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Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 1914.

My dear Louise:

You know I was glad to receive your letter so I will not tell you so.

My room-mate has come and as you say is on Nannies order but not as classy. You remember what I said about hair springing back and putting my eye out. Well it's not quite that bad. She is awfully quite. Well this is enough about her.

Be sure and write me if Nellie goes back to Normal or not and tell me why she quit. Did Anna Mae H. go back to C. H. S. What are Leathia<sup>Ed</sup> and Lucile doing to make Louisville and them

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selfes famous now? Eloise is home from Washington and asked me to remember her to you when I wrote. She is fat isn't she? I never pictured her as being fat.

When you see Miss White tell her that Anita and I are real good friends. I have been out into the busy part of Atlanta twice. We went to the auditorium Sunday to hear some great singers but the place was so crowded we couldn't get in so we went sight seeing. We went into the Congregational church. It is very pretty indeed. I also saw the State Capitol Bldg. We went all thru the Business district. I must admit that

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Atlanta is a deal larger than I thought. I saw the Terminal Station also. Wednesday I went shopping.

The work that I am doing at the present isn't hard at all. I sew but when it is all done I wonder what I will do then.

Night of Oct 10th.

I began your letter last night but it was too late to finish it so I will try finish it tonight. Well here goes the description of the various persons whom you asked about. Jennie Goodgame is from Birmingham. She is light, not quite as light as I, has real pretty gray eyes and brown hair not any too good. She is about my height or a little

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taller. Anita Reid is a tall yellow girl just five days older than I. She has light brown hair which when ~~platted~~ platted reaches to her waist. She is nice looking and very sweet but exceedingly slim. I have already told you what Lucile Mack looks like. Willie Williams is nothing extra so I shall not take time to describe her. She is from Savannah.

I am also very friendly with Carrie Herndon, Mr. Herndon's niece.

Yes I have met Aeolian and think she is very very nice looking. She has such beautiful eyes. Know both of the Harrison's and like

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them very much. Have met Clara Kellogg and think she is so cute. The Mary heard of whom you spoke did not come back this year. Have met Eleanor Jeffersons and also like her. I have met the Gasetts too but am not as intimate with them as I am with the rest.

Jessie Murphy and I are in the same German class also Mae M. I like them too, especially Mae. Eloise is home from Wash. I was talking to her the other day in the hall and (~~she asked to be re-~~<sup>she is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time I've said</sup> ~~remembered to you~~) <sup>this</sup> she was

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talking to her little beau James Henry. I told her I was going to tell you and she told me I had better not.

I wore a white dress to the social. Miss Rietman inspected the dressed before we went and condemned all silks, satins, chiffons, fine laces and colors. What do you know about that? I am trying to answer your letter exactly so if it sounds foolish it's your fault. I have met Dorothy Hunt but not Adele. I know Adele when I see her tho. I think from a back view Adele looks

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a great deal like you. Nettie Rucker also looks something like you from the back. Her hair is, <sup>not</sup> quite as good tho.

Louise you got me in trouble unintentionally. You told me to lock my door the next time I wrote. Well I did and Miss Rietman came ~~and~~ just now and told me not to lock it. She had told me that once before too. now look what you "went and did". Oh well I shall be, anyhow.

This afternoon at three o'clock one of the new teachers (who does not know all the rules in fact she must not know

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any of them) took us over to Spellman. After we had stayed there for a while we then walked over past More house and as you probably know there is a little ice cream parlor across from Morehouse. We all went in (altho the place was filled with Morehouse fellows and no one else) and ate ice cream and drank sodas ~~and~~ plenty. That was the first cream I had since I left home. She let us talk to the boys in there and on the outside there was another bunch and



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she let us talk to them too.  
The girls are just crazy about  
going out with her.

My dear little girl you  
must excuse this writing  
as I am too sleepy to do better.  
Give my love to all your  
folks and mine too per-  
chance you see any of them.

Write soon and all  
that I haven't told you about  
A. U. in this letter, <sup>(book I mean)</sup> I shall  
endeavor to tell next time.  
I am as ever

your friend

Willie

- Moore

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY  
ATLANTA, GA.

sent 9/1/14

Miss F. Louise Matthews  
1720 W. Chestnut St  
Louisville Ky.

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Oct 20-1914

My dear Louise:

I received your letter yesterday and am answering it today so see if you can't do like wish. I enjoyed reading your letter so much.

I am certainly sorry to know that you are being troubled with your eyes and hope it will not cause you to loose any time at school.

I sit at Miss Clemer's table.

The others that sit at the same table are as follows: Gladys Smith, Rosalind Perkins, Richard Mack (my room-mate's brother) Lucile Mack, Mattie Daniels, Sylvia Williams, a Mr. Parks, a Mr. Stony and a Miss Robinson.

Yes I know L. Giles, C. Sheehy

and Gladys Smith. Carrie Herndon rooms with Gladys.

I know you look good in your suit. Next thing I know you'll have a — Oh well I won't say it because I don't believe it.

My room-mate was making candy over the lamp the other night. Miss Pietman smelt it and now she is under discipline. It was certainly a narrow escape for me because I was going to help just as soon as I finished a letter I was writing to Gladys.

I wore the white dress with the embroidery in the waist and the bottom to the social. I can't wear my graduating dress, my blue messaline or anything that they consider elaborate. Isn't that disgusting? I am going out into the city

some day soon tho. I think I shall take one of them along.

I don't know much news about your little friends because I am mostly with the older girls. A little piece of gossip is as follows:

Adele Hunt wrote Norris Herndon a love letter with a whole lot of mess in it and he didn't answer it. All of Dorothy's friends keep after Norris about not answering Adele's letter. They seem to want to put some thing he doesn't want on him. He goes with a little girl in the city named Jack Wood. Do you know her? Don't say anything about this when you write to any of your friends.

