

in the kind - I intended to go
down to Union this week but it is
raining so I have given it up - as it
is too bad to take out the baby -

Belle is getting very weak does not
walk any + is very thin - They are
beginning to watch with her now -
Her heart troubles her a good deal as well
as the cough -

Give my love to Father - George + Mary
Tell Mary that the baby has one tooth
+ is a great deal fatter + handsomer than
he was in Manette - so of course he is
a great beauty - I must be sure + tell
you that I have a Chain pump at last
when we got home the well was dry + Biddy
left the water in the Cistern Pump + it
froz + cracked so for a week we had to get
all our water from Aunt Amanda's - but at
last we had the well dug out + bought a
chain pump for the cistern + I felt quite
happy + as rich as a queen - one don't
know what a comfort ^{plenty of} water is, till they go
without a while - Write soon to your aff
Father

Ashland Jan 14th 1863 -

My Dear Mother

I wrote to Pita about
two weeks ago and thought she would
tell you that we were all well, so
you would not feel uneasy about us
as I have been so long writing to you -
New Year's day I wrote to Prescott - a
letter of congratulation on the Emancipa-
tion proclamation as I thought he
would be so happy he would want
all his friends to rejoice with him -
John has had a letter from Uncle
Burgess in which he sends his love
to all our children beginning with "You
+ ending with Lincoln" - he said you
were all well, at least he supposed
so as he had not heard of you
being sick - I imagined you on

New Years day receiving calls & treating
them to the good things you told of
John talked of calling on the ladies
but it ended in talking - Monday
between New Years & Christmas I gave
a party - I invited over fifty but there
was the usual amount of failures
I wanted to see how a cake would look
baked in my new cake pan that you
gave me - So I made a marble cake
in it & frosted it & put Candy roses
on it & a wreath of wren's nest about it
& union flags ^{green} in the middle
& you may be sure it did look splendid -
The ladies wondered where I ever did get
such a big cake pan - I suppose I shall
have no occasion to use it until you & Mary
Ross come down again - I think I had
the prettiest task I ever had at any of
my parties - The big cake helped it out
wonderfully - Mrs. Boales had a party
on Thursday night - & had a stand up
supper - Mrs. Martin had a party
last week ^{up} Friday - They played

Charades & Christmas games, ^{at all of them} so they
parties all have been very lively
They stayed till one o'clock at our house
so you may know they had a good time -
Ashland I suppose wont be so gay again
until you come down -

The soldiers have taken the big hotel
again for a Hospital so Mr Warner
had to move out - He now lives in the
Camping Cottage -

I hope that the report of Gen Morgan's death
is not true - Do you know whether Sam
Putnam or Frank Ross were in any of
the late battles? John says to tell
Father that he has not got Dan Youngs
life yet it could not be dead in Houston
but he will send to Portsmouth -
He would like Father to send him some
ships from Mrs. Geo. Goodbridges winter
pear tree when the proper time comes for
grafting - he will be much obliged for them
we will try & get a tree of the winter helio
from the City but likely will be ~~cheated~~

19th July 1863 -

Sabbath evening

Dear John

After you left
us, on Saturday; the messenger
sent to Dr Spaulding arrived,
bringing medicine, which has
checked the attack, Belle had
when you was here - she has
been confined to her bed all
day -

I will finish this note
in the morning - Love to
Hattie, and kiss the little folks
for me - Good night.

Monday Morning

Belle has risen quietly during
the night - we have written for
Jane to come up with Annie on
Wednesday -
as ever Hal.

Constitution Jan. 24. 1863

Dear and near Kinsman.

I call you near, because you are a quick Correspondent. Your uncle James is valued highly on that account. Your uncle Hugh is also very good. You must write in behalf of your Fathers Family, as well as of your own.

We lament greatly the loss of our dear niece Belle! We did not hear of her exit, until yesterday. Though we expected it, still it was sudden: as that event always is.

Behold! says our Savior, I come as a thief. A thief surprises, if he can; and our Savior can. Such surprises are intended to make us always watchful and always prepared. So our Savior himself explains it.

We hope this visitation of God will be sanctified to us all. Afflictions either harden or soften. O may they have a benign effect.

Your Aunts health is improving slowly. Maggie has recovered from Diphtheria has gone to Marietta to day.

I would have put off writing till
tomorrow, that I might perhaps, have
something to say about Dr. Weldrich's
but, I thought if I delayed, I should
forfeit any character of a quick corres-
pondent. I suppose Dr. Weldrich's family
is well or I should certainly have heard
the contrary.

Our love to your lady, to Thorne,
to Bessie, to Rose and Lillie, and
especially to Lincoln.

Mr. Cutler's family are well except-
ing bad colds.

My own health is good as could
be expected.

Very affectionately

Dyer Burgess

Arch takes her death very hard - & as
he had left the army & is out of business
he seems to hardly know what to do with
himself - Belle left Bessie her watch, gold
brooch & silk dress - as she was named for her
she was always her pet - I shall miss her
so much I was so in hopes she would
reconcile ^{me} as to go to housekeeping in the
Spring. I cannot realize her death at
all - She would sit up some, nearly every
day & have her clothes on, which made
her seem better than she was - Mother Means
would not give her up, till the very last -
William Means baby was in to Father Means
while I was there & it looks enough like
mine to be its twin brother - only mine is
the prettiest - We had a great time
comparing babies - Though hers is four
months dead, the oldest, mine is nearly
as large - ~~She~~ call him Mountain yet -
I hope Rita has recovered her health
by this time - I can't answer Mrs Stanwoods
questions about the yarn - I asked an
Linton lady, but she could not tell either -
Love to Father - George & Mary - I saw Dr
Gumpstead on the boat - he is going to be at the
Hospital at Lexington he had on a military
cap & looked quite young - Biddy says please tell
Sarah she ~~wrote~~ her letter - I hope the
next letter I get you will all be well
again - I send Mary some dwarf melon
seeds tell her to plant them in the sunny part of
the garden the 1st of May - Write soon to your
Father -

Ashland Jan 9th 1863 -

My Dear Mother

I was very happy to
receive your letter yesterday, and find
you are in such fine health - but was
sorry to hear that Father had been
so sick - I suppose he hardly took
cold in his garden though possibly
some of that fine weather he might
have been out taking a little airing
for exercise - I will recommend
the Cherry Pectoral hereafter to my
friends - I suppose you have
ever this, seen the notice of Belles
death in the paper - She died
last week on Tuesday afternoon
John came home from Union on the
Saturday before her death & intended
returning on Monday - I thought I
would go down with him as he thought

she was failing so fast. but I could find no one to stay with the children and it was so cold I felt afraid to take out the baby - Tuesday I found a woman to stay with the children but it rained so hard all day I was obliged to give it up again - John went down but no boats came till evening & when he reached there she had been dead some hours - She died perfectly easy, keeping her mind & memory clear to the last - left kind messages for the absent ones & begged them all to meet her in heaven - She breathed her last so easily, that they hardly knew when she was dead - Though she had been sinking so rapidly Mother & Mary Anne hardly seemed to realize it - Mary Anne had gone to Cincinnati to get her sewing machine put in order & Lane had gone to Manchester to school the

week before & they did not get back home until the day after she died - They felt badly about being away from her, at the last practical ally, Mary Anne - Tom also was away at school - & Bill & May were the only ones at home & Arch & Mother & Father - I went down on Thursday to the funeral - I was obliged to go on the Boston so did not get down in time for the funeral services which were at the house at ten o'clock - The Boston went to the house & brought the funeral up to the Rock & carriages were waiting there & took them out to the Cemetery which is about a mile out of town - returning the Boston took them back again to Union - They took this plan on account of the bad roads - It seemed but a little while ago since the Boston took a large party to her wedding - & now she was again carrying friends to her burial

