

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
E. C. MEANS
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., SUPT.

Ashland, Ky.

Jan'y 7th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter enclosing check received. I certainly am pleased to know that you appreciated my services and thank you for your remuneration - It is accepted -

Lily & Father dined with us Sunday - And Ruby is talking of having Charley & Lizzie over to a chafing dish supper soon.

River is full of ice but it looks like rain today -

Will soon prepare your statements and send them to you -

The Bank made a 5% dividend 1st Jan'y -

With much love,

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

New York, February 16, 1895

To the Board of Directors of The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia.

GENTLEMEN: By the Semi-Annual Statements, herewith, you will see that the result of the business of the Company for the six months, ending December 31, 1894, is a very unfavorable one.

Furnace "B" was blown out on the 13th of August and Furnace "A" was started on the 14th of September. The three months following the output was small, and mostly of low grade iron, this too, on an extra large consumption of Coke and other materials, making a heavy increase in the cost. As will be seen by the report of the General Manager, there was a decided improvement in quantity and quality of iron made after changing the large bell for a smaller one.

The large amount of Mill Iron on hand, and the weakness of the market for all grades, has caused us to mark down the value of the stock one dollar per ton, or \$14,060. The undermentioned accounts, most of which have been standing to the debit of "Pendencies" for some time have now been charged off to Profit and Loss. The prospect of receiving anything more on account being very slight.

Watt & Call,	Richmond, Va.	\$ 613.89
New Albany Rail Mill Co.,	New Albany, Ind.	2,176.57
Parkersburg Eng. and Fdy. Co.,	Parkersburg, W. Va.	203.70
Chas. Hubbard & Co.,	New York,	190.57
Wm. Taylor & Sons,	Brooklyn,	2,316.69
		\$5,501.42

After charging off the above amounts the result of the business is as follows, viz:

Balance to Profit and Loss, June 30th, 1894,	\$224,273.02
Dividends paid in September and December,	29,967.00
Balance December 31, 1894,	184,187.62
Decrease Low Moor Branch R. R.	\$3,057.02
Decrease Dolly Ann Railroad,	387.21
Increase Sinking Fund,	4,468.18
Net Loss,	\$7,912.41
	\$2,205.99

Relining stoves, repairs to draught stack, boilers, etc., has reduced the Furnace Repair Fund, \$11,525.14

The taxes paid on the Low Moor and Covington properties in October was \$5,074.46

The finances of the Company are now in good condition. In addition to the dividends and taxes paid, we have reduced the interest bearing debt some \$25,000, yet when we consider the large expenditures that will be required in the near future for relining Furnace "B"; new electric light plant, washers at the Covington Mines and other items suggested by the General Manager, it will hardly seem prudent to make a dividend at this time.

The Covington Furnace is about ready to be put in blast, but as our stock of iron on hand is still large, and the demand light at this season of the year, the Treasurer would suggest that the time for starting the furnace be left to the Committee appointed at the meeting in November last.

Herewith you have the report of the General Manager giving full details of the work done in the different departments.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWD. A. LOW,
Treasurer.

*Treasurer Report
February 1895*

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA, DECEMBER 31st, 1894.

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Real Estate	\$800,020 94	Capital Stock.....	\$1,000,000 00
Low Moor Branch Railroad	34,489 85	Bills Payable.....	\$15,134 90
Dolly Ann Railroad.....	71,742 25	Wages.....	3,693 06
Alleghany Iron Mountain Invest-		Hospital Fund.....	964 15
ment.....	4,500 00	Unsettled Accounts.....	18,256 32
Inventories.....	257,103 57	Accounts bearing Interest.....	14,349 60
Furnace C.....	4,657 10		
New Coal Bin.....	5,682 98	Sinking Fund.....	\$13,506 00
New Washer.....	484 39	Insurance Fund.....	13,210 86
	\$1,188,289 58	Furnace Repairs Fund.....	47,156 62
Cash whh Treasurer.....	\$26,476 86		
" " Agent.....	2,485 66	Profit and Loss.....	74,274 14
			181,187 62
Bills Receivable.....	28,962 32		
Kroger, Redway & Co.....	123 78		
John N. Gordon.....	1,635 03		
Thos. A. Mack.....	2,081 23		
Sundry Parties.....	68,894 48		
	73,334 32		
The Thurmond Coal Co.....	3,060 00		
W. L. Dame.....	4,063 55		
	\$1,311,360 39		\$1,311,360 39

Statement of Inventory, &c., for Treasurer's Report, December 31st, 1894.

INVENTORY.		IRON MADE.	
Blast 5 A	\$ 42,043 37	Iron made July.....	4,125.122 tons
Iron Product.....	122,086 75	" August.....	2,001.512 "
Blast 1 C	19,227 21	" September.....	1,617.882 "
Transportation.....	5 59	" October.....	3,053.122 "
Foundry.....	178 50	" November.....	3,409.122 "
Rent.....	54 50	" December.....	3,752.122 "
Limestone.....	4,387 90	Total	17,980.122 "
Mines.....	12,807 69		
Stack Mine.....	4,711 38		
Dolly Ann Mine.....	8,940 13		
Iron Mountain Mine.....	4,296 44		
Teams, &c.....	7,345 80		
Store No. 1.....	19,883 06		
" " 2.....	2,439 23		
" " 4.....	1,671 88		
" " 3.....	1,841 95		
	\$257,103 57		
LIMESTONE.		ORE.	
Quarried	15,570 tons.	Mined.....	45,463 tons
Used.....	16,795 "	Used	40,191 "
On hand.....	350 "	On hand at Furnace.....	17,000 "
(Low Moor.)		(Low Moor.)	
		IRON PRODUCT.	
		11,169 tons Iron at Furnace, at \$8.50.....	\$ 94,936 50
		" " " Richmond, at \$9.75.....	78 00
		2,017 " " N. V. &c. at \$11.25.....	22,661 25
		1,616 " " J. R. &c. at \$9.75.....	15,756 00
		14,810 tons. Total	\$133,461 75
		750 " sold, not delivered.....	6,375 00
		14,060	\$127,086 75

Annual Statement

OF

MEANS, KYLE & Co.,

FOR

Year Ending March 31, 1895

General Balance Sheet, April 1st, 1895

Including Business of Hamilton, Pine Grove and Ohio Furnaces, Hanging Rock Coal Works, and Principal Office, Hanging Rock.

RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.		
Cash	at Pine Grove Furnace,	594	Book Accounts at Pine Grove Furnace,		212702
Merchandise	" " " "	500810	" " " " Ohio Furnace,		338706
Book Accounts	" " " "	73185	" " " " Coal Works,		634937
Bills Receivable	" " " "		" " " " Principal Office,		1401286
Furnace Invoice,	" " " "	1490816	Bills Payable " " " "		43500
Pig Iron,	" " " "	7768250	Deductions as below		804229
Cash,	" Ohio Furnace,	998	Capital Stock,		500000
Book Accounts,	" " "	56109	Surplus to April 1, 1895		983137
Merchandise,	" " "	268201	" " April 1, 1894		4984011
Bills Receivable,	" " "		" " Decrease		4000874
Furnace Invoice,	" " "	4960981			
Cash,	" Coal Works,		Decrease		
Merchandise,	" " "	477190	A. C. Respers	37356	
Book Accounts,	" " "	242364	J. R. Decamp	69000	
Invoice Chattels,	" " "	2392383	Indianapolis Car. Co.	522336	
Invoice at Hamilton Furnace,		1095261	Lebanon Iron Mfg.	16628	
Pig Iron at	" "	9420925	Mohlesville Fdry.	31700	
			Allen. Maynard	25500	
			Chicago Fdry. Co.	52009	804229
			Lost during the year		
			Allen. Maynard Co.	255	
			Chicago Fdry. Co.	52009	
			Gain during year		
			Indianapolis		22907
Cash,	at Principal Office,	302049			
Bills Receivable,	" " "	299671			
Real Estate,	" " "	27611914			
Book Accounts,	" " "	517448			
Past Due Notes	" " "	843738			
Magnus. Lyle Co. Stock		4000			
Ohio Iron & Coal Co. "		1610			

Hamilton Furnace Statement, April 1st, 1895

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
2130 Tons Native Ore,	3772 25	Principal Office,	125422 01
820 " <i>Cleveland Lake</i>	2296		
"			
"			
" Coke,			
1130 " Coal,	2203 50		
1530 " Limestone,	918		
11127 " Pig Iron,	94209 25		
All other Personal Property,	1762 86		
Balance. <i>Loss for the year</i>	20260 15	Balance, Profit for the year,	
	125422 01		125422 01

STATEMENT SHOWING COST OF PIG IRON, AND SALES FOR THE YEAR.

EXPENSES.		PROCEEDS.	
19922 Tons Native Ore,	42777 36	50915/10 Tons Pig Iron sold @	44424 53
5235 " <i>Cleveland Lake</i>	14826 57	Less Freights and Agency,	
325 " <i>Helm</i>	984 57	Expense after leaving	
"		Furnace, @	
"		Net Proceeds @	44424 53
25482 " <i>Coal</i>	58588 47	1953 Tons with Agencies,	16167 20
477 " <i>Coal, Mill Cinder</i>	1047 56	" at	
11177 1/10 " Limestone,	8244 90	" at	
17725 " Coke,	36748 24	" at	
Labor, including Salaries,	12287 03	9175 " at Furnace,	78047 05
Office Account, being all other Expenses not above			
detailed, <i>Repairs, Tax & Gen. Exp.</i>	12443 73		
Total cost of 12587 1/10 Tons @	129359 93		
Pig Iron on hand			
April 1st, 189 4350 " @	29534		
Balance, Profit for the year,			20260 15
	158893 93		158893 93

REMARKS.

Cost of one Ton Pig Iron at Furnace,		Furnace in operation 153 Days.	
27/10 Tons Ore,	465	Average daily production 817/10 Tons.	
14/10 " Coke,	292 x		
4/100 " <i>Coal, Cinder</i>	08	<i>Repairs on Furnace</i>	6574 35
9/10 " Limestone,	66	<i>Tax & Gen. Expense</i>	2874 74
Labor,	97	<i>1 Cent</i>	482 70
Office Account,	99		9857 79
	1027		

Pine Grove Furnace Statement, April 1st, 1895

Statement showing cost of Iron made during Blast ending April 1, 1895

Statement showing Profits for year ending April 1, 1895

ASSETS.

Cash,	594
Hands' Ledger Balances,	73185
<i>Pig Iron Sales</i>	499493
Bills Receivable,	500810
Merchandise, <i>Invoice</i>	1490816
Invoice exclusive of Iron and Merchandise,	1782121
Balance cost of 665 tons Iron delivered at	7768750
Hanging Rock,	12115269
	\$ 12115269

ASSETS.

Cash,	594
Merchandise, <i>Invoice</i>	500810
Bills receivable,	73185
Book Accounts,	1490816
Invoice exclusive of Iron and Merchandise,	7768750
tons Pig Iron at	2281614
<i>Loss in Business</i>	12115269
	\$ 12115269

LIABILITIES.

