been at home
instead of Mrs Miller while Mother
was in the South, and might
have made it a little better for you.

We have engaged our rooms
on the Bourgoyne to sail the
10th of March and we will
leave here next week Fri. at
one o'clock and stay all night
on the steamer as it leaves so
early in the morning, and the
regular steamer train does not
leave here until midnight
reaching Havre at 5-A-M.

We do not see much of Miss
Jennie but we see Nora very often.
She came up ^{my birthday} Sat. and we went
with her to call on Lillian and
Alice Neal, and Nora came back
and stayed to dinner with us.

We called on Mrs Worthington
Wed. and they invited us to
dine with them Sun. evening
at 7 and we accepted. Then
when we rec'd Sam A's letter
with clippings from the papers
we wrote them a note saying
we could not come, and the
Lbr. came over after lunch
and insisted so much that
Aunt finally had to say we
would come, and we did go
and had a very nice dinner
and a pleasant evening.

Arkland Ky. 4th March 1888
My dear Leoker

I reached home yesterday morning on time. Spent most of my time with Lily when not engaged with business. We made spec of dividend. I sent your glasses by Capt Henry Bought N° 18 as you requested and hope they will suit you. All well here.

Harry has gone to Bellefonte this afternoon and I'm to the Reading Room.

I send herewith card of house I bought the glaser form and if not what you need, you might

return them by Mail
and describing what is
needed and sending
Postage Stamps to pay ^{for}
others returned in exchange
All well, Affectionately
Yours

John Mead

59th

We are having the heaviest snowstorm
of the Winter.

Arch
Jr

Law Moor Va

March 5th 1888

Dear Father!

We are having a
fall of snow today after a week
of very fine weather -

Friday afternoon at 4 shaft
caught fire and has been burning
~~every~~ ^{ever} since - There was a
negro shanty above the opening
and the dwellers having gone
away and left a large fire
behind them the old story was
repeated - Mr. Humberford
has been laid up with the measles
since Wednesday and could not
look after it - The others for
some reason considered it of
no importance and let it burn

Mr. S. was going up today to see what could be done about it but the weather was so bad that he did not. Some say that it is not connected with No 3 and some, that it is.

Sunday morning Mr. Chapman preached to us and in the afternoon we went up to the mines behind the mule team.

I have analyzed one sample of Low Moor jigged ore and found it to contain 42% of iron will get the silica tomorrow.

Write and tell me about the New York meeting as I understand some radical changes have been made and Capt. given full charge.

Frank Cearness still continues to take in all the scrip he can get hold of from the negroes

My lumbago has returned and I have found it necessary to commence taking medicine at once. This morning it was quite painful. My cold is better - thanks to the fine weather of last week.

Hoping that all are well and with much love remain

your affecⁿ,

E. C. Means.

P.S. I have been elected a member of the Institute of Mining Engineers and have sent of the necessary sum for the annual dues.

Ashland March 7th 1888
My Dear Cook

We are having
a spell of weather - Thermometer
down to 13 above zero this
morning - Mary went out to
Bess last night - no girl
there yet. - Hilda still has a
cold - We are to have another
electric light run by Charlie
Pruett - Ice house - which
I suppose will help us - & the
boys also, in finding our Strawberries
grapes &c - Mr Condit will
have our January week of prayer
next week - he omitted it in Jan
on account of the weather -
I suppose you were interested

in the Florida pictures
in the last Harper's weekly -
I was wondering how that
little Hotel on the Indian
River ~~at~~ Rockledge could
hold the Presidential
party. I expect Mrs Cleveland
looked very fine in the Ponce
De Leon parlors in her pink
silk brocade. I should like to
have been there to see ^{her} the
parade - Mr Alfred Gussman of Wood
Haven has gone to Florida -
Everything in Ashland as usual -
I suppose Rose sails on Saturday -
Col Putnam did not plant potatoes
as he expected ^{this week} as the ground is covered
with snow - I hope your throat
is better - Love & kisses
from Mother -

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 5th March, 1888.

My Dear Luke

Yours of 5th inst came yesterday also one from Rose of 22nd ult. She and Mary expect to sail 10th inst in the "Burgoyne", Lily will come home with them about the 23rd inst. We had nearly seven (7) inches Snow Monday, Mar @ 13° Tuesday morn. Am sorry to learn of your lambo and hope it may be over. You must take good care of yourself. Just now health is more value to you than money. The scrip taken by Frank Barnes should not be paid to him by the Company, it is not negotiable, is not intended to be, ^{and used as currency} If negotiable, the Co. must pay a tax of ten (10) per cent on same to the U. S. Government. There were no changes made at the meeting 29th ult. We simply stated and gave Capt Merry to understand that he was looked to as the responsible, de facto, head at Louisville, subject only to the directors. That he has

full power to hire, direct and discharge, in all cases -

This was not a change, but my ^{statement} ~~statement~~ to him in the presence of the directors and all assented and confirmed my statement. You did not write whether Capt. M. had returned.

How Riter & Lemley sent plans for Brick and Briskmark for H. B. Stone? Sam. Sawyer is anxious to get the ~~the~~ ^{and} number, shapes of Brick that he may get to work on them.

Father has not been very well since I came home, but is better now. All Wells -

Affectionately yours
John Nevins

JOHN NEVINS


E. B. WILLARD,


Hanging Rock, Ohio, March 10th, 1888

John Means Esq
Ashland Ky,
Dear Sir,

The Company is still paying taxes on four lots for Thomas W. Means in Portsmouth. I never knew but little about the Ports business, and do not know whether it is correct or not. The Lots are No 13, 63, 8 & 9.

I have written to the Co. Surveyor, of Scioto Co. in regard to making a Survey of the "Beatty Farm", as soon as he can do so conveniently.

Genl Enochs was talking yesterday about some person wishing to buy the front end of this farm. Said he was going to see you about it.

Respectfully Yours

E. B. Willard

Enclosed please find Note for \$3000 - dated 16th at one year.

E. B. Willard with
new notes
10th March 1888
J. Will -
aus of 10th

ansd 17th

These letters
ahead of what
yet for him
last year -
at which I
am much
gratified -
I shall send
to you when
the time comes
home - I am
wishing I might
see Ireland & mine
Oaks - first seeing
from
mother

Auckland March 12 - 1888

My Dear Cooke

I send you
letters from Rose & Lily -
we were sorry to hear of
the sudden death of young
Mr Grosjean - I suppose Mr
& Mr Maynard would be
quite distressed over it -
Rose I suppose is coming
up a small whale by the
time - I hope she will
not encounter any storms -
Grandfather has been quite
ill the last week - He went
to Church a week ago & took

cold + had two attacks
like nervous Chills - Dr Mont
has been dosing him with
bromide + he has become
very weak - He cannot see
at all now, I think - I should
not be surprised if he did not
live till Aunt Mollie came
home, he is failing so fast -
Ninnie Gaid my cook took
Lick + her father took her home
Friday - Kate Murphy + Lammie Collett
came to my assistance till I got
another girl, who came Sunday -
~~It is such a bother showing so many~~
new ones, that I am afraid it
will make me Lick again, bring
out in the cold kitchen - Mr Condit
has protracted meeting this week
afternoon + evening I have about
finished begging up his salary
+ if Mrs Adams gives her hundred as
usual, I shall come out shortly.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 15th March, 1888

Dear Levee

Received your kind letter from
Rue and Lily. We look for them
about 22nd or 23rd here. When
will you come? Harry was out at
Bellevue yesterday, all pretty well.
Father is better now than he was
a week ago. Minnie said left
Friday and yesterday Miss Helen
Carter was installed in her place.
Nothing new as to Court affairs.
Will is at home at Yellow
Springs. Remember me to
Capt M. and J. S.