I had follow - over + best - please
yesterday for your special benefit -

Ashland Feb. 3^d 1813 -

My Dear Mother

I received your
letter yesterday and as you say
you will do nothing about the
Saque until you hear from me
again, I hasten to reply -
I wish it made just like yours
in size + trimming - perhaps it
would look better to have a heavy
cording at the bottom + as you
may do as you please about the
pockets - The silk box pleat
trimming will do very well -
I hope you will contrive some
safe way to send it down - as
soon as finished for Biddy gave
me no piece of my life till

I sold her my old silk mantle
so I am left in a destitute
condition myself and perhaps
somebody might be coming down on
the Ohio safe enough to trust it too -
as you are going to be so slow
in your motions about making
me that visit - I felt really
provoked to think you had put
off coming till May - I don't
know who your expected company
is but I think you had better
write to them not to come
as you have promised to make
a visit in April yourself - for
if you wait till May you will
be sure to be caught again by the
warm weather before you start
and you know what a warm
time you had going home ~~times~~
the last time - unless you con-
clude to go home by railroad
from Portsmouth I think you had

better come down sooner than the
first of May, for fear of its being
too warm on the boats when you
return - I really feel quite dis-
comaged about your visit - the
company will be sure to stay to
long or something else happen to
you - Tell Mary she must not
give it up this time -
We are all well - It is just
a year to day since Pessie broke
her arm - & I cannot but feel
badly all day - for besides the
looks of it I am confident it will
always be some stiff - poor child -
What ails Peta? It is now nearly
two months since she has been
writing that she is not well -
Love to Father George & Mary -
& hoping to see you some bright
morning soon - I am yours
Hattie -

in town of the same disease -

The baby's name is John Harold. he was born the 17th of May 10. A. M. He has not been baptised yet & if you & Mary will be sure & come down in April I will wait till then before I take him to be baptised - John can't quite agree with me yet as to his name but I tell him I will have my way about it, any how -

Did Father say I might plant bits in Feb? I intend planting peas & lettuce, so as to have them ready for you in April & May -

I hope you & Mary will not disappoint me I intend to hurry up the house cleaning & sewing in March, so as to be ready for you when April comes - I hope we may all be with them - John says there was a Vice General in town today - General White - He came to inspect the Hospital & was so much pleased with it that he said he would recommend it for a General Hospital - that is, have sick soldiers sent here from any place, it is such a fine house & every thing so comfortable & well arranged - We had cold weather enough two weeks ago to have the ice houses partly filled - but as they filled them Sunday I fear it won't keep all summer - My love to Father George & Mary & I hope in your next you may begin to think of the time when you might say you would plan for that long talked of visit to Com^{rs} - Yours will it be

Ashland Feb. 17th - 1863 -

My Dear Brother

As I am so lucky, as to have the children, all put to bed & quiet, before eight o'clock - I will improve the few moments of spare time which it gives me, by answering your letter, which I was happy to receive three days ago - I am glad to hear that Father is quite well again & that you still continue in such fine health - I hope that you may get safely through the winter without any sickness which would indeed be something wonderful if indeed it could be so -

I have been having a little hoarseness in my house since I last wrote to you - All five of the children have been sick - with a strange

disease which has been prevailing here in town - First the baby was taken - & was very sick one night, I was frightened to death about him he was so stuffed up & coughed & breathed so badly I thought he would die before morning - John went over to Uncle Hugh's about midnight & got some medicine which seemed to help him some - In the morning "Old Dan" came & said the disease was Typhoid Pneumonia or something like it & prescribed some of the everlasting "Castor Oil & molasses", sometimes with Hoop's Cordial & sometimes without - Shippey's elm water &c - he said the rest of them would have it & so they did - Bessie took it next face flushed & stupid - sleeping most of the time for two days & throat sore & swollen - head very hot & feet cold & a dreadful cough which she has yet - next Hilda's was taken, he seemed

to have great fever in his head & his feet were so cold, one night we could hardly get them warm - all we could do, I was dreadfully afraid he might have a spasm his head seemed so affected, but at last we got his feet warm & he seemed better - The twins were sick next & Lily is our next will yet - being the most delicate the disease lasts longer with her - they had the hardest cough they ever had - would struggle like the whooping cough - All five of them have been coughing together for more than two weeks - I made them some Hoarhound Candy which seemed to help them more than any medicine I also gave them some Cherry Pectoral - Lily lost her appetite & looks thin - Their tongues were very white & I have no doubt their throats were very sore - Dr. Swartzwelder when John told him the symptoms, said it was something like Diphtheria - There has been many cases

Ashland Feb. 19th - 1868 -

My Dear Mother,

I enclose in this letter ten dollars - with which, I shall be very much obliged to you if you will purchase black silk, enough, to make me a sacque, like the ^{brown ~~serape~~} one you bought in ^{my} Janesville from which, I cut the pattern last fall. & you remember I thought I could get the silk & have one made here - but there is no silk in town that will do - & the woman I thought would make it, is out of town - so I did not know what to do - until I happened to think, that maybe you would buy it for me & get Miss Booth

or Mrs Requin to make it for me -
and then you can bring it down
to me when you come in April
if you have no other chance to
send it sooner - If I have not
sent enough money, let me know
& I will send more -

I will be very much obliged to you
if you will undertake this trouble
for me - you remember yours for
me exactly -

I wrote you a long letter this
week - We are all pretty well
now. and I am beginning to think
about the Spring troubles - such as
house cleaning & fixing for children
for summer & Calico is 25 cents a
yard here - which makes quite a
difference in their expenses -

Love to Father - George & Mary & Hoping
we shall soon see you I am yours aff
Father -

Union Town Landing Ohio
March 9th 1863

Mr John Means

Dear Sir.

Captain
Wash Marshall holds my due bill of
May 26th 1862 for One Thousand
(1000⁰⁰) Dollars, which I wish paid,
with the interest due on same. You will
check on the Bank of Ashland for the
amount, and advise me

Yours Truly

Thomas H. Means

By Arch^d Means.

P. S. Will have the Coiler brought in
from Ohio Town in a few days, (as soon as
we have a few more rails put down) for
Belleville.

Yours

Truly

T. H. M.

By Arch.