Book Accounts,	212707
Principal Office,	11534746
Sales—Pig Iron,	367821
Profit on Merchandise,	12115269
	\$ 12115269

LIABILITIES.

Book Accounts,	212707
Principal Office,	11534746
Profit on Merchandise,	367821
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1895,	12115269
	\$ 12115269

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Hanging Rock,	
bushels Coal at	
tons Ore at	
" Limestone at	
Running up stock,	
Transporting to Hanging Rock Landing,	
Average cost of transportation and com-	
mission after leaving Hanging Rock	
Landing,	
Average sales per ton,	1419
Merchandise sold,	1859415
Net Profit on Merchandise,	367821
Cost of one load Charcoal,	

Number tons Iron made,	665
Whole number cords Wood used,	
" " loads Coal "	
" " tons Ore "	17955
" " " Limestone used,	266
No. cords Wood to make one load of Coal,	
" " " " " ton of Iron,	
" days furnace was in blast,	33 3/4
" tons daily average product,	197
" " Iron sold,	23833
" " on hand,	6755
Furnace was in blast from <i>Apr. 1st 1894</i>	
<i>to May 10th 1894</i>	

OHIO FURNACE STATEMENT, APRIL 1st, 1895

ASSETS.

Cash,	998
Book Accounts,	56109
Merchandise,	268201
Invoice,	4960981
	5286289

LIABILITIES.

Book Accounts,	338206
Principal Office,	4835935
Gain on Merchandise,	
Balance profit for year ending April 1st,	112148
	5286289

Valuation 1 April 1895

Ashland N. Bank 8 shares		\$800	@ 160	\$ 1.280
Lowman I. Co - 112 "		\$11.200	" 125-120	14.000 13.440
Norton Iron Works 8 "		8.000	" 15 10	\$ 800.
Ashland Coal & Iron Co 500 "		35.000	" 55 65	13.750.
Ashland Electric L & P. Co 20 "		2.000	" 100	2.000
Ohio Iron Co-		5.000	" 30¢	1.500.
Jamestown Gas 50		1.350	" 70¢ ^{3/4}	3.500-
Ice lev- 10		1.000	" .75	750.
Western Union Tel 20		2.000 ⁸⁸	" 88	1.760.00
C & P. RR 20		1.000	" 140	1.400.00
Portsmouth Gas 15		750	" 70	525.00
Clinton F. B 1		100	" 100 ^{112 1/2}	100.00
W. S. Brown Cops 2		2.000	" 112 1/2 112	2.250.00
" Regiments "		24.500	" 111 3/8 111 3/8	27.440.00
A. & O. RR Bonds 7		7.000	" 100	7.000.00
Notes		91.600 19.834	" par	19.834.00
Horse Patsy		50	"	50.00
		111.484	"	97.379.00
Ashland Nat Bank A/c		2.882.67		2.882.67
		<u>\$114,366.67</u>		<u>100,261.67</u>

Valuation 1 April 1895

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Estate of
Harriet E. Means

Apr 1st 1895

	Tom	Bess	Lily	Rae	Hany	Cooke	Amount Total value	
	800						800 00	
A. N. Bank Stock	1.280	-	-	-	-	-	1280 00	@ 160.
	3960	1540	1540	1430	1540	2310	12320 00	
Linton J. Co. do	3.600	1.400	1.400	1.300	1.400	2.100	11.200 00	@ 110
	2.750	2.200	2.200	2.200	2.200	2.200	13.750 00	
A. C. & J. Ry. Co. do	5.000	4000	4000	4000	4000	4.000	25.000 00	@ .55 p/f
						100	100 00	
Helinton F. R. W. do	-	-	-	X	-	100-	100.00	@ Par
	5.000			X 1000	1500		2,500 00	
do Notes	5.000	-	-	1.000-	1500	-	2,500.00	" Par
	2,000			3,000	5,000	5,000	16,000 00	
A. C. & J. Ry. Co. "	3,000-	-		3,000-	5,000-	5,000-	16,000 00	" Par.
	3,000			4,000			7,000 00	
do Bonds	3,000	-	-	4,000-	-	-	7,000 00	" Par.
							2,250 00	
U. S. Comp Bonds	6720	6.720	6.720	6.720	6.720	6.720	2,000 00	" 112 1/2
							40,320 00	@ 520,
do Reg do	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	36,000 00	" 112
							2,000 00	
Electric L & P. Co. Stock	1,000					1,000	2,000 00	" Par
							1,000 00	
do Note	1,000					1,000	1,000.00	Par
							800.	
Norton J. W. Stock							8,000 00	@ 10 p/f
							1,500 00	
Ohio Iron Co. do							5,000.00	@ 30 p/f
							3,500 00	
Zanesville Gas do							1,250 00	@ 70 p/f
							750 00	
Ice Co. do							1,000 00	@ 75 p/f
							1,760 00	
Western W. Tel do							2,000 00	@ .88 p/f
							1,400 00	
Lelev & Pitthp do							1,000 00	@ 140
							525 00	
Portsmouth Gas do							750 00	@ 70 p/f
							50 00	Par
							50 00	
Horse Patey							2,882.67	Par
Cash in Bank								

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., April 8th, 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Enclosed herewith find your blank for income tax. I have decided that it will be best for you to acknowledge it before a notary at your bank (Garfield is it not?) and send it to the internal revenue collector there in New York. The bank officials can assist you in this matter.

The reason for this is that there might be an attempt to assess you there and it will be better that you do not pay in this district. It must be delivered to the revenue official before 15th inst, so it will be well to attend to it promptly.

Father sent his to Lexington Friday - Cal Putnam will send in the Co's Thursday of this week.

Ruby is up and going about the house - The baby continues to do well and cries no more than it ought.

Father was with me in Cincinnati Saturday and keeps cheerful. He goes to the bank every day - He and Aunt Molly are going to Hot Springs Va this week.

With love from Ruby & myself

Your affectionate nephew:

E. C. Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., April 17th, 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Replying to your letter 10th 13th inst.
The income tax has to be paid on or before July 1st
and since you sent me the address of the collector
I can very easily attend to it for you and will
do so. Following the example of others will probably
pay under protest and if law is finally defeated
in the courts may get some money returned.

You signed approval of accounts in books on 19th of
March. That is the way it is dated — It is
possible that it should have been dated 18th March —

Louis Fearing was in yesterday and I gave him
the old note for \$448²⁰ and took a new note for
\$198¹⁴ the balance due. The note for \$800⁰⁰ has no
payments on it. I gave him some advice about
paying more regularly and hope he will do so.

Dr. Trades note is due again on 4th May and he will
have reduced it \$200⁰⁰ more or less by that time. It
will have to be renewed for about \$800⁰⁰ — He is slow.

Bert Warner's mother died Sunday after 24 hours illness.
Annie Campbell is very low with fever. Father and
Aunt Molly have gone to the Springs.

JOHN MEANS.

M. A. M #2

Ashland, Ky., 4/17, 1895

Tom Adams is in North Carolina looking over the Roan Mt. property - Clinton Fire Brick Co will pay a dividend next month - I enclose proxies for Norton and Means Kyle & Co which hold meetings next week - Please sign & return -

Our house is about completed and we have ordered carpets and furniture - We have the range in place and refrigerator on the way - Will probably move into it the first week in May - Have had the yard graded and grass sown but do not look for much sod this year - It looks very fine outside and people appear to be pleased with it -

Mrs Peebles has a new daughter in California - The Norton furnace under Gay Putnam's management will start Monday next -

With love from Ruby & myself

Your affectionate nephew;

E. C. Means

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, Jr. Secy

Ashland, Ky.

Conrad

April 19th 1895

Dear Father:

The meeting of Stockholders in Norton Iron Works and Means, Kyle & Co both occur next week. So I send you proxies for them to be used in case you are not here—

There has been little of note here other than what you found in papers—

Charley & Will were in Cincinnati yesterday Will was to get the Mt. Auburn coupons and take them to Mr. Sinton. The latter having written me that he would pay those past due—

Mr. Sinton in acknowledgement of Ruby's & H.E.'s cards sent a very pretty silver rattle— The baby continues to grow but has developed a touch of colic past few nights. Mrs Ringo says from over feeding—

Saw your letter to Rose— Am very much pleased with your photos—

Your affectionate son

E.C. Means

JOHN MEANS.

Healing Springs (Hotel)
Ashland, Ky., 20th April 1895

My dear Leona

Yours of 19th came to hand after I had finished writing and mailed mine to you this morning. Herewith ~~the~~ find prices Means Kyle Ho and Norton Iron Works. Have read yours to Mary, who says she supposes you and Ruby have no portraits to spare of Baby, that she would like one when you do have any taken.

Affectionately yours
John Means

Tell Bessie and Rose to keep memoranda of photos given away or I do not wish to ^{give} keep in duplicate

John Meaus
20th April 95

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., April 22nd, 1895

Dear Father:

We were pleased to get your letter Sunday morning — Have written Merry asking him for information about Covington & Co. freight. I have heard nothing from him since our return from Cincinnati —

Blast was put into Norton Furnace this A.M. Ruby and I borrowed Patsey Sunday and drove up to Clyffeside Park — She enjoyed the drive very much. Mrs Ringo came down and cared for little Harriet while we were out — Buckner has promised two bantam chickens to H. when the chickens grow — They are for her to eat —

I have gotten signatures of all the children to the receipt you left for us to sign —

Charley & Will came home from Cincinnati with Mr. Sinton's check for \$20000 on a/c interest Mt. A. bonds — Hager has not yet purchased Jacksons mortgage — Had rain this A.M. —

Ruby & Baby join in love

Your affectionate son

E. C. Means

Cooke
22 April 95

Ashland, Ky., May 2^d 1895

Mr Cook Meares

IN ACCOUNT
WITH

J. W. Martin,

Physician and Surgeon.

I will take it as a special favor if parties indebted will call at the office, corner Winchester avenue and 19th street or Poage, Elliott & Poage's, Broadway.

Dr

March 14th To attention Dr.
Wife in Parturition
To subsequent
attention

\$1000

500

\$1500

J. W. Martin M.D.
\$15⁰⁰ - Ch May 6th 95

Cook Means

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR. Supr.

Ashland, Ky.

May 10th 1895

Miss Margaret A. Means,
New York—

Dear Aunt:

Enclosed find draft
on 4th Nat Bank New York for
One thousand Dollars (\$1,000⁰⁰)
payable to your order as requested.
I have not yet succeeded in
getting the books started but hope
to do so tomorrow. Mr. Gage, who
packed them, has promised to go to the
A.C.T. Office with me and pick out
the boxes holding the books. I
looked into the room yesterday but
found assistance was needed from
some one more familiar with the
contents of the various packages there.
Charley remembers dividing the books
into two lots and he may help us.
If you wish any thing else I can
get Gage to hunt it or them out
from the rest and send it to you.
It will be no trouble for me—

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

M.A.M #2 5/10 1895

We presume you have engaged rooms at #46 W 2, St as you say nothing to the contrary in letter and will ship to your address there.

We are pleased you have gotten rooms satisfactory to yourself and to know you will ^{have} company in Isadore.

