

Jan 13 1852

Mr. Geo. M. Ward  
Cattletown Pa.



Walnut St. Louis (int. Jan 13 52)

Dear John

Yours was received day before yesterday evening and I would have replied immediately but I was late in the evening and I was on the point of starting to a "hop" with a couple of young ladies - So I guess I was defeated - It is now 7 1/2 P.M. and I am going to attend a Fall given by the "Walnut St. Cour" at the Grand Opera Hall. But as I don't intend to appear before you I shall say a few words for your edification - I expect to get through with Mr. Bartlett's Commercial College in about three weeks. I am waiting Exchange at present and would be through soon but will be delayed by a trip to Christiana where I intend to go with Uncle David and remain a day or two or three - He is going on business concerning Gas and doubtless will let off considerable of his own manufacture - I am sorry that you were disappointed in your trip to this city - but I can't possibly help it

But come any how if you can,  
I called on Hans to day after calling  
upon Louie & others and found  
her in good spirits and tolerable  
health. I have made myself very  
much at home there this winter  
and don't intend to quarrel any  
more with anybody.

I am going it later part this  
winter and have made several  
visits to Mr Sinton in his office  
there to Smead's Citizens Bank, But  
have not been more extravagant  
than is necessary for a young gent  
endeavouring to see the ways of  
the world. But as time  
is precious I must close now  
down if you can in about three  
weeks or less and I'll do the  
best I can to go home with  
you. My regards to Mother  
Yours in haste  
Wm. M. M.

W Carey & Son

(1852??)

1851

To A. Mearns & Co

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Mar 28<sup>th</sup> To Bal Due for Mem Statement 1378.91

To which should be added J. Kinsey's A/c 1314.69

" This amt not paid in on John Robertson

" A/c Due 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1850 25.00

" Expense of interest on same 1.37 } 26.37

2719.97

Exp Knapp Co's Bils paid 105.35

2614.62

Discrepancy 28

\$ 2614.90

Buy 1 Large Plough

Ray M<sup>r</sup> A. McCamp 180.00

" " 1 Year Interest 10.00 190.00

1 Shipment by Sea to McCamp & Son's

1849 Dec 28 By John Phoady 25.00

31 " 1 Yoke Cattle got from James Bamhouse 70.00

" Amt from A. Pills on a/c of E. Linnain 85.00

\$ 180.00

Pro of J. Wiley Co's Bils from @ 3%

\$ 844

At 240%

Shipments of Iron to  
R Orange Co

1852  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1 A/c @ 4<sup>th</sup> mo due 1<sup>st</sup> May for 1000.00

" " " " " " " " 600.00

Credly Down to 30.00

Trust Inven Check for 44.44

2 No 4 Ploughs for Spear & Dale Spear

J. S. Pope  
West Alexander  
Pa

Halley Money

Memo of  
J. S. Pope  
of the  
of the  
of the

1752?  
Lilian Landon

Dear John

As Mr. M. from

Bellefonte is here I thought  
perhaps he might have an  
opportunity of sending this  
note and to you, Mr. M.

I attended a party at Mr. M.  
Mellons, on Wednesday evening.

Did you get your invitation?  
It was given in honor of the  
bride & groom, he had

a very pleasant dinner, Charles  
W. Cannon is going to have one  
at his house on Monday

evening, a real regular ha-  
-had like ours, he is ve-  
anxious that you should  
be there, told to send

you word  
if I could

Write to M

also said he would send  
me one if he could  
see, George - Mr. Dykster  
and my self will all be there  
He was not certain whether  
it would come off Monday  
or not, so depend on the  
health of his sister that is  
sick. But that is when they  
thought it would come  
off when I left there so you  
must hold your self in  
readiness to come any time  
they did intend having it  
on last Friday - but put it off  
on account of his sister  
you must be sure and  
come, Aunt Sings, Lizzy  
Cubler & Mag have been  
all down I just a day or  
two

Lizzy and Maggie have  
gone to Sande, to wait  
for a boat, Aunt is still at  
Brenton, Mother has been  
sick all week, has been  
troubled with the Dutch  
ache, but he is better so day  
Dr. Thoms has been attending  
on him. He is going to  
have a new set of teeth  
when he gets well. Dr.  
Sloan is going to  
make them  
Good by  
Pelle

Winton, Ohio.

Feb. 12, 1852.

Mr. Means,  
Dr. Sir:

We had a difficulty in getting your papers to you while the river was closed, and in consequence, we will add three weeks to the time of each subscriber at your place; and I wish you would inform our subscribers at Buna Vista of it. What we mean is, we will send three weeks after the time paid for has expired.

I understand Lott Hawthorne is at your Furnace & this week send him a paper. He is behind yet for three months subscription at Ohio Furnace. We have not sent him the paper at that place for some time as we heard he had left. Will you drop a line to us and let us know about him.

Henry Hawthorne's time is out Feb. 20 - add 3 weeks makes it March 19<sup>th</sup> - get him to continue if you can, as we can't afford to lose a subscriber.

The time of Enoch Black and Geo Roads is out March 11 - add 3 weeks makes April 1<sup>st</sup> - can they be continued longer.

R. W. Stinson

Wm. Stinson  
12 July 1852

John Meaus  
Buna Vista Farm  
Pa.



[1852?]

