

Sidney, O., 8/30/86

Uncle D. H.,

you remember
some time ago, I spoke
to you about acting as my
guardian; you kindly
consented; but at that time
I did not think that the
present circumstances
would compel me to
select one. You have, I
have no doubt, heard
of Uncle Rice's death.

I saw aunt this
morning, talked
about business matters,
she said she thought
she could not let me
know definitely until
the last of this week; I
will ~~at~~ write you as
soon as I can hear
definitely.

Yours, Judd

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Pound & Suffolk 16th

*Mr. D. K. Gillespie
Kirkwood
O.*

Hagerstown. Ind.

12-17-86.

Dear Uncle.

M. a has decided to go to Piqua to spend the holidays, she will go over the 24th and return the 3rd. He heard uncle H. B. is also going to be there then; she is going so you can all be there together. Mary Rout is also going home that day and will come this way so Aunt Mattie will meet them all. Ma wants you to come over to aunts as soon as possible to see her. All well and hope your family are the same. Love to all. Your loving niece, Cora.

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Mr. D. K. Gillespie.

Kirkwood.

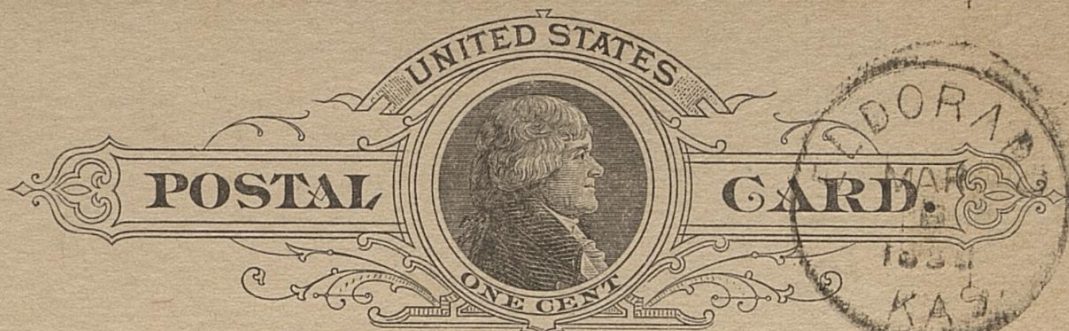
Ohio.

Shelby Co.

El Dorado Kans Mo 6/88

D. K. Gillespie Esq

What are you doing in
the Valentine deal by this time
I heard he was trying to back
out. Keep me posted sharp.
It is to bad that things have worked
as they have. We offered him to good
a thing is one great trouble. We are very
close on a solid deal for a 337 acre farm
north of you. I'll guarantee we dont have
such a ball in it. What are your prospects
of selling one or both notes. Let me hear from
you
C. C. Hill



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

D. K. Gillespie
Shelby Co *Kirkwood*
Ohio

Adolph Wood & Co.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

Canal Elevator and Warehouse Company Building,

N. W. COR. COURT AND BROADWAY.

Cincinnati, March 20th 1891

D. R. Gillespie, Esq

Kirkwood O. *Drum*

Your favor of the 28th inst. covering check on Citizens with Dr of Regina & for $44\frac{16}{100}$ to balance you up with us, is recd.

Please accept our thanks for prompt compliance with our request. We hope it does not portend a final closing of assets between us - but we know there is likely to be little demand for our services from our northern friends until another harvest has been gathered. We have shipped grain into some parts from which we have generally recd.

Wishing you prosperity & health to enjoy it, we are

Very truly
Your friends

Adolph Wood

From
ADOLPH WOOD & CO.
Commission Merchants,
CINCINNATI, O.



D. K. Gillespie Esq
Kirkwood

Shelby Co.