Ruby has been busy putting up shades and putting down carpets and now hopes to move next week.

My going to a Law Moor meeting may delay her until the following week.

Father is expected home tomorrow from Healing Springs - It has been quite lonesome for Rose while he was gone as Harry was out surveying -

Will Seaton thinks he has sold 3000 acres of land near Coalton to a gentleman from Gardiner Mass named Heywood.

I found you had put down as received from Louis Pearing \$50⁰⁰ in 1890 April \$10⁰⁰ May \$10⁰⁰ June \$10⁰⁰ July \$10⁰⁰ Aug \$10⁰⁰

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

~~DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Secy.~~

Ashland, Ky.

M. A. M # 3 5/10 1895

in his book - This amount I have charged to expense on your books and credited the amount with interest to April 16th 95 \$14.50 on his note -

It now looks as if he might get the smaller note paid some day -

Our miners have continued at work although a great many in Ohio, W. Va & Penn - have struck -

Clifton Fire Brick works made a 5% dividend, 8th inst -

The baby is growing and seems to know Ruby's voice - Her hearing is developing more rapidly than sight -

She sleeps quite well at night for one so young and is not overly cross -

Every one says she is a Means baby -
With love -

Your affectionate nephew;

E. C. Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 13th May, 1895

My dear Sister

I have just received Telegram.

Copy)

Covington Ky 13 May 1895

Case decided for us on every point,
bill dismissed.

John F. Hager

I know you will be glad to hear this
John

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., SUPT.

Ashland, Ky.

May 13th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:-

Enclosed find
bill of lading for Book Case and
5 boxes -

I asked Mr Gage to get out
the boxes you wanted and take
them to the depot - If we have
sent more than you want pardon
Mr. Gage because his intentions
were good at any rate -

We move into new home tomorrow
Tuesday - We are highly pleased
with the completed house -

Father & I go to Low Moor last
of week to attend directors meeting -

With love from Ruby, Baby and
myself

Your affectionate nephew -
E. C. Means

I enclose telegram just received
It is good news -

JOHN MEANS.

Healing Springs Va

Tuesday -

Ashland, Ky., 21st May 1895

My dear Leoke, Ruby and Baby

Forn and myself reached this place Sunday morning about 10 o'clock - And found Aunt Mary quite glad to see us - Think she had been a little lonely.

I wish you would have Miss Shinn or Mr. Leamphill, make typewritten ^{three} (3) copies of Judge Barr's decision and send one to me by Mail keeping the others until I come home. After Mary reads it, I will send it on to Mag and Lily to read.

Send me the form of receipt prepared by John F. Hager for me as Administrator if you have not the form, have Rose copy the receipt which has been signed and send that. You had better get the receipt and place in Bank for safe keeping. I left it in envelope on Mantel in my room. I can make receipt and send for filing within County Court -

We have rain and colder to day Ther 52° and

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This morning at 5³⁰ struck a chimney
of this house. No one hurt but
several badly scared.

Letter given today to Rev. too
Affectionately yours
John Means

J. M. -
May 21 1895

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

E. C. MEANS
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

May 24th 1895

Dear Father:

Have telephoned
Hagers office and asked Mr.
Campbell to make copies of
Judge Barrs decision as requested
but he has not sent them to me yet.

Harry sent you form of receipt signed
by us but could not find the
other form for you as Administrator.
I took the former receipt and put
in bank as directed, with your notes.

Ruby lets Etta go today. They
have not agreed in all things for
some time past and for her own
peace of mind Ruby concluded to
dissolve partnership.

The baby keeps well and sleeps
well. Drinks freely and is good
humored, most of the time.

Charley is keeping house with the
McClendon clan for managers.

With love to yourself Tom & Aunt
Yours etc E. C. Means

Cal. Putnam has placed balance in A. C. B. office to pay his note in full -

Ashland, Ky.

May 25th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter of 22nd inst received - I presume by "Five (\$500⁰⁰) Dollars" you meant Five hundred Dollars and I will send today New York draft to Miss Isadore R. Means #46 W 21st St - for the above amount on your account.

Have letter from Dr. Means asking for \$75⁰⁰ from you which I will send today to Commercial Hotel Asbury Park, N. J. his present address.

● We were at Bessie's last evening to take supper with Sam, Helen, Rebecca, and Mary Spaulding. The latter being George's daughter - Later they all came over and inspected our new home.

Ruby decided yesterday to part company with Etta owing to "incompatibility" and Mary (?) is in charge of us now - Come and see us,

our spare room is furnished now.

Yours truly: E. C. Means

JOHN MEANS.

Healing Springs Va
Monday
Ashland, Ky., 27th May 1895

My dear Sister

When Mary was writing you last, she forgot to say that you can buy at C. & O. Ry office in N.Y. 379 and 1323 Broadway - ^{return} a ticket good for six months to Hot Springs, at reduced rate and have baggage checked to that place.

I was told when I bought ours in Ashland that after 1st of June they expected to sell and check to this place. If you will write us a few days before and tell what day you will leave I will meet you at the Hot Springs. It may be better for you to buy ticket and engage place in Sleeper a day or two before you expect to leave, and then too if we know here we can secure a room near us for you.

Affectionately yours
John Means

Hot Springs R.R., Advertisement herewith

JOHN MEANS.

Healing Springs Va.

Tuesday

Ashland, Ky., ~~28th May~~, 1895

My dear Looke, Ruby, and Baby

Your letter of 24th instant came to hand 25th and ^{copy of} yesterday. Judge Barrs decision came. Aunt Mary has read, and is very much pleased with the vindication therein of the Administrators and myself. She understood the effect of the Judge's reasoning, better than I expected she would, and the position it leaves Williams and Whittaker in as to their veracity.

We hope you are enjoying life in the new house and that Ruby will find that Etta is not an indispensable necessity, and that Baby and Miss Doolan will be mutually agreeable. ~~to~~

Have written Rose to pay you for cost of Copies of Judge Barrs decision. Dont let Mr. Hager forget to have our copy of the testimony brought to Ashland, and have the Books and papers ^{which were} left with the Court, as soon as they may, be withdrawn.

I missed getting this into the Mail today, having gone to walk with Mary and Tom. as we have only one Mail each day it must lay until Wednesday afternoon. We had one leave today and one arrival, and warmer weather than we have had

Since Tom and myself came Mex @ 76°
this evening. Kiss the little one for me.

Affectionately yours
John Meany

Please tell Rose & Harry to include a C+O. "Folder" (timetable)
next time they send me papers. There is not
enough enterprize in the manager to get them here.

Kept this open to see if anything occurred and
have just received Ruby and Baby's of yesterday
which shall have an especial answer hereafter.
Mex to day 80° at Noon

Father -
May 28th 95

JOHN MEANY

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

E. C. PUTNAM, JR., SUPT.

Ashland, Ky.

May 30th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Referring to dividends
your account 1894 business is made
up as follows:

New York Central Ry	5%	on \$2,000 ⁰⁰	= \$100.00
Dorchester Gas Co	4%	" 2,750 ⁰⁰	110.00
Columbus & Xenia RR	8 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	" 5,000 ⁰⁰	420.00
A. C. & J. Ry	4%	" 53,900 ⁰⁰	2,156.00
Dayton & Mich RR	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	" 2,000 ⁰⁰	70.00
2 nd Natl Bank Dayton	5%	" 4,000 ⁰⁰	200.00
Chicago & Northwest RR	3%	" 2,000 ⁰⁰	60.00
Clinton F. B. W	3%	" 3,300 ⁰⁰	99.00
{ Delaware & Hudson C. C	5 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	" 12,200	640.50
{ " (In all 7%)	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	" 14,200	248.50
{ Low Moor Iron Co	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	" 5,500	82.50
{ " (In all 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %)	3%	" 5,600	168.00
{ Ashland Natl Bank	3%	" 6,000	180.00
{ " (In all 7%)	4%	" 3,000	120.00

Total from Jan 2nd 94 to Jan 2nd 95 \$4654.50

Jan 5th 1895 Chicago & Northwest RR paid dividend
of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % and Dec 26th 1893 of 3% which
are not included here. So that stock might be said
to have paid either 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % or 6% in 1894 — Yours etc
E. C. Putnam

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

E. C. MEANS, JR., Supt.

Cooke 31 May 95

Ashland, Ky.

May 31st 1895

Dear Father;

Enclosed find letter of Mrs Sechler - I have written her that book, if at home, is so carefully put away that I cannot find it and will have to wait for your return.

Weather here is excessively hot and everyone complains - Baby especially is inclined to be cross and wakeful.

The excursion to Denton yesterday was well attended - Bessie and Buckner Ringo went out with me in P.M. and managed to get home without a serious stroke - It was Buckner's first trip on RR. and he was badly frightened in first tunnel but I took him to end of car for second one and showed him what a tunnel was -

We had large coal business last month and if prosperity does not affect the men should do well ^{next} time -

With love to all -

Affectionately; E. C. Means -

JOHN MEANS.

Healing Springs Va
Wednesday
Ashland, Ky., 5th June 1875

My dear Leoker Ruby & Baby

Yours coming Juliet Seckler's came
duly to hand - To her I replied
from here, being easier than to go home
and look up my book. Maggie came
yesterday and is very much pleased
with our place. Our rooms are
opposite in this hall. She is looking
very well. Tom and myself met
her at Train at Hot Springs and brot
her over here. The last three morn-
ings I have risen at 6⁰⁰ 30' to go herre-
back ride with Aunt Mary who is
industriously following the business
of curing Rheumatism. In after-
noon's / she makes mud pies
and pitches and catches ball in
good B.B. style. If Baby was only
a little bigger she might enjoy
shaving in the pie work - what
a happy time little Mary A would

have here - As Harry wishes to
go to Marietta Monday 10th, I expect
to come that day on No. Three.
Aunts Maggie and Mary join
in love and kisses for Baby
Affectionately yours
John Meany

Letter
June 5th 95

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
E. C. MEANS
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., SUPT.

5 June 95

Ashland, Ky.

June 5th 1895

Dear Father;

Enclosed find Keeks letter which confirms newspaper reports -

I presume Mr. Laidley now has a full controlling interest of Packet Co and will make the minority entirely subservient to his interests and opinions -

We must stand in with him so as to secure the trade of his boats on coal - He has given us a greater part of their business since he took hold -

He has stopped sending out the monthly reports and a director must wait until the annual report is issued -

Baby grows and appears to enjoy life - Keeps Ruby busy when awake entertaining her and objects to being left alone - With love all

Affectionately - Cooke

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
E. C. MEANS
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Supt.

13 June 95

Ashland, Ky.

June 13th 1895

Dear Father:

Yesterday there was entered to the credit of the Means and Russell Iron Co \$45,000⁰⁰ from Henry Heywood on account of the purchase of 3000 acres - at the Ashland Natl Bank from 4th Natl of New York - Largest deal in Boyd County real estate since Improvement Co bought in 1890 -

Furnace No 1 will be put on Bessemer for July. A contract having been made with the Steel Co for 3000 tons.

