

June. I hope you will find them all right.

I am spending my mornings down at the American Security Trust getting money coupons cut. It always takes me about a week of good work every spring and fall. I cut them off a half year at a time & make out the certificates, and then as the months in which the coupons come around all I have to do, is to go to the box & get the package of coupons for that month. As it is always convenient

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Washington D.C.
Dec 14th 1916.

Dearest Eva

Yesterday, I went down and cut off your coupons and made out the certificates and envelopes. You have to sign the certificates. If you don't want them made out in care of Mother of course you can make out some others and sign them the way you please. I cut them through February and now there will be no more until next

to give time every month, I think it is better to do this way. It saves a good deal of time.

We are having some right snappy weather just now, and two ~~smaller~~ flurries - The ground is white with snow now.

I hope you are all keeping well. So far mother has escaped colds - I think she ought to go south later in the winter, but I don't know whether we shall go or not. It is right much of an understating for her to travel, and Hotel life is so lonesome & tiresome for me, that I hate to think of it. We have so much of it in the summer time.

I am so glad that you decided to let Mrs Barclay stay. I think it was a very nice thing for you to do, considering how incalculable he is of you.

Will there be any dividends from my house this year? I suppose there hasn't been much income lately.

With ever so much love to you & Mary & the babies - Grace

The Treasurersland -
Washington, D. C.

December 19, 1916

My dear Eyes -

You are having cold
snowy weather for the
past few days - just the
kind for Xmas holidays
and I am reminded to
send you a check for your
Xmas present - I hope you
you will use it wisely
and not squander it away
foolishly and thoughtlessly -
In these strenuous times
when there is so much
suffering and want in the

You have sent you a large Express
box in which Grace packed in her
furniture was gifts for all your
family - I hope it may reach you
in safety - I also sent some small
toys - books - dolls and balls for
the babies -

With much love and Merry Xmas
and a Happy New Year from your
all yours

Mother

Frances W. Goodhue

world - I think we should
be careful to value our
money and not spend extravagantly
and wastefully -
Grace sent you
coupons a few days ago
by registered mail - The
amount was large - being
over five hundred dollars,
How much better for me to
hold your bonds and send
the interest, than I know you
have it to live on - Dear
knows what disposition
you would have made of
them and perhaps had no
interest to live on -

understand the Avery question
fully - will study it out
and let you know ^{at} what decision
we arrive before the 15th -

Do you think the common
stock a good enough invest-
ment to put \$5,000^{more} into it
than I have already -
- I've did not send me the
amount of your Doctor's and
Nurses bills - and as I do not
know what Doctor charge for
their services, nor what Nurses
get - I will send you a
check for \$200.⁰⁰ which I

The Westmoreland -
Washington, D. C. -

December 4, 1916

My dear Ego -

Your letter came
this a. m. - and I was
just going out and have
returned only ^{only} long enough
to finish lunch - Grace went
early to the Dentist so we
have had only time to read your
letter and not yet able to

should think would more than
cover the whole amount.
calculating the Doctor's bill to
be \$50 - and the nurse at
twenty - five a twenty dollars per
week and then there would be
\$50 for medicines and extras -

Grace has not been well
enough to go down to the
Bank vaults - and I do not
know when she can cut
your coupons -

I trust you will let me
know just what you will
do - so I can feel the satisfaction

of having made the
checks large enough - for the
purpose - If not, I will send more

You will study over the Agency
matter when we have more time
and read your letter more
carefully - but I hasten to
send you this with enclosures
so you will get it in time.

Hope you will all keep
well and with much love

I am your loving Mother
Francis E. Woodruff.

I will send you a check
to cover them -

I am enclosing your monthly
check of \$100.⁰⁰ please do not
spend it recklessly - I know
you do not mean to, but you
certainly let your hand cover
cash slip through your fingers
very easily & quickly.

