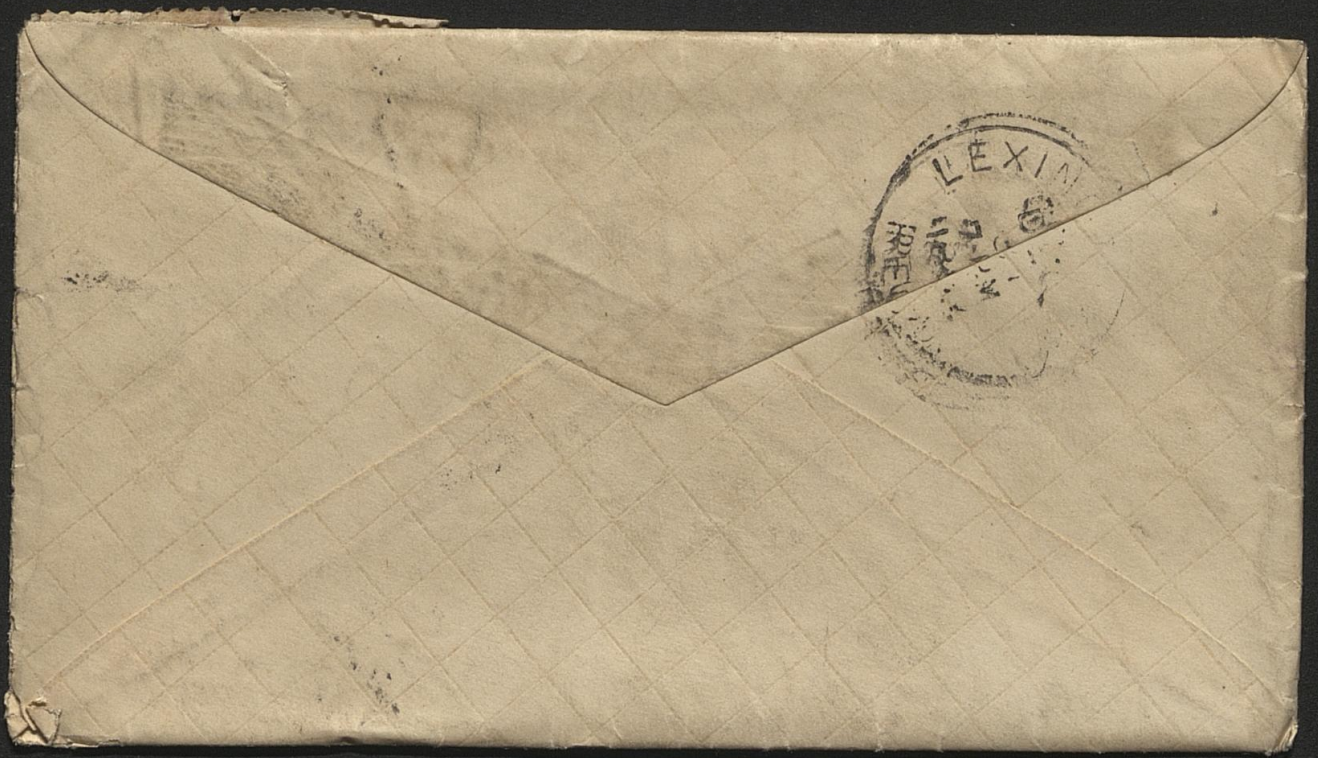


Mrs. Mrs. - Mrs.
Highland
Cumington
Kentucky





4 April - 1891. Mr. Handman has met
the Chapmans. She was delighted to see
me & embraced me in the hall
& called on her today & they were all
they would so glad to see me again &
stand to lunch. Mr. D. told me to come
whenever I could to lunch wed. Spend
the night - to make myself at home & that
she & the Judge would be right with
you don't - you don't - nice she has - the
water & she don't - well together & don't -
perhaps wished for hands last night -

