

July 6<sup>th</sup> 1883

My dear husband

I received yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> yesterday. I am so sorry I mentioned anything about the water for some one in town, I don't know it was, says they could have got it analyzed through Proctor at Frankfurt for nothing. I was very anxious to give Greenville "a boom" and thought it would not cost anything. Everything I touch turns to ashes. Lewis took a hack full of out to the spring yesterday evening it is a very pleasant drive of about two or three miles. The spring is at the foot of a grassy knoll, in a



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deep glade, ~~the~~ water is cool  
and not at all unpleasant to my  
taste, we had a delightful time.

Lewis Reno told me that Gen.  
Fry was making some speeches in which  
he opposed the College tax, he did not  
see the paper containing the speeches,  
he only heard of it. Lewis thinks  
that Jones will represent this County in  
the next Legislature.

Mr Hill called to see me yesterday, his  
wife is sick.

Tell Willie I am so glad he is  
interested in the organ. Kiss him  
for me. All my sisters send love  
Yours

Lo.



July 5<sup>th</sup> 1883

My dear husband

I received two letters from you yesterday to my great satisfaction, one contained the analysis. I gave it to Lewis I think they are much pleased with it. They did not say anything about getting a quantitative analysis, I suppose they will wait until they consult others who are as much interested as they are, they will pay all charges on what has already been done. They did not wish to publish it yet. I am very glad Willie is better and that he is interested in



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learning to play the organ. Send me  
a catalogue too I don't think it would  
be lost.

We were very handsomely  
entertained at Charlie Short's yesterday  
I saw more of Charlie than I have for  
years, he is a very fine looking agreeable  
gentleman.

How does Sister Lizzie happen to  
be in Lex.? Is Brother with her?

I am glad the Tylers are pleased  
with the idea of keeping house I hope  
I shall be able to sell them milk if  
I get a cow.

Tell Willie I am so glad he  
is a good boy, Kiss him for me

Yours  
Lo.



July 7<sup>th</sup> 1889

My dear husband

I was glad to get your letter of the 5 and the Transcript yesterday. Among all the speakers in Lexington I think they might have found one to orate over the Corner Stone. They are quite complimentary to you.

I don't know from the analysis whether the water would be beneficial to invalids or not. It acts upon my kidneys, not on my bowels. I was hoping great things from it. I am always too previous, unbalanced by my vivid imagination.



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I would like to remain <sup>here</sup> as long as  
I can my sisters are so forlorn  
and desolate and ~~abandoned~~ ~~of~~ them  
in good health, all frail and so  
delicate that I fear to leave them  
I think it exceedingly doubtful if  
I should ever see some of them  
again.

Kiss Willie. Why don't he write  
to me Love to all from all

Yours

L.



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July 13<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband,

I received Willis's  
and your letters yesterday. He  
must be pleased with the country  
really. I hope he is having a pleasant  
time, and that you are enjoying  
your rest. I have concluded  
that it would probably be better  
for me to return by the way of  
Greensboro, Lenoir and I can go  
over there one day next week,  
remain a day, then I could  
take the packet to Rockport  
and get on the train there and  
reach Louisville by 12 o'clock A.M.



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and reach Lexington the same evening  
They say it would be cheaper than  
to remain all night in Louisville  
I will let you know by tomorrow's  
mail my decision, at any rate  
don't look for me on Tuesday we  
will have to let them know in  
Owensboro that we are coming.

Don't let Willie touch those  
pistol which are lying on the floor  
of the closet in my room, be careful  
if you touch or remove them yourself

I think I will go to  
Owensboro on Wednesday remain  
Thursday and go up on Friday  
so that you may expect me on  
the evening train that day  
Kiss Willie for me Yours L



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State College of  
Kentucky.  
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., July 29<sup>th</sup> 1884

little Boy  
My dear ~~husband~~

I received a postal  
from your Father saying you  
were both well. I hope will  
be much benefitted, and  
come home strong and full  
of energy. We are all well

It is delightfully cool to day  
I believe it has rained every  
day since you left.

Our cook continues to give  
satisfaction. Mrs. Mulligan's  
buttermilk man is quite  
amitten with her charms, and

Willie H. Johnson

~~John~~ Leitch



has been paying his addresses  
to her under the impression  
that she is a widow, which  
she encourages.

It was raining so hard  
yesterday morning that I went to  
work addressing circulars, thinking  
there would be no interruptions  
but just in the midst of it Prof.

Myers of Mississippi came in  
and caught me en disabille,  
I was in the front hall, and  
there was no retreat. I finished  
the Hon. Judges, and have begun  
on the Hon. Senators, besides  
sending off a number of catalogues

They keep such a fine

table at the Springs that I am  
certain you will find it  
very hard to appreciate home  
fare, but you get such a  
quantity of good things there  
that the recollection will  
last a long time, when  
you number them all over  
to me, and it will be as  
good as a feast

Love to your Father

Kiss me another for me

Your loving Mother

L. W. P.



State College of  
Kentucky.  
President's Room.

[1884]

Lexington, Ky., July 16 188

My dear husband  
Mollie and

I still adhere to our  
original intention of  
leaving her on Friday  
Ella is at the Hotel  
and I am afraid all  
things would not suit if  
I were to bring her. I can't  
think of any other one to  
bring. Can't another one be  
found in Lex? I received  
your letter yesterday  
Love to all Yours L.



State College of  
Kentucky.  
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Arthur shall we  
expect your home?

Lexington, Ky., July 30<sup>th</sup> 1884

My dear husband

I am sorry you do not get my letters, I can not account for it, I hardly think it worth ~~the~~ wasting the paper and stamps, but Walter say "write any how". We all went to the barbecue yesterday but Grandmother and I could neither hear nor hardly see the speakers we got nothing, to eat until we got home. I spoke to Gov. Blackburn who asked kindly about you.

It is pleasant and cool and we have had plenty of rain. Love to Willie and self  
Yours L.



Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1885

My dear husband

I received your note of the 4<sup>th</sup> yesterday, I was glad to hear you and Willie were well. Please tell Willie to go into the front bed room and empty the water out of the pitcher on the washstand and ~~out~~ of the soap bucket. I forgot to do it before I left and I am afraid it will freeze. I suppose you are all in high feather about the hop, or that the boys are. I hope it will be a success.

Luna is not so well this morning.

