

Coles creek Pa Apr. 26

My Dearest Wm,

This morning finds me still at home I did not go to Berwick when I got up yesterday morning I had a cold could not hardly breathe and Mama would not let me go. It is very cold here this morning. We have not made any garden

yet. It has been so cold
snowed last week. I hope
you are enjoying your
self also to ^{see} you soon.

Will have to close as it
is mail time with a kiss
your loving friend,
Wm. Reed

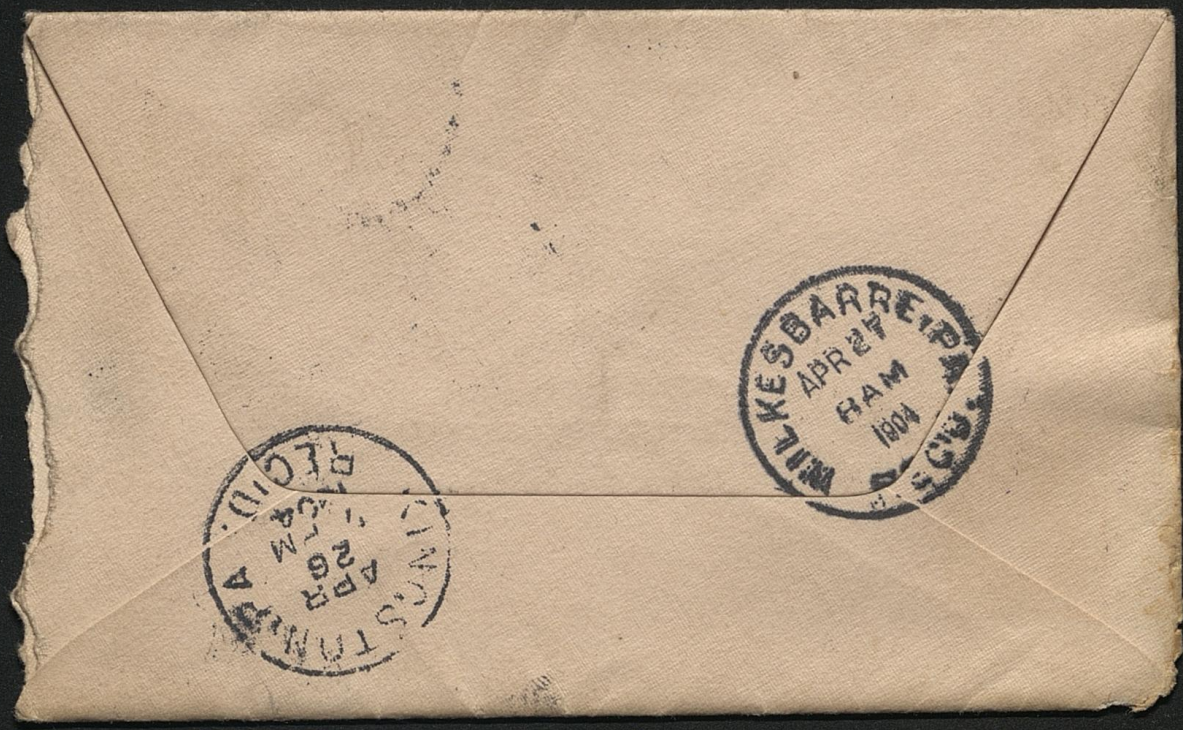
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Mr Wm. R. Belles.
Wilkes Barre ²⁴⁹ ~~Kingston~~
54 N. Main St
Penna



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before I send my address
write here and they will
forward it. This leaves
me well ~~and~~ ~~happy~~ with
hopes that it may find
you the same I close with
a kiss your true friend,
Wm. Reed

Home Sunday Eve Apr. 24, '04.

My Dear Willie,-

I received your letter
yesterday and was very
much surprised to learn
that you was not coming
home this Sunday. I had
intended going to Berwick
on S at then when I received
your letter saying you
would come home to-day
I remained at home over
Sun. I am sorry you care
so little about seeing me.
This has been a lovely day

I spent the greater part of it roaming through the woods ~~in~~ hunting Arbutus. I suppose you had a nice time to-day you said you was going over to Wilkes Barre. How long does Vada intend to stay.

