

Friday early - but no  
express man came. He  
telephoned & they promised  
they would come in the  
evening - then they said  
they would be here on  
Saturday morning or evening -  
I was beginning to  
despair when on Sunday  
afternoon two expressmen  
came, weighed the boxes  
& packages & promised they  
would leave in that evening  
at seven o'clock so I hope  
you will get them in

'The Treatmoreland'  
Washington D.C. - December 20<sup>th</sup>  
1914.

My dear Ezra - For the  
past week I have in-  
tended writing & enclosing  
you Christmas Check  
and to-day I am worried  
I had better hurry & do  
it or it would be too  
late for Santa Claus -  
Ezra & I sent some  
boxes by the Adams Express  
Company on last Sunday.  
They were ready on

time I sent a bottle for you and I have sent  
Frances + a box of paints - by parcel Post a package  
& colored pencils for Gordon for Lucy - As I hope you  
a regular artist out get the 25<sup>th</sup> including this  
for you to amuse Gordon with a check, I am  
by drawing pictures, then including \$100 for your  
a lot of books in French monthly payment of \$50. for  
and otherwise - bright colors Jan & Mar -  
mostly and one puzzle picture Frances Lawton Gayhart + her  
of the story of the three husband Ray + Sara Watson  
Bears - which you can show have taken lunch with us to day  
Gordon how to put together and Grace has just started to  
Grace sent you handkerchief take them on an Electric ride  
& gloves etc for you Mary Ray Gayhart said he had seen  
very little of Washington - he  
with lots of lawn and a walk  
for a goodly move. I am Mother

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George O. Goodruuff  
111. Great Comsky Avenue  
Louisville  
Kentucky

and one hundred for the  
Orphan's Home - It seems  
to me I have been drawing  
large checks lately -

Some body wished to get  
possession of one of the Bay  
Ridge or Fort Hamill's Lots -  
and notified me of back  
assessments due with a  
large interest on the amount &  
it has cost me five hundred  
& seventy five dollars to clear  
up that matter - It seems  
although the tax-bills have  
been paid annually, that they  
never include notification of

The Great morland -  
Washington D.C. Nov 30, 1914.

My dear Ezra -

This is a dreary - gray  
November Monday morning -  
Grace and Mary Jewett -  
have gone out and I am  
writing to you in the quiet of  
their absence -

Enclosed, I am sending  
you a check for \$500.00 one  
hundred for your monthly  
payments - three hundred  
to fulfil your church promise

assessments -

As to the one foot of land  
on the Douglas Boulevard  
lot - I am very reluctant  
about letting it go - it <sup>will</sup> be  
spoiled my survey of 100 feet  
front - The people who built  
their bay window over their  
neighbors lot, must have  
known they had no right  
to do so - and should be made  
to rectify their mistake -

What do the Tahms get  
for their house & lot of  
25 feet & in their lot 50

feet front.

I think you are about right  
in regard to old Mr Barclay  
farming our land at such a  
loss - but who do you think  
you could get to farm  
it - Do you keep the little  
farm house & out-buildings  
Barn - Chicken house &  
carefully insured - Your  
father used to say old man  
Barclay was a sort of water  
dog - or mascot to keep away  
from burning the buildings -  
You hear Mr Dabry has gone  
into Candy business, as it is, with  
love for you all - Mother

are getting on nicely -  
Does Gordon show any  
signs of the hot summer,  
is he thinner or paler on  
account of the heat - The  
sleeping porch must have  
been a satisfaction to you,  
during the hot weather -  
Do you still use it, now  
the nights are cooler -  
We are still having quite  
warm weather in Washing-  
ton - Lately we have had  
some heavy showers, but  
previous to that, it was

The Westmoreland -  
Washington, D. C. October 21  
1914.