Affectionately yours
John Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 13th March, 1888.

My dear Leek

Your letter came duly to hand, and mother says why didn't he finish the photo in blue - I expect to go to Leint's latter part of this week and prefer leave Mary and Skelding make their visit the first part of next week, say Tuesday and Wednesday 20th & 21st instant.

If I knew what morning they would come would meet them at train for breakfast, and have a team to get around with. We look for Rose and Lily Thursday.

All well

Affectionately yours
John Means

Kalamazoo Ky. 14th March 1888

The undersigned hereby authorize and
empower John Meant as our agent and
attorney ^{and devisor} to sell for us, at One hundred (\$100⁰⁰)
dollar per share, the number of shares in the
Second National Bank of Boston Ohio hereafter
set opposite our names. Sale and payment
to be made on or before the 14th day of
May next.

J. M. Adams One hundred shares

W. A. Wilson One hundred & ten shares

John Russell Seventy shares

Ann Russell by John Russell Seventy shares

Power of Attorney to sell

Second Nat Bank Stock

14th March 1888)

Expires 14th May 1888)

Askland March 16th 1888
My Dear Cooke -

The pictures
you sent me are horrid - I
don't like that blue type -
If you will have them finished
up decently, by Schmidt or in
Rochester, why I will pay for
them as I would like to have
good ones, particularly of the
fountain of youth - Your father
has gone to Cincinnati - Your
Grandfather, walked around, out
doors yesterday - Mr Condit is
having protracted meeting - I have
been going afternoons with Hildreth,
& Harry goes evenings - I have
a new cook. & I think she

is going to be a splendid girl,
when I get her trained - Minnie
Gard was in today after being
sick a week, & looked quite disa-
pointed. When I told her I should
keep the other girl I am going to
commence house cleaning next week -
have a new house cleaner engaged -
Harry & Lippie & I walked out to Belle
font yesterday - no cook there yet -
I shall begin to look for the girls ^{old & Rose}
next week & shall send for you
when they arrive - William is beginning
to make garden - We are talking of buying
Mr Ireland's man Patsey - he wants
\$175. for her - She is 14 years old but
gentle & safe - not afraid of trains - & she
can plow - which your father don't think
is any recommendation, but I do - as William
understands the ^{plowing} business also -

Thos Reppert is better -

Love & Kisses

from
your aff

Mother

Ashland March 20th 1888

My Dear Cooke

Your Aunt Mollie
sent a dispatch from New
York, that they had arrived
safely, Sunday noon & would
be here on Thursday for
home - If they should not
come Friday, I will send you
a dispatch so that you
may not, miss them -
I am sorry you cannot stay
longer, I thought of course
you would stay a week -
I am afraid it will
hardly give us time to
get Bess in - as that
seems almost as much

of an undertaking as to
get Lily from New York -
What is going to happen
Easter Sunday in Low Moor
that you can't leave, then.
You seem quite depressed
over "Patsey" - I think she
will be a treasure - I think
she is 14 instead of 17 which I
think is Harry's age. Today
is warm & my crocus are in
bloom out doors - Charlie Means
is helping in the Cattsburg Bank
for a few days - Mrs. Mont has been
quite sick, but is better - I have
commenced house cleaning with a
new hand. She stirred up your father's
treasures, so in his room, yesterday
that he was quite disgusted -
And ~~was~~ was afraid there would
be nothing left.
Love & kisses
from
Mother



—* M. I. T.—'88.*—

CLASS SUPPER.

THE QUINCY

Thursday, March 25th, 1888.

~ TOASTS ~

- THE CLASS A. T. Bradlee.
 "We know what we are, but know not what we may be."
 —*Shakespeare.*
- THE PIN G. U. G. Holman.
 "I do not set my life at a pin's fee."
- OUR GRADUATES D. M. Blair.
 "The memory be green."
- ATHLETICS R. Devens.
 "Let's do it after the high Roman fashion."—*Shakespeare.*
- SOCIETY OF '88 G. C. Dempsey.
 "A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."—*Byron.*
- THE CYCLING CLUB F. J. Wood.
 "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse."
- THE "BABY" H. C. Moore.
 "Behold the child by nature's kindly law,
 Pleased with a rattle, tickled with a straw;
 Some livelier plaything may his youth delight,
 A little louder, but as empty quite."
 —*Pope.*
- THE FACULTY J. T. Greeley.
 "I am not in the roll of common men."
- "87" A. S. Warren.
 "The right thing as usual."
 —*Chestnuts!*
- THE FRATERNITIES J. V. Wright.
 "A Friendship that like love is warm;
 A love like friendship steady"
 —*Moore.*
- THE COURSES H. J. Horn.
 "Like a race—a matter of course."
- THE LADIES F. L. V. Hoppin.
 "Without the smile from partial beauty won,
 O! what were man—a world without a sun."

"The man of intellect alone knows how to eat."

Menu.

BLUE POINTS, DEEP SHELL.

- | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------|
| SOUP. | | | |
| Green Turtle. | Tomato. | | |
| CELEBY. | | | |
| FISH. | | | |
| Baked Chicken Halibut, Wine Sauce. | Lobster on Shell. | | |
| CUCUMBERS. | ASPARAGUS. | | |
| REMOVES. | | | |
| Fillet Beef, aux Champignons. | Chicken, Giblet Sauce. | | |
| | Goose, Apricot Sauce. | | |
| FRENCH PEAS. | BUTTER BEANS. | | |
| | POTATO CROQUETTES. | | |
| ENTREES. | | | |
| Escalloped Oysters. | Chicken Croquettes with Peas. | | |
| | Banana Fritters. | | |
| Chicken Salad. | Lobster Salad. | | |
| RELEVE. | | | |
| Fruit Ices. | | | |
| GAME. | | | |
| Larded Quail on Toast. | Mallard Duck. | | |
| JULIENNE POTATOES. | LETTUCE SALAD. | | |
| SWEETS. | | | |
| Fruit Jelly. | Charlotte Russe. | | |
| | Frozen Pudding. | | |
| DESSERT. | | | |
| Oranges. | Bananas. | Pears. | Grapes. |
| Confectionery. | Raisins. | Figs. | Cake. |
| Neapolitaine Ices. | Sherbet. | Ice Cream. | |
| | Coffee. | | |