I can't tell you what clubs
to belong to - but you know
what you can afford - It seems
to me the Audubon would better
one to drop. The Bendennis is
more important to you

The Westmoreland -
Washington, D. C.,

December 1st/16

Dear Ezra

Your letter has just
come by this morning's Post -
I have been intending to tell
you that I wished to
pay both your Doctor's and
the Nurses bills - so if you
will send them on to me
and let me know the
amount for the two bills

as you keep in touch with
the better class of men of
your own kind - and you
should select the most uplift-
ing environment for your own
sake as well as your family -

So if you really wish my
advice - drop the Anderson

as to your church - do not
commit yourself to giving more
than you can afford - You
know a church will take
all they can get from you +
more too - you are your
own master and should

be perfectly independent +
give just what you feel able
to give no matter what others
think or expect - either church
or friends or Government affairs

I am so glad you found
your application papers for
the Loyal Legion - it is a distinc-
tion well worth trying for
besides honoring your father's
memory - by holding on to his honors

As soon as you let me know
the amount of your doctor's + nurse
bills - I will send the check
with much love to Mary + the other
little + big - Mother
Frances + Woodruff

out a recommendation for you
certifying your name of good
character and eligibility -

It was very kind of him -
as he had to have the paper
signed by two other Officers
who knew your father - and
went down town to their houses
and saw them personally,

He sent the papers on to you
last Spring by registered
mail - both Grace and I
saw that they were sent. I
hope you will look them
up and find them, as I

The Watmoreland -
Washington D. C. -

November 15, 1916 -

My dear Cyona -

Your letter has just been
read - and I will reply
at once

I am very sorry you have
lost the papers of Application
for membership to the Loyal
Legion - I went to a great
deal of trouble to get the
papers made out - and had
to make a special request
of Gen Mordican to make

should not like to trouble
Gen Mordecai again - and
am sorry you have lost the
opportunity of gaining such an
honour as a membership in
the Loyal Legion, Gen Crawford
and Gen Thorpe were the
two officers who signed
Gen Mordecai's paper which
he wrote out himself -

You are distressed and dis-
appointed beyond words that
Mr Hughes has been defeated

He then did not know the
methods of electioneering and
campaigning or was too slow
of himself to try - and proved
himself unpopular in
many places - It is to be
hoped the President will
be a wiser and better
man and profit by his
past experience -

It is predicted here that
there will be a great
slump in Real Estate, one
of the Finest financiers and
a director of the Bank told

will be better to wait to
get a farm which you
may get do soon - do
please do not attempt to
increase your expenses
at present - but get out
of business entirely and
keep your money to live
on - Why work and worry
about uncertainties and
keep losing money - Stop!
right here and right now
and keep your money &
The Bonds now given you

me this morning that the
election results were
already being felt in Real
Estate prices -

You had better wait
until the beginning of the
New Year before you take
any steps in changing your
business as the new adminis-
tration may bring about
critical times -

You have already lost so
much in your business
experiments - that you had
better go very slow - it

to increase your income
and they are safer in my
Deposit box than they would
be in your hands. Can you
not see the folly of losing
and wasting so much money

A word to the wise is
sufficient and I have been
quite explicit about keeping
the Bonds for your benefit
I am so often asked my advice
about your business, so
I hope you will follow

my advice and stop
spending your money in
business -

Mr. Justice + Frances have
just come in so I
must close with much
love and will say again
ought do any thing at
present but wait until
the new year - any how
You in love
mother
Frances G. Woodruff

at three or four o'clock and the
Bonds you wish are in the
vault at the Bank - and it
is quite an effort to go down
into the vault - so I am
writing to you instead of
telegraphing - may I ask what
you wish to do with the
Bonds - surely you do not
think of selling them - I should
have placed them in Trust
but thought they would be
just as safe in my Deposit
Box where I could call the

November 6, 1916.

The Westmoreland -
Washington - D. C. -

My dear Ezra - Your telegram
came this morning while we
were out - We did not re-
turn until one o'clock when
we found it waiting - Of
course we had to take
lunch and as we were
both tired from the morning's
efforts - we could not go
go down town again right
away - and the Bank closes at

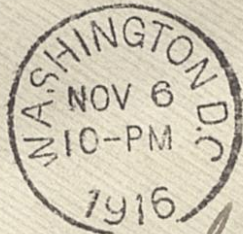
Coopers and send them to you
and then there would be no
agents' commission to pay
which would give you that
much more in your income.
Grace will be quite busy
for a few days helping the
Army Relief Society and won't
have time to go to the Bank
with me - so I fear you
would have to content yourself
for a while at least.