Union Landing March 11th /65-

My dear John

Jane wrote me there was a letter
in the Ashland post-office, for her from Frankfort.
She is anxious to have it; will you please send it
to her? It is from Miss Garsard - Jane is quite pleased
with her the Bonnie - Mother thinks you had better
not stay so closely at Ashland, but come home
pretty often - that rebels might come in...

We will tell you the Garsard story when you come
down - I don't know of any news to write you.

My love to Hattie, little Tom & Bess - Call well.

Yours M. A.

Askland March 28th 1863-

My Dear Mother

I was highly
pleased to receive your letter
and find you were still well
and thinking seriously of visiting
me, the middle of April -
Biddy & I have been congratulating
each other ever since on the
happiness in store for us from
the promised visit - she is antici-
pating great amusement from
Mary's visit - and we talk over
all we are going to cook & do
several times a day - Among
the good things anticipated
though, I am sorry to say
I fear green peas cannot be

counted in - as mine have not
yet made their appearance in this
world. Lettuce, peas & beets were all
planted the first of March so
as to be ready for you but none
of them have yet made themselves
visible & I begin to fear they never
will so that I cannot even treat
to a pea blossom as you requested -
I hope though, I shall have asparagus
and the plant -

I am glad to hear Rita & her Mother
are better I will write to her soon
I have been very busy this month
house cleaning & getting the children
fixed up for Spring - I had fourteen
aprons cut out this week to make
which makes the beginning for their
new summer clothes I could not
get the sewing woman I generally
have had - so shall have to try &
hunt up a new one if I don't get

through myself - The baby can wear
the twin's aprons they wore last summer
& their dresses by tucking them - so
that leaves me much sewing -
He has now six teeth - says 'ma ma'
& sits alone but does not creep yet
and is fat & putting on -

Tell Mary I want her to buy for me
a pictorial tract primer for Tommy
Hildner to read on Sundays - My
stock of Sunday Bible stories for the
children is very small - I think she
can get one at Hoombs
You must write to me about the
time you will start & and the
boat you will be on so John can
be down to meet you - I hope the
Maanika boat will run by that time
Love to Father George & the Boss
& would like to have them all
come with you - Hoping to see you
& May soon I am yours & father's -

parched, and some neighborhoods suffered from the drying up of springs and wells. Corn had mostly attained maturity by the middle of September, and suffered less than several other articles. The crop of apples was generally good, especially certain varieties of winter fruit. Pears are but sparingly cultivated on account of "the blight," so certain to attack this tree, especially those of a vigorous growth and in rich soils. The best protection is a poor earth and elevated position, near the top of a hill, with a northerly exposure. This, in my opinion, proves the disease to arise from a profusion of sap and not from insects. The quince tree is liable to the same disease, but not to so injurious an extent, attacking only the extremities of the branches, and seldom fatal to the whole tree. The past year has been free from the terrible storms and tornadoes which sometimes visit us. In general terms, this year has been a favorable one to the farmer, as well as to the health of the people.

Floral calendar and ripening of fruits.—January 1st, Bluebird heard, and has been here all the winter.—March 6th, Robin appears; 7th, Bluebird singing; 9th, various birds heard; 17th, Blackbirds; 19th Wood larks and robins; 21st, Hepatica triloba in bloom, Dwarf Iris; 28th, Daffodil, white and blue Crocus.—April 2d, Hyacinth; 3d, Magnolia conspicua in full bloom: this beautiful exotic is in most years so early in putting out that the blossoms are destroyed by frost, before fully expanded; 4th, Peach in warm exposures; 5th, Japan quince and Golden bell; 7th, Peach in full bloom generally; 10th, Sanguinaria Canadensis; 12th, rose or pink colored Japan quince; 14th, Gooseberry; 15th, Crown imperial; 18th, Pear tree and white Spiraea prunifolia; 19th, June berry and Siberian crab apple, Maple tree in full foliage; 21st, Strawberry; 23d, Apple tree, Yellow root, Harebell; 26th, Ornithogalum, Chickasaw plum and Cherry; 29th, Birthwort; 30th, Tulips.—May 1st, Lilac, Quince tree; 4th, Purple tree Peony; 10th, Horse chestnut, black Haw; 11th, native Crab-apple tree; 14th, Lily of the valley; 15th, Snowball; 16th, purple Magnolia; 17th, Weigela rosea; 18th, yellow and white Calceolaria; 19th, Viburnum fruticosum; 20th, Locust tree, Iris tricolor; 22d, Syringa fragrans, yellow Harrison rose, Magnolia tripetala; 26th, Catawissa raspberry; 27th, new seedling Peonies, ten varieties; 30th, Syringa Philadelphica; 31st, Strawberry ripe.—June 4th, white Iris; 5th, Guernsey Lily; 8th, blight in Quince tree begins; 9th, Rose bugs in vast numbers in the country, destroying the young fruit of apple and peach; 11th, red Cherry ripe; 15th, white garden Lily open, slugs on Pear and Quince trees, making great destruction of the leaves; 17th, Kirtland Raspberry ripe; 19th, Magnolia glauca in bloom; 20th, Catawissa Raspberry ripe, Catalpa in bloom, Wheat harvest begins.—July 1st, Chandler Apple ripe; 4th, Dew-berry ripe; 11th, Blackberry ripe; 16th, American broom in blossom; 17th, Turk's-cap lily, Sweet bough apple and Hale's early peach ripe.—August 13th, Muskmelon ripe; 14th, Blue plum; 15th, Hildreth, Seckle and butter pears ripe; 16th, Watermelons.—September 5th, Lychnis coronaria in bloom; 6th, Concord grape ripe; 7th, Delaware grape, second crop of Catawissa raspberry ripe; 10th, white Doyenne pear ripe; 12th, Rebecca grape; 16th, Heribmont grape ripe, Portugal quince ripe; 20th, Catawba grape.

Marietta, January 1st, 1863.

Hayti, struck with its great size, called it *Quisqueia*, which in their language signifies exceedingly great; but afterwards gave it the name of Hayti, from the craggy mountains that were in it." Martinique was one of the chain of smaller islands inhabited by the Carribees, but which, as has been observed, they conquered from the Arrowacks. It was perhaps the invasion of them by the Carribees that produced the strifes and seditions in Martinique mentioned in the tradition as having caused the Arrowacks inhabiting it to remove to Hayti.