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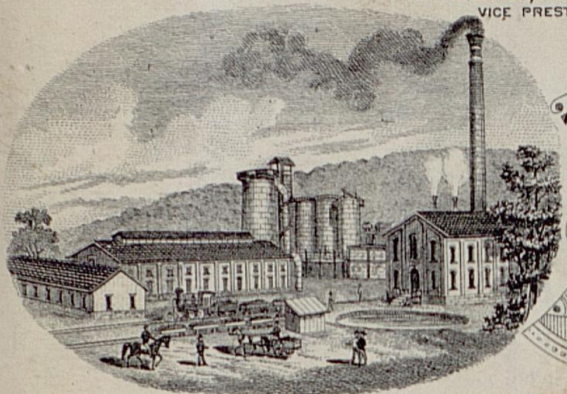
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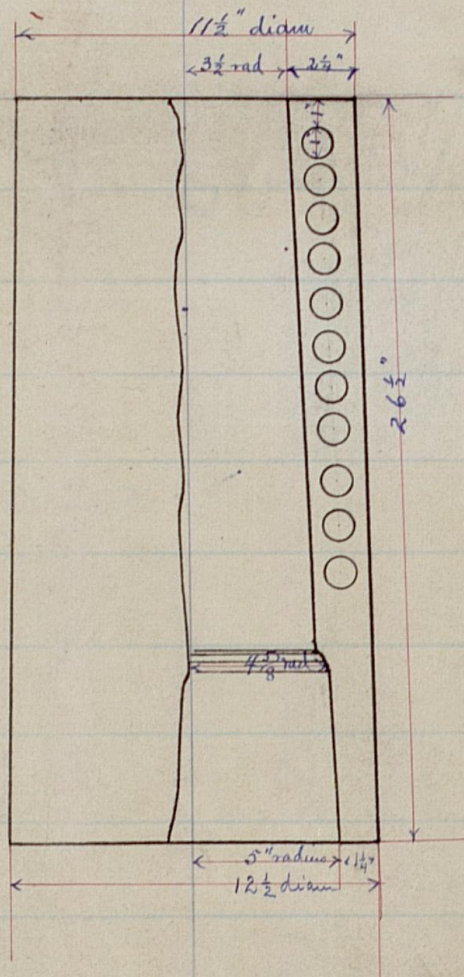
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GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va.

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Tuyere-

March 1888

Fce. "B"



JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 2nd April....., 1888.

My Dear Leoker

we reached home yesterday at Noon, found
all well, Berie and Baby stayed, while we were
gone, but went home yesterday evening. Brother
Will has Fistula in ano, and has had
quite a serious time. Another operation
will be necessary, which the Doctor
delays, fearing an abscess on the bowel.
He will not be able to attend Court on 10th,
and the case will have been postponed, until
May or June, so that he can be prepared.
Mrs. Reppert died Friday night, and
was buried yesterday. Frank Moore
is sick and not out today. I hope
your rheumatism has left you - before
this. Remember me to Capt. M. and
family also to Shelding.

Yours Truly
John Means

and he was not much better
fooled in what was going on
about him than I. or even
Harry Means was. It is very
ridiculous to see just how
little he did for or cared about
the company. There seems
to have been a ring about him
that believed the more they
got from the company without
any work, the better off they were.
You will have to be told by
Capt. M. to fully appreciate it.
Hoping that all are well,
and with love to each & all,
I remain;

Your affson;

E. C. Means.

Law Moor

- April 7th 1888

My dear Father:

The boilers and
the stove-valves have arrived
from R. & C. The other iron work
is expected at the first of the week.
Their men have not come so
that nothing has been done but
to take their iron off the cars.

The foundations for the boilers has
been completed for some time past.
The foundation for the stove is
nearly completed, and we expect
it will be alright by the time they
are ready to build upon them.

I have closed the laboratory
for a few weeks and will go
with the prospecting party on

the "Robertson Property"

Capt. Merry has received the option and wishes to commence work as soon as possible -

So Monday we shall take our tents and go up to the first body of ore and proceed to prospect - We will have

about 6 men in the party and the Captain has decided to put me in charge - Consequently I shall sleep at the camp and be with the men all the time -

My "lumbago" is so much improved that I do not fear any evil effects from being out of doors so much, provided that we do not have too much rain -

I shall have a cot to sleep on and a bountifull supply of covers -

I do not know how regularly our

mail will be received, so if you wish to have me get any letter as soon as possible you had better put "please forward on the envelope" -

Everything is working well at the Lerrance and the "old man" is straight -

Your next report of the mines will undoubtedly prove that the change of management ^{then} will be an improvement - Mr. Harry May has taken Mr. Hengerford's place and already the results show that the retaining of H. has been a very expensive thing for the company - I think he, himself is coming to the conclusion that he was a poor attempt as a manager - Things were very rotten then

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 14th April, 1888.

My Dear Luke

Yours of 7th inst, came duly to hand, I hope you will be careful and not get sick or more rheumatism while perfecting. Be sure your bedding and your clothes are dry at night and there will not be much danger. Have been feeling rather poorly from cold myself this week past, and not clear of it yet. Fear and dinner parties occupy most of the time of the female part of the family. Bessie and Baby came up today and will stay to-night. Harry came Wednesday night from Marietta. Poor Tom was sick Thursday night for the first time since 31 Aug 1879 and it discourages us, as we hoped after so long a time, that he might be well entirely. Have Skelding and Mary given up their Ashland visit? Jim and Mary are at Fattens, don't know how long will stay.

Maggie went out to Yellow Spr
for a short visit. Have no
and this week from Will.

Norton Iron Works meeting
28th inst. Don't remember whether
I have your proxy for that Co.
Probably you had better send me
one — Lily expects to go home
next week —

Yours truly
John Mead

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 27th April, 1888.

My Dear Cora

Your of 24th is at hand. My cold is much better and Lou has not been sick again. Better send Perry to Fin B. C. meeting to Harry and myself or either of us. You do not say anything of the result of your presiding so far and I take for granted nothing very favorable has been found. Norton D. W. Meeting Wednesday selected old members of the Board. Meacham has been offered a good position in St Louis and Joe Pollock is offered position in Catlettsburg Nat Bank. Don't know yet whether either will leave here. Should be sorry to lose Meacham. Lily reached home safely. Rose and Harry are at Bellefonte. Tuesday, Meacham & Co. elected T. M. Adams and myself instead of William H. and Father. We made Willard Post and Bull Sect. They made many

at Pine Grove and Level Works, and
lost \$700± at Hamilton Turn—
Have had pretty cold weather
for a Week— but warm today.
With regards to M & S—

Affectionately yours
John Messing

JOHN MEANS, President.

OFFICE OF

C. M. WILSON, Secretary.

Kentucky Iron, Coal, and Manufacturing Company,

Ashland, Ky. 1 May 1888

Balance

Assets

415± Acres Land	\$69,409.00
204 $\frac{2}{3}$ Lots	86,700.00
24 Shares Norton Iron Works @ \$500.00	12,000.00
Judgments	1,354.50
Bills Receivable	33,860.33
do in Suit	448.32
Accounts	1,754.35
Cash in Ashland N. Bank	2,341.61
	<u>\$197,768.11</u>

Liabilities

Capital Stock	3990 Shares	199,500.00
Accounts		<u>500.02</u>
		<u>\$200,000.02</u>

Statement of Condition

Ky. & C. Mfg Co

1st May 1888~

JOHN KYLE, PRESIDENT.
L. R. KECK, TREASURER.

C. M. HOLLOWAY, SUPERINTENDENT.
GUS. HONSHALL, SEC'Y & AGENT.

CINCINNATI, PORTSMOUTH, BIG SANDY & POMEROY PACKET CO.'S

— ENTIRELY NEW —

ELEGANT AND FAST PASSENGER STEAMER,

BOSTONA.