Inez's school was out Friday they played ball in the afternoon Inez and Mary Hess Audrey Hartman and myself helped play. Of course my side won the game.

Well Willie there is not much to write about all you hear is fishing and big fish stories. Papa caught one 16 inches Friday.

Well I guess I will bring ^{this} to a close. Your letters get shorter every time you write so I won't write any more. I will go to Berwick on the 5 P.M. train to-morrow and will write some time - this week if you care to write.

FORWARDED

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Mr. Wm. R. Belles.
541 N. Main St ²⁴⁹ ~~Kingston,~~
Wilkes Barre Penna



Kingston
April 22, 1904

My Dearest Winifred
Well I
will answer your welcome
letter which I recieved to-
day. I will not home Sunday
because Evada is at
WilkesBarre and I would
not want to go home while
she is away I was over
to W. B last evening
I will go over there Sunday
and will come down
to Berwick a week from

Sunday to see you if
you are willing. Tell
Harry to catch me about
six such trout and send
them to me. Is your father
at Berwick working? I think
he must be or you would
not go over there. Bada
said your ring was down
home her trunk I will get
it just as soon as I can.
well I will have to close
so I can mail this answer
this letter than write to

me just as soon as you
get Berwick give me your
address close with a good
sweet kiss

Your truest friend
Wm R



Miss Winifred Cole
Colescreek
Pa.

half past seven? I doubt
it. Well a good night Kiss
Hope to see or hear from you
soon from your friend,
Ed

P.S. John Bakers has a girl

Coles creek Ga

Wed Evening Apr. 20,

Dear Willie,

Your letter dated
yesterday received this A.
M. It found me well and
happy. My Aunt and Uncle
from Fairdsville are here
writing. They have the sweet
est little boy he is only 8
month old, and has coal
black eyes. Flossie is home
to night. she is writing

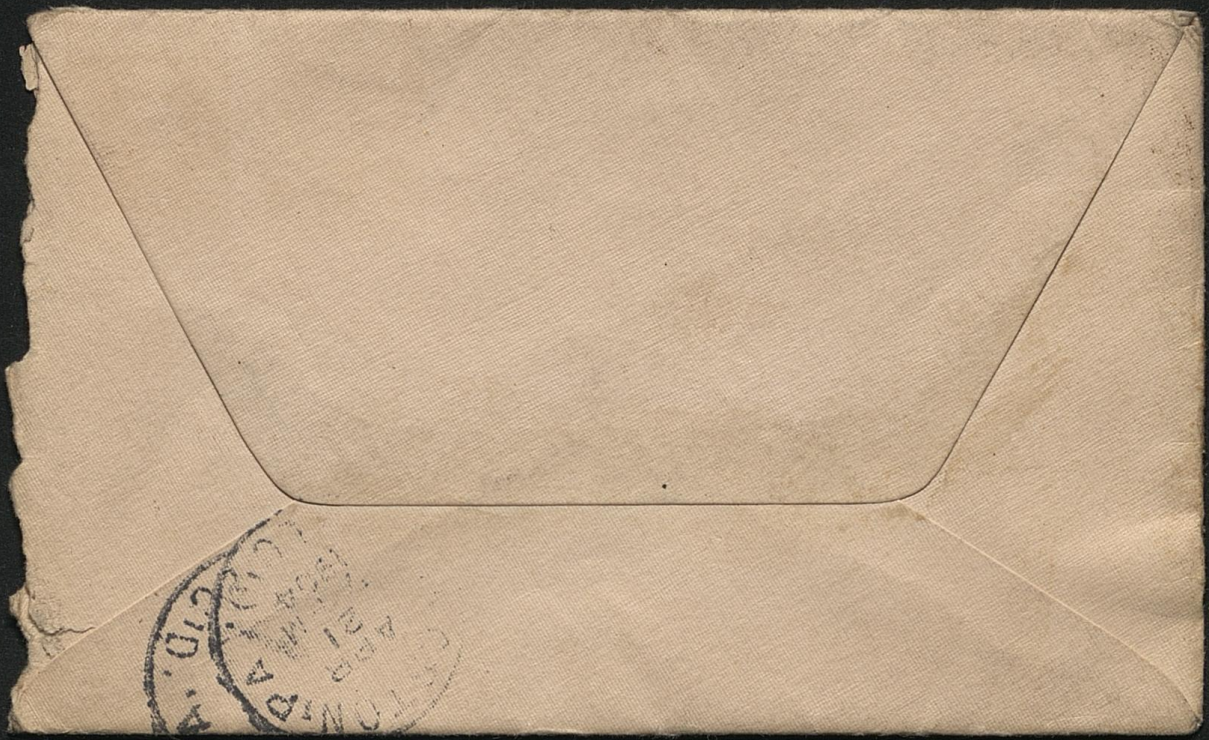
to one of her girl chums.
I was to Benton yesterday and saw your father and LeRoy.