Ohio

Dayton Ohio April 13 1890
Mr D. K. Gillespie

Dear Friend -

I approve of what you
have done - and I am so
thankful to you that you
were willing to go on Cuddis
bond - Certainly I would stand
by you in so doing - Oh I
do hope the Judge can get
him out - I can not understand
why he does not write me -
I am fearful he is not
the true man he represented

himself to be - but - I hope he
will not get the best of us
if Juddie is only cleared - I
could be happy again - I
am so thankful that you
will help deal with the judge
if it is necessary - for if
he has taken advantage
of the poor boy and gotten
his lot away from him
it is a sinful shame
and I will be sorely grieved
about it - but - I will not
borrow trouble - will hope
for the best - until the worst
comes - I will send Juddie
the ~~50~~ 50 as soon as he is out
on bail and have him come
to Dayton if you think
best - of course you know

I am very anxious to see him
and I think it would do
us both good - the only thing
I am fearful of is that it
would be very hard for
him to get employment
here just now - but perhaps
he would stand as good
a show here as elsewhere -
Oh if I could only feel
that it would be as you
say you are hopeful it will be
that he has seen the last of
his case - and that all this

trouble and worry was ended
I would be so happy - I will
write and advise with
you as soon as I hear
further - for I know you
are a friend I can trust -
and I am so grateful
for such a friend in this
hour of trouble - with kindest
regards to all - and -

Yours most truly
Della Warburton

DALTON
APR 13
8 AM
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Mr D K Gillespie
Kirkwood
Ohio

Dayton O

May 1 1891

D K Gillespie Esqr

Dear Cousin

We had visit to day
from Mrs Rev John Stevenon of
N.Y daughter of William Gilles-
pie - sister of Charles who I
think you knew on the Canal.
He was very much pleased with
her she is intelegent ~~and~~ a
Lady and above all a good
Christian woman,

She is very anxious to know
where her and our Grandfa-
-ther were born - Our Grandfather
^{was} George Gillespie and her was
a brother she thinks his name
was James. If you can inform
me so that I can inform her I will
be much obliged.
We are all well. Yours Truly,
John T. Edgar

DAYTON, OHIO
MAY 1
12PM.
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D. K. Gillespie Esqr
Kirkwood
Shelby Co. Ohio

please let him have that
amount - and enough to
pay his fare to Dayton &
expect the will come either
this evening or Monday
I want him to be with
our cattle before he goes
back to Onaka. though
I am placed in a very
poor position to be with
him much just now
but I want to be with
him ~~again~~ all I can
If you think there
can be any thing done
before we hear from
McCulloch and get
his bill please let
me know. I am so
busy that I have scarcely
a moment to call my
own. but I hope work
will slack up a little
before long - with kindest
regards to all - am
Yours most truly
Bill Waitman

Dayton O. May 9 - 1891
Mr D. K. Billspie
Dear Friend
your late favor at
hand - I have not heard
from W. C. Culloch yet -
if you think it would
be best for you to
write him - please do so
he does not seem to
pay any attention to
my writing - whether
he is afraid to present
his bill or not - I do not
know - I suppose we
can do nothing in
regard to the lot
until he tells us how
much his bill will

of course we - I feel
like it would be a
great undertaking for
me to borrow the money
to pay his bill and the
indebitness on the lot -
but if it will not be
too much and I can
get through with it
I expect to go and see
it would be for the best
and perhaps the only
way to save the lot -
Do you think there
is any possibility of
his having the case
dismissed - it would
be such a relief to
know that Judd
would not have to
have another trial -
you don't think it

would be necessary for
any one to go to attend
the next trial do you -
McCulloch has said nothing
about it - and I supposed
he thought it would
not be necessary - I feel
that I could not bear
it to have Judd convicted
you have been very
kind to board him and
not want to charge him
any thing - but I am
willing to pay you for
his board while there -
he spoke of a bill he
owed at Hayward's in
Amaha that he thought
he ought to send which
I believe he said was
\$13.50 if you think
he ought to send it



Mr J K Billspa
Kirkwood
Ohio

Dayton, Ohio, 5/12/91.

Uncle D.K.

Kind Friend;

Sister received a letter from M & M^{rs} Cullack yesterday afternoon, which she will mail you this morning.

Also writing one herself asking you whether it would not be advisable for her to write M & M^{rs} for the receipt I let him have for safe keeping. He still holds to the idea that he must have \$5000 if there be a new trial. And judging from the tenor of his letter it can be that he should be successful in having the whole thing dismissed I don't think that he would

2.

make much of a reduction,
so that if we object in paying
the \$5000 or whatever he may
ask, we had better have the
receipt, ^{had we not?} for the receipt does
not state how much his fees
are to be but only states that
upon payment of the fees the
contract will be returned
& such.