ART. XX.—Abstract of a Meteorological Journal, kept at Marietta, Ohio: latitude 39° 25' N., and longitude 4° 28' W. of Washington, for the year 1862; by S. P. HILDRETH, M.D.— [Thirty-fifth Annual Report.]¹

MONTHS.	THERMOMETER.					Prevailing winds.	BAROMETER.		
	Mean.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Fair days.	Cloudy days.		Maximum.	Minimum.	Range.
January, . . .	35.53	67 13	6 25	6.673	N., N.W. & S.	29.86	28.95	0.90	
February, . . .	33.60	56 11	12 16	3.066	N., N.W. & S.E.	29.75	28.85	0.90	
March, . . .	41.27	75 16	11 20	3.392	N.W., S. & S.E.	29.55	28.65	0.90	
April, . . .	51.52	81 30	16 14	7.673	E.S.E. & N.	29.65	28.85	0.80	
May, . . .	57.15	84 38	22 9	3.733	N., S. & S.E.	29.51	29.10	0.51	
June, . . .	65.78	88 44	15 15	2.541	S., S.W. & N.	29.65	29.10	0.55	
July, . . .	73.47	93 54	20 11	3.524	S., S.W. & N.	29.78	29.18	0.67	
August, . . .	73.17	93 46	20 11	3.641	S., S.W. & E.	29.68	29.25	0.43	
September, . . .	68.40	84 38	25 5	0.285	S., S.W. & E.	29.78	29.10	0.68	
October, . . .	54.57	80 26	18 13	2.564	S., S.W. & N.	29.73	29.00	0.73	
November, . . .	41.07	69 24	17 13	2.053	S., S.E. & N.W.	29.90	29.00	0.90	
December, . . .	35.87	68 10	16 16	3.372	S., S.W. & N.W.	30.03	28.90	1.13	
Mean,	52.62			42.557					

The mean temperature of the year 1862 is 52°·62. The amount of rain and melted snow is 42.557 inches.

Remarks on the winter of 1862.—The mean of the winter months is 33°·33. February was the coldest of the series, being 33°·60. December was 37°·00, which is rather above the mean, some years falling as low as 21°·00, and others rising to 40°·00. January is usually a mild month compared with either December or February. The lowest grade of the mercury in January was 13°, on the fifth day. In February the lowest was 11°, on the 16th day. There was a large amount of rain in January, filling

¹ Dr. Hildreth's first Abstract of Meteorological Observations (for 1828) was published in the 16th volume of the 1st series of this Journal (1829). The series has been uninterrupted to the present time, and this is therefore the 35th contribution. By an inadvertence this enumeration was attached to the last abstract published in March, 1862, which error we take this mode of correcting. Our oldest readers will rejoice that the life of our venerable correspondent has been continued to complete another of his annual contributions.—Eds.

all the rivers to the tops of their banks. This excess of rain continued all through the middle and latter portion of the winter. The amount in January was 6.67 inches, and during the winter over 11 inches. The quantity of snow was small, compared with most winters, being only two inches at the greatest fall. Very little ice was formed in the rivers, and navigation remained open during all the winter months. No ice was gathered here but such as was brought from rivers north of us. The moisture of the air and mild temperature was very favorable to the ripening of the young wood of grape vines and fruit trees, especially of the peach, and an abundant crop of blossoms appeared in due season; but a frost, in the latter part of April, destroyed a great deal of the recently set fruit. The ill effects of a winter without hard freezing are seen more in the soil than elsewhere, the plow and the spade turning it up compact and heavy, instead of porous and loose as it is after ordinary winters, showing its effects on the soil during all the season. A very dry time in May or June partly restores that loose texture so necessary to the healthy growth of plants.

Remarks on the spring of 1862.—The mean temperature of the spring, was 53°-31,—which is a fair average for this season of the year. The mean of March was 41°-27; this month varies much; in some years rising to 52°, and in others sinking to 32°. The mean of April was 51°-52, not far from the average temperature. It varies greatly however, rising to 59° and falling to 42°, a difference of seventeen degrees. It is usually considered as indicating the mean for the year. The temperature for May is 57°-15, which is below the average, some years rising to 67° and then falling to 55°, making a diversity both pleasing and useful. The spring was very wet, there falling nearly fifteen inches of rain, about half of which was in April. In this month the larger portion of plowing is done by the farmers, for the summer crops. The earth in most fields was like mortar, and plowing in this condition was hurtful to cultivation. This excess of moisture caused the decay of a large portion of seed corn, requiring a second and sometimes a third planting. The fields in June afforded an unsightly and unpromising appearance. Pastures and meadow lands were benefited by the rains, but the grass and hay were much less nutritious than in common years, although the yield was abundant. The flowering of fruit trees was rather tardy, six or eight days behind the usual time. The healthy setting of the fruit is sometimes injured by heavy rains washing away the pollen of the flowers. This, I believe is more common to forest trees, especially the oak and black walnut, though these are rarely hurt by frosts. The spring fruits were abundant and ripened at the usual time, especially strawberries, new varieties of which are annually added to our abundant varieties. The spring of 1863 is the appointed season here for the ap-

pearance of that wonderful insect, the seventeen-year locust, or Cicada.*

Remarks on the summer of 1862.—The mean temperature of this season is 70°-80, which is one degree and a half below the average of a series of years. The month of June was cooler than usual, being only 65°-75, whereas it often rises to 70°, and sometimes to 74°, but this is a rare occurrence. July was 73°-47, also rather low. August was near the same, or 73°-17, being an abundant quantity of heat for perfecting the growth and ripening all the fruits and grain adapted to this climate. In July, the temperature sometimes rises to 76° for the whole month, but not often. The summer fruits ripened at the usual time, red cherries early in June, Catawissa raspberries by the twentieth, and early apples the first week of July. Many fields of wheat were ready for harvesting the 22d of June, but the main harvest began the 6th of July. The quality of the grain was excellent, but not so abundant as in some years. A new and more hardy variety, with a thicker covering to the seed, not so easily punctured by insects, has been introduced by the intelligent farmers of Ohio, and this important crop is becoming more certain than in past years. It is also less liable to rust in the hot and wet weather of the last of June, a disaster in some years of immense damage, destroying whole fields when nearly or quite ready for the sickle. The amount of rain in the summer months was but little over half of that in the spring. The effect was disastrous to crops of maize and potatoes, especially on the hills and uplands, these not yielding half the amount of ordinary years. Rich alluvions suffered but little. The prices of these important articles of food rose to double their common value. The season was favorable to sweet potatoes and to melons, which were abundant and of excellent quality. Among the insects injurious to vegetation, appeared a new one on our pear and quince trees, the larva of *Selandria Cerasi*, described by the late Professor Harris. It proved very hurtful, especially to young pear trees. It is the worst of all these pests, as it continues its ravages all summer, by fresh deposits of eggs by the parent Saco-fly. Other insects were less abundant than common.

Remarks on the autumn of 1862.—The mean temperature of the autumnal months is 54°-71, which is a full average for the climate. The month of October was very mild, some of the early days being of the warmth of summer, rising to 90° or more. The season was very dry, there being less than five inches of rain for the three months, whereas in some years September has as much rain as all of them in 1862. This drouth was very injurious to the late crops, especially buckwheat, which in many fields was an entire failure, and in all a very short crop. Late planted potatoes yielded very sparingly. Pasture grounds were much

* The *Cicada septendecim* appeared at New Haven in June, 1860. See this Jour., xxxiii, 433.—Eds.