When you write tell me a whole lot of Louisville news. Elmer has the "news" sent to me but

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you know how much news it contains.

My program runs thus.

|   | Mon.  | Tues. | Wed   | Thurs | Fri   |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | —     | —     | —     | Ch.   | —     |
| 2 | —     | Lab   | —     | —     | Greek |
| 3 | —     | Lab.  | Phyp  | —     | Phyp. |
| 4 | Phyp. | Lab.  | Phyp  | —     | Phyp. |
| 5 | Eng   | Eng   | —     | Eng   | Eng   |
| 6 | Gen   | Gen   | Gen   | Gen.  | Lab.  |
| 7 | Greek | Greek | Greek | Greek | Lab.  |

I haven't got rid of that old Physics yet. Mr. Webster is my teacher and he is a bear. Goodness nows if I will every get rid of it. When I am called on in it I always recite but there are so many in the class I never get called on often. There are 49. I will write more next time I must get to work now. Give my love to your folks. Love Willie

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Nov. 3, 1914

My dear Louise:

I know you expected to hear from me before now but I have just not had time to write. I won't apologize but will tell you right off what little I know.

The head cook here is named Mrs. Marion and says she was a very dear friend to Mrs. Phillips. She asked if I knew you all and when I told her yes she asked to be remembered to you all. That was quite a while ago but I am just now thinking of it.

I saw a very good picture of Sadie Small today. She is certainly pretty. It beats the one you have a mile.

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developed yet.

Now to begin answering  
your numerous questions.

Yes, Miss Clemmer still.  
wears a great deal of blue  
and is as meddlesome and  
inquisitive as they are made.

Miss Johnson is my German  
teacher. Mr. Fourns my Eng.  
teacher. I know Miss Gaines  
but I do not see her often be-  
cause I only go in Room 6  
where I go to the book store.

I am glad Beulah likes  
Fisk now I wonder how  
Fisk likes her. Ha! Ha!

Anna Dart is in my class.  
I don't know who rooms with  
Aeolian because she lives  
at Furber Cottage.  
Rhetoricals will be held



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She did not return to Clark.  
She is still in Milwaukee.

Herman Grant showed me the picture. He is the boy on the picture with Tol. Do you remember how good looking & that he was?

I received a letter from Ethel King last week but have not answered it yet. Before I opened it I was just sure it was from Orena. I wish it had been.

Mr. Webster entertained the Freshman class at his house Friday night. We all had a real nice time. As none of the dress committee was to be there I took advantage of the opportunity and wore my graduation dress.

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Friday night but I don't know  
who is to participate.

Florence Gasset is not at  
A. U. this year. No Leafy's  
brother is not back. I  
know some Morehouse fellows  
but not many.

"ch" on my program merely  
stands for ~~chorus~~  
Chorus. I don't or rather  
can't take Chemistry on  
account of the old physics.  
I only have it three times  
a week or I could get rid  
of it sooner. But even if  
I do, I can't take Chemistry  
because I will have to  
continue taking Physics  
lab. work because I have  
never had any of the  
kind. And you see I

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Saturday Morehouse played  
Yalladege and beat 19-0. I  
went but the game was not  
what any of us expected.

Saturday night we had our  
Hallowe'en social. It cost  
fifteen cents admission.  
but I think I got my fifteen  
cents worth of pleasure.

After church Sunday a bunch  
of us had some snap shots  
taken. I can hear you now  
asking who they all were.

Well they were Essie Geter,  
Cleopatra Love (from Fisk), Anita  
Aid, Lucile Walker, Beulah,  
Ables, Aeolian, Malinda Jones,  
Alice Greenwood and myself.

We had some terrible  
poses too. They haven't been

6 P.S. Give my love to all  
your people.

won't have time for both of  
the Lab. works.

When you write please  
have your people to say  
something about Mrs. Madison  
so that I can tell her.