Dear Mary

We were so sorry  
to hear of little Aleck  
Bullitt's passing away.  
It was certainly a very  
short illness - Does little  
Gordon miss him in his  
play or have any under-  
standing of what it means,  
We are so glad to learn  
that you and your babies

very dry - The warm weather  
has made the Autumn  
vegetables & fruits very  
beautiful & good, we have  
put up a few quince & peach  
preserves, but - no pickles or  
jellies - and yesterday our  
cook procured a few  
little yellow plum shaped  
tomatoes - I do not know how  
we will like them -  
I hope little Franey will  
get over the Colee habit - it  
is very naughty of him and  
very trying to the Mother,

Grace has gone to Annapolis  
to spend the day with her  
Lawson - Mrs Lawson is in  
Kentucky on account of her  
mother's illness - They have been  
having trouble with Manly who  
is no longer in the Phillips's  
Scouts - because of his un-  
fortunate habit of drinking -  
Sarah Watson is going to New-  
port to visit her brother Edward,  
for a month -  
The bar grows in horror, we have  
some magazines for you & Ennea  
if they are ever returned - Miss  
Richards began her talks this week - The  
President sent for her & asked her to be seated  
With love from Mother J. S. Woodruff

was a surprise - a letter from  
Lutie Sanford enclosing a clip-  
ping from a Knoxville paper  
telling of Dorothy Sanford's en-  
gagement. I will enclose  
the clipping in your letter.

We are so anxious to hear  
more about your new baby  
Grace has made out a  
category of questions - Is the  
baby light or dark - has he a  
good well arched foot &  
many other things we wish  
to know about - We received  
both your letters - and while  
they were both very interesting -

The Westmoreland -  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1914

My Dear Egra - We  
returned Saturday afternoon  
and I need not say how  
nice it is to be once more  
in our home after our  
three months of wandering -  
It is very pleasant and  
cool in our Apartment -  
and I do not believe we  
will regret coming back so soon,  
although traveling in <sup>the</sup> summer is  
very warm in September & October.  
This morning's Mail brought



get they did <sup>not</sup> tell us everything -  
we would like to know if Joseph  
Gordon approve his new brother  
He are anxious too, to know  
how Mary is progressing -  
He are glad to know you  
have had some cool weather  
since the baby came -

One of your letters was in an  
envelope in which we  
saw your name as manufacturer  
of paints & varnish - I am  
surprised to know you have  
been sailing under false  
colours - is there not a

a very heavy penalty for  
claiming to be a manufacturer  
of paints when you are not -  
You had better destroy all  
such bills & envelopes before  
you get into real trouble,  
I am glad you are going  
to advertise as selling the  
rightful name of goods - I  
hope you will begin very  
slowly to buy more goods,  
get rid of your old stock  
and buy only small lots of new  
paints - & keep afloat without  
buying great lots of things -  
With much love to Mary & yourself  
Mother Francis G. Goodwill

were at Mrs Sawlons.  
I took them all  
riding Sunday after-  
noon, then left Frances  
& Roy Gayheart at the  
station.

My trip was a great  
success, tho rather  
expensive. Still it  
was worth it, as I have  
been wanting to go  
up there for a long  
time & just enjoy going  
about. I met a good  
many old friends &  
always had from two

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June 9<sup>th</sup>

Dearest Eva;

I came back  
to Washington on  
Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Frances Sawlons, Gay-  
heart & her husband  
motored with me from  
Philadelphia. They  
spent the night here,  
but most the time we

to four people in the car  
with me - The car was a  
great convenience, as it en-  
abled me to go to Nassau,  
Fort Hamilton, Staten Island  
& to go & come easily to New  
York, especially when we  
all went over to the theatre  
at night. I dislike the Subway  
so much. Fropie, in New  
York tho', is over whelming  
& I don't believe that  
should ever want my own  
vehicle in the city if I  
were only there for sleeping.  
I am glad that you have  
gotten a new Pierce arrow.  
Has it come yet? & what  
will you do with the  
Dodge? Trade it in?

