

Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College of Texas.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT.

F. H. HOLMES.  
SUPERINTENDENT AND PROF. OF DRAWING.

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS. May 6, 1905.

My dear Bill,

Your letter a few days ago was received.

I am glad that you feel a certainty of holding your place for another year. I can not say what will likely be done here this year. Everything is topsy turvy - so anything can be expected. Individually I am alright and my work is up, but the school as a whole is at a very low ebb, therefore we are led to believe that the Board will infuse new blood into the whole school. President B. F. Allen thinks that there will be a vacancy at his school and requested me to apply. There is also a likely hood of a place in the manual training school for Negroes in Kansas City, Kan. I have papers to file there. R. L. Smith wants me at his school as soon as he can assure me a good salary. A friend requested me to come and hang out my shingle in the Ind. Ter. as a builder believes I can build myself strong in every way. There seems to be sufficient openings for me.

It makes me feel sad not to be able to grant  
your request, but I am shorter for money  
now than I have ever been since in the state.  
I have had a heavy drain for three years.  
My bank here allows me to overdraw  
sometimes \$100.00 Borrow the money where  
you can best and should I remain here shall  
be able to help you out in the Fall.

We are well and glad to know that you and  
yours are well. Our School will close  
on the 29 inst at night. Money is short  
and every thing must be closed up as early as  
possible. Hempstead has always been a tough  
place - it is called "six shooter junction."

I am yours as ever

Pigs.

E. H. HOLMES  
EXECUTOR WILL OF N. DAVENPORT,  
DECEASED

CUTHBERT, GA., Sept. 19 - 1912.

Dear "Bill,"

Your letter received last Sunday morning. I was surprised at yet glad to hear from you. Did not know what to say and could <sup>not</sup> think the cause of you not writing. All have been made clear wh now.

I pray that you will succeed and believe you will. It was a sad day when I read your letter and found that you were out of the State. Do you know Bill that it is my great desire that should I die first you would come and see that my affairs righted for my family and here we are again separated by hundreds of miles.

Let us keep in close touch with each other. Have you any of the old teachers in the school? I don't care to go to Atlanta now.

I received my Dimeit several days ago from my lodge in Texas and shall join the craft here. We are well and hope you and family are enjoying good health and comfort in ~~the~~ your new home. My wife and boy join me in best wishes to you and family. Yours as ever. "Lige"



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CUTHBERT, GA. Oct. 24, 1912.

My dear Bill :-

Your letter a few days ago received, and right glad I was to hear from you. We were glad too to see the account of your reception into the city. I am sure that you will make good the opportunities that may present themselves there. Do you have much class work and what are they? It is thought that we had a light frost for the first time this morning, you probably have had your ice.

Jack Styles has gone into the grocery business. His application for principal of City School in his town failed and caused his wife to lose her position in the school. Politics is the greatest foe he has there. I hope it will not be necessary for you to enter that life to hold the place.

I shall write your family this week - I hope that they are well. It is my duty to come to you anytime <sup>I am</sup> notified ~~you~~. We must keep in close touch with each other at all times.

My little boy has been sick, but he is better now. We are doing nicely and pray that you will be successful in your field of labor.  
As ever yours "Lige"

199 Duwin St., Atlanta, Ga., 5/9/13.  
Prof. W. B. Matthews,  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Brother:

Your letter of Apr. 22nd has been received, and I was glad as well as surprised to hear from you at this late date. Mrs. Hanes and I are glad that you and family are well, and that your work is progressing.

Mrs. Hanes is not so well and has been complaining for a long time.

Yes our Assembly meets here on the 15th, and I am to arrange the exhibits for the S. S. and Young Peoples Departments. So you see that I am or will be real busy.

I had arranged to take Mr. Allen, but I learn that one of his ex-members had already asked for him. However, I shall endeavor to give him a good time.

Our lodge is moving along smoothly, and new men are being added to the craft from time to time.

Mrs. Hanes and I send best wishes to

each of you.

I am,

Fraternally yours,

E. C. Hames.



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CUTHBERT, GA. July 3, 1913.

