Mr. Hart: Gibson
Prestailles
Woodford Co
Kentucky

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Hartford
Nov 2d
1864

Dear Uncle Ward

Enclosed
is a bill for daughter &
brother of Wheeler &
Wilson to pay for
your sewing machine
which I offer to pay
to Uncle Sam the money
from Chicago. but
when the City Treas
pays them, will you
the Manufacturers, send

as soon as Commencement
was over Mother got
the money from Mr
Hill & I will sell and
we & Ma will live on
for more than a year.
Mr Cora Jordan died
last week. Mrs Spade
Lee & Hope graduate
next
Month. Lottie is little
at Miss Coughtis but
we have to be ready
to leave
at least period of the
Preaching graduating

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At a meeting of the Democratic Committee of the 7th Congressional District held in Frankfort June 28th 1872 Messrs Beck & Trabue unequivocally pledged themselves to abide by whatever action the Committee might take with reference to the race for Congress

The decision of the question as to a primary election was remitted to the County Committees, to enable Mr Trabue to secure a primary election in any county which might prefer that method of selecting delegates.

Signed W. M. Beckner,
Chm. Dem. Ex. Com.
for Clark Co.

House of Representatives U. S.

WASHINGTON D.C.
APR 9
7 AM

Col Hart Gibson

Versailles

Woodford County

— Kentucky —

Leesburg, Virginia.
April 15/76.

My dear Friend,

I was extremely gratified to learn from your letter that I had at last discovered one of my old pupils whom I have always, and shall ever remember with feelings of the highest regard and attachment. Although so long and eventful years have elapsed since I parted from you, my recollection of each member of your father's family is as distinct and vivid as if it were but yesterday; even the sound of your voices are familiar to me. In the ever shifting scenes of life's great drama, we are most apt to remember most distinctly those incidents which were most pleasant and agreeable to us: and so it is with my residence in your father's family. I remember well "Lee Oak" plantation and its surroundings — its gloomy

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who is married, and where I enjoy the comforts of a home, and where I expect to spend the rest of my life, be it long or short. We reside about 40 miles from Washington. My brother manages the farm and I pass my time among my books &c.

I regret to hear of the death of your excellent father and mother and your two brothers, Claudius & Wm Preston, all of whom I remember so well. Let me know where your father & Mother & brothers died and the circumstances of their death. I feel interested in all concerning the family. The School, "Belmont", kept by a Miss Mozeen, which your sister Sarah was attending when I first met your father — is almost in sight of our farm; whenever I pass it, I think of you all. It has long since ceased to be a school. The teachers are dead, and the buildings passed into the hands of strangers.

forests – its dark ivy-covered bayous – its wide fields with giant, skeleton oaks standing amid the green cane, all of which I have traversed over a hundred times since in imagination.

My only regret in leaving "Bayou Black" was to part, probably forever, from an amiable and agreeable family where my association had been so pleasant.

But I must now let you know something of my movements after I left there – I went directly to Baton Rouge where I opened and kept a flourishing school, for twelve months, at the expiration of which time, I secured, through a friend, an appointment as private tutor in the family of Achille Hébert in the parish of Iberville, near the village of Bayou Goula – Here I had an opportunity of perfecting myself in a practical knowledge of the french language, as that language was exclusively spoken in that parish – After remaining there two

years, my health failing, I bid a final adieu to the South and turned my course North. I settled and commenced business in the city of Baltimore, where I remained 3 years, when I was finally appointed Professor of Modern Languages in the Episcopal High School of Virginia, near Alexandria (the building is visible from Washington) which position I held till the outbreak of the late war between the North & South; I then retired to the shades of private life, with a competency sufficient to furnish me with the comforts and consequences of life, the balance of my existence.

Such, my friend, is a brief sketch of my life after leaving Bayou Black.