100 Portland Me

My dearest Mamma -
Today is
The first chance I had
to drop a line and you
went Sat. May, & it is
interested in bridge but
& don't get into games
and am always possibly
tired by them so with you
of course you have the
the grand & postal announcing
my safe arrival. Mr. Campbell
was so very kindly in
all respects but don't think
the trip was as pleasant as
the other line perhaps it has
no A.C. coach - don't have a

Mr. Both is actually like a beautiful
made case also. We had to leave at 10:00
* I didn't get home until after 11:00
Monday. Mamma & Billy & Miss M. & Mamma
Mr. S. & Mamma. I hope to get something for
not to call. I went to the grocery store
right with Bill & Mamma. I also asked
to take me. My costume was better. I am
returning to I had a splendid time. I
I never recognized me at all. I am
gave me a beautiful package of the same

Sheep. I was quite tired
when I reached here. Mamma
& Mamma met me at the
train. Sister was not very
well & did not get up until
later. Mamma & Mamma
with me. Sister thinks Mamma
perfectly lovely & she is so
certainly a mighty sweet
girl. I was greatly admired
by everyone in town. Sunday
night. I fully invited me
to dine with her. Where
I had the great & exquisite
pleasure of meeting. I met
Mr. Stewart, Mr. Englishman
& Mr. Cunningham. I was
the only female invited.

Everybody asked me and
had something to say. I
knew me at all & Mr. Stone
almost fainted at the
month, he had no end of
dances, at home at school
anyone knew me, had it
it, Sunday? Tomorrow Mrs
Stone after taking the children
out some where Mr. Stone
had asked me to go with
him - After the New Year
reception Mrs. J. W. Wiggins
gives an Opera party
at 7 o'clock on the 1st of
January. On the 2nd, the
Lafayette German Club
will give a party to be held
at 7 o'clock in my house.

My families next-boat & doesn't give
to see what the others for a week or
a week or so. The bill says either
by all means send it. A. J. C. C.
mail - as always to send in by package
Love to all
Yours truly
Franklin

I am so sorry I can't see
will not be here during the
holidays. He always sends
brides flowers. The men are
noted well off this winter
are sorry to say. From me
you all progressing with
my things be sure to put
in my parcel a box of
good cigars and a bottle
of old first-class whiskey
mean the article in large
tall bottles. Don't forget
please - Send it -
without - Sail The cloak
I'm in Cherry station
at Sister wants it - for the



Mrs Mary D. Gibson

Box 43

Lexington

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LEXINGTON, N.Y.
JUL 11
5 AM
1888
REC'D.

600 Pollard Ave
July 4th 1888.

Dear Mary.

Preached here about 8^{1/2}
this morning and found everybody
in bed, the excuse being that it was
the 4th. Louie looks about as well as
I ever saw her; is carried down stairs
& has a swinging bed in the front
porch. I think it will not be long be-
fore she is entirely well.

I took a walk out Summit Ave with
Mr. Max. It is a beautiful street but
it spurs me to come from Chicago. Met
Joe & Annie and stopped in at Sam
McGiffins to get a view of the city
below. Have not been down town
yet. It is quite warm here but the
house is comfortable. Love write
you more freely of my impressions

when I have been here longer and seen
more of the City. Louie was about to
write you but says she will postpone
now. She received a letter from you this
morning and one from Willie yesterday.
Tell Bessie I will write to her in a
day or two. Love to all