Mr. & Mrs. Hill called yesterday. If the China comes to hand, please let me know if any thing is broken, as Leiggie has a receipt from the packer, and wants to know. If Prof. Menke would send me a little bottle of coffee I might introduce it here. Love to all

Yours

Kiss Willie for me Love



[1885]

Please don't forget to send  
me the magazines

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband,

I received Willie's  
and your letters yesterday. Thanks  
for seeing Doctor Skillman. Did he  
change anything? I am glad  
Willie is studying so well, he must  
be interested to sit up so late  
and rise so early. Kiss him for  
me. I will write to him next  
time. Tell him to send me the paper  
containing his article. Do you  
have headache much? I hope  
you are having a good time  
while I am away. How are Mrs.  
Strauss and your mother getting on?



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I hope you still have accessions  
at the Dormitory. Tell Willie I have  
heard nothing from Johnny Heck.

It is very cold today. Bro  
Sam. is about as usual. Anna  
not so well, she heard from Bert  
yesterday, it always makes her worse  
I have a little cold and sore throat

I am amazed that I stand the cold  
and exposure so well after being  
housed so close all winter. I had  
rheumatism dreadfully one night  
the first cold spell. I have been staying  
at home the last few nights, sleeping on the  
sofa Love to all

Yours as ever

L.



[1885]

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband,

I received a letter  
from you and the Magazine yesterday.  
Anna is better this morning. Bro. Sam  
not so well. I expect I will spend part  
of the day with Minnie if Anna is  
well enough for me to leave a while.  
I am sorry to trouble you so much  
with so many commissions.

I am glad Willie don't skate and  
hope you will all keep well.

Love to all. Kiss Willie

Yours ever

L.



[1885]

March 4<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband

I received yours  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> yesterday. Be careful of Willie's  
cold, ~~but~~ sure his bowells act once a day  
at least and have him to bathe. But I know  
you won't forget him in all your troubles.  
I hope you will settle the engagement for  
milk with Phelps when his family  
arrives. I expect Mrs Ryland will try  
to get him to buy from her daughter  
butter too. or from the Lounds.  
This is a delightful day, it has  
been pleasant here for several  
days. I hope you have good  
weather now. What will you do



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"Anna says, give one love to them all"

with the calf? I am much disappointed  
in its sex. I felt sure it would be a  
female. Anna passed a bad night  
but seems better this morning.

Love to all, much to Willie and  
yourself.

Yours affectionately  
L

I fear the Illustrated and the  
Sunday Magazines are lost if they  
have not come yet. If Anna improves  
I will come home in two weeks. Lewis  
thinks I can get there the same day I  
leave here. please inquire at what hour  
the last train reaches Lexington. What is the  
fare from Louisville to Lex? I forget, and  
you did not tell me what you paid when  
I left. Jim was so hurried that you did not give me the  
change



I don't know  
why you don't  
get my letters  
regularly, I  
never have  
failed to write

[1885]

March 5<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband

I received your of March  
22<sup>d</sup> yesterday, I suppose it was the  
2<sup>d</sup> you intended. I am glad Willie  
is no worse, and well enough to do  
the feeding. If you intend to get the  
feathers you had better send the money  
perhaps you could get them cheaper by  
sending to Mackie to get them, transportation  
from there would not cost so much, I don't  
know. I want to send for some velvet,  
to make a waist, for myself, by Annie  
who is going to Louisville the last of this  
week or the first of next, and one or two  
other things which I can't get in Lexington.



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so I will need all the money I have  
and more besides to take me home  
I got a pair of shoes here.

Anna is better this morning though her  
face is much swollen, and behind  
and under her ear much inflamed  
it is not quite so much as yesterday  
she is very weak, though she is up and  
dressed, as she is every day. Lizzie is still  
in Louisville and will not return for some days.  
This is delightful Spring weather, I hope it  
is pleasant with you, and that all are  
well. How is Mrs. Stearns doing?

Kin Millie for me, with much  
love to you both, I am

Yours affectionately

Loe



[1885]

March 11<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband

I received your letters and Willie's yesterday. I am so sorry to have been away when you are not well and in trouble and Willie not well either, but I thought I had better remain while I was here it costs so much to come. I want to leave here on Monday next and hope to reach Lex. the same evening. And then cabs and omnibusses at the depot when the 10.25 o'clock <sup>PM</sup> train arrives? I don't want you to come down for me, it is too late, besides



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I might not be able to make the connection at Louisville. This train is due at Louisville at 6.35 P.M. and the last train leaves for Leef. at 7.25. so you see I will have three quarters of an hour to change cars. if this train is not delayed I can get through, otherwise I shall stay at the Fifth Avenue Hotel with Minnie. The feathers will be sent in about two weeks, after the "Spring picking" transportation will cost about a dollar or a dollar and a half. Anna is better this morning. The weather is lovely, I hope to hear from you in regard to the lot to day. I will write to morrow and next day and Saturday. Kiss my dear little boy I hope you are both better



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I think the compromise with the  
bond-holders will soon be effected  
from what I hear. Please don't forget to send  
the magazines

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband

I received your  
letter yesterday. The handkerchiefs  
and shoes did not come. Sister  
Lo. goes to Louisville to day and  
I am sorry they did not arrive  
in time. Aunce seems hard of so  
well this morning. It is so cold  
that I have neuralgia in my head.  
I hope you and Willie are  
well, don't fail to write every  
day as I am uneasy if I don't  
hear from you. Kiss Willie, love to  
all  
Yours ever  
Lo.



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Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

My dear husband

I received your last letter and the Atlantic on Saturday - Have the Illustrated and Sunday come to hand? I will bring them back.

Anna continues about the same I don't see much change some times her face is more swollen, sometimes less, sometimes it changes from place to place, but always swollen behind and below her ear and inflamed there, she uses a liniment Dr. Gost prescribed her mind seems clear enough except that she can't remember well.

I hope you are all well



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to day, and that Willie will not  
indulge in skating to excess. It has been  
exceedingly cold here, the thermometer twelve  
degrees below zero the coldest day.

What do you think about getting feathers  
here for a bed at 50 cts a pound, ask  
your mother if she would like to get  
some, they are new. Give my love to  
her and Walter. Kiss my dear little  
boy, with love to him and yourself

I am yours affectionately

L. W. P.



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Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband,

I received a letter from you and one from Willie yesterday. Willie's dated the 7<sup>th</sup>, but both letters mailed the same day. I hope you both are well, this bad weather. There is an inch of snow on the ground, and it is raining this morning.

