

George decided he  
needed sympathy  
& had an attack of  
gall stones from  
which he hasn't  
yet fully recovered.  
Mother is still feel-  
ing mighty badly,  
she was broken  
down nursing Sam-  
my & Clay & having  
had no servant for  
so long. This "flu"  
has been a terrible  
thing & so many  
people we knowed.

926 West Franklin

[Richmond, Va.]

January 13, 1919

Dear Aunt Laura,

I am

mighty sorry  
my little Xmas  
remembrance is  
so late in coming,  
but was delayed  
on account of  
sickness. The week  
before Xmas I was  
in the hospital  
with "flu", & then  
when I got well

Walter went to - day up  
to Hartford to stay till  
the aunts go away which  
will be pretty soon I  
think. He's been here ever  
since before my wedding.

We are living just  
across the street from  
919 so I can run into see  
them any time. My school  
is coming along beauti-  
fully in spite of "few  
interruptions" & I'm  
thoroughly enjoying the  
work. I don't have to leave  
here till nine forty five  
in the morning so I  
have plenty of time to  
straighten up before going  
& then I come back with  
Sammy at 1<sup>40</sup>. When are  
you coming to see us,  
it's been so long since  
I saw you. Please give my love  
to all of them when you see them  
affectionately your niece, Warfield

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Dec. 9 - 1933

Dear Aunt Laura,

I've been  
intending to write you  
for some time, but  
some how I never seem to  
find time for writing,  
as I've been doing a  
lot of knitting on two  
winter suits, neither of  
which is yet finished,  
so I hope I'll get them  
done by next winter.  
I always think I can do

them faster than I do, &  
it is slow work. And  
now that Xmas is near-  
ly here I can't knit much.

One of my friends  
has a debutante daugh-  
ter this winter, so I  
gave her a supper  
party about three weeks  
ago; & that was an aw-  
ful amount of work.

We had it out at Han-  
over Tavern about 17  
miles from Richmond.  
The old Inn was vacant,  
& I had to do all the de-  
corating, & furnish every-

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thing except tables. I had to get chairs, china, glass, silver, & all the supper for 50 had to be prepared at home & carried out, all the serving platters, bowls, etc, ice; fires to be kept up all day of the party in order to get it warm enough. We got hold of three country fiddles, & the youngsters had a grand time singing & dancing, college songs & square dances

It was a party out of  
the ordinary & they all  
declared they had the  
best time of the season,  
so I was quite pleased.

Now I must tell you  
about the pine - screen.  
It's simply lovely! & I do  
wish you could see it.  
The wood turned out to  
be cherry - that lovely old  
Ky. cherry, so unlike oaks  
in Va. & I was so pleased  
& would rather have  
it than walnut, then  
two, to be gone white  
Hall, my only piece. Mr.

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Arnall rubbed down the  
wood & made me the  
frame of old cherry, beau-  
tifully matched, & I  
put in it an old piece  
of needle-point wh' we  
think was made by  
Georg's grand-mother.  
Mary Law took it off an  
old ottoman, under  
three other layers of old  
covering; it was tar-  
black so I sent it to the  
cleaner's, who did not  
improve it a bit, so I

washed it in lukewarm water, six or eight times, rubbing it gently with the palm of my hand, & it looks lovely, the colors soft & faded looking, but not too faded, so everyone thinks they were all ways together - the frame of the stand, & it looks lovely by the side of our fire-place, the mantle of which belonged in Geo's great great-grandfather's house. We discovered the old



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house, when we were remodeling, & it was about to fall down, so the owner (who knew Lew) gave us the mantle. We had to have it entirely taken to pieces & rebuilt, but its lovely & of course doubly nice to have on account of its being a family one.

