

to Upton (I think) about July-18), 1916
P.C.7.

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I wish you would get Mr. Minor's article, and laying aside all pre-
conceived views, read it and see if you do not see in it a re-
markable chance to secure a very valuable suffrage right by what would
be really a short cut, if we could get it. The Arena has now ceased
publication; but you may be able to find in the public library the
number of Dec. 1891. I did not know of its existence until I went to
Washington and began to work for the Bill; but my own studies had led
me to the same conclusion; and I used the argument from the Preamble
to prove that a duality of sex was absolutely one of the descriptive
attributes of the "People" in whom the Constitution has vested the
right. Mr. Minor very properly accepts that fact without arguing it.

I may say that until I went to Washington and began work there I
had supposed Mrs. Colby's argument and mine were identical. But as soon
as I had to defend my ground I observed that we had separate arguments,
and I have told her that I could not support her bill; for I do not
consider it constitutional and I do think it is a violation of the rights
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If you do feel interest enough to read Mr. Minor's article, or to
study again what I have said, reading the Constitution with it, I shall
be very glad to hear your opinion.

I hope you are going to be

at Atlantic City. Mrs. Catt has asked me to lead the discussion on dropping work on the Federal Amendment, and I have consented to do so, with the understanding that I consider other Federal legislation important and desirable. I suppose you have learned that Sen. Owen told us at St. Louis that he intended now to bring up and work for the U.S. Elections Bill. He says he will add an enacting clause, with a penalty for non-obedience, to the Bill he introduced at my request, last winter. I consider this intention of his the most hopeful thing I know for our cause since the endorsement of the two great parties.

I saw Elizabeth Hauser at St. Louis, and was glad to see her looking so well.

Very cordially yours,

Harriet T. Upton
Real Estate, Mortgages and Loans
Warren, Ohio

August 16, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

Enclosed find check for \$30.87, interest due from
Biggins on the 17th. This is minus my commission of \$.63.

Loaned \$900, six months, interest at 7%, \$41.50.

Please sign enclosed receipt and return.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU-MCS.

Sent receipt Aug. 19.

Richmond, Ky. .

Aug. 14th, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have received your kind letter, telling me you are going to give some study to the U.S. Elections Bill. I am writing to suggest that you do not read the Minor v. Happersstt decision in connection with it, unless you merely wish to refresh your memory as to why we have nothing to hope from the Fourteenth Amendment. Mrs. Minor based her case upon that Amendment, and it was decided against her. That is why I have never been able to agree with Mrs. Bennett's argument for Federal suffrage, for she argues from the Amendment. As far as I know, dear Mrs. Minor lived and died without ever hearing of the point raised in the present U.S. Elections Bill. But after the great Yarbrough decision, which elucidated the fact that the right to vote for Congressmen is derived from the U.S. Constitution and not from the States, Mr. Francis Minor called attention to a new point, which has never been brought before the Supreme Court, either in Mrs. Minor's life-time or since; and which has received very scant attention from the N.A.W.S.A.

Personally, I have no expectation that the S.B.A. Amendment will ever assist our cause; for while I think Congress possibly might submit it to make capital with the suffragists and to get rid of them, I think the difficulties of having it ratified by the State legislatures are insuperable. I do think, though, that the Elections Bill might pass Congress, if the N.A.W.S.A. would support it earnestly, and it does not require the ratification of the States. Of course, it does not give us the whole loaf, but it gives us enough political power to win state suffrage for ourselves.

Give my regards to Mr. Upton, and hoping to see you at the convention,

I am

Very cordially your friend,

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August 9, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

I have read your letter of July 18th very carefully. If I can get time, I will re-read the Minor-Happersatt decision. I have read it in the past but not with the present light. *also the minoray*

It looks to me as if suffrage was going to come, either by states or national amendment pretty soon and maybe they will not be bothering with side issues.

Yes, I am going to be in Atlantic City. Yes, Miss Hauser is very much better, looks very well, I think. I nearly collapsed by trying to do two people's work, or maybe it was three, while she was in the western states and of course I had to pay for it after she came home. I never was so tired in all my life and I thought I never was going to be really normal again. However, Mr. Upton and I took a vacation and when we came back, I stayed up at the house a while and didn't come down to the office and I began to feel better.

Will see you soon on September 4th.

Lovingly yours,

HTU-MCS.

Harriet Taylor Upton

Harriet T. Upton
Mortgages and Loans
Warren, Ohio

Sept. 28, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find check for \$29.40.

This is Mrs. Turner's interest. She
paid it on time.