Anna is not so well this morning. This is Bert's birthday, and she and Matilda are grieving over it. She could not sleep last night, and has a bad headache. We all have colds. Bro. Sam is better. I intended to go to see Minnie today if it had not rained. Does Mrs.



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By land send for milk and butter now?

I hope the calf has not come yet. The other colleges in the state invite men of influence in different sections to deliver lectures to their students, in order to become popular. A good idea. Kiss my dear little boy for me. I will write to him next.

Yours most affectionately

L.

What has become of the Sunday magazine and the Illustrated?

I hope they have not been lost



Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> / 89

My dear husband

I received your  
letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> yesterday,  
was very sorry to hear that Willie was  
complaining of headache, but relieved  
by the "all well as usual" in the last letter.

I was greatly troubled by the report  
in the Courier Journal of Erie,  
more so as I did not hear from  
you on the day that article came  
out in the paper. I hope none of  
the good boys were so foolish as  
to follow such leaders, and that it  
will not injure the College. Anna  
was better yesterday, but complains this



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morning of a numb feeling in her left side. She was well enough yesterday to go into Doc Sam's room and sit a while. I think I had better remain a little longer and see how she is. It is so far, and so expensive a trip that I thought I had better make my visit out <sup>now</sup>. They charged me three dollars at the Hotel in Louisville and I believe I shall go to some other. Mr. Kahn and Minnie will be in Louisville week after next.

Love to all. Kiss Willie for me and tell him to write if he has time. Don't forget to seal your letters

Yours faithfully  
Lo.



Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> / 89

My dear little Willie

I was very much pleased and proud to get your letter and the paper containing your article.

They all laughed and were much amused at your description of Belva. I am glad the 22<sup>d</sup> passed off so well. I with Aunt Loug and family dined at Will. Gast's yesterday, Cousin Minnie and Miss Eva were there too. Aunt Campbell's friend, Miss Duncan from Ohio County also a very pretty young lady of Scotch descent, Sidrie Scotch - We had a splendid dinner fish, flesh and fowl, turkey stuffed with



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oysters, "all kinds of vegetables", cakes  
jelly and custards. I enjoyed both  
the company and the eating, but we  
had literally to wade to get there.

I heard while there that the compromise  
with the bond-holders was virtually effected  
some days since. When it we all rejoice,  
though sorry for some who will loose by it.  
Uncle Sam. continues better, Aunt Anna  
not so well this morning.

Love to all Kiss Father for me  
May the Lord bless and keep you  
Your affectionate Mother

L.M.P.

I received another unsealed letter  
from your Father yesterday. What ails him?  
I was glad there was nothing in it that prying eyes  
might not see. For I know they saw and read it.



Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> / 85

My dear little boy,

I was so pleased and proud to get your pretty letter giving an account of the Hop. I hope you enjoyed it. I got no letter from your Father yesterday except the one mailed on Sunday. I hope all are well and that I shall hear from you to day. It is so muddy here that we can scarcely get out of the house. Aunt Anna is better this morning than she has been since I came, her face is not swollen so much. We are invited to dine at Will's to day but I don't



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like to leave Aunt Anna so long.  
Aunt Lucy is just coming in, she stays  
with Minnie while Mr. Baker is away.  
Cousin Minnie is going up to Louisville  
next week or the week after to attend  
several weeks.

All send love to all. Kiss  
Father for me. Write again soon  
to your loving Mother

L. W. P.



Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1845

My dear little boy

I received your  
Father's last letter yesterday. I am very  
glad you are both well, the best news  
I can have from both. They were all  
sorry you could not come with me.  
every body asks about you. I missed  
you so much too all along the way  
and after I got here, it was so pleasant  
to have you with me. I hope you  
will not skate too much and  
make yourself ill again. I believe  
I told I saw Joe. and he inquired  
about you. Louie has grown very  
much and will soon be as tall as



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his little Mama. Aunt Anna is  
better to day. We wrote to the faith  
Cure for her yesterday. Don't forget to  
pray for her and all of us. Neither Aunt  
Carra nor Aunt Mit are well. Uncle  
Sam is better, and is going over in  
town to day. I think you must  
like Geometry as well as Chemistry  
from your Father's report. I have heard  
nothing from Johnny Heck yet. How  
are the cows doing? I suppose Lady  
Ogilvie has not dualized yet. Are "Mrs.  
Starrs" and "Mr Powell" still with you?  
I made Aunt Anna laugh by giving an  
account of your imitations of the latter  
personage. but it could not do them justice  
I hope Menki will send some of his  
coffee. I could probably introduce it here



Your Aunt's send much love to  
you, your Father, Grandmother and  
Uncle. Tell your Father to please send  
me any magazines that may come, I  
will bring them home with me, send  
the paper containing your article.

Kiss Father for me Love to him  
Grandma and Uncle and much  
for yourself Take care of yourself  
and Father. Remember me to Emma  
! Your affectionate Mother

S. W. F.

Write to me when you have time



State College of  
Kentucky.  
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1885.

My dear little Boy.

I received yours and your Father's letters yesterday. I am glad that you are both well, and that you are studying so well. I am glad you did not have to go to the night school. I hope you enjoyed the Hop and that it was a success. I want you to write a full account of it. I hope your Grandma has not much trouble and that she and Mrs Strauss and Mrs Towell ~~bit~~ it off together in harmony. Aunt Anna has a bad headache this morning and her face is more swollen she sits up all day and has to get up in the night sometime and sit up it makes her head worse to lie down. Cousin Charlie is here, he is engaged in the insurance business and I hope is doing well.



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My Aunts were all much pleased and touched by your letter. Uncle Sam and Aunt Lizzie are here I don't know how long they will remain, Uncle Sam seems better than he was last Summer. I don't know about Aunt Anna the doctor thinks she can never get well. I stay with Aunt Lizzie every night Louie and Lizzie have grown very much Louie entertained me the other night with his magic lantern, one of his Christmas gifts.

I wish you would get your Father to ask Doctor Skillman, about Aunt Anna I don't think he will charge anything, tell about her case and ask him what he thinks it is.