Do you remember the two lovely ones we saw in the old Lewis house,

o how I tried to buy one  
from the owner? How  
want to know if you  
ever got a towel rack,  
o if so please let me  
know what I owe you.  
Every time I look at my  
screen I wonder if you  
have gotten a rack, o  
hoping I have not  
inconvenienced you  
too much. By the way  
the antique dealer said  
the screen was "Early  
American" o must be older  
than you gave it credit  
for; any way I certainly

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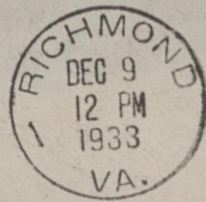
shall enjoy it & can't  
thank you enough  
for it.

We've just had here a  
very interesting exhibi-  
tion (a loaned one) of  
old glass, cut & blown,  
& I think I learned quite  
a bit from seeing it.  
There was quite a lot  
of old Irish & Eng. cut  
glass, lovely old things,  
some of them the same  
cut as that square dish

of yours in the China  
Chest, so yours is  
probably old Irish  
Waterford, so take  
care of it, as its quite  
valuable. I loaned a  
pair of dreaunters, one  
of wh<sup>ch</sup> mother had  
given me & the other I  
had bought at a sale  
in the country. Well its  
all a great game & al-  
ways something more  
to learn.

Well I must say good-bye  
now, with a great deal  
of love & many good wishes  
for Xmas & the new year.  
Lovingly yours,  
Warfield

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Miss Laura Clay  
189 N. Mill St.  
Lexington  
Kentucky

Richmond Ky.  
January 19<sup>th</sup> - 1910.

My dear Aunt Lema,

I do not suppose it will very greatly surprise you when I tell you that I am to be married and in the very near future.

It has not been made known generally but I suppose it will be in with few days and I prefer telling you myself before you hear of it otherwise.

Esther Bernau and myself are to be married February 8<sup>th</sup> of this year.

She as you know is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Rollins Bernau and of course you know her well.

The wedding will be a quiet one with only members of our families present and there will be no invitations.

Jan 19, 1910

If course Aunt Laura you are  
counted as one of the family and  
we would like very much to have  
you present if you are here or  
can spare the time to come over  
from Livingston.

Esther is as yet undecided in her  
plans, not even having determined whether  
she would have afternoon or evening  
wedding.

Think I am to get the very finest  
girl in the world and we expect to  
be very happy. Know you wish us the  
same good fortune.

Yours affectionately  
Wendell Bennett

*Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rollins Burnham*  
*announce the marriage of their daughter*

*Esther*

*to*

*Mr. Warfield Clay Bennett*  
*on Tuesday, February the eighth*  
*Nineteen hundred and ten*  
*Richmond, Kentucky*



WARFIELD C. BENNETT  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

January 27th. 1920.

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

My dear Aunt Laura:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 26th, relative to the renting of your house in which Garland Riddell has been living, and I note its contents.

I will rent it on the terms you state. Will also rent the lot of eight acres next to it. Will try to find man agreeable to all parties, and will require of him to work for you, when not in his crop (and always in emergencies), at the same price per day as he works for me. Of course this is for such times as you want him. I cannot say now just what this price will be, but it will be reasonable, or I will not hire him.

It is possible and quite probable that this man and myself would not only be willing to cultivate some corn land for you, but would like to have some, so if you have some you wish cultivated I would like for you to give me the refusal of it.

I will assume payment of, the rent, and unless I hear from you to the contrary I will understand that these arrangements are agreeable to you.

Have not bought any of Garland's corn yet, however when I see him I would buy a load if he cares to sell. I will seek opportunity to sell your fodder, however I have heard no inquiries for such.

We are all well,

affectionately,

*Warfield Bennett*

P.S. I enclose herewith letter which Geo. Phelps asks be returned to you.

W

WARFIELD C. BENNETT  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

January 23rd. 1920.

My dear Aunt Laura-,

I write to inquire if you would rent me for the present year the house on your place in which Garland Riddell has been living. I would like to rent it, and if you were willing would also like to have the lot Garland has had. I would like to have it to put a tobacco tenent in it, and if you would rent it <sup>at</sup> all I would be willing to pay you a good rental for it.