80 Feet

300

80-

Railway St - 100 Feet

Should be 360 as corrected in deed

~~360~~ Feet
360

J. C. Bayless - 2.89 Acres



Deed 8th April 1863

North

St -

80 Feet

claims

354 Feet

360-

Should be ³⁶⁰⁻ 360 feet.

$$F \quad 6\frac{1}{2} \times 153 = 9915.5 \text{ Feet}$$

$$H \quad \frac{440}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2} = 13970.0$$

$$G \quad \frac{153}{17\frac{1}{2}} \text{ Area } 1624 \times 236\frac{1}{2} = 38372.0$$

$$62057.5$$

$$80 \times 354 = 28320.$$

$$\frac{80}{2} \times 223 = 8920. = \frac{2}{10} \text{ Acres}$$

$$\text{Total No feet} = 99298.5$$

$$\frac{99298.5}{43560} = 2\frac{28}{100} \text{ Acres}$$

$$\frac{8920}{43560} = \frac{22}{1000} \text{ Acres}$$

890

J. C. Bayless
2.89 A.

Bearing	Dist Poles	Lat.		Dep.		
		N	S	E	W	
Baym 15 $\frac{2}{10}$ A						
S 55° E	14.36	—	8.236	11.765	—	
N 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ E	10.37	8.865	—	5.413	—	
N 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ W	46.60	24.343	—	11.500	39.232	
S 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ W	21.45	—	18.294	—	11.205	
S 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ W	47.00	—	32.350	—	34.090	
S 54 $\frac{3}{4}$ E	11.50	—	6.523	9.225	—	
S 50 $\frac{1}{4}$ E	32.25	—	20.620	24.792	—	
N 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ E	15.50	11.056	—	10.860	—	
N 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ W	14.44	12.006	—	—	8.024	
N 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ E	42.71	29.937	—	30.466	—	
			86,207	86,023	92,515	93,051
			Southing	0.184	0.526	Easting

15²/₁₀ Acres
Latitude & Departure

Church lot	2 1/4 acres	
Lot in front of Academy	1 1/2 "	
Cairns lot & street below	7 9/10 "	7.9
Home yard square	2 89/100 "	
Hill land	7 3/10 "	7.3
	<u>21 84/100</u>	<u>15.2</u>

J.E. Byler Land

Payments for Hill Land

Feb. 29/64	460	mp
Jun 3/65	100	mp
Sept 27/65	200	mp

<u>7360</u>
255.50
<u>104.50</u>
21.94
<u>126.44</u>

7 3/10 at \$35

overpaid
interest on overplus 3 1/2 % year
pay to Mar 27/67

J.E. Byler Land

Frank

Jan
Tom
Joe
Mary
lets
Lou
match
man
P

$$\begin{array}{r}
 35 \\
 7 \frac{1}{2} \\
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 24 \frac{5}{2} \\
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 17 \frac{1}{2} \\
 \hline
 26 \frac{1}{2}
 \end{array}$$

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Raymond Newman

Salisbury 10th March 1860

Baynes 1 1/2 Acres more or less

N. E. 221 feet

N. W. 361 "

S. W. 141 "

S. E. 368 1/2 "

289
27m

deed dated 8th April 1863

Land to Rev John C. Baylen

Beginning at a stone corner of the "Jarvis lot" thence
south easterly with the line of said lot 237 Feet to a
stake on the lower line of 7th Street produced and 12 feet
from a stone another corner of the said "Jarvis lot",
thence with the produced line of 7th Street ^{Northwesterly} ^{191 1/2 feet} to a
point in line of Railway street, — thence with
the ^{Northwesterly} line of Railway Street 760 Feet to a stake
corner of ~~tract~~ add sd Baylen by the H. J. C. & M. Co
thence ^{Southeasterly} with the line of said last tract 354 Feet to a
stake another corner of same tract. Thence Southerly
237 Feet to a stake corner of the Cairns 5 1/2 Acres
thence with the line of Cairns tract Easterly 355
feet to a stake in "Jarvis line" — thence Northwesterly
with the Jarvis line 614 feet to beginning
containing ⁷⁹ ~~100~~ Acres

Baylen

$$80 \times 354 = 28320$$

$$\frac{80}{2} \times 223 = 8920$$

$$\frac{171\frac{1}{2} + 153}{2} \times 236\frac{1}{2} = 38372.$$

$$63\frac{1}{2} \times 153 = 9716.$$

$$440 \times \frac{63\frac{1}{2}}{2} = 13970.$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 43560 \\ + 99298 \\ \hline 87120 \\ 121780 \\ \hline 87120 \\ 346600 \\ \hline 3.48480 \end{array} \quad (2,28)$$

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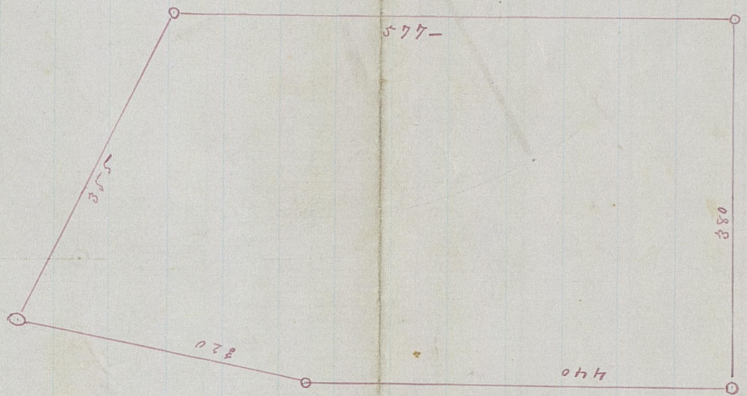
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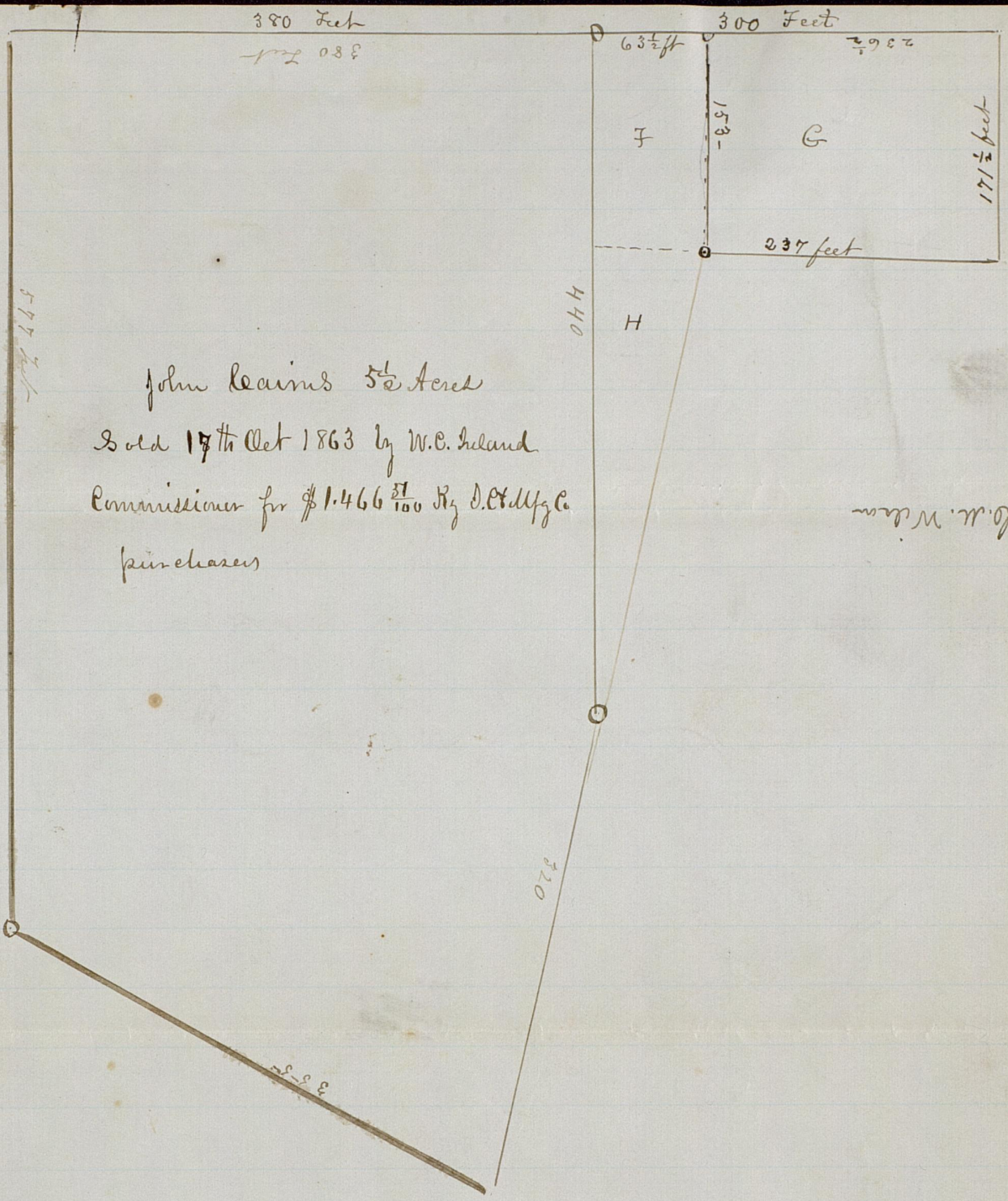
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John Lewis -