Love to all, Kiss Father

Your loving Mother

L. W. D.



State College of  
Kentucky.  
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Greenwell  
Lexington, Ky., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1885

My dear husband

I got here yesterday  
about 3 o'clock. I met Will. Got at  
Louisville and had a pleasant trip  
at the Junction Brother Sam and  
Lizzie got on the train. Anna was  
better, and seems better this morning  
though very feeble, her face is very  
much swollen, and they are very  
much afraid of any excitement  
the Doctor thinks it impossible for  
to recover. Bro. Sam I think is almost  
as bad, he find difficulty in articulating  
and is very helpless. I staid all  
night with Lucy. I met Mr. & Mrs.  
Douglas on the train from Lex. to Louisville  
they were very kind and polite, please  
thank him when you see him. I hope  
you are all well as usual. That Willie's



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cold is better "Aunt Mil" was much pleased  
to get his letter and thanks him for  
it, Charlie Wing is here, he is in the  
insurance business, and I hope doing  
well. I don't know how long I will  
have to remain here, it depends on  
Anna's health, if she seems better  
I shall not stay long.

Love to all

Yours as ever

L.



[1885]

May 21<sup>st</sup>

My dear husband

I received your letter inclosing Willie's with the violets yesterday I am so sorry he is not well, I hope he will be better after the examinations are over, and he has time for exercise in the open air, and some amusement I hope you keep well. I have a headache this morning. Anna is quiet now though she had a paroxysm of suffering this morning. She can speak more plainly than she could, she thought she was dying last night and called us all around her and pressed our hands. She seems stronger this morning I wrote to Willi on Monday or Tuesday



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I forget which and am surprised  
he did not get it. as I am sure it  
was mailed in time. I am glad  
your time for rest has come, <sup>with</sup> and  
that you would go to Washington  
and recuperate your exhausted  
energies.

Yours most affectionately  
L.



[1885]

May 26<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband

I received two letters from you yesterday, one by the morning train, one by the evening. Anna continues about the same, she is perfectly wild unless under the influence of Bromide and Morphine, she slept all night, but as soon as she waked, she would get up, but we could not understand what she wanted, ~~she~~ persuaded her at last to take the medicine and she lay down on the lounge and became quiet, she can only say parts of sentences, and have to guess at her meaning, it is so distressing. I have not undressed since I came except to bathe and change my clothes.



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I hope you and Willie are well and that as your labors for this year are nearly over you will both get rest. I am glad you are going to Washington will you take Willie? I hope I shall see you before you go

Love to all Kiss my dear boy for me, I want to see you both so much. I need you both.

Yours as ever





[1885]

May 28<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband

I received  
your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> yesterday  
was glad you and Willie are  
well and that you had a good  
night's sleep. I am sorry about  
my cow, I was counting on  
selling her for what I gave  
for her, but suppose this mishap  
will injure her sale. I am  
afraid too she will learn  
your Jersey's this bad habit,  
I believe this sometimes happens.  
I wish she could be sold soon  
I will be glad when you and  
Willie can rest.

Auna is having most of the  
time when she is awake. We



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great trouble in getting her to take  
the medicine, we are sometimes  
more than an hour in  
persuading her to take it, she  
has slept well for three nights  
past. I am afraid it will go  
hard with Charlie, he has only  
the two Princeton lawyers to attend  
to his case. I am so sorry for  
Sister Cecoline, He himself has  
broken down completely, we hear  
Kin Willie, I am so weary  
to see you both.

Your loving wife



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May 22<sup>d</sup>

My dear husband

I received  
your letter yesterday. I hope you and  
Willie are well. Anna passed a  
terrible night. I never saw such  
suffering we could not hold her  
in the bed, we sent for the  
Doctor in the night, she is  
quieter this morning, we thought  
all day yesterday that she was  
better though she slept scarcely  
any. She slept only a few  
minutes last night. Kiss Willie  
for me with much love yours  
L.



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May 19<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband

Many thanks  
for your kind letter yesterday, dated  
17<sup>th</sup>. I would be more explicit but  
fear you don't burn my letters,  
and don't wish others to see. I  
wrote to Willie yesterday. Does he  
complain of headache still? ~~He~~  
needs rest from study and out-  
door exercise, I hope you do not  
suffer from headache, you say  
you feel nervous, I hope there is  
nothing wrong.

Anna spent a terrible night  
we could do nothing to relieve her  
she knows us, but talks incoherently



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and almost incessantly, nearly all  
the time about Bert. Lucy is very  
unwell too, the doctor was called  
in last night to see her.

You will see from my letter  
to Millie how homesick I am  
I want you both so much.

With much love to you and

9a Kiss to Millie

Your loving wife



1885  
May June 1<sup>st</sup>

My dear husband

I received a letter and the Atlantic on Saturday, and hope you and Willie are well and that nothing has gone wrong with you. Anna continues the same sleeping about half the time, then talking incoherently getting up and down from the bed to the lounge and back again. She can't make us understand what she wants and it is with the utmost difficulty that we get her to take her medicine, Bromide of Potash and Morphine. She takes milk, nothing else. She gets perfectly wild at times, we can hardly keep her in the house without force, she is strong



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Dr. Gort comes to see her twice a day, and supplies her with ice. This is very kind as he expects nothing for it all it is equal to four dollars a day. Dr. Slator comes when Dr. Gort cannot.

Five weeks to day since I saw it is so hard to be away for so long I want to see you and Willie so much, and I can't tell when I can come, Kiss

my dear boy for me  
with much love to you both  
my dear husband, your  
affectionate wife

L.

I will answer Willie's fractional letter tomorrow if I can



June 29

My dear husband

I can't help feeling uneasy about Willie, I am afraid he is sick and that is the reason of their remaining so long in the county.

I have tried the Hamby water, it acted on my kidneys. I was afraid to take too much until it was analyzed they sent two gallons yesterday to Dr. Peter, I told them he was State Chemist, was that right? I hope we will get the result of his investigation before I leave, I feel very anxious about it.

Lewis got a hack and took us, that



is Lucy and May Minnie Lizzie and  
myself out to Cousin Charles McLean's  
yesterday we had a delightful drive  
and pleasant time

"It is good for me to be here"  
I feel sometimes as if I were very near  
the gate of Heaven. My sisters are living  
by faith. I thank the Lord that his  
saints are my sisters, that those who  
are so near to ~~him~~ are near to me too

I hope to hear from you to day  
that you and Willie are well and  
that he is at home again. Kiss him  
for me Love to all

Yours

L.



June 3<sup>d</sup> 1883

My dear Willie

I was so glad to get your letter yesterday, I could not help feeling uneasy about the bee stings, I hope you are well now

I read your letter to Aunt Lucy and Cousin Frank and all of them Louie goes to the post office twice every day for me. he is a fine looking boy and just as good as gold. There are twelve little cousins with Mays little ones Charlie Short's and Will Gost's. Charlie Short's little boy learned himself to read Willie Hill is at work in the



Tobacco factory and makes 75 cts  
a day. Henry Lost is working on  
the farm, ploughing they say he is  
a very good boy now.