St. Lawrence University, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

Dear John

Pardon my long silence, but I could not possibly write before, I received a letter from Mother a few days ago she said that you had just left there. and that Mr. Fletcher had gone to Cincinnati, I think they were going all gone. They will be left at home, I'm sure more weeks, we will be home, we will start home on the third day of April, perhaps we will stop at Wheeling, but we are not certain, I received yours, and Mr. Adams's letter, both with they met with a warm reception and I assure you, and would have been convinced ere this had it been in my power to do so, Yesterday, was Valentine's Day, I received one this morning, from Augusta, Ga. It was only an account, I got it they thought it was a letter, Yesterday - I was over a hundred, and 65 Cents, and they would not give them out, and nearly every girl has had so before every letter she got this week, and if they happened to be Valentine's, they took them away from home, I don't know how they happened not to give mine, but I suppose that they thought that I was such a good girl that I - never did any thing contrary to the rules of school, I had

seniors, and dress alike, she said of us poor - have to be ~~in the~~ with our mother. Frank - Gardner says to tell you that she would send her respects, if she had any, but has all turned so late, and she got that up on market street among the broad cloth, both had a letter from Aunt Mary, Saturday night, she said they were expecting to be home every day, she had out at Greenfield to visit Mary Anne Moore, Miss Moore is coming, so Manchester's line, so prophetic for her father, she is also going to teach, her youngest sister is going to assist her, I had almost forgot to tell you that one of the young ladies fell very much in love with young Laguerre, and has had it nearly all - season, I have brought it home several times, but she hates it every time she sees it, Mother, Nath and Sue, Hanson, and their companions so you - Dr. Peabody has returned, with a very bad head ache and more than that, a very bad humor, the children don't go in for it, their father is of getting their heads hit by, give my love to Mrs. Adams and tell her I will write soon, tell Mother I have been looking for a letter from her for the last three or four weeks, but it has not made its appearance yet, give my love to Aunt Mary, when you see her, did she get a very letter before she left? Both end I am very grateful to Mrs. Perry for their kind remembrance, and would remember to them in return, Give my love to Mother, and tell her to write to me, to get over, to see you all so bad, I don't really fear for the time to come, it is, however, so long, like Mrs. Clonnan, the girl that had the fat on a faint died to drown her, all the time day, some, when caught her just as she was going into the water, I don't see Mr. Tracy a Saturday and spent the afternoon, I see my friend Tom, but she expected him home next day, he had been there, I saw several letters, George is going away as soon as he comes, however, Tom - Mrs. P. is living in a little house, near to the University, she is talking about buying that former of Mr. Biggs, opposite the P. M. and debating house - I have but he is not certain, she wants to come down here some place to live

I have been from you from, I received your affectionately  
 M. L.

an invitation to a ball in the evening, to come off on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month, at the Washington Hall, a splendid ball they just finished it, but I think I shall be obliged to send my regrets, as I had a previous engagement, so to remain at the S. H. L. and after that, so therefore I don't think I shall go, but if you just say so, I will give you my consolation and you can go in my place, I am sure I shall be in town, all week but must leave this morning on the 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope, says, she is going to marry the black of that like, but in best days, I don't know how she the part is but he appears to pay her more particular attention than any one else, the loyal family live in town there are seven or eight boys, they always put me in mind of the Coaly boys at Manchester, has not gone home yet, and did she get my letter before then sent? Have you been at any more Grayson balls, lately? I am sure that you such a poor opinion of the female character, but hope that you will change it some day. I had a letter from Mary Jane Campbell last week, she has gone back to Clifton so they did not know this, it is a very small school, only have ten boards, and 20 day scholars, we would not miss that number out of our grade, We have ~~100~~ one hundred and nineteen, they drive us around just like so many ~~black~~ sheep, or pigs, the little boys

we go walking in the morning, call us that, and which in fact our dignity very much, He has splendid lectures been given by Mrs. H. E. Keatty - I think you could have the great privilege of hearing them, they are really worth hearing, I think I shall have to take notes on these and send them to you. I don't think I could paint every expression of beautiful ~~and~~ the notes, as the address as on so many, interesting subjects, these lectures are generally delivered, just after prayers in the evening, just before we retire to rest, I think all of you will ~~think~~ <sup>think</sup> ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~most~~ <sup>most</sup> ~~delightful~~ <sup>delightful</sup> place, I don't do come up here and spend your winter, I think you would be delighted with the place, never get tired, in the world, we never think of that for a moment, they have splendid public buildings, the Court House is a splendid affair, but the Female Seminary, cut ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~so~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>great</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~others~~ <sup>others</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~most~~ <sup>most</sup> ~~splendid~~ <sup>splendid</sup> ~~piece~~ <sup>piece</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~chief~~ <sup>chief</sup> ~~ornament~~ <sup>ornament</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~city~~ <sup>city</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~College~~ <sup>College</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~find~~ <sup>find</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~every~~ <sup>every</sup> ~~corner~~ <sup>corner</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~above~~ <sup>above</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> ~~see~~ <sup>see</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> ~~see~~ <sup>see</sup> ~~either~~ <sup>either</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~set~~ <sup>set</sup> ~~or~~ <sup>or</sup> ~~smoke~~ <sup>smoke</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~its~~ <sup>its</sup> ~~place~~ <sup>place</sup> ~~Dr~~ <sup>Dr</sup> ~~Keatty~~ <sup>Keatty</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> ~~gone~~ <sup>gone</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~Mad~~ <sup>Mad</sup> ~~Grant~~ <sup>Grant</sup> ~~so~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~himself~~ <sup>himself</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~new~~ <sup>new</sup> ~~pair~~ <sup>pair</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~boots~~ <sup>boots</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~handing~~ <sup>handing</sup> ~~collar~~ <sup>collar</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~examination~~ <sup>examination</sup> ~~table~~ <sup>table</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~also~~ <sup>also</sup> ~~going~~ <sup>going</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup>

Mr Geo Means

Dear Sir I am better enjoyed  
every evening, staying with us on  
Sunday - Come Saturday evening if you  
can get off Yours truly  
Wm Pittman

If your uncle is at home, get  
him to come, also

Wm Pittman Jr  
2 April 1852.