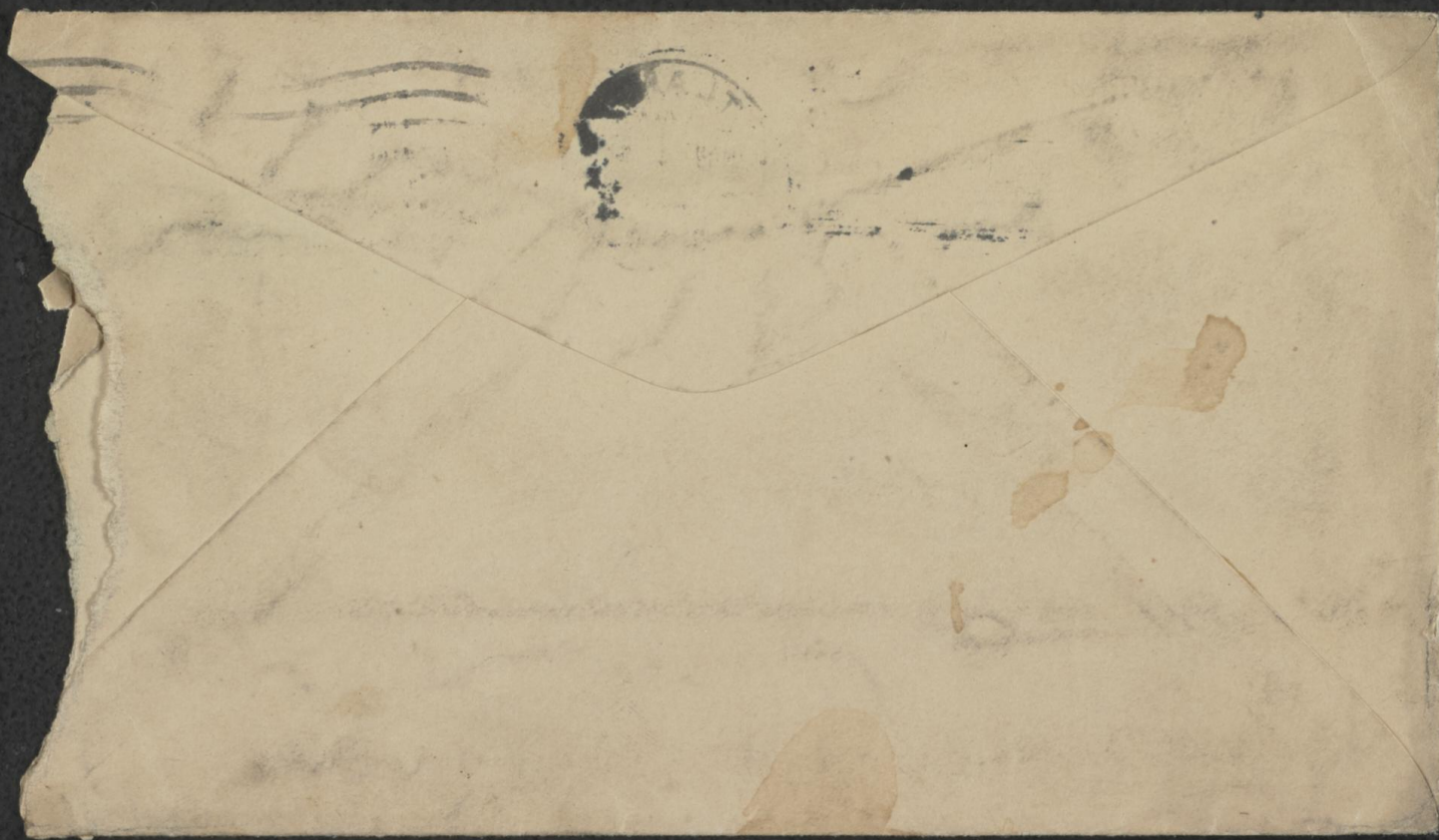
I wish you would send me  
a good picture of yourself.  
I received a letter from  
Nannie yesterday. She said  
that they had a fire in  
Mines Hall. She lost her  
traveling bag <sup>and</sup> a pair of  
satin slippers. She also  
fainted <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ five doctors  
were necessary to ~~revive~~  
~~revive~~ revive her.

Please excuse all these  
scratches ~~to~~ ~~for~~ because I  
am really too sleepy to write.  
Write real soon <sup>and</sup> tell me  
all the news.  
I remain lovingly yours Willie

*Mose,*  
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY  
ATLANTA, GA.

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1914

Miss F. Louise Matthews,  
1720 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.



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Nov. 29, 1914.

My dear Louise:

I know you have expected a letter long before now but I won't offer any excuse for not writing sooner because there is no real good one I could offer.

Dorothy and Adele Hunt began boarding in yesterday. Norris Herndon also began boarding in this week. His mother and father have gone to Florida.

What kind of a time did you have Thanksgiving? Did you go to the C. H. S. game? We only had Thursday for a holiday but I had a real nice time and also a nice dinner altho we didn't have turkey. We had chicken instead.

Wednesday night ~~nine~~ nine girls obtained permission to have a spread. The nine girls were, Cleopatra Love, Lucile Walker, Eleanor Jefferson

ley also.

Orena is at Spelman but I have not seen her yet. She wrote me a letter before the Morehouse - Tuskegee game, asking me to come but you know the Matron or some body over there has to read all the mail before it goes out, so the consequence was I got the letter ~~about~~ about six days later than it was intended to reach me.

It is strange that Frances didn't invite you to her party but "you should worry." Yes, I know Dave Walker. He used to come around home to see Odie Lee. He isn't worth two rows of pins. He used to like Nannie and she used to like him but Christine and Albert would not let them go together.

Bob sent me the snap shot of your papa, mama, and Mrs. Whedbee; It does fairly well only the sun is shining too much too much on your papa's head. I sent it back to him.

Louise, will you please tell



Essie Geter, Mattie Daniels, Gladys Smith, Carrie Herndon, Anita Ried and me. We certainly had a good time. We had a gallon of ice cream and a pitcher of punch beside the main part of the spread.

Thursday, of course was Thanksgiving and A. V. played Morehouse and was beaten 14-6. Thursday night we had a social.

Friday we beat it back to school, oh yes in the meantime Mike, (as they call Dr. Adams.) was on his honeymoon. He married Wednesday night. Friday night Miss Helen E. Hagen, the first colored woman to graduate from the Yale School of Music gave a recital at Morehouse. I went and enjoyed her playing so much. She has also taken two years of music in Paris and was there when the war broke out. I met her. She know Roy Tibbs and Charles Wes-

what you heard about Grant and me  
and who is telling you?

Miss Gladys Phillips was out to  
the University last Saturday and  
met me. She wants me to get per-  
mission to go out ~~to the~~ to her house.

Did I tell you that Henry Arthur  
Kean came to see me as he was on  
his way from Tuskegee to Fisk? Well  
he did and called from 3:30 - 7:30.  
He also took supper with me. Some  
class eh?

Please excuse these blots <sup>and scratches</sup>  
because the pen is almost rusty.  
I will close and get ready for  
church. I wish I did not have  
to go. It is so rainy and bad out  
of doors. Has it snowed there yet?  
Give my love to all of your family.

Answer soon.

Loveingly

Willie

Morse,  
Atlanta, Univ.,  
Atlanta, Ga.



Nov. 29,  
1914

Miss F. Louise Matthews,  
1720 W. Chestnut St  
Louisville, Ky.

Atlanta Univ.,  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
Jan. 31, 1917.

Dear Louise:

I received your letter last Monday and am sorry that I didn't answer sooner so that I would receive another one from you tomorrow.

I don't sit at Miss Clemmer's table any more. I sit at Mr. Dominis' table. Mr. and Mrs. Webster are there at dinner.