You spoke of sister making
the payments and then for me
& deed the lot over to her; I did
not quite understand you,
but sister has explained
you must for her & pay
the \$2250 back ^{with interest} payments to
Mr Geo. Barker the present owner
also the city and county taxes and
then entitle her & a deed
there by giving the lot in her

3.

name, was not that your idea?

But if she should write
to Mr. Parker enquiring the
exact amt. due, could she
get a clear title while
Mr. McCulloch holds the contract.

If she can, I wish she would,
for I have no more con-
fidence in Mr. McCulloch.

And if we can beat him in
any way I am willing to
sacrifice my interest in
the lot, (but not to him), and if needs
be go again behind the board.

at the time I thought I was
doing the proper thing when
I signed over the contract
to him, although you had
kindly warned me against
doing so; but I thought ^{at the time} you
meant that perhaps "he would

H.

wants the whole lot for five
fees, and in that case of
course I would not have
signed it over, but then
I had more confidence
in him than I have now.

But perhaps after a
while the Almighty will
grant me the business
wisdom I crave for.

But as things stand
if it be at all possible
for sister or any one else
to get the lot beside Mr. Culler
I am ready for action, and
when it is all over, and
we succeed in getting the lot out
of his hands without paying the
\$5000 to him, perhaps then he
will wish that he had not
spoken so plainly in regard

5.

to my being, 'very much inclined
to waste ~~the~~ my money and
property'.

If you can help us, ^{to beat Mr. M. & Co.} use
this matter you shall
have an interest in the
lot, if you so desire.

I have just received
the mail you had told to my
present address.

The letter from Mr. Orchard
said that my apc was balanced,
so my credit is all right there.

Will be glad to hear from
you at your earliest
convenience.

Very Respectfully,
J. W. D.

N.B. Kind regards to all.
A.B.
J.W.

Please pardon pencil, for I have
no ink in my room, will back envelope
at P.O.

DAYTON
MAY 12
9 AM
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Mr. D. Klisler
Kirkwood
Shelby Co. Ohio.

know by return mail
what you think about
it. I did enjoy his
stay with you very
much indeed, and we
are both very thankful
to you all for your kindness
to him while there - I wish you
to forward him the money
to pay the wayward bill
but he came away before
the letter reached you - but
if it is convenient to you
please send it to me.
If he has to return for a second
trial how much money do
you think I ought to let him
have - I suppose he would have
to have enough over his fare to
pay board until he could get
a position - Oh I did trust

that he will be
acquitted - For a
third time to be placed
in confinement -
again - I fear he
would never be
the same for you
I think the time he
has been confined
has left greatly
upon him. Oh these
things will aff-
fect - the poor
fry - please let
me know at once
in regard to your
for that matter
your note -
Willy - Bell
22 Linden Ave

Dayton O May 12-1891
Mr D K Killispir

Dear Friend
I will enclose to you
a letter from McCulloch
which I received yesterday.
I have no confidence in
the man. though I presume
it would be unwise to
say anything until
this trouble is over for
the power is in his
hands now. I think

his price is outrageous
I wrote him that if
he succeed in having
my brother acquitted
I knew he would have
accomplished a great
work - but I begged of him
to be as reasonable as
possible in his charges -
owing to our limited
circumstances - but I
don't see that he has done
anything great yet -
and have not much
faith that he will.

Judd received the letter before
I did and was so anxious
to know that he opened
it - I was as sorry for
it worried him as good

to think McCulloch would
say he could not pay
the money - I tried to explain
as best I could to him - but
I was as sorry he read it -
we thought perhaps it
would be best for me
to write to McCulloch at
once for the receipt for
the contract - of the Col -
Judd left with him
as it is now Judd has
nothing to show for the
Col - Do you think it
would be best for me
to write for it - I fear
I would not dare to
intimate any doubt -
upon our part - Just
now - Please let me

RICHARD S. HALL.
J. H. McCULLOCH.
J. P. ENGLISH.