I am still luxuriating in the miseries of bachelorhood, never having had the moral courage to assume the the larger and smaller responsibilities of a family, like yourself – I am residing on the farm with my brother

Do you still own "Lew Cohn," "Magnolia," & "Holly Wood Seculler?" What have become of Boutliau and our eccentric friend Dr. Cherry? In your next letter let me know all about these things in the neighborhood of Lew Cohn, and if you still own property there

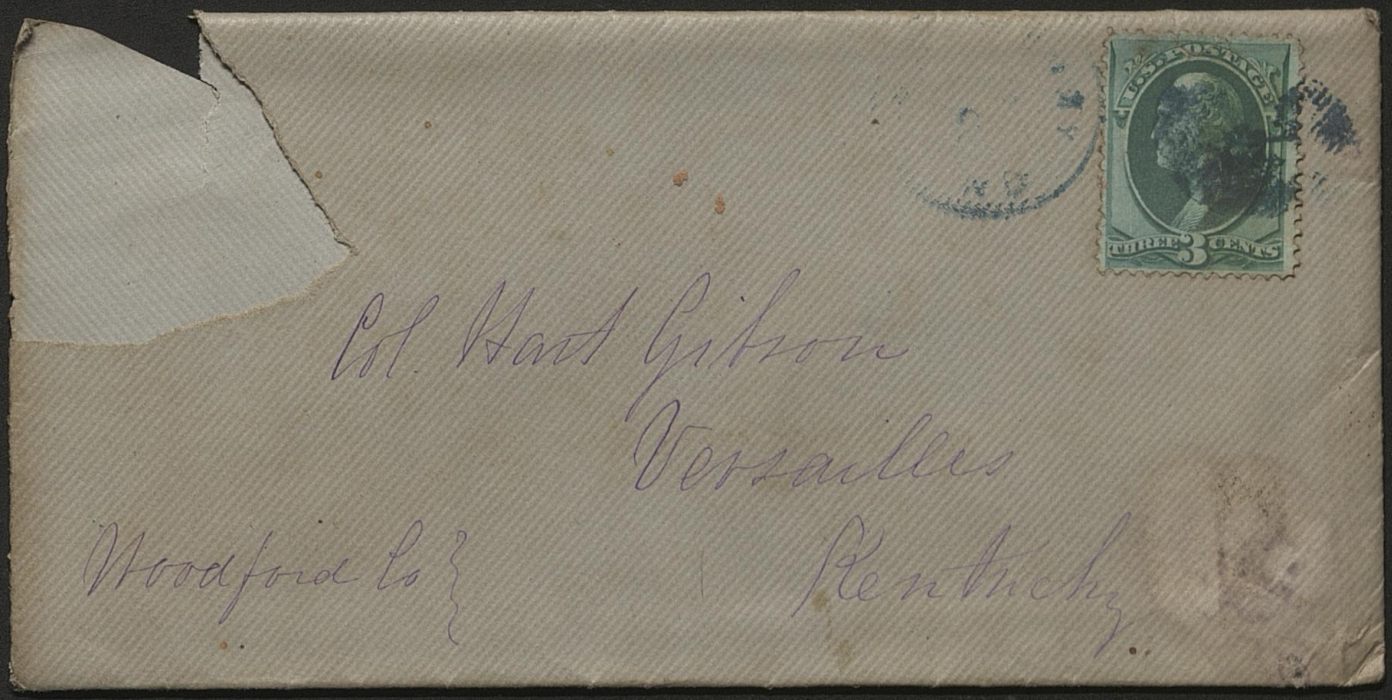
I am glad to know that one of my old pupils occupy the prominent position of Representative in the National Congress — it is a mark of merit and personal popularity which is gratifying to me — May you live long to enjoy such honors which, I doubt not, are well merited — You say you are "sorry to say that you are in Congress" — Why so? I doubt not that a residence in Washington

this Winter will benefit your health
I will try to call on you before
the close of the present session.
I am sure I will be able to
recognize you, tho' am gather
as sure that you would not
know me at first sight.

You will please remember
me to your brother when you
see them. Tobias & McRuby were
too young to remember me, tho'
your brother Hack no doubt
does.