I have not got my ring yet. If you come home Sunday I wish you would bring it along as I would like to have it before I go to Berwick. I am going Monday, for all I know now. I am so glad that you are coming this

Sunday for if you wait until next Sun I mean until the first, I will not be at home. Harry caught a fine trout Monday it measured 19 inches and weighed two lb. He feels awful proud well I don't blame him do you? It is now 8.15 P.M. and guess I will close and go to bed. Do you go to bed every night at



Mr. Wm. R. Belles.
249 Kingston, Pa.



Kingston

April 19 1904

My Dearest sweetheart,

Well

I received your Welcome letter today glad to know that you are well. I did

not go Saturday Night as he had go out in the afternoon I am going some other time. you did tell me who Flossie fellow was I imagine who it was I think. I was over

to Wilkes Barre Sunday
I was two Bruce keeper
for dinner. Sunday
night I went to bed at
half past seven I think
that is a little bit early
than I am use to going
don't you. I guess my folk
at home is dead because
I have not heard from
them for nearly two week
One thing sure I am not
going to write till I do
hear. If you in regard

to your going ~~home~~ to
Berwick I say go because
I can come down there
~~there~~ and see you every
now and then. you think
you will have to go before
two week I will come home
Sunday. I have every
thing two my self this
after noon I am taken care
of the shop alone I guess I
will close as there is some
work to do close with a sweet
kiss

~~work~~
P.S. you will have to excuse the
blot on this paper



Miss Winifred Cole
Colescreek
Pa.

What do you think about me
going? This has been a very
nice day so warm how I
wish you could have come
home this Sunday if you
come the first it will ^{be} two weeks
from to-day it seems a long
time since I saw you.
Flossie is going to stay home
to-night she sends her best.
The roads are in fine shape I
guess the small pox has all died
out in fact there is no new cases.
Oh by the way Flossie has a cute
little fellow now he is from Still
water had her out driving last
Sunday. Don't know whether he was up
to see her last night or not. Don't forget to
tell me all about your trip if you want.
2 kisses your true and loving
friend W

Coles Creek, Pa.

April 17, 1904.

My Dearest Wm.

I will now answer
your welcome letter I rec-
eived yesterday morning.
No dear don't think I have
forsaken you for I think
of you very often. But
the reason I didn't
write sooner was because
I felt hurt to think you
did not answer my

letters, ^{sooner} I thought I would let
you wait for a letter as I do.
I always feel very much dissa-
pointed when I look for a letter
from you and look in vain.

This has been a very pleasant day
for me. Flossie came down this
forenoon and then this afternoon
we went to Benton to see the ruins
the shirt factory burnt down
last night between ten and
eleven o'clock. I feel so sorry for
it throws so many girls out of
employment. I saw Joe Young she
ask about you ^{Ha!} Do you believe it?
Charlie McHenry and Miss Keeler were
married yesterday. In regard
to Ernest getting ^{married} I do not know I
have not seen ^{his} wife or heard any
one say.

Well Dear I rather think I will go to
Berwick soon Dr Hills wants me
to come there, I dont want to
go before the 2nd of May. But I am
afraid I will have to go before,
there is only four in family



Mr William P. Belles.
249
Kingston,
Ga.



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Now dear you want
to be very careful with
you arm and do not
catch cold in it. Tomorrow
will be a hard day
because it is Saturday
Just as soon as the roads
gets good do I can ride
a wheel from Chickimey
I will be home over Sunday
I guess close for tonight
from your Dearest
W. R.