Leaves Cincinnati, Mondays and Thursdays, at 5:00 P. M.
Leaves Pomeroy, Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 5:00 A. M.

JOHN HOLLOWAY, MASTER.
C. H. HOLLOWAY, CLERK.

ON BOARD STR. BOSTONA, *2nd May* 188*8*

My dear Levee

Your to mother came duly to hand with the F.B. Levee proxy which fixes date for a meeting in June, and consequently is not good for me in May, which is the time of meeting. Yesterday I wired Frank Lyman that would come over tonight and spend Thursday and Friday with him. The accounts from brother Will are so bad that am going to Leinti where can see Mr Sam Hunt who was out at Y.B. Sunday and can give me the facts, as to his condition. Then will determine whether I go to him Mon or Y.B. tomorrow night. Capt Honshull and Mr Russell have been talking of going to California with their families sometime this month but the trip seems to have been abandoned at least for the present. Harry has been looking out for

some one to fill his place for
a month or two, that he might
go with them - The A. C. & S. Co.
business will show about \$100⁰⁰
on the right side and this will
be about the amount expended
on the Furnace - We have been
using Michigan and Minnesota ores in
the new furnace, but this week
we put same burden in both,
This will use ~~it~~ ^{them} that much faster
and bring in money for same.
So I think we shall begin to pay
small dividends again soon -
We may put in new boilers and take
out the old, during the year, but if
we do that will not be more
than \$10⁰⁰ - But Warner and
family came up yesterday, Im-
prices are weakening and our sales
not quite so brisk as formerly
The Ironer Nail Mills have
not done much for two months
owing to strike of their Nailers,
which I hear today has been settled
and the mills will go to work
next week -

Yours Truly John Mead

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 7th May, 1888.

My Dear Louie

I reached home on time yesterday and found all well. Afternoon out and I drove out to Bellefonte, for a visit, and found Will, Ben & Bob enjoying the fine weather. This morn was down at Houston, at Second N. Bank, which could not make any dividend on account of loss by Harpers concerns. Mary left Thursday for Yellow Springs, but we have not heard from her since she went. Fatten and Maggie are very well. Herewith find your note of 1st Oct/87 canceled — John Russell Jr is a little under the weather from a strain in Tennis or jumping. A. C. Campbell is at home sick and Mat Houston is up at Cullithburg helping in the Bank. Molly W and son

are at Mr Russell -

It is reported that Lida McKinnin
is to be married Wednesday
9th to some man from the
West - Mr Maclean has
concluded to stay in Auckland.

Affectionately yours

John Meunier

LEASE.

To *S. S. Savage*
Academy House Land

Expires *14 May*, 188*8*

Entered 31 Dec 1887 Page 282 for 6 Months \$150.00

LEASE.

This Indenture, made the 14th day of May, 1887,
between John Means
of the town of Ashland, Kentucky, of the first part, and
S. B. Savage
of Ashland of the second part;

WITNESSETH: That the party of the first part, in consideration of
twenty five (\$25⁰⁰) dollars per month
to be paid as follows: quarterly

and the further stipulations and agreements, hereinafter stated, to be kept and performed
by the party of the second part; the party of the first part has leased and demised to the
party of the second part, for the term of one year from and after
the 14th day of May, 1887, the following described premises:

the residence near the Academy, lately occupied
by W. B. Beaton - also the hill land and
bottom land back of and below said house
on and near to Long Run; and also the
grounds around the Academy for pasturage
only. The said Means reserves the
Academy with full and free entrance for
himself and others - for school or other
uses - said Savage agrees not to
keep or pasture unruly animals or any
known to be dangerous to persons in
said Academy grounds -

The party of the second part further agrees that he will not lease or underlet any
part of said premises, nor permit any other person to occupy the same, nor will he sell,
or permit to be sold, on said premises, any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or either of
them, during his term; and should the said party of the second part in any particular
violate the provisions of this lease, either in underletting, or selling, or permitting to be

sold, said liquors, on said premises, then this lease shall immediately become void, and the said party of the first part, by its agent or agents, is at liberty at once to re-enter and re-possess the leased premises, and the party of the second part agrees to deliver possession accordingly.

~~The party of the first part reserves the right to lease the premises herein described, or any part of the same, for manufacturing purposes, or to sell the whole or part thereof, during the term of the party of the second part, and upon such sale or re-letting the party of the second part agrees to surrender possession of these leased premises, notwithstanding this lease, after having had _____ days notice thereof; and the party of the first part agrees to pay to the party of the second part \$ _____ as liquidated damage for the unexpired term of this lease.~~ The party of the second part further agrees not to commit any waste or suffer or permit the same to be done, and agrees to keep the premises in good repair, unavoidable accidents excepted.

and to return full and peaceable possession of the premises at the expiration of this lease without notice to quit; and waives all rights by possession of these or any premises of the party of the first part.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the party of the first part and the party of the second part, have hereunto set their signatures.

Wm. Deane
S. S. Savage

From and after the 14th May 1889 it is agreed that the rent shall be twenty (\$20⁰⁰) dollars per month.
8th May 1889

Wm. Deane
S. S. Savage

This lease is extended so as to expire October 1st 1909 covering
Same grounds and buildings: but so amended that the
amount to be paid quarterly is now seven 50% or
\$32.50 per month; all conditions therein to remain
the same. Said means agrees to expend \$300.00
for the erection of a three room Cottage upon said
grounds herein described and when same has been
completed: Savage is to pay five dollars more rent
monthly from the 14th day of April 1903. This is a copy of
an endorsement this day made upon a lease to S.S.
Savage from John Means on instrument of writing
dated November 11th 1899 and to be attached to and
become a part of said original lease

S S Savage

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 17th May, 1888

My Dear Cooke

Yours came duly to hand. Am sorry
not to hear better report of the Southern Land.
But as it is a large tract, hope you may
find better prospects than seen so far.

^{R. S. Butler}
Wm & George Biggs - Bailey Peabody, and
Winslow were the only ones from
abroad at the A. C. & D. R. Co. meeting.
They were very well pleased at the results for
past year. Rode over our road to Benton
behind N.D. We selected old Bond,
also made dividend of one for
payable 15th prox. Expect to come
over Monday night (21st) next, and will
bring you annual Statement of
the business. Mother has had
three new girls this week, and
may change again soon. Will be in
Kentucky up Tuesday -

Affectionately yours
John Means

JOHN MEANS

Received May 18th, 1888. LOW MOOR, VA.