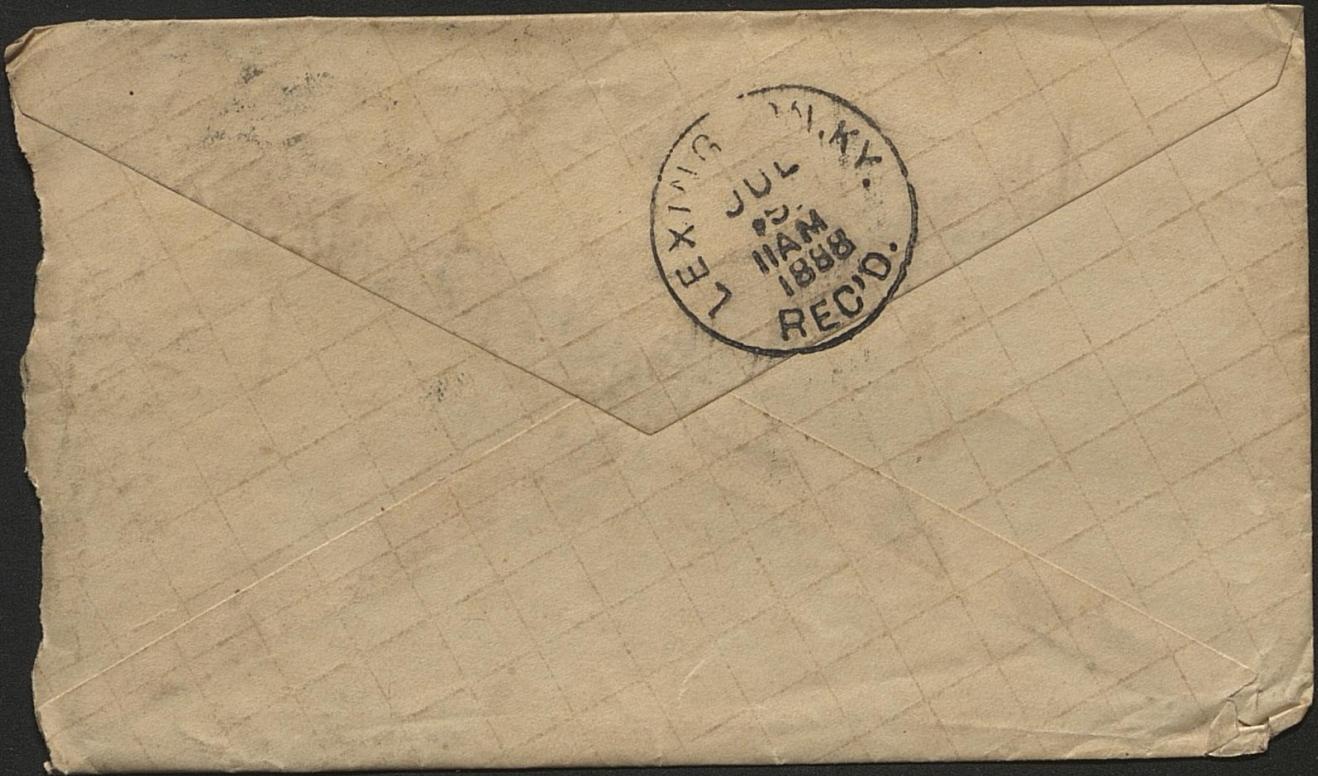
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Mrs Mary D. Gilman

Box 43

Lexington
Ky



LEXINGTON, KY.
JUL 25
P.M.
1888
REC'D.

600 Pottaw Av

Dear Mary.

I am just going out for a drive with Mrs Moxley & Foster & have very little time to write a line. The trouble is the distances here are so great that a single visit is about all you can pay in a day. Yesterday I called on Madame Handman who was exceedingly gracious - went from there to Miss Patten whom we did not find at home. Went for a ride after dinner & then to the theater to a high-dramatic farce. I have not laughed so much since the Minutes. On our return I found Mr Foster here, so did not get to bed until 1 o'clock near daylight in this latitude. I dine with Joe Sunday & a family gathering at the Foster's on Tuesday. Louisa is going!! is improving rapidly & if she will only be prudent will be

up in a couple of months! I am very
much pleased with Max. He is a strong
gentleman - kind and considerate. Mr
Foster seems to be a fine fellow has
a remarkably fine face, full of charac-
ter or expression. They tell me he is on
tent-hooks & he has appointed - quickly
to hurry - to try to take the fine plunge
I really haven't time to give you my
impressions of St Paul just now. I am
constantly on the go. Love to all
af.

Hail Gibson

THE GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL,
CHICAGO.