Your letter came this  
morning, enclosing the  
checks & the papers about  
the P. Q. Co. new stock. I

very sorry recollection of Lake  
dumian scenes - The most  
disgraceful scenes loom up  
in my mind - Men rolling out  
of carriages so drunk they  
could not stand - Other carriages  
full of boisterous men  
hollering - Caregiving and singing  
drunken songs - Lying back on  
the seats of the vehicle - they  
were all so horrid and so  
perfectly shocking - that I  
dread to think of your return  
to Lake for any purpose -  
But I do hope you will

The Westmoreland -

Washington, D.C., June 4, 1914

My dear Ezra

Your letter giving the  
plans of your trip to New Haven  
and to see us has been duly  
received - If I read correctly  
you propose to make a long  
stay in New Haven - Why do  
you wish to be there more than  
a day or two - Two days, leaving  
on the third day - I should think  
would be long enough to renew  
old memories and see every one  
you care to see - I have a

have strength of character to  
stand the fiber and fears  
of the new year with most  
them - if you decline to  
enter upon their orgies -

For that is my recollection  
of Yale Reunion - great one  
continuous Orgie - I hope you  
may find some improvement  
among your former class  
mates - and that the years  
of the past reunions will  
have changed into something  
like decency - For it is

no wonder Yale bears such  
a bad reputation - if the  
scenes we witnessed are  
still re enacted year after  
year - My pen fails to express  
my horror of what we saw  
there the year you graduated -

You shall very much delight  
to have you come to see us - I do  
not know what day we will be  
able to leave Washington - perhaps  
not before the middle of June - why  
do you leave so soon - I should think  
you would not like to be away from  
your family so long - How large a  
check will you need to pay

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the expense of your trip -  
write at once and let me  
know, and when do you  
expect to get into the Crosby  
House - I should  
think you would rather  
stay at home and enjoy  
your new surroundings  
Of course I think it is  
all right to attend your  
College Reunion if you wish  
and I hope you will enjoy  
it - and have a pleasant  
time, but try and keep your

I hope Mary and Gordon  
are well -

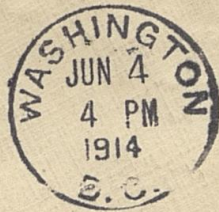
Grace joins me in sending  
much love -

Very devotedly Love Mother -

Frances G. Woodruff

ready and your character  
unsullied -

We have had a long hot  
wave in Washington - but  
for the past two days a  
north wind prevailed and  
this morning it is very cold  
and showing - so we feel  
as if there is no hurry to  
break up and leave - you  
know I am happier in my  
own home than in summer  
hotels and roaming about -  
write how much money you  
will need - and I will  
send you a check -



Mr George E. Woodruff  
223 - West Main Street  
Louisville  
Kentucky.



for the work on the house  
as it progresses - I hope  
you will succeed in getting  
everything well done - so that  
you & many will be pleased  
with the result when it is  
completed -

We will be glad to see  
you when you come in to see  
us - We hope to leave here  
about the 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of  
June when will you go East  
to the Yale Reunion - I have  
always had such a horror  
of College Reunion, even

The Westmoreland -  
Washington, D. C. May 20, 1914,

My dear Ego  
Several days ago  
I made out the enclosed  
check for your house im-  
provements - and included  
your monthly salary of \$100. -  
Then I waited for your  
Sunday letter which comes  
not later than Wednesday  
morning - I have not received  
it yet - but am writing  
you a line and sending  
you the check as you  
may need it to pay

since I witnessed the scenes  
of drunkenness and de-  
bauchery among those old  
men who had come to their  
class reunion the summer  
you graduated - It was  
certainly disgraceful and it  
is not a wonder that Yale  
has fairly such a bad  
reputation - I hope the morals  
of your class will have  
changed such frightful  
conduct into decency and  
propriety - I know you

have strength of Character  
to withstand the temptations  
which prevailed at that time -  
and will be one to let the  
world see the standard of  
good decent behavior has  
been raised - Now, everywhere  
temperance and sobriety are  
the rule in all good society  
and among self-respecting  
men.

