Ashland, Ky. Jan 1 1859

Mr. John Means

TO E. S. FLETCHER, P. M., DR.

	$	cts.
To postage on Independent New York		13
Home Journal 13 Intelligencer 13		26
Harpers Magazine		5
Scouton Register 13 Presbyterian 7		20
for 2 quarters ending March 31 1859		
Box rent from Sept 30 1858 to Mar 31 1859		50
		8 14

Received payment.

E. S. FLETCHER, P. M.

Postage Receipt
.84 Cents
18th Jan 1859

Marietta, 7. Jany. 1859

My dear, Hattie

yours of the 31. Dec was recd last night, & we were pleased to hear of the good health of the children & that you had a pleasant Christmas. The Holidays passed off here with the usual noise of guns & crackers — keeping your mother & me awake nearly all the night of New year, & to add to the confusion, at midnight, as the ~~minute~~ hand of the clock pointed to one minute past 12, & the new born year was fairly launched on the stream of time, the Bells of all the churches & even the old fogy of the court house burst out into a merry peal of about 10 minutes duration, setting to defiance any hope of sleep or even of closing the eyelids — We however lived through it all, & your mother has been improving ever since — she is now able to sit up 3 or 4 hours in the course of the day & amuses herself by working on some of her unfinished scrap Books —

My nursing is getting rather tight, having to rise only once at night & heat her a bowl of cocoa, to recruit her wasted flesh — However she cooks better than you would expect after a hard campaign of six weeks continuance — she still feels a little of the

of the ill effects of the disease, in nocturnal pains of the limbs & joints, but they have not swelled, as they sometimes do —

Should your little ones, by ill luck, take the scarlet fever, let the doctor to keep them in a cool room with little or no fire — plenty of cold air to breathe & cold water to drink — do not give any purges untill the disease is over — if the throat is sore, & full of phlegm, an emetic of Ipecac — may be use full — & if ulcerated or inclined to aphtha, use a solution of chlorate of potash — one of the best of remedies for the throat, & for the fever, Tincture of Veratria viridae — well known to intelligent modern Physicians — To allay the itching of the skin, rub or coat it, with the fat of Bacon, or lard, applied with a feather, all over the Eruption — every 4 or 5 hours — also bathe them with tepid water — The throat, if swelled may be bathed with sweet oil, or the same Bacon fat, & covered with one thickness of cotton flannel — If the eruption is full all over the body, it is better than a partial one —

Probably Dr. Newton, would treat the disease better than your old Doctor Van — It is a disease, like the measles & other eruptive affections, which must run their course, & the less you interfere with it the better — Probably the woman at Harlett, did little but heat them cool & give water for drink — common sense is a valuable article in all diseases, as well as other affairs — we send a big pile of love to you, John & the little ones — yours — S. P. Hildreth —

Thos. Means Jr

1859 To B. Peyssie & Son Dr

July 20 to 1 pr pants $5.00

Ashland Ky Jan 10 1860

Recd payment

B. Peyssie & Son

P. Beyssier & Co

$150.00

Savy 10th

Chgd 1859

Thos. H. Ullens

Ashland Ky Jany 1st 59

Mr John Means

1858 To Fletcher & Martin Dr

April	15	To 1 Coal Oil Lamp	1 25	
	21	" 1 Qt Bottle	10	
	22	1/2 Gal. Coal Oil & Can 35	95	2.30
May	4	" 1 lb Hops	25	
	5	" 1 Box Blacking	10	
	18	" 1 Calcu. Soap	50	
	21	" 1 Box Blacking	10	
	31	" 1 Gro Pens	1 00	
		1 Reader 4th	60	
		1 Slate	25	
		2 Pen Holders	10	2.90
June	1	1 Mem. Book	20	
	5	Snuff 5 Camphor 10 Borax 10	25	
		Chimney 10 Ginger 20	30	
	9	Ext Lemon 25 Gum Arabic 20	45	
	12	Arrow Root 50 Chimney 10 Arabic 40	100	
	25	4 oz Gum Arabic	40	
	26	1 lb Cream Tartar 50 Soda 30	80	
	28	1 lb Hops	50	3.90
Aug	3	Potash 10 Blacking 10	20	
	12	1 lb Tea 100 Brandy 40	1 40	
	13	1 Box Pills	25	
	18	14 M. J. Bottles	1 40	
		Camphor 15 Cotton Hay 10	25	3.50
Sept	4	1 lb Tea	1 00	
	16	1 Gal. Coal Oil & Can	1 15	
	27	1 Qt Linseed Oil	30	2.45
Oct	22	1 Lamp Chimney		10
Nov.	5	1 Box Citrine Oint	10	
	11	2 Qro Letter Paper	40	50
Dec.	11	1 Box Blking	10	
	27	6 oz Salt Petre	15	25
				$15.90

Recd Payment

Fletcher & Martin

A/c & Rept $15 20/100

Fletcher & Martin

Paid 10th Jany 1859

John Hood

Jany 1/59

Mr. John Means

Dr a/c with J. M. Ferguson

1857

April 10th To 1 pr Pants 7.00

Aug. 7 " Coat & Pants 33.00

$40.00

Received Payment

J. M. Ferguson

per Wm Henry Parsons

Sunton O. Janry. 12th 1859.

Bill & Recpt $40/m
G. M. Ferguson
Paid
12 th Jany 1859

Ashland Ky Jan the 13 1859

John Means To V. Price Cr

Jan 12 To Sheet Acc — $18 50

A/c £ 19 $\frac{35}{100}$

Jacob Prior

Paid 12th Jany 1819

Ashland Wy. 14th Jany 1858

Received of John Means One hundred and Five $\frac{60}{100}$ Dollars in full of acct

$105 $\frac{60}{100}$

P. H. Kelly

8 6 1 5

Receipt £105 0 0

Phil Kelly

14th Jany 1858

Lanton Ohio Jany 25th 1859

Mr John Means,

Sir & with J M Ferguson

1858		
Dec	2 Pairs West	1500
1859	Repairing Coat	100
Jany 12	1 Over Coat	2000
	Recd Payment in full	$36.00

J M Ferguson

Friend John I should not have sent to you for this if it were not a matter of necessity but; if I do not raise Two Hundred Dollars by tomorrow (Wednesday) evening the 26th my property will be taken on execution; and I lack fifty five dollars of the amt yet and if you will send me by the mail tomorrow; Thirty five dollars, it will be in full of $ to date: by so doing you will

Oblige your friend

Mr John Means

J M Ferguson

P S I am going to Cincinnatti Thursday will you not go down and get a sewing machine I shall bring mine up with me or let me send you one from there You truly J M F

Rec'd Receipt & $36.00
James M. Ferguson
25th January 1859

Ashland 31st Jany 1859.

John Means Esq
Dear Sir

We beg to hand you a conveyance from ourselves to the Kentucky Coal Oil Co, of certain mining privileges, together with the original documents conferring these privileges, and shall thank you to hand over these documents to Mr Maize, on his giving you Stock Certificates of the Ky Coal Oil Coy for Forty shares in name of our S C. - or a written obligation to do so, without reservation, within fourteen days from this date.

We also hand you Copy of this conveyance which you can give to Mr Maize or his legal adviser should they wish for it - this will obviate the necessity of your giving up these documents until the above conditions are complied with.

Yours truly
S. T. W. Cairns

[Feb. 4, 1859]

Whereas J. & W. Cairns of Ashland Ky obtained on the 17th day of March 1858 certain privileges to mine Cannel Coal in Lands owned by R. M. Biggs of Ashland, which privileges, together with their accompanying restrictions, are fully set forth in an Instrument made by the said R. M. Biggs on the above named day. —

And whereas the said J. & W. Cairns have located the boundaries of Area within which the said privileges exist in the Mount Savage Lands belonging to the said R. M. Biggs — as follows. — Beginning at a point twenty poles North East, by Compass, from the mouth or Entrance of a Coal Drift, being the most Northerly drift from which Welsh & Devon recently mined Coal under a Contract made with J. & W. Cairns — thence West-north-West fifty poles — thence South South West three hundred and twenty poles — thence East South East fifty poles — thence North North East three hundred and twenty poles, to the place of beginning — being one hundred Acres, more or less. —

And whereas the said J. Cairns has associated himself with certain other Parties for the purpose of manufacturing Coal Oil in Ashland, and of carrying on the business under the name or designation of the Kentucky Coal Oil Company. —

And whereas the said J. & W. Cairns agreed by an Instrument dated at Louisville June 5th 1858, to make over to the Kentucky Coal Oil Company certain specified deeds, and also the above specified Mining privileges for a Consideration named in said Instrument. — Therefore, the said J. & W. Cairns hereby make over and transfer to the Kentucky Coal Oil Company, the

privileges of Mining Coal which were made to the said
J & W Cairns by the said R. M. Biggs. as above located.
In witness whereof we have hereunto
set our hand and seal this fourth day of
February in the year 1859.

J & W Cairns (Seal)

Marietta March 21. 1859

My dear Hattie,

I took out my writing materials several days ago to answer your letter by Benny P. but was so unwell that I lay'd them aside: but this Monday Morn. I will try to scratch a few lines.

I am pleas'd with your arrangements, to make the first visit, for I do not think that I am well enough at present to go from home; I seem to have all the maladies that the human family is heir to; I try to bear it patiently thinking it is all right & for my good.

We are rather a poor set here at present, your Father is very unwell, sore eyes, toothache swelled face etc. George & Mary have very bad colds & coughs; but Mr. Roop is the worst of the whole, he looks very badly, he had an attack of Pleurisy about a month ago & has not entirely recover'd from it; he thought he must go on for his goods before he was able to; he was quite sick in Phil' — he has returned looking very badly; your Father is very fearful that he will go into a decline, but I do not dare to give it a second thought; what shall we do with those children?

I had an attack of Colic, & a few days after very severe turn of Vertigo by way of variety, while B. was with you but I hope we shall all be well by the time you get here.

B. P. was much pleased with his visit at your house he thinks you are nicely fixed & nice enough he says for any body.

But the Girls I don't think he thought quite equal to Lydia E. — I must tell you some of the particulars Monday Morn. Benj: came in with the package from y.

B. was very much engaged wanted to get away on Thursday "but he didn't leave until this this Morning."

Wednesday Morn. he came in very early to give me the particulars of his Ashland visit, & see if I would not ride over & spend the day, "but I was so unwell"

But before he bid me goodbye he told me the particular loco he took a Boat Monday Morn. for Newport & he had done cash business or in other words had sworn Lydia you must keep it whist until it comes out from other sources. — So we shall see him again probably Next Fall, & the New house will be ready for the Party.

I am not acquainted with her Mysty, but your father is, & he recommended her to Henry — he is highly delighted, he says B. is a lucky fellow if he can get her.