My dear Bill:-

Your postal card received. We are up in arms down here. Hope you are well and that every thing is working nicely. I wrote you a letter of inquiry thinking that you were in Bainbridge - that is things were not working as you had hope. I do not know when we will get over that stay of yours at the depot 1:20 minutes and there we were five blocks away looking for you. You should have come on to the house regardless of the writing.

How are your family when you heard from them? I was uneasy about you during the hot days last week. Did you go to see Hunt?

Hope you will meet my old teacher Prof. John McIntosh, while you are in Savannah. You say you go to Brunswick next week and from there to Atlanta. How long will you stay in Atlanta?

We are well, write us often.

As ever yours,

"Lige"

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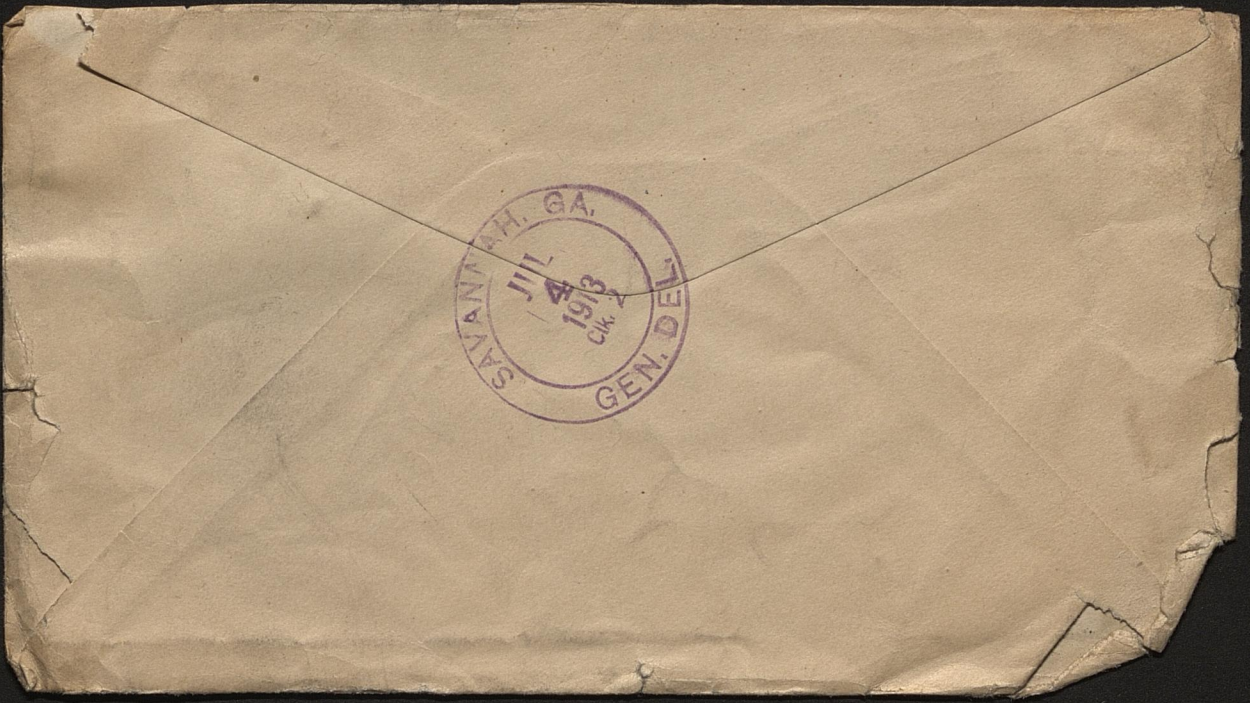
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Prof. W. B. Matthews,

Savannah, Ga.

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CUTHBERT, GA. July 9, 1913.

Prof. W. B. Matthews.

Brunswick, Ga.

My dear "Bill!"-

Your letter from Savannah reached me in due time. The explanation as to the time you spent in Cuthbert is alright. We appreciate the fact that the shortness of time did not allow you to come home. Every thing is cleared up now, and wish that you could come through here on your way home - you can not. Will you attend the Trustees' meeting in Boston this or next month?

