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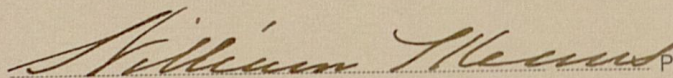
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Cincinnati, January 8, 1884.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan National Bank, held this day, the following officers were elected: Hon. William Means, President, John R. DeCamp, Vice President (formerly Cashier), and Chas. W. Edwards, Cashier (formerly Assistant Cashier.)

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Marietta College.

Marietta O. Jan 11 1884

Dear Father

I wrote to Mother on Friday telling when I reached here, and about the money that was found on the stairs. I went to chapel that morning and found out that one of the Seniors (Sisson) was not coming back as he was expelled on account of his misdeeds. One of the Juniors ^(Ward by name) was also expelled on account of his being in the painting ^{party} ~~place~~ that painted the chapel and recitation rooms some time ~~last~~ term. But have heard that two of the old Alumni were coming back to graduate ^(without class) as they had not finished. Their names are, John Dana, of the Class '77 or '80 I don't remember the exact class, E. W. Patterson of the class of '83, who stopped on account of ill health and weak eyes. I understand Sommer of the Sophomore class is not coming back this term.

but have not heard that he is & stop altogether
All of the other boys are back here at work
which is something remarkable for this college
and this term especially. Our Class is studying
Chemistry, Moral Philosophy and Political Econo-
my, with an hour for each recitation instead
40 minutes as we did last term. The three
come as they did last term. We have Moral Phi-
losophy to Mr. J. R. ~~Lee~~ ^{who has} ~~Waker~~ Prof Beach place
for this year at least. The Political Economy to the
President - Chemistry to Prof Biscoe,

With love and kind regards
to ~~you~~ those at home We are all well
Your Son
Harold Means,

Monday Jan 12th 1884

Dear Cook + Harry

We were
glad to hear of your safe
arrival - I was quite provoked
at Cook for not bidding us
good bye - it was very careless
in him particularly as he
may not see Lily again for
a long time - I am just
beginning my winter work of
hunting up the names of the
Condit's Subscription list to the
Salary - & have started Harry
off with 87 notes all written
this morning & I feel tired
after it - though Bess + Lily helped
me a little on them

The girls had a big sleigh
ride Friday we went to Cattel
& had oysters - 4 horses 10
girls & boys - Came home past
12 P.M. - The snow is melting &
we had a deluge in the upper hall
yesterday - Army got on the roof
& shined off the snow which helped
it - Father has a little cold - he
snowballed an old hen out of the
front yard in his bare head & slippers
yesterday - which I think gave him
some cold - Maynard is expected on the
19th Love to uncles George Ross &
to Sarah - Love & kisses to

Yourselves from your aff
Mother

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 21st Jan'y 1884

Dear Levek

Your welcome letter came to hand to day. Am glad to hear you and Harry with our other friends are well. Am having cold weather again Mer at $+3^{\circ}$ this morning and only 16° at noon, with every prospect for colder to night. Mr Maynard came yesterday at 10° A.M. and will stay until Thursday night, when he and Lily expect to leave for N.Y.

We are invited to Mr Putnam's to night. Mother had head ache last week, is better now but does not expect to go out tonight. Mr Fenney died Saturday morning - two of his brothers were here and started this morning with his remains to their father's home in Canada. My Wilson Farmer at the Norton is quite sick. Generally the health of the place is good. The sleighing is very good, and most of the time since you left I have had one of our horses aired by coming for me at noon, and bringing me back to office after dinner. The communication returned by you I have had written. His mother told him to write to you, but why he addressed it to Alderman has not transpired. We have transposed some freight

cars from the Scioto Valley to the E. L. & P. B. - RR - but do not transfer passenger cars. The storm crosses people baggage and express matter from one incline to the other, and an own a car down to receive them and take to Junction or Union Depot as desired.

Col Putnam and I expect to go to Portsmouth tomorrow to be present next day at sale of the Gaylord Rolling Mill. Sold for debt due this A. C. & S. Co. and Portsmouth Natl Bank - If there are no other purchasers expect to buy for the Bank and the Co. so that we can then sell whenever opportunity offers - All well at father's at Uncle's Lizzie has rheumatism.

Please remember me to all the friends

Affectionately yours

John Meant

Marietta Jan 23 '84

Dear Father. Yours of
the 21st was duly received this morning
And we are glad to hear that you
are for the most part in good health
and sorry to hear of Lizzies rheumatism
~~and~~ We regret for not having seen
Mr Maynard while we were at
home or while he is out there
I am studying French, Latin, Constitu-
tion & Physics & English Literature. We
are having splendid Sleighing and
Coasting, and ^{we} also ~~some~~ ^{had a} pretty
cold snap last week & this, the ther-
mometer was at -3° or three degree
below zero ^{on Monday}. There is one new stu-
dent in College this term.

His name is Leo Newton from Middleport. He entered the Freshman class, which make the number in college 47, one less than we had at the beginning of the year. There has been a leap year party at Helen Devols Fathers given by the young ladies they furnished the conveyances ^{for} taking the young men there as you will see by the last Marietta Register. Ever thing goes on as usual so far.

We are all well

Love & regards to all

Yours Son
Harold Means

Marietta College.

Marietta, Ohio, January 30 1884

Dear Mother, We received your ^{letter} last Wednesday evening after supper, was sorry to hear of your headache and that the cold weather troubled you to such a degree as it has done of late, We received Father's letter, with its check of \$50. Fifty Dollars, last evening, for which we are ^{very} thankful, We are glad to hear that Mr Maynard had so much company (that is, he was invited out to the parties which took up ^{all} his spare time while he was out at his ~~place~~ ^{Wife's} old home) We are in the old routine way as usual The last few members of the Freshman Class, & the first division of the Sophomore Class, Spoke in Chapel this afternoon, Tomorrow ^{is} the day

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set apart as the day of prayer for Col-
leges. We do not have any recitations
or have to go to chapel in the morning
We have a new professor of Greek and
German, John Robinson by name. He
came to town last Thursday and had
his first recitation on Monday. he
is a graduate of Princeton College
N. J. He has taken a two years course
in Germany. He graduated in 1881 and
has spent most ^{of his time} ~~of his time~~ since in study. He
wears glasses. was over to see Mrs Nye
our next door neighbour last evening she
was glad to hear from you and to see
me. But as yet I have not been to see
Miss Maria which sad to relate. We have
been tolerably well. I have got a little cold
Cooke the same. With many regards
from your friends & love from your sons
Your son Harold Mears

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Marietta, Ohio, Feb 3rd 1884

Dear Bessie,

We have been enjoying a very pleasant week of thaw. And for the last few days the pass-woods are "Such Beautiful Weather."

Thursday the ice moved out of the Muskingum (3 miles). The boats in the harbor announced the start by blowing their horns and soon the banks were well lined to see the ice move.

It is rather a fascinating as well as solemn sight to watch cakes of ice, which reach from shore to shore, crush against the piers of the bridge and ~~break~~ ^{break} into ^{small} pieces, it impresses a person with the fact that moving water contains power so far exceeding what

what we generally believe it to.

Three years ago, the ice came very near destroying one of the piers in the free bridge, but this time, it made no visible injury.

Saw Putnam's bucket factory lost a good many logs.