Aunt Susan P. recommended L. to B. very highly but I do not know as that had much influence, as her principal object in life is in the management of the cooking Stove — & B. says that she seldom leaves it for anybody.

O, by the by they are about leaving town & going back on their farm, She is so homesick here: they can't have but two Cows here & she can't have half as much cream as she wants. for she wants every thing of the richest kind B. says.

Tell Mr. Means Mr W. was much pleased with communication respecting the Coal Oil business: he & Mr. Starling have purchased some Coal lands with in a few Miles of here & are making arrangements to go to work immediately.

Mr. S. has gone on for his family, will be here in a few days: he was in the wd before he left to see if we would not sell him our House on 4th Street — but we thought we had rather let J. W. have it than trust a broken Merchant.

O the changes in this world & particularly in that family. Mrs W. was in a few weeks since to get seeds to send to her sister, now she is expecting her to remain. Give My respect to Mrs. Adams, tell her I shall be very happy to see her with you. Write me about what time you expect to come. You had better not get on to the New Place as that does not reach here until Sunday after noon. Yr. Ever — R. H.

Mr John Means
To Jas Kastell & Sons

1859.				Dr.
March 9	To	5 Spls Thread	25	
	24	" 2 Brooms	60	
April 5	"	1 Basket	50	
	"	7 yds Muslin	87	
	"	2 " Calico	25	
	"	1 # Green Tea	100	
	8	" 4 Pr Hose 12½ 12½ 25 25	90	
	"	6 Bx Tape 3	18	
	"	1 " "	05	
	"	2 Sheets Wadding	10	
	"	1 Bag Salt	15	
	"	8 # Rice 8 @ 5½	54	
	"	1 Pr Shoes	75	
	"	3 Hoops	15	
	28	" 4 # Prunes 12½	50	6 66
	"	1 2/4 # Tobacco 18	18	6 97
May 4	"	7 # Coffee	100	
	23	" 3 yds Gingham	75	
	"	6 yds " Calico 12½	80	
	"	1 Bx J R D Pins	30	
	"	3 Pr Hose 15	45	
	"	1 Bmo Hat	25	
	"	2 yds Ribbon	10	
June 11	"	14 " Jaukeen	175	
	"	1 Pr Childs Shoes	25	
	"	3 Spls Thread 5	15	
Jun 22	"	8 yds Crash	100	
	"	1 Pr Pins	10	
	"	2 yds Glazed Muslin	25	
	"	1 Gr Buttons Pearl	100	
	"	4 Pr Hose 7½ 15 5/20	85	
	"	Shoe Laces	10	
	"	9 Bx Tape 2/20 3/9	29	
	"	4 3/8 yds Table Cloth 7½	3 50	
	"	1 Black Alpaca Linen	2 50	
	"	1 # Crackers	10	
	"	2 Bott Extract 25	50	
	"	2 Wood Bowls 30 40	70	
	"	1 Chief Desk	35	
	24	" 4 # Rice	28	
	"	1 # Green Tea	100	
	28	" 10 # Coffee 14	1 40	19 73
July 4	"	1 Flag	70	
	6	" 3 Brooms	75	
	"	1 Pr Small Shoes	85	
	21	" 1 Memorandum	25	
	26	" 1 yds Linen	40	
	"	8 " Muslin	100	
	"	4 Spls Thread	20	
	"	Lot of assorted do	20	
	"	6 yds Dress Trimming	30	
	29	" 10 3/8 # Coffee	1 50	6 55
	"	1 # Tea	100	
		Forward		25
Apl 5	24	1 Bucket		$33 50

		Amount Forward			$33 50
Aug	26	2	10 Spools Thread	50	
	29	"	6 yds Muslin	75	
		"	4 " Flannel 50	200	
		"	1¼ yds Drilling 15	15	
		"	2 Pr Childs Shoes 65.50	115	
		"	9 Spools Thread 5	45	
		"	1 Ball Cord	05	
		"	1 yd Ribbon	15	
		"	18 yds Calico 12½	225	7 45
Sept	18	"	1 Shaving Brush	15	
	26	"	1 Memorandum	25	
	"	"	2 Hearth Brooms	30	
		"	1 ~~Do~~ Do	35	1 05
Nov	1	"	4 yds Flannel 50	200	
			2 Do 40 50	90	
		"	14 lb Brazil 3	42	
		"	1 Cloth Cap	100	
			6 yds Velvet Trimg	50	
			2 Do 50 10	20	
			9 Spools Thread 5	45	
			1 Doz Buttons	15	
			31 Skns Cracell	31	
			2 " Gloves 32	07	
	4		10 lb Coffee 14	1 40	
Dec	2		1/2 yd Flannel 50	25	
	7		3/4 " Gray do 50	162	
	22		10 lb Rio Coffee 15	150	
Jan	2		4 ℔ Indigo 10	40	
	4		9 lb Lard 15	1 42	12 59
			Balance Dues		$54 59
	10		1 Floor Mat	1 00	
	20		6 lb Dried Apples 9	1 12	
	26		5 yds Flannel	2 50	3 62
Feb					58 31
	21		1 lb Cream Tartar	50	
			4 ℔ Pins 5	20	70
					$59 01

Wm Paul McGinnis

Hon. Jas. Haskell Adm
March - 21 - 1860

A/c for Harriet Hon
$190.00
Cont. 24th March 1869

Mr. Jno. McCann
Bought of
James Haskell & Son
Cash
$190.00
Feb 1869

Mr. Jno. McCann
Dr. with James Haskell & Son

1868						Dr.
March	20	To 18# Salt		13.		
	"	" 4# Oyls.	5	20		
	22	" 15# Beans.	3	45		
	"	" 10 3/4# Maple Sugar	20	215		
April	30	" 1 Broom.		30.		
	"	" 1/2# Cinnamon Bark.		25.		
	"	" Shoe Strings		10.		
	"	" Paper.		15.		
	6	" 10# Coffee	14	140		
	"	" 6# Rice	8 1/3	50		
	27	" 1 Set Plates.		75		
	29	" 2 1/4# Butter	20	45		183
May	3	" 2 3/4 dz Eggs.	10	28		
	"	" 6 yds Dowlling	12	76		
	10	" 4 1/2# Starch	10	45		
	12	" 5# Qd Currants	20	100		
	17	" 22 1/2# Sugar	14	315		
	22	" 15 1/2# Feathers	40	620		
	"	" 1/2 Bu Potatoes.		20		
	24	" 3 Whale Bone Corsets.		38		
	"	" 6 Spls Thread	5	30.		
	"	" 5 yds Bleach Muslin	16	83.		
	"	" Crewell		10		
	"	" 1 Pr Small Shoes		30		
	"	" 1 " " Hose		13		
	"	" 2 Combs. 1/10 1/20		38.		
	"	" 1 Hair Brush		50		
	"	" 4 Fans 1/25 1/10 2/5		145		
	"	" 10 Skeins Thread		10.		
	"	" 4 Yds Edging 2/5 2/6		18		
	"	" 3 Skeins Silk	5	15		
	"	" 4 Yds Edging	16 2/3	67		
	"	" 2 " Insertings	"	33.		
	"	" 1 " Irish Linen		75		
	"	" 14 Yds Calico	25	3 63.		
	"	" 1 Table Cloth.		90.		
	"	" 5 1/2 Yds Linen Damask	120	2 50		
	"	" 8 Pr Hose 20 125 150	300	2 25		
	"	" 9 Yds Flannel	40	3 60.		
	"	" 4 " Calico.		100		
	"	" 4 dz Clothes Pins		20		
	"	" 6 Thimbles	12	75		
	"	" 2 Plates	20	40		
	"	" 1 Tooth Comb		10		
	"	" 1 Quire Paper		25		
	"	" 1 Punch Braid		15		
	"	" 1/2 Bushel Potatoes		20		
	31	" 3 Mungo to Pans	18	3 00.		
	"	" 1 Sad Cord.		35.		
June	11	" 6 yds Calico	12	75		
	12	" 2 Pr Socks	8	16		
	15	" 10# Coffee	14	140		
	23	" 10 yds Muslin	10	100		
	"	" 15 Skeins Crewell		15		
	"	" 5 " Tape	3	15		
	"	" 4 Hanks	25	100	43	97
	"	" 6 Skeins Mop	5	30.		
		Forward			$50	50

1856		Amt Brot Forwd			$ 50 51	
July	14	To 4# Crackers	10	40		
	24	" 2 Lines	75	150		
		" 1 Comb		08		
	28	" 4 Spools Thread		20		
		" 1 Pr Pins		10		
	29	" 2 " Needles	10	20		
Aug	4	" 14# Dried Beef	14	196		
		" 8# Rice	7	56		
	7	" 8# Crackers	10	80		
	12	" 10# Coffee	14	140		
	16	" 9# Crackers	10	90		
		" 1 Broom		30	8 40	
	25	" 2 Clasp Cans	25	50		
		" 10 Yds Calico	12	125		
Sept	2	" 12 " Calico	"	150		
		" 1 " Drilling	18	18		
		" 2 Cards Hk & Eyes		10		
	9	" 1 yd Flannel		38		
		" 1 " Drilling		12		
		" 1 Ball Cotton		02		
	15	" 1 yd Flannel		38		
		" 2 Spools	5	10		
		" 1 Chamber		61	5 13	
	21	" 1 yd Flannel		38		
		" 2 Ribbon	5	10		
		" 6 But tape	3	18		
	22	" 1 dz Vest Buttons		10		
Octr	25	" 4# Coffee	14	56		
		" 1# Imp Tea		100		
Nov	5	" 10 yds Ticking	20	200		
		" Thread		20		
	6	" 2 Pr Matches	10	20		
	12	" 10# Coffee	14	140	6 12	
	22	" 10 yds Calico	13	131		
		" 2 " Flannel	45	90		
		" 2 Pr Hose	50	100		
		" 5 But Braid	3	15		
		" 1 Belt		15		
		" 4 yds Flannel	50	200		
		" 4 Spls Thread	5	20		
		" 1 Pr Gloves		30		
	20	" 1# Tea		100		
		" 4# Starch	10	40		
	21	" 8 yds Muslin	12	100		
		" 1 Broom		30		
		" Braid		18		
		" 4 Hdkfs	20	80		
	24	" 10# Coffee	10	100		
		" 1# Tea		100		
		" 12 yds Crash	13½	160		
		" 1 Bunch Braid		15	13 79	
Jany	22	" 10# Coffee	14	140		
		" 1# Tea		100		
		" 8# Beans	3	25		
		" 1# Spice		20		
Feby	11	" 4 yds Muslin	12	50		
		" 6 Yr Br do	10	60		
		Thread		05	4 00	
					$ 87 94	
		1 Sd Earth Broom		25		
Mar	8	1# Tea		100		
		10# Coffee	14	140	2 55	
					$90 49	