John Means, Ashland, Kentucky. May 19th, 1888

you would like to go - If
not I shall take Rose -
If promises to be better than
the 7th - They are to have the feast
of lanterns on the water - & the
Pageant - & a big house to hold
food for the speaking &c - I
believe it will be worth going to -
So if you would like to go - we
will do so - Love & kisses
from your aff
Mother -

Uncle Nile about the same
Mary Anne reports the girls looking
thin as they & that do all the
nursing -

Mr Hoard has at last finished
a plan for the Church - it
looks very well on paper &
will cost \$8000

Ashland May 18th 1888 -
My Dear Cooke
I have been
thinking of writing to you, for
some time but have been very
busy - overhauling house & garden -
William has been planting out
Sweet potatoe plants - in all, 1000 -
plants - I am hoping for a heavy
rain as it will be a big job to
water them - My new cistern comes
in beautifully - and I have had
a good many extra flowers set
out with faith in it - "Patsey"
flows beautifully & makes herself
extremely useful - if she is not
kept well at work she gets
more fussy than I expected
she would from the way

The Judge recommended her,
She + Rose + Harry have gone this
afternoon to call on the Moores
yesterday Rose went on her, to
Belleville in company with
Charlie + May, who rode Charlie's
two new horses - Lida McKenpie
was married to Mr Lasher
on Wed at 8. A. M. + left for
his home with a little trip on
the way - No one at the wedding
but the relations + the Episcopal
preacher + wife + Mr Condit -
She was married in white
Satin + under a flower bell -
with Hoople Mead on one side
holding a plate with the ring on it
+ Rata Donald on the other side
holding a string which was fastened
to the Clapper or Lily in the bell.
Mr Donald + Condit both assisted
at the ceremony + then they

had a set down breakfast +
after that walked to the
Junction + took the train -
Irene Moore is still in the City
under the Dr's treatment for her
throat - which they say is no better,
also your old sweet heart Virginia
has a fine enough man, by the
name of Ransom, from the City -
So your friends are all leaving
you - I expect to change cooks
next week as my present
one is getting so saucy I can't
stand her impudence - I shall
try a German girl, next week -
If you were at home
you might feast on Cream
as we have a new cow - who
gives splendid milk + Cream -
Would you like to go to Manitowish
the 15th of July to the Centennial
I will take you with me, if

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 28th May, 1888

My dear Cooke -

My train came in on time Friday morning and I found all well at home - That afternoon Ron came bringing Hilda for her first sight apart from her mother. She stayed very contentedly, and Will came up Satd. P.M. to take her home.

Yesterday afternoon mother and myself drove out to see Bess. She and the baby are getting along nicely. Mother says the baby grows but I can't discern it yet. Her principal business is to eat and sleep. Mrs. Deysser died yesterday afternoon and is to be buried tomorrow. John Russell Jr. left today for Leint where he will make arrangements for the trip. The others go tomorrow. Only Lizzie Hany and the Russells go - I expect to go to Leint with them. Have letter from Will in which he writes cheerfully, but says he is not well yet. Schmidt and myself could find no directions with the negatives you sent, so told him to write you himself. We have letters from Lily who was well, but said Mr. Maynard had a bad cold

Weather is warm and showery, everything
growing nicely. Mother and Rose busy
preparing for a Strawberry Supper for the
benefit of the Church —

Father Mary Maggic and Tom well,
Remember me to Capt M. Hany, Skeddin,
and families —

Affectionately yours
John Meany

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 4th June, 1888

My dear Leoker

Last week I went to Cincinnati with Mr Runk on Norton J. W. business. John Jr had gone the day before us to secure tickets for the party. Wednesday was "decoration day" and but little business doing in the city. Russells, Lizzie and Harry are to leave @ 8 P.M. via O & M R.R. for St. Louis, thence to Kansas City, thence to Denver, beyond which their plans had not been made. We hear nothing from them since they left Cincinnati. Being away did not get the Locke level off to you, but will this week - Mother and myself were at Bellefonte yesterday. Berie was able to go out to dining room for her meals, and the baby very well. They have a new girl who, has a four years old boy, and Berie thinks the boy and Hilda will make matters too lively for her to keep the girl with the boy, so there is likely to be another change. The strawberry Supper was a success, cleared about 100¢ for the church. It rained that evening, which kept some away. Yesterday

The Methodist Church was dedicated. Having been finished and all debts paid. There was no service at other churches all taking part with the Methodists, and made a big crowd in attendance. Am summoned to Court as a witness for several days this week, and am afraid shall be kept all the week. Let Putnam and wife make a visit to Mr. Garrett last week. This week they are expecting Douglas Putnam and wife who have been visiting Lizzie in Maunten Ga.

Remember me to Capt. M. Hany and Shelding

Affectionately yours

John Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 5th June, 1888.

My dear Levee

Some of 3rd inst to mother came duly to hand, I will send by Express to day the Locke Pocket Level, but do not think you will find it of much use in the Mountains, where so high and steep. Had your watch regulated when in Leinti, last week - The watch had gained about four (4) minutes in nearly ten (10) weeks. Letter from Harry at Kansas City written Sunday 3rd inst, were to leave there Monday. Benie was not well Tuesday but all right yesterday. Am summoned to court on Tuesday next and am afraid they may keep me all week, about other peoples business.

Yours affectionately
John Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 20th June, 1888.

My Dear Burke

Yours of 17th inst came to hand yesterday morning. Am pleased to hear that there is so much ore to be had from the L.W. mines. If ore is piling up too fast at furnace, the outside mines might be limited to a given amount. With present prospect for prices of iron there is no danger of ore or labor advancing. Many furnaces must stop or lose money running. The furnaces at Ironton and Hanging Rock cannot make any profit now, and I doubt whether they can keep even. It is pretty close work for Ashland where we have \$1.50 advantage at the least over I or O. At least account the Western Travelers well at Salt Lake City, and all well. S. S. Savage is anxious to begin on Lohr Brick as he is

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about out of order.

The weather has been very hot
this week above 90°, and the
river getting down - so that the
Big Steamers must soon stop
if there be no more water.
Roe went to B. F. last night
All well there -

Credit dividends to Prof & Lou,
Interest account, should only
show amounts paid or received.

Affectionately yours
John Meany

I hope Dr. Merry can keep Jim
reasonably well.

528 Adelaide 142 last week

CONDITION

—OF THE—

Ashland National Bank,

At the close of Business, June 30, 1888.

RESOURCES.

U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation.....	\$100,000 00
U. S. Bonds on hand.....	100,000 00
Notes and Bills Discounted.....	421,311 76
County and Corporation Bonds.....	52,050 00—\$673,361 76
Due from Banks and Bankers.....	\$ 55,748 39
Legal Tender Notes with U. S. Treasurer.....	4,500 00
Currency and Coin on hand.....	42,027 29—\$102,275 68
Banking House and Furniture.....	12,800 00
Premium on U. S. States Bonds.....	30,000 00—\$ 42,800 00
Total Resources.....	\$818,437 44

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$350,000 00
Circulation outstanding.....	90,000 00—\$440,000 00
Due Depositors.....	\$301,444 74
Due Banks and Bankers.....	2,843 82—\$304,288 56
Surplus Fund.....	62,000 00
Profit and Loss.....	1,648 88
Dividend No. 30 of 3 per cent.....	10,500 00
	\$818,437 44

W. C. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

July 2, 1888.

$$\frac{621}{350} = 1.77$$

$$\frac{63.648}{350} = .181$$

July 4th

[1888?]