Yesterday Charley Mitchell and I walked down to the old

rolling mill, which is about a mile below here, we were very much surprised to see

so much good machinery lying idle. We noticed one of the

chimneys had been built in

1872 only one year before the great panic which caused the stoppage of the mill. Gen Dawes

and others were the owners of this property and used to receive as high as \$10,000 - a year as his share of the profits.

The Literary Club meets at Mrs Cutler's next Tuesday night

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She sent Harry & I a very kind invitation to be present and we think we shall both attend.

The two literary societies are going to have their literary exercises in common after this & it is thought that this way of debating (one society against the other) will cause the boys to make more preparation and look more into the subjects which should be debated -

There was a contribution taken at the Cong Church this morning for the relief of the S.S. which is \$100. in debt.

Last night I was invited to tea at Will Cram's. the 21st anniversary of his advent into this world.

Have several other letters to
write so I must close. Love
to all, All well except my
right eye has an attack of neu-
ralgia, like I had at home.

Your aff Bro

E C Means

show not general either - but please or return for Rose,
cord like Miss Perry had, and
those I have asked say they have
not had any of it or seen any
like it. so will you please let me
know whether to get the sound cord
or wait until the spring goods
come in, the stock in such things
has become very low.

Please give my love to all
the good people my friends, and
with love from Will and myself
to Pa. Ma. Rose & Tom, Aunt & Lizzie
I will wish you good night and
sweet dream -

When are you going to write
to me? Your loving Lily -

Woodhaven L. I.
Feb 4" 1884 -

My dear Bessie -

I did not write you
yesterday as Mr and Mrs Bird
came out on the half past one
train and remained until 5.
5.45, and in the evening I
felt rather tired and not
like writing, Mr Conway came
over to dinner so there was quite
a dinner party of us, ten in all,
and today, every one was busy

in the morning, and Alice and
Minnie Minor came to call this
afternoon, and Mr Munson and
Alfred were here to tea, and
Mr and Mrs Rutzler called soon
after, then Mr Leouway, the
Rutzlers and Mr W. went down
on the half past ten rapid, and
just now the house has settled
down to quietness and sleep.

Sister Mr Smith and Harry
have decided to go down to
Brooklyn tomorrow and stay at
Mrs Secors, and Harry at Mr Bealle
all night that they may
not have to get up so early
Wednesday morning, to take
the Chicago limited train.

The whole family feel quite blue
tonight, and all dread the separa-
tion very much. Until yesterday
Mr Smith has been feeling better for
more than a week and today
he has not felt quite so well, but
it is probably owing to the
warmer change in the weather.

He still has much pain in
the stomach and bowels, and the
Dr seems to think that this trip
in getting him away from home
and his mind off of his business
will do as much for him as the
Hot Springs, and we all hope
that both may be of great benefit
to him and also to Sister-
Queen Bess. I cannot find any chemist

Mr Maynard sends love to
you and all - Mrs A. also sends her
love. Hoping you are well and
will write often

Your affectionate daughter
Lily M. Maynard.

Woodhaven L. I.

Feb. 7th / 1884 -

My own dear father -

Your dear welcome
letter came yesterday, and we
were glad to hear from you.

I will go down to Brooklyn
tomorrow if the day is more
favorable than it is at present
writing, and will be delighted
to get the birthday present,
and think I may be able to
get one exactly like mine

I am sorry I did not get you to take my money and put it out at interest when I was home,

However I will send you the two checks and hope it will not trouble you too much to attend to it, it will be \$157.16 - I have not decided what to do with your January present yet, and may conclude to put it with the other for a year, will advise you later,

Willie went down to the train with his papa and mamma and said they went away in good spirits, his papa feeling

pretty well,

The house seems so quiet without Annie's ~~and~~ the dining room table has been made smaller, the gentlemen makes it very gay at lunch and to day.

Willie and Alfred were teasing Mrs. Nicholls, they filled her spectacle case full of bread and salt, and spilled water on the table cloth, and scattered nutshells around.

Have you had very high water in Ashland, how are the Catlettsburg people getting along with their wharf protection?

Please give my love to all the family and my friends

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Saturday
Marietta, Ohio, Feb 9th 1884

Dear Mother

As you are the only one in our family who can relate the story of the wonderful flood of '32, it seems right that to you should the letter be written which contains our short description of the greater flood of '84.

In the month of February 1884 - at 3 A. M. - on the 9th day, the water stood 4 ft. 8 in. in the hall of the house, whose door bears the label of Dr. Hildreth. In the same month of the year 1832 the water measured 18 in. near the same spot. Or in other words the great flood of '84 surpasses that of '32 by 3 ft 2 in. When the water entered the front part of the house Uncle said, that

as the water had come so high he hoped that it would beat the record of '32. Needless to remark his wishes became reality.

Tuesday afternoon many were satisfied that we would have "back water" over Front Street before Wednesday night, so the wise ones began to move up stairs. Some however waited until midnight before commencing operations. Some moved their goods up to their highest shelves but most of the merchants were not satisfied until their things were upon the second floor.

Wednesday morning all the store keeps on Front St with two or three exceptions were hard at work on the move. Charley Dawes and I with level and rod discovered 3 ft 6 in ^{more} would put the water into all the stores below the rail road.

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Wednesday afternoon the water
was upon Front Street as
far up as Putnam St. Wednes-
midnight the water had broken
over Front St near the boat house
and Second & Third Sts. were
receiving it into their first
floors.

Thursday morning it was in
front of Dr Hildreth's, so we
commenced moving the office
and kitchen ^{goods} into the front part
of the house, leaving some
things on the shelves above
the water mark of '32. By
10 AM. the water was in the office
by noon it was in the dining
room, at 6.25 PM it entered
the sitting room and parlor.

Friday it raised all day until Sat 3 AM

we have had plenty to eat
but at the same time we
could stand an improvement.

Harry left his canoe in Ashland
last summer, so we are without
a boat, I had a chance to buy
a Joe-boat (John-boat here) for
11 dollars but the money could
not be spared from our pockets
so we are without a chance
to move without paying
pretty dear for a short trip.

Harry and the remainder of
the family have not tried
to leave the house but I
have made two trips by
paying ferriage. We are all
quite well and have better
appetites than usual. We
have we think plenty of water
(that is well water) to last until
Monday. The water has fallen
about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches (2 P.M. Sat). The
fire bells rang - announcing the fact.

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The new-bridge has floated away - 2 spans of the R. R. bridges have also meandered away so we will have to go to Harman in a ferry for some time to come -

The Organs are very well fixed next door, having about the same amount of water as we; their piano is under water - A great many pianos have suffered from exposure - The piano cleaners will reap a fortune -

A great many people have been compelled to desert their homes because the water entered the second floor. Several barge loads of goods have been placed on the college campus. Some frame houses have moved to foreign pastures.

Sarah has just climbed out of Mr Rossi's window onto the roof of the porch and is going to take a boat for a trip to 5th - after provisions and to see her sister-in-law -

The water is over Fourth St. as far as Scammel and is in all the houses on the lower side but backs 3 inches to get into Mr Ralston's house. So that some on the upper side are ~~also~~ also dampered several inches.

The relief committee are doing some very good work but could do much more if they had assistance enough.

Mrs Knowles has several extras and is very happy to find herself up on the hill.

Three professors are surrounded while a fourth cannot reach his boarding house.

Have not heard from Miss Maria but therefore suppose she is O.K.

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Some talk of Ralston's mill ~~losing~~
● 10,000 bushels of wheat.

We have some of the County
Recorder's books stowed away
in our room. and in one
date 1807 find when Grandfather
bought this property from Mr
Gates.