Oppy Burns
John Means $36.85
H. Means Hers 2.15
$39.00
Rec Payment
March 24/37 Owen Byrne

Bill & Receipt $ 39/10
Coal
Owen Byrne
24th March 1859

Arthur Mears

Manchester O. Nov 29th/57

Mr Means;

Permit me to trouble you with a short note So day I saw G. S. Birker & he is now ready to strike a dividend in the case of Isaac Templetons estate, and says it will pay from Eighty to eghtyfive cents on the Dollar, But I am not able to pay up from the fact the man I sold to can not pay me, And I want to know if you would take my note for the one you hold Templeton, I will give you my note well indorsed with ten per cent until we can make a sall of the land: which

I think we can shortly do
I am not in the habit of begging but I do ask this as a favour so that I can keep out of court with the Tinker the Administrator
Please answer by return Boat

Yours

J. W. Habliston

Should this meet your approbation you note being in the hands of John Ellison I will make it satisfactory with him

J. W. H.

Greenupsburg Ky April 17. 54

Mr Thos. W. Means
Union F. Landing
Ohio

I have the control & can dispose of to you 52 bonds. ($52,000) upon which suit has now been brought in the Federal Court for the Ky Circuit & part of the $210,000 of bonds executed by the Ky. I. C & M Comp to the Lex & Big S. R.R. Co. I can & will procure an assignment to you either recorded on the present holder, Adam Cale, at ~~$1~~ thirty Cents on the dollar of principal & interest. This would be a fine speculation to you as you are a heavy Stockholder & can use the bonds in payment of your Stock at par. If you do not want the whole of them then Mr Campbell or some other friend of yours can share. The payment must be in Cash, upon delivery of the bonds. I must hear from you shortly, what you will do.

I have the right to dispose of four other bonds now owned by Ex

Franklin's in Suit in this Court. I
Cannot dispose of them at less than
50 cts to the Dollar, Interest to be paid
in full & Costs of Suit. I would be
pleased to hear from you by our
Circuit Court.

Respt
E. W. Dulin

Ashland Ky. 19th April 1859

P. Appersonn
Esq

Dear Sir

I herewith hand to your son Mr. J. E. Appersonn Receipt No 134 for 14 Shares of Stock in Bank of Ashland on which $40 per share has been paid, ~~Receipt which has been~~ transferred by me to "P. Appersonn in trust for Caroline Appersonn", according to agreement made with you when here. There was Seven Hundred & fourteen 31/100 ($714 31/100) Dollars placed to credit of Bank of Ashland, at Louisville which amount was placed to my credit on the books of the Bank of Ashland. After deducting five hundred and eighty eight dollars ($588 00) for the stock and five per c. premium on same ~~which~~ I have deposited the remainder, One Hundred & Twenty six 31/100 ($126 31/100) Dollars to credit of P. A. trustee &c — Not being enough

to pay 50 per ~~c~~ Mr Martin thought would be best to lean in that way until after July.

Yours &c

Copy of letter to R. Appleman 19th Apr 1859

I have sold to R. Apperson in trust for Caroline Apperson Fourteen Shares of stock in the Bank of Ashland on which forty percent have been paid and when Lewis Rogers or said R Apperson shall deposit in the Branch of the Northern Bank of Kentucky at Louisville five hundred & Eighty Eight Dollars to the credit of the Bank of Ashland, I will transfer on the Books of said Bank to said R. Apperson in trust for Caroline Apperson said fourteen shares of stock, but all calls over said 40 Cent are to be paid by said Apperson Apl 2 1859

John Mount

Jno Means
Parkstock

Deed
Ky. I. & M. Co.
to
Thomas Mears
Lots Plat 1859
16-12-15-22-23-24
Nos 6 Week

Acknd May 23 1859

Recorded in Deed
Book (D) page
31-32

Ans in file

State of Kentucky, Greenup County Sct,
I, William Comm, Clerk of the Greenup County Court, in the state of Kentucky, do certify that the foregoing Instrument of writing from the Kentucky Iron, Coal and manufacturing Company to Thomas W. Means was this day produced to me in my office and duly acknowledged to be the act and deed of the said Kentucky Iron, Coal and manufacturing Company for the purposes therein mentioned, by Wm. F. Nicholls President of said Company, and the said Instrument of writing and this certificate has been duly recorded in my Office. Given under my hand this 23rd day of May 1859

William Comm clerk

Know all Men by these Presents, That the KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, in consideration of One Thousand Dollars in hand paid by Thomas W. Means the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Thomas W. Means his heirs and assigns forever, the following premises situate in Greenup County, in the State of Kentucky, to wit:

Lots in the town of Ashland numbered 16 x 17 x 18 x 22 x 23 x 24 - Range 5 West bounded and described as follows, beginning at a stake the Southerly corner of Bath and Third Streets - thence Southwesterly with the line of Third Street Three hundred (300) Feet to a stake, corner of Third and Montgomery Streets, thence southeasterly with Montgomery Street One Hundred and fifty (150) feet to a stake, thence Northeasterly Three Hundred (300) feet to a stake in the line of Bath Street, thence Northwesterly with line of Bath Street One Hundred and fifty (150) feet to beginning. as shown by agreement made the Twenty Sixth (26th) day of June A. D. 1855.

together with all the privileges and appurtenances to said premises in anywise appertaining and belonging. To have and to hold the above granted premises to the said Thomas W. Means his heirs and assigns and to their use and behoof forever.

And the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY does hereby covenant with the said Thomas W. Means his heirs and assigns, that the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY is lawfully seized of the above granted premises, that they are free and clear from all incumbrances, and that the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY has good right to sell and convey the same to the said Thomas W. Means as aforesaid, and that said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY will forever warrant and defend the same to the said Thomas W. Means his heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. PROVIDED, however, and this conveyance and the estate hereby created are upon this express condition, "That if the said Thomas W. Means his heirs, or assigns, or any person or persons holding or claiming said premises by, through, or under them, or any of them, shall, at any time hereafter, sell, or knowingly suffer or permit to be sold upon said above granted premises, any ardent spirits, or other intoxicating liquors, in any quantities whatever, either great or small, then this conveyance and the estate hereby created, shall be therefor and thenceforth wholly void and forfeited; and the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY may immediately upon such forfeiture, re-enter in said above granted premises, and hold and enjoy the same as an estate in fee simple as fully and absolutely as though this conveyance had never been made; Provided, however, that in the event of any such forfeiture of, and re-entry into, the above granted premises by the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, said Company shall be liable to pay to the said Thomas W. Means his heirs and assigns one equal half of the true value at the time of said forfeiture of said premises with the appurtenances, to be ascertained by the appraisement thereof, under oath of three disinterested men to be selected by the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, and, provided also, that if the said Thomas W. Means his heirs or assigns, shall, in good faith lease the whole or any part of the above granted premises to any person or persons, and shall insert in said lease, that the said lease and the interest and the estate thereby created shall become void and forfeited, in case the said lessee or lessees, or he or those claiming under him or them, shall sell, or knowingly permit to be sold thereon, any ardent spirits, or other intoxicating liquors in any quantities whatever, either great or small, and shall, in case of any such forfeiture for said cause, immediately take the necessary and proper steps to enforce said forfeiture, and re-enter into the possession of said premises as soon as practicable; then and in that event, this conveyance and said above granted premises shall not become void and forfeited to the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, but the title thereto shall remain in full force and virtue."

In Testimony Whereof, The KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY has set the signature of said Company by Wm. T. Nicholls, President thereof, and caused the common seal of said Company to be hereunto affixed, this 20th day of April A. D. 185 9

W T Nicholls Pst

Executed in presence of

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, GREENUP COUNTY, SS.

Before me, within and for said Greenup County, appeared the above named KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY by President thereof, and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument of Conveyance to have been executed as the voluntary act and deed of said Company, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, and that the seal thereunto affixed is the common seal of said Company.

Given under my hand and seal this day of A. D. 185

State of Kentucky, Greenup County set—
I, William Coram clerk of the Greenup County Court, in the State of Kentucky, do certify that the foregoing Instrument of writing from the Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing Company to John Means was this day produced to me in my Office—and duly acknowledged to be the act and deed of the said Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing Company for the purposes therein mentioned, by Wm J. Nicholls President of said Company, and the said Instrument of writing and this Certificate has been duly recorded in my Office—

Given under my hand this 23rd day of May 1857— William Coram clerk

Deed—
Ky. & Ill. Co. to
John Means
20th April 1859

Ex'd—15 Feb 1872
Stamp 6 cent

Recd May 23 1859

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Know all Men by these Presents, That the **KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY,** in consideration of One Thousand ($1000.00) Dollars in hand paid by John Means the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said John Means his heirs and assigns forever, the following premises situate in Greenup County, in the State of Kentucky, to wit:

Lots in the town of Ashland numbered 13-14-15-19-20-21 Range 6 West bounded and described as follows beginning at a Stake corner of Bath and Second Streets, thence Southwesterly with the Second Street Three Hundred (300) Feet to Stake corner of Second and Montgomery Streets, thence Northwesterly with Montgomery Street One Hundred and fifty (150) feet to Stake, thence Northeasterly Three Hundred (300) Feet to Stake in line of Bath Street, thence South-easterly One Hundred and fifty (150) feet with Bath Street to beginning, as shown by agreement made twenty Sixth day of June A. D. 1855.

together with all the privileges and appurtenances to said premises in anywise appertaining and belonging. **To have and to hold** the above granted premises to the said John Means his heirs and assigns and to their use and behoof forever.

And the said **KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY** does hereby covenant with the said John Means his heirs and assigns, that the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY is lawfully seized of the above granted premises, that they are free and clear from all incumbrances, and that the said **KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY** has good right to sell and convey the same to the said John Means as aforesaid, and that said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY will forever warrant and defend the same to the said John Means his heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. PROVIDED, however, and this conveyance and the estate hereby created are upon this express condition, "That if the said John Means his heirs, or assigns, or any person or persons holding or claiming said premises by, through, or under them, or any of them, shall, at any time hereafter, sell, or knowingly suffer or permit to be sold upon said above granted premises, any ardent spirits, or other intoxicating liquors, in any quantities whatever, either great or small, then this conveyance and the estate hereby created, shall be therefor and thenceforth wholly void and forfeited; and the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY may immediately upon such forfeiture, re-enter in said above granted premises, and hold and enjoy the same as an estate in fee simple as fully and absolutely as though this conveyance had never been made: Provided, however, that in the event of any such forfeiture of, and re-entry into, the above granted premises by the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, said Company shall be liable to pay to the said John Means his heirs and assigns one equal half of the true value at the time of said forfeiture of said premises with the appurtenances, to be ascertained by the appraisement thereof, under oath of three disinterested men to be selected by the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, and, provided also, that if the said John Means his heirs or assigns, shall, in good faith lease the whole or any part of the above granted premises to any person or persons, and shall insert in said lease, that the said lease and the interest and the estate thereby created shall become void and forfeited, in case the said lessee or lessees, or he or those claiming under him or them, shall sell, or knowingly permit to be sold thereon, any ardent spirits, or other intoxicating liquors in any quantities whatever, either great or small, and shall, in case of any such forfeiture for said cause, immediately take the necessary and proper steps to enforce said forfeiture, and re-enter into the possession of said premises as soon as practicable; then and in that event, this conveyance and said above granted premises shall not become void and forfeited to the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, but the title thereto shall remain in full force and virtue."