Iron has accumulated here to such an extent that Col. thought best to take a contract which offers some profit - at \$11⁵⁰ per ton -

Norton nails have advanced 20¢ per keg and steel slabs \$2⁰⁰ per ton -

Merry has found it necessary to put a smaller well in Covington Fee Baby & Ruby both well -

Your affectionate Son - Cooke

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 18th July, 1895

My dear Sister

Your welcome letter of 12th came duly to hand. We were all pleased to know that you were safe in the City again and found the journey pleasant.

Some of our party on the platform saw Mrs. Buffington but I did not recognise her. I saw Andrew Lupton to day at the store and he said all were well.

I hope you have your trunks, before now as it might be inconvenient to be long without. Have letter from Lily telling of your short visit, and much obliged to you for seeing her before you wrote. Ruby has a Mrs. Wood and Miss Lindsay, from Frankfurt visiting them. The young lady is exceedingly well pleased with the baby, the house and Cousin Charley.

Lizzy is still here and wishes to get Charley to go away somewhere before she leaves - Going over to Leokoe last

night in the middle of the street
were Mary and Daniel Evelyn, Mrs. Peck
nurse and baby, and a nurse
with our mutual friend John
Rob's baby, and Lizzy and I for
spectators. We have put a door between
the kitchen and washroom, which makes the
kitchen much more comfortable this hot weather.

The house seemed pretty quiet after you
left, we did not have near so many
calls as when you were here. Sunday
last Tom Adams, Lizzy and Charley dined with
us. The little Swiss clock which had
always declined to play ^{unless you came} its tunes for us
"mended its ways" and now every hour
reminds us of the girl. Little Ned
now begins to shout when he sees me
on the street and takes for granted
that I am coming to see him. They laugh-
ed several weeks ago when Cooke asked how
long it would be before Baby would know him.

Well I think she begins to know me
now - "The World do move". With love to
Aunt Mary
Yours affectionately
John Means

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

E. C. MEANS
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., SUPT.

Ashland, Ky.

July 22nd 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Replying
to your letter 15th inst—

We have sent the key to Mr. Kaig
and asked him to send you the
books— which we trust will
reach you safely—

I expect to go to Cincinnati
the first of next month and will
then get your Will and bring it
here— So that it will be convenient.

Mrs. Wood and Miss Lindsey of
Frankfort are visiting Ruby and
Red Seaton came in yesterday for
a few days stay with friends and
relatives. So Bath Ave visits about
considerably after sun goes down
and it is cool enough to dress—

The Baby is good and jolly as ever
and takes quite an interest in her visitors.

The A.C. & I borrowed \$4000⁰⁰ from you
last week and today I rec'd Wm Means
\$80⁰⁰ as per his request to you—

Ashland, Ky.

M. A. M #2

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Lizzie and Charley are still at home.
The latter's new bicycle has come
and he is delighted with it as
it only weighs 17 lbs.

● Father is well and goes about
town quite a good deal.

Mr. Wade was out calling on Miss
Strube of Augusta, who is visiting
Rose last evening.

Today I go with Mr. Apple of
the Shops and Heron of the Mines
to see some mines on New River
and Kanawha.

With love

Affectionately your nephew
E. C. Means

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

~~DOUGLAS PURNELL, JR., Secy.~~

Ashland, Ky.

July 25th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Ruby is laid up with an attack of her old malarial fever and has been unable to write since your purchases for the baby arrived. She was afraid you would think she was not appreciative of your kindness and has asked me to write and thank you for it.

She says the bibs are beautiful and admired by every one and the cap and baby make a sweet picture & that the old cap is so small that it hardly comes down over her ears. The edging "just suits" her -

There has been a delay in getting the pictures and they are printed rather dark but we think are a good likeness of the young lady. We are sending you a photo by today's mail.

Ashland, Ky.

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Lizzie leaves in morning for Achille
and Charley for Mt Clements -

Lizzie sends her love and finds
she has 12 waists does not wish
any more this summer -

The baby has learned to cry
for her cap so as to get out of
doors. She was out for over 3 hours
today and had a good nap in
her carriage -

We have had hard rains, and
nights as well as days are more
pleasant for we poor mortals -

Ruby sends love with the baby's
I mine

Your affectionate nephew:
E. C. Means

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, Jr., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

Aug 11th 1895

Dear Father:

Last night Harriet Evelyn, Ruby and I went out for a drive with "Patsy" after supper. The little one enjoyed it very much and when I took her into Serey's to let Biddie have a look and a kiss, she behaved like a good girl and did not cry.

Biddie decided she looked like her mother and apologized for not calling.

As we started out we saw Will Seaton sitting on your porch waiting for Harold to return to supper, but when Ruby told him that Harold had gone with a swimming party, he concluded the return would be very uncertain and went in for supper. We saw the party returning on the Street cars about an hour later.

Thursday Jim & I went out to Grant Mine and Friday morning Hugh & Jim went with me to Denton and later through the Rush mine, coming home at noon.

Ashland, Ky.

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Friday night Ruby gave a bachelors tea inviting Harry, Mill, Charley, Tom, Hugh, Jim, John Russell and to make a full table Mr Ringo - all invitations were accepted and we had tea between 6:30' and 7°. Afterwards "Little Jim" who had been through the Norton mill as well as the mine and as he is not much of a conversationalist, he listened patiently, so patiently that he went to sleep in the chair and it was only after one attempt that he could awaken sufficiently to walk over to Tom. He felt quite embarrassed over the occurrence but it really did us good to see how he enjoyed the map. Hugh told me that his mother expected to go out to Lawrence with them and all three live together there -

Hugh appears to be more self reliant to have more common sense than Jim but both seem to be very nice boys. They have stayed at Tom Adams this week.

Ashland, Ky.

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I presume you saw in papers forwarded by Harold that the "City daddies" have voted to issue Bonds to take up the outstanding orders - I doubt the legality of taking up orders by such a method except such orders as were issued before the adoption of the new Constitution - Putnam & Fields voted against it - other 6 for it -

Yesterday & today have been very hot and oppressive -

Harris of Zanesville has returned the new certificates in your name -

Ohio River is falling rapidly and boats carry light loads only -

Hanging Rock Furnace made 598 tons week ending 3rd inst -

Pilby & Baby join in love to all
Baby says it will write later

Affectionately Your Son

E. C. Means

Cooke

11 Aug 1895

Ashtond, Ky

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I received your letter of the 7th inst. and
am sorry that I cannot reply to it
at once. I am sorry to hear that
the committee on the subject of
the proposed amendment to the
constitution of the State is
not yet ready to report. I hope
that they will be able to do so
soon. I am, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. B. Cooke

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
E. C. MEANS
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

Aug 21st 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Ruby went to Cincinnati with me yesterday and is immensely elated over your kindness to her. She told me several times "I feel people are too good to me and I don't deserve it." "Do you really think we ought to accept Aunt Maggie's invitation?" I tell her that I know you were always pleased to do things which afforded pleasure to the beneficiary and that she could trust your invitation to be meant for acceptance, if she would have courage enough to make such a visit as proposed, with a baby to care for. And that you would see we fully appreciated your kindness and remembrance of us.

I cannot express my own feelings but simply hope that in some way we may prove how truly we appreciate your invitation.

Ashland, Ky.

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While securing accommodations in sleeper at Cincinnati for Monday next I concluded to try for cheaper rates than from here. So I bought tickets for Ruby & Mary, with privilege of stop over at Ashland until Monday, for the Boston excursion for \$21⁰⁰ each for the round trip. The coupons for the trip from New York to Boston & ret. need not be used and still a saving of enough to pay for the drawing room on sleeper was effected - \$14⁰⁰

We expect to surprise Father & Rose when they get on the train at Covington.

I brought your mill home and will put in Father's box in Bank to which he & I only have keys -

Mr. Anderson was on the train both ways yesterday and I told him it would be here for you -

With much love and a kiss from the baby who can almost say Auntie

Your affectionate nephew: E. C. Means

*Treasurer's Report
Aug 1895*

NEW YORK. August 21st, 1895.

The Treasurer of The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia presents to the Board of Directors a Balance Sheet, and other Statements showing the condition of the Company on the 30th of June, 1895.

The result of the business is not a favorable one, the sales of our product for the six months have been large, yet, nearly all of the deliveries for this time have been from sales made at the very low prices ruling for the first five months of the year. In April over 20,000 tons were sold, under contracts giving the purchaser several months to take the iron. A large portion of this was low grade iron sold at a price not remunerative.

The heavy snow storms and severe cold weather of the winter of 1894-5 increased the cost of our product and reduced the out-put materially. The outlook for the next six months is much more favorable.

The Balance Sheet shows the amount to credit of Profit and Loss,	-	-	\$174,152.03
Against a Balance December 31st, 1894, less dividend paid,	-	-	169,195.12
			<u>\$4,956.91</u>
Low Moor Branch R. R. cost reduced,	-	-	5,197.49
Sinking Fund, increased,	-	-	5,575.07
Insurance Fund, "	-	-	1,682.92
Earnings for the six months,	-	-	<u>\$17,412.39</u>

Furnace "A" up to the present time is doing well, making over 900 tons per week mostly foundry iron. The furnace, however, is liable to go out at any moment owing to a weak spot in the lining which developed in the first two months of the blast and has enlarged so that the brick has gone for a space of fifteen or twenty feet. Furnace "B" is now ready to be put in blast and only a few days will be required to make the change, when necessary.

Furnace "C" at Covington was put in blast on the 25th of April and up to June 30th had made six thousand one hundred and eighty-nine tons, a large proportion being low grade iron. We have made sales of a considerable quantity of the No. 2 foundry but cannot deliver, as the furnace does not make it. The iron has proved very satisfactory to our Western customers and is in good demand but we have had to stop taking orders for the present. A letter from the General Manager under date of August 15th, says "Covington Furnace has been working badly for the past week, and it seems out of the question to keep it on anything like regular work. Would like to get brick enough for a new bosh and stop two or three weeks to put it in, for I feel quite certain we will not get satisfactory results until this is done."

Herewith you will find the General Manager's report, showing the condition of the Mines and Furnaces, work done, etc.

It will be seen too, that if all the additions and repairs to the plant recommended by Mr. Merry are made, the demands on the Treasurer for the next four months will be large.

The market value of our product at this time with the large quantity already sold, warrants the Treasurer in suggesting that a dividend of one and one-half (1½) per cent, on the capital stock of the Company be declared, payable on the 16th day of September next.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWD. A. LOW,
Treasurer.

Profit for 6 months ending Dec 31 1913	\$ 1,208.39	Earnings 12.3.736.71	Dividends	0	%
" " 6 "	"	"	"	"	1 1/2
" " 6 "	June 30 '94 2,691.63	" 35,828.26	"	"	"
" " 6 "	" June 30 '94 10,118.46	Profit 2,205.99	"	\$14,980.50	"
" " 6 "	" Dec 31 '94 10,118.46	"	"	25,987.00	3
" " 6 "	" June 30 '95 4,956.91	Earnings 17,412.39	"	14,992.50	1 1/2
" " 6 "	"	"	"	"	"

Profit for 6 months ending Dec 31/93	\$ 1,208.89	Earnings 23,736.71	Dividends
" " 6 "	"	"	"
" " 6 "	June 30/94	26,916.63	" 35,828.26
" " 6 "	"	"	"
" " 6 "	Dec 31/94	10,118.46	Loss 2,205.99
" " 6 "	"	"	"
Profit	" 6 "	June 30/95	Earnings 17,412.39
" " 6 "	"	"	"

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET.