Dear Cooke

I send you Harry's letter from the Yosemite. Please return it immediately - as I want to send it to Lily - Bess & the two children & Will are in spending the 4th. The town is quiet to day but was noisy enough through the night & the cannon firing off light under my window - was not helping to much I suppose - Fed Bess on Spring Chickens & Hilda ate four legs & as it is about her first experience with Spring Chickens I think she will be as fond of them, as you

+ Bess - likewise the young ones
she seems to enjoy immensely. ☺
It is now raining, which will
dampen the enjoyment of the
picnic parties. The Widow + little
Fly started East today. - Nell has
a train to meet her + go on with
her - some high school teacher.
Harry has written to you as a short
letter from San Francisco. They are
stopping at the Occidental Hotel -
Your friends in town seem to regret
you did not stay longer with us -
May Means + May Sampson have gone
to the Seaside. Likewise Pearl -
May Coles + Lu Poage have Cake + Ice
Cream at the Reading Room today +
evening. Love + kisses from Mother -

very ordinary looking.
Perhaps Mother would rather be
able to say she did not know
where we were.

Hoping you are all well and
not having warm weather I
am I with much
love.

Maggie K. Means

Recd 187

3th July 1888

Mary F. Means
In 3007

Stet

July 5. 1888

Mr. John Means.

Belmont N.Y.

My dear Brother.

I enclose circular
of our house. where we are regis-
tered Mrs. Lampton, niece & nephew
from Glenham, N.Y. - so address
all your letters to Lily who
will forward them; even P.M.
at Belmont will not know.
You know how glad I am to hear
reports are so it is.
Please send me three hundred

(\$300.) Dollars on N. Y. - and I can get Lilly, Ellen,
her - heart!! to ~~enjoy~~ them - We have 3 rooms
on top floor for which I pay \$55. per week -
Aunt W.'s connecting. then there are expenses for
driving, heating, bath house &c. - and I may
have to write for more. The invalids are both
enjoying the sea but Mrs. Higley who is a phy-
sician advised them not to go in until the
water is warmer but after to day I think
we might venture in. Mrs. H. & I left

W. here on Tuesday? yesterday I thought
Aunt down - I was afraid to engage rooms
until W. saw them - He is waiting for me
to get this letter off before we start to Rock
Bank. an hour ride from here on a small boat. He
enjoys the change and. V. & Mrs. Higley says
he would not have lived three months at
the longest if he had stayed at the Springs -
that is his own private opinion. He and his
husband are just the kindest people and
can not do enough for him - The guests
here are principal, from N. Y. & Brooklyn

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 13th July, 1888

Miss Margaret A. Means

care Mrs W. E. Maynard, Woodhaven near Co, N.Y.

My dear Maggie

Your welcome letter of 5th inst, came Monday 9th, just as I was leaving for Cin. when I stayed two (2) days. I saw Mr S. F. Hunt and went out to Glendale at night to have a good opportunity to talk with him, also saw Mr McCouille and Mr Kerke who desired to be remembered, also saw Mr Burnett who assured me of his good wishes Hunt is satisfied as matters now stand, and that all will work out right in due time, and cannot be hurried faster than is done. Saw Mr Linton and C. P. Taft. I and family were to leave yesterday morning for Little Belair Springs not far from Detroit Mich. The Cin. paper mentions that Will is in the East on the Coast for his health, S. F. H. saw to the item, I knew he had gone but did not know to what place, but ^{that} was with his sister and Hunt, Herewith find ^{N.Y.} draft to you order three hundred (\$300⁰⁰) dollars Father Mary and Tom are very well.

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Hattie and Ben left this morning for Maunabo
to attend the Centennial celebration
Went by RR on the Va side of the
River. We expect Harry about 26th and
With love to all.

Yours truly
John Meany

Mother wants you to tell
Mrs Spiller to cover the jelly
we made this week; it is
in the play room, and
tell her she and Lucy can
have the date candy that
is in the parlor as it will
not keep - and somebody
should enjoy it.

Hildreth Putnam called
this morning. He said a good
many of the 9th of April
people had gone away from
home to visit this coming
week; so they would not have
to entertain.

With much love still
yours

Rose M.

Marion Ohio
July 14th 1888

My Dear Father

We had a very
pleasant trip up on
the new road and
reached Williamstown at
5 o'clock - a little behind
time - and found Uncle
George waiting there for
us. He was very much
disappointed that you
and Luke did not come,
and Sarah says she wanted
a whole house full of us.

Uncle Ross seems feeble but is much stronger than he was in the Spring when he was sick for 2 or 3 weeks and long Inauguration cause.

Miss Maria Goodbridge called this morning to take Mother out driving and then home to dinner and Mother went with her to do a little shopping, and Miss Slack and Miss Rossiter called while we were out.

The houses are nearly all gayly decorated with flags and they are putting up arches over our Putnam St by the River; and down on Front St by the River.

We find it very cool

and Mother says for you to tell Leo & Lora that we slept under two blankets and a shawl and still were not too warm last night.

Mother has a head-ache but consoles herself by thinking it would be much worse if she had come up by boat.

The crowd are all expected today or tomorrow and they are busy every where making preparations for them and Sarah says she thinks Harriette will die after the Centennial is over as they have been talking of it and working for it for such a long time that there will be nothing to do after it is over.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS.
NORRIS GEYSER BASIN.
LOWER GEYSER BASIN.
UPPER GEYSER BASIN.
GRAND CANON.

YELLOWSTONE PARK ASSOCIATION HOTELS.

Mammoth Hot Springs,

July 15 1888

Dear Father

I suppose that you saw Bess today and that she & her family were well. and that mother is in Marietta with Rose enjoying themselves during the Centennial celebration. I wrote to Mother at Marietta last Thursday on the train coming from Tacoma here. We left Tacoma last Thursday morning by the N.P. R.R. in the Rain the first that we have seen since we left home. It has rained there a good deal this summer. Jennie Lizzie & I called on Mrs Bronston (a sister of Mrs Mearhem) last Monday ^{to find} she & her husband & child (a boy) at home they had just moved in a house

that they had been waiting on for
six (6) months as houses are so
scarce in Tacoma, she took us
carriage riding & showed us the
town, and return we had them
to tea & dinner as it is called
her husband is a lawyer. they
had lived in Ky before they
moved there. She does her own
kitchen work & did her own wash-
ing for a while, as the servants
are so scarce since the Chinamen
were run out. I inquired
for Jessie (Wheeler) Morgan & her
family (as I remembered Rose to say
that they lived there) but found
that they had gone to ^{Long Puget Sound} Duhalcomb
W. I for her husband health as
he does ^{as much} not seem to improve, as
one might expect. I heard that he
looks very bad. We were all well
pleased with Tacoma & vicinity
we left there Thursday morning
& reached here yesterday noon

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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS.
NORRIS GEYSER BASIN.
LOWER GEYSER BASIN.
UPPER GEYSER BASIN.
GRAND CANON.

YELLOWSTONE PARK ASSOCIATION HOTELS.