We are going to have a storm
● in a few minutes thus spoiling
the pleasure parties. Wind
blowing from North will soon
turn colder and assist the
fall.

Chair factory and oil refineries
are heavy closers.

Washout in the R. R. do not
know how soon you will receive
this letter now how soon we
will be able to mail it.

Sam Putnam just rode by and informed us that he had 9 ft of water in his house -

Sunday 1 P.M.

Water now stands $22\frac{1}{2}$ inches on the floor in front part of the house. Will soon be able to move around with chairs -

This probably the first Sunday since Marietta has owned a church bell that one was not rung. Although many who have been on the water every day are not so numerous yet you could scarcely find any reason why people thought today was Sunday -

Mr Luffen Uye informed me one day that he had moved his stoves up stairs, and put his sand (foundry) up on high boxes, but as both were caught in the water he will probably lose.

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You will be able I hope
 to receive a Register the latter
 part of the week, which will
 give you the total damages.
 The sofa Uncle had in
 the parlor is floating, also
 his side-board in the kitchen.
 Harry has had a good long
 read not having been out
 of the house since Thursday
 morning. Mr Ross seems very
 well as do Uncle & ~~Sarah~~ Sarah
 The lawyers in the buildings
 opposite lost a good many books
 Uncle lost a good many in
 his office which he left on his
 highest shelves, likewise some
 of his medicines have undergone
 a good mixture.
 I have a good many smokes much

to Harry's pleasure (?).

I noticed a skiff going by with beer kegs, so the saloons must hold forth in the second floor.

There is plenty of milk up the hill but hard to reach.

We have enough coal to last until tomorrow.

I have staid in the house for two days but it took all my patience to do so. Yet by so doing, while I have missed all the sights, I am \$10 in pocket - or rather not in debt. For fear of high water after this I will keep a reserve fund. Will be busy washing out before long.

Monday 9 AM.

Last night at 10 PM we swept out the front part of the house. This morning we can finish up and be able to reach the sidewalk by 3 PM.

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Just now saw a man go by with a boat load of bread, which he is taking to the court house, he is on the relief committee. Of course every body (with one or two exceptions) have been able to sweep out their second floor. - But the water is still higher than it was last year. The fourth St people are out again -

Sarah says she will be able to cook in the dining room today.

We may be able to add something more to this before the mails go out -

Yours truly

C. C. Means

3. P.M. More Rain - Water out of house but still in yard. Fears of another rise -

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Marietta, Ohio, Feb 14 1884

Dear Sister

When you receive your Marietta Register you will find more and better notes of the high water than I can write.

But for past history I will quote you a little from "The American Journal of Science and Arts" Vol 24, July 1883. The quotation is from an article by S. P. Hildreth, concerning Meteorological Observations, in the year 1832 with a notice of the flood of that year.

"February, fair days, 5 - Cloudy 24 - Rain total 10.25 inches (the largest of the year)

"The winter of 1831-32 was one of great severity. The cold being very intense over the whole of the United States"

"About the middle of February, the whole of the bottom lands on the Ohio,

from its headwaters to the mouth,
were inundated by the greatest flood
known since the settlement of the State.
The earth was covered with snow
more than a foot deep in the valleys
and three or four feet deep on the
mountains and uplands at the
heads of the river. The weather
suddenly became warmer about the
10th of the month, with southerly winds
attended with thunder and discharges
of rain so copious that eight inches
fell in the course of a week.
The flood was at its height in
Pittsburgh, Penna, early on the 11th day
of the month, ~~with~~ and at the
falls of the Ohio, on the 19th, averaging
in its progress about one hundred
miles to each twenty four hours.
As the mighty flood rolled on its
course, it received continual accession
from all the tributaries lying on its
northern and southern borders. Each
one of these, swelled by the continual

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rains, would in some regions be viewed as majestic rivers, rushing and foaming with impetuous ~~strength~~ haste to add their strength to that vast ocean of water, which now swept over the fair valley of the Ohio, bearing on its bosom, the ruins of many a village and the productions of a thousand farms.

The damage cannot be estimated at less than a million of dollars. The water was from five to six feet higher than any former flood since that of 1784, which was about the same height as this; but it took place at a period, before any settlements were made north of the river. It is stated by the early settlers about Wheeling, that, in the year 1772, there was a flood in the spring.

of that year, the waters of which were five feet higher than those of 1832. The evidences they give in proof are such as cannot be doubted, and will go far to rank this flood with the celebrated one of Deucalion, as rehearsed by the ancient Greek poets, and which, if repeated in these days would sweep palace and cottage from their foundations, in every town, and hamlet, on the shores of our beautiful river."

(The flood of 1884 was ^{3/4} higher than that of 1832.)

He goes on in his paper and speaks of the abundance of fruit and nuts. Also speaks of the flight of pigeons and their roost 25 miles from here.

We have not received any mail since the 5th but are expecting some today (14th) — not valentines —

College lost 4 days work — <sup>all well
love etc</sup> C. C. M.

Woodhaven L.I.

Feb 16th 1884-

My dearest Rose-

Your letter of 12th inst has just arrived, and after taking it over to the office for your brother Hill to read, will answer at once. Imagine our surprise, at hearing of the distress of the Town of Ashland and the neighboring towns on the banks of the Ohio, was as great as yours on seeing the river rising inch by inch, and I cannot express to you how sorry we feel to know that the damage has been so great in Ashland, for until your letter came, we had

supposed Ashland to be high and dry as has always been the case before when the river was high, we have eagerly read the papers to see what places have been submerged by this rising flood. but never found a word from Ashland,

How terrible the destruction of buildings in Catlettsburg must be, you ought to try to go up there and see how it all looks.

Will says to tell you he is very sorry to hear that you have had so much high water.

he says he cannot realize how the river could get so far up in town as in Mr. Savage's block.

I thank you for writing me, ~~when~~ you are so occupied relieving the distressed, that you could hardly have spared the time

to do so. there are a hundred questions I would like to ask you but you would not have time to answer so I will spare you with a few, how far above the floor in the hotel did the water come and how high in Mr Leiger's store?

Whose houses were loosened from their foundations and were any in A. swept away?

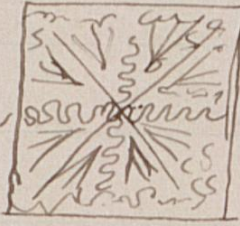
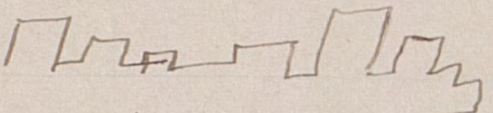
I have at last gotten all the things you and Bessie sent for, but am afraid they will not all give satisfaction, and I will not send them today, as I cannot get them ready in time for the Waddle mail - will try to send Monday.

The ribbon is as good a match

in either city -
as could be found, and there is
a little more than you required
I will make you a present of it.

The buckles I hope will be large
enough. Bessie dear, I could not
find any chenille cord anywhere
like Miss Henry had, so gave up
trying and got this narrow cord
which will be the best I can do for
I do not know where else to go to
inquire for it, but I can get you
plenty more of this kind if you
should require it. I am not at
all pleased with the purse and am
almost tempted not to send it
but to go over to N. Y. the first of the
week and get you another one.