DR. THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA, JUNE 29TH, 1895

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Real Estate	\$800,629 94	Capital Stock	\$1,000,000 00
Low Moor Branch Railroad	29,291 80	Bills Payable	\$11,962 90
Dell's Ave Railroad	76,396 88	Wages	11,779 90
Alleghany High Mountain Invest- ment	4,500 00	Hospital Fund	579 44
Inventories	238,756 74	Unsettled Accounts	41,876 87
New Coal Bin	3,482 98	Accounts bearing Interest	26,034 56
New Walker	11,881 43		
Furnace C	9,187 70		
	\$1,184,867 52	Sinking Fund	\$19,178 78
Cash with Treasurer	\$188,587 67	Insurance Fund	14,863 78
" " Agent	8,771 96	Furnace Repairs Fund	48,639 01
	22,353 63	Profit and Loss	174,192 03
Bills Receivable	12,355 02		
Kroger, Redway & Co.	123 78		
John N. Gordon	2,234 80		
E. Pratt & Brother	1,811 06		
Thos. A. Muck	6,696 24		
Sundry Parties	123,834 03		
	133,699 91		
The Thurmond Coal Co.	2,270 80		
W. L. Dame	8,930 82		
	\$1,359,399 70		

Dec 30th
1893

120.166⁸⁰
75.900⁷⁵
212.336⁸⁹

Statement of Inventory, &c., for Treasurer's Report, June 29th, 1895

				IRON MADE.		LOW MOOR.	COVINGTON.
				January.....		4,043. ²²⁵	
				February.....		3,465.128	9,433.885
				March.....		3,930.743L	
				April.....		3,935.140R	9,433.885
				May.....		4,124.10R	3,139.180
				June.....		3,888.88R	9,786.180
				Total.....		33,411 ²²⁵	6,189.000
				ORE.			
				Produced.....		46,051 tons.	
				Purchased.....		5,057 "	51,108 tons.
				Used Low Moor.....		33,288 tons.	
				" " Covington.....		1,808 "	67,196 "
				On Hand Low Moor.....		12,000 tons.	
				" " Covington.....		2,500 "	15,500 "
				IRON PRODUCT.			
				LOW MOOR.			
				5,775 tons Iron at Furnace,		\$8.50	\$49,070.50
				30 "		Richmond, at \$9.75	195.00
				205 "		J.L.Hogan & Co., \$8.50	1,742.50
				566 "		James River, \$9.75	5,515.50
				7,711 "		N.Y. & Transit, \$11.25	90,611.25
				933 "		Ashlar, \$9.75	9,291.75
				10,238 tons Iron.....			\$84,439.50
				496 "		Fec. sold and paid for \$8.50....	4,216.00
				9,742 tons Iron.....			\$82,223.50
				COVINGTON.			
				3,323 tons Iron at Furnace, at \$8.00			26,584.00
				428 "		James River, \$9.25.....	3,939.00
				196 "		N.Y. & Transit, \$10.75.....	2,107.00
				3,947 tons Iron.....			\$32,630.00

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
E. C. MEANS,
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

Sept 14th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Ruby received your letter last night and delivered the messages to Mary and Harriet Evelyn. Both of whom received them with pleasure.

Last night we attended the lecture by Rev Barrett (Baptist minister) on Japan. He has never been there but takes great interest in learning all he can about the country and its contents. The lecture was interesting and instructive. He had toys showing house, jinnibushu red fox, cow, costumes etc also maps.

No doubt he would enjoy meeting you or Aunt Molly and hearing your descriptions of the country.

We have watched with much interest the newspaper reports of the yacht races and are much disappointed they were not completed to the full satisfaction of every one concerned.

We hope the Defender will cross the seas and bring another cup home.

Ashland, Ky.

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Tom has made an 8% dividend with the Ice Co this year and feels well pleased with the results -

We divided \$8,000 each to the heirs of J. M. M. on 12th inst and took the receipt of Mr B. Seaton as your agent for yours - I shall wait a few days and then invest it in Government bonds for you -

We are looking for Father & Co home today but not having heard from them since leaving you are very uncertain of seeing them today -

I feel in good deal better spirits and energy as the result of our visit to you and with Ruby feel that you were very kind to us and am very thankful for such good treatment - Certainly you now owe us a visit which you must pay as soon as you care to come West - With love affectionately your nephew: E. C. Means.

ASHLAND, KY.

Friday

20th Sept

1895

My dear sister

We reached home yesterday on time and are telling all the friends we see what a pleasant time we have had while gone, and how much you have done to make us enjoy our stay in the city.

Mrs Spalding and Rebecca comes into the train at Lexington Va., on their way home from Healing Spis. I saw Arthur Stinson who told me there were only 15 left at Hysp.

Mrs S & R. came up to the house with us and stayed 1½ hours until this train came. The F.F.V. does not stop at Greerup. Will Berri and children are very well. Ned and Kendall pretty well marked by Mosquito bites, Cooke Ruby and Baby are well, the Baby is broken out with heat, and

pretty cross, but seems to be well,
and growing - Ruby looks pale
but says she is well, better for her
trip East - We find warm weather
in Boston - says Wednesday night
was about as uncomfortable
as any night this season.

Alice Neal and two of David
Nixon daughters call yesterday after-
noon. Were here attending Christian
Endeavor meeting. Said Nora S.
is in London but will go to
Barn to join Mr. Fildes in
about a month -

Ever with love to Lily today.
Affectionately yours
John May

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
E. C. MEANS
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., SUPT.

Ashland, Ky.

Sept. 21st 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter, 18th inst
enclosing Low Moor Check, ^{\$84.00} duly received.
I enclose herewith a draft on 4th Natl
Bank New York for One thousand dollars
(\$1000⁰⁰) payable to your order.

The wanderers returned home in
due time and good health - Although
they came to a land of heat and
mosquitos - neither conducive to sleep -

I see by Cincinnati papers that
Gertrude Means was married Wednesday
to Mr. Alexander Julian of Cincinnati
at Yellow Springs Presbyterian Church -
Will watch Sunday's paper for more
particulars - Baby sent you some
blotters which she hopes you will
find useful - She is well and happy -
Ruby is industrially working on her
short clothes and will soon have a new
wardrobe for the young Miss Means

With love. Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

ASHLAND, KY.

Thursday -
26th Sept 1895

My dear Sister

Yours of 23rd inst came duly to hand. We were glad to hear that you are able to take ice cream for comfort, and that our 'Texas Cousin' is with you again. If she had been here since we came home she would not have had to come inside to keep warm. We find indoors cooler than out. Have letter from Lily dated same day with yours, but one day longer reaching here. ^{Bird Henderson} Rose and myself met the Misses Schroder on train Saturday ~~went~~ on their way home. Had gone from N.Y. city to Old Point Comfort by O.D. Steamer, been seasick, and nearly out of the notion of a trip to Europe, so long as the Atlantic Ocean was in the way. Rose and Harry went to Hinton Tuesday

night to hear a lecture by (M.E.) Bishop Vincent of Chatanga fame. Jerry Clarke was watching at the Church door expecting they might be down and said she would not be in Ironton much longer, but would come up to see us before she went away. We have asked her to come to dinner or to stay overnight, that the road is too long and dusty to come only to call.

We saw Ruth Lewis on Train 21 at coming to see her mother.

She told us her wage had been raised \$5.00 a month to induce her to stay longer where she is, and wished to be remembered to you.

Harry has gone to Lexington Ky. to attend M. E. conference left this morning at 4 and did not expect to return until

ASHLAND, KY.

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after Sunday 29th inst. Col Putnam
and wife were in last evening.

- He had just come home from
the meeting of the "Blue & Gray"
at Chattanooga. Had a good
time with his old 'Comrades', and
visiting the battlefields where he
had been engaged and where
he was wounded.

- Am having pictures of Hattie framed
for several of her friends. I am
so well pleased with the beveled glass
frames we ~~for~~ bought at Daniels, that
I write ^{you} to go there and buy one dozen
of them the large size about 7 by 10 inches.
Have them ^{Daniels} packed ^{home} or as carry safely
and send by Express to me.

Inclosed find P.O. order payable
to you twelve (\$12.00) dollars which
I suppose will pay for the frames
.94¢ each and cost of packing.

4.

It is the same sized frame as you had for Sadon's picture. on your mantle - It may be Louise's picture. If they don't have 1 dozen let them send what they have -

Ned had been walking alone a few days when we came home as has another tooth.

Harriet E. pays us two or more visits a day, and grows between times. Rose has had one swim in the River and if the warm weather continues may have several more.

Tell that Texas Cousin, we would like to see her and lean her a pay us a visit, and even if she is pretty and not afraid she would wish to marry me least you and she come for Thanksgiving or Christmas

Affectionately yours
John May.

I send my letter head for Daniels to get address right

Friday

Ashland, Ky., 4th Oct 1895

My dear Sister

Your welcome letter of 30th ult was duly received, and left with Louise for Mollie to read. The six (I frame) came Monday ^{29th ult} morning before I left the house, only four days after I wrote you for them. As only one half of my order came I felt sure a letter or more frames would soon come and delayed acknowledging.

Am glad to hear that Sadie will pay as a visit Christmas, as it also means visit too from yourself. Am writing this in the Bank and Charley has just shown me telegram from Lizzy at Cincinnati where she and her mother will stay until Monday next, then come here. You may have seen in the papers sent you that "Mrs Jerry Clarke and daughter

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Rose have been making us a
visit Jerry half promised
Molly to come tomorrow and
stay over until Monday with
her. Rose (M) and Harry
were out last night at a
Church Supper and this afternoon
go to the country with a
mutton party. Cards are
out for marriage of Mary
Willard and Lambert 18th inst
I don't know who he is.

Please buy and send to me for
a wedding present, to cost any
where from \$25⁰⁰/₁₀₀ ~~\$40⁰⁰/₁₀₀~~ whatever
you may think suitable.

Advise me of cost and I'll
send you -

Molly is certainly improved
after her Western trip

Affectionately yours
John Meany

ASHLAND, KY.

Wednesday

9th October

1895

My Dear Sister

Yours of 7th inst is at hand, also the Box from Tiffany. The last has been forwarded to Hanging Rock unopened, so the bride, ie to be, will see them just as they came from the store. You did ^{well} ~~right~~ to put the price into the present, rather than an almost useless box. Am much obliged for your kindness, and commend you for your promptness. The bevel glass frames from Daniells, have been lost in ~~while~~ are writing this. Herewith please find draft, Ashland N. Bank on 4th N. B., N.Y. City, indorsed payable to your order, forty one ³²/₁₀₀ $\$41.32$ ^{\$42.04} $\$42.04$ dollars in payment of Tiffany's Bill here. 72¢. Am afraid if you act as my commission merchant, (buyer) much longer, that your car fare will cover the 72, but we will credit you and I add one cent

a day on your visit to get even.