Map No Me and 76°

Bot of E. Wallace

✓	1 Ps Bersier	Coats	* 4048	-	16 yds	@ 65	1040
✓	1 "	Jeans	* 2605	-	36 1/2 "	@ 30	1095
✓	1 "	"	* 774	-	47 1/2 "	@ 30	1425
✓	1 "	Coatsmade	* 86	-	32 1/2 "	@ 25	819
✓	1 "	Sattin	* 3382	-	23 1/2 "	@ 50	1163
✓	1 "	Lined	* 4415	-	30 "	@ 28	840
✓	1 "	Oregon	* 4409	-	35 "	@ 37	1313
	1 pr	fine	Pants				300
	1	"	Coats			@ 500	1000
✓	3/12	log	Pants			@ \$13	325
✓	5/12	"	Co			@ \$14	583
✓	3/12	"	vests			@ \$15	375
✓	3/12	"	"			@ \$18	450
✓	3/12	"	Red Coats			@ 162 1/2	488
✓	3/12	"	Pants			@ \$18	450
✓	3	"	socks			@ \$3	900
✓	5	Bals	Paper			@ 60¢	300
✓	4	log	Brooms			@ 150	600
✓	1	"	Alc Tumblers			@ 225	225
	6	"	1/3 Pint Co			@ 55	530
✓	1	"	Molasses Coars			@ 125	125
✓	2	"	Baloon Tumblers			@ 90.	180
✓	1	"	Salts			@ 75	75
✓	4		bundle sticks			@ 33 1/3	133
✓	1		Sarthon			@ 50	50

Watlettsburgh Ny  
April 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

145,84

Maple H Means & Co

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Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

Mr Hugh Means & Co

Bought of D. D. Quinn

17 pair	High Brogans	1.00-	\$ 17.00
30	do	" "	87c 26.10
12	pair	Coarse "	81c 9.72
5	do	High "	75c 3.75
5	do	" "	85c 4.25

Charged to account "

\$60.82

D. D. Greiner

1310 Good Co. 82

Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 1852





IMPORTERS OF  
HATTERS' FURS,  
TRIMMINGS,  
PLUSHIES,  
Manufacturers and Dealers in  
HATS, CAPS,  
AND  
FANCY FURS,  
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Cincinnati, *May 1* 185 *2*  
*M. J. H. H. Co.*  
Bought of BATES, WHITCHER & CO.  
WHOLESALE  
HAT, CAP AND FUR WAREHOUSE,  
CORNER OF MAIN AND PEARL STREETS.

JOS. S. BATES,  
WM. C. WHITCHER,  
THOS. J. FINCH, }

✓	1	do.	Black Seal	Do	@	2.00
✓	1	"	"	Do		1.25
✓	1	"	Black Seal	Do		1.15
✓	1	"	"	Do		1.15
✓	1	"	"	Do		1.25
✓	1	"	Black Seal	Do	3.00	1.50
✓	1	"	Black Seal	Do	@	21.00
✓	1	"	Black Seal	Do		16.50
✓	1	"	Black Seal	Do	3.00	9.00
✓	1	"	White Seal	Do		9.00
✓	1	"	Black Seal	Do		7.50
✓	1	"	Black Seal	Do	3.30	8.25
			2 Cows	1/2	1.00	1.50
						86.20
						86.20



and you know not in what pleasure I  
looked forward to the mails - since February  
we have been engaged - Phelia came  
in yesterday spent the day and remained  
all night with us - W. to morning Wed. Will  
and myself are going to Paris and  
will stay all night. Will was here when Mr  
Adam came and is anxious to have him  
come out stay all night with him but as he  
will leave the last of the week I must go  
in for that - but will call to see him -

I received a letter from Ann last week  
and her lover especially to John and also  
wished to know what he was about - without  
she might satisfy her dear Jane who takes  
a great interest in you with fore &c  
I will write to her soon as my messages will  
be kindly delivered by one -

John you will I need know excuse this  
writing as I am in a desperate hurry and  
my best of friends is here I determined not  
to delay writing any longer no matter  
what is going on - The Revell is coming -

So good bye I'll write soon  
again. Mr. it sends his kindest regards to  
you write when ever you can - Oh yes  
the sugar we gratefully received and had  
had pancakes and milk and on all occasions  
Yours ever Mollie (Mrs)

[1952]

