

Washington, D. C. Oct., 3rd, 1916.

Professor W. B. Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.,

Dear Professor:

In my last letter to you I said that I would write you in regard to having Electric lights put in the house, after I had written also to my mother about the same. Now she has been kind enough to get Mr. Harris to look into the matter and have had two companies, namely: Lou. Electric Co. and Harry Wood Co., send me their contracts for the work, but after submitting the contracts to an Expert Electrician out here, and having him to explain to me some little points which neither of these companies have mentioned in their contracts, I thought I would mention this to you to let you know why no action has been taken as yet in regard to same.

My mother also suggested in her letter that if these contracts were not satisfactory, it would be best to wait until I came home, which will be about the last of this month, and if you can possibly wait until this time, I would consider it a favor. As the matter stands now, it seems that it will take several weeks before I can get any definite and satisfactory understanding from these companies, so I shall wait to hear from you again.

Trusting this letter may find you and your family in the best of health and with highest regards, I remain,

Very respectfully, J. B. Davis.

Washington, D.C. 8/8/16

Mrs. O. B. Matthews
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Matthews

Please accept my
thanks for check, \$28.⁰⁰

I enclose herein receipt.
I trust this may find
you all well.

Very respectfully
J. B. Davis

No. 57

Washington, D.C., 8/8/1916

Received from Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Twenty-eight " Dollars

Rept. from July 5 to Aug. 5 - 1916,

\$ 28.⁰⁰/_"

J. W. Davis,

Washington, D.C., 1/8/17

Dear Professor:

I wish to thank you for
your letter containing check
for rent, and enclosed herein
you will find receipt for same.

I was sorry indeed to hear
of your illness, but I sincerely
hope by the time you receive
this letter, you will be right again.
Louisville is a great place for
the Grippe and when it gets

to hold on you there, it
is hard to get rid of.

I also wish to thank
Mr. Matthew for mailing
the letter to me. Hope
the rest of your family are
well, also. Trust you will
have a prosperous year
in your work. With re-
gards, I am,

Very respectfully,

John B. Davis,

No. 62

Washington, D.C., 1/8/1917

Received from Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Twenty-eight " " " " Dollars
Rent, from Dec. 5-1916 to Jan'y. 5-1917,

\$ 28.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

John P. Davis,

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Prof. W. B. Matthews,
1720 West Chestnut St.
Louisville
Ky.

Washington, D. C. July 16th, 1917.

Professor W. B. Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.,

Dear Professor:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of the 12th inst., in which you enclosed check for rent to July 5th, 1917, and you will find enclosed herein a receipt for same.

I know that you are glad to be back in your native State once more, whether on business or otherwise-- it always makes a fellow feel good to be home once more, and I trust that you are having great success in attending to the affairs of the Knights of Pythians. I hope this letter may find you all well as it leaves us out here and that you are enjoying these hot days.

I have not as yet been able to secure the briefs in the Louisville Segregation case. The case, of course, has not been decided as yet, but I shall still try to get a copy of same, if it is possible for me to do so.

With kindest regards to all, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

John B. Davis

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Wilmington, C., 7/16/1917



Received from Prof. B. Matthews
Twenty-eight " " " " Dollars

Recd. from June 5th to July 5th 1917

\$ 28.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

John B. Davis

July 16, 1919
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Prof W. B. Matthews,
No. 1720 West Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.

Washington, D. C. June 18thm 1917.

Professor W. B. Matthews,

Louisville, Ky.,

Dear Professor:

Please accept my thanks for your letter and the check enclosed . I know you must have been quite busy preparing for your closing exercises, and now since they are all over, you will have a chance to get a little rest I hope. Your check came in plenty of time and I never worry about the same in the least.

I was sorry to hear that Mrs. Matthews is not feeling so well but I hope by this time she has fully recovered. Kindly give her my regards also your mother-in-law.

Glad to hear your garden is getting along so nicely and that you received the seed O. K. I had wondered if my people had forgotten to give them to you. I know you all will get fat this summer off of nice fresh vegetables. I do not know how the prices of food is in Louisville, but it is simply awful out here, and it keeps getting worse all the time.