Lily writes me how pleased she is to have you two come out with her next Christmas, and that she expects us "all to fall in love with our cousin". Well I'll

give her one cousinly kiss, if she wishes more she can help herself.

Aunt Amanda and Lizzy came home yesterday and we are all glad to have them back again. Aunt has a bad cold, and is not strong.

Liz looks very well, and thinner than in July. Poor Eva is pretty well now, but is forbidden to come to stay - Liz wishes to stay here

with ^{these winter} Charles, and to let their mother return to N. Carolina. If this be determined upon - possibly Eva may come for a visit of a few days and then go back to Asheville with Amanda.

Miso Willards invitations appear to be erratic or lightning strikes.

Myself + Rose - ~~Cook~~ + Ruby invited -

Harry who has been at H.R. for some weeks once, and Berie not invited

affectionately yours
John Meaup

ASHLAND, KY.

Wednesday Noon
10th October 1895

My Dear little Sister

Yours of 8th inst is at hand,
And although this may reach you
at same time with mine of this
morning, I write again to assure
you that am glad you bought a
present which may be useful,
and not one only ornamental.
I named the lower price as one
not to come under. I have always
thought so well of Gene, his wife and
Mary ^{that I} wished this present, to indicate my
feelings, ^{and} was sorry to know by your
first letter, (of 7th) that you had not rec'd
invitation, and now am pleased to
hear that you have one and will
remind them that you appreciate
their courtesy.

Affectionately yours
John Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 15th October 1895

My dear sister

Yours of 12th came yesterday, and we
have sent your message, invitation, and
address, to Mary Willard, with our regards.

Rose and myself go to Cincinnati this after-
noon. Rose wishes to do some shop-
ping for Christmas H., H., and we
will ~~look~~ ^{look} among the monument
makers, for ~~one~~ ^{something} for my lot in our
cemetery. I have never put one in.

Was glad to hear that Sally Jones
desired to see me, we were always
good friends. It pleases me to hear
that any of the "Jones" sisters are
doing well, and I think they are
entitled to much credit, for the
way they have succeeded in life, under
adverse circumstances. I believe
too that they are ^{much} indebted to Sally
for advice and assistance, when
greatly needed by them. Am much

obliged to Isadore for thinking we shall
be good friends. We will introduce
her around as our "Texas Cousin",
and then our friends will
know, that she is a "little rebel".

Your friends, all seem to have
a good word for me - I read
Mary Seaton's letter, which you
inclosed to Rose, and felt
quite flattered by her mention
of my country, shown to Mrs
Spalding and Rebecca -

After the kindnesses shown to
me by Dr's, George and Alfred,
I should deserve to be forgotten
by every one - if I neglected any
and every opportunity to be of
assistance to their mother and
sisters. Mary S. was the first
young lady that I ever took to
a party. In the Spring of 1853
at Ironton, and we were both
younger and more verdant than
now -

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I don't know whether you know, my old friend Joe Crother, the founder of the Ashland Furnace since July 1887.

● He quit work the first instant, having been in the service for fifty (50) years.

He moved to Youngstown Ohio, Friday 11th inst, where he has several houses paid for by his savings. He was a good man and competent, but getting most too old for the work.

● Quit of his own desire, and we are glad to know, that he has a competence in his old age.

Molly was to tea with us Saturday, and will stay in the house daytime, while Rose and myself are gone, and see that Kate and her sub, do not run away with the stove.

Christine is off for a visit in Columbus O. a two weeks vacation, the first since she came to us more

than two years ago.

Sunday Miss Harriet Evelyn called in her first shoes and short dresses - She is just as good and jolly as ever weighs 22 lbs and has all the teeth she ever had.

We called at Mr Hiltons on the family and Mrs Margaret Savage Martin, who is here with her baby, which is very smart, like all the first ones -

Rose was getting up a Pic Nic party for the woods today, but our little trip upsets that.

Affectionately yours
John Means

"Duplicate"

This Agreement, made this 18th day
of October, 1895, between Alfred White & Sons, of Cincinnati, Ohio,
of the first part, and Mr. John Means
of Ashland Ky, of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said Alfred White & Sons, of the first part, agrees to
erect a certain Dane granite monument
with a granite figure and one granite
grave mark, Work to be finished in a
first class and satisfactory manner.

on a foundation ~~erected~~ by the said Alfred White & Sons
of the 1st part as per design and sizes
hereto attached, in the Ashland Ky Cemetery,
at Ashland Ky.

In Consideration of the faithful performance of this agreement, the said
John Means, of the second part,
agrees to pay the said Alfred White & Sons, of the first part, the sum of
Thirty nine hundred & fifty Dollars, (\$ 3950.⁰⁰/₁₀₀)

In witness whereof, we have this day set our hands and seals.

Witnessed:

A. R. White

Alfred White & Sons {SEAL}
John Means {SEAL}

Dated at

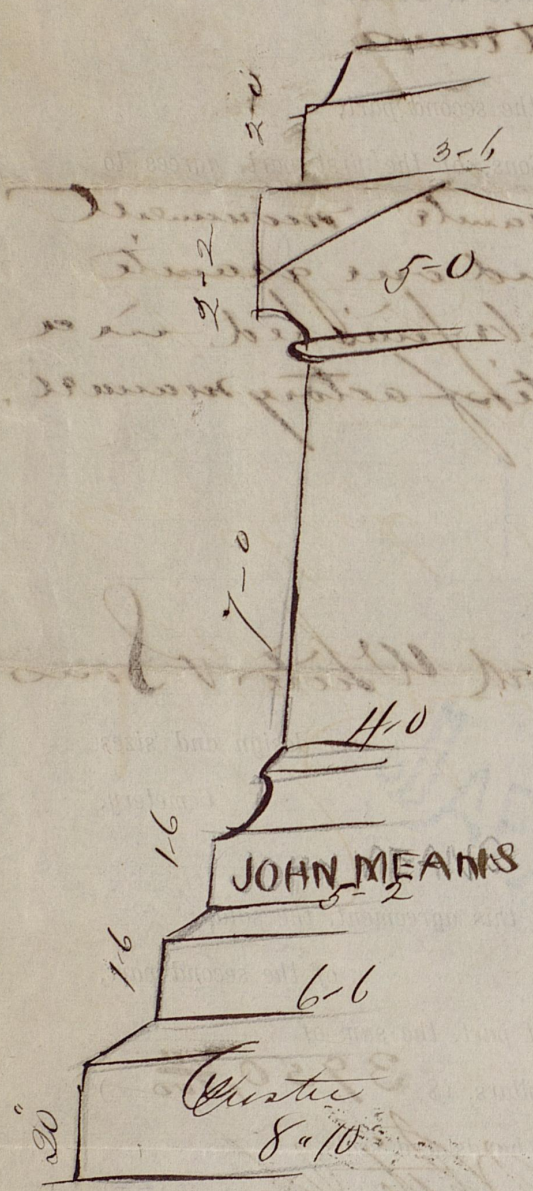
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this

day of

October 1895

*Granite
Statue*



*Break up of material
see all on side
& below*

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EDGAR B. HAGER,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR,
ASHLAND, KY.

Statement.
Patrick Jackson
or.

Margaret A. Hapton
January 16. 1894.

" " 1895.
Oct " 1895.
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Discount

\$1800⁰⁰

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Know all men by these presents that
Whereas the Grantors hereinafter named viz:
Thomas Hildreth Means, unmarried, Eliza Isabella
Seaton and William B Seaton, her husband, Rosalie
Means, unmarried, Harold Means, unmarried,
Ellison Cooke Means and Ruby R Means, his wife,
all of Ashland, Kentucky and Lillian M
Maynard and William E Maynard, her husband,
of Brooklyn, New York, being all the children
and heirs at law of Harriet E. Means, deceased,
late wife of John Means of Ashland Kentucky,
are owners of the undivided one half
interest in and to the land hereinafter described,
Now therefore in consideration of Nine (\$9⁰⁰)
Dollars to the said grantors in hand paid by
the said John Means, the receipt whereof
is acknowledged upon the execution and
delivery of these presents, the said Grantors
do hereby sell, assign, convey and release
unto the said John Means, his heirs and
assigns forever, their undivided one half
interest in and to that parcel of land
situated in Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky
bounded and described as follows:—

Beginning at the Southerly corner of the
intersection of Bath Avenue and Fourteenth (14th)
Street (formerly 3rd Street), thence South-easterly
with the southerly side of Bath Avenue One hundred
and fifty (150) feet to the property of the said
John Means, Thence South westerly at a right
angle to Bath Avenue and with the line of the
property of John Means aforesaid, three hundred
(300) feet to Montgomery Avenue, thence

North westerly with the northerly line of Montgomery Avenue one hundred and fifty (150) feet to Fourteenth (14th) Street, thence southeasterly with the Easterly line of Fourteenth (14th) Street Three hundred (300) feet to the beginning.

The same conveyed to Harriet E Means from Thomas W. Means by deed dated 23^d November 1865 of record in Deed Book 3 page 5 Boyd County Court Records.

To have and to hold the said described land unto the said John Means his heirs and assigns forever with covenants of

general warranty - Subject to liquor restrictions of Kentucky Iron Coal and Manufacturing Company.

In witness whereof we have signed our names this First day of August 1895 -

Thomas Childreth Means.

2 Eliza Isabella Seaton

3 William B. Seaton

4 Rosalie Means -

5 Harold Means.

6 Ellison Cooke Means

7 Ruby P. Means

Lillian M. Waynard

William E. Waynard

State of Kentucky
Boyd County ss.

J. W. A. Hampton a Notary Public
for Boyd County Kentucky, do Certify
that this instrument of writing from
Thomas Hildreth, Means, Eliza Isabella
Seaton, William B. Seaton, Rosalie Means,
Harold Means, Ellison Leveke Means and
Ruby B. Means, was this day produced
to me by the parties ^{above named}, which was acknow-
ledged by each of them before me, to
be their act and deed.



Given under my hand and Seal
of office this 12th day of October
1897, my Commⁿ expires Dec 28, 1897.
W. O. Hampton
Notary Public B.C.

State of New York
County of Kings ss.

J. William H. Statesir a Notary
Public for Queens County State
of New York, do Certify that this deed
from Thomas Hildreth Means and
others to John Means, was this day
produced to me by William E. Maynard
and his wife Lillian M. Maynard,
which was acknowledged by the said
William E. Maynard to be his act
and deed, and the contents and effect
of the instrument being explained to the
said Lillian M. Maynard by me

Separately and apart from her husband, she thereupon declared, that she did fully and voluntarily execute and deliver the same to be her act and deed, and consented that the same might be recorded.

Given under my hand and
Seal of Office this 18th day of
October A.D. 1895.

State of New York,
COUNTY OF KINGS.

I, HENRY C. SAFFEN, CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS and
also CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT for said County, (said Court being a Court of
Record), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Mr.