I am glad you met Prof. McIntosh. His wife <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ my first teacher. You said that you are in the hands of your friends for re-election Hope that they will prove true in what ever they undertake to do for you, That will bring you back to Georgia next Summer - I am selfish.

We had a letter from Mrs. Matthews which we enjoyed very much. By-the-way she is looking along way ahead, she offered me a position with you as Manual Training Teacher a few years to come. Such is the thought of a true and faithful wife as you and I are blessed with.

I shall write you in Atlanta. Good-bye. We are well. Sorry to learn that dear little Louise was not doing so well.

My wife and boy join me in love to you.

As ever yours,

"Lige"

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Cuthbert, Ga. June 15, 1915.

My dear "Bill!"

Your letter and also Louise Invitation came to hand and right glad we were to hear from you. We are certainly proud of the success little Louise has made. Wish conditions were such that one of us could come to witness the exercises. I am glad glad of your continued success. Well, we will talk the matter over when <sup>you</sup> come on the 28th of this month. Louise's present will be saved over until you shall come. Please convey the message to her and her mother.

The drought has been on us for quite awhile. Harry is 12 years old passed, tall for his age. He was promoted and stood 3rd in his class. He has begun reading the library books and papers and he likes to tell in detail what he has read.

Wm. Driskell paid me a visit two weeks ago and I found out that the Administration of the Odd Fellows is fighting Jack Styles and wanted him <sup>Driskell</sup> to join in the scramble,. He said that he told them it was too early. We moving on as best we can under the low pressure of the cotton market.

We all send love to you and family.

As ever yours,

"Lige"

Cuthbert, Ga. June 8, '16.

My dear Bill:-

Your letters and telegram are sources of much consolation to me and Harry. We know that you are quite busy with your many duties, yet we hope that you will steal a moment now and then and write us. There are no others to write us such letters as you do. My boy and I are getting on fairly well. We have succeeded in getting a nice family without children to live in the home. Your hands are certainly full this year.

Little Louise is home now enjoying her necessary rest and her presence is of so much help to the mother. When you come we shall talk matters over with you.

My wife had planned a big chicken pie for your June coming, Harry and I shall endeavor to carry it out. Hope Mrs. Matthews and daughter are doing well.

Our best wishes for your continued success. Remember us to your family.

As ever yours,

"Fige"

June 8, 1916

Prof. W. B. Matthews,

-1720 W. Chestnut St.

: Louisville, Ky.

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Cuthbert, Ga. July 20, 1916.

My dear Bill:-

Atlanta, Ga.

I regret very much that we could not make it into Albany during the Pythian Annual meeting. Yet I wanted to see you very much. I need about one hours talk with you. We are well and hope that you are and also your family when you heard from them.

I find it very necessary to put Harry in A. U. next year. Should I not be able to get him there I shall have to try some other school. I want him to go there, though he may be compelled to enter the Oglethrope School. His mother entered A.U. when she was 12 years old and her father live)to regret that he did not begin his son there at an early age. He must change his companionship and it is up to me to have him make the change.

And too, I wish him to be where he can get superior training the remainder of his school life. From my point of view it would be injurious to him to keep him in Cuthbert longer - especially I being away from home most of the time. Mr. W.H.King advised that I send him the Morehouse College preparatory to A. U. I rather not do so.

I shall write President Ware this week about the matter.

Give our best regards to your family.

As ever yours,

"Dige"

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Cuthbert, Ga. July 20, 1916.

My dear Bill,

The Ordinary here requested me to ask each one of my intended bondsmen to send me a statement from the City Clerk or Ordinary showing the financial standing of the bondsman.

Please look after this at once. That would save further investigation here.

I am yours  
E. H. Holmes



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Cuthbert, Ga.

August 8, 1916.

My dear Bill:-

Ere this you are home making preparation for the opening of your school. Especially, so since you are going into a new building. We are well and hope that you and yours are well.

I gave a notes in March for my Municipal tax and on account of sickness and death I have not been able to take them up. Is it convenient for you to let me have one hundred dollars for a few month to take up these notes? The notes are for taxes and can be transferred to you direct save the making of other papers. Notes to be paid on the 26 inst. Let me hear from you at once.