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OMAHA NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

OMAHA, May 8th, 1891. 189

Miss Della Warbinton,
Cor. Lafayette & Clegg Sts.,
Dayton, Ohio,

Dear Miss Warbinton:-

Your letter of recent date is duly received. I have no further information as to the trial next term, but will notify you and your brother as soon as I am notified myself by the officers.

You asked me with regard to my fees. I had informed your brother, and supposed he would answer your questions in that regard, and hence said nothing about it in my other letter. I told him my fee would be Five Hundred Dollars, and if there was not another trial I possibly would deduct something from that, but there probably will be another trial unless I can, by my associations with the officers, induce them to drop the case, in which event my services would be as valuable, or more so, to your brother than going through another trial.

There was, as you say, a large amount of work in this case, and it has extended over a period of some five or six months, and with everything against me, public prejudice, clamor and the excessive value of the property that was destroyed, I had a hard case to defend. I made the fee as little as I could in justice to my two partners.

Your brother probably told you that he had assigned to me his contract for a lot in one of our out-lying additions as security for the fee. Of course if you or he care to take it up at any time I am ready to release it. I have not, of course, looked to you for pay in this case, but if you are so

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situated that you can furnish me the money I would advise you to take the lot yourself as security, for I do not think that you should pay for all of this trouble into which your brother has voluntarily brought himself. Also, speaking plainly, I think your brother is very much inclined to waste his money and property, and if you should pay my fee, and not take this lot as security, and it would go back to him, I am afraid that in the course of a year or so he will have spent its value.

I have never seen the property, and do not know what it is worth, but he claims it to be worth about Twelve Hundred Dollars. I believe there is something like Two Hundred or Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars against it.

I had a talk with Col. Gillespie the other day, and may use him upon the second trial. Our term of Court begins next Monday, but I do not know when this case will be called. The County attorney has promised to give me a week or ten days notice, so you can all rest easy until you get notice from me.

You can rest assured that I am still looking after the interests of your brother in every particular, and if I can prevent the case being tried again I will do so, if not will again make a hard fight for acquittal, and I have very serious doubts about their being able to convict him, even should we not be able to get all twelve men to acquit. If there should be another disagreement the County Attorney will surely then dismiss the case. I am,

Very truly yours,

J. H. McCulloch

DAYTON, OHIO
MAY 12
8 AM
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Hickwood
Ohio

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Cincinnati, Sept 18th 1890

D. K. Gillespie Esq

Kirkwood, O.

Ou drou du finiel

There are as few of our old time friends and customers in the land of the living now-a-days that it gave us peculiar pleasure, to receive your letter of the 16th inst. Lawton dead, Burnett, west. Ball, east. Chas Bown, dead, Robt Chamber, dead, Fairman, dead, Allen in a sense retired (to give the boys a chance) Kelsey, long gone, and even the old Bonts smitten, or engaged in some "undignified" use. It would appear that you and the writer were "spared monuments", and nearly the only ones of the old time Canal days.

We are just where we have been for the past 22 years 1868-1890 in just the same business - handling the grain and provisions of our old friends or their sons and successors, when they have anything to send here, - which we regret to say is more seldom now than in the past. - We don't worry about it but take what comes and fill up the time, when things don't come, in other ways.

And we might say that the writer is within 3 squares of where he was the 15 years prior to 1868 (1853- to 1868). and still in the Canal.

Your acct we enclose showing a small balance of 72¢ due us. We thought you would be sending a shipment of some kind along after such harvest until, we declare, more than 4 years have past since we had your last. We think we mentioned something of that kind when we sent you your last of Feb. But it is true, we fear, that our port does not often offer attractions to shippers from the north. Our supplies of grain come mainly from the west. This we still receive the Durley for New Bremen & sometimes other stuff from there & St Louis & Colima. The Ball Durley sold by us to arrive is quoted in sundry market reports, which will give you an idea of our rate. If you can ship anything, we shall be glad to receive it. We have men about you & yours
Very sincerely yours
Adolph Wood & Co (except Wood)