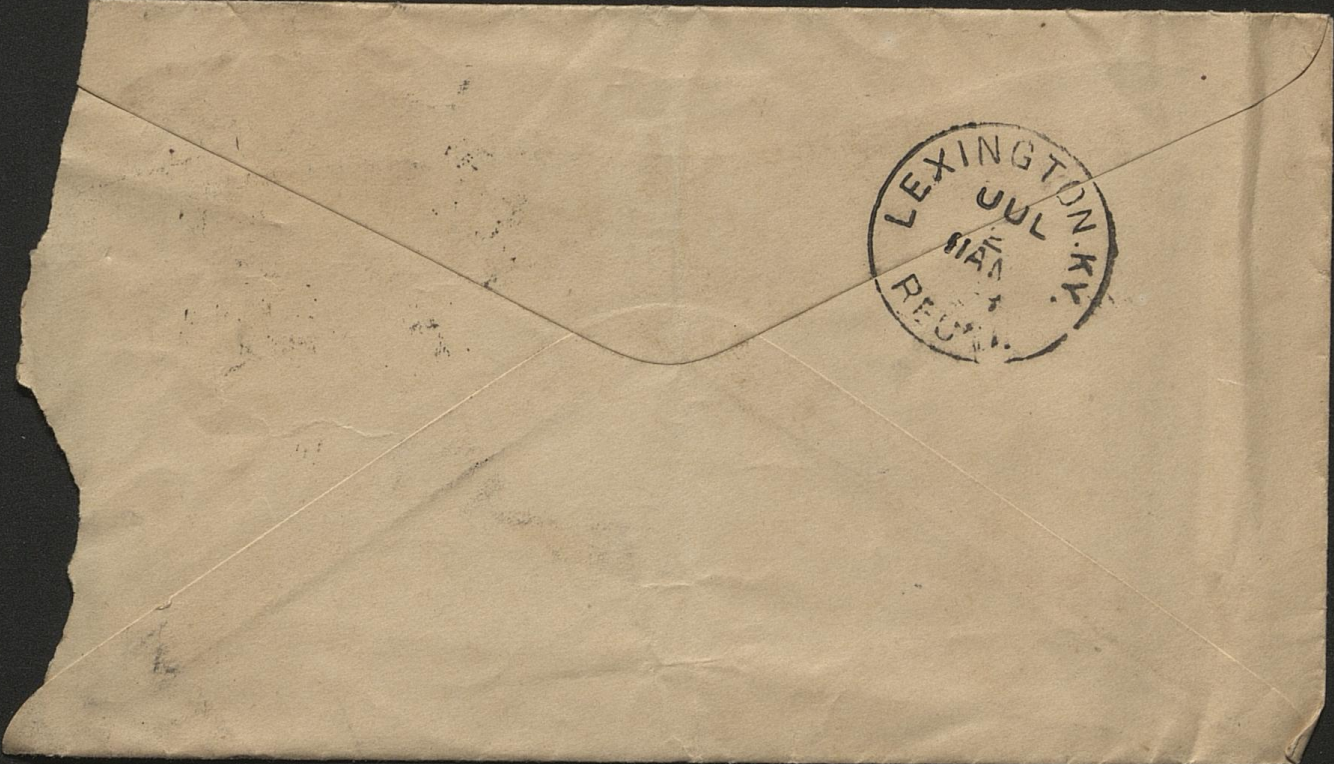
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Mrs. Mary D. Gibson

Lexington

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LEXINGTON KY
JUL 1
5 AM
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The Grand Pacific Hotel,

DRAKE, PARKER & CO. PROPRIETORS.

Chicago, 52 Russ 188
June 29th

Dear Mary,

I called yesterday at the
Harrisons. Saw P. & his wife. Lisa
was sick in bed. Had a Sunday
dinner there today. Went from there
to Mrs Maxfield's. The poor lady was
mortified to death; was just in the
midst of moving. I believe, sat me
in her wrapper. She looks very young -
The room was so dark I could scarcely
see her - and is quite frisky. Patient
was beaten yesterday, always been when
to him would give him reputation. I
want to have a settlement with Duncanson
to-morrow & shall then run up to
St Paul. But how to see

Duminy

Have given

The Dictator finally goes to

"Stranger" at Bob Lockhunters

Mr

LEXINGTON
JUL 23
330 PM
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Mr Clark Gibson Jr.
Lexington
Ky

TACONIA

Mr Gibson

Will you please
return my ring, you have
had for some time. If
you do not comply with my
request very soon, my Father
will see you in regard
to it.