In Testimony Whereof, The **KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY** has set the signature of said Company by Wm T. Nicholls, President thereof, and caused the common seal of said Company to be hereunto affixed, this 20th day of April A. D. 185 9

By W T Nicholls Pres't

Executed in presence of

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, GREENUP COUNTY, SS.

Before me, within and for said Greenup County, appeared the above named KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY by President thereof, and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument of Conveyance to have been executed as the voluntary act and deed of said Company, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, and that the seal thereunto affixed is the common seal of said Company.

Given under my hand and seal this day of A. D. 185

State of Kentucky Greenup County Sct,

I, William Coram, clerk of the Greenup County court, in the state of Kentucky, do certify that the foregoing Instrument of writing from the Kentucky Iron Coal and manufacturing company to John Means was this day produced to me in my Office and duly acknowledged to be the act and deed of the said Kentucky Iron, Coal and manufacturing Company for the purposes therein mentioned by Wm. S. Nicholls President of said company; and the said Instrument of writing and this certificate has been duly recorded in my Office - Given under my hand this 23rd day of May 1859.

William Coram clerk

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John Means
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13 to 24 - Pump & Wind

10 Nov 1859

Recorded in Deed Book (W) page 14-15-16

Paid in full

Know all Men by these Presents, That the KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, in consideration of Six Hundred ($600 00/100) — Dollars — in hand paid by John Means — the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said John Means — heirs and assigns forever, the following premises situate in Greenup County, in the State of Kentucky, to wit: Lots — in town of Ashland numbered 13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24- Range 7 West, bounded and described as follows, beginning at a stake the Southerly corner of Montgomery and Third Streets, thence Southwesterly with the line of Third Street Three Hundred (300) Feet to a stake corner to Third and Lexington Streets, thence Southeasterly with Lexington Street Three Hundred (300) Feet to a stake corner of — Lexington and Second Streets, thence Northeasterly with the line of Second Street Three Hundred (300) feet to stake corner of Second & Montgomery Streets thence with Montgomery Street Northwesterly Three Hundred feet to — beginning, — Received of Kentucky Iron Coal & Manufacturing Company Ninety Dollars being Fifteen per cent of Six Hundred Dollars as aforementioned — F B Perkyle Trustee

together with all the privileges and appurtenances to said premises in anywise appertaining and belonging.

To have and to hold the above granted premises to the said John Means his heirs and assigns and to their use and behoof forever.

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Executed in presence of

W F Nicholls Pres't

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Given under my hand and seal this day of A. D. 185

Kentucky Iron, Coal, & Mfg. Co.

No. _____ 500 Shares.

$ 250,00

Kentucky Iron, Coal & Mfg. Co.,

Ashland, Ky., April 20th 1857

Received of John Means

Two Hundred & fifty Dollars, being the full amount of the balance on the Seventh call on Five Hundred Shares of Stock in the KENTUCKY IRON, COAL, AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, now standing in his name on the Books of said Company, and in full of all that is now due on said Stock.

W. T. Nicholls Pres't.

E. S. Fletcher Sec'y.

Ky. S. C. & M. Co. A/c
20th April 1859 —

Cash Means

A/c Dr

Stock Private Element

Bills Notes & Drts

344,11
2564,18
746,47
3,654,76 —

April 21/59 —

John Means — Dr

A/c Current with Ferry & Mfg Company

For amt balance on Stock a/c	271,25	
" " Gnr note Apl 24/36 No 367	100,00	
Interest from date to Apl 20/39	17,94	
Amount Gnr note Apl 24/36 No 368	100,00	
Interest from date to Apl 20/39	17,94	
Amt Gnr note Apl 24/36 No 369	100,00	
Interest from date to Apl 20/39	17,94	
Amt Gnr note Apl 24/36 No 370	100,00	
Interest from date to Apl 20/39	17,94	
Amt Gnr note Dec 26/35 No 329	333,00	
Interest from date to Apl 20/39	76,59	1,152,60
Cr		
By amt balance due on Gnr for a/c		808,49
~~Interest a/c~~ Balance due		$344,11

Ashland Ky Apl 20/39

John Means Stock — Cr

A/c with Ferry & Mfg Co

3000 shs Stock @ $50.00 each		25,000,00
"		
Amt called in on above 35 per ct		8,750,00
" paid on amt called 30		7,500,00
Amt due Feby 12th 1858		1,250,00
Interest to Apl 20th 1859		57,91
		1,307,91
Cr		
Sept 10/38 Amt paid A W Martin Dr	1000,00	
Interest to Apl 20/39	36,66	1036,66
Balance Apl 20/39		$271,25

John Means (Private) — Dr

A/c with The Kentucky Bond Coal & Mfg Co

Apl 28/38 Amt bal due on Stock Apl this a/c	2411,61	
Interest to Apl 20th 1839	14,11	
July 14/" Amt paid Amos Byrne for Gnr	20,00	
Interest to this date Apl 20/39	0,22	
March 22/39 Amt paid Amos Byrne for Gnr	39,00	
Interest to Apl 20th 1839	18,31	1487
Cr		
December 24/38 By amt on paid on notes this	1000,00	
" Interest to Apl 20/39	1,96	
Jany 14/39 " Amt Gnr check, Andrews debt	1103,26	
" Interest to April 20/39	16,08	1123,30
Amt Balance due Gnr		808,49

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Marietta April — Saturday 1859

My Dear Husband

I suppose you would like to hear from your family as to their safe arrival at the old homestead — Well we are here — but we had a trouble time of it. The Train made very good speed till she reached Parkersburg and then she concluded to rest herself a while as it seems she is in the habit of doing from four to six hours — but this time she only stopped three hours — which brought us to Marietta at 9 o'clock in the evening — it was raining "cats & dogs" — and George was not there — but Mr. Elg Hall took pity on me and said he would walk up home with me — so Maria & I and the baby took the umbrella & lantern & Mr Hall took Master Tom Hildreth & we started — Mr. Hall had to go to the National for an umbrella so that made that part of the trip in the rain & we were all wet as rats when we reached Father's

Please mention the letter this came by
Mrs Isaac Hoge
to Point Pleasant Va

Father had spoken to the Omnibus driver to go to the boat for me - but he did not hear the boat whistle and so did not go - I did not know that the Bus would run at night so didnt try to get it - but as the children did not get cold I suppose we made out tolerably and ought to be thankful it was no worse I couldnt get to wash them on the boat and they got such a good wetting coming up home that Lew it answered very well for a bath - I expect poor Mr. Hall's hand must have been lame enough next day carrying such a heavy boy as Hildreth so far - Mother had Sarah Babbit the nurse girl I had last summer here waiting for me - and she seems to do nicely with the baby so far - But has the bowel complaint from drinking more water - & screams murder if I get out of his sight a minute - If I go to church tomorrow he probably will cry till I get back - such affectionate children are sometimes rather troublesome -

Father has given me some very superior water melon seeds - of two variety, the Gunny kind - & China Ice kind & is going to get for me another kind called the West India melon which are something intirely new and perfectly delicious & being small & of another shape from our native melon are not apt to be stolen by small boys who dont know what they are - Father says to get your maple trees with stems an inch or inch & a half in diameter & these bring in leaf will not hurt them - & to get them & have them set out immediately - and it is time to plant - Beets - melons, plant Mexican nutmeg & citron melons &c. Bush Beans - onions &c - but too early yet for Squashes - Please plant me some more cucumber seeds it is in the newspaper parcel in the red bag - Save one hill for the West India melons - these seeds I send are old ones - 2 & 3 years old -

Maria's Mother intends moving to Kansas next week She has just carried her clothes down this afternoon so perhaps she may be able to manage some as girls are scarce there - Give my love to Caroline tell her to keep things in order - Mother will go down with me & I think I will bring Sarah Babbit down & let her stay & go back with Mother & help me with the children while Mother is there - so I can take some comfort in her visit & have my parties - Write to me immediately & tell me how Ethan is Father says most likely Dr Loosha will cure her Tom was in to see me this afternoon - But say John go - go - he thinks you are found you Hattie - still riding in the buggy as you brought us to the boat -

13 June 1859

FRANKFORT COMMONWEALTH—EXTRA.

COMMONWEALTH.

FRANKFORT.

THOMAS M. GREEN, Editor.

MONDAY.....MAY 10, 1859.

The Auditor of Public Accounts.

Subjoined we publish an article from an intelligent gentleman upon the importance and absolute necessity of the Auditor of Public Accounts being regularly trained to his business. The writer was himself for many years a clerk in the Auditor's Office, and is therefore well qualified to treat the matter intelligently. We have before alluded to some of the facts contained in this article, but they cannot be too frequently presented to the people.—No one doubts Mr. Page's ability and integrity and fidelity; the entire State is acquainted with the prompt and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office. His opponent, however amiable and clever he may be, and however capable in other respects, knows nothing whatever of the duties of the office to which he aspires, and is utterly and totally wanting in the necessary experience. The State on a former occasion tried the experiment of placing a worthy and laborious, but inexperienced man in this position, and dearly paid for the folly of the Governor who made the appointment. Let the voters of the State profit by this salutary lesson and vote for the man whom all admit to have been one of the most exemplary officers that ever lived. Let their regard for the interests and welfare of the State overcome their partisan animosities, and common sense will teach them to vote for THOS. S. PAGE for Auditor.

———, April 15, 1859.