Sancti Hotel Hotel May 24

Dear John

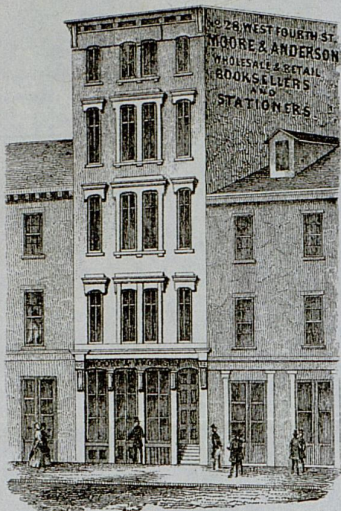
Your kind letter was received -  
a few days ago. But we have not had an opportunity  
of answering it. only by Mail & we thought it would  
take so long to go that way. Mollie & I left home  
this morning on the beak, and found Mr & Mrs Biggs  
(from your part of the country) on board. We were very  
glad that they happened to be on. After the beak  
arrived having with us but from some cause  
or other she could not come. I was down at Greenup  
last week & rain all night. The Young Ladies all  
inquired about you. I saw them all but Miss Green  
& Miss Flours. They did not come to see me, Miss Green  
& Flours leave me & Friday for home. Miss Flours  
is going home with paper every person in Greenup  
that Miss & Charlie are going to be married & Flours  
is going to the wedding.

Charles is going to the Ladies fair & they all say that he  
would not go without she was going along. Charles's  
sister is going to be married also. (The Widow, and is going  
on to the fair too, Eliza Ann is going on in June  
with Mr. Holston & a friend from Lincoln. Mary-  
Sutton is going a way to school soon, she began <sup>with</sup>  
to fix the week. Dada, & Maria, are going to Cin-  
cinn. Eliza is going to Pittsburg all of the girls are going  
some place this summer, except Mary Ann & Maria  
Sutton. Maria's sister is an adopted daughter  
of the sisters that she lives with is her uncle. They think  
a great deal of her & she of them. Her father &  
mother live in Boston they are very poor, she never  
likes to say things said about them. She calls her  
uncle & father & her own mother, Estlin & I will have  
either Sunday or <sup>Thursday</sup>. We will start from the  
Rock, and are going by our selves, I got a letter from  
Linn's the last he had to you & wanted to ~~write~~  
know who was going to bring me up. She said her  
uncle & father would not believe anything else but  
what you were saying you had by you must  
write to me soon, we had to ~~stay~~ because I had  
a letter from John M. Chesley the other day she was very  
much pleased with you indeed, I must stop  
at Mollie's wife some. Your affectionate sister Belle

Chas. to Mary 5-18

Dear John -

You may think me very negli-  
gent - or that I no longer have the same  
affection for you that I once possessed;  
but my brother is only owing to the uncertain  
chances I have of visiting them -  
Will I shall first speak write about, who I  
think most of - Mr. Adams who arrived  
the ~~evening~~ after Bell and I returned from  
Portsmouth - (Tuesday night) Oh! John I am  
perfectly happy to have him here - and  
to know that I am loved as dearly deeply  
as I love him - I love him first because  
I have such a high respect, so much confidence  
in him and at the same time that he  
shows unflinching confidence in me -  
I do earnestly hope and pray that you  
may learn to like him for I should  
feel happy to think you all regarded him  
with that respect and esteem which I do  
firmly believe he is worthy of (and no being  
could induce me to change my present feeling)  
We have been carrying on a regular  
correspondence for some time on this



WM. H. MOORE.

D. ANDERSON.

Cincinnati, May 3 1852

John Means

Bought of **MOORE & ANDERSON**  
 Publishers, Booksellers & Stationers

Dealers in Theological, Medical, Classical and School Books &c.  
 No. 28 Fourth Street, north side, west of Main.  
 Removed from 118 Main Str. Gazette Building.

Country Merchants supplied; Libraries furnished. A large assortment of Text Books in the French, German, Spanish and Italian Languages, always on hand.

1	Allison Europe 4 v	5
1	Millmans Gibbons Rome 4 v 80	4
1	Hume & MacCaulay 8 "	4
1	Set Bancroft 4 "	8
1	Shakespeare 1 " Shp	3
1	Byron 3	3
1	Burns 160	1
1	Acta Bibla 4ky	4
1	Polyt " Mon. 9t.	1 50
1	Arnolds Rome 1 v	33 50
	Rec <sup>d</sup> Payment	3
	Moore & Anderson	36 50
	f White	

Bill Receipt  
\$ 36 <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
More + Arduum  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 1852

CINCINNATI, *May 13* 1852.

All claims for deductions to be made within ten days after the receipt of Goods.

TERMS NET CASH.

Bought of **COMSTOCK, WILLCOX & CO.**

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN BOOTS AND SHOES,  
No. 14 PEARL STREET.

12 pair	Mens Kip Bogans	110	132 00
12 "	" " Boots	200	24 00
12 "	" " " " " "	200	24 00
✓ 24 "	Wom Kip Buskins	80	19 20
✓ 12 "	" " Kids " " "	90	10 80
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Constitution May 14<sup>th</sup> 1842.

My dear John

I presume you think it time  
I was fulfilling my promise and would have done  
so ere this but thought you would rather hear  
from me after I had visited Marquette.  
Last Wednesday morning May 13<sup>th</sup> and myself  
went up to Keewauwinon on the little S. B. Clipper.  
We reached there about seven o'clock, then proceeded  
to the Exchange where we obtained a room &c.  
We spent the greater part of our time in  
Marquette and called to see Mrs. Toland. I introduced  
myself and May. She appeared delighted to see  
us and I having heard so much about her  
seemed as though I was calling on an old acquan-<sup>ture</sup>

Mrs. Bodard sent much love to you and said she often thinks and speaks of you wishing that she now had two such boarders.