Respt
Henrietta Hunt

July 27th 1888

Bon Voyage



Mr. J. G. Libby
Ceymington
Newbury



Thursday night -

My dear Emma -

I got
you a note this after-
noon which was very
unsatisfactory but the
collector of the place said
I was anxious to get
it off. The P. M. however
did not make his ap-
pearance so I will
take time now to give

particulars go and the last engaged
a note from the P. M. I have
what I should call the P. M. I
of the last night - I will have
from I should go from you & day
or two, but I will not be able to
do much from Saturday - I
from some Sunday - I will

you more of the details
of our proposed trip.
For some time Mary
has wanted to go about
but as it depended on
several things and
was not certain, he
told me not to let my
heart on it. He had a
document then in his
hands and some
minutes he started to
attend to, he also

wanted to speak some one to take
the train leaving the evening. Finally
they had a system which we had
copy the notes on the white paper
account notes with friends. They had
I had to take for a few days
Wednesday the evening from and
in January was that we had

will be. The books must
be put in some sort of
order before I leave,
for I have been waiting
in the way of straighten-
ing up papers & gettin-
g them together.
The report is a perfect
mess - just as Martha
and Mary have filed
things about. I have
a little shipping to do,
and must go to see

them about & shall do what I can
to get the books together. I must
be sure to get the books together
& to get the books together. I must
be sure to get the books together.
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the doctor at least twice
if we start Friday
night - that will give
us just time to get
to New York, arriving
a day or so before -
He will spend the
night in Chicago from
there we go to Washing-
ton for day to get this
case put - he probably
will stay two days

There is some so little of the white
and that indicates from what
I know that we may be in with
the the day I will take advantage of
it - He will make ten days of the
day from sailing - I am not sure
whether I will - I don't know -
the way of Washington and I don't

Monday Mar. 9th / 89

My dear Mother -

I only
have time for a line
before the postman
comes. Have been in
bed since Sunday
so could not write
before. My engaged
page was here
yesterday and we

When I get into

will be much better

Monday

Franklin

will on the "Champanique"
two weeks from today.
He will have left
about Friday night.
Of course I shall
be ordered to write
to Mr. Grady. Will have
my sewing girl to do
the packing for me.
I send you some
photos of May and

me. The new show book will be
sent to Mr. Grady. I will write
again soon. I go with you
from the wedding soon. Tomorrow I
will be in Paris. Write me soon.
All. I wish I could go with
you & stay in the hotel. I will
write. Will write you in Paris.

today when ordinarily I
would be traveling in
Fed. Claude called
this afternoon and is
coming again tomorrow.
I think that Mr Jenkins
spent his days with the
little German couple.
Claude talks of visiting
Col. Jenkins and Alfred.
My address in Chicago
will be 3302 Charles
Ave. In New York

Mr. Vermorel - Paul & others
addressed Mrs. Thomas Thompson
Washington Dec. 23rd will reach here
the 27th so from there to Paris &
from there some wants to know
if some quite show should I see
Sot and Mr. Paul. I will
perhaps see some of some name

7 MAR 18
1030 PM
89



Mr. Wm. L. Gibson
Lynchburg
Virginia



LEXINGTON, KY.
MAR 28
REC'D.

Chicago -
Mar. 16th / 89

My dear Mother -
In less
than ten minutes, so I
can only write you a line.
I spent the first of March
from St. Paul beautifully,
withstanding the
account of searching
and visiting about -
I did hope I should
have been to death,

not come out - but - best
when I reached here
and left - well last
night so today I feel
fine. The trouble
came about - few minutes
before I left my house.
It is very bad & thank
you all so much.
I am sure & very
for a good time and
I will appreciate this
so much more than
if I had presented

Myself with me. The will
The morning - morning - you
I hope you will not be
at home. As we have
the will show of the
you & wife - please
will not in the -
Thank you
Thank you

OLGO.
MAY 23 11
P.M.