Kingston
April 1, 1904

My Dearest Winifred,-

I received

Your welcome letter this
forenoon. I am very glad that
you will not wait for me to write
because it does me so much
good to get a letter from
my dear little girl. Well I am
still alive but lonesome
with out my dear sweetheart
I do not hardly ^{know} anyone here
only a few boys it is a

very hard place to get
with the young people so
I go to bed every night
about eight o'clock. Yes
I suppose you do feel
sad because I know
how sad I felt when
my grandma died I
thought she was the
dearest woman that ever
lived, I was over to Wilkesboro
this forenoon. I get over a-
bout three or four times a week.
I have been here two weeks

and one day it seems
to me like about two
months. I ^{am} very tired
tonight I help move Mr
Dee brother this afternoon
I think moving is very
hard work. Is Flossie home
now? I had a letter from
home yesterday and said
^{they had} been pretty near all sick
they said the men had
been doing the work
they can not get any
girl because they are
afraid of the small pox

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Miss Winifred Cole,
Colescreek
Pa.

Boles creek, Pa,
April 6, 1904.

My Dearest William. -

I received your most
welcome letter this morn-
ing and was very much
pleased to know that you
are well and happy for that
is a great thing in the stream
of life. All I do these nice
spring days is nurse my
vaccination but really I
would rather work. How sad
it is to think how that man
was killed at Wilkes Barre?
Does he leave a wife and family?
~~or~~ We have quite a reunion
here to-night all of Papa's

brothers and sisters are here
except Aunt Sallie Decker. I forget
whether I told you or not that
Harold's father Uncle Byron
came east when dear grand-
ma was buried. There is five
boys of them and two girls.

Do you drive that fine team?
I imagine how proud you
look holding the ribbons.

I hope the roads soon get good
so you can come home for I
am very anxious to see you
It seems so long since I last
saw my Willie dear.

We heard Mrs Shultz had the
smallpox then the word came
that it ^{was} only French measles I

hope it is only the measles. dont
you.

Well Willie I will close for my
arm is paining me terribly I
am resting it on a pillow
O, dear dont get vaccinated.
A good sweet kiss from your
Sweetheart

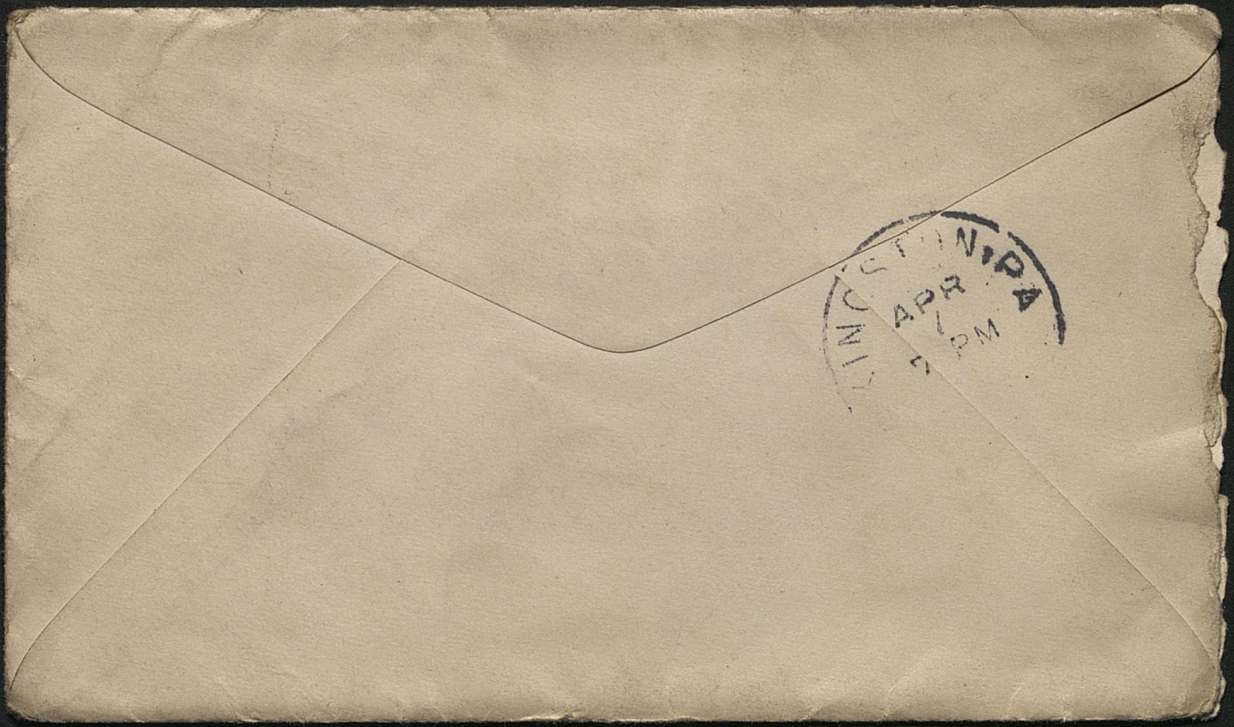
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Short but sweet