In the meantime write and
let me know what you wish
to do with the Bonds and

then I can tell better what
to do - Are you in a tight
place or do you think
of enlarging your business -

I should much prefer keeping
the Bonds safely for you and
sending you the interest.

Be sure and let me know
if you have put in your
application for the Loyal Legion
membership - so I can tell Gen
Mordesai who was so kind in
making out your papers and having
them signed - which was quite a little
trouble to him - Hoping you Mary +
the Babineau will I am with much
love your Mother, James G. Woodruff



Mr George E Hoodruff -
223 West Main Street
Louisville
Kentucky,

Oct 17, 1916

My dear Mary & George

I'm enjoying one of the Pall Mall's you sent me and you don't know how good the American cigarette tastes over here - they are unobtainable in France. I expect to be at my present station just two weeks longer, but haven't gotten orders yet about what my next move is.

My first mail from the States came a few days ago - quite a batch of it, and after not hearing a line for seven weeks, it was a great treat. The weather has been quite unsettled - sudden rain and hard storms almost every day, but we go right ahead with our schedule just the same. I'm getting thoroughly acclimated. Of course life in a little French village back of the lines is necessarily quite simple, but there is an awfully fine crowd of officers here and time doesn't drag a bit.

We have just gotten a Scotch band here for a week or so and I never see them in their kilts - that I don't wish Gordon and Frances could see them. They play very scrappy tunes and

We quite the centre of attraction. It seems very
funny not to have talked to a girl, or for that
matter, hardly to a civilian since I sailed from
America. We get London papers right often and
keep up to a certain extent with what is going on.

I hope that Louis is entirely well again -
wish both of you would drop me a line when
you get time. Best love to all the family -

Affectionately Yours
William

Address

Saint Wm. P. Deane, U. S. R.

To American Expeditionary Forces.

May 13th
1916-



Marlborough-Blenheim
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Ezra,
Your letter came this

morning and I sent you a telegram right away saying to be sure and come for us tomorrow, as you said you would, and I certainly hope you will do it.

I was so disappointed that I felt like crying when I read that you were not coming until May 27th unless I want you to come sooner. I have been looking forward all week to your getting here tomorrow and then staying a few days and then our going home. You know I came with the idea of only staying three weeks and our



Marlborough-Blenheim
Atlantic City, N.J.

Three weeks less of Thursday - and I
just can't stay any longer - It has done
the babies good here but the weather
is so changeable that Frances has
caught a cold now and I will be
awfully glad to get to real warm
summer weather. Now please be sure
and come and get us right away.
If you don't start tomorrow, be sure
and leave Monday.

Your mother and Grace have been
lovely to us, and we have had a fine
time, but when my time is up I
always want to go home - and am
especially anxious to now.

Gordon is fine and has improved
a great deal and will get the benefit of

from Des Moines - You must have had
a very interesting Western trip - especially
two days at Des Moines with Mr. Cummings.

Godou and Francis took splendidly
and I think the trip has done us all
lots of good.

A letter from Milbourn to-day said
that he did not know yet whether he
would have to go to Detroit or New
York from Pittsburg. So I suppose there
is no chance of our seeing him



Marlborough-Blenheim
Atlantic City, N.J.

May 9th
1916

My dear Egan,

We have just come in
from a chair ride - Mother, Grace and I
taking our chair. Mary and Godou and
the baby played in the sand for a while
this afternoon. It is nice and warm
here now but there has been a strong
breeze all day.

I was awfully glad to get your letter

Here.

We are all looking forward to seeing you Saturday. So don't disappoint us - How long do you plan to stay?