Today Mr. Webster told me he wrote your father a letter and said he forgot to mention me. I don't know whether he was joking or not.

Did you know that we have a new matron. Her name is Miss Maxwell. She used to be dining-room matron at Falladea. Miss Rietman

Tell him for me that I said that I was real busy and will answer soon.

I met Ethlyne Bibb Saturday. I had just finished cleaning up my room and looked like the "deuce".

There is some girl and her mother visiting them this winter. They are from Chicago.

I received a letter from Gladys and in it she was telling me that Nathalie Parks, another one of Nellie's sister had the tuberculosis.

Who did Lillian Sleet's marry? It wasn't Clarence Langston was it?

I am real sleepy now so will close. Give my love to your mama, papa and grandma.

As ever your friend,  
See page ~~four~~ five. Willie.

had to leave on account of the illness of her sister who lives in Oregon. Miss Rietman left Friday night. The girls gave her a real nice thermos bottle. She seemed to hate to leave real badly. The new matron looks a great deal like and also ~~also~~ acts a great deal like Miss Clara Emerson.

There was a debate Friday night. There were three prizes the first prize of twelve dollars was one by a senior prep. His name was Leo Hansberry. Dibble a senior whom you probably know one the second, which was eight dollars and John Whittaker, another senior the third which was five dollars.

Whitlock Poole's sister, Emma Jean who was at Howard

Before sealing your letter some-  
body came in and said that  
the Poole girl is not dead but  
is very sick with the tuberculosis  
so I don't know which is correct.

Yours again,  
Willie.

died at Howard with the tuberculosis so I hear the girls say.

Bol called Wednesday and brought me a book to read. He was out here to an address given by a man <sup>(colored)</sup> from London England (this evening) I did not go to the address but saw him from my window.

G. W. C. A. gave a social last night. The music was furnished by the school orchestra and sounded real well.

It is too bad about Martina but that is the result of "late hours" when you are as delicate as she was.

I haven't answered the "Herris" letter yet. I know he has blessed me out but I really don't know enough to fill a page to him.



Jan 31, 1915

Miss F. Louise Matthews,  
1720 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

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Atlanta Univ.,  
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Kemper Harold have a fine baby girl.

Revival services were held at the Congregational Church. There were a great many converts and twenty-five joined <sup>the</sup> Church. Dean Imes directed the services.

There has been a course in Business-law given to Morehouse and A. U. It is a lecture course and is also open to outsiders who wish to pay



Atlanta, Ga.,  
Feb 12, 1915

My dear Louise: -

I received your letter Tuesday, not Monday as I had suspected to but enjoyed it nevertheless. It was indeed a young news paper.

Well, lets see, what have I to tell you? Of course we have had the February rhetorical. Mae

spoke and did very well as I hear. I did not go. Louvenia Cole was also on. Eloise played a funereal march. It was real pretty but they say it was so long it nearly put everyone to sleep.

I imagine Poole is really dead. Her funeral was the Tuesday the evening that I received your letter. Jesse Murphy and Walter White got excused from school to go.

I wrote Cooper six pages of "nothing". Did he tell you? I wonder if Nixon is going to marry any way soon?

In order to have some news to tell you I asked Albert Edwards to tell me some news so the following is what he told. Prof. Ed Mrs.

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two dollars. Sol is taking  
the course.

As for the couples which  
I know you will be glad to  
hear about, I will ~~know~~  
now tell you about them.  
But as it happens they  
are triplets instead of  
couples. Ruby White goes  
with two boys, Reba Hobbs  
and Lawrence Harper.  
Harper and Hobbs are  
such great rivals that  
they have acted like  
girls and stopped speak-

ing to each other.

Muriel Proctor goes with a boy named Johnny Raiford and Dewey Lane. These boys are also rivals but they have not yet reached the point where they act like the other to have. It is said that the Lane boys write her a great many silly letters tho. Muriel plays at the ~~League~~ League.

Edwards said for me to be sure and tell

you that Miss Swift  
looks better and gets  
about faster everyday <sup>and</sup>  
shows no signs whatever of  
croaking anyway soon.

Give my best regards  
to your whole family.

Alene Wade says you  
might write her a card.

Adele Hunt says Hello.

Excuse this paper's being  
torn in half because  
it is all I have and write  
so I can get a letter

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next week altho<sup>ugh</sup> it isn't  
Monday.

Please excuse this  
writing and all mis-  
takes because I am ter-  
ribly sleepy.

Yours as ever,  
Willie.

Feb. 14.

Dear Louise: I did not mail  
the letter so I will tell you one  
"something else". As you know  
this is St Valentine's day. Well  
the Freshman are going to have  
a Valentine Breakfast at nine.



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oclock this morning. I will tell  
you more about it in my  
next letter.

Bill.

his who was loathsome to write to me.  
I have not answered but probably  
shall some day.

I have not received the letter from Ellen  
yet. I am glad you warned me for when  
I receive that oder sea mail I would  
have otherwise have that it was from  
one certain Captain "Laloo".

Did Sheffield come back? ~~Whom~~ With  
whom do you pal now? What is Calverin  
doing at a teacher at a. u. Are Brown  
and Whittaker back. O yes, if Witt  
is back tell him to send me that  
copy of the Regio National Anthem  
card which I have paid him in af-  
fance. All of our scandalized people

Paine College,  
Augusta, Ga.  
Nov. 6, 1918.

My dear Louise:-

What shall I say  
first? I certainly wish I were  
here to talk over conditions  
with you but do not mistake  
me I do not mean I wish I were  
a student at a. u. under the present  
regime. Why everything just sounds  
awful. An Alden II or some-  
thing worse. Delivers me. What  
about "cuts" - do you have any?

Does Lieut. Joe Scott remember  
you? Suppose you had kissed  
him too. Get me?