I shall expect to hear
from you shortly in detail
My compliments to your lady.
Write to me as I have done
to you — a long letter.

Your truly & sincerely
V. E. Saunders.


POSTAGE
THREE 3 CENTS
Col. Hart Gibson
Versailles
Woodford Co
Kentucky

New Albany Aug 22 1875

Dear Cousin Hart.

My little girl Susan has been very ill for ten months, and seems to get no better here. a gradual decline of vital force without any acute disease. Change of air, and scene is all that is left to try, and my Hart has determined from Minnesota to endeavor to give her this chance.

In bad health himself, he wishes to go to a purer air than this with his sister. I cannot leave my mother since the others. I have consented to let go with my poor little one.

Will cousin Mary and you receive them for a little visit? I cannot let them go among strangers as she goes never from me for an hour. then in health. If you are at home, and it will come

you no inconvenience I wish them to go to Woodford this week making a little stop with you - and later Mary Rinkead - and to see my friends in Georgetown. Mrs Hewitt

I know my child would feel happy with Cousin Mary - whom she remembers and that she will be able to have her come. It is the first time a child of mine has ever proposed to visit a relation and I felt that next to my sister's your home was nearest in feeling.

Do Jack Mary to let me know if she see that a Beauty without discomfort to any of you and do tell me of Sarah's health. It is so long since we heard. Ina is in feeble health - a close invalid having been in the house nearly five years. She thinks of you all very much.

With warm love to all your home folks

Truly Yours Susan P. Vance

Return to PORTER & WALLACE,
VERSAILLES, Ky.
If not delivered within 10 days.

Co. Hart Gibson
Versailles
Ky.

THO. P. PORTER. ED. M. WALLACE.

OFFICE OF

PORTER & WALLACE,

Versailles, Ky. April 19 1876

Lev. H. Gibson

Dear Sir

Mrs Hart has been informed that you assert a claim against her for a sum over six hundred dollars. She requests that you will, if ~~such~~ it is true that you have such a claim, a fact of which she was until within the last few days ignorant, send it in an itemized form to us, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly
Porter & Wallace

Wm. C. P. Breckinridge,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

Lexington, Ky., April 26 1876

My Dear Hart -

I had a conference with Mr Kinkead & Beck about the litigation between Maj Duncan & yourself: & the result reached was that Maj Duncan would execute a deed of trust, conveying to Col J. W. Grigsby in trust for your wife & children the claims held & set up by him against you; if thereupon you would withdraw your answer & permit that trustee to assert successfully the lien claimed on Hartland. This was the proposition substantially made by you originally. I will be in Bourbon until Saturday. Come up Saturday.

Yours truly
Wm C P Breckinridge

Mrs Hart Gibson

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Col Hart Gibson
Versailles
Woodford County
Kentucky

WASHIN
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4 PM

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C., Feb 10, 1877.

My Dear Hart.

Have come of the 8th but the order not all is robbed. I presume you intended to enclose it but omitted it.

Will collect as soon as you send it or may do so without it as I occasionally see Hall out to flow.

Will speak to Blackburn. He told me he would do anything for you and I presumed so by your the Record & other papers, but this so forth.

It looks unfavorable for us but if Tilden is declared elected, we all after so many years of disaster will luck must manage to get on the rising tide. You must therefore, without a day's delay, upon the announcement of Tilden come direct here. I have a room all prepared.

men with the spot get something. Do not lose this opportunity. I can handle the Delegation but you must help me. I can help you and will be glad to do so. Should you not feel like spending the money necessary to secure this place, you must not fail to draw on me. Not only for your trip here but for any incidentals - any preparation you may require. I will not do on account of your children, to miss this chance. If you will help me by coming here, I can help you to feel certain of getting a good place that will give you a living income.

All well & join in love

Yr Brother

R. L. Gibson

TIGERVILLE
MAR
22
LA.

Col. & Capt. Gibson

Vardaillia

Bradford County

Fla.