COL. A. G. HODGES:

Dear Sir—How will the election go this year in Old Kentuck? I have some good friends on both tickets, clever, estimable gentlemen, and were I back among "the old folks at home," I should have to deposite what is termed here a *scratched* ticket, there being some candidates on *each ticket* that I could not consent to oppose; and, another reason, I am of opinion that political considerations should not influence the choice in some of the officers to be voted for in August, the duties which they are expected to discharge being clerical and arithmetical, but not in any wise political; I should therefore consider it best for the prosperity and financial honor of the State that such offices should continue to be filled by men who have learned the duties and business *as a trade*, men of *tried* capacity, large experience, and undoubted faithfulness.—The necessity of this rule is fully appreciated and acted upon at Washington, the same veteran engineers, the actual *workers*, who have grown gray in the service, are kept in charge of the financial machinery of the Government through successsve and adverse administrations. If this were not done, the accounts of the Government would soon get into irretrievable confusion. I am led to this remark in thinking particularly of the office of Auditor of Kentucky. I was a clerk in this office for nine years—the last five of which I was the first clerk or assistant Auditor. I know something therefore of the importance of this office to the State, its duties and responsibilities, and the *experience*, as well as capacity, necessary to discharge them properly.—When I went into this office, Col. ———, was Auditor, a gentleman of amiable qualities, closely attentive to his duties, hardworking and thoroughly honest. Previous to his appointment as Auditor, he had been selected by an intelligent constituency to represent them for a number of years in both branches of the State Legislature; he was a neat penman, had had considerable experience in accounts, and was considered by his friends as peculiarly fitted and competent to discharge the duties of the office. But, as is well known, his efforts were a complete failure; although working night and day, and bending his whole mind to the accomplishment of the duties which he had undertaken, he was wholly unequal to the task—the public business was ruinously retarded—and as his administration progressed, errors arose on every side, various omissions existed—the records of the office rapidly fell into confusion, and the various accounts became mixed, inaccurate and incomprehensible. The statements of the finances of the State, necessary to be furnished the Governor and Legislatures, were meager and unreliable, and the settlements with the different accounting officers, and with the State Treasurer, were frequently erroneous from the same cause. I speak of what I *know*—and in the same connection it gives me pleasure to testify, that no man could have labored more earnestly or faithfully to learn the duties, and correct the evils which were springing up around him than Col. ——— did; but the truth is, *he was too old to learn*, he did not lack general capacity, nor industry, nor integrity, nor an earnest, persevering desire to discharge his official duties faithfully; but the duties of this office are *peculiar, complicated* and *extensive*; and *it requires a regular apprenticeship from boyhood up, to comprehend them thoroughly and to enable the head of the Department to so systematize the various and complex branches and details of the business, as that every point shall be fully met, and despatched not only with promptness, but with clearness and accuracy.*

In 1839, the accounts of the State were in such confusion that the Legislature felt compelled to make such provision as would cause Mr. Page to be recalled, it being *then* universally conceded that *he* was the only man in the State who possessed the *practical knowledge* and capacity necessary to adjust and straighten up the books in the Auditor's office. The office of 2d Auditor was created, and all the heavy, complicated, as well as most important business pertaining to the old office of Auditor, was assigned to the new office. Mr. Page was at once called to fill this office, and commenced his duties Going back to the date when he left the office, (some six years before,) he again took up the financial history of the State, exactly where he had left off, and, re arranging, adjusting and correcting the accounts as he progressed, he made out entire new sets of books, covering the whole time of his absence, and thus, by his indefatigable exertions, and thorough, practical skill, order was brought out of chaos, the accounts and records reduced to harmony and accuracy, the Department thoroughly systematized, and has been conducted smoothly and efficiency, under his *perfect* management, ever since. Many thousands of dollars were gained by the State, in errors corrected, under this overhauling and re adjustment of the accounts, while the utter darkness into which the record of the financial condition of the State was tending, if it had not been thus arrested and redeemed, would have led inevitably to immense losses, if not to actual bankruptcy and ruin. I write this intending no sort of disparagement either to a former Auditor, or to any one who may now be aspiring to that office, but as my honest conviction, resulting from considerable experience and knowledge of the business, that it *does require a long* and *thorough apprenticeship in that office to be able to discharge the duties properly and with safety to the State.*

The solvency, and hence the integrity and character of a State, depend upon a proper management of its finances: no State in the Union stands higher than Kentucky in this particular; her accounts are all kept up to the hour, under perfect rule and system, the Governor or the Legislature can at any time have full and reliable data upon which to act, and without which they can neither act wisely nor successfully. When it is remembered that all the claims against the State, all the expenses of every character and from each county, have to be passed upon by the Auditor, and a correct account of them kept by him; that every cent of revenue accruing to the State from every source, down to the taxing of a silver spoon, has all to be estimated by him, and collected from the different accounting officers; and every species of property going to show the growth and prosperity of the State, land, negroes, horses, cattle, even down to the number of hogs over six months old, have all to be enumerated, and the increase or decrease, in number and value, as compared with other years shown;—when these things are all properly understood and considered, men will agree with me, that *here, in this office*, the financial balance wheel of the State is placed, and will see the importance of that smoothness and regularity which I have suggested, and which *long experience* and *thorough skill* alone can give.

Kentucky is indebted to Mr. Page for her present admirable revenue system, for the various checks and balances which have been adopted by the Legislature from time to time, at his suggestion, for the collection of the revenue, and for the protection of the Treasury in the payment of claims, &c. By his thorough knowledge of all the laws governing the department, the complete system which he has established in the arrangement, classification, and record of the accounts; the promptness, clearness and unerring accuracy with which these accounts are booked; and above all by his unremitting *personal attention* to the business, thousands of dollars, above the salaries and expenses of the office, are saved to the State every year. Where there is such skill, experience, vigilance and management, illegal or improper claims are *never paid*, nor legal claims *twice paid*, neither can errors or omissions creep in to pervert the record, and deplete the Treasury. The vast economy of such a system, so perfected and managed, can hardly be estimated—by stopping every possible leak, it economises on every hand, and in every quarter; the want of just such a system and management, is causing several of your sister States now, to groan under taxes four fold the rate of yours—I speak from experience, *present and painful.*

For the reasons which I have here stated, and which you will pardon me for having extended to a greater length than I intended when I commenced, were I back in Kentucky, no matter how politicians might be disposed to rule it, for myself, and acting under the experience of the past, I should di card all political considerations so far as *this office* is concerned, and vote for the man *best qualified to fill it;* knowing as I do, that upon the thorough capacity of its Chief, and the prompt and faithful discharge of the important duties assigned him, the prosperity, as well as the financial integrity and character of the State mainly depends. Truly, &c.

☞ We copy the subjoined paragraph from the Hopkinsville *Mercury*, of the 26th of September last. The hope of the *Mercury* has been disappointed, as Mr. Page has opposition in the person of Grant Green, Esq, of Henderson. Every one who is at all acquainted with the affairs of the Auditor's Office knows that Mr. Page is the best officer the State ever had. If all the Democrats who are ready to admit his superiority over his opponent will vote for him, he will be elected by a hundred thousand majority:

THOS. S. PAGE.—We announce this excellent officer as a candidate for re election as Auditor of Public Accounts. He will have no opposition we presume, as all parties unite in admiring his correctness, industry, integrity and amenity of manner. An old Democratic officer who has transacted business with him for half a life time, says he is one of the most remarkable officers he ever knew.

☞ We publish the following from the *Cannelton (Ind.) Reporter*, a Democratic paper, in commendation of our present Auditor, and recommend it to the people of Kentucky for their consideration:

We regret to notice that our Democratic friends in Kentucky have not nominated T. S. Page for State Auditor. We have no knowledge of Mr. Page's political opinions, but have had occasion to know that, as an accounting State officer, he has no superior and perhaps no equal in the country; and we have also had occasion to know that when the people select a person to keep the public accounts, they show but little wisdom in selecting one who has no knowledge of accounts, because he happens to have served with credit in the Mexican war and is a popular partisan.

In Indiana we, of both parties, have followed this pernicious custom, and the result is that we pay nearly twice as heavy a tax as is paid in Kentucky. No one can understand or place any confidence in our public accounts, and every opportunity is offered to our public officers to fill their pockets without detection out of the hard earnings of the people. Our notion is, that when a State or an individual is lucky enough to get a first rate book keeper, it is good policy to keep him even if his political or religious creed slightly differs from our own.

A friend that you buy with presents will be bought from you.

Mr John Means

Dr to Austin Sutton

to repairing fitters finding materials &c

to Cement —	1-00
to Plasterer —	1-00
to Tender —	50
	$2-50

Paid Payment

Austin Sutton

May 14th 1859

Bill & Receipt $2.50
Austin Sutton
14th May 59
paid
8th June 59

Mr John McCarter

J. M'LURE, jr., Master.

Ashland May 31 1859

Mr John Irvans

To Steamer COURIER, Dr.

Marks.	To Freight on		
Tea	2 Packages		51
"	Charges,	Cash	15
			66

RECEIVED PAYMENT, Anderson

John
Means
65

Mr John Means

1859 To Jacob Price &

Jan	15	To 6 lbs of meat at 08						½	48
"	18	" 8½ " " " "				8	✓ 1½		68
"	"	" 2	tongs			20	✓		40
"	22	" 10½ " "	meat at			8			84
"	"	" 1	tong						20
"	25	" 1 " "	" "				2		20
"	"	" 16½ " "	meat "			8	✓	½	1,32
"	29	" 8½ " "	" "			8	✓		68
"	"	" 1	tong						20
Feby	5	" 9½ lbs of	meat at			8	✓		76
"	8	" 16 " "	" "			9	✓		1,44
"	15	" 11½ " "	" "			8	✓		92
"	22	" 9 " "	" "			9	✓	½	81
"	26	" 6 " "	" "			8	✓		48
March	1	13½ " "	" "			10	✓	4	135
"	8	7½ " "	" "			9	✓		67
"	15	7 " "	" "			8	✓		56
"	22	" 9 " "	" "			9	✓		81
	25	" 8 —	—	—		8			64
Apl	2	" 10 —		—		8	✓	2	80
	5	" 8 —	—	—		11	✓		85
	12	" 9 2 —	—	—		9	✓		86
	19	" 8 —	—	—		9			72
May	17	" 7 "	"	"		8	✓		56
	21	" 6 —	—	—		9	✓		54
	24	" 6 2 —	—	—		8			52
	31	" 7 2 —	—	—		10			75
							9½	3½	19 84

March 21, By 1 Calf 20.00

$16 04

John Means
in ap[illegible] with
Pacot Brise
June 1st 1859
$1604

Ap[illegible] 1604
Court Cons
Faulkner
1859

Marietta Ohio June 6th
1859

Dear Uncle

I thought I had written to you before. I suppose you have heard of the great fire here. It took the whole square nearly. There were twenty buildings lost in the fire Ma was away from at the time I so she did not paint Uncle there is hardly any News to tell you.

It will be three weeks before school will be out then I will come down and see you if (that is mean word) Ma will let me. There was a little boy shot accidentally by another little boy the bullet went through the scalp & come out below the eye. he There was a man got run over by the cars cut his arms off & broke his legs there has been two ~~women~~ women two boys one girl drowned since we come up here.

Please excuse my bad writing and spelling too. My love to all the folkes & a kiss for the baby.