Baylen





John Leains 5 1/2 Acres
 Sold 17th Oct 1863 by W.C. Ireland
 Commissioner for \$1,466 ²¹/₁₀₀ By J.C. M.G.C.
 purchasers

R. W. Wilson

North St.

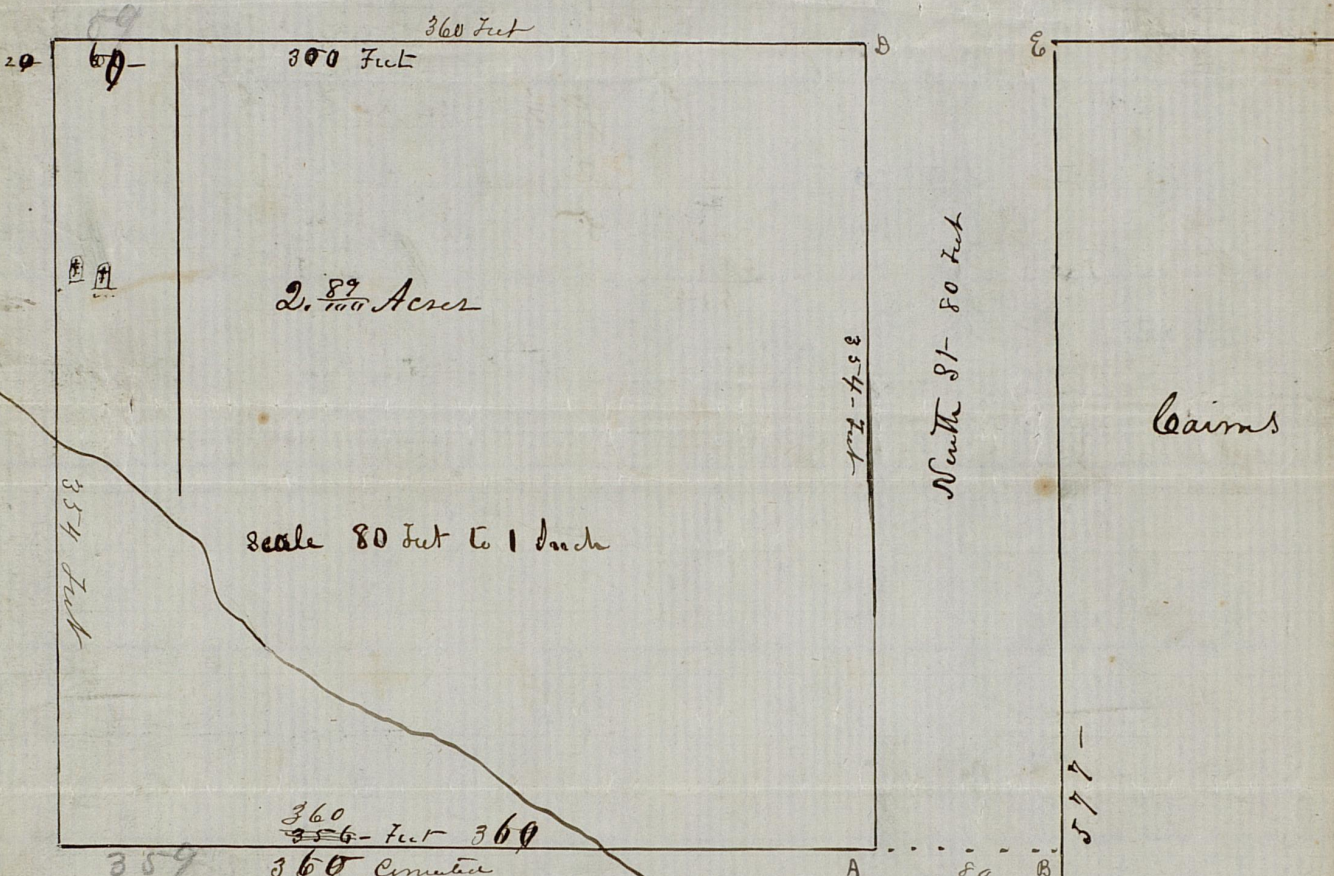
61
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80 Feet

300 Feet

80 Feet

Railway St - 100 Feet wide -



2.89 Acres

Scale 80 Feet to 1 Inch

360
356 Feet 360
360 Corners

Cairns

$$356 \times 354 = 126024 \text{ Sq. Feet}$$

$$\frac{126024}{43560} = 2.89 \text{ Acres}$$

$$354 - 110 = 244 \quad \frac{244}{2} = 122$$

$$356 \times 122 = 43432 \text{ Sq. Feet}$$

$$\frac{126024 - (43432 + 10,000)}{43560} = \frac{72592}{43560} = 1.66 \text{ Acres}$$

249-

48- 18 9 1/2
8- 16 2

300
236 1/2
63 1/2

48
18
384
48
864
1728
256
1984
137

13888
5952
1984
7992
272800

J. C. Boyler

174
144
86

308.25
242.5
314.00

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[Apr 14, 1863]

Statement of Money paid thro C. Burgess
on behalf of State of Wm Means to the
Burgess, by John H. Means.