Please sign enclosed receipt and
return.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU/B

*The mortgage note came tonight
the 4th of Oct. I hold this letter
to acknowledge the receipt-*

Harriet T. Upton
Mortgages and Loans
Warren, Ohio

Oct. 30, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

When Mr. Biggins paid off his mortgage there was \$9.45 interest due you. I am therefore sending you a check for \$9.27 taking out my commission.

I am enclosing the note of \$^{900.00}~~900.00~~ on the Kennedy mortgage and wish you would receipt to me for the same.

I am so sorry about Mrs. Smith.

Cordially yours,

HTU/B

Harriet Taylor Upton

Harriet T. Upton
Mortgages and Loans
Warren, Ohio

Oct. 20, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

Your loan has been made some days but you will not get the note for some time. The house is not far enough along for me to be willing to take a mortgage for the whole amount so the money is deposited in the Peoples Bank and cannot be drawn except on the signature of Mr. Kennedy and myself.

As soon as it gets a little further along I will then accept the mortgage and send you the note. I wanted you to know that the money was drawing interest.

Cordially yours,

HTU/B

Harriet Taylor Upton
per [initials]

Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 21st, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

Please find enclosed receipt for Kennedy note.

I thank you for check for \$9.27, interest on Biggin note.

We had a fine state convention last week in Louisville. It seems now as if the politicians are going to take the matter out of the hands of the suffragists and have a constitutional amendment submitted in the legislature of 1918. Things do move!

Is it not grand to have a Congresswoman?

Cordially yours,

Harriet C. Upton
Mortgages and Loans
Warren, Ohio

Jan. 3, 1918.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find check for \$16.25, interest due you from
Mr. Williams on Dec. 14.

I came down to the office New Year's day to work on my
accounts. I had been giving all my time since my return from
Washington to the Red Cross Membership Drive in Trumbull
county and I was horrified to find that Mr. Williams had not
paid his interest. He is so reliable I don't take any thought
of him. He is the one man I never poke up. I started to write
him a letter by hand but I concluded I would wait until the
next day, yesterday and dictate it but his check was here and
I am enclosing it with the receipt.

The other part of your account is not straightened out
yet but this week I am going to give every spare minute to my
personal business and you will hear from me in a few days. It
is perfectly awful that I try to do so many things but I have
not sense enough to say no to people. Just now there is a sort
of shake up in the church and they are going to have the
Auxiliary, which is the missionary branch change its form of
program and they are begging me to take these meetings for the
next four months, a meeting each ~~week~~ ^{month}. The family and personal
friends have made a fight on this but I have finally said I
would do it. I was just thinking yesterday what I fool I am.

Anyway, no matter what happens I am not going to let things
go by as they have in the past.

Cordially yours,

HTU/B

Harriet-Laylor Upton

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189 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 7th, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

A Happy New Year, and many returns!
Your letter enclosing Mr. Williams' check just received, for which
I thank you. You did not deduct commission in your haste, so please
set it straight next check you send.

I ~~thoroughly~~ thoroughly appreciate your congestion of work
with the Red Cross, and other war activities. I have been elected
president of the county E.R.A.; and according to the National plan,
we are doing war work as part of suffrage work. It acts splendidly
in arousing interest in the members. We are doing knitting, have
appointed workers for the War Savings Stamps, the Young Woman's C.A.
and are doing our full share in the usual Red Cross work. So we are
busy and we take every opportunity to emphasize that all is for Democ-
racy, suffrage and war work being the two sides of the same thing.

Cordially yours,

182 W. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

March 4th, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I am writing again about the interest on the note for \$900.00, dated October 19th, 1916. This is the money received in payment of the Riggan mortgage, and is in a mortgage to Hannah W. Hatchin, assigned to me by her, on mortgage signed by L.B. Kennedy and Mary W. Kennedy.

I have no record of receiving any interest from this note since it was executed. I wrote about it on Nov. 28th, 1917; but I know you were very much engaged at that time, and could not attend to it. I am sorry to have to ask you about it again, but the fact is that I have found other collections very hard this year and I need the money from that note.

I hope this terrible winter has not been as hard on you as it has been on farmers in Kentucky. It has been the hardest I ever have known, and has thrown my business affairs in a degree of disorder that is very unpleasant.

I hope you are well and that your suffrage situation is satisfactory to the Ohio suffragists. We have done nothing at all in the Ky. Legislature, because the majority of our State Board-(though not I) thought we ought to wait on the passage of the Federal Amendment in the U.S. Senate.

Cordially yours,

Harriet C. Hpton
Mortgages and Loans
Warren, Ohio

June 17, 1918.

Miss Laura Clay,
189 N. Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find check for \$15.59 interest due you from Williams. You remember when I paid his interest last time I did not take out my commission, 33¢ and you told me to take it out of the next check so that this check this time has a double deduction.