March 21th 1877

Dear Papa

I recieved your letter day before yesterday and was so glad to hear from you. Cousin Sallie think I mean in you all not to wright.

Miss Gule left yesterday I wanted to go with her so bad.

Cousin Joe says tell Sister get his letter. he did not direct it right he put Miss Louie Gibson Lexington.

I was so sorry to hear Aunt Lily had been sick that a friend for

her not wrighting I Sopose. for I
know she would wright.
I think Mama takes a long time
to pack my trunk.
Mrs gua has invited me and Cousin
Sallie to make her a viset Mama
Will let me go I think.
~~I do~~ tell Mama to wright
for me to come home be Cars
I Cant untill she Wrights
Cousin Lucy teaches me arithme
tic and Spelling and History and Music
What did you bring me. and the
others Why dont Buddie wright
I have written to him.
the letter I wrote to you I did not
put in half. of what I was going to
say. wright often I thought Sister
would but very one are treating me
just like they did me out at
Auntties I never got but 2 letter
the whol time I was there how
is Grandma and Grandpa tell
them to wright I am getting
so tired of wrighting and not
getting any ancer I just tremble
when I Wright that way I
I make so many mistake.
give my love to Mrs Russel when
you See her and to all.
your dearest daughter Mittie Gibson

Col Hart Gibson
Hartland

Live Oak Forest
april 5-th 1877

Dear Papa

I have not written to you for a long time there are so many to wright to, I forget to wright to you.
we are all verywell
I do not caught a cold
and am ready to come
home so hurry and come on
I am sorter homesick
I want to see Mama and
you and Buddie and
Sister and Auntie and
Grandma and Dannie
and Mary and all.
we are having such nice
weather not many of the
Orange blossoms fell so there
will not be many to make

Syrup if Gordin Lucy
do, She is going to give
Mitta & my self too ole
the Bottle of it for
us to bring up with
us. Mrs Bowman nee Rosie
Sister came up yesterday
evening She is a very nice
Lady. when you wright
send some stamps
for we need them very
much. how is Buckie
eye is it well I want
too see him so bad.
we all went down
to the Sunday School and
and we liked it so
nicely last Sunday.
I dont think of any
thing to say. kiss Da Gates
baby for me love to all
from your loving son
Willie G. Olson

"Copy"

No 121 East 24th Street
New York April 30. 1877.

Capt. Saml T. Leary
Midway
Dear Sir

It was my intention when in your State the early part of this month to have called upon you relative a report which has in some way become circulated, placing me in a very unenviable light.

During the sitting of the Woodford Circuit Court at its last term, Col Hart Gibson called upon me and enquired whether I had ever had an interview with you relative to your wifes claim against him.
I replied that such an interview had taken place.
He enquired what transpired. I told him I was unable to recall the conversation, but added what I <u>might</u> have said and what <u>might</u> have been the substance of the interview, and the object of your calling upon me.

Col. Gibson then told me that he had been informed that I sought an interview with you and that I had proposed and expressed a desire to obtain the control of your wifes claim that I might in some way enforce it against him or annoy him

with legal proceedings &c.

This I pronounced unqualifiedly false, and told Col Gibson that I would endeavor to see you relative to this matter.

I did not recall what occurred at the time you called upon me, and I took occasion to call upon the gentleman who accompanied you and asked him, what the object of your visit to me was &c &c. That gentleman told me what that object was and what had occurred, and it seems I did not even say to either of you, what I told Col. G. I ought have said.

As I never had any desire to hold or control any claim against Col. Gibson for the reason I considered myself a friend of his, I am at a loss to understand how such a report could have have been circulated, as there were but three persons present at the only interview I ever had with you on the subject, and then not at my instance, but upon you calling upon me in quest of information which I believe I then gave you all I knew or had heard in the premises - and as I have no desire to be considered meddlesome or troubling myself about the business of other persons unless requested so to do I have to request you will be so kind as to write me such a letter that I can show Col Gibson substantiating my denial to him.