Miss Fanning was at the Circle so we did not see her. After having a very pleasant visit indeed we left for Warren the next evening about dark.

Oh! I do wish I could come up to Concord next July. Don't you want to come up? I know they would all be so glad to see you. Mr. & Mrs. and all friends of yours graduates - and Mollie Anderson from Greenfield is coming down. If Will calls here next week I think I shall be willing to accompany him home.

Mr. Gables is away from home so I have not seen him. Lizzie is as sweet as ever and I find that James very good company. Thought I do not consider her at all pretty. I am invited this evening to Mrs. Dames for tea.

By the way (I shall write it now when I think of it) when in Portsmouth a young gentleman by the name of Collins told me a young lady from Willborough John Hodsons sister was very anxious to see you and had been expecting you out. I don't remember her name.

Uncle Burgess rides out to Westtown every Saturday

morning to preach and returns Monday.

Mary attends the Barlow school.

I believe I have written all the news. I am sure you were over home since I saw you. We did not get up to Warren until after nine o'clock last night; they were very polite with us.

Miss Mrs. Fanning is in town.

Your attached sister

Pruey of Means

Belle  
May 1852

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Female Seminary, May 17, 1852

Dear John,

To day is Tuesday. all of the girls are writing their compositions. I have been I have two weeks. have been looking for a letter from you or Mollie ever since my arrival. but have been doomed to be disappointed. However I have not given up - but will indulge in the hope that one will make its appearance soon. I received one from Mother yesterday. by which I learn, he did not get up in time for the sailing. Laila also sailed last Tuesday - morning at 8 o'clock. left soon after. She was married for Hillsville. and expect to be in Cleveland that evening. They had a letter from her white in Cleveland. the news - enjoying her trip very much. They intend going from there to the Niagara Falls look for them home some day. Laila is going to stay until they come. Edith and I are out in at the building. We have not been out in the last -



Then says Misses in the case of going out and coming <sup>in</sup>  
We have quite a small school this summer when compared with the one  
last winter. We have eighty odd boarders last winter we had one  
hundred and thirty. They keep coming in all of the time though  
I have to stop and copy the family rules. I have got all of the  
school rules copied and now I have the family rules - to go to work  
on. Ethel sends her love, she had almost forgotten to tell you  
there is a young lady - very dreadfully in love with you  
but I have not time to tell you about her today but  
will tell you in the next - Love to all - quite soon  
Yours affectionately Belle

Stalwille May 24. 1852-

Dear Mother

Please been looking for a good long letter from you every mail but have not received any yet, but expect will soon. I suppose Will has given an account of our trip, & how we did after we got there, or have you seen him since we first thing we did after we arrived, for we went to Mr. W. Woods. We had not been in there five minutes before Mr. Williams means came in, for Joe means went down with us, & took them from there to the farms house, for dinner. After dinner I took Mr. riding all over town, and then out to Mr. Williams house. I stayed out there until Monday. Mrs. Betty gave me permission to out there sometimes, Saturday, & stay until Monday, but expected will not get to go any of time. I went like Mrs. Betty, as well, as Miss Miss. I have not seen a piano since I left home. I have asked Mr. Apple, two or three times about it, but there are so many music Wholes, than the teachers can, make full. So I have to wait until another teacher comes. I like Miss Doctor a great deal better than I expected too. I like the set of the school very well, some of them I think a great deal of. We get up every morning at five o'clock & go to bed at 10. We go down to half hours & read our Bible & then we go back to our room ~~with~~ our roommates come down and then the one in there room ~~leave to pray~~ & generally take that time to clean up my room.

no person make a paper a half an hour long, I don't believe there is many of the girls that do, I was on with father Mr. Chubb, she is a sister, about 18 years of age she is not as tall as me she has black hair & black eyes. Please her very much. There are a great many pleasant girls here but not many pretty ones. nearly half of them are sick nearly all of the time. he death came coming directly after breakfast we don't have much time for fellows, for they keep us going from one thing to another. Mother Betty has been putting every Friday, & Sunday evening, and all of the young ladies that wish to be attended. he go to church twice a day, a school section in the evening we have as much to do on Sunday as any other day, we have some thing to do every hour, so rest for the sick. we study two hours in the morning (Sun) and other days we study two hours in the evening & then we go to bed, staying there until five next morning. we are not allowed to talk after the 10 o'clock bells ring but these rules are sometimes broken over. he has our 100, Coopers about 50 day scholars, Linnæus they do not know that person she has the Rheumatism very bad, some times her feet & hands swell up so that she cannot see them. her father is going to take her to the hot Springs in Virginia, the middle of June she is very anxious to go I like father the other day, he said that he was going to take a horse & buggy, with him so if the weather was

to do for them to come home on a boat they would cross over by Portsmouth & come past our house, Emma's mother says her love to you & wants you to send yours to her she has spoken for you. but she is rather young for you, she is from Swain County, & knows all of the Whites, & the Whites of Rowan & Adams County, & the Ellens's also, she makes a good mate for Hannah that if you remember her, she went to Miss Cox's school and be out the last of my September. There will be a great many girls go down the river this month Betty will fill as all on to gather, a great many of the girls have some one to come after them, because some of them live so far away in different states. May Chester sends her love to you, she is a particular friend of mine. When did you see Aunt Mary last give her my love & thank her. Have you got your post office moved yet to the new place? if you must write & tell me where to direct it, My respects to Mrs. Parrie. When was you over home last write soon & often don't wait to get a letter from me every time before you write but write when ever you feel like it, for I cannot write here as often as I did at Miss Coxes, you don't know much good it does me to get a letter I have not had one since I have been here. Mother Betty won't take a letter out of the office unless the postage is paid, write soon & a great long letter. From your affectionate Sister  
Betty

[1852?]