Mammoth Hot Springs,

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we were on the Train Two (2) days
on nights from Tacoma to Livingston
and a half (1/2) a day from Living-
ston here. The scenery on the N.P.
is grand, some what like the C&O
from Hinton to Lowmoor all
the way along. The Fare on the
Dining Cars is as good as is
found in the Hotels in San Fran-
cisco or (elsewhere) ⁱⁿ other Large cities
and ^{the} advantage of not having to
get off to get your meals, and
not having to have such long waits
between times for your meals.
we arrived at Livingston at 2.30 AM.
and ~~from~~ found a poor hotel there
and left there for Grimaker by RR at
8 AM. and reached C at 11.30. and then

an hour & half by stage here.
We got into the Valley on Sat tomorrow,
having rested today, and I think will
leave here Friday for St Paul & East
we expect to be in St Paul next Sunday
~~27th~~ and will be home ^{about} ~~the~~ ^{about} next
Sunday 28 if nothing prevents.
This ^{whole} trip will cost us about 50 dollars
each, to the Park about 20 to 25 dol
lars cheaper than the Yosemite
did. Love and kind regards
to all that inquire about me
(and the party) We are all
well

Your Son
Harold Means

PS I hope that Bess still has the
2nd girl that Mose took out there since
I left, & that the Blue Sulphur trip was
a success. I will write home from St
Paul if not before. Hoping to hear
from you at St Paul I remain
A.M.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 18th July, 1888.

E. C. Meant

Lou Moor Va.

My Dear Louie

I reached home on time yesterday morning and found all well. Will, Ben and babies had been up Sunday. Have letter from Rose. The school started at 5 P.M., a little behind time the day they left her - Were having nice visit. Nothing from Harry, since that I told you of. Furnace only made 439 tons last week on about 3.50 tons coal - The river is falling fast, with prospect for more rain today. I think you had better write Tom Lamberton to come up to Lou Moor, and see and be seen. Will mention the matter to him or his father when next I see them, which is not very often. Let me know how fire gets along, and when he is

out again - On examination of
the Blue Print Shaper for Brick
I found that the mistake came
from putting the ^{lower} ~~former~~ dimensions
of I for that of I' and vice versa.

I mail you Fair Air Premium
List. - We are preparing to enlarge
our Machine Shop and Foundry
so that we may do more work
and put in some new machines.
Remember me to Capt H. May
and to S -

Affectionately yours
John Meach

Ans'd 2nd

Low Moor Pa
July 20th 1888

My dear Father:

Your letter and the Lominum list of the Boyd County Fair were received this morning.

Mr. Skelding is still very sick and everyone seems to be very doubtful as to his recovery. He has been able to sit up and even walk across the hall, but last night when I called to see him, he was able to breathe easier when sitting up than when lying down and had to give up talking unless he was sitting straight up. A very unfavorable

symptom is the swelling of his ankles, hands & face seeming to indicate dropsy. This is recent and I have not heard the doctor say what he thought about it. They have had the young doctor come down from Covington twice since Sunday. Joe and Albert look after the furnace while the shops look after themselves. The men did not like my staying in the shops so much without saying anything about what I was doing there. Capt. Merry wants me to do so until Skelding gets out or something happens.

Men have been so scarce that Harry came down last night with 20 men and

unloaded all the cars on the trolleys and two cars of sand. This seemed to have a good effect on the furnace laborers and the men have come out today better than for a week.

Jahnsden was here yesterday and reports Iron Mountain to be very short of men. He is thinking of trying a car load of Hungarians. He brought 8 men up from Millers (?) but they all left the first night.

Rain all day yesterday - with much loss to all

Yours affec^tionately:

C. C. Means.

Marion Ohio
July 21st 1885

Dear Father

We failed to
make the train this
morning as the omnibus
man did not stop for us
and Mother then decided
-against my will- to go
to Zanesville and stay over
Sunday so we will not
be home till Tues. or Wed.
I suppose tho perhaps
we might come Mon- by
the Lake Valley.

We will go over by the
Jamestown and Ohio road
and Mother has been
told that is a very pleasant
trip and the scenery very good
and it is called a "miniature
Hudson". We do not know
that they will be glad to
see us as Mother just
telegraphed that we would
come over today and
Minnie Stildreth wrote me
that some of Aunt's relatives
are there.

We are all well and
hope the families in St.
are also lovingly yours
Rose Inaud.

Boat to Swift Valley on the Coll.
But will let you know later
we have had only one rain since
we left Ashland and that at Tacon-
ma. ~~It~~ It has been warm on the
cars today the warmest that we
have had since we turned home-
ward.

I suppose that Milton
& Rose enjoyed themselves at
the Centennial Celebration at Marietta
and you have had good health
at home, and have not suffered
much with the heat so far.

Hoping to hear from you at St
Paul. I remain your son

Harold Means
all well. And hope to be
with you this time next Week.
Hm

North Pacific R.R.

July 22 1888
Dear Father

We will reach
St Paul this P.M. we spent
last week in the Yellowstone Nat.
Park and were very much ^{filled with} pleased with it. It being more
wonderful things than we ex-
pected to see in it. We were
in the park from Saturday noon
till the following Friday noon
when we left for St Paul & East
we left Livingston at 2.30 A.M.
and will reach St Paul today Sun-
day at 5 P.M. a trip of 1032 miles
or about 40 hrs. The country
is finest that we have seen
on our trip even going ahead
of California, that is along

the whole way of the N. P. R.R.
from Livingston to St Paul.
The trip through the Park was
fine. the dust not so bad as
it was ^{going} through the Yosemite.
The weather was delightful.
The ants & mosquitos were bad
in some places. The stages
were as good as those we had
in the Yosemite and we had
more staging in the Park in all
about 120 miles. the 1st day
we had about 40 miles, the 2nd.
20. 3rd. 25. ^{mi}. 4. 30. miles, over
very good roads. only ^{2 or 3} ~~one or two~~
large bulls and a few small
ones. A house is the most
that is driven with one team
in the park. there is one that
goes from Cinnabar to the
Mammoth Springs Hotel that
has 6 horses, a distance of 8

it connects with the R.R.
miles & return a day.
There was a party of Iowa Edi-
tors going in as we came out
numbering about 120 persons.
we met them at Morris Basin
the place where ~~they~~ ^{we} take dinner
(going in & coming out). The Ed-
itors took dinner there, we had
ours first. they were a dusty
& tired looking party. We counted
18 wagons loads of them.
they had a car of their own
& travel in. We expect to be in
St Paul till Tuesday night
when we leave for ^{Chicago} ~~St Paul~~ by
C M & St P R.R. where we expect
to be for a couple of days
then to Cincinnati, by the
Morrison ^{Railroad} N A C R R & O R R.
we will be there one day at
least. don't know now exactly
whether we come home by

time looking about and
when the time comes will
have his plans for taking charge
well matured—

Last night & today have had
to bring men from the mines
to keep the furnace charged—

The labor that is here is
badly demoralized and only
comes out when it pleases—

Please send the "Douché" I
told you about— It was
recommended by Uncle George—
With love to all—

Your affection
E. C. Means.

Wed
28th

Law Moor, Pa—

July 22nd 1888—

Dear Father:

Skelding is very
much better today— I wrote
you about the swellings noticed
Thursday morn, Friday his legs
were about twice the natural
size and his bag window was
immense. Friday night the
Doctors gave him powerful
physics and they succeeded
in removing the water from
his system for the time being

Today he is better than at any time since he was taken sick and the Doctor thinks he will be able to be out this week - Just how long before the water reappears is uncertain but they say it is sure to come again. As near as can gather the

points, the fact of the matter is, that his liver has lost its usefulness and is commencing to decay and it is only a question of time before death

ensues. It may be that he will live for several years or he may die tomorrow -

His first prostration was due to water about the heart -

Everything at the furnace shows his absence and Capt. M. hesitates to take charge from the fact that knowledge of the fact would go hard with S. in his present condition and that his family have not given up hope of his recovery - As it is, he spends considerable

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 23rd July, 1888

My Dear Cooke

Yours of 20th inst is at hand. Am very sorry to hear that Skelding is no better, and hope there may be favorable change in his condition by the time this reaches you.