It is dreadfully hot here now,  
I felt like melting yesterday

I hope you will learn to read  
notes before I return, that the  
organ is more pleasant company  
than L. M.

Love to all

Your Mother

L.



July 3<sup>d</sup>

My dear husband

I am so sorry about the mineral water, it was by my advice it was sent. You told me that Dr. Peter was employed by the State and that it did not cost any thing when Mr. Short sent a bottle of water to be analyzed and I told Lewis that it would not cost any thing as they would not have sent it to Lee. They could have got it done in Louisville for less. They, Lewis and Charlie, both told me to let them know what the transportation from Louisville to



Lexington would be, they thought that  
would be the only change. I am  
so sorry that I said anything  
about it to them. I am always  
getting myself and others into trouble

Love to all

Yours

L.

Poor Anne H. has been confined  
it is a boy, and she calls it Charles  
H. ...



June 30<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband

I received two letters yesterday one from you dated 28<sup>th</sup> and one from Willie of the 27<sup>th</sup>. I have written every day this week, so it is not my fault if you do not hear from me. I am glad Mrs. Spurr got so nice a dinner with you. Lewis Reno told me he had sent two jugs of water to you to be analyzed, he said they could only pay the express charges as far as Louisville and that you must write to me what the



additional charge is and he  
will hand ~~the~~ amount to me  
before I leave. Charlie Short  
says he thinks the water is identical  
with the Dawson water that has  
already been analyzed. I do hope  
it will give poor old Greenville a  
lift.

Love to all

Yours

L.



July 10<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband,

Two letters with  
the catalogues were received yesterday  
I hope Willie is at home by this  
time I am afraid of guns and  
ponds and creeks. I am glad you  
all had a pleasant visit, and  
such a fine dinner. You will do  
up all the visiting while I am  
away. A letter came from  
Sister Leizyie too yesterday. She  
wants Lucy and me to pay her  
a visit, but I don't feel well  
enough. I am quite unwell to  
day, Salts has ceased to come



the desired effect upon me, and I  
too a dose of calomel last night  
but it has not relieved me yet, I  
am full of pains. After the first  
day of August there will be two trains  
a day on this road. I wish I had  
postponed my visit until that  
time. Would you be willing for me  
to remain until then? twenty days  
from this time.

Kiss Willie for me, Love  
to all

Yours

L



July 2<sup>nd</sup>

My dear husband

I was relieved to hear that Millie was better when you wrote. I hope he is quite well again, and that your examination has closed, unless you enjoyed it.

May and I went out calling on Friday, we paid Lewis a call at his bank, he is very nicely fitted up in the house opposite the Court house, it was built originally for a bank, his new safe is very handsome, he opened it for our inspection, the clock work attachment was new to me.



I was quite unwell nearly all day yesterday. I had a headache and nausea. I feel much better this morning, and expect to spend the day with Grant at Lewis Reno's. ~~I had thought of going to~~

I thought of going to see the Editor and paying him off, and asking him to pay us a visit if he should come to Frankfurt, must I?

Kiss Willie for me, Love to all.

Please put my big comb away in the closet don't send it



[1885]

July 11<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband,

I got no letter yesterday, consequently feel uneasy, I hope you and Willie are well, that he is at home again. I got two letters on Monday those of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. I think I will leave here next Monday or Tuesday unless you write to me to remain longer. I was quite sick yesterday after taking calomel, but feel better this morning.

Love from all to all, Kiss  
Willie for me

Yours

L. W. P. over



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Charlie Short and Lewis wish to know if the same jug of water Dr. Peter has will do to complete the analysis, or if they must send another jug, and also if the \$5 for the first analysis will be included in the other or if they must send \$20 in addition<sup>al</sup> if they conclude to go on with the analysis. Please let me know as soon as you can.

Yours Lg.



[1885]

July 12<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband,

I received your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> yesterday. I ought to get two to day, hope I shall and that you and Willie and all are well. I thought this morning I was going to have one of my old fashioned colds, but fortunately have succeeded in checking it. I am going to spend to day with Lucy

Love to all, Kiss Willie for me

Yours

Lee



State College of  
Kentucky.  
President's Room.

Lexington, Ky., July 12<sup>th</sup> 1885

My dear husband,

I have just received  
your letter from Old Point. I  
hope you and Willie enjoy your  
sojourn in that delightful spot  
and both get well and strong.  
I am very impatient to hear  
a full account of your trip. I  
am selfish & glad you concluded  
to go no farther, and trust I  
shall see you by the end of  
this week. Affairs here are progressing  
as usual. I have sent away a  
good many catalogues. There are



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Some letters which I have left  
for you to reply to yourself.

Mr. M. B. Hayes was here the  
other and seemed much  
disappointed that you were  
absent, he wanted to see you  
on business concerning yourself  
as well as some affairs of his  
own. I could not help thinking  
there was mischief brewing, I  
did not ask him about it, he  
said he would be here until  
Saturday next. I hope you will be  
home in time to see him. Anna  
was much more unwell when  
I hear. Last and of course I am very  
anxious. Kiss my dear dear Willie  
for me, I got his nice pretty letter  
Yours as ever So.



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Kentucky.  
President's Room.

[1885]

Coxington, Ky., July 12<sup>th</sup> 1888

Dear Willie,

The calf is well, out in the pasture, drinks its milk like a pretty deer, or an old cow, from the bucket. I saw Thomas Shackelford Esq. this morning he inquired about you all very politely. The Colonel's family are visiting or receiving visitors most of the time. I am sorry you did not give Grover a shake. I want to see you and your Father very much I want to hear an account of your travels and the sights you



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Saw, the new impressions  
you had, it will be next thing  
to seeing them myself. Your  
Grandmother is well, has  
finished her dress and has  
nothing to do now but read.

Come home soon Kiss Father  
for your affectionate Mother

Take possession of both  
sheets in this envelope and  
destroy them



[1885]

July 16<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband,

Your letter of Friday  
was received. If I had known  
that you would be willing I would  
have remained a week longer.  
I dislike to leave this week until  
I see how Anna get better, yesterday  
she was suddenly stricken with  
what the Doctor says is paralysis,  
she could not speak for a while  
but got better ~~fastly~~. The Doctor  
says she must keep very quiet, not  
lift any thing, or be much over the  
fire, or be excited or troubled, and  
I fear parting with me will be



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injurious. it is trouble that has  
brought it on, and how can we <sup>her distress</sup>  
shield her from it! Unless she  
should have another attack we,  
Lacey and I will carry out our original  
programme and go to Greensboro

to morrow and I will be home  
on <sup>the</sup> Friday evening train. Joe

Lewis is going send a basket  
of plums, ~~and~~ some slips <sup>sprouts</sup> and  
vines on Friday by express.