From your affectionate Nephew
John Wm Means.

H. Means.
ASHLAND
KY.

No. 107 Fulton Street, New-York, June 10 1859

John Means

To THE OFFICE OF THE HOME JOURNAL, Dr.

To 1 year's Subscription, commencing June 2. 1859
and ending 1 year from that date, ... $2.00

Received Payment for the Proprietors,

Ashland. Ky. Tho Stanford

Published every Saturday in the City of New-York, at Two Dollars per annum, in advance, or Three Dollars if not paid in advance.

Receipt for 2/100
Home Journal
Water June 1859

Ashland June 10th 1859

John Means Dr

T. J. Berry & co

1 Breakfast Table 3 75

Recieved Payment

T. J. Berry, & co.

Bill & Receipt $3.75
J. J. Berry Hev
10th June 1859 –

John Adams

Received payment
July 24 1861 for James Hutton

Ashland Ky June 16/59

Mr John Means
To James Hutton Dr

	Lg fair 5 3/6 lb	Lard	14	5 18
	5	Baker Churn	10	50
				$5 68

Received payment
for James Hutton

	1	Sugar Cured Ham	15 lb	15
July	26	1 Shoulder cured ham	10 lb	

2 25
7 93
4 57
8 50

Bill & Receipt
27th July 1839.
Hutton & Jones

Mr. John Moon
Lynda Hall
Co Salem

Mr. John Meant 1859

You are assessed for property in the town of Ashland, as follows:

Description of Property.					Value.	
Town Lot	No.	R.		Value,	$	cts.
18		6	W		6,500	00

Slaves over 16 years of age.	—	—
" under " " "	—	—
Horses and mares.	—	—
Mules, jennies and jacks,	—	—
Cattle, over $50 in value.	—	—
Hogs.	—	—
Stores and Groceries.	—	—
Taverns and victualing houses.	—	—
Pleasure carriages and hacks. 1 —	100	00
Carts, drays and wagons.	—	—
Watches, clocks and plates.	231	50
Piano Fortes.	—	—
Value under the equalization law. not in		
Total value of property.	6,831	50
Tax at per cent.		

H. C. POAGE, Assessor.

June 25th 6

Ashland 1859 —

Ashland, Ky. July 1 1859

Mr. John Means

TO E. S. FLETCHER, P. M., DR.

	$	cts.
To postage on Independent		13
Scouton Register		13
Presbyterian		13
for 2 quarters ending Sept 30 1859		
Box rent from March 31 to Sept 30		20
		59

Received payment.

E. S. FLETCHER, P. M.

Rec'pt — $0 55/100
E. S. Fletcher P.M.
1st July 1859

Ashland July 20th 1857 –

Dearest Mother

I expect you think I am a long time writing to you – but the weather has been so warm I could hardly keep cool long enough to ~~write~~ think – let alone writing – The children have been most awfully cross – the baby is very much broken out with the prickly heat – Lid has not stopped squalling for the last week – I expect she would make your headache if you were visiting me now – I suppose you will say it is all owing to the flannel the poor child is suffering in having to wear – maybe it is – but as long as she keeps well I shall still keep it on her – I suppose though it may do you some good to know that most of the time she goes barefoot and in the very warmest part of the day when the thermometer has stood at 102 – I

congratulate Father on his being an L.L.D. –
I suppose we may all be little corporals
I would like to see Pres. Speech very much
when you write to him – tell him I have
lost the printed directions for the freezer
but I think it was to use one third salt
two thirds ~~to~~ ice & break the ice very fine –
Give my love to Father & George & Mr. Ross
Tell Mary that when I told Bub. he was
going on steamboat to ~~see~~ Grandma Means
he would always say & "May Goes too"
so she is not forgotten yet –
Will Means & Miss Cannell are to be married
in about two months – I suppose I shall not
go to the wedding as I cant take the
children & dont like to leave them at home –
The roads are so bad that I did not get
up to the Rock to see Mrs. Grumpstead
while I was at Union – Tell Rita I
will write to her soon

Yours &c
Hattie –

have sometimes taken of her flannel skirt though I still make them both wear their flannel shirts — Last week I got up on Thursday morning at five o'clock — and as it seemed very cool then I concluded I would pack up and go & make Mother Mead a visit — so we went down on the Boston & came home on Saturday afternoon — We had a blazing hot time of it — thermometer up to 102 - 101 - &c Their house is much warmer than mine the rooms are so low and the big piles of pig iron around the house getting heated up seem like a furnace — & they dont get cool till most morning — The boat was very warm indeed — Poor Bessie broke out as red as could be all over & with the heat I was very much afraid she would get sick — but she seems well and none the worse for her trip — Esther is coming home this week we did not know of it — or we would have waited so as to have seen her she is getting well very fast now —

Last Wednesday our neighbor Mr. Caines of the oil works died from something like a sunstroke — he started to walk to the cars from the furnace some six miles — with his brother — & his brother came on a little in advance of him — & he fell down & when they went to meet him — he was speechless & soon died — his poor old Mother & brother & son are very much afflicted — I pity his sweet wife — I suppose we never shall see her now — We had a very pleasant time the fourth of July — The Sunday School had a dinner — speech &c — over in the Park — every body almost in town was there and it was so cool that every thing went off very agreably — I suppose you are deep in the merits of Blackberry Jam — I guess jammed eleven and a half gallons week before last — I have no girl now but Caroline — I tried the little dutch girl — but she was so dirty I soon got tired of her — the baby stands alone and I think will soon walk and does better without a nurse than with one — I wish you would inquire of Kate Chingwath & Lib Seymour & see if they know of any steady good girl that I could get — I would give $150 or more if necessary to one that could do my work — Caroline will stay till ~~Oct~~ the last of Oct — and then I suppose I shall have a hard time to get any one else — I dont want any thing engaged but a good one for I can get plenty that are dirty & lazy about here — I

Thos W Means
To Ashland Acdy Dr
Tuition of Jenni Means
12 Sep $2.13
Rec payt July 31 1859
of John Means.
Bartlett & Paulison

$350.00 Ashland, Ky. 1st Aug 1859

Three Months After date I Promise to pay to

the Order of E. W. Martin

Three Hundred & Fifty 00 Dollars

Value received. Payable at BANK OF ASHLAND.

Due Nov 1/4 185

Moore, Wilstach, Keys & Overend, Prs. Cin.

23225 23225

C 2789.

John Means

350 00

Nov 1/4

E. W. Martin

Pay to the Order of

E. W. Martin

For Collection and Credit of

THE IRON BANK OF IRONTON.

Geo. Weland

Mr Jno Means Bot of G W Means

58				
July 1	8	Shutter Bolts 8 in	@ 25	75
	2	Barrel Bolts 4 in	" 10	20
	3	Dz Screws 3/4 in	5	15
14	1	Waffle Iron		75
17	1	Mouse Trap		25
Sept 4	1	Hasp & Staple		25
22	1	Trace Chain		40
	4	" Nails at 3 4 & 4		25
27	2	Pad Locks	15	30
	1	Pa Tacks 4 Q		05
Oct 20	1	H & File 5 in		20
Nov 15	2	Draw Locks		30
22	2	" 6 Nails		12
Mar 9/59	1	Pocket Knife		1 00
11	5	" Nails at		25
15	3	Papers Car Tacks Leather		30
24	3	" Tacks 6 Q		15
Apr 1	1	White wash Brush		75
May 28	1	Bramble Scythe		1 00
				$7 42

4 May 1859

Recd Pay

G W Means

A/c & Receipt $17 42/100

Geo. W. Mead
Raid
4th August 1879

J. Means

Recd

742

John Means

To Jacob Price Dr

1859			
June	4	To 6 lbs of meat at 9	54
"	7	" 5 " " " " 8	40
"	11	" 6½ " " " " 10	65
"	14	" 8 " " " " 10	80
"	18	" 4 " " " " 8	32
"	21	" 5 " " " " 10	50
"	25	" 5 " " " " 8	40
"	28	" 7 " " " " 9	63
July	2	" 3 " " " " 8	24
"	5	" 5 " " " " 9	45
"	9	" 3 " " " " 8	24
"	12	" 3½ " " " " 8	28
"	19	" 2½ " " " " 10	25
"	23	" 4½ " " " " 8	36
"	26	" 4½ " " " " 8	36
"	30	" 3 " " " " 8	24
Aug	2	" 3 " " " " 8	24
"	6	" 4½ " " " " 8	36
"	9	" 3 " " " " 8	24
			$7,50

Ashland Ky Aug 9th 1859

Recd payment

Jacob Price

Abe & Reuben
Jacob Price
9th Aug 1859

John Means
in act with
Jacob Price
$ 7,50

Marietta August 26th 1859

My dear Hattie,

I received your letter of the 11th a day or two since, nearly two weeks on the way as usual; do send the next one by the way of Cincinnati; and see if it will not come sooner.

I will commence with your help — as Mrs. Tooley says.

Mary Dunbolt is still anxious to go & live with you, I told her that I thought you would be willing to give her $1.50 per week. She only gets 75c. to now: Sarah has been down to see if you would take her too — She would go for 75c. per week, I told her that I thought by your last letter that you would not want her as you thought that you could get along with one girl. — I expect that she finds it very difficult to get employment; She gets business occasionally at the Chair Factory, but they don't pay money.

You may write your wishes in your next respecting her.

As it respects Miss Euphronia Wilson, I call'd on Mrs. Clark as I had seen her before, She came to see me at Mr. Hempstead's; just as I was leaving Mrs Newton observed that Miss Wilson was there & had been quite sick, had not sat up much that day: — I being so much as a stranger never saw her but once did not ask to see her: Prescott was with me your time was rather limited as the Bell was about ringing for some evening exercise, the weather was so warm that I did not go up again. Please explain it to Aunt Amanda.

I am sorry for you that your mellons are disbanded after all your trouble: tell Mr. Mr. to take a nice prominent one and fix it on purpose for them with a little tarkinatic & he will find out who is sick next day, & let it be known and I think it probable he will keep his Mellons after that.

Dr. Pugnier's wife died on Monday last; she had been sick about a month with some inward affection, sweetd liver & dispepsia, they did not consider her dangerous but a short time before her death. — the family will miss her very much as she was always at home.

Maria W. Perpet gets quite relieved to day as the Misses Bullocks left here yesterday — they said they recollected you perfectly & would have been very happy to have seen you. — I met M. yesterday at Hannahs to a social Circle that I attended, she had just returned from the West was very much fatigued. We had a very large Circle as usual to Mrs. Cotters. Hannah did not let her Mother know that they were coming until some time in the forenoon: she would talk some but seem'd a good deal excited & agitated. Mary Isabell has just been in to see me she is very anxious to go & live with you; she will stay, until you come up next year she thinks you offer great wages $1.50 which no doubt is a great inducement to her — she is so good natured that I think you will like her.