Wm H Statesir

whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of Proof, or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and thereon written, had, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, filed in my office a certified copy of his appointment with his autograph signature annexed as NOTARY PUBLIC for the County of Queens and was duly authorized to take said acknowledgment. And, further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to said Certificate is genuine.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court, the
18 day of Oct 1895.

Henry Caffen CLERK.

For and within the County and
State aforesaid do hereby certify
that the foregoing instrument
of writing from Thomas Hildreth
Means and others to John Means
was on the 22nd day of October 1895
at 7:30 a.m. lodged in my office to be and
is with the three (3) foregoing and this
Certificate duly recorded in my said
Office

Given under my hand this 24th day
of October 1895

John Vose C.C.C.

No. 3493
Thomas Hildreth Means et al

Deed to

John Means

Lodged For Record

Oct. 22nd 1895 at 7:30 A.M.

Recorded in

Deed Book No. 28

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Given under my hand and seal of Office this 18th day of October A.D. 1895.

My Comm^{ce} expires March 30th 1897

Wm. H. Stetson
Notary Public.
Queens Co.

Certificate filed in Kings Co.

State of Kentucky }
County of Boyd } set

I John Vose Clerk of the County Court for and within the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing from Thomas Hildreth Means and others to John Means was on the 22nd day of October 1895 at 7:30 a.m. lodged in my Office to be and is with the three (3) foregoing and this Certificate duly recorded in my said Office

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Mr & Mrs Willis L. Ringo
announce the marriage of their daughter

Nora,

to

Mr Lewis Velmes Davis,
Wednesday, October, twenty-third,
Eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

Ashland, Ky.

At Home,

after November twenty-fifth,

corner 16th and Winchester Ave.

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

E. C. MEANS,
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

Nov 6th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret—

Your letter
of 4th inst at hand—

Enclosed find New York Draft
for One thousand Dollars (\$1000⁰⁰)
on your account and payable
to your order as requested—

Well, we had an election yesterday
and for once we are in hopes
the Republicans have elected a
Governor— Locally the Republicans
elected the city ticket and the
school bonds were defeated—

Joe Butler was out to tea yesterday
and Lizzie came over to help enter-
tain him— John Russell & Charley
came in afterwards—

The report is that John will marry
the widow Kame of Catlettsburg and
Lizzie & Ruby are much distressed
at the idea— She is a daughter
of Wallace Williamson—

Father has been filling the local

Ashland, Ky.

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Papers with articles against the school bonds and is pleased with the resulting defeat.

Charley is very much disappointed over the election of Nick Carr as Police Judge against Anthony Smauch and talks "anarchy" etc.

Like you we have had delightful weather, excepting the drouth, for past month - The Ohio River is very low and we would be glad to have rain -

You are right in judging my preference for short clothes for the baby. It makes quite a difference in her appearance and gives her a chance to stand up. Which is one of her accomplishments -

With love from all

Yours affectionately:

E. C. Means

JOHN MEANS.

Thursday
Ashland, Ky., 7th November 1895

My dear Sister

Yours of 24th ult came in due time and should
have been answered earlier. But you know
how I have been busied, and the papers sent you
show that I was not only alive - but kicking.

Since writing you have been to Cincinnati, contracted
for a monument for my lot in Cemetery, called on
~~Mrs~~ McIntosh, let Anne come away - Took tea at O'Hara's
and Molly (Russell) Warner's, met Capt Holloway
and other friends. Rose was with me and we
had a good time. I called at May Langston
and took out book - gave May a portrait
of Hattie which she & Belle & Della seemed glad
to have. And tell my pretty cousin she
pleased me, by asking for ^{my} photographs of
~~me~~ one for herself and another for a widow
whom she said had expressed desire to have one.

Rose has had two 'School Marm's' The French
and the Marie Teachers to tea. The French is
Miss Lacroix niece of Mrs Martin & Culbertson
You probably have heard of her ^{grandly} father whose

lived at mouth of Genets Creek near
Tolsons, and whose second wife
was a Miss Rankin. Last Sunday 3rd
Jenny Clarke & little Rose took Tea with
us. Little Rose has learned to speak the
English very fast -

Mrs John E. Clarke died Sunday
27th Oct at E.B. Willards - We did not
receive notice of death and funeral
until Tuesday P.M. - too late to attend.

Rose and Harry went to Greenup 24th Oct
~~and~~ Tom, Louise, Mary and Molly Tuesday 5th
inst, drove to Greenup called at John Deaton's
Mr Spalding's, Mary E., had gotten home, crossed
the river drove up to Union Landing ate their
luncheon and thence home quite
well pleased with the little journey.

Please remember me kindly to
Mr Jager and say that I am glad
to know our appreciation of each other
is mutual - I will send her my best
regards to the School Board - Apologize for
my use of hers - for I don't know her husband's
initials.

Affectionately yours
John Meany

ASHLAND, KY.

Tuesday
19th Novem 1895

My dear sister

Yours of 15th, only came last night. The card for Scripture League, has been handed over to Rose, who hopes to find use for it before long time.

I have contracted for monument and the foundation is finished, but do not know whether the maker will be able to erect monument before Spring. Tom and Louise and baby left Tuesday 12th for Boston.

Mary thought at first to go with them as far as N.Y. City, but concluded to wait until after Christmas and go on with you. Wednesday ^{morning}

I went to Hanging Rock. Afternoon Mr. Willard drove me out to Ohio F. After looking around we called on Beck (Peyton) grounds. She is about three years older than I am, but looks twenty older.

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Was very glad to see me after I
told her who I was, and asked
me to send her pictures of
father and mother. Promised
to send fathers, but have none
of mother excepting your oil
painting. ~~I think~~ I shall
get photographs made of that.

Thursday we drove to and about
Pine Knive, dined at McIntosh's.
Mr & Mrs M. both asked about you
wished to be remembered to you
and that you would come to see
them when in the West. Friday
we drove to Union T. and came
home at night. Having had a
very pleasant visit at Willards.

Mrs Clacker's death was from heart disease
and sudden as Hattie's -

I wish you to get me 1 dozen each
beveled glass frames, 7ⁱⁿ x 10 same as you
sent from Daniells, and about 5¹/₄ x 8¹/₂ⁱⁿ
See that both have the broad gilt band at
the bottom - Lily sent me 1 dozen of the
smaller size, but they did not have the broad
gilt at bottom, and are not so nice as some
which I got myself - Advise me as to cost
and I will remit to you -

Cooke and I leave this afternoon.

ASHLAND, KY.

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for Low Moor where we attend
to morrow, stockholders and
directors meetings.

Expect to get home again
Saturday morning 23rd inst.
Sunday evening Rose and
myself were invited to Mrs Huff
to tea and fine supper and
pleasant time.

Saturday 16th Rose invited
Leonard and family and Harrop
and wife - Methodist preacher and
their School Teacher, to teas
with us. They were rather
pleasant people, and seemed
to enjoy the evening.

Poor Lewis Hanning's wife
died yesterday morning.

The poor woman has had a
long lingering illness and
suffered much at times.

I should greatly prefer to die as
Hattie did, than as Mr Fearing.

I have just ordered the
seventh (7) dozen of Photographs
of her dear face.

Rue has just come in
and says the Leint paper
today tell of the death of
Ellison Hanna —

Remember me kindly
to Grandmother Mr McL and
sister.

Affectionately yours
John Means

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
E. C. MEANS,
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

Nov 23rd 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Today a letter from Mr Means to you asking for \$125⁰⁰ was received under cover to me - I sent him \$100⁰⁰ on your account to 47 Trinity St Atlanta, Ga - Last month I sent him for you \$100⁰⁰ to New York about 21st ult - He received it on 22nd so it is possible you may have caught a glimpse of him - Father and I were at Low Moor 20th inst and as usual enjoyed ourselves - It was very cold however. 1 1/2% dividend was declared payable in December. Clinton Fire Brick Works paid 4% today making 9% this year. I have bought \$10,000 - 4% Registered U. S. Bonds due 1907 for you and gave Richardson Cashier a check for as many more but he has not succeeded at the price offered in obtaining them - Perhaps the gold shipments will lower

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

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E. C. MEANS
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Ashland, Ky.

M. A. M #2

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values again. You have on hand and due in Dec. enough funds for your usual requirements and the additional amount is simply lying idle. So don't think I am not keeping enough for you in bank.

I have been busy lately surveying the coal on some of the Means & Russell Lands which the A. C. & I. Ry are considering and may purchase. It is raining today and is very disagreeable out of doors.

We are expecting you to come and help nurse Harriet Evelyn ~~while~~ while her mother is recovering from the usual Christmas dementia(?) Without being vain and over proud we try to think she is up to the average at any rate.

With love from her & Ruby with my own.

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means.

From the Sun 2^d Dec 1895

ASHLAND, KY.,

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About 1852 Prof. W. W. Mather wrote thus concerning the area hereabouts.

"Iron ores abound on the route of the railroad, from the head of Triplett's creek, to the mouth of Big Sandy (a distance of 50 miles) - There is probably no region of equal extent supplied with a greater quantity, or with more varied qualities of good, easy working iron ores.

From Sun of Dec 3^d 1895

About 1852 - there were sixteen iron furnaces in the counties of Carter and Greenup, the aggregate annual producing capacity of which have been from 35000 to 40000 tons of iron. And this was thought a wonderful yield and so published far and wide -

The Sun Nov 3^d 1895

ASHLAND, KY., _____ 19 _____

Union Furnace, erected in 1826-27, the first blast in the Hanging Rock iron region, was constructed by a company of which John Means was a leading spirit.

ASHLAND, KY.

Tuesday

3rd Decr 1895

My dear Sister

Your welcome favor of 23rd ult came duly to hand. The frames came, 3 doz, yesterday, have been opened and three already disposed of. Two of the larger had little break on the edge, but can be used. I first sent for 6 doz photographs of Hattie, then another doz and now have an order for still another making in all eight (8) dozen and these will not be too many for those of her and my friends who desire to have them. And excepting among my relations have given only to those who requested them. A number who asked for hers have asked for my own, and this is so flattering to my vanity that I give frames. It would be too bad now if some of the last mentioned ask for my picture, to get

a pretty frame, would it it?

I have delayed my answer until could advise receipt of frames. — John Hager's letter explains itself. — Mr R. M. Stinson ^{once} of Manitowish & Inverton Registers, took tea with me last evening, ~~had~~ been in Berlin. Said he saw W^m Means there. Hager is there today and will probably learn if he ^{is} there to try to help Glidden and Evan Williams hatch up something new.

On the 20th Cooke and myself attended Low Moor meeting. No change was made in Directors. We declared $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent dividend payable 16th inst. We returned 22nd and that day Rebecca Spalding came up to attend a lecture in the evening by the President of Delaware College — She went back home next afternoon.

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JOHN MEANS.

ASHLAND, KY.

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Tuesday
The 16th inst, Mary Seaton, came up and
spent afternoon and night with
Molly, returning to Greenup after-
noon of 27th.

Messrs Willard and Bull also
came up Tuesday. We talked over
the matter of making Cold blast
Iron at Pine Grove, ^{next year} and concluded
it might not be profitable. I think
it very doubtful if we ever make
iron again at P. G. I sent portrait
of father, by Willard, to Beck Peyton Grounds.