What does Evelyn Daniels niece  
look like and from where is  
she? I imagine I have seen

her. A fairly nice looking and well dressed girl got on the train with me at Atlanta and got off at Covington and I imagined she ought to be kin to the Daniels. She had straight black hair and was a pretty color of brown. How does Evelyn look and who is she running down? Keep me posted. Now doesn't this remind you of Cleo and "the cow." There is so much I want to know - when you write I wish you would go into details. I read your letter like one who receives a long distance phone call. Before I had comprehended one thing I was grasping after the next.

Well, well, well so Ev did not go to Sargeant after all. How on Earth did she <sup>happen to</sup> come back? She hates A. U. so?

By the way do you military disciples have your mail censored? Have you seen Carrie H. - if you do see her tell her I shall write her soon. Also tell Miss Ware that I often think of the table and some of the occurrences connected with it. Tell her I shall write her soon. George Reeves is at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich. He had a friend of

Was one of the Bush boys killed  
in France as you know of -  
not Mallieu, - another one?

Be good and don't get re-  
stricted - I don't imagine  
it hard to get restricted now.

Lots of love,

Willie

P.S. If there are any mistakes in  
this letter excuse them. I would  
not read it over for anything.

are in school <sup>5</sup> and I am glad.

Was coming as it does afford  
us four days instead of two -  
you know we don't have school  
on Monday. Sometime I think  
I want to come back to see  
C.M. in it revived state. My  
present conception of it is a  
state of confusion.

Where is Cleo this year?

The place I have here is that of  
Miss Gwing who is there in George's  
place. From whom do you take  
church. With whom do you go?  
Whom are you liking? Who  
is liking you?

If Mrs. Pierson is back tell  
her I said Hello. Is Miss Edwards  
back. Where is Norris Kardon?

Now Louise, don't fail to ans-

was every question I have asked.

On account of the "Flu" Artoria and Katherine Williams have been and are "boarding in". Katherine <sup>she</sup> spells it's Kathren<sup>d</sup> is rooming with me and we have been having some time.

I shall now impersonate Cleo and describe my wardrobe. Child I have a new coat. I think it's very pretty. It is taupe velvet, with large Hudson seal collar and cuffs with deep pointed Hudson seal on the bottom. Has high waist effect in back plain at the top and gathered at the bottom, belt in front. That is the beginning and end of my current wardrobe. Of what does yours consist? A certain blue suit, purple dress and brown coat?

Dr. Stone's father died a few days ago of paralysis and the funeral is in Aiken S. C., this afternoon. I drove over to South Car. Sunday so now I have been in S. C.

I wouldn't mind if you would answer right away. Give Evelyn, Margaret and all to whom I ought to send regards my regards. Is Beatrice back?

Miss F. Louise Matthews,  
Atlanta University,  
Atlanta, Ga.

W. E. Mossee,  
Paine College,  
Augusta, Ga.

Paine College,  
Augusta, Ga.,  
Nov 18, 1918.

My dear Louise: —

It has been quite a while since I have written to my little girl. But I've been busy - if not with work, with pleasure. Louise, Augusta is certainly some little town. I just wish I were there so I could tell you about it. It would be much more effective than writing. Speaking of experience and having seen things in these few weeks which I have been here - well I really have. Remember how we used to talk about the people in Louisville - why the majority of them were virgins compared to these girls. They are all "super indiscreet" and promiscuous along with it. I asked Kathrene who were the good ones here and she said she and Nattie Bell were and I guess they are but take it from me my friend Kathrene is a



~~wang~~ 'whang.' She knew M<sup>rs</sup> Cathy in Washington this summer and they had some quite questionable sounding episodes. She goes with Ruffles and the way they carry on is terrible, terrible. They try to pull me around with them and they succeed a great many times because there is no way for me to get out. Louise if I only had you here what a comfort it would be I would not only have somebody to talk to but somebody to be with. Actually they are all so rotten that it is hard for them to believe that everybody else isn't like them. Well, enough for them and may I see you soon so I can tell you just oodles of "Aequata - New York" experience.

Say where is Toby? I received that letter from Charles. He's alright and having fits about Eve. That was Mary Washington to whom I referred.

Have you got your cuts yet? The quarantine has not been lifted yet. I wish

it would be for I wouldn't mind seeing  
the movies. Is Minnie Scott back? If so  
tell her Hells and get Rufus's address  
from her and send it to me.

Albert was in Friday night. He went to  
South Carolina in interest of the War Relief  
drive. I guess he is back now as he was to  
stay just two days.

Good bye write me soon and take  
good care of this letter. It might perchance  
fall in Lillian Henderson's hands and I  
would not like for her to know my opinion  
of her home town. She lives out in the  
country on what is called the hill and  
believe me it is some house, dining room,  
parlor, bedroom all in one.

It will be best for me to close because  
I am quite hypercritical tonight. Give  
Rufus my regards.

Lovingly,  
Willie.

Table joke: — Solve this. What compound is  
 $\text{Ba Na}_2$ ? Let me know your answer.

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Miss F. Louise Matthews,  
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Paine College,  
Augusta, Ga.,  
Dec. 15, 1918.

My dearest Louise:—

This time last year I little thought that when I was separated from you that I would let so much time pass without writing to you. But child "it happens in the best regulated families" when one is busy.

I will begin by saying that it is utterly impossible for me to express just how I feel over Rush's death; I can picture different stages of the disaster but still I cannot fully realize it. I saw in the paper of Pete's being missing in action. Web is about done for, isn't he? And did you see where John Cade had been severely wounded? You must keep me posted on all of the Atlanta and A. G. casualties. I saw the *Crimson and Grey* and saw the account of Evelyn Newman's wedding

So she is at last Mrs. Furlough. I also  
saw where I was dean of women; I  
would like for them to know that I  
am dean or supervisor of the Normal  
Dept and not dean of women.