So 'Will' as you call him, is really going to get Married I do hope he will get a good wife after waiting so long.

I call'd up to see Mrs Newton last week, she was very lonely, her Sons away, & one of her girls — Mr. Newton had gone to Clearland: I sent for her to come & spend the afternoon with me which she did & appear'd to enjoy it very much.

I do wish that you & the Children & Mr. Means could be with us now to help us eat pears, as we have a fine show of them now — I think Tommy's eyes would shine if he could take a peep at some of the piles of them, & I dont know but it would draw Mr. Means's or have a tendency that way.

You must keep an eye on the Ohio that leaves here on Monday if it is probable that you can get them we should be very glad to send you some.

How do you think Lucy, Dana's energy would compare with yours or yours with hers; She has an infant six weeks old been quite unwell since its birth — So Mr. Dana packed up his carriage took her & the nurse & five Children one of those hot days & came up here on a visit stay'd a day or two then went to Newport Mrs. Rye kept two of the oldest children returned with one very sick with scarlet fever — so Mr. Dana had to leave her here for a few days. the child is better & she left to day in a boat. That would be call'd a pleasure trip, five Children the oldest not quite seven.

Much kind love to all enquiring friends.

not forgetting Mr. Means. — Your ever. R. W.

Kentucky Iron, Coal, & Mfg. Co.

No. _____ 300 Shares.

$1230 00/100

Kentucky Iron, Coal & Mfg. Co.,

Ashland, Ky., August 29th 1839

Received of John Means Esqr

Three Hundred & Fifty Dollars, being the full amount of ~~the~~ 3 pr cent (total of 40 pr cent paid) ~~call~~ on Three Hundred Shares of Stock in the KENTUCKY IRON, COAL, AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, now standing in his name on the Books of said Company, and in full of all that is now due on said Stock.

W J Nicholls Pres't.

E J Fletcher Sec'y.

Boston September 1 the 1859

John Means Esqr Dr to G. Newberger

1859

July 23 To Coat & Pants $28 00

Received payment
G. Newberger

Bill & Receipt for 2 8vo vols

Geo Newberger

1st Sept 1889

Constantly receiving New Styles of Bronze and Ornamented Iron-Cased Clocks

Cincinnati, Sept 6 1859

Mr John Meas

Bought of **A. D. SMITH,**

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

EIGHT DAY AND THIRTY HOUR CLOCKS, CLOCK TRIMMINGS, WATCH SIGNS.

AND SOLE PROPRIETOR OF THE CELEBRATED

Erard Patent French Varnish, for Cleaning and Beautifying Furniture and all articles of Polished Work,

NO. 12 EAST FIFTH STREET, OPP. DENNISON HOUSE.

One 8 Amt 8 Day Clock 8.00

Recd Payment A D Smith

Bill & Receipt $8.00
A. D. Smith
6th Sept 1859
for Clock

Received of John Means on account of Stock in Ohio Tuscarora Rail Road Company Five ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ Dollars being ten per. cent. on One Share of said Stock

Union Landing Sept. 15-1859. Thomas W. Means { President of Corporation

$5.00

Rec'd of Thos H. Means, Octr 3rd 1859.
Ninety cents. in full of his Town Tax in
town of Ashland. for 1859

Ashland Dec
Octr 3rd 1859

John Coppett Marshall

Tax Receipt
Thos H. Ulcans
Octr 3rd
1859

Ashland Ky. 1st Novm 1859

Received of John Mears & J. J. Davidson their note for Eighty Dollars payable in four months, in full for a horse lost by me off their Ferry boat at Ashland

Clark, Grimsby

Receipt of 88 for
Calank County
1 Nov 1889

$313.00/100

Ashland, Ky. 5th Novem 1859

This 35 days after date Promise to pay to

the Order of F. K. Wise

Three Hundred & thirteen Dollars

Value received. Payable at BANK OF ASHLAND.

Due 185

Paid Nov 15 1859

John Bean

Wm Nichols

Paid Nov 15

Moore, Wilstach, Keys & Overend, Prs. Cin.

942 { Paid 2 December 1859

John Means
N J Nichols
$2.13
Dec 5/8

D. K. Weis

Note #3130
Pat. 2nd Month
1859

Mr John Mears
Bot of W L Geiger
1 Bu Extra Blue Potatoes 50 $3.00
Chgd to Cash
Nov 18/89

please send the sacks back to Tunnel – ask Hugh if he dosent want 5 or 6 Bu some kind

W L Geiger
per J H Calvin

Bill 3.00 due
Wm. Geiger
18th Nov 1859

REGULAR CINCIN'TI, PARKERSBURG & MARIETTA PASSENGER PACKET.

Capt. ~~WM. KNIGHT. W. P. BARTRAM, Clerk.~~

Ashland Nov 24 1859

Mr Jn Means

To Steamer **SWALLOW,** Dr.

MARKS.	To Freight on			
L	9 Bdls Tues	Lor	@ 1 00	
E.H.	1 Keg			

Received Payment.

C Parker Clerk

Cincinnati Daily Commercial Press.

$900 for 120 days payable at Ashland date 28th Nov 1859
$800 for - 120 " " — date 28th Nov 59
Signed — John Meaux — W. J. Nichols —
to John W. White —

28th Nov 1859 —
Notes to John W White

Recd Nov 28. 1857 of the Wm T. Nicholls & Thos Mann two notes amounting together to Seventeen hundred Dollars which are to go towards redeeming the Ashland Hotel which Jno W. ~~Dan~~ White purchased under Execution agt. ~~vs~~ the Kentucky Iron, Coal & Manufacturing Company

Jno W White by his attorney at law R. Appison

Recpt $17.00
R. Appleton Atty for
John W. White
28th Nov 1859

John Mcane

To W. J. Nicholls

To 5500 feet Fencing @ 1.10 —		$60.50
" 300 Locust Posts "	17½	52.50
Interest on 2½ years being from,		16.90
Spring of 1856 —		$129.90

Receive credit on Books of H. McAnulty
29th Nov 1859 —

W J Nicholls

A/c & Recpt $129 $\frac{91}{100}$
W. J. Nicholls
Paid 29th November 1859

Ashland Ky. 30th. November 1859 —

Received of John Means — Four Dollars and ten cents in full of Road tax for 1859 — Ashland Dist. —

R C Poage

By John Caplinger

Receipt $4.40/100
R. C. Page
Road tax
30th Nov 1859

This Indenture made this 30th day of November 1859 between D. H. Weis Commissioner of the one part, and Peter Smith of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas, heretofore under a decree of the Greenup Circuit Court, rendered in the suit of the Kentucky Iron Coal and Manufacturing Company, against Blonine and Keeper in said Court, it was therein ordered that the lot in controversy in said suit, being Lot No 56, Range No 2 West in Ashland &c, should be sold as directed in said decree, and it appearing from the report of the Commissioner appointed to make said sale that said Peter Smith became the purchaser for the sum of One hundred and fifteen dollars, (a lien is retained on said lot until the money has been paid) now in Consideration of the premises & by authority of said Court, I hereby bargain sell & convey to said Peter Smith his heirs & assigns forever, said Lot No 56, Range No 2 West — to have and to hold the same to the said Peter Smith his heirs and assigns forever together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging — the said Commissioner hereby conveying all of the interest of said Kentucky Iron Coal & Manufacturing Company and of said Blonine & Keeper in said Lot, to said Peter Smith — This conveyance is made upon the further consideration that the said Peter Smith his heirs & assigns — shall fully observe and perform all the conditions contained in the contract of sale on file in the papers of said suit — relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors on said Lot, — as if they were specifically set,

Kentucky Iron Coal & Manufacturing Co. vs D. H. Weis' Commr. Deed

~~Recorded this the~~

Peter Smith

Greenup Circuit Court
I have examined the within & have found it to be a true copy of the original Deed from D. H. Weis Commissioner to Peter Smith
Recd Jan 1885.
C. C. Prichard
Clerk

Recorded in Deed Book 10 (N) page 210 — 211

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forth in this deed, — And the said D K Weis as Commissioner aforesaid will forever warrant and defend the title of said Lot to the said Peter Smith his heirs &c, against the claim or claims of all persons whatever, — In witness whereof said D K Weis as Commissioner hath hereunto set his hand ~~and~~ the day and year above written

D K Weis
Commr

State of Kentucky,
Greenup Circuit Court,
November Term 1859
November 1859

I, William Corum Clerk of the Circuit Court of Greenup County, do hereby certify that this deed from D. K. Weis Commissioner to Peter Smith was this day produced in open Court, and having been approved by the Court, was acknowledged by said Commissioner to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned, and ordered to be certified to the Clerk of the Greenup County Court for record which is done. Given under my hand the date above.

Attest,
William Corum CGCC

State of Kentucky
Greenup County } Sc.
I, William Corum Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that this deed from D. K. Weis Commissioner to Peter Smith was this day produced to me in my Office. Whereupon the said deed, with the approval of the Judge of the Greenup Circuit Court, and the certificate of the Clerk of that Court thereon endorsed and this certificate hath been duly recorded in my Office. Given under my hand this 1. day of December 1859

Wm. Corum CGCC

Gen.l Wes.n Agency of "Howe's Scales,"
Buffalo November 1st 1859.

Messrs Means Russell & Means
Dear Sirs

I beg leave to hand you enclosed, my Circular descriptive of Howe's Scales &c., asking your candid examination of the same, It has been suggested to me, by my friends, to address you on the subject, as I am desirous of setting up some of our scales for use, in places where they are not already introduced, before establishing Local Agencies. And I would therefore intimate to you, that I am disposed to make more favorable terms now in consideration of Advance orders, than I can afford to give hereafter. The certificates given in my Circular will show that these scales are in use, and approved by leading Merchants, Manufacturers, & R. R. Managers, and that they have gained a position for accuracy, durability and every desirable quality, unsurpassed where they are known, by any other Scales. The reports of the Vermont State Fairs in '57-'58-'59 are sufficient, in the absence of further evidence, to show that we do not claim too much for "Howes Scales".

My prices for Scales, Safes & Bells, are the lowest given by their several Proprietors, and my facilities are such, that I can deliver these goods on such terms, (and especially with reference to Freight charges to your own doors), as can hardly fail to please you, and will entitle me to your orders Allow me to ask the favor of a reply as to your own wants, present, or remote, and to add, that, if on reasonable trial of our Scales, they fail to satisfy you - They will be taken away without charge by me, Awaiting your reply,

I am Sir, Yours respectfully.

James G. Dudley.

Ironton, Ohio, Dec. 12 1859.

John Means

TO R. M. STIMSON, DR.