What do you mean to do with
those lace squares? At Lancers they have
little ones two inches 3, 4, 6 and 7 inches
but only the seven inch are finished

off around the edges like those you
 use on the pincushions the little
 ones are like this  something?
 and the large ones are more
 like this on the sides
 and range from
 10 cts to 50 - will send them as soon
 as you write me a little more
 definitely about them.

Please pardon my not sending
 you the "Seasons greetings" sooner but
 I forgot I had it until yesterday
 when looking over my cards I found
 it. Have a beautiful new scrap
 book for my cards, wouldn't you
 like one?

The hair crimper I will give
 you for a birthday gift also

or the card or the record -
I hope you will
like it, I hope you will

like it, Ma. Nicholls sends
love to you and all the family
says you would better pack up
and come and make us a visit
while the high water goes away,

Mr M. sends a great deal of love
to Jim - ^{Bessie and Parina} he is very busy since Mr
Smith has been away.

Love to Ma, Pa, and Bessie
and Hildrith, Lizzie and Lida
Aunts Mag and Hollie and Amanda -
do you know they are both real sorry
that we did not call on Aunt Mag
Lampton, and I am afraid she
will not forget it soon, he has spoken
about it several times, but what can
I do now about it now?

Love to your dear selves
write us as often as you can
Your devoted Lillian

manner and means of instruction

Please telegraph me
as soon as possible if
you decide to come.

Telegraph care of the Inst.

Give my love to Lily
and Mr. Maynard and
to all the rest of our
friends - Especially, Mrs
Nichols, Mr. Smith, Harry,
Aunt Mag & Pearl and
Mr. Franks Lyman -

Hoping to receive a
favorable answer. I am
your affectionate

E. C. Meaus.

Ac. Mass. Inst of Tech.

P.S. I think that Mr. & Mrs. Newport
of St. Paul are in New York -
Bessie Putnam is at Miss ~~Putnam~~
Grahams no 60 7th Avenue -

Boston Mass

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Dear Father:

I received your letter
this morning inclosing the
paper showing result of last
term's work.

Your trip to New York
I suppose is on business
concerning Law Moor. I hope
to hear from you that
there is a good dividend
as the result of the last
year's work.

I wish you could find
the time to run over here
Friday and spend a few
days with me or at least
one. This desire is not promptly

simply to see you and
talk with you but to have
you look through the school
and talk with some of
the Professors about a good
course for me to pursue.
You will be able to
form a good idea about
what I can learn here
and how long it will
take me, also to find
what studies will be
for my advantage and
not to please some Prof
who would have us
wasting time over some
pet theory. I think if
you will consider the
matter that you will
undoubtedly come over.
It would be worth your

while simply to examine
the apparatus.

I have no doubt that it
will pay you the trouble
and it may save me
much useless work, the
time for which might be
employed with much more
benefit to myself in some
other study.

You don't believe in
teasing or I would say
"Please". As it is all
I ask of you, is to consider
the question fully and I
have no doubt that if you
can spare the time that
I shall see you Friday
at the Brunswick.

We will be able to map
out most of my entire course
by examining the different

great help as there were so many to provide for that it was hard work for our people to get the supplies, cook and distribute them - The water had fallen about 9 inches in the morning. We sent skiff up to Sandy City with two boxes of provisions and had loaded another to send to Russell, when their ferry boat came up for coal and we sent by that.

Thursday 14 - The ferry boat came up from Russell for more supplies which we sent sufficient to do them as the water was getting down, so that they could ^{save} help themselves - We also sent provisions to C.K. Junction ~~with~~

If you keep this Sunday it will be strange reading -

Abilene Ky. 17th May 1884

Dear Cook

We have had letters from you and Harry and it has been so long since I have written to either of you, that have forgotten when - Harry had a baby time for a week past. Thursday ^{7th} the water was so high, that the Scioto Valley Road stopped.

8th Friday evening we stopped Abilene Fee, ^{Chattani} & stopped ^{at} ^{Abilene} ^{at} ^{Abilene}
9th Saturday morning water about 7 inches above high water mark of 1883, could ^{not} get down Front St to the Fee. C.S. 1884 could not run trains to Catlettsburg, The Guy Lester transferred passengers ^{from here} to other side of Big Sandy Bridge. And the water was getting ^{house} around in low places between Front & Grump
10th Sunday many houses between F. & G. were flooded and people ^{had} moved

out of them. The A. O. S. Office was surrounded all of Front & Greenup covered. Gode drove Front to the office, but did not go in - The thing began to look serious. The Council met at Mayers office and the delegates at the M. Ch. South - Committees were appointed to take immediate steps to assist some to move, and to supply others with cooked food. The School houses were opened to such as chose to occupy them and many had moved in with friends.

11th Monday, ^{noon} scarcely any house on Front and ~~at~~ ^{on} both sides of Greenup had water on the first floor - and by night scarcely an exception. About 170 families had moved out entirely, or to the second story. Battlement was suffering for food and fuel. Some bread came in

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from Lexington for C. and we sent the ladies with boat load of coal to them. Had opened Wileys room at the Public School building to receive and dispense cooked food to those who could not cook for themselves.

12th Tuesday, Water had crossed the Alley between Greenup and Winchester all the stores and houses on Greenup were flooded. Greenup was reported suffering for fuel and food. We sent boat with coal and all we had cooked at the School house to Greenup. So far we had done the cooking for destitute here, many helpers -

13 Wednesday, we ^{morning} received Bread cooked meats, and other supplies from Winchester, and Mt Sterling in the evening from Leesville Rush and Coalton; which was

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Highest
Water here on Tuesday 12th instant 6° 3" above
Tide of 12 July 1883

supplies for Greenup to be taken
in by C.R. RR - There were no
steamboats running. The
Secy of State had arrived in the
morning with \$2,000 of State Aid
for Cattletown, Meland and Greenup
He had brought Bread and Meat
which came Friday. I gave
him breakfast and advised
him to go to Cattletown and see
for himself which he did, and
left for Mayville &c, &c - The water
out of A.C. & D. Office and we started
fires to dry - Had been 2½ feet on
the floors - Many were cleaning houses
and a few moving into their homes
Friday 13th We began to put bridges in place
on the streets as all had floated
out, and the plank cracked and

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Crossings in the flooded part
were gone every place where the
water rose is covered with mud
The bridge near Mr Biggs was unusable
and we had to send a car of coal
around by C.L. & H.S. R. - to Powder ^{siding} brickyard,
to supply people in Biggs addition.

Sat 16. We began to shovel out the Lee
as cheapest way to get into good working
order again - We can repair Lee and
fill up with fresh fuel, by the
time we can clean up engines
overhaul pumps &c. &c.

Sund

Yesterday we had telegram from Inuit asking ^{us} to send
provisions "all you have" - And within 50 minutes
after receipt, the ferry boat had started with
Bread and Meat for them. They found a boat
landed with supplies when they got down
But their crew uncorked - were very glad
to learn what we sent - We are all well
here, at fatters and at Ureler - Hope you are
both well -
Yours Affectionately
John McLean

the "Broad Whinnies," which I shall read aloud, while Mr W. has a quiet smoke -

He says he is very sorry to hear of the high water and the suffering and loss that it has caused - he sends love to you and ma, and the girls, and when you see Mr Mack will you please tell him that we both regretted very much not having seen him, and hope the next time that Mr Waynard comes home that we may be more fortunate, Remember me to the "Domini" and Mrs Ireland and Boston, and Mr and Mrs Chaffee, our Aunts and Grand pa. Love and kisses for you and mother, from your affectionate daughter Lily M. W.