Mr. William P. Belles
249
Kingston
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that would come home
with^{out} coming to see you
well I guess not. I think
of you every night before I
go to sleep. Well I think I
shall ~~bring~~ bring this
miserable letter to a close
with a good sweet kiss to
my dear Winifred

Your most true friend
Wm R

W. Y. C. D.

Kingston
April 4. 1904

My Dearest Winifred

Well I
received your Welcome
letter this forenoon it finds
me well and happy. I am
very glad to hear that you
are feeling good again. I was
over to my Uncle and Aunt's
to spend my Easter. My
Aunt said she wanted to
be remembered to you. She
thinks that my dear little

girl is all right, I have been very
busy today I have been helping
the Mrs clean house when ever
I could get a little time the girl that
promise to come fooled her. There was
a man got kill in Wilkes Barre today
the ~~driver~~ driver on the fire engine
fell off and this man went to catch
the team and engine ran over him.
No dear you do not write to long
a letter not long ^{enough} you do not know
how much I enjoy reading your
letters. Did you know that Emery
Shultz wife had the small pox? Well I
have got another new horse and it is a fast
one two we have one of finest Teams
in Kingston and I am proud I can
take care of such a team. Well dear
dont you worry about my going
to see that girl I love my little girl
to much for that. I recieved the
ring old B. K and thank you very
much for sending it. Well do
you think for one minute

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Miss Winifred Cole
Coles Creek
Pa.

Kingston
April 11, 1964

My Dearest Sweetheart,

well

I will ^{answer} your welcome letter.
I would of answered it last
evening but I took care
of the little girl while the
Mrs went to church. I have
not been inside of a church
since I have been here.
Well how is my dear little
girl getting along I hope
good. I donot think we will
have worry about Earnest

Colley coming to see florence
any more tell her I feel sorry
that he is gone. Did they
have to get married? It seems
as if this is an awful place
for people to kill themselves
here another man shoot himself
here saturday. Are you
going work for long again
this summer? It will
be four week thursday since
I came up here it seems
like about eight weeks
I don't think it will be
that much longer

till I see my dear little
girl. I am pretty tired
tonight I made bolony
and pudding to day beside
the other work I done. Will
dear I guess will close
and write more some
other night this week
close with a good sweet
kiss to my dearest Winifred
your loving friend
Wm R Bellet



Miss Winifred Cole
Colescreek
Pa

Kingston
April 15, 1904

My Dearest Winifred -

well I
have began to think that
my dear little girl has
forsaken me. I thought
sure I would get a letter
to day from you but I did
not. I think it is rather
funny that you have to
wait so long to write.
^{How} I not had any letter
from home yet this

I was to lodge last
Friday night here I
took the side degree
I wish I would dare tell you
what they done with me.
They use me. Pretty rough,
How is the roads are they
drying up? Well dear I
do not know of any thing
more to write. You will have
to excuse lead pencil as Mr
Ide is using the Pen and
Ink. Will close with a
good sweet kiss
Your Dearest friend
Wm

week I guess they have all
foresaken me, well I will
live any way untill I die,
I am still well and happy
but I am getting very anxious
to see my little girl. I think I
will take a trip over the mountain
tomorrow night on an engine
with my cousin he is fireman
I will be out all night
and will not get back untill
11.30 clock Sunday I will tell
you in my next letter wither
I go or not. We lunched
today and made sausage
tomorrow will be a very busy
day for me as it is Saturday.
I think I will come down about
the frist of May. Is the small
pot doing out down
there.

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Miss Winifred Cole
Colescreek
Pa.