To subscription to the IRONTON REGISTER, from July 15 1859, to July 15 1860. $1.50

Advertising for Dr. Hildreth 9 from Feb. 4, 1859 to July 15, 1860 2.15

$3.65

Did Enos Clark ever pay you 90 cents for Register? .90

$4.55

Received payment. R. M. Stimson

Receipt $ 365
R. M. Stimson
12 December 1819 —

$10 49/100 Ashland Ky 13th December 1859—

Received of John Means Ten Dollars and forty nine cents in full of corporation tax for town of Ashland year 1859—

John Barbour Marshall

Receipt $10 $\frac{49}{100}$ Taxes

John Leonbolt
Marshall

13th December 1859 –

Recd of John Means twenty one
dollars and 95 cents his County
levy and Revenue for 1859
G W Darlington S B C

Receipt $21 $\frac{95}{100}$ taxes

G. W. Darlington S.S.Co.

Paid
14th Dec 1859

$ 234 12/100

Ashland, Ky. December 16th 1859

Five months After date we promise to pay to

the Order of Alexander & Yelton

Two Hundred & Thirty Four 12/100 Dollars

Value received. Payable at BANK OF ASHLAND.

Due May 16th 1860

Moore, Wistach, Keys & Overend, Prs. Cin.

Paid Nov 16th 1860

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Jno Mears & W. T. Nicholls
$234.12
May 16/19

Alexander & Hitton
Murray Thomson &
Pay ~~the~~ ~~Railroad~~ E. M. Martin Eagles
or order for Collection
P. Kinney

December 16th 59 – @ 5 months
from Alexander & Hilton $234 12/100
signed J. Means & W. Wetworth
payable at Ashland

This note sent to Murray Sterrett & Co –

Note $234\frac{12}{100}$
to Alexander Hilton
16th December 1859

district, Jane married a Mr. Brown, (perhaps Andrew) they moved to Kentucky - then to Illinois. He is dead whether he died in Kentucky or Ill your Aunt does not know. She has never heard of her death.

Your Aunts uncle James married a Mags in Union district. had three sons William Thomas and James; Jane Nancy, Mary, Margaret, Elisabeth These children of your great uncle James, ~~left~~ have descendants to the amount of at least fifty or sixty in the State of Alabama. When your Aunt was quite young, her uncle James died in S.C.

Her uncle Hugh died in Spartanburgh District. He was maried to Nancy Shields

Constitution Dec. 22. 1859.

Dear Nephew

We received your letter with great pleasure. We always delight to receive your letters. It is as if you stepped in and said good morning aunt! Good morning morning Maggie! Good morning Little Lizzie Good morning Uncle! etc.

I have lately visited Dr. Hildreth and had a good time with that true gentleman, and his lady Dr. George, and the little lady who wanted to come down (Miss Mary) and got a patent squash, the seeds of which I shall put in my treasure, until the time arrives to put them in the garden.

We are all in pretty good health, except that I sigh

groans a little in consequence of old age. Your aunt keeps quite cheerful and mighty busy. Maggie sews abundantly and breaks no needles yet. Little Lizzie studies Grammar and Geography and helps her Grand Ma.

I saw the happy man, and his Bride Martha. Thomas and John Means.

Give our love to your family and your uncle's family and Madame Willson.

Let us have a line often.

Yours Dyer Burgess

P.S. Your good Grand Parents were married in Ireland. The name Means is Scotch - Your great uncle James, your aunt thinks was born in Ireland. Your Grand Father John Means was born in Union District S. C. (Your great Grand Mother Nancy's maiden name was Simonton) Your great Grand Parents had child-dren James, Hugh, Margaret, Mary, William, Rachel, John and Jane Your Grand Father was the youngest son. Your aunt cannot tell their ages, but the order of their births was according to the above statement Margaret married Thos. Mays live and died in Georgia Mary married William Daviette lived in Union till we left Rachel married Hugh Means lived and died in the same

but died leaving no children. William married Nancy MacElroy and moved to Georgia, thence they came to Ohio he buried his wife and married the widow Chinnith. By his first marriage he had six children Hugh, James, and William, ~~Nancy, Mary, Thomas, and John, and Elizabeth, by his second~~ Margaret, Eliza, Jane.

By the second marriage five children Nancy Mary Elizabeth, John, Thomas.

Your grand uncle William removed from Ohio to Peris Edgar Co. Illinois.

Your Grand Father was born and grew to manhood in Union Destrict was married in Spartanburgh, after the death of his Father.

He came to Ohio in 1819
He joined the Presbyterian
Church before he was mar-
ried. He commanded
a Regiment as Col. in Spar-
tanburgh He sold goods
and had a tannery and
a farm in Spartanburgh.
The slaves he obtained by his
marriage with Nancy Willia-
son (Anne Williamson) the
number sent to his brotherland
and brought himself consider-
ed to about twenty-four.
He was a Member of the Leg-
islature ~~both~~ in South Carolina
the years in 1815 and 16.
In Ohio perhaps 1825, 26.

Your Aunt, Maggie and
Lizzie send much love

Affectionately

Write soon, Dear Benjamin

Ashland, Ky. Dec. 31 1859.

Mr. John Musser

TO E. S. FLETCHER, P. M., DR.

	$	cts.
To postage on Boston Reg.		13
Marietta Intelligencer 13. Home Journal 13		26
Presbyterian 13. N.Y. Independant 13		26
Home News		13
for 2 quarters ending March 31 1859		
Box rent from Sept 30/59 to Mch 31/60		20
		98

Received payment.

E. S. FLETCHER, P. M.

Postage Rept: 28
Fletcher P. M.
Paid 6th Jany 1860

I had my Christmas Turkey Tuesday before Christmas I had Aunt Amanda & her family and Belle and her family here to dine with us – Christmas day I had a goose – John told some of his friends that I had a five year old gander and that it took all the work before to cook it so it could be eaten on Christmas – which was rather a slander on the old fellow – as it only took it two days to cook the first day I boiled it & the second day I roasted it and it took all ~~Thursday~~ Friday afternoon to pick it – So there was only parts of three days to make it eatable – I expect we will not indulge in goose again very soon – I have been making mince pies to day and have opened your bottle of currant wine on the occasion and find it very nice – Johnny Means is home spending his vacation and says he thinks Marietta is quite gay compared with Ashland so I suppose he will go back well satisfied –

Ashland Dec 31st 1859

My Dear Mother –

I have been trying to find time to answer your letter for several days but I have been so busy that I can hardly find time to breathe – The days are so short and I have to be in the cooking department so much that almost before I know it the day is over and it is dark – as you say in your letter with so young a girl I must have to be in the kitchen more than I can about – but the worst of it is that I have to take in the children with me & they get so dirty and are apt to take cold – I think we must have an infirmary in the house or something for such a coughing as there is all the time all over the house all the time day & night all of us but John have very bad colds – The children are right sick with them – I have had Dr Van Ben three times to see Hildreth – and I suppose

he is out of danger now - but he still coughs incessantly and so does Bessie and they are both so cross - crying all the time nearly - Wednesday Hilbeth seemed stupid all the morning but I thought it was nothing but his cold - but Wednesday afternoon he had a spasm which lasted about two minutes - and frightened me nearly to death - we sent for the Dr - & he came and said he had worms which with his cold & his bowels not being moved for three days and his cutting teeth - altogether made his stomach in such a disordered state was the cause of it he gave him some Castor oil and powders and he soon seemed much better - but he still has a very bad cold - it seems so strange how they could get such colds when they have not been out doors at all and I have been up about a dozen times every night to see them well covered up and they are dressed in flannel as warm as can be - but the Dr says the worst cases he has had this winter have been persons who have not been at all exposed to the weather - I have been very busy getting Hildreths winter clothes made and have just finished them - have made him four coats and seven pair of breeches - so I think he will do well for the winter - he likes to wear them very much and is never quite happy unless he has that belt on you gave him -

I suppose I must wish you a merry christmas and a happy new year - I see by the Home News that the gentlemen are to make their new year calls on Monday - so I can imagine you sitting up in state on Monday entertaining your numerous friends ~~in~~ and treating them to cake & goodies of all kinds - I am glad that this year I have none of that trouble for I fear the children's noses & crying would not be agreeable - I suppose Father will call on Mrs Buell & Mrs. Nahum Ward and all the other ladies that are particular favorites Fannie Garrison has been boarding at the Hotel about a week but I have been so busy at home I could not get down to see her - Give my love to Father - George & Mary Rose - Tell Father to please send me a root of the wild geranium if he has a chance this winter or spring - I did not get any when I was up as I meant to - and send proof what is the best things I can give the children for coughs - I am afraid to give them much paregoric as it seems to bind them too much - I hope you will keep well this winter but I am most afraid to hear from you always for fear you have been sick - you must be as careful of yourself as possible - John sends his love - Write soon to your

Hattie -

Alexander & Hilton
In Acct. with J. A. Fay & Co.

1859				
20 Sept	To	1 Mortice Machine	55	00
11 Oct	"	3 Shafts with Hangers &c.	100	60
" "	"	1 Planing Machine	205	00
" "	"	2 Chisels for Mortice Machine	2	50
" "	"	Sets Blind Chisels	4	50
" "	"	1 Turning Saw, 10 inch	30	00
" "	"	1 Saw Mandrel	8	00
" "	"	1 " "	10	00
" "	"	1 " "	12	00
" "	"	3 Saws for same	9	23
" "	"	3 Clamp Screws	7	50
" "	"	2 Doz Scroll Saws	10	00
" "	"	Boring Shaft & Bits	18	00
" "	"	2 Chisels for machine	1	26
" "	"	1 Grooving Head	8	00
" "	"	587 lbs Shafting & pulleys	58	70
30 Dec	"	3 Cocks	1	65
" "	"	5 1/2 lbs Babbit Metal	1	65
" "	"	51 lbs. Counter Shaft	5	10
" "	"	1 Shaping Machine	15	00
			$563	19

The above is a copy of the Bill of Machinery Bot. by us of J. A. Fay & Co

Alexander & Hilton
By
W. T. Hilton

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J. A. Fay Bro.
$5685 19/100

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1859 - Assess list

6000 Acres Land	$40.000.00
1 Team	2.500.00
1 Mule	50.00
26 Head Cattle	1.100.00
1 Lot in Ashland	600.00
	$44,250 00
Under Equalization	Nothing

Buena Vista
1859 -

Assessor's list — 1869 —

2 Gold watches	$ 155.00 ×
1 Silver "	5.00 ×
1 Brass clock	1.50 ×
Silver ware	70.00 ×
7 Acres Land	175.00 ×
18 Town Lots & House	6,500.00 ×
Furniture	950.00 ×
	7,856.50
Value under equalization	2,000.00 ×
1 Buggy	100. ×
	9,956.50

County
Assessor List
1857