July 11 th 1859	To Bank of Ashland	\$475.00
July 25 - 1860	" " "	\$584.00
Aug 18 " " " "	" " " "	\$150.00
July 9 1861	For Groceries	61.76
April 8 1862	" Edl Sager, Treasr Austry	20.58
Oct 8 1861	" Cash remitted you	\$100.00
May 9 th 1862	" Amt remitted you	\$100.00
Sept 27 " "	" Check on Com Bank	\$200.00
Dec 4 " "	" " Bank of Ashland	\$100.00
" 19 th " "	" Com Register	1.58
Jan 12 th 1863	" Cash handed Hng th } Means to remit }	\$200.00
		<u>\$1,958.76</u>

Mr John Means,

The above is a statement of the
Burgess A/c, on my books. I send you
that you may examine and see if all the
amounts paid by H. Means to C. Burgess
are included in it. Yours,

John H. Means
By Arch^d Means.

Cousin Sundry May 1st / 63

My dear John

Mother has sent word that she intends staying at Manchester all of this week and will not be home until next week -

May, Vine and I have been yourselves till yesterday - Father, Tom and Arthur came home Tom & leaves again - Saturday -

Captain Garrard's Sister is dead - her father wrote to Jane - I feel so sorry for Jane; she feels so badly about their deaths - The Sister died gave herself up to grief and when taken with a fever, did not want to live -

Mother will take Jane to Cinde - with us - I am going down Monday and if Linnie should happen home will take May - Mother is anxious to have May with her & we are going out to ^{the} Cemetery; want to see the different

instruments, and will either get them ~~at~~ Cinde or get the design and have them made in London - Mother will be very

glad to have Mrs. Hitchcock visit her when she gets home - and Maggie Mary Ross - She will expect ~~the~~ ^{the} Top - I suppose Little Bessie will be very much taken up with Mary Gussaff by M. C.

Jane to Mother and her Mother

May 2. 1863.

My dear wife -

yesterday I called on Mrs Knowles in her new dwelling place, & found her nearly organized in house keeping - Mr. De-
-vol was aiding her in making up a new carpet for the front parlor - The children seemed to be very happy & much pleased with a very large aspen I took up; a present from Mrs Nye to me a week ago - This morning I called on Mrs. General Hildebrand - She was very much gratified in seeing me - but is overwhelmed with sorrow & in great distress at the loss of her husband - She gave the particulars of his sickness, & how often he used to speak of me, & what a comfort it would be to see me & give advice in his case - But poor Jesse is gone & that advice - He had many friends in atton, as well as in his regiment who all spoke highly of his deportment & conduct in course with the citizens - He will be missed a long time by all who knew him

If you had a parcel of our asparagus, it abundant, we shall have to give it away, as we cannot eat it -
- Katy Seymour man

brings the finest of letters, perhaps better than
than my words — I expect when you get
home you will want them both —

This afternoon is the lecture, previous to the Lords
supper — & tomorrow I shall miss you still more
we so seldom are separated on this joyous oc-
casion — but I must be submissive, & do the
best I can ~~on the occasion~~ —

I enclose a letter of your own from Piercote
written the day before mine or the 22^d May
I have done looking for a letter from you
but shall continue writing as long as I think
they will reach you, before your homeward
Journey

Love & kisses to all the little ones,
& your self too

Ever yours

S. P. Hildreth

(My pen is much like many other fast ones)

Come to a boil then put them
immediately in the bottle & seal them up
air tight - ^{They} they are elegant - you must
not put any water with them -
I am looking for May Sampson & her
two boys on the Boston, to night - they
may stay some time with me -
Mr Sampson has just come in from
the Furnace & says he will be
afraid to take her out there at
present - he thinks they owe him
such a spite that he did not
dare sleep in his own house out
there at night - Give my love
to May - the children all said they
were "sick" for May Ross & Grandma
for several days after you left -
"See to sorry for Grandma & May Ross that
has gone away" - they all kept saying
Love to Father & George - Write soon
to yours aff - Hattie -

Ashland May 16th 1863 -

My Dear Mother

I must take
time to write you a few lines if
it is Saturday night and after nine
o'clock - I was very glad to hear
you made the entire trip in perfect
safety - even that horrid railroad
and all the dangers by sea &
land - but I was sorry that you
were made sick by the cold
the last visit you made one you
were made sick by the cold heat
If you had not been in such
a hurry to leave us - you might
have had a delightful day on
Monday & Tuesday also - I am
sure I don't see why you could
not have contented yourself longer
we were doing the best we could

for you and Mrs. Miss would have
had a party for you on Thursday
so we all have to miss that & an
account of your speedy departure
Mrs. O'Fanelle's mother-in-law has been
here a week & not a party made
for her yet. She regrets very much
she had not arrived while you were
here - and I am sure she has good
reason too - Family affairs move on
as usual - Biddy has gone home on a
visit of three weeks, went on Monday
Elin Murphy officiates during her absence
and does better than Biddy, so far -
Also, our new cow has arrived but
as she has her first calf, with her
we find them both small specimens
of their kind & I regret more than
ever the loss of our fine cow last winter
as I see her place will be so poorly
supplied - Speaking of the ~~country~~
chimney at Hampden reminds me

that it smoked the same way when
we were there but we stuck it out
& stayed there - Tell Mary Ross that
she fleas are twice as plenty as they
were when she was here - also, that
Miss Flora sent her love to her -
and Abby Hilton went to the Hospital
with our Wednesday in her place -
I must write for your benefit Mrs
O'Fanelle's mother-in-law's way of putting
up strawberries she says she can
pick a bushel at once from her vine
& puts up enough to last every day all
winter - She first measures her
bottles & puts on one bottle to hold
them she picks the berries & caps
them as she picks them so as not
to handle them much, puts enough
for one bottle, or in a porcelain
kettle with as much sugar on
them as if they were ready for
the tea table - lets them just

Marilla May 28. 1863.

My dear Mother,

I received yours of 11. in due time, were happy to hear that you were all in good health & flourishing, & as lively as any Crickets.

You cannot imagine how quiet and still our house did seem after I got home, was it not for callers & people in the street I should have felt quite lonesome.

We had a delightful visit & enjoyed it very much & I should have left very much to have stayed two weeks longer, if I had nothing but my own feelings to consult, but I knew how lonely your Father was, & not being very well, & it was my duty to some home, and Mary was losing so much time that I was fearful that she would not be able to graduate to the upper school house & would have to go to the Point another year which would be a serious calamity to her.