Do as Capt Merry desires about the shops and, any work; he is to manage, not the men. If the men do not wish to have their work looked after, Capt may find others to fill their places.

Am sorry to hear that Hungarians may take the places of the "Republicans". The H's are a bad lot of cattle. Setters says

Mottin and Rose expected to come here Saturday, but the Omnibus failed to call for them, and then they decided to go to Louisville. May get here

Tomorrow or next day by
Saint Valley Ry. Have expected
to be in St. Paul yesterday
and to get some sort of
this week - bless P. Mead
was buried Friday 20th here -
I suppose Mr. M. will come
back here to live. Have
letter from Maggie and
Will. If you desire to
write her send yours under
cover to Lily, and she will
forward it. Will, Berice and
Hilda were at church yesterday
and Tom and myself drove
out to B. L. after dinner.
Am going to Saint tomorrow
to meeting Quaker directors,
and to see after some of
Will's affairs. Probably be
gone 2 or 3 days -

Yours affectionately
John Mead

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 23rd July, 1888

My Dear Maggie

Your welcome farm of 17th inst came to day, Father, Mary and Tom are very well, Lou and May Ellison are visiting Sam Sampton, and having a nice time; Letter from Rere received to day tells that she and Dot expected to come here Saturday 21st, but the Omnibus failed to call for them. So they decided to go to Janesville, and may get here tomorrow or next day. Will, Ben and Hilda came up yesterday to Church, going down to dinner. Tom and I drove out afternoon to see them. Mr. Condit preached with his tabernacle in the Fair Grounds afternoon, we met quite a large number coming away as Tom and myself came home. I have checked out of the Bank \$2,000⁰⁰/₁₀₀, when you got no interest, so that now it will bear

but be disturbed about my health - I seem feel better than snow - fine weather.
warm days and cool nights -

interest. This leaves \$300+ still to
your credit in the Bank -
Lewis Faring paid me ten (\$10.00) dollars
for July, and when he brings ten (\$10.00)
dollar in August is to bring his
book, and have the Sixty (\$60.00) dollar
which he has paid, credited on
his note to you - I can't tell
whether any thing will be done
before the Fall election but
hope we may before that time,
C. W. Baker has gone to Europe
but expected to get back in
August. Mr. P. Mead was
buried Friday 20th - it is probable
Mrs M. - will come back here
to live. Letter from Harry dated 15th
at "Mammoth Hot Springs" Wyoming, says
expected to be at St Paul Minn. Saturday
and to get home last of this week.

Affectionately yours

John Mead

Always write for money in time as I
may be away 3 or 4 days when
letters come.

Ans'd
25th

Low Moor, Va.

July 26th, 1888

Dear Father:

There is little change in S. Keldings condition, many think he will never be out again.

Dr. Cullen, from Richmond, the same that came to see Col. Goodwin was here yesterday afternoon. He agrees in the main with Dr. Rogers but has advised the giving of stimulants: so now they give S. a table spoonful of whiskey every two hours. S. objected to taking it but after he was told it was necessary he commenced it after observing that "Becky would say that is what he has been wanting."

Dr. Orville R. has come down to stay as nurse for a week or longer if necessary. They seem to think that the next week will be

him about the two Ed. built -
good side dump car and I told
Capt. M. wants to build or buy a

a very critical one for the patient.
He is liable at any time, if
excited or allowed to exercise too
much, to be suddenly frustrated
by failing of the heart. They
have forbidden any business talks
and allow none but the family to
see him. He is aware of

the fact that he is a very sick man
and expresses his doubts of ever
being able to get out again -

Joe. is doing very well at the Ice
and men are becoming more plentiful

Capt. Merry may come down for a
day before long, perhaps next week if
things are favorable.

Harry M. says August will be a
good month for the mines - I told
him about Tom C. and he said perhaps
he could find work for him to do. ^{with} ^{much} ^{work}

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 28th July, 1888

My Dear Levee

Yours of 22nd and of 26th instants have been duly received. We started the package by Express on 24th, and hope you have received it before this. I left for Leitch Tuesday afternoon by Boat for Leitch and Mott and Rose reached home @ 5⁰ P.M. via Jansville, and Seinto V.R. They had a nice visit in Marietta and report the 15th Centennial a grand affair. That Mr C.C. Hildreth can see very little.

I note what you write about Skelding. Am afraid that if kept alive or cured by Whiskey, he will not do much good for himself or anyone else. Shall be pleased to see Capt Merry next week.

Have told Tom C. that probably you would write him about Luther - He is anxious to go somewhere to work - We look for Harry today. Russells and Lizzie

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came while I was away.
Sund 29th-

Harry came from Cincinnati via O & N.W.
and Detroit & Ry's - Having come via St. Paul
Chicago and Cincinnati -

Affectionately yours

John Deane

near bank. Sunday while
watching some people in
bathing - one fat man was
knocked down several times
by the waves and was so
hungry try to keep ^{on} his fat
that it was some time before
he realized that he was
the cause of the ~~shock~~ of
laughter from the shore. When
on looking at him self he
was appalled on discovering
that his suit was torn
in rags & he was

July 31. 1882

My dear John.

The sun is
shining for the first time
in three days. but it never
put us out in any way
for rainy days we make
excursions in the little
boats. Yesterday we had
a delightful trip to a
village 7 miles away which
can be reached by rail
or water. We chose the

at 10. am

latter, and for ten or had a ride through
as beautiful scenery as I have seen in any
lake in this country. We were very happy
spending an hour and a quarter dining
which I only spent 18 ct. Since at a
little old fashioned hotel where we
had a good dinner and quite a rest before
taking the 2. o'clock ^{train} for home, which we
reached at 3. Left our purchases at
the hotel and were ^{to} for the beach & a good
swim. The water was just right neither too
warm nor too cool and we came out feel-
ing much stronger than when we went
in. The surf has been very high for
a few days and the beach has changed
a great deal since we first came. I even
saw Aunt May left. The sands have
been washed up into a forming a ridge

Maggie

31st July 1888

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he refused to walk the long
back through thousands of
people before he could
reach his bath room. I
thought our quiet little elder
would surely explode with
laughter. He is very fond
of the sea & when here
spends nearly all his time
watching the boats. He is
so delicate looking and looks
worse every time he comes. Our
doctor told him ^{he} must have

not or it will soon be too late for any thing
to do him any good. But I am always so
glad to see him for his coming over
pays to Chas Will. but the doctor is the life
of the party and I don't see how we
could stay without her in more ways
than one -

Tell Mrs I often think of the baby and
wish I could hold her a while - There
are several in the house but I do

not care to touch them & so avoid myself to
hear little ~~boys~~ about the age of Biddy -
We do not have any thing to do with any
of the boarders for fear of inconvenient
questions - being principally Jews they do
not resort to in the least.

As for money I shall need that other three hun-
dred in the Bank before going home -

but have enough to last me two weeks longer.
Glad to hear you are so well -

I am most affectionately - Maria A. Means