I have not any tenent in view at present, but if I had the house I would look for one. I would try to get a good honest man, and one that would be no trouble to you.

I would prefer to have entire control of this man but if you demanded it I would be willing to have it understood that he was to work for you when he was not in his crop, and when you wanted him. Also if it got to where you wanted him to tend small corn crop I would be willing to have him do it.

Let me hear from you and if you are willing to let me have this house on any terms I would appreciate it.

very sincerely,

Warfield Bennett

P.S. I sold you hog to Dr. Gibson for 11c and put the money in bank to your credit.

W.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 26th, 1920.

My dear Warfield,

I have received your letter of the 23rd, relative to renting you my house that Garland Riddell lived in. I had not thought of renting it unless I hired another man; but since you ask, I am writing what I think would be reasonable terms.

The house, yard and garden I have been renting for three dollars a month, without firewood, but with the use of my wagon and team to haul coal. I may say also, that I would be willing for a tenant to grub up and burn any of the little hickory trees in the lot next the house.

As for the lot: I have been renting it for three dollars an acre, counting it as eight acres. But that low price was part of my wages to my hired man; and I am not willing to rent it at that when I have no interest in the man. I would be willing to take what I am renting the large pastures for, - that is, nine dollars an acre. It is true there is not constant water, but the fence has cost me considerably more in proportion to that around a larger pasture.

I am not willing to pasture hogs at any price. Also, I do not care to graze either a horse or cow for a tenant, though I might be willing to make some sort of an arrangement, if you concluded to take the house, and not the lot.

I understand your desire to have the man's whole time; but as I am entirely dependent upon these two houses for labor under any circumstances, I would not be willing for either of them to go out of my control unless I could call upon the tenant for work in emergencies. But I would be willing not to have claim upon him for all the time he is not in his crop. I would want him for some days, besides emergencies, to help where two men are needed, as to mend fences, clean ponds, and such things, and I would want an agreement as to price per day.

I would be willing for the tenant to keep chickens, but not ducks or geese at all; and to raise turkeys on shares of one-third to me.

At present, I do not know that I would care to have him raise any corn. If you should decide to rent the house I shall write to White and see if he cares to hire help to take the whole of the field which was in wheat, of which I had intended him to have only twenty-five there are thirty-two, acres; and I can readily rent to some of the neighbors that part of the field opposite Mary's, which Heed Wells cultivated this year past.

I would expect you to pay the rent, and that I should not have the trouble of collecting it from the tenant.

I thank you very much for selling the sow for me. I never put an advertisement in the paper about the feeder. I saw so much damage to stock from feeding bad feeder that I thought I could not do much good at it. But I would like particularly to sell that which is on my wheat and also all in that field so it would be cleared for sowing clover or oats. If you can help me I shall be much obliged.

Love to all the family.

Affectionately your aunt,

P.S. Did Garland Riddell sell you any of his corn? He owes me over and above the wages I owe him \$44.75; so if you owe him anything you can pay that much to me. I have written to him about it.

Richmond, Ky.  
March 21st. 1938.

Miss Laura Clay,  
191 N. Mill Street,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Aunt Laura;-

Two things about your house on the farm. The cistern has a leak in it and will not hold water. Last summer the people in the house were without water most of the time. It needs in places to have the plaster cut off, and re-plastered. I do not think it will cost much, and I will do it as cheaply as I can. I would like to have your permission to do this.

Also the women in the house are after me to let them paper two rooms. They only want cheap paper, and they say if you or I will furnish the paper they will do the work of putting it on. I imagine this would cost not more than \$50.00 to the room.

The tenants in the house at this time are good tenants, they are clean people and take care of the house and yard. I would also like for you to permit me to do this.

affectionately,

Warfield Bennett

Warfield.

Ans. Yes, March 23.