Woodhaven L.I.

Feb 17th 1854 -

My dear father -

For a change today we are having rain, and it has not ceased from about ten this morning until eight this evening and it sounds now as if it might continue to rain all night, How are you getting along in Ashland today has the high water gone down and how long will it be

before you will be able to return to your office, and the people that were driven out by the water, to their homes?

We have received no papers last week from A. and only the letter Rose wrote Wednesday which arrived yesterday, and I am so anxious for you and Mother to write to me as soon as you can find time and tell us all about it. Is there much sickness in town, and was business entirely suspended while the high water lasted?

We are getting along nicely keeping house, Willie went up to Norwalk, Conn. to spend Sunday

with Mrs Lawrence, and will come home tomorrow morning.

"Ma Nicholls" and I went to church this morning and were caught in the rain, I only hope she will not take cold as she has been out so seldom the past winter. I hope you all keep free from the prevalent complaint, cold, and that Mother has not had headache to trouble her lately. Trust you will receive the express package containing the pearl lace pin very soon and that it will give satisfaction to both you and Rose.

We are sitting up stairs tonight and ^{am} about to begin

Marietta College.

Marietta, Ohio, Feb 17 1884

Dear Rose

Last Sunday I wrote a long letter to your "mater". But for fear you have not received it, will repeat a few items. The water was 4 ft $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches in our parlor - 35 inches higher than '32 according to Mr Douglas Outram and Mr Ross, Uncle George being doubtful. I suppose you received the Marietta Reg all right. If you have not to have one we can send you.

It is wrong I suppose to wish any one bad luck, but when the water got up in our home we could not help but wish it get up among the Aristocracy on 4th Street. It did

I believe several merchants
will be compelled to make
assignments before long owing
to their heavy losses.

We are eating our meals
down stairs now but
have not put the carpets
down. It is rather
amusing to see how we
barricade at nights - all
the doors being warped
so they will not shut.

Our mails are very late
we received the first letters
from home for 3 weeks
nearly (yours & mothers of the 14th).

The Presbyterians and
the Baptists held services
this morning, the B. had
a ducking but not very deep
no gas so there will be
nothing tonight. The F. church
had 3 preachers behind the
pulpit this morning L. Coug & Adly

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The college dormitory is used as a store house for provisions and the people are being well cared for at present. But so many have lost their homes that they will have to be helped late into the Spring.

Tell your father to send us a hundred Dollars (\$100) as soon as the mails are in good running order.

Am glad to hear the canoe was of some use for we missed it very much. Williamsstown did not lose a house and is better off than Marietta or Fairmar. papers are mistaken about its condition.

Miss Maria Woodbridge
lost two business frame houses
but is allright herself. She
was up to church this morning.
It would be a good time
to invite her to make
a visit to mother.

Will probably lose a few
students on acct. of the
water, their parents not
feeling able to send them
any longer.

Did mother get our letter
about the Hildreth Cabinet

Received a letter from
Sam Bradsworth mailed before
the high water: he wanted to
be remembered to all.

All are well and send
love

Your afflvo

W. C. Means
P. S. Best to Miss Jennie A.

Had - indent
from Louisville
No 25 from Nov. 11. 1884.
Friedrich - Mt -
Stirling - Georgeon
Callen & Livingston
1874 - went to
bread & meat &c
which was very
acceptable - what
we did our meat
was sent to Georgeon
Cattel & Jordan
Friedrich & Son in
any - how write
right away with
of you, by letter -
love to all the family
Love & kind
from your
all Mother

Dear Cooke & Nancy

Bess has
just received Cooke's letter
and I feel quite provoked
at him. I was so anxious
to hear if the flood came
into brother George's house
& if you boys made your
selves usefull taking up
carpets & how far it came
into the house & all the
particulars - whether you
had to cook upstairs &c -
and Cooke has never
said a word about it

so I want you to wish
to sit right down & write
me long letters of everything
you can think of about it
also whether it came into
Miss Maria Goodbridge's
house & the Cong. Church -

Last week your father &
Bess & Rose spent most
of the time in Nyke's little
School house distributing pro-
visions. The largest amount
given out was on Thursday
when provisions were given out
for 450 persons - Today the
U.S. Government \$500, will be
given out in clothing, bedding &
provisions - to about 16 families
& perhaps ^{to those} more, who have lost
clothing &c. - Only one house floated
off - Baldridge the fisherman - he
is to be given lumber to build a gain
with -

Marietta Feb 23, '84

Your letter
of the 19th was received this afternoon
We are glad to hear from you. The
Water came into the house to the depth
of 4 ft - 9 in. or to the top of the Mantel-
piece in the sitting room in the house
of Dr G O Hildaeth, and to the top shelf
which holds the medicine ^{in the office} It wetted some
books which he did not take up stairs
The books were placed a little above
the watermark of 1832. The water
according to Mr Douglas Putnam & Mr
Ross the water was in house in the
flood of 1832 to the depth of 2 inches
or to the window sill ^{in front rooms} We worked

like rogans in taking the things
to the upper parts. The water came
in the office about 10 A.M. on Thurs-
day ~~noon~~ and in the dining room
about 4 P.M. and in the front part
of the house (Sitting Parlor & rooms) at
6:30 P.M. Then we were shut off
from the out side world except
by boats. Sarah cooked in Uncle Geo's
room on the grate, <sup>(as there was no stove above water fire
or cook on)</sup> as the spare room
was filled too full to cook on the stove
in that room. It was filled ^{with} Books, Papers
Furniture, & Drawers from the office, the
^(second-story) two Halls, were filled with eatable &
^{messils} from the dining room & kitchen. For
the two first-days Friday & Sat. every bo-
dy eat in his own room, but the rest
of the time, Mr Ross took his meals
in our room, the ~~rest~~ others in Uncle's
room. The water came to a stand-

still at 3 A.M. Saturday and began to fall about 7 hours after, which fact was announced by the ringing of bells and blowing of whistles. It was glad news for those imprisoned in their houses. The water ~~was~~ went above Putnam on fourth St. about 100 feet, and ~~at~~ over fourth ^{on Putnam St.} from the river to Seammel. or just around the corner of square opposite W.B. Thomas and it was in most of the houses on that ^{lower side} side of the river but not in those on the other side of the till you came below Putnam. Cooke and Sarah were out several times but the rest did not venture out on the water in boats or otherwise. But spent most of the time in

our room as it was more comfort-
 able there we thought than to be on
 water. The ^{water} came in on ^{my} Nyes floor
 before it came on our kitchen floor.
 It went into the Con Church and also
 on Miss Maria Woodbridge floor &
 what depth we did not inquire. It
 came in the 2nd stories of a good many
 of houses in the lower part of town
 it carried away a good many houses
 from their foundations & be left ~~on~~^{on}
 their sides when the ^{water} went down
 The free bridge was entirely carried
 away. The RR bridge lost two spans
 from the middle of bridge, but left
 the span on this side, and the draw
 on the other. The ferry boats ^{have} ~~and~~
 again started between Marietta & Har-
 mar in the shape of skiff. We had
 the same variety of boats that you

had if ^{not} more of them. There had
 been a good ^{many} ~~of~~ relief goods ~~been~~ brought
 into Marietta by the inland towns
 One of the relief places ~~for~~ is ⁱⁿ at the
 college dormitory room on the lower
 floor. There was no recitations or
 chapel from Thurs. till the following
 Tuesday morning. We boys Cooke & I
 did not go to college on Thursday ~~to~~
 either to Chapel or recitation but staid
 at home and worked ~~the~~ The water
 did not get off ~~the~~ our floor till
 after midnight Sunday. and we
 could get on the ground in the after-
 noon Monday we could get to college
 on Tuesday morning without getting
 our feet wet. We did not get our
 breakfast in time to go to Chapel