Hope all is well with you.

Cordially yours,

HTU/B

Harriet Taylor Hpton
Sent receipt

Harriet T. Apton
Mortgages and Loans
Warren, Ohio

October 22, 1918.
Dict. October 21.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find check for \$30.87
interest due you from L. B. Kennedy
October 19, minus my commission of
sixty-three cents.

My but it does seem a long time
since I heard from you. Let me know
how you are and how the family are.

Cordially yours,

HTU/B

Harriet Taylor Apton
per B.

Ans. Oct. 24, 1918.

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October 29, 1918.
Dict. October 28.

Miss Laura Clay,
R. R. #4,
Richmond, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

So glad to hear from you.

Yes, we are all well. We have none of us had the influenza so far and we are trying to be cautious.

Yes, I know that farming is hard work now-a-days with the labor so scarce.

Isn't it funny that those of us who do not believe much in war, who can't bear to think of having life sacrificed and all that sort of thing are all of us for unconditional surrender? In the beginning I felt as if the German people did not know about the war and did not know about the underlying military spirit and that they ought to be represented in the council which decided peace but the more I think about it the more I know there will be no safety in anything but unconditional surrender. Like you I want no more Prussia in it. Mr. Upton has written an article which has been commented on by the New York and other papers in which he says that the only safety is to dismember the German Empire and to make Prussia a country of its own, like Bohemia and Saxony and to make Prussia a central power. I think this is a wise solution.

Things are at a standstill in Ohio in regard to suffrage. We passed our presidential suffrage bill as you know and the wets initiated an amendment to take it away from us and succeeded. We feel sure that this is unconstitutional but after consulting able attorneys we thought it was not wise to push the matter.

We have been turning our attention to the getting of suffrage in the new city charters. You know Ohio allows a Home Rule for cities and the courts have decided that if a city wishes woman suffrage in the charter it can have it so we have

[Oct 29, 1918]

#2. Laura Clay.

been getting now and then a charter with woman suffrage in it.

The National Association asked us to bring a case in Ohio to test the constitutionality of submitting all National amendments to referendum in the state. Last year when we brought our case to prove fraud in the initiating of the presidential suffrage petitions the courts threw us out because they said we did not begin our case in time. The truth of it was that the judges were afraid of the political end of it so this year the National wanted us to start a case and we did it and began early and the court threw us out because we began too early. In other words it was before election and some of the judges were up for re-election and they did not want to settle the case. In either case they did not touch the law at all.

~~In the amendment~~ The wets have prepared a petition providing that all amendments to the National constitution shall go to the vote of the people. This sounds like a most innocent amendment and for people who believe in the government of the people, that is who believe in the I. & R. it sounds that they could do nothing but vote yes on it and when you come to analyze it it is the most pernicious. It provides if a question is not ratified that finishes it and if it is ratified it can go to the people. Of course the wets initiated this purposely on account of the prohibition and woman suffrage amendments which they expected would be brought to the Ohio legislature for ratification next January. Now then the National prohibition amendment is through Congress, it comes to Ohio next January. If the legislature ratifies it, and it will because it is a dry suffrage legislature, then the question goes to the people and there will be a campaign on it next fall. As the wets are well organized in the state, as they are fighting for the last ditch, they might be able to defeat the ratification at the polls although a great fight would be made but if the legislature does not ratify, refuses to ratify, then there is no provision made for the dries to have the question come to the people. In other words the wets have two cracks at ratification and the dries only have one. We are having a terrible time, the dries and the suffragists of the state to make the people understand it and to get them to vote No on the amendment. I am enclosing copy of the flier which we have gotten out by the tens of thousands distributing them all the time.

Yes, we did carry our case to the Supreme Court of Ohio but not to the United States Supreme Court. We can't do that at present, we have to wait for developments.

Cordially yours

HTU/B

Harriet Taylor Upton

Harriet T. Upton
Mortgages and Loans
Warren, Ohio

Nov 23 1918

Miss Laura Clay
Lexington Ky

Dear Miss Clay ;

Enclosed find check for twenty nine dollars and forty centy (\$29.40) intrest due you yesterday from Cora Turner Roose. this is the first time she has ever paid her interest exactly on time.

I have taken out my commission, sixty cents, and am enclosing receipt.

Is it not great that we have Okla. in addition to Mich & S.D.

Ohio made great gains in the legislature and Congress. If we could only get through the Senate in Dec. Ohio would ratify in Jan..but there is that if.

Cordially Yours

Harriet Taylor Upton
Ans. Nov. 25/18