It is dinner time and I must close and dress - Looking forward to seeing you soon -

With much love from all and kisses from the babies Devotedly, Mary

Now about the Newcomb house -
If he rented it for four months -
that would keep us out there until
October the first. The Hilliard place is
out of the question now, so that is
the only available place I know of,
and I think it is the best place we
could find for the month - and those
large rooms would be nice and cool.

I was so glad to get your right letter
saying you arrived safely in Louisville,
and to get your letter from Peoria.

[1916]



Marlborough-Blenheim
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Eva,

Your letter to your mother
and Grace said you would be back in
Louisville Monday. Then are you coming
on here, on Saturday? Our three
weeks is up next Thursday, and if you
come on Saturday and stay here a few
days, that will make our four weeks.
I am anxious to hear from Mrs.

I hope you are going to stay with Mother and Father when you are in Louisville this time, too. I have had five letters from Susie and Mary Pruitt and one from Julia, besides several from the family recently so they told me all the news.

Gordon and the baby are both fine and very sunburned. I certainly hope we can get a place in the country so they will keep well.

Did you find everything alright at

our house. I hope Mother succeeded in getting rid of all the moths and eggs too. I am anxious to see how our rose vines and flowers are progressing.

Mother wrote me that Mrs Bridges had just given to Lucy some shoes which I got for the baby at the Boston Shoe Co. So I wrote to her to send the black ones, as he has no black ones. So only pay the Boston Shoe Store 1.50. the others were sent back.

With love from us all and kisses for Gordon and Francis. Mother and Gordon are starting out for a chair with her.
Devotedly Mary

have been pretty like to-day, all during
the time you were here - it is so nice
and warm now. We are going for a
ride in a chair this afternoon and see
the parade on the boardwalk.

I am glad you enjoyed your day at
the old Woodruff place - whom did you see
there?

I hope you will stay with Mother and
Father while you are in Louisville, and be
sure and be prompt to your meals.
I think they would feel very badly if
you did not stay with them. I got a letter

If there are any letters at your store for me, Ferson
you would forward them to me.



Marlborough-Blenheim
Atlantic City, N.J.

[1916]

Dearest Eza,

Your postal card has just come
and I was so glad to get it and hear what
time you would get back to Louisville.

Godou is fine and looks very well and
amburned and his appetite is improving -

There is an enormous crowd here over
Sunday again, and it is a beautiful bright
sunny day. We all miss you terribly and
speak of you many times a day. It is
too bad that the weather could not

from Grandma last night, and she said
Mother had been so worried about Grandpa,
since I wrote that he had been sick, so
you can tell her that he is alright. I
am wondering if Aunt Fannie and
Uncle Henry are still there.

Tomorrow is the first of May, and I am
awfully sorry that the bills are so large
at Stewarts and Kaufmans - the bills for my
two suits at Miss Connaughton's will make
it so big - Through the summer tho', I hope
there won't be any dry goods bills and you

needn't give me any more allowance - for
I have spent so much more than I ought to,
in getting ready to come away.

I hope you will look into the Newcomb
and Hilliard places as soon as you get
back as I am afraid some one else might
get ahead of us. Your Mother seems to
like the idea of the Newcomb place. I
hope you will find everything alright at
111 N. Crosby
With a great deal of love, and hoping to
hear from you soon.
Sunday, April 30th Devotedly Mary.

the time had lapsed, thought
they were of no further
use - and think they were
thrown away - I am very
sorry - if anything can be
done to replace or renew
them I would willingly sign
and send to Mr. Botta - The
voucher for \$201.⁴⁰/₁₀₀ was
received - and also your
papers for application to the
Loyal Legion - We will get
Gen. Mordecai to do what you
wish - We have heard

The Trustees -
Washington, D. C.

