

so that Warfield could not go
on her auto trip. ~~W~~

Most of our roses are
out and they certainly are
pretty.

We play base ball
almost every afternoon.

With love and kisses,
Your loving son,
Clay.

Moylan Pennsylvania

June 6, 1913

Dear Mother and Father,

Yesterday I went in
town to see Fanny and I certainly
was glad to see her. We went to
two moving picture shows. Then
we went to Wanamaker's, and she
bought "The Rover Boys in New

from the tank house down into the woods.

The flowers that I have planted in my garden are nasturtiums, sweet peas, pansies, and muskmelons.

Mr. Harley made us a swing on one of the big oak trees and when we swing high we can touch some of the other limbs.

It is too bad that it rained

York." for me.

We went up to Whitman's and got some ice cream. As we still had a long time we went for a walk down Walnut street.

We saw two models of ships. One belonged to the North German Lloyd line and the other to the White Star line.

Edmund and I are laying a drain

189 N. Mill St. Lexington Ky
July 3rd, 1924.

My dear Clay,

Green has just been to see me before returning home, as he thinks he has taken enough of the baths he came to Lexington for as is beneficial to him at one time. He thinks they have done him much good.

He told me that the subject of trusteeing his mother's property was under consideration again, and he had decided to have it done as soon as suitable arrangements could be made. I repeated to him what I once wrote you that I had no o-

pinion to give² on that subject
except so far as it concerned
the support and care of Ma-
ry. And it is in reference to
that alone that I am writing
to you. Bantus told me that
you had written to him to
say that you wanted to be as-
sured that she had every
care, and that if necessary,
you wanted to assist in it.
After I left Bantus I would
have written to you myself,
if I had had your address,
to relieve your solicitude on
that point. As Mary is at pre-
sent situated I think she is
placed where any thing that
money could give she has,
and more than money alone
could buy. But the personal

attention that ³Sallie ^{July 3, 1914} gives her
constitutes a very large part
of the situation. Sallie has her
clothes washed, and sees that
she changes them at regular
times. She attends to having
her take a bath at least
once a week; that her hair
is washed from time to time.
She sends her servant to sweep
and dust her room once a
week, and change the bed
clothes. If Mary does not get
up, she calls her until she
does get up and dress. As
you know, Mary is so for-
getful that she does not re-
member five minutes
whether she has had her
meals or not, so, when Jane

is busy away⁴ from home, Sallie
sends every day to see that
she has her dinner and eats
it. Mary generally spends
a large part of every day at
Sallie's house, lying on the
sofa; and when she goes Sal-
lie watches or gets some one
to see that she goes home
safely. I write all these par-
ticulars to tell you how de-
pendent Mary is for proper
care, which would have to be
kind from a high-priced
and faithful attendant, if
Sallie did not do it for her.
But Sallie could not do any
of these things for her, if she
did not live next door to her,
for Sallie is only two years

younger than ⁵ Mary, ^{July 3, 1914} and is
infirm herself. Now the first
thing about trusting the property
to be considered is the money
question, and how Mary is to
be provided for. I believe you
know that Green rents the house
to Jane for forty dollars a
month, payable in Mary's
board and lodging, and pays
her ten dollars a month for
taking care of her. I believe
Mary is now placed in the
very best manner for her
care and happiness; and al-
so as economically, in fact,
more economically, than can
be done by any arrangement
that would involve Mary's
moving out of her house. For
I am sure you know that

to pay for such care as she
is now receiving, ^{from Sallie} would cost
as much or more as Mary's
living expenses, without the
certainty that she was really
receiving kindness and care.
Therefore, it should be the first
consideration that she should
remain in her town house.

If Jane does not continue
the present arrangement,
Sallie and Gen and I believe
some other responsible family
could be found to rent the
house and give Mary the
comforts she ~~now~~ has. There-
fore, I am writing to urge
that no business arrangement
should be made that would
jeopardize Mary's residence
in that house. It has occurred

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to me that the trusteeship of
her property might be divided;
and that you could take
the trusteeship for the town
house as long as Mary lives;
and that some other trustee
might be appointed for the farm;

Assuming you again that I do
not wish to interfere further
than to secure Mary's comfort
and happiness, I hope you
will consider how much both
are bound up in keeping her
residence in her town house.

Give my love to Alice and
the boys. I am

Your affectionate aunt,
Laura Clay.

2835 Hampshire Road

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1924.

Dear Aunt Laura:-

Since writing you on July 24, I have had several letters from Green, and learn that there is a total indebtedness for which he says Mother is responsible of at least \$10,300, in addition to \$6,800 mortgage on the farm, payable at Mother's death to a charitable institution. I also learn that the farm is advertised for sale for taxes on Sept. 1.

Green is anxious to borrow \$12,000 from the Louisville Joint Stock Land Bank to pay the debts and take care of repairs and leave a little working capital. This would seem to me to be foolish because it is improbable that the farm would now rent for enough to pay taxes and charges on the loan, so that a foreclosure by the Land Bank would result. Also, even if a loan is otherwise the thing, I think no such step should be made until after a trustee is appointed. Do you know the Security Trust Co. of Lexington, and do you think it would make a good trustee?

The problem is a very difficult one to settle. From the purely financial standpoint, it would seem that the thing to do would be to sell the town house and pay at least a part of the debts. This for two reasons; - first because the town house is now salable at a good price and the farm is hardly salable at any price; second, because the farm will probably produce a decent income if needed for Mother's support, after farming revives, and it would therefore be foolish to let it go at sacrifice prices now. On the other hand, I agree with you that it would be bad to disturb the present arrangement under which both Jane and Aunt Sallie can cooperate in looking after Mother. But how long do you think that this arrangement will last?

What would be the possibility of renting another house near by for Mother if her town house were sold? Also, what do you think of the probability of her being happy down on the farm with Green there, and with some reliable woman as an attendant? I ask these questions not wholly with regard to any present plan, but with a view to what could be done in the future if Aunt Sallie's health fails.

It is difficult for me at this distance to vision all the features of the problem, and if you have any solution for the present tangle in mind, I would be glad to be advised.

Alice and the boys are all well
and all join in love to you.

Lovingly

Your nephew

Clay Herrick