I have purposely avoided mentioning the name of the gentleman who accompanied you as I do not wish to draw him into any controversy or even have it known who he was, although he might not object to it, still as I declined to give his name to Col. Gibson I don't wish it known through me.

With regards and hoping to hear from you by return mail

I am Yours Truly
Warren P. Dey
No 120 East 24th Street
New York City

Copy

Elkland Woodford Co May 3d 1877

J. W. S. Dey Esq

Dear Sir

Your letter was received last night & I hasten to answer that I may substantiate all you have said in regard to my interview with you & I hope you will show this letter to Col. Gibson. I write it most cheerfully not only to correct the statement in regard to myself, but to vindicate you from all censure.

Sometime during Circuit Court Joe Rodgers said to me that he had made the statement that you refer to, that is, that "you had proposed & expressed a desire to obtain the control of my mfes claim that you might annoy Col. G. in some way &c." I told him at once that he was positively mistaken & he must go & see both Col G. & yourself & tell you so & he promised me that he would. Had I suppose for a moment that he had failed to do so I should most certainly have attended to it myself whilst you were in Ky.

I had a conversation with Col G. on last Court day in Versailles April 23d. I told him how I came to call on you & who was with me at the time.

As to the conversation between us at Mrs Harts

I have never mentioned it to any one save my wife & Capt McLeod.

I will just mention here what I did say to Rodgers & I did it inadvertently, as he was speaking to one of the suit brought against himself & Jenell by Mrs Hart & your name was mentioned in con=nection with it. I remarked that in you he would have a keen & shrewd party to contend with, that you were thoroughly posted in every-thing & in a short conversation I had with you, I found you knew as much about my wifes business as her lawyers did.

This is as near as I can recollect, the crux & substance of the matter & I regret exceedingly that any injustice has been done you through any misrepresentation of my words.

Hoping that this will place you in your true light in regard to the matter, I am most respectfully

Yours &c

(signed) Sam. T. Leary

No 121 East 24th Street
New York May 8th 1877.

Hart Gibson Esq
Versailles Ky
Dear Sir

I herewith enclose copies of correspondence between Capt. Saml. J. Leary of Midway and myself, relating to the accusation made against me by some of your friends. Not being able to see Capt Leary while in Kentucky I took the first opportunity I had to write him. The correspondence shows for itself. although it may be unnecessary to send these copies as it seems you took occasion to have my denial verified yourself, still as I have heard nothing from you exonerating me from the accusation you thought of sufficient import, or thought it sufficiently probable that I had proven myself a hypocrite to call me to account, I deem it a duty I owe to myself to let you see all that has passed between Capt Saml. J. Leary and myself since the date of the interview mentioned in the correspondence.

Never in my life have I met with a class of people just like those about Woodford County Kentucky for gossip and malicious accusations. I have never but once to my knowledge given any advice, ever said one word by which any injury was ever done or could be done to you, and that once, I told you of my intention before I gave the advice. but on the contrary whenever I had an opportunity to serve you as one professing friendship for another should do, I have always embraced it doing what I could for you. To be sure it may have been unasked and even not desired. All I ever knew or learned relative to your affairs with the Jones heirs, I learned from yourself, Cousin Sarah and Mr Terrell and I have always made it a point that where I could not serve a friend I would positively avoid doing him any injury. The first time I can recall

trying to do you what I supposed was a service, the effort was received as one of officiousness. When Mr Terrell first told me of this I could not credit it— I asked George Hawkins who verified Mr Terrells statement and both of which were confirmed by your wife— Then and there I should have stopped but my feelings of friendship forbade it and I passed it by— After this Col Quigsby and yourself called upon me and asked my assistance with your accounts and finally you requested me to make your Settlement as Administrator— And still after this you engaged me to go to Kentucky in February 1875 to undertake the examination of the books and accounts of the Lexington Press, and then I remained for nearly if not quite two months waiting for you to obtain the books and accounts which you denied my services to untangle—

No one can possibly regret more than I do ever making the Administrators Settlement— I made it at your instance and upon facts furnished by yourself, and I supposed the facts were as you stated them to me at that time and as I was satisfied they were in my conversation with you one year ago last month at Spring Hill— and I was never more surprised than when you told me last month in Versailles you had been purposely "mixing" these matters for years and then your statement on the trial in the case of Mrs Hart against Rogers was as at variance with what my understanding of the case was in November 1873 when I learned all I knew about this matter from yourself Col Quigsby & Mr Terrell that I then saw I had been made the instrument to aid in "mixing" matters for you—

Had I gone into the witness box I could have told nothing but what you had said to me at the time— I knew nothing personally.