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that morning but went to the 9 o'clock recitation, and the afternoon one, we went to the afternoon ^{one} to find that we did not have to recite. Because the Professor could come as the water was ~~is~~ still in his house and that he could ^{not} come ^{out} as the water was too deep for him to wade through it. Two of the Prof could not come to attend ^{their} usual duties, and one was shut off from his dining place. Cooke asked one of the Prof. if it was true that President Andrews was going to resign this year. The Prof. told him that it was true, ^{and that} his resignation was with the Executive Committee (which is good news for you) Prof. Beach has asked for one year's vacation on account of his health. The ^{best}

thing he could do is to leave the college. He intends to go on a farm (about ~~17~~ seven miles up the Muskingum river (it is said)) We attended the ~~last~~ Club, which was held at Mr Cutlers on the Tuesday ^{Evening} before ^{the} high water. There some interesting articles read and debated. We had very good time at it. - We found them all well at Cutlers. We are all well. With many regards from many of your old friends and love from your boys

Your Son

(~~Miss~~) Harold Meard

Tom & Rose ^(Miss) & Father came duly to our hand a few days after being written But all this week

he has done for six months
he is not pleased with
their room which is very small
or with the table, but has a
very pleasant Dr. and they
have made a number of
^{very pleasant} acquaintances already.

he has commenced with a
bath every morning at 11 o'clock
~~he~~ remains in the bath eight minutes
temperature 97. and is to drink
freely of the hot water, which is not
unpleasant. She are all well
and hope you have none of you
taken cold from the high water.

Hill M. says that judging
from the papers and your letters
which we have received, that

Hood Haven L. I.

Feb 24" 1884-

My sweet dear father-

Your kind and
lovely long letter, giving and
so glowing an account of
the flood, was received with
pleasure Thursday 21st inst
and read with much interest
by us all, and we thank
you for giving us so much
of your time and taking
so much trouble to write
us. The letter I shall
always keep for future reading
as I have a number of yours

written ~~over~~ years ago.

I instead of returning me
the full amount for payment
of Rose's pin please keep ten dol-
lars ^(\$10.00) to be used in assisting
someone in Catlettsburg or
Greemp-Ky. I hope you
will not have sent before
this reaches you.

In regard to the R.R. note
of which you wrote me, I think
you may have forgotten in
the confusion of the flood,

that I gave it to you to
take care of for me. I do not
hold any notes myself and
you have mine together with
those of Rose and Bessie

in the bank for safe keeping
I think. I have only my
bank and check book with me.

Trust you will not give your
self any trouble in looking after
this for me, am real sorry
I did not attend to it when
I should have done - at home

Today has been bright
and clear and also was Friday
Washington's birthday, but
yesterday was a repetition of
the past month with a little
snow in addition to the rain.

Received letters from Mrs
Smith at Hot Springs, which
tell us of pleasant weather
and Mr S. is feeling better than

you must have had your
hands more than full, pro-
viding food and accomodation
for the sufferers - and hopes
that the worst is now over,

He joins me in love to you
and all the household -

Your loving daughter
Lily M. Maynard -

Mother's and Bess' letters received
yesterday also a note from you
accept many thanks -
Mrs Nicholls sends love -

Marietta Feb 25 1884

Dear Father

I wrote a long letter of about 11 pages on the 10th, and gave it to one of the boys to mail, being unable to reach the P. O. on account of the water. From the letters we have received I judge another did not receive the letter. It contained all the affairs that happened in and about the house while the water was in it. I will mail today a picture of the house after the water had receded $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. We are learning our orations for Wednesday - Must close and go to recitation, will write again in a few days. Please send us One Hundred

Dollars as soon as possible -

Love to all, yours in good health
excepting some aysters which disagreed

Aff. your son

B. B. Means.

Ashland Feb. 27th 1884

My Dear Cooke & Harry

I was
much obliged for your nice
long letters - Cooke's letter was
delayed ten days, I was
very glad to hear all that
you told us - It seems queer
to think of Sarah's cooking
in the third story - I thought
you would take up the cook-
ing stove in Mr Ross room
& cook there - Chachi Martin
I understood used Harry's boat
during the flood - They used
\$490 of the money given us
by the Government - & I believe
returned a \$1000 to the Gov of
Kentucky which we did not

need, only one house left here
& that was Mr Balandge the
fisherman - I suppose Gallijohs
& Ashland suffered less than
any towns on the Ohio river
Cattleshing, they say, looks fearful -
so many houses gone & others turned
over & carried away when they do not
belong - Hanging Rock is also in
the same condition I suppose a
good many have been helped who
do not deserve anything & lots of lies
have been told - I don't think any
one has suffered much in Ashland
I am glad you were so much
help to your Uncle & hope you
will continue, to assist all you can
as you are both strong enough to do
a good deal of heavy lifting -

Love to all the family -
& love & kisses to yourselves
From your loving
Mother

Marietta College.

Marietta, Ohio, Feb 29 1884

Dear Rose & Bess

Wednesday
we finished up our orations
by delivering them before
the college - Only three
Juniors were prepared. We
will probably have still another
to write before the end of
the year.

You probably saw a notice
in the paper that President
Andrews ~~son~~ had sent in his
resignation to the executive com.

This is the best thing that
has happened for many years.

Now such questions as
Co-Education - Sect. Discipline -
etc will be in order. The
last two have my support.
About the former I am in doubt.

It turned colder yesterday
not only out of doors but also
in my head.

We enjoyed a very pleasant
dance Tuesday night at Miss
Ellen Nye's. The evening wound
up with a German. See notice
in Register.

We will leave here on the 26th
for a two weeks vacation.

I refer you to Aunt Mag
for information about Mrs. E. C.
Means.

Will probably have some
skating tomorrow, if it does
not snow tonight.

We have been enjoying some
very interesting experiments in Physics
recently.

When you send us books, it
is cheaper and nearly as safe
to send by mail as by express.
If books are at home that we
need, they will probably be of more

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use here than there, so don't
be too slow next time. I did
not buy a book but used one
which I borrowed.

Mrs Knowles is working hard
on the relief com-
Musle estimates his loss at
\$50 — mostly in fences, barn etc
Mr. Woodruff was compelled
to sell his store and wants
to sell his house, which we hear
is mortgaged.

We are playing chess & checkers
now in place of cards.

Love to all

Yours truly

E. C. Means

Atlanta Ky, 16th March 1884.
Dear Leek

Your letter came duly
to hand, and found so
all well our colds, of which
very many are complaining
I went to Leitch Thursday in
Hectwood and came back in
here yesterday. Went to see
Messrs Mack and Fallis
about Lemka business
and saw no one else.
The Madam Janty exhibitors
are very busy getting ready
and furnish about the
only topic for conversation
just now — And as the
show is to come off
Thursday night I suppose

the interest in the matter will
increase to that day.