It is getting quite warm  
here now - I hope you will  
keep well, with love to you all  
from Mother  
Lucas G. Goodright

be able to close out as you  
thought - in July -

You had better go on with  
your house improvements -  
and I will be glad to let  
you have the wherewithal  
to the extent of one or two  
thousand dollars more - you  
will need some new furniture  
for the house too, or will  
you have enough out of  
the amount mentioned - I  
want you and Mary to have  
everything to suit you -

The Westmoreland -  
Washington. D. C., April 28, '44

My dear son

Your letter saying you  
had returned from your  
Blue-goose country trip has  
just reached me - It must  
be very fatiguing to be in  
the go so much - do you  
really enjoy it - or do you  
think it pays - from a birds  
and insect stand - point - And  
do you really think you will

you are facing only one  
and you will enjoy a pleasant  
pretty home - more than any  
thing else - So go ahead  
and have your improvements  
made and more in - I know  
you will not be too  
extravagant - I hope you  
will find your new house  
cool and pleasant - for  
the summer - I have no  
suggestions to make as I  
have never seen the house  
but I do think an upper

porch either back or front or  
in the side would be very  
useful - ~~but~~ if it is a  
very small one - but we  
have our taste and discre-  
tion and I will be satisfied.  
What did John J. say that  
sounded so gayous and jolly,  
He said to us good luck had  
so seldom come his way  
that he appreciated it very  
much -  
Grace has just come in from  
a Card Party given for benefit  
at Mr. Woodward's house, with  
Lutie Lane and every good wish  
from mother, F. G. Goodnight &

leaving off his winter wraps  
too soon or putting on spring  
clothes - in April - April is  
the fickle month and very  
treacherous and sudden are  
the changes from warm to cold  
days & nights - It has been  
very cold here until today  
we are still wearing heavy coats  
and fur - the morning may  
be warm but the afternoon  
and night - very cold - So it  
is better to endure heavy

The Westmoreland -  
Washington D. C. 1914 -  
April 18<sup>th</sup> -

My Dear Ezra - Your letter  
reached me yesterday asking  
me to make out the check  
for Mrs. Resdenow in payment  
for her house which I will  
enclose

We are distressed beyond  
words to hear of dear  
little Gordon's illness - I  
hope he has not been

clothing until a more settled  
season - the tenth of May  
is said to be the date of  
changing our winter clothing.  
Of course a baby is tender  
and catches cold quickly -  
eternal vigilance is the  
price of a baby's welfare  
and health.

We had our screens put  
in yesterday to keep out the  
flies - and other nuisances  
I am pained of dulness  
in the financial and business

world is not a new one - I  
think the eastern and northern  
cities have been suffering from  
business depression for a year  
or more, the rail roads are  
terribly affected - and now  
other dangers are threatening -  
Our good President & his fine  
Cabinet do not seem equal to  
emergencies & and even from  
my small view of affairs are  
committing grave mistakes.  
May Heaven help & guide them  
and keep us all - I am praying  
for you to have guidance and  
closing out your business -  
why I struggle out when

You might close out and  
find something else to do - more  
elevating if not ~~also~~ more profit-  
able. Remember your Uncle  
Will Goodruff's advice -  
Could <sup>you</sup> not get Mr. Auerback to  
advise you how to close out  
as he has closed out himself  
so recently - there is no doubt  
he did a lot of thinking and  
planning before he found the  
way - You would of course  
have to find a different way  
from his - but two heads  
are better than one - and

that you desire - It is too  
bad you did not get a team  
in Doughton Boulevard for the  
summer - will it take long  
to get the Freedom house in  
order -

With much love for you, Mary  
and the Baby from your very  
devoted Mother

Frances G. Goodhue

he is older and wiser than  
you are Be brave and  
manly and do not fear the  
world's criticism - they will  
respect you all the more  
many men try many things  
before they find something to do -  
John Jay's example proves  
how perseverance at last  
succeeds -  
Did Otto's baby recover  
and is he doing well him-  
self - I hope you will finish  
the Freedom house all