Athena Mass June 6 -

Dear Harriet;

I have just received a letter from your father & had to write you a few lines by the return mail, which leaves in about an hour.

Your Grand Mother is no better, is very low indeed: I was called up at 2 o'clock this morning, as it was thought she was very high her end, would not continue until morning: but she has revived again; but to all appearances cannot continue long.

She is a great sufferer & it is a very painful task to take care of her; she is so sore & lame.

Sister Webb has not arrived yet, but is on her way here, I fear very much that she will not arrive in time to see her alive.

I am happy to hear you are all well at home; my health holds out remarkably, as you know by sad experience how fatiguing it is to nurse.

Mr. Beaker is still in his strawberry beds. such as show I never saw before; I guess some two hundred of it would be gathered today, he gathered ~~the~~ 42 lbs yesterday, from one bed, & he has 1500 of them, tho' not all of them quite as long. I tell him I am very glad that you have not got as many.

Much love to the family,

Yours

Affectionately,

Geo. Widdowth

Mrs. Harriet E. Perkins

Barrett's  
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be Maria De Ovis... that same day... I had been...  
 been up to see her... and they was going out to Greenfield  
 to see Mr. P... and had received a letter from Uncle  
 P... (he and the children had been at... the  
 the children were out there and he returned home  
 the day he was in the village... the girls are all afraid  
 the girls are all afraid that they will be low -  
 they could have... I am leaving if there do not  
 stop my trunk and pack down myself - so you  
 may be left for me I will get this home way as  
 other boys in Great Hall with much love  
 Bell

Female Seminary August 8th  
 Bethia's Retreat  
 My Dear John

Excuse my long neglect - But it is not  
 owing to my negligence, certainly that your letter has not  
 been answered before. If you now so look into  
 my portfolio and see the pieces of paper on which  
 I commenced with dear John and then you  
 would not think that you were forgetting  
 that you know a school girls excuse, so I shall not  
 stop to make any more of an apology. It has been  
 very warm weather up here, the warmest that  
 has been for forty three years. The studies for the  
 last week or two down in the yard, which were  
 a great deal more pleasant than being in this old school Hall. But it has turned

my cool her in the last week. The girls are every all  
checked in their winter dresses. The John I dreamed ~~was~~  
that last night that you were married and I thought  
your wife's name was Belle, and that she came from some  
Philadelphia. I thought you just got married and came  
home without saying anything about it to any <sup>one</sup> ~~body~~. I  
asked you ever yet I could permit with it away off  
there, and she said that Col. Collins took you  
out to see her. She was rather nice with brown hair  
which were a little and long black eye and fine  
complexion. I don't know whether I liked her or not I  
could not form an opinion so soon. However I had  
seen nothing about her yet that I dislike. I thought  
the like to talk to me or at least to talk more to me  
than the did the rest of them at home. I kept  
talking to her and I don't know <sup>what</sup> ~~how~~ good friends  
we would have been if I had been called away  
from her by the sound of the rattling bells  
which told me it was time to prepare for  
a half hour. But John I hope if you do take  
it and you had to get married you would not  
be by such a surprise, but give us a little warning

before you take the dreadful step. There was a  
very large party given at Mr. Doyles the other  
evening for Linn and Bass. nearly all of the  
tractors were there ~~and~~ every thing went off  
very nice. Some Collier was married on that  
same morning at five o'clock in the Church  
to one the Doyles a cousin of Bass. Wednesday  
all went to church <sup>in</sup> the evening to see a minister ~~and~~  
or a minister ordained. He is going to start to <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~  
this week. One of the young ladies that has been here  
three years is going <sup>out</sup> at the same time.  
She will be out in five weeks from next Wednesday  
as you know. If both end I am so come back here  
next winter or not? It is important that we should  
know so as to enjoy ourselves. Uncle Beatty is going to  
New York to day. The girls are all so glad when he goes  
away, and very when he comes home for he nearly  
always has the head ache, and then he is so cross  
that even Mother Beatty is afraid of him. I received letter  
from Grand Mother the same evening I received yours.  
She said that Uncle John Ellison was to be married that  
week. Dr. Corbin Baldwin. Jane Baldwin was also re



She says she wants Douglas to go on a steamboat when her  
eldest & I told her she never should have my consent to  
do that, at which she got quite happy & said she thought ladies  
ought not to have anything to say in regard to their husband's  
affairs & to which she referred back in Mr. Perkins case - & to  
which I told her in such a kind of business as that where the  
husband had to be constantly away from home. I thought the  
opinion & wishes of the wife might by all means be consulted -  
I would rather have him stay in California than to have him  
at home running on a steamboat - I expect I shall have to fight  
them all around if he ever does come home -

of quite many ones & bills. Mr. R. & Mable had each her part  
to come to Elkhorn & look my best advantage - I was not  
a year & a half & a half - the only part of the  
to pay her hand out of that. I completed my work date to the  
from the Union & that. I was only here in California & the  
Sandy & Linda - do about first evening with me & a room with  
my return? - He had me coming on the Ohio river bridge.