Duplessis was quite impressed with  
you but he said you got scared and ran  
away. I said to myself "Laisse over &  
over". I think you have him wrong, I  
don't think he is conceited at all.

Will you kindly tell me in your next  
letter with whom you are rooming?

I also saw in the *Quimson and Gray* that  
Winnie Paul Thomas now attends A. U.

Xmas is nearing again and I have  
about completed my shopping but  
there was no such fun attached to it  
as we had last year and the previous years  
e.g. helping to buy corsets, brassieres and  
pocket books. But even at this distance  
I could ask you what you want. But  
you needn't say because Santa put in the  
order for you!

rather sorry when these Lieutenants leave for then Augusta will be a dead burg indeed.

I see Albert quite often - it is a common occurrence for him to come in from camp and stay all night at Paine and breakfast the next morning here. When he stays he stays with Glass. As happens in all little towns the question as to whether we go together or not has arisen. He says he guessed we would have to then; - I said well I guess not.

Louise there are millions and millions of little questions about A. U. that I would like answered but I shall save them for some other letter.

Tell dear Minnie that her mother sends love and says she certainly appreciated those peaches.

By now you have appeared on your last rhetorical and it is all over. If I were there I could sympathize with

Do you ever hear of or from our friend  
Cleo?

I received a letter from the captain yesterday written after the armistice. He says he wonders if the armistice didn't come at the lucky time; he said the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of his regiment went over that morning and that they had orders to follow — and then came the glorious news. He spoke of wanting to see <sup>me</sup> immediately upon returning — of course I would like to see the old boy also just for the sake of Auld Lang Syne but I think I'm just about over my fit.

When you write tell your mother that James wrote to her but that it came back on account of wrong address; he will write again as soon as I send the address. He has a job — counter or interpreter or something in the International Bank of Cuba.

You spoke of most of the men being out of khaki soon — well I'll bet



you but being here <sup>5.</sup> I cannot, for it is a common occurrence for me to lead devotional exercises in chapel. We have turns about just like Mike, Web and Skinny had or better, have. And I told you that I teach Sunday School didn't I? My class is one of boys and believe me ~~well~~ we all are learning something about the Bible, teachers included.

Now show me just how good you can be and write to me real soon.

Lovingly,  
Willie

P.S. If there are any mistakes, excuse them for I never could read this over.

W.E.M.

P.S. #2. This is strictly secret. I had a card from Mrs. Rush yesterday speaking of Mallilien etc. and she said this is "strictly private - did you know that he was to marry Muriel Proctor?" Of course you know how Mrs R.

keeps things but nevertheless she asked  
me not to tell it so I'm now intrusting  
it to you, knowing how faithful you  
have been in the past about keeping  
things.

For the last time "goodbye"  
W.E.M.

Dec 15, '18

Box 31,

Okmulgee, Okla.,  
Nov. 23, 1919.

My dear Louise:—

Please excuse this paper but this is the best I have at present.

I can't quite get it clear whether I owe you a letter or not but what matters it? I enjoyed the last letter I had from you as I do all of them but the distressing thing to me is that I can't answer them in kind — not from this place. The majority of mail which I receive is from people you don't know, so there.

I am glad you would like for me to come home Xmas. It's a mighty lot of money but keep a weather eye open — you might see me.

Tell me this — did Roberta go to Jack? How does she like it, etc.?

How do you spend your days — your  
nights as well as far as that's concerned?  
What's the latest Atlanta news?

Answer all of these questions and  
others that you can think of.

Love to your family. Be good  
and write soon.

Lovingly yours,  
Willie

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Miss F. Louise Matthews,  
2121 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

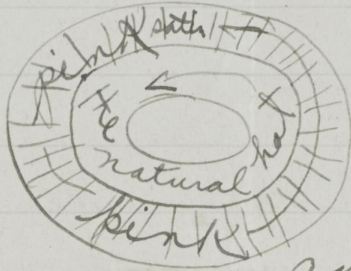
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Box 31,  
Okmulgee,  
Okla.

1101 E. - 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Okmulgee Okla.,  
Dec. 7, 1919.

My dear Louise: —

Here comes a letter to you and I do not owe you one. This letter has a mission tho, and the mission is this. I have about decided to come home Xmas and I have a job for you and the job is this — I want you to go down to my house and get my black hat and take it to Miss Kahn's and have it fixed. I will direct you in a few minutes. (The reason I'm asking you to do this is you understand my taste better than mama does.) I want it blocked of course — I'm not decided whether the shape should be changed by cutting the long side off or not — just as you and she see it — but I do know I don't want it turned up on the side as it was. I want it faced underneath with pink and probably some pink ostrich messed up on top will do. I

saw a hat faced in the following manner and it was pretty.



The satin was pleated or gathered or something and began at the edge and went <sup>about</sup> 3 or 3 1/2 inches

— not going all the way to the inside of the crown. Understand? But if this is hazy then have it faced all the way. Don't let Miss ~~Labor~~ Emma charge a fortune and have her promise it to you for Sat. 19<sup>th</sup>. Now you will do this for me immediately won't you? and I shall dance at your — what? In case mama has had it fixed over and is wearing it — well so well & so good.

Write & let me know what you did and I hope to see you soon and then we'll talk, talk, talk.

Mary will probably come from Wilkes force to see me.

Love to all

Yours, Willie

Notice change of address & inform yourself accordingly.



all over, isn't it? Lawrence  
Harper is crazy about a  
little Freshman, Katie  
McCracken from New Orleans.  
Thus endeth her news.

Everything is going O.K.  
here but don't you know  
I have some anxiety to be  
in Louisville and peep in  
on you people down on  
Chestnut? I know 2121 is  
lovely. We have over  
two weeks for Xmas and if  
it weren't an outrage I'd  
come home for the holidays.

Now don't let me have  
to beg you to write - just  
write. Love to all.

Sincerely  
Willie

Box 31,  
Okmulgee, Okla.,  
Oct. 24, 1919.