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Mrs Hart Gibson
Ingliside
Seyington
Ky

LEXINGTON
MA.
MAY
1889
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My dear Mrs Gibson
Just received
a letter from our Fanny
with yours enclosed.
Please accept many
thanks for your kind
invitation to go at
once to your house
which we should be
happy to do did we
not know your hands
& hearts would be
more than full.

So will accept Mr
B. Mayoff's invitation
until after the wedding
Our Cousin Mr Fuller
& Daughter Geo here
will go down with
us. I am getting
thoroughly rested
after my breaking
up my home in
St Paul. when I left
was completely tired
out. With much
love for dear Mittie
you all I am sincerely
Martha A. Foster

May 28th 1889

2900 Mich Ave

Chicago



Ms Hart Gibson
"Inglecide"
Lexington Kentucky.



Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad Company # 1

W. R. Shelby,
Vice President & Treas.

Grand Rapids, Mich. Tuesday 188

My dear dear Mother
Your more than
welcome letter has just been
read & I am so much obliged
to you for it, yes I had be-
gun to think you had for-
gotten your adopted daughter,
but it is truly gratifying to
know that you have not
ceased to love Annie; your
letter was handed ^{to me} as I was
leaving over my desk toiling
away, & oh so tired & blue, but
it has acted like a cordial &
I feel ten times better & can go
to work with redoubled vigor,
Bless your dear heart I was
so glad to hear from you,
for I love all you dear ones

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad Company

W. R. Shelby,
Vice President & Treas.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

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at home more than any kin-
folks I have, & I always look
back to the time I spent
with you as the happiest
moments of my life, but now
I have come again to trouble
& turmoil, I seem to have
shut the doors forever on my
old placid life, but never in
my mind I try to think as
some philosopher has said
that "by & by all the days will
be Sundays"; then all the
gloom will be dispelled that
we may more clearly see the
silver lining to our clouds, but
enough of this moralizing it
is only filling space. I know
you I will be awfully lone-
some when dear old Duncan

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W. R. Shelby,
Vice President & Treas.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

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goes away, when do you
think Louisiana will go to
Washington? worth she'd be a
belle though I can just im-
agine the hosts of sweethearts
she will have; yes wouldn't we
have a swell time if we
could go to New York, but
alas! for human hopes &
wishes they are frail things.
You say to me not to get
madrid well what am I
to do? it seems to me every-
thing in my life points very
directly to that or nothing
You see we are victims to
our circumstances. You don't
know how much I appreciate
your talking me up to since
Harrison's was mighty

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Grand Rapids, Mich.

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good in you. I have been
very sick ever since I came
back to Grand Rapids with
chills, this climate never did
agree with me, there is so
much malaria here. Am so
distracted to hear you are
again without a cook, they
are such trifling wretches.
I have just bought myself a
new dress, the material is
dark green & I am going to
trim it with black pointed
beaver fur, I think it will be
so stylish Louisiana ought to
have one, just think Cousin
Mary I earned all the money
to get it with don't you think
I am mighty smart? When
I went to get it I thought

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now I will have enough to
get Louisiana one too, but it
cost so much more than I
expected, that it gobble
up all my poor little dollars
& I just had enough to get
mine, & I feel right selfish
too but I, need it, very badly,
bless her heart I love her & you
all so dearly that I want
you to share every thing with
me except my troubles; & I think
of you all a thousand
times a day & long to see you
again. Brother is in Louisville
he will be there all the
week. I know you all will
have a pleasant Thanksgiving.
I know you will think me
very very wicked when I tell

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you what I did last Sun-
day, spent the afternoon at
the dentist having a tooth
filled, do you think that
was very wicked? well you
that is the only time I have,
am so constantly occupied
in the office. Give dear

Cousin Mark for me & tell him
I want to see him so much.

Got a long letter from Ed Duncan
a few days ago; he has the Pres
sent to me regularly & I

enjoy reading it so much.