Waukegan, Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

Mrs. A. H. Whitcomb  
Care of Dr. P. B. Weston & Co  
Waukegan, Ill.

to the work & will write to you this week  
when I may see you - I have the girls in  
the town of the corner of the garden to get to the  
& to be in the good order

She says he does not know whether he shall go north or south  
he does not think much about Selma now - Mrs. Emory does  
not wish to board them any longer so I don't know where  
they will go to - Mrs. Perkins will leave Mrs. John Slocum to take  
them but she had sense enough to refuse - Mrs. Perkins has been  
sick 4 days with her old complaint but is better today -

Dearest Mother

You see, according to your request, I write  
frequently - I thought you would like to learn the point  
about Mr. Laiken your coal man - I hate to tell you  
as I know you will be disappointed - but perhaps you  
will like to know so as to make your arrangements to  
return home by Quincy and see how matters stand -  
Mr. Laiken came to Waukegan Sat morning & went down to  
Quincy Sat afternoon - was there Sunday & Monday -  
& came back here again on Tuesday - & concluded he  
could not undertake it - he did not see Mr. Grant who he  
says will give him a mile down the river - he saw Mr. Boston &  
Mr. Rice & they of course did encourage him - the principal  
objection he seemed to have was that Mr. Rice told him  
that we had no right of way across his lands - He said  
there had been some talk of exchanging lands but he  
thought now that nothing would satisfy him but dollars  
& cents - So he told Mr. Laiken. I suppose Douglas & Patman  
never got a written contract with him so he thinks now he  
can make us pay well for it - he told Mr. Laiken that

he should ask <sup>nearly</sup> as much for the right of way across his land as he should for the whole strip with the landing which you know was \$2000 - Mr. Laiken said Mr. Nye seemed very glad that we did not buy of him & so seemed determined to do all he could to oppose us - perhaps you can make some arrangement with him - Father says he thinks Douglas Paterson probably can't be brought to terms - why no one will rent it of course I looked over your letters yesterday & Mr. Grant says in one of them that if Mr. Nye can't be brought to terms why give us a strip of land belonging to Mr. Montagu which leads from <sup>the Grants</sup> ~~the~~ land into ours is at the upper end of Grants land which can be had on reasonable terms - if you go there & see Mr. Grant he can tell you all about it - it will be too bad if Mr. Nye goes to acting hateful about it & keeping every body out of it - Mr. Laiken says it is completely out of repair & it will take at least \$300 to get it in order again - the track is all broken up - the cars are all broken to pieces - the platform is gone - & the mouth of the opening all covered in - so it will have to be opened again in a new place & Mr. Nye made him think <sup>the coal</sup> was all pretty much dug out of Mr. Grants land - so at Mr. Laiken thought he could not get into our land ~~so~~ & there was none left to dig in this of Grants & suppose he thought it would not pay to attempt doing any thing at it - then he says Horton is doing such an extensive business that he has monopolized all the Steamboats & has opened several banks up above us in which he has 500 men at work - & he rents out several banks or leads them -

Mr. Laiken thought we ought by all means to exchange with Mr. Horton & get a right of way in the center of the land & then perhaps we might get a Cincinnati company to undertake it - He thinks Mr. Horton will do that is right & says it wont make much difference about selling to boats at the landing as a Cincinnati company would prefer taking it all down the river - Mr. Horton has monopolized the trade so much with Steamboats anyhow that it would not pay very well - I do wish you would go there & see if there will be any chance for Douglas when he returns - Mr. Laiken then said he thought Mr. Perkins might do a very good business there - I suppose we might use our timber which would make the cost of the repairs some less - I do hope some arrangement can be made with Mr. Nye - he will cut us all off yet I am afraid - Father says he thinks you had better come home that way if you would like to - If you have not money enough with you Dunty can lend you some - things are in a very discouraging looking state there according to Mr. Laiken - Mr. L. says the coal is good & the land would sell for \$100 an acre & is worth if it could be dug out \$300 - so they told him there - he did not see Mr. Grant for which I am sorry & Mr. Nye he said seemed so mad that we did not buy of him that he acted real cross I expect - I wish you could have seen Mr. Laiken - he is a very nice pleasant man & I am very much disappointed that he would not engage in it but I suppose nobody will till Mr. Nye is arranged with definitely with a written contract that he can be held to - Mr. Shaw & Lady & son & Mrs. Perkins took tea with me last night - Mrs. Perkins & I came near having a fight

Thomas Sept 1 - 1852 -

My dear Mother,

I received your letter yesterday  
was happy to hear that you were all well, for today,  
as your letter was written on Saturday.

I was very much disappointed at not seeing Mr. Lakin  
I fear it will make some difference in the business  
but I do not know as it will: - Why Lind did not you  
give him letters to Dr. Tenapp? he would have been the  
one to go with him around the premises, as he knew  
all the particulars. I am very much in hopes he will  
be pleas'd with it, tho' I fear he will not, as it is so  
much out of repair.

Father's hair about 2 o'clock on Friday we had a  
very pleasant day, comes very easily, altho' a very indirect  
route, we went to Blackingport which was many miles out  
of the way, it made the distance 87 miles - but they avoided  
all the hills in that route, had four sets of horses, getting quite  
I found your old Mother very comfortable, tho' very helpless, not  
able to walk at all, her greatest suffering seems to be the  
want of society: she cannot bear to be alone one minute - wants  
to have some one by her all the time. I think she would talk  
from the rising to the setting sun without tiring you or your wife.