My dear Louise: -

I am just in from  
the show and am not a bit  
sleepy so shall write to you.

I enjoyed your letter as I  
always do - it was so newswy.  
As for Oklahoma news, I can  
furnish you with none but  
probably I can tell you a  
little something. I had a  
letter from Calpurnia today,  
so the following which I am  
going to tell you came  
from her.

Poor Miss "Kissie" Johnson

is dead and Callie teaches her German. Pres. Ware is sick and has been quite a while.

"Whit" has "Web's" place. By the way, did Mrs. "Web" go with "Web" to Assyria? Lawrence Harper is teaching there, <sup>(A. U., not Assyria)</sup> and Anna still goes with Lewis. Alphonso Elder, Marie Martin and Albert Edwards are also teaching there, so she tells me, but certainly they must be tutoring - if not I wonder what A. U. has come to. Charles Elder is Howe's assistant. They go to school from 8:30 to 3:55 with a half hour for lunch. Dinner at 6 P.M. instead of supper. Paul Logan has a sister there. The library has not opened because they have no librarian. Mrs. Rosa Bell is doing War Camp Community work in Atlanta and attends "father's" ("gimme your pennies") Church. A little third year girl named Lillie Mae Willis died last week. Sol is manufacturing and selling a skin whitener and a hair straightener. Sol

PAINE COLLEGE  
ALBERT D. BETTS, PRESIDENT  
AUGUSTA, GA.

April 22, 1919.

My dear Louise:—

I probably would not write you now but girl actually <sup>the picture of</sup> your 'counterpart' has been found. I stared at the picture and said this is certainly Louise but no she would have told me that she knew a girl here and what's more it paid on the back 'to Marion from Lou.' Louise she is your size and everything and also has an abundance of hair but hers is not as good as yours. You really could pass that picture off on your mother as her daughter.

Now to tell you a little of the happenings around here. Some of our girls went on a hike Monday and went to a lake and went in wading. Six of them very, very narrowly escaped being drowned. Some went under two and even the third time. They are all sick and one, still unconscious. Vernita Stallworth saw her friend Hermine Jones drowning and jumped in after her. Hermine and the other girls, with the exception of Vernita were saved by a soldier from Pennsylvania but poor little Vernita was drowned. It is all very sad. It made me think as the Bible and 'Web' say, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he would lay down his life

for his friend." The soldier afterwards had to be pulled out then a Lieutenant who had just returned from France rescued Vermita's body. She was a very sweet child and is the daughter of one of our trustees.

I am certainly sorry to know that A. U. closes so late, that is exactly two weeks after we have closed. I did so much ~~wanted~~ to see you graduate but it is highly improbable now. Of course if you would like to see me and would like to take a cut with me I will stop over a few hours en route to Louisville.

What are your plans for commencement and there after? Do you think you shall spend some time in Atlanta? and then where will your vacation be spent?

Write me soon and please ma'am make it a long letter.

Lots of love.

Willie.

W. S. M.

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Miss F. Louise W  
Atlanta  
Atlanta

adviser in such matters and also having matured somewhat since that time, feel as if I could give a little better advise.

I know you played your most regal part in the play fine and if you continue having such royal parts in plays I suspect you will find it hard not really being a member of the nobility. Everything would have been complete if two appreciative ones such as a certain "Chuck" and I had been there. Have you heard from him lately? I have not but since the 8<sup>th</sup> is home I suppose he is too. Oh yes, and has ~~pre~~

Paine College,  
Augusta, Ga.,  
Feb. 24, '19

My dear Louise:—

This is Monday morning analagous to your Saturday and we don't have school as I have probably told you before. I have just finished cleaning up and posted a busy sign on the door reading this, "Busy, Busy Busy!!" Well the cause is this, one of the teachers from another building is out calling with her embroidery and prepared to sit until dooms-

day and I don't propose being bothered with or by her. She is one of this kind for him whom it will be dangerous to go to the park - remember that saying?

Say I took a spell and wrote your mother a letter yesterday. What is going to happen?

That is not so about Mary's going to California. She is at Willerforce. I hear from her fairly regularly. She said she used to hear from Finson, he sent her a box of paper for Xmas and she didn't send him anything so she has not heard from him since.

Will you kindly and very diplomatically remind "Sox-Mule" Whittaker that he owes me a copy of the Negro National Anthem. I would like to have it very much and do not feel like buying it again.

John Raiford, as he is very desirous of being called is certainly full of hot air; he nearly swore to your going with a certain brown skin fellow and also testified that you liked him quite well but he could not remember his name, by the way. I wondered why you hadn't spoken to me of the infatuation, having once served as Chief

5.  
Prep come home yet? and  
what has become of the dear  
concoited little Walter Lee?  
Let me insert this here - the  
dear lady for whom I put  
the sign up has just left  
my door saying she's busy  
and as I write I hear her  
going down the steps. O joy!

Miss Chadwick was in  
town last week and out here  
to school for a few minutes  
but I did not see her.

When you see Gladys Phillips  
tell I say Hello.

I saw in the Chicago Defender  
where a Miss Smith (I think  
it was) of Brooklyn N. Y.  
writes that she likes Atlanta  
University very much. What



does she look like?

I miss you very much always also, there is nothing like having a friend with whom you can talk everything. But at the time of which you speak I can realize what plight you are in since you have a roommate. But Miss Mossa (Laugh) is O.K. since she rooms alone.

I hope you receive this letter in the afternoon or else you will get tired and won't read these six pages of nothing.

Where are Mattie and Evelyn going to live now?

So long. Write me soon.  
Be good. Lovingly, Willie.

*W. E. Moore,*

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Miss F. Louise Matthews,  
Atlanta University,  
Atlanta, Ga.

you for having the film developed.  
Enclosed you will find 36¢  
in stamps, this being the  
most convenient way of  
sending the money. You  
don't mind, do you? If  
so send them back and I  
will send you the money.