And another reason that we were putting the

Criticism to do much trouble & expense in
making parties: it was something like Aunt
Doro's visit to Belpre. as Michael Prouse said
that she was at least \$50. damage to the place.

As for your over exertion in making your dinner
party, you will have to take your pay in
honours as the fame of it is spread far & near.

Mary wrote the particulars to several of the
Girls & it is quite a wonder to many how it was possible
that you could accomplish so much; they give you
credit for being uncommonly smart.

I wrote the particulars to Prescott & gave him a
bill of fare; I will do all I can towards spreading
the fame of it as I never expect to remunerate you
in any other way, as my partying days are all over.

But I would like to have you & Mr. Means
take dinner with me to day, as I have just stopt
to shell a nice mess of peas, which with a nice spin
of roast veal "more than three weeks old" lettuce &
asparagus &c. &c. will make us a nice dinner.

But after all I suppose Mr. M. would prefer home.
I had the honor of seeing Judge Wash & Welch last evening.

I was much obliged for the recipe for
strawberries; but the present aspect is very poor all
around as they are all drying up, we are suffering
very much for the want of rain; but we have been in
abundance, & are certainly the most curious creatures
in all nature's works.

Mrs. Nichols is here on a visit for a few weeks.
Mrs. Robbins & Mary Smith are going East next w.
the former to live with her daughter in Boston Mrs.
Bingham, and the latter to go to school. Mrs. S.
is very lame, can't walk without crutches, & she
is making her arrangements to go to St. Pauls soon.
I can't imagine how she can travel; as she says two
well limbs hardly suff

The night after I was
Midnight your father was
night, for two days I did
quite well now. Too
invidious; she has
looks very nice
love to you & G
that I send my love

from you - & if you can
supply the missing links,
will not connect yourself
& myself - I shall be glad.
Please write me more
concerning your own age,
occupation, family &c -
I rejoice in your loyalty
in these times - I trust
future events will bind
Kentucky & Massachusetts
closely together.

You may be interested &
know that there is a Rev
John C. Means - settled in
the ministry in Roxbury, Mass.
whose family resides in Maine.
But who, I think, is of the
same stock - Scotch - Irish -
Presbyterian - loyal &c -
cordially yours,

James H. Means.

Dorchester, Mass.

June 28th 1853.

John Means Esq.

Dear Sir,

I was very glad
to receive your letter -
& think I can safely
greet you as a connection,
tho' of what degree, I
am not enough of a
genealogist, to tell.
My father - (James Means)
was born in Stewartstown
Ireland - & came to this
country about A.D. 1800, at
the age of 17. He became a
successful merchant in
Boston - & died in 1850.
I am his only child.
His father's name was
Isaac. I have visited his

house in Ireland, which
was beautifully situated
on a hill commanding a
view of Loch Neagh - at
the north of the island.

His brother, Robert - (brother
of my grandfather) emigrated
to Amherst N. H. about 1750.
was much esteemed - left
a large family - & many
of his descendants now reside
near here. Rev James Means,
who recently died at Newbern,
N. C., where he was acting as
Chaplain - was his grandson.

The South Carolina Means
are relatives. Their ancestors,
John & Robert, I have been
told, were cousins of Isaac
Means, my grandfather -
& came to America early
in the last century. Many
years ago, we used to

see some of them, during
their visits North. I
well remember - Robert, a
very fine looking elderly
gentleman from Beaufort, N. C.

But there is one
geneological puzzle, which
I wish you could solve. -
My immem. relatives in
the old world spell their
name 'Mayne' or 'Maynes'.
So did my father in his
youth; he told me, he
changed it to correspond
to his uncle Robert's name.
who then resided in Amherst.
& he thought that Robert had
followed the fashion set by
the South Carolina branch.
Now who first changed
the name - when - where - &
why? I shall be
very glad to hear more

Mrs. Bris a big pain full this morning
do you see what you lost by not waiting
we had cherries enough for four pies
and they certainly were the best cherry
pies I wore eat - The cherries were
mostly a large sweet cherry called the
Gov. Wood - I like them so much better
than a low cherry - We shall have plums
on all our trees though some of them are
stung - peaches & grapes look finely - which
with half of the garden in melons will
help us to have a good time generally -
I shall have goose berries enough to can a
good many & shall use the little yellow
cans as they aint fit for anything else -
Well Mary little Missy of her enquires after
her every time I see her - I went to
Hart Ward, to the city & she bought me a
beautiful bonnet thin white straw (Neapolitan)
trimmed with white ribbon edged with black
& Bessie Bell a beautiful very pretty fine
straw hat trimmed with white - They
both suited me exactly - Love to Father
George & Mary - Yours
Fattie -

Ashland June 1863 -

My Dear Mother

I have been thinking
some time of writing to you - but have
not found the right time exactly,
until this morning - Since you set
the fashion of visiting Ashland -
all the young people of your age
seem to be following it - Mrs. O'Farrell
Mother in law - Mrs. Martin's - Mrs.
Haskell's & Mrs. Bris (Mother & Father
& Sister) - ~~the same~~ Mrs. Gattrell Mother in law
~~etc.~~ are all or have been here -
This has made our town quite
gay - and Fannie Nicholls is here from
Philadelphia - Mrs. O'Farrell had
a large party for her Mother - Mrs. Davis
last week - and Mrs. Martin had
a large party on ^{up} Thursday evening
Mrs. Nicholls a dinner party Thursday

and Friday evening I had a
tea party of about fifteen for
Dessie & Mrs. Davis - I have had one
^{some} new pyramid cake pans made
safety - 12-8+4 inches square + 4
inches deep - once + a half of your marble
cake, rule fills it + when it was iced
+ a wreath of wergreen around it - it
made a splendid looking cake -
Mrs. O'Farrell had a new kind of
cake called "white mountain cake" - it
is made like a jelly cake + instead of
jelly, between the cakes you put frosting
+ frost it over the top - & set it in
an oven a few minutes it soon dries -
it is very nice - Mary Ross can try it -
I have also learned how to make "rolled
jelly cake" + will teach Mary when I come
up in the fall - Mrs. Haskell's daughter
was married in church a week ago
Thursday at 7 o'clock A. M. She was
dressed in a brown silk, dress + mantle
+ bonnet all ~~it~~ made of the same

colored silk - the church was well
filled - but I think weddings in church
are much prettier in the morning -
I want you to get one that receipt
for coloring wine jelly of Becca Cuy -
+ also the one for making sweet
pickles of muskmelons - I planted
my water melons three times before
I could get enough to come up to
satisfy me - Most every one here had
the same bad luck - I wonder if the
seed I sent Mary did any better -
It has been so dry here that the seed
lays in the ground without sprouting -
Mrs. Callihans son died of consumption
last week - The poor woman is
in much trouble - she has but
one child left now - having lost
four grown children since moving
to Ashland, of consumption -
I am happy to inform you that I
have had peas sufficiently large to
eat for two weeks + just sent