McInturf came up last week and
tried ^{here} to get negative for photograph
of mother's portrait, but it was
not good. If tomorrow be a
fair day will take Eaton's paintings of
mother and of Hattie, also the
painting of Mrs Hildreth with babe
(Hattie) in her lap, to McI's gallery
where he can do better work

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After you have read the Sun, about early Arkland, give it to Lily

than here. He says they will all three
make good photographers.

The monument is gray granite,
and I have letter to day advising
that is ready to ship, and if weather
be favorable the men will come
next week to set it up. Friday 29th.
Rose invited Mrs Anna Bartoll Kerr, Aman-
da, Lizzie ~~Eva~~, Charley & Bessie to tea.
Mr Kerr could not come. Anne
came ^{and} stayed all night - Amanda
and Eva left Saturday P.M. for Cincinnati
and today go to N.C. - Sunday 1st inst,
Mrs F. E. Dickey of Portsmouth came
delivered an address to the Women's For-
missionary Society and stayed at night
with us. I went to hear, the first time
that has been out ~~to~~ ^{the} Church at night for
many years. We ^{the Means} were all at Cook's for
Thanksgiving dinner. Tom Adams came
while we were there - If you had not Lily had only
been with us it would have been all - When we meet
for Christmas, Amanda & Eva, will be away -

Have dropped the School Board for a
time and am writing up early History of
this part of Ky - as you see by the Sun -

We are beginning to count the days
now until we shall see you Lily and
our "Little Rebel" Cousin.

Affectionately yours

John Means

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

E. C. MEANS, Jr., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

Dec 4th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

The enclosed letter came today - The last remittance to Wm Means was 23rd ult and for \$100⁰⁰ although his request was for more.

Before replying to the enclosed I will ~~wait~~ await your instructions.

Weather has been cold and being out surveying I have fully realized that winter has arrived -

There is little new. We have given to Samuel Bigstaff an option on stock in Means & Russell Iron Co. - He expects to handle it in connection with his bridge project. - He has options on the Street Ry and will build a bridge between here & Ironton His object being to have an electric line between Ironton & Huntington. Baby not well - cutting more teeth.

With love - Your aff. nephew;
E. C. Means

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

E. CAMPBELL,
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

Dec 6th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Replying to
your letter 4th inst I enclose
herewith a draft for the sum
of One thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars
on your account and payable
to your order - draft on 4th Natl
Bank. New York -

About taxes - The usual custom
is to wait until you are hunted
up by the tax collector but as
your name is not in the directory
you may be missed - It may be
necessary for you to consult either
Mr. Maynard or your bank friends
as I know nothing of the N. Y. custom
worth repeating here - Perhaps Miss
(?), your hostess, may help you as
she probably is a tax payer -

I am sorry you object to so
much of a present from Ruby & me,
because we both were pleased with
the idea of surprising you with

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something more than we ordinarily give, and we were making an exception in your case, because we both felt it is not often you want any thing more than a remembrance and this time books were not amiss as you wanted some. We did not intend that Lily should tell you but we could give you a list of them when you are here Christmas and ^{they} find them in N.Y. on your return. As an exception please accept them this time for it is such a pleasure to give them to show our appreciation of your goodness to us.

The Cincinnati Tribune has a short article on the reconciliation of the Means' of Yellow Springs which Father will send to you -

With love from Ruby & myself
and a bye-bye from baby

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

E. C. MEANS, JR., SUPT.

Ashland, Ky.

Dec 11th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I have sent
your letter and that of Dr. M.
to Mr. Anderson -

I believe that you would do well
to authorize me to send the money
requested. For this reason; you
have never sought to cause or
keep in effect any separation but
have sent funds as requested and
an account has been kept of the
amount and charged as furnished.

Now that he is at home to stop
meeting his requests would look
to him as if you were not pleased at
his return home and would not
aid him while there because you
wanted him away. However I
await your final decision and
only offer this as a suggestion.
Ruby has been sick with malaria
and baby from teething both better now.
Yours affectionately; E. C. Means

Ashland, Ky.

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M. A. M #2

On your books is an account of Wm Means Executor and Trustee of A. Labmt which is charged with the sum of \$13,610.68 —

As a settlement in court was made some time ago and Wm Means released and a new Ex & Trustee appointed would it not be well to charge that amount to Wm Means personal account — I understood you to say that you wanted him charged with the money you have paid to him but as this amount was paid for him I would prefer to have an expression of your desires before doing anything with the account — If you want time to consider it or more information don't let me hurry you — The end of the year and new balances brought it to my mind —
Yrs E. C. M —

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
E. C. MEANS
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

Dec 12th 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

The enclosed came last night after I had mailed letter to you - It is not necessary for you to write to him unless you prefer to do so - I can remit to him as usual on your account if you desire it -

The "Celebrated Case" is nearly closed unless they put up the money or bond to pay for printing the record - They wanted to cut out a large part of the testimony and appeal on the construction of the will - but Mr. Maxwell opposed it -

Ruby is going about the house again but is wishing for a full set of teeth for the baby as a Christmas present - Coming one at a time is slow business but lots of it -

Am pleased with your decision about books

Your affectionate nephew: E. C. Means

ASHLAND, KY.

18th Decem 1895

My dear Sister

Yours of inst came this morn
and I was right glad to hear you
are well and that we may soon
see you. I wrote you 3rd about
the glass frames coming and have
been expecting em since to hear
about the bill and began to be
afraid you might be sick.

You ~~didn't~~ not sent the bill
yet. Yesterday I mailed you
proofs of mother and Hattie's
pictures. To day I have the
photographs and think they
make very good pictures.

I gave Aunt Magg and Margaret
Leola pictures of myself and Hattie.
On the 8th Col W. J. Worthington
was here at Mr Burdett's on his
way to Frankfurt. of course I called,
and he spoke very kindly of

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father. He had sent Molly some
cider, and wished me to send
some John or Reg for some, but
as he would not take any pay
I did not send. Had letter
last week from Sally (Smith)
Shaffer, who promises to pay
us a visit before long, but
wrote that she was too busy
to come before Christmas.

The snakes are here to day
to put up monument and I
hope will get finished before
Christmas, so that if weather
favours you and Lily can
see it when you come.

Yesterday with Messrs Bailey, Biggs,
Butler, Peebles, Putnam, Winslow,
directors in A. C. & J. Ry. Co -
Sexton, and Cooke I rode

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HARVARD

ASHLAND, KY.

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our packs of Clinton and Bellefonte
lands, lunched in the woods
and came home to supper.

We determined to buy a little
over 6,000 acres of this land from
the Means & Russell Iron Co.

I am glad that the M. & R. I. Co.
sells, as tis that much towards
winding up the Bellefonte business,
and think it a good purchase for
the A. C. & I. R. Co. for the coal
in this land. To day we made
a two per cent dividend payable $\frac{1}{2}$
21st inst, $\frac{1}{2}$ 21st March next.

Have letter to day from Lily but
as Rose and Ben have their
guns and Lily's to read I cant
answer any questions if such
in them,

Minnie Patton and Lida.
Morse have been in since

I began to write.

Am glad you like the clock. You may give Judson and Lily credit for letting me know that yours was a poor one.

Or as Lily tells it, you buy nice things for your friends and keep the poor ones for yourself.

John Peckham, Mr Putnam inquired to day about you and desired to be remembered to you.

Am afraid the Misses Thorn have had a hard time since we saw them. Ruby told me she had a letter to you from Phild with request to forward same.

It is strange they did not write me - as I sent them papers in March. They lost some money by that Keyston Bank and also in that Iron Hull concern - Hope to see you next Tuesday - Bring Bill for James.

Affectionately

John Means

M. J. Neave Cincinnati, O., Dec 19 1895

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24th ~~October~~ 1895
December

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Co.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.
E. O. MEANS
DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR., Supt.

Ashland, Ky.

Dec 31st 1895

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Ruby gave me your check for \$600⁰⁰ which you left with her. She said you asked her how much you paid me last year for taking care of your business and neither you nor she could remember. It was \$500⁰⁰ and was a very liberal compensation. Now Aunt you are too liberal to me and I am returning the check for \$600⁰⁰ so that you may destroy it and make a new one for no greater amount than last year.

I am delighted that you appreciate my care of your affairs but I feel that you should not believe it is worth paying so much for just yet. Remember too your kindness in going on the bond of Tom ~~Adams~~ and myself, which trust has paid us a very considerable amount,

Ashland, Ky.

M. A. M #2

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shall we forward the book you left on the dresser?

over \$700- each last year, with more to come later as the Estate is administered - Of course part of that was virtually from you -

The baby misses you and looks into the room for you. I really think that she tried to say "Aunt Mag" last night when she was repeating her vocabulary after supper -

Bessie entertains at dinner tomorrow and Mrs. Putnam Thursday at tea -

The ground was covered with snow today but has melted considerably -

With much love from Ruby & myself who regret the shortness of your visit and hope you will repeat it soon.

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

Statement of the Business of
The Low Moor Iron Company's Store for six months
ending December 31st 1895.

Star No. 1 Low Moor				Star No. 2 Covington			
To Inventory	20 898 53	By Sales	48 249 88	To Inventory	23 258 55	By Sales	10 870 77
Purchases	40 857 64	Inventory	22 605 06	Purchases	91 296 66	Inventory	3558 57
Freights	1 897 28			Freights	233 34		
Salaries	2 238 76			Salaries	440 04		
Interest	618 35			Interest	819 2		
Rent	360 00			Rent	720 0		
Taxes	352 68			Taxes	633 0		
Balance	3631 40			Balance	2083 23		
	70 854 64		70 854 64		14429 34		14429 34
Star No. 3 L.H. Miner				Star No. 4 Stack			
To Inventory	2886 92	By Sales	11334 45	To Inventory	2468 71	By Sales	9663 26
Purchases	9815 20	Inventory	3182 78	Purchases	6899 89	Inventory	2796 94
Freights	445 4			Freights	1645 9		
Salaries	535 60			Salaries	403 32		
Interest	103 54			Interest	686 6		
Rent	600 0			Rent	600 0		
Taxes	81 15			Taxes	414 1		
Balance	990 28			Balance	2353 62		
	14517 23		14517 23		12460 20		12460 20
Star No. 5 D.A.				Star No. 6 A.I.M.			
To Inventory	1828 94	By Sales	8081 93	To Inventory	6964 3	By Sales	4915 50
Purchases	6677 68	Inventory	2720 23	Purchases	4380 24	Inventory	1940 70
Freights	87 91			Freights	71 27		
Salaries	384 80			Salaries	308 25		
Interest	66 16			Interest	344 2		
Rent	600 0			Rent	600 0		
Taxes	38 35			Taxes	274 5		
Balance	1672 12			Balance	1278 14		
	10802 16		10802 16		6856 20		6856 20

Star No. 1 Profit of .075% on Sales -
 " " 2 " " .191 " "
 " " 3 " " .081 " "
 " " 4 " " .242 " "
 " " 5 " " .206 " "
 " " 6 " " .26 " "
 Profit of .12% on combined sales -