Write me soon and  
tell me some news. Who  
has my job in the dining  
room?

Love to every body and  
anybody <sup>else</sup> to whom you  
want to give it.

Loveingly

Willie  
Guess you know Elmer has been  
commissioned.

Paine College,  
Augusta, Ga.  
Jan 20, 1919.

My dear Louise:—

How are you and  
Atlanta University by now?  
Fine, I hope. As for news  
I am as blank as — well  
I don't know what.

Teaching is still progressing  
nicely and I'm thinking  
of taking my Physiography  
Class for some weeks but I  
hardly think I will stop  
in a soda fountain to ex-  
plain the phenomena. That  
was Cleo's stunt with her  
Physics class — you remember?

This old town has got the  
flu again and other than

the city students being prohibited from school, - the movies, churches etc. are all closed. Of course I deplore the churches' being closed most of all. Now don't go into hysterics.

You asked about my captain - well the captain is still in France, without any "croix de guerre", "medal militaires", ~~distinction~~<sup>with</sup> Distinguished Service medals, etc. but the dear old boy is still living, unwounded, unscratched and writing to me once in a while. With the signing of the armistice, - with me the ~~signing~~ war bride business lost its romance and I suppose it has also with him. Life does not seem so short now and there are a great many other more important things which should be considered before marriage. Louise I'm in one of those talkative fits and if you were here I'm sure we would fail to hear the dinner bell, <sup>would</sup> stay up half the night and catch the flu (instead of a cold) - and after all have said nothing.

Well coming to something slightly more sensible than the former part of this letter, I would like to thank

have not exchanged presents.  
I had a pretty fair time  
during the Xmas season. I had  
five lovely turkey dinners.

Have you got your cuts yet?  
Do the "X." S. A. T. C. boys eat  
in the dining room now? I  
paid my respects to Miss Ware  
by writing and she has not  
answered yet. Well I don't  
care if she doesn't for then  
I won't have the trouble of  
answering.

I suppose you knew Thelma  
Harrison is at Fisk. I heard  
last night that Sara Russer is  
studying at Howard.

I suppose this is not unpatri-  
otic now. →

Mun, dis ist genyeg. Bitte schrie-  
ben Sie mir bald. Truly,  
Willie.

Paine College,  
Augusta, Ga.,  
Jan. 5, 1919.

My dear Louise:—

I am always glad  
to get your letters and wish I  
could answer sooner so I  
could hear from you oftener.

I washed my hair yesterday  
and went out and as the  
result today I have quite a  
tight head.

Well guess from whom I heard  
a few days ago — ole Ole —  
chile she appreciated "that one  
little card from me more than  
she did any of her other presents".  
She likes her work but can't get  
used to Florida, is the only college  
young woman in town, etc, etc.  
Oh, yes and has plenty of

clothes and no where to wear them. Among her Xmas presents she mentioned a brown silk dress trimmed in blue and a straw springhat. She is really rushing the season, with her hat n' nest pas? Is my French correct. She mentioned how she misses Jule, You and Mr. This is enough for Cleo.

Please get me Ruby's address  
Thank.

The handkerchief was pretty and comes in handy - you know how my supply of handkerchieves run. If you say so I will let the yoke be part of the trousseau but there is not quite so much rush to fill the hope chest now. Well Louise I see we are still thinking alike. I had a yoke made for you, very pretty too, but it was a gown yoke and knowing that you are long from considering your trousseau I kept it for myself. Had it been a corset cover yoke I would have sent it to you. I am glad you liked the little pie.

As for my presents I got quite a nice little assortment, lundoir cap, handkerchieves, stationary, powder, stockings, two boxes of candy, pin-cushion, diary and a nice bronze book holder for the desk or table. Duplessis gave me the diary. On account of the duty Yanes and I

931 Splitlog Ave,  
Kansas City, Kans.

Nov. 7, 1920.

My dear Louise:—

First let me call your attention to my change of address & the other was merely temporary.

If anybody had told me it would be possible for me to be so busy and live and grow fat at the same time, I would not have believed them, but nevertheless it is true.

Louise, I now teach night school as well as day school and altho it consumes almost all of my time I appreciate the added money at pay day.

The little spare time I have I spend by going to the theatres

with ugly coons. You said there were only a few men there. Well I'll tell you there are a plenty here, but mainly all undesirable.

I have been to Lawton and Topoka and a great many of the smaller towns since I have been here. I went to the State Teachers Association at Topoka (white and colored, all together) and had quite an enjoyable time - took in two dances and a "reception" while there.

There was a woman here from Muskogee a former teacher there and of course I inquired about Everett and she told me yes



that she knew Mr. Harris  
 but that he said he hailed  
 from Chicago - now  
 can you tell me what  
 the idea is? I thought she  
 must have been mistaken  
 so she then described the  
 gentleman, goatee and  
 all. Of course the goatee  
 settled the question.

Louise I imagined the  
 two A.C.'s would be like  
 New Albany and Louisville  
 but they are still more  
 one. They are connected  
 not by interurban cars  
 but by the same street  
 cars, same fare, same  
 telephone system and  
 no extra charges. You  
 can take almost any  
 car over here you want  
 to and go over there and  
 transfer to any part of  
 the city if need be.

Well Louise write

me soon and when you do, be sure to tell me all about Marie's leaving Wilberforce and where she is, etc. I didn't know a thing about it. Be sure not to forget. Give my love to Marie and Louise and tell ~~me~~ <sup>them</sup> that I'm awful sorry that we four cannot spend Thanksgiving together.

I am looking forward to Xmas with much anxiety - suppose you are, too. Love to your family when you write.

Lovingly

Willie

Nov. 7, 1920

Miss F. Louise Matthews,  
113 W. Robins St.,  
Covington, Ky.

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