Will send draft for seventy-
five (\$75.00) dollar with this

Remember me to the friends

Affectionately yours
John Meaul

Marrella

March 21, 1884

Dear Father

We received
your welcome letter
containing Seventy Five
Dollars (\$75.) - Thanks!
Will leave here Tuesday
afternoon on Stockdale, if
we can finish our exami-
nations in time to do so.
If not we will wait for
the Andes. Connections
by rail are very irregular
at present. We are hard at
work at present on our
reviews - Love to all -

Yours truly A. Means
per "C"

Estimated Income
175 M

Annual Statement

OF

MEANS, KYLE & CO.,

FOR

Year Ending March 31, 18*84*

OHIO FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1884

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 1884

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1884

ASSETS.	
Cash,.....	28889
Hands' Ledger Balances,.....	204341
Bills Receivable,.....	
Merchandise,.....	293149
Principal office,.....	
Invoice, <i>& Ore iron and</i> <i>Conducting business</i> Balance cost of <i>tons iron delivered at</i> <i>Union Landing,</i>	6218904
	397974
	\$ 7143257
LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,.....	
Hands' ledger balances,.....	292280
Sales Pig iron <i>Principal Office</i>	6436482
<i>Profit on Merchandise</i>	414495
Annual gain and loss to April 1, 18	
	\$ 7143257

ASSETS.	
Cash and book accounts,.....	233230
Merchandise,.....	293149
Bills receivable,.....	
Principal office,.....	
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,.....	6218904
..... tons pig iron at.....	
“ “ “ “.....	
“ “ “ “.....	
	\$ 6745283
LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,.....	292280
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 18	
<i>Principal Office</i>	6436482
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1884	16521
	\$ 6745283

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Union Landing,.....		Number tons iron made,.....	
..... bushels coal..... at.....		Whole number cords wood used,.....	
..... tons ore..... at.....		“ “ loads coal “.....	
..... “ limestone..... at.....		“ “ tons ore “.....	
Running up stock,.....		“ “ “ limestone “.....	
Transportation to Union Landing,.....		No. cords wood to make one load of coal,.....	
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Union Landing,.....		“ “ “ “ “ ton of iron.....	
Cost of one load charcoal,.....		“ days furnace was in blast.....	
Average sales per ton,.....		“ tons daily average product.....	
Merchandise sold,.....	1925726	“ “ iron sold, <i>None</i>	
Net profit on merchandise,.....	414495	“ “ on hand, <i>None</i>	

Furnace went into blast , 18 , and blew out , 18

HANGING ROCK COAL WORKS, BALANCES AND STATEMENT OF COAL MINED.

ASSETS.		COAL MINED AND SOLD.	
		Bush.	Slack Bush Coal.
Book accounts,.....	620986	To Steamboats,.....	375772 218000
Cash,.....		“ Sundries by Barge loads,.....	26000 57400
Invoice merchandise at New Castle Store,.....	596538	“ Retail by Wagon loads,.....	19204 26250
Invoice personal property at mines,.....		“ R.R. -.....	22579 462100
“ “ “ at Hanging Rock,.....	3594229	“ Quantity on hand, <i>April 1 '83</i>	2580 11000
Balance,.....	4811748	Total Mined,.....	443619 586500
LIABILITIES.		Average Sales per day,.....	
Book accounts,.....	328996	to <i>Steam Boats</i>	1027 596
Principal office,.....	3465810	“ “ “ “ <i>to R.R.</i>	62 1262
Balance, <i>Gain for the year</i>	1016942	“ “ “ “ <i>to All parties</i>	1212 2087
	\$ 4811748	<i>Deband Apr 1st 1884</i>	2644 3800

PINE GROVE FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1884

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 1884

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1884

ASSETS.		
Cash,.....	7421	
Hands' Ledger Balances,.....	501864	
Bills Receivable,.....	21486	
Merchandise,.....	520829	
Principal office, <i>Book accts</i>	2828	
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,.....	2185627	
Balance cost of <i>2610</i> tons iron delivered at Hanging Rock,.....	4423094	
	8364553	
	\$ 16027702	
LIABILITIES.		
Book Accounts,.....	27168	
Hands' ledger balances,.....	393036	
Sales--Pig iron,.....	10148983	
<i>Principal Office</i>	4887240	
<i>Profit on Merchandise</i>	571275	
Annual gain and loss to April 1, 1884	571275	
	\$ 16027702	

ASSETS.		
Cash and book accounts,.....	512113	
Merchandise,.....	520829	
Bills receivable,.....	21486	
Principal office,.....		
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,.....	2185627	
<i>2186 1/2</i> tons pig iron at.....	4423094	
" " " ".....		
" " " ".....		
		\$ 4663149
LIABILITIES.		
Book Accounts,.....	420702	
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 1884.....		
<i>Principal Office</i>	4887240	
<i>Profit on Merchandise</i>	571275	
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1884	1784430	
		\$ 7663149

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Hanging Rock.....	1815	Number tons iron made,.....	4610
<i>2798</i> bushels coal at <i>806</i>	2257	Whole number cords wood used, <i>to Land</i>	8431
<i>2 1/2</i> tons ore at <i>223</i>	557	" " loads coal " ".....	1468
<i>34</i> tons " limestone at <i>84</i>	29	" " tons ore " ".....	11525
Running up stock,.....	323	" " " limestone " ".....	1565 1/2
Transp'n to Hanging Rock Landing,.....	1	No. cords wood to make one load of coal,.....	
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Hanging Rock Landing,.....	149	" " " " " " ton of iron.....	
Average sales per ton,.....	2516	" days furnace was in blast.....	285 1/2
Merchandise sold,.....	2915635	" tons daily average product.....	16 1/10
Net profit on merchandise,.....	571275	" " iron sold,.....	3229 1119
Cost of one load charcoal,.....	1466	" " on hand,.....	2186 1/2

Furnace commenced blowing *Apr 30th*, 1883, and blew out *Apr 3rd*, 1884.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, HANGING ROCK, BALANCES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
<i>Ohio Furn</i> Gain and loss to April 1, 1884.....	6456482	Pine Grove Furnace,.....	
Cash,.....	1738596	Ohio Furnace,.....	
Bills Receivable,.....	147156	Bills payable,.....	
Individual Accounts,.....	4111972	Individual Accounts,.....	392211
Real Estate,.....	10694328	Capital Stock,.....	\$ 0000000
Coal Works,.....	30428136		
Cash Dividends, <i>Main R. Co. Stock</i>	3465810		
Stock Dividends, <i>Ohio I. Co. "</i>	4000-		
<i>Pine Grove Furn</i>	450810		
<i>Pr of on Coal Furnace</i>	4887240		
Balances,.....	2261749	Balance, <i>Profit Loss ac</i>	23094571
	8464503		
	\$ 73486682		\$ 73486682

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, April 1, 1884

Including Business of Pine Grove and Ohio Furnaces, Hanging Rock Coal Works, and Principal Office, Hanging Rock.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash.....at Pine Grove Furnace,	7421	Book Accounts at Pine Grove Furnace,	420204
Merchandise....." " " "	520829	" " " Ohio Furnace,	292280
Book Accounts, " " " "	504602	" " " Coal Works,	328996
Bills receivable " " " "	21486	" " " Principal Office,	392211
Furnace invoice " " " "	2185627	Bills Payable " " "	
Pig Iron....." " " "	4423094	" " " Deduction tax	
Cash,....." Ohio Furnace,	28889	" " " Bad account	1260812
Book Accounts, " " "	204341	Capital Stock.....	500000
Merchandise,....." " "	293149	Surplus to April 1, 1884	25772827
Bills Receivable " " "		" " " 1/1883	21874889
Furnace Invoice " " " <i>On</i>	6218902	<i>Gain for the year</i>	3347988
Pig Iron....." " "			
Cash....." Coal Works,			
Merchandise....." " " <i>N.C.S.</i>	596533	<i>Loss on Bad accounts</i>	
Book Accounts, " " "	620986	<i>during the year</i>	41230
Bills Receivable " " "			
Invoice Chattels " " "	3594229		
Cash,....." Principal Office,	147156		
Bills Receivable " " "	4111972		
Real Estate,....." " "	30428136		
Book Accounts, " " "	10694228		
<i>Part Due Notes</i>	1758596		
<i>Means kept on Stock</i>	4000		
<i>Direct 16.64</i>	450810		
<i>Coal Furnace</i>	8464503		
<i>Or etc</i>	2261749		
\$77917320		\$77917330	

See your address in Paris -

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price of Pig Iron is so low that it is doubtful whether we do, put her in, before next Fall, Bessie and Rose are now talking of a visit to Leintz during the week of the Dramatic Festivals.