March 23, 1916

My dear Sen -

Your letter of
yesterday requesting the
proxy for The Kentucky Wa-
gon Co - to be signed has
just come - I regret to say
the papers with the proxy -
can not be found - I am
afraid they were destroyed -
Goeser came across them
not long ago - and seeing

the Gen Comanford has been ill
at the Walter Reed Hospital -
Gen Mordue's made out some
papers for you some time ago,
I think we give them to you
or not - He died shortly
after Father's death -

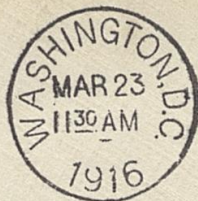
Yes, we went out to Arlington
and placed flowers of your
Father's lot on March 12th
and thought of you - I will
take some flowers out for
you the next time I go -

It has been so awfully cold
and stormy this March that,

I have not gone out very
often -

Now that the Sun has crossed
the line and the Equinox is
passed I hope it will be
pleasant - the Sun is shining
this A. M. for the first time in days.
Yesterday was the darkest, stormiest
day of the whole winter -

In regard to the Farm - I suppose
your offer was rejected, with
out question - It is too much for us
to put into a farm as an experiment -
You must rent a country place or
farm for the summer & try to
see how you can manage and
if you & Mary like it after a
trial - then you can buy - with love
unbounded from Mother -



George E. Woodruff -
111 West Cornsby Avenue
Louisville
Kentucky

bring the bed-etc., back home.

Father got a telegram yesterday morning from Bell Brook saying that Diablos had turned to the ground the night before and everything was destroyed. All the old portraits and old silver and furniture and everything.

We all feel so distressed about it and so sorry for the girls - you know how they loved the place - Father has written for them all to come out here and stay with them till they decide what to do - I am so

[Feb. 24, 1916]

111 West Ormsby Avenue

Dearest Ezra,

I came over here to get a few things that we needed and will take the opportunity of writing a few lines to you.

We went over to Mother's Tuesday afternoon to stay and I had the baby's bed and play yard taken over - Be sure and let me know the exact time you will be at home and on what train - then I will know when to engage somebody to

glad that father has so many good pictures of the old house-

Gordon and the baby are both fine - the little change seemed to have helped Gordon's appetite - He is over here with me now - and Lucy is here cleaning. I am going to a tea at Mrs George Fetter's tomorrow - so am going to let Mary take her afternoon out to-day -

I know you are enjoying being with Mother and

Grace - Why don't you stay over Sunday -

William is going to Pittsburg Tuesday on business to stay a month - and is going to take his Ford with him - I haven't been to the automobile show yet -

Did you get my letter in New York that I wrote Monday afternoon - ?

It is raining and turning colder -

With much love to Mother and Grace and a kiss from Gordon and Francis -
Sincerely,
Mary.



WASHINGTON, D. C.
BERRY & WHITMORE CO.

Mr. George E. Hoodruff,
262 Westmoreland Apt.,
Washington,
D. C.

to Madison Square
Garden and the Dog Show,
where I stayed till tonight
at ten thirty, even taking
lunch & supper there.
When I came into the
Waldorf, the famous 7th
Regiment marched out
in full uniform behind a
band & drum corps. They had
just given a banquet to
Colonel Apperly (?), who was
retiring from the service.

I go to Washington tomorrow
leave for home Saturday afternoon
and arrive Sunday for dinner
at noon.

Give my love to our little
darlings, and with loads for
your own dear sweet self I am
Your devoted husband
E. J. J.

The Waldorf-Astoria
New York.

Feb 23-'16.

My dearest Mary:

When I came
in tonight from
the dog show, I found
your letter in the box
at the office. I was
mighty glad to get
it and to hear from
the sweetest, prettiest,
truest and best little
lady in the big wide
world. I do not feel

Isaldorf, (when I wished
for you as I thought how
jolly our meals together
had been in this "same"
room). I read the Sun
for diversion, and then
went to Attneaves and
bought the babies some-
thing and you also I am
afraid I took a flyer at
something I should have
not, but you can
change it.) I then
went by Schwartz's
toy store to have a good
excuse to think of Gordon
and Francis. Well I went

lonely when I think
of you. I met Mr. Earl
Gwin, Mr. Hauger,
and Mr. Blakemoore
on the train and
we talked, dined,
and played "500" all
the way to New York.
We even had supper
together at Brown's
Chop House on Broadway,
and went to the Hippodrome
afterwards. I slept late
as usual this morn-
ing, and after break-
fasting alone at the