I shall not write again unless  
I remain longer than Wednesday

Yours

L.

Kiss Willie



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My dear husband

I have concluded to remain until Monday, Anna had another attack yesterday and though she seems relieved this morning I don't like to leave to day, her face and head are swollen and she is very weak. I have succeeded in getting a cook to promise to come in about a month, do you think we can keep the one you have now until then? she is a girl my sisters had several years since, they liked her very well. Ella can't come, her family are not willing



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Willie seems in a good humor  
about staying till Monday, though  
he is anxious to see you. I  
hope our decision will not  
cause you any inconvenience.  
I am very sorry, but it  
would be inhuman to go to-  
day.

Love to all  
Yours

Lo.



Greenville Kentucky. July 6<sup>th</sup> 1886

My dear Father:

This day a year ago we were in the "Valley of Virginia". We received his letters from you yesterday mailed on the same day Saturday We have not gotten any today. We are both sorry to leave Greenville but from what you say in your last letter We believe it our duty to do so. After the pic-nic as Mother wrote you with full hearts and tearful eyes we turn our faces homeward. I can not write more Mother will add a P.S.

Yours as ever

William



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My dear husband,

It depends on what we hear from you today, when we shall leave, but Willie is anxious to stay till Thursday and I think that is the day. I will write again to morrow and let you know certainly. I dread to tell Anna thy day she is so much better while we are here, but I must go, and I feel so anxious about you and want you to go some where and build up before the next session begins

Yours affectionately  
Lo.



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Old Point Comfort

Lexington, Ky., August 12 1886

had better direct to this place  
as we will only be away a  
day or two, and we might  
miss them if sent elsewhere  
if you or any one is very ill  
and you should want us to  
come home immediately you  
could send a despatch here  
and have it forwarded, as we  
will leave word with the clerk  
of our whereabouts. Willie  
sends a kiss

Gours affectionately and gratefully  
L.

My dear husband

Willie wrote last night  
and I suppose gave an account  
of our journey hitherward. We  
have enjoyed ourselves immensely  
the sight of the sea is a joy, and the  
hygiene is like a huge sea bubble  
or emanation from the sea which  
which some magician has  
transformed into a fairy  
palace, the women all angels  
and the men good ministering  
spirits. There are a number of  
Lexington people here I have  
not spoken to any except Col.  
and Mrs. Buckenridge and  
Dr. Coleman. We had a  
delightful sail across the bay



to Norfolk yesterday and return  
by moonlight. The lute is "just  
splendid" the best I ever saw  
except in Paris. Willie and I  
lounge in the luxurious parlors  
promenade the spacious halls  
sit on the veranda and  
watch the surf-bathers, or  
retire to our own room, and  
sit in our shirt sleeves —  
very décolleté indeed —  
and admire the fine view of  
the bay where sail boats float  
dreamily, looking like white-  
winged messengers that beckon  
us to even fairer scenes. I  
can't tell you how much we  
enjoy it all. We only wish  
you were here we are very  
grateful to you for having  
brightened our lives with all this

and I hope we will never forget  
it, that to you we are indebted.

I hope you are all well  
and that Walter got off at  
the time he wished, if he enjoys  
himself half as much as we  
do, he will come home well  
satisfied.

Don't forget that in the list  
of clothes that Millie washed  
were several articles which  
she ironed the day we left, and  
which we brought with us. If  
my sisters write please forward  
to this place, that is if they write  
in the next few days. I hope we  
shall hear from you to day,  
and every day, as soon as we  
decide to go to Washington or  
Baltimore we will let you know  
but if we should go perhaps you



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I suppose we will leave  
here to Washington to-morrow  
Sunday evening at three o'clock  
and go through Frederickburg  
and return by the way of  
Baltimore if we have time.  
Yours most affectionately  
B.

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Lexington, Ky., August 14 1886

My dear husband  
We spent a pleasant  
day yesterday, we drove down  
to Hampton, saw the old church  
and other places of interest there  
in the afternoon we walked over  
the fort, but hurried back on  
account of a storm, the surf  
broke in great foaming billows  
and there were many bathers,  
the women look too funny,  
especially the old fat ones, Col.  
Buckensidge, his wife and daughter  
were out. I only saw the smallest  
one, who dived like a duck  
and seemed in her native  
element. I don't know what we  
will do to day perhaps go to



Washington. Willie is still in bed and as much indisposed to get up as when at home.

We were very glad to hear from you yesterday your letters of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> were received. How I wish you were with us here yesterday when we saw the great waves come rolling in we wished that Grandmother were here too. We believed she could not help enjoying it.

After I had been here a day or two I remembered when I had put the key of the wardrobe I dropped in the corner of the green bandbox on the second shelf of the closet, you need not disturb the things in the box just raise the lid and feel in the right hand front corner and I think you

will find it. I will write after Willie and discuss the question of going to Washington. Col. Breckinridge advised us to go by rail through Frederickburg and return by the boat.

I saw a poor, scrawny, scraggy, round shouldered old woman persuaded by two sirens, in the person of fat jolly attendants to go into the surf after she had got in up to her knees, shrinking and reluctant they changed to veritable fiends, and though she fought valiantly, they dragged her down and plunged her deep in the foaming surf and when she rose what a sight! her anatomy was as clearly revealed as if she were on a dissecting board.



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Washington

~~Lexington, Ky.~~ August 16 1886

My dear husband

We left Old Point yesterday at 8 and arrived here at 11 o'clock last night. Willie was anxious to come by rail and I dreaded the trip on the stuffy little steamer. We had a delightful trip and got here "all right".

The city is beautiful that is from the sight I had last night, that is it is beautiful in comparison with any city I have seen in this country if I forget Edinburgh and Paris. We were very glad to get two letters from you yesterday and to hear that



all was going ~~off~~ so well  
without us, but we exaggerating  
our own importance and  
feeling we would be missed  
Should the world would wag  
on its way without us if we  
were gone forever, very few would  
know. Old Point is a delightful  
summer resort, though you  
cannot escape the heat even  
there, I can hardly imagine  
anything more agreeable than  
than to dine on breakfast on  
all the luxuries of the land  
with a fine sea breeze blowing  
in your face and a splendid  
sea view before you, the surf  
rolling up to the very windows  
almost. If I had plenty of  
money I would spend some  
time there every year.