Quite a number of our prominent colored men here have taken the officer's examination for the army and have left for Des Moines, Iowa, I suppose you are thinking of going also to fight for the land of the free and the home of the brave, if so, you are welcomed to my share of it.

I know the Commencement must have been a grand success so I congratulate you on same and hope you will live to enjoy many successful years of school life in Louisville as head of our schools.

Excuse my typerwriting.

Very respectfully,

John B. Davis,

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Prof. W. B. Matthews,

No. 1720 W. Chestnut St.,

Louisville, Ky.

Washington, D. C. May 22nd 1918.

Dear Professor:

Permit me to thank you for your kind favor of the 9th inst., enclosing check and also to apologize for having waited so long to answer same. I am glad that you realize that during these busy times one is forced to make excuses for not writing so very promptly. I have been constantly on the go and really need a good rest, but there is hardly any way to take it at present. .

I sincerely trust this may find you, Mrs. Matthews and your mother well and happy--kindly give them my highest regards. We are moving along slowly but surely out here, and of course we know nothing but war talk, consequently there is but very little news otherwise. The weather now is extremely hot and I guess we will burn up before the summer is over.

Thanking you again for your kindness, I remain,

Very respectfully,

John B. Davis.

Enclosure: Receipt.

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Washington D.C. May 21 1918.

Received from Prof. W. B. Matthews
Twenty-eight _____ Dollars

Rent from April 5-1918 to May 5-1918.

\$ 28.⁰⁰/₁₁

John B. Davis

Washington, D. C. August 12th, 1918.

Professor W. B. Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.,

Dear Professor:

Your kind letter of August 8th has been received, also the check enclosed, for which please accept my thanks and find enclosed herewith your receipt for the same.

The weather has been dreadfully hot here for the past week or so, and it is almost unbearable to stay in my room, and I presume you all are having the same thing in Louisville. I had thought after that long and hard winter we had last that I would never complain of hot weather again, but it seems that we are never satisfied with anything.

This war, it seems, has turned everything up-side-down and there seems to be a spirit of unrest everywhere. Washington hardly looks the same with so many of the young men having gone to war, and there is no telling who will be called before it is all over. I am in hopes, however, that the draft will not go as high as forty-five years for active service, although I would not be at all surprised if the age limit should be raised to that, that we old fellows would be put to doing some kind of hard war work--I think that is the real object of the authorities wanting to raise the age limit to forty-five.

We are anxiously waiting to find out what they are going to do when Congress meets on the 24th of this month.

From all accounts in the newspapers, it seems that we are cleaning up for the Huns, and it will not be long now, if things keep up this way, before it will all be over, and then what a glorious thing that will be.

I suppose you are now getting a little rest up after such a strenuous years' work and by Sept., you will be all right again. Give my kindest regards to all of your people,- I hope they are all well. I guess your War-garden is doing nicely. Food and coal seem to be as high as usual, but I guess you have already gotten in your winter coal.

I was very sorry indeed to learn from your letter that my mother has not been able to secure the services of a Carpenter to look after the repairs you speak about, but she wrote me in her last letter that she was trying to do the very best she could to get one. Of course you realize yourself how hard it is to get people to do any kind of work for you now adays, therefore, I hope you will bear with us until we can do better. I shall certainly mention the matter to her when I write in my letter of this week.

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Thanking you again for your kind letter and check,
and assuring you that we shall do our very best to please
you at the earliest possible date, and with best wishes to
all, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully,

John B. Davis.

P. S. Dear Professor!

I have changed my address now, and I
thought I wrote and told you so in my last letter. I am
not at No. 1832 14th St. N. W. any more, so you will please
address me as follows: "John B. Davis, Internal Revenue,
Income Tax Bureau, Stenographic Division, Convention Hall,
Washington, D. C."

Aug. 12
1918

Professor W. B. Matthews,

No. 1720 W. Chestnut St.

Louisville, Ky.

Mary Lewis. To name

Mr. L. D. Crocker

2130 La. payrouse St

New Orleans

Received for cash.

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Washington, D.C. Aug 11 1918

Received from Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Twenty-eight _____ Dollars

House-rent, from July 5 to Aug 5-1918.

\$ 28.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

John B. Davis