I must bring this to a close,
good by my darling brother

write your poor love some
child another sweet letter for I do
love to hear from home; oceans of love
for all your loving child
Amille



Mrs Mary Gipson
Lexington Ky
a Daughter of H. J. Duncan

that you ~~know~~ know for
a truth that we children
did receive such things from
our Father while we were
living with ^{him} it was before the
emancipation took place.
Such a evidence as that from
you will be the best evidence
that we can give on our
part Miss you know that
we children ought to have
the money if we can
get it. & Such evidence from
you will do ~~more~~ more good
than all that we can
say or ~~do~~ do. So you will
oblige ^{us} by so doing, or send
it to me so that I can forward
it on to Washington, D, C,
Miss Mary if you will do
this favor me, please do so as
quick as you can, as our
Father ore a waiting answer
of some kind from us.

Paris Ky

Jan 29th 1886

Mrs Mary Giffon, I am
I am bothered in trying
~~in~~ to get our Fathers money
from the Government. in this
way there was a woman
that fill a claim for one
Peter Bruces money. & she
were suchfull in filling
here claim for pension &
got one hundred. Dollars
from the Government. & by
that means. trouble has got
in our way. it seams as ~~if~~
though their was not but
one Peter Bruce. or the young
woman has got the money
& it is given us great trouble
to prove out that our Father
was a Soldier.

Knows Mary you for your
step that our father sent
us Robinson, one hundred
dollars & a ~~small~~ watch
to his & was while living with
you in Washington & you
took the watch to take
care of for me, & also old
mother took the money from
me & give it back a year
when we were all brought
together, & Mother & Henry took
made garden for self & Peter
now Mrs Mary as you
know this is the fact that
our father, did send us
these things & how day after
and ask if it were required
of you to do so, now this
Mary if you will write a
letter to Mrs J. W. Sallenger
Washington, D. C. as desired

Miss Mary if you Direct to
Mrs J. W. Sallenger Direct to
Washington, D. C.

& if to me ~~to~~ in care of
Mrs L. A. H. in Paris Ky

P.O. box 276

your obedient servant

Mariah Smith

Secord. 25th '89.

Dear Aunt Mary.

The day on which Aunt S. and Sallie left I took them to the "Botanical Gardens" and showed them all the magnificent palm trees & plants which are kept there and as my father has given me the disposal of his quota of plants I made Aunt Sarah select a number, reserving some for you, and I am glad that you write that you care to have them.

Receptions are such stupid affairs that I rarely attend them, although we have numerous invitations.

Aunt Sarah & Sallie did not go out much, in fact very little while with us.

My father & Sallie want to the Bayard's reception
while Aunt Sarah, Mrs Young & I want to
the theatre. Sallie receives or rather
"assisted" receiving at several receptions, at
Mrs Blackburn's & Mrs Blanchard's & I don't
think enjoyed it - How could any one, to
stand for hours, to chatter with insipid
dudes, utter strangers, riff-raff etc etc without
profit to yourself or any one else and to meet
and have a few, precious few words with
people whom you hardly recognize the
next day on the street & who do not
recognize you at all -

I send you a copy of the Critic - read the
Bro Chandler poem - Will notify you in advance
& when I send the plants - Thank you very
much for the standing invitation - Tell D. to send
me one of her photographs - by the way, did I

tell ^{you} of the new Camera which I have - the
"Kodak" - it is small but extremely simple,
and loaded for 100 pictures to be taken
consecutively - it is in a small box & can
be held in the hand while taking a
picture & to do so requires but to pull a
string & press a button & it is all done -
then wind a key once & it is ready for the
next - What do you think of that?

It takes in door, out of door, moving objects etc &
almost everything. The city is absorbed
with the inauguration of which I want to
send you some souvenirs. My father says
he will try to obtain the privilege of being
on the floor of the Senate, which will be
very nice for me as I will then be able

to see all the proceedings etc etc.

Hope that you will decipher the scrawl
which I hastily send with much love
to all at Ingleside & yourself from my
father and — your devoted nephew
Montgomery

P.S. I expect to return to you about March 10/01