The Ordinary decided after much ~~xxx~~ delay to accept bondsman from this county. I have made bonds. I thank you all for the willingness to help me.

Our best wishes for your years success.

I am as ever yours

E. H. Holmes

Monday night,  
Oct. 16. 1916.

My dear Bill:-

I am busy but will take time to write you a few lines. Hope you and family are well. I saw dear little Louise when she came up from the train that night at the Terminal in Atlanta. After I made known myself to her and she expressing herself how glad she was to see me, then she ask me did I not think she was a large girl. I am very anxious for her success in school and life. Well, Harry is in the Oglethorpe School Sixth Grade - the same he was promoted to here. Mr. and Mrs. Allen selected a very nice home for him to board - he pays \$10.00 per month. We met many of our old friends and Harry was greatly delighted. Say, I had Dr. R. Carey of Macon to remove the Adenoids in September and he said that Harry will do much better in his studies now. Richard has a lovely family. Harry and I had a nice time. Dr. Thos. H. Slater will look after his health while he is in Atlanta. Harry is boarding with Mrs. Hattie Bell 224 Bedwith St.

I would be glad if you would drop him a line sometime. He would enjoy it I am sure. When I go up there I shall call on Louise.. You have a fine girl old boy. My life has been somewhat nomadic during the past five months. Harry and I had a time planning and fixing to get him off to School. He wrote me to day that he is as happy as a lark. He has been and is quite Confidential with his papa. We talked about a housekeeper and he expressed himself freely of getting one. I sought one of his teachers whom he once loved dearly. ~~Harry like her yet and Bill I am engaged to be married soon.~~ She is a good woman about 36 years old - bears an enviable reputation every where she has worked, in schools. She is a good scholar, graduated from Spelman for teaching. Write me at once what you think about it. I want to hear from Mrs. Matthews on it yet I owe her a letter. Harry has written her and they carry on a regular Correspondence now. Pate, Richard and others who are nearby expressed themselves that I should not try to wait too long and thereby loose. Richard thinks I am too good a man to run the risk.

I am going to send you one of her photos. Americas is her home, One sister younger who is married and a brother who is in the Navy. She worked with Hunt at one time but she and Mrs. Hunt could not agree and she resigned. For ~~two~~ years she has been working under the Jeanes Fund in Sumter County in connection with the Americas Institute. My wife told me on more than one occasion that I would be the longest liver and that I ought to marry with out much delay. She says that's Miss A. B. Irwin that she will love Harry as she would one of her own. Let me hear from you at once on this matter. I have been away from home about two weeks. Things look desolate on my return. I have a collector for those who pay by the week. So I hope when you come next June you will be made to feel at home by her the new Mrs. Holmes. We shall have a quiet wedding.

Shall write you and yours when it will  
take place. I am going to see her about  
Thursday.

How is your work this year?  
Did you find the desired teacher for  
the shops? You have added duties  
no doubt. So many people are  
leaving this section for the North,  
the whites are alarmed, want to  
prohibit the emigration but now law  
under the Constitution of the U.S., to  
back <sup>them</sup> You have read about the trouble  
in our County, I was in Richland  
and Harry was in Dawson spending  
a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Styles.  
My love to you and yours  
As ever  
"Lige"

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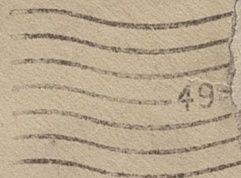
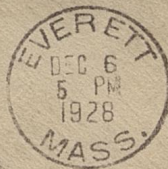
My dear Mr. Matthews:

Your letter to <sup>my</sup>wife a few days ago was received.  
We were very glad to hear from you and especially that you and  
family were well. I had been discharged from the Hospital ~~the~~  
on the 19th of November. That made the second time I was in  
the Hospital to be operated on. The operations were painful  
but not serious. I suffered much before and between the operations  
I am gaining strength slowly. My wounds are kept open for  
complete drainage, Sitz bath is taken twice each day in order  
to keep up the drainage. I can sit down with some degree of  
ease and comfort. Hope to pull through all right.

We appreciate and thank you for the Money Order. My family  
is well and joins me with best <sup>wishes</sup> for you and yours.

As ever yours,

"Lige"



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