I hope you have better accounts  
from Walter and that he  
will enjoy his fish as well  
as be benefitted. You must  
be prepared to go some where  
as soon as we return, the  
greatest drawback to our pleasure  
was that you were not with  
us to double our enjoyment.  
Yours affectionately  
L.



State College of  
Kentucky.  
President's Room.

Washington

Lexington, Ky., August 17 1886

My dear husband

We have not heard from you since we left Old Point. I hope we shall get a letter to day. We went to the Capitol yesterday and through the grounds at the White House, I am very proud of the Capitol and I don't think the grounds at the White House can be surpassed, we went into the House too and saw the Mother of our Country, a fine piece, I think. If we had not <sup>already</sup> papered the house, I have suggested some new ideas, after seeing what I have since I left home. We drove about in a street car until after night, This morning



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We went to the Smithsonian, a  
very grand affair, and where I  
could be interested for weeks or  
months. Willie went to see a  
Panorama of the Battle of  
Manassas I did not care to go  
he was so much pleased that he  
wants to go again. I think we  
have about exhausted Washington  
and will leave for Baltimore  
to-morrow.

Yours affectionately  
L

Thank you for remembering to  
send the Sunday Magazine



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Old Point

Lexington, Ky., August 19<sup>th</sup> 1886

My dear husband

We arrived here this morning at ~~8~~ 7 we have had our breakfast and feel quite at home. We are lighter in pocket but have <sup>acquired</sup> a great fund of experience. Since we left here on Sunday we have done Washington and Baltimore, and I think it would take "two behind and two before" to get us back to the latter place again. We found when we left Washington that our expenses were greater than we expected and so we tried to economize in Baltimore we did not eat a meal for twenty four hours. I am very well, have only taken one dose of salts since I left home



Willie had a cold and took a  
dose of Calomel in Washington  
he is very glad to get back here  
I shall be glad to get home I am  
too old to travel without you  
I shall not want to go again  
without you. I have enjoyed the  
stay at this place very much  
and part of the time in Washington  
but I suffered with piles so  
much that I could not walk as  
far as I wished. We got one  
letter from you in Washington  
and two since we reached this  
place. You don't say how you  
feel. You must go to Blue Licks  
as soon as we get back. We  
expect to leave tomorrow so  
this will be our last letter, have  
very letters

Yours affectionately  
Le.



State College of  
Kentucky.  
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Lexington, Ky., August 31 1886

My dear husband

I received your letter of Saturday, I am so sorry you had to leave the Springs and that you found things in confusion at home. I hope you will feel no bad effects from your long fast.

It is very sad here, I don't believe sisters were ever so devoted to one another, I never saw such devotion except between you and William. Sister Caroline is very feeble scarcely able to go about, though better than



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She was some weeks since.  
I can't see how she can get  
through the winter, she suffers  
so much with cold now.

I have been well since I  
came ✓

Love to Willie and Grandmother  
Yours ever

Lo.



State College of  
Kentucky.  
PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Lexington, Ky., Sept 2 1886

My dear Willie

I am very sorry to  
hear you are not well, I am  
afraid you need me, and I  
ought to be at home to finish  
writing, but I dread to leave  
you poor Aunts, they will  
feel loss more deeply when  
I leave I fear, they will be  
so lonely My dear boy, pray  
for them and me. I want to  
do right, and my heart draws  
me both ways. I hope you  
are better and that you will go  
to the fair. Give my love to  
Grandma, I hope she is better

I Kiss you my dear boy

Your loving Mother



Lexington, Ky., Sept 2 1886

My dear husband

I got your letter  
and Willie's yesterday, I am  
sorry he has not been well,  
he is complaining too much for  
so young a person. I hoped our  
trip would help him. You did  
not say how you were yourself.  
I am very sorry your Mother  
is suffering so much with her  
eye. I hope you had the Doctor  
to see it, and that she is  
relieved. I dread so to leave  
my poor Suters, I am afraid  
too, two poor weak defenceless  
women. Lewis said he would see  
Mr Hall and try to get some



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clean young man to sleep in the house, but they would have to get the chimney repaired, if he could ~~own~~ a suitable one, for fear of fire. If Brother Sam was any well again and could come.

I hope you and Willie will go to the fair and enjoy it.

I was pleased to hear, that you had concluded the exchange of cows, I liked the look of the little <sup>one</sup> better than the big Alderney heifer.

Yours affectionately

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Lexington, Ky., Sept 3 1886

My dear boy

I can't imagine why I got no letter yesterday, and feel very anxious, I hope none of you are sick, but that you went to the fair and forgot to mail the letter. Bug, Louie and Julia, Ned Fort, Reno, and all of Charlie Strait's girls started to school yesterday. Louie thinks he will like it very much. The school opened with 72 scholars. There two other schools besides in town.

I dread to leave your Aunts during the day they have work enough to occupy them, but it is so lonely at night. May Heaven bless my boy  
Your loving Mother



State College of  
Kentucky.  
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Lexington, Ky., Sept. 3 1886

My dear husband

I got no letter yesterday  
and of course was disappointed  
and anxious lest some of you  
are sick.

There is a granddaughter of old  
Mrs. Metzger's here who wants a  
home, she has been accustomed  
to all kinds of work, cooks,  
washer, and has even worked  
out on a farm, her grandmother  
says she is not able to dress her  
and keep her, and I thought  
if we had any place for her  
to sleep she might suit us.  
I thought she might sleep on  
a cot in the dining room or  
in the hall and it could be  
removed during the day. Would it



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suit, do you think? They say she  
is a good girl, I would try to  
be good too, if she should come  
let me know what you think

I hope I shall hear to day that  
there is nothing wrong  
Yours affectionate

Love to Grandmother and  
Willie, Kiss him for me  
and tell him to Kiss you for  
me



Lexington, Ky., Sept. 4 1884

My dear husband

I received your letters  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup>, also Willie's of  
August 31<sup>st</sup>. I am glad your  
mother's eye is better and hope  
the rest of you are better too  
I hope you and Willie  
enjoyed the fair.