Had I supposed for one moment that the case was as you stated at the trial I certainly would have made an entirely different settlement and Mrs Hart would never have given you the receipt she did, neither would she ever have paid Mr Alexanders bill.

Col. Quigsby has had a conversation with Mrs Hart and asked me if when convenient I would not go and settle this matter for her— This occurred in December 1873 or January 1874.

My experience in this matter has taught me a lesson and as my interest in your behalf has met with censure from you I have to say that in future I shall refrain from having anything whatever to do with your business and if you think proper to believe gossip or what persons choose to tell you for the purpose of enlisting your feelings against me or matters which I have had to do with you are at liberty to do so, but I shall never again either admit or deny any accusation which may be made in matters relating to yourself as I shall repeat nothing willingly which I ever learned from you— But, I shall not hesitate to express an opinion when called upon for it

Hoping this may define my position

I am Respectfully Yours

Hazen S. Dey

Col. Hart Gibson
Everett P.O.
Bedford County
Pennsylvania

Oak Grove
May 21
1877

Dear Papa

To morrow is your Birthday. I wish you Money losses and Money happy returns.

I am very sorry I have nothing to give you.

Aunt to morrow is Cousin Lucy's Birth day. She will

[illegible] a hundred [illegible]

It is just to day. I will [illegible] it will [illegible] tomorrow. [illegible] anyone [illegible] say [illegible] out [illegible] it [illegible] and [illegible] as [illegible] Lucy [illegible] about say [illegible] about it [illegible] letter.

be 20 years old. Hunter to be married.
Sarah took the baby up to Uncle Lee's Plantation to have him for a while. Aunt Nancy is very sick. Do I not intended and every time they start home it breaks.

When do you expect to come home? Was the last letter written by you or Hartwell? Is Miss Daisy back? I think I have

Gentlemen. I am writing and speaking. Mrs. Mynna says that one of my letters she received not long ago. I do not know the exact time they start home. I wrote the letters. I write any one applied to me.


U.S. POSTAGE
THREE 3 CENTS
Colonel Hart Gibson
Versailles
Woodford Co.
Ky:—
TIGERVILLE
JUN 5
LA.

Oak Forest
June 3rd 18[illegible]

Dear Aunt Eva

I received a letter from Aunt Mary yesterday, but did not know you were so sick. I was very much shocked to hear it. Mary says you are very low. I wish I could come down to see you, but it is too late. You must get home as fast as you can. Mary says that Aunt Sarah was not told of your illness, nor any one. Poor Aunt Sarah it is so hard for her. Mary says it is very cold in the woods. Poor Sam

that on the 15th of this month it was to be sold, but they all thought it was to late. Grandpa from getting it Cousin Lucy nor Cousin Sallie nor Cousin Joe no it is so bad Aunt Sarah haven't told my Uncles even and they dont even no Hollaman is to be sold or any thing about it unless you have told them. I think I will drop this subject and find some-thing more pleasant.

Yesterday Cousin Joe went out to the gulf and found a little brown it is the ugliest little I ever saw.

We are coming up with Uncle

Lexington Ky
Aug 8th 1878

H Gibson Esq,

Among Dr Atkins Acps which I have. I find one against you amounting to $78.00 Please let me know when it will suit your convenience & when to pay it. I will leave the Acps at Richardson's drug store or any place you name or will meet you where it will be convenient for you in Lexington —

Your attention to this matter will greatly oblige Your's

Truly H W Keiser