Sister Webb is here & Mother has no other help - which makes it  
very unpleasant for her, she has every thing to do.

She had a letter yesterday from Caroline  
she wants her to go to Granville as she says with wishes  
her to go to N. York he is coming for her in a few weeks, they  
want her to take Maria & keep her here until they go to house  
-keeping. They have left Fort Wayne not intending to return  
they are expecting to reside in N. York - he is on there now  
making his arrangements.

Sister wishes very much to have me remain here while  
she goes to Granville, but I cannot think of it - I should  
be more homesick than I was last year, you will see me  
setting my face home as do next week I think.

I have had some at Balls, we attended two services  
on the Sabbath, went to a Sewing Circle yesterday, saw  
more than 80 of the African ladies, & also their new Minister  
it passed off very pleasantly.

Give my love to all the family, tell your father I do not  
belong to the Society of Women's Rights & do not make  
advances in correspondence with gentlemen.

Sister Webb sends a great deal of love & regrets that  
she cannot return with me - Caroline says she &  
Mrs. Ayresworth will be in Marietta this Autumn or  
Winter.

Yours

Affectionately,  
Geo. Hildreth.

Cincinnati Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852

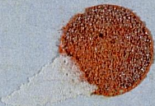
Mr John Means,

I left word with your Sister Mary Ann to inform you, if she had an opportunity, that I would be pleased to have your Company at a small party in contemplation to meet on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> inst at Burlington.

I would be much pleased if you would attend as my Second on that occasion - If you could come over on Tuesday; if not meet me at Ironton or Monday Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> inst - It is not expected to have any large Company of persons present; - say a few of my friends; with a very few others who I do not know, will be all - I and Mrs R, will start East the next day after - should any thing further transpire between now & the time above mentioned I will inform you - please inform me if you cannot attend and much oblige your friend  
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Quinn St. Louis, Monday  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Dear John

Your note to Will was received a few days since  
will be very happy to have you, and Mr. Jas. Kelly, with  
us on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I had told to write this note on purpose  
to tell you to be home and come. & to come  
as early in the day as you possible can, he would  
like to have your assistance or advice a little, but  
will be home all of the latter part of the week.  
He came into day, but is going back ~~to~~ <sup>the evening</sup>  
Mollie received a letter from Service she sent home  
on three different boats. Eliza has gone home  
Mollie is writing to her and Opheelia. Pat is not  
at home now I expect, he will be after Christ's mass.  
Mollie and I are going to Iron-ton to marry.  
When you come over you must please to stay a  
while to see first so that you can come back soon  
again. for Opheelia is going to give some kind  
of a fair and I expect it will be next week  
some time. you will have to wear your white  
-keds there and your white best if you have one  
-keds. Will is going to wear big white keds. he has just  
been trying it on. to see how it would. he had  
hard thinking of getting himself new white keds  
one they are more fashionable than the white ones.  
They call them evening, ~~but~~ <sup>best</sup> but his white keds

finally concluded that his old white lark so very nice that he would wear I don't know what George is going to wear. I shall trouble you to read - what Mollie and I are going to wear for we hardly know or select. Mollie received a letter from her yesterday evening, inviting us down to Manchester to spend the Christmas with her. - she also wrote for Ross to come along. Mollie wrote me and detain the name of the persons that will

- John to be here
  - Eliza
  - Phelia
  - Mary - hood
  - Mary Campbell
  - Mollie
  - John
- five or six garden (to take)  
Your choice of these

P.S. - weather and time rain or shine and as early as you can  
Your Sister Belle

[1852?]

Wens Friday, Nov

My dear husband,

I write you a few lines this morning according to promise.

There is no material change in Mother, if any thing she is gaining:

I am getting very homesick, we all have a very fatiguing time, Mother is so helpless & uneasy she cannot lay in one position but a few minutes at a time: Garden thinks he tickled her 999 times in one night, I do not know as he did quite as many as that, but it is pretty steady business.

Sister Webb has not arriv'd yet, & we begin to fear she is not coming; I do not know how I can get away if she does not come.

but I think I must try it the  
beginning of the week if she is no worse  
if you do not hear from me by the mail  
on Tuesday you may think I have left  
for home - I intend now to leave on  
that day - I suppose it will take me  
probably two days to do the business  
I want to attend to in Bomeroy -  
I am in hopes to reach home the  
last of the week if possible.

I have been so confined since I have  
been here that I think I shall enjoy  
my liberty very much, I have not step'd  
out of doors since I came here, & only  
in the Garden & Mother thinks it almost  
unpardonable for me to walk out there  
but I told her if I could not be allowed  
that privilege I should go home, as my  
health would require it.

I am happy to hear that you  
are all bless'd with health at home  
& that you are all flourishing so  
finely. I suppose you can lay  
down upon your lounge now &  
feel quite easy, as you have got thro'  
with all your work hands - I thin you  
all renovat'd inside & out - it has  
been a great deal of trouble but I  
think we shall be well pay'd for it.

I suppose you would get along with  
Sister Barker much easier than  
with me as she has no wants - but I  
doubt whether you would look any  
nicer - I fairly ache sometimes for  
renovate here.

Much love to all the family,

Yours

Affectionately,  
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Geo. Childreth.