I think are more afflicted  
than any others I ever saw,  
with proud, sensitive, I mean  
the right sort of pride, they are  
wounded on every side, poverty  
sickness, death, disgrace to those  
they love as their children, Oh  
surely there must be compensation  
for them hereafter, such innocent



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harmlen, good people. I dread  
to leave them so lonely and  
desolate. I feel almost heartbroken  
about them, and poor Brother Sam  
too I have no doubt he is slowly  
dying. I don't know when  
I can come home some time  
next week perhaps.

Love to all

Yours affectionately



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Lexington, Ky., Sept 7 188

My dear boy

I received your letter  
of the 31 yesterday. Your sympathy  
and thought for my sisters gives  
me great pleasure. I don't know  
what we can do for them, I  
want to stay with them as long  
as I can. You will have to ask  
Mrs. Des Cognets where to get a  
look, I don't know. My dear  
boy May God bless you  
Your loving Mother



[1887-3]

Lowell  
Lexington May 19<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband

I received your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> yesterday, was glad you and Willie were well.

Anna is still living though the doctor thinks she may die at any time, she had a terrible paroxysm of pain this morning though she is so weak, she tried to get out of bed, as soon she is relieved she falls asleep.

I dislike to be away from you and Willie so much but it can't be helped, I don't know when I can come home, I am selfish enough to want you both to miss me. Kiss Willie for me

With much love, yours

L.



[1887]

May 29<sup>th</sup>  
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My dear husband

I received your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> yesterday, also the papers and Magazine. I see nothing about your closing exercises, except the ball is mentioned. Is it Judge Poyer who is invited to attend Commencement at Richmond? if it is, it is significant is not it?

Blanton is a regular Machiavellian in diplomacy. Will you be at home on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

We don't see much change in Aury, if any. She slept last night after eleven o'clock until five this morning. After raving several hours, she has fallen asleep. We have the greatest difficulty in getting her to take the medicine her face is not so much swollen, it has been discharging



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from her mouth.

The Judge ordered two hundred men to be summoned yesterday to get a jury in poor Charlie's case, we have heard nothing since. Sister Caroline tried to sit up with Anna last night, but became so ill that she had to go to bed.

I am very well except the rheumatism.

All send love  
Tell my dear boy I think of him every hour. I am so sorry to be away from you both so long, and there is no telling when I can come home. May the Lord bless and keep you both

Your loving wife



Cerington, Ky., Feb. 25 1887

My dear husband

I received yours of the  
22<sup>d</sup> yesterday. I have written every  
day since I learned when you  
were staying, your despatch did  
not mention and I waited for  
a letter. I sent your letter of the  
21<sup>st</sup> to Scovell. You don't say  
when you will leave Washington  
I think I will not write again  
after to morrow. I suppose you  
will leave on Monday.

We got anthracite coal  
yesterday from J. G. Smith. The  
girls held an open session  
yesterday, or last night. Do call get  
Mr. Muncy sold 24 dollars worth  
of onions for me. All well as usual

With much love yours

L.



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will give you much work  
you need rest, and ought to  
take it while you can.

Love to all

Yours  
Lo.

Mullie sends a kiss to you  
and Grandma.

Don't let your  
in which he says you must  
come down here to stay on

[1871]

June 29<sup>th</sup>

My dear husband,

I received yours of  
the 26<sup>th</sup> yesterday, and one the  
day before. Will McLean  
came yesterday but says he  
did not see you before  
he left. I am sorry you  
are so long and Miss  
Willie so much, he wants  
you too. Tell his Grandma  
he has not forgotten her  
either. He speaks of you both  
often, though he has more to  
amuse him here and seems  
well contented, but he would  
like to be at home.



My sisters have a heifer calf which they would give Willie if he could take it home with him. Would it be expensive? I wish you could come down for Willie and me, I would so much like to consult you about their affairs.

Sam. Viny thought Mr. J. Wain would be willing to lend them a certain sum if they would give a mortgage upon the coal land and town lots. I don't know whether it would be sufficient, or if he would do it. Some who own coal land advise them to hold on to it for a year or two, when they think it will be worth thirty or forty dollars per acre.

Mr. Short offered them twenty last Fall, he was agent for a company, but they did not know how soon they could pay or any thing about it.

I got the Bazar yesterday. Sister Caroline ~~kept~~ papers containing articles on language she had not stamps to send them, I will bring them with me I looked over one or two, I think <sup>the author</sup> he writes like he knows what he is about. his name is Black he taught at Mr. Macowen's school near Louisville last year. he is going to teach for Col. Allen next September. I don't think I should trouble about the speech at Frankfort if it







[1871]

August 9<sup>th</sup>

My dear Husband,

I have been so busy all day that I forgot this was mail day. I received two letters by the last mail and replied to the latest as you requested. I am sure you ought to feel flattered by being the choice of the Committee. I think you would succeed as you have in all your undertakings, and I think it would be well to make the experiment, especially as they give you the privilege of taking your present position again at the close of the year.



Willie's bowels were so much disordered on Saturday that I sent to Dr. Gost for a dose of Calomel which I divided into three portions and gave him: he has seemed better since and has had a very good appetite yesterday and to day but he has had four actions to day. If Willie continues to improve, I think I shall leave next week or the week after, unless you are willing for me to stay until ~~the~~ the event. I am better than I was. I went to church yesterday and was much pleased with Mr. Morton, I think he is very promising. I think they could hardly do better than to get him indeed. Unless they wish to get some old Doctor of Theology.

Willie sends many kisses to dear Papa and all

Your loving wife  
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August 18<sup>th</sup> / 71

My dear Husband,  
I received a letter  
night before last from  
you. Willie is well  
he and Charlie have just  
gone down to buy  
some candy he wanted  
to be dressed in his  
velvet suit, Doctor Dayton  
was here the other night  
and Willie talked so  
pretty to him that he  
came the next morning  
with some glass marbles  
for him. He is anticipating  
a great deal of pleasure  
next Tuesday week, (29<sup>th</sup>)  
There is to be a big show  
then that day, lions and



all kinds of wild beast  
it is to be on our lot  
and I suppose we will  
get complimentary tickets.  
I suppose Charlie  
will go home with  
Willie and me, though  
he has not heard from  
Lamm yet, I think it  
will be very pleasant to  
have him, besides, what  
he pays for board will  
be an agreeable item.  
I would like very much  
to stay until after George  
makes a settlement I could  
insist on a return with me

I saw an article in  
yesterday's Ledger that I  
am sure is from your  
pen and I read it  
aloud with great pride  
and pleasure to my sisters  
they were delighted with  
it too! Didn't you write it?  
Love to your mother  
Yours ever  
L. W. P.