- The Madame has not determined whether she will go, but as it will be a two or three day trip I expect she will conclude to go, as it is so near the ^{length of} time she likes to spend in our place. My friend Frank Lyman is to be married next Wednesday. Tell Jerry not to stay too long abroad, and that I'll try and find some nice widower, ^{with a} family of boys, for her to train up the way they should go. Think 4 to 6 boys enough, but will look for more if she desires -

Affectionately,
John Meard

Arlhland N.Y. 13th April 1884.

Dear Maggie

Your welcome favor of 23rd ult came to hand last week, and we have seen some of yours to Mary.

- She and father are very well, father went up to Battletown ^{yesterday} with me to attend a Republican Convention to select delegates to go to Chicago. Have been to Leintz twice since I left you in N.Y. Saw Mr. Sinton but did not get up to the house to see Annie and the children.
- They are well and Annie had the friend whom she visited last Fall or Winter in N.Y. with her.

The cold which I had when in N.Y. or rather the effects of it bring to me longer than ever pleasant. But am about right again now though am taking some quinine

and wine now as a tonic, I make the S. dose small, and add to the aim to be soon agreeable —

Harry and Leok have been at home for their Spring vacation, left Wednesday via Leintz that they might supply themselves, with summer clothing. They are both great big fellows, still growing out of their clothing, and had a busy time while at home. Hat has some young chickens, part of the garden made, and almost through housecleaning, and is happy — She sent quite a nice lot of flour to the church to decorate the pulpit today. West C. is at home for a few days, looking gay well. Mrs. C. is in Frankfurt with their boy who has measles — Tom is at

school in Washington, where West says he is doing very well having learned how to study. Mrs. Ireland can walk a little with crutches — Hat is afraid she may never be able to walk without the sticks.

Mary Henry and family, came in the Train today, and is at father's. The latest word from Jim, he had left Lawrence to go hunting traps with Tom Hanna and Weber. Don't think Mary has been able to communicate with him since she reached this country. So it seems she need not have hurried on account of Jim's failing health.

Mrs. Willard was up last week says he could have the Luman at D.C. ready to put in blast in about a month. The

announced business of impatience, so I suppose there is to be
a supper or something of the kind before long. Saw Mr
Neal Saturday, said that Emma Campbell suffered a good
deal now - The big boats are running yet and winter
sizing so they may run to middle or last of July.
Every body you know here well - Hoping to see you by
or before the middle of August - Expect to be in N.Y.
about the 20th of Aug - Kind regards to Jerry

Affectionately

John Meaurio

Marietta O

April 13th '54

Dear Mother

We reached here last night at 6 P.M. Left Cincinnati on the 8.30 A.M. train; which ran off the track before we were out of sight of Cincinnati; thus we were delayed for an hour.

Saw Uncle Will. Messrs Mack, Lyman, Warner & Webb went out to the Cincinnati ball park to a game of base ball. Went the theatre twice. Ordered our clothes from D. C. & Co

Mack was about to
leave with Mr Dinton
for Alabama. Lyman
was making Mack a
short visit. Lyman
thought the Boston
school one of the best
in which to pursue
a course in metallurgy.

Our class now numbers
four men.

Was out buggy riding
with Will Cram this
P.M. he has a very
fine horse.

Your aff son
E. C. Means.

ia College.

Marietta, Ohio, April 2, 1884

Dear Father

If you have not destroyed the ~~pamphlet~~ pamphlet issued by Charles Goddard, will you please send it to us, we have not had an opportunity of seeing it.

Nothing of any importance has occurred this week to mar the monotony of Marietta life; except, perhaps, the lecture given by W. P. Cutler, for the benefit of the Cong. Church.

There was also a small tea-party given by Mrs Alderman before the departure of her son Dean, only about 125 however were invited.

Yesterday we took a long walk on Harmer Hill looking

for wild flowers -
Class is at present
in the study of Botany
which for myself is not a
very interesting study, but
it may improve as we
proceed.

In French we are studying
Racine's Athalie. In

philosophy we are having Optics.

I was calling at Mr Lupton's
a few nights ago, he
was busy putting in gas
fixtures and new grates. His
daughter Ellen was painting
a border of "Virginia Creeper"
around the dining room.

Another young lady in town
is painting one of game pieces,
ducks, partridges etc.

Have not received those
pictures of Ashland yet.
Love to all Merrifield

Ed Means



Address

Marietta, O., April 23. 1884

Dear Father.

Yours and Mother's ^{letters} were duly received. We are glad to hear that you are all well, and that Mother's lameness is not any better. The Freshman ^{an} class (first division) spoke in chapel this afternoon and did very well. There is nothing of importance going on in college. There is to be a dance this coming Friday night given by some of the boys. Cooke is going but don't think that I will attend. There is some forty couples invited.

We are all well

Love to all

Yours truly

Harold Mearns.

Auckland N.Z. 27th April 1884

Dear Cook

Yours of 20th and Harry's 23rd
came duly to hand. I never had
a pamphlet from Chas Goddard
or have lost and don't recollect
it. Hope you may find your interest
in Botany increased as you learn
more about the matter. Think
the best way to get "Auckland" is
to take the views with you when
you go - Harry addressed his letter
to "Mr. J. W. Eg" - one title is
enough in all such cases,
Bessie & Ben left Monday for Oahu
in the Fleetwood, getting home
yesterday, having enjoyed their
trip. Wednesday was the Annual
meeting of Norton & W. Stockholders
and Thursday Means Kyle & Co at
Hanging Rock. Left Kyle and

Will came up and attended both meetings. We named the farm at H.R. "Hamilton", in honor of Robert Hamilton who once owned the property. Your mother and Jack Kumpf sold "Daisy" Wednesday for \$100+ cash, to some Pittsburgh buyer. Mr. Lendit has gone to Newport to attend meeting of Presbytery.

The testimony in the Neal case was finished Saturday and the lawyers will argue the case next week. Those who have been to Grayson, think the case stronger against him than on the first trial.

The Gov sent no troops to guard the villain. Saw Island reports his "Farley" Works a great success.

3. Your mother has had Bone Suck scattered about to curick the ground and the smell is stronger than pleasant.

Things out doors are growing fast. We have more birds about us than ever before. Jim Meany and family left Thursday for Hawley.

Remember me to all the friends

Affectionately

Yours
John Meany

preeminently a family affair, so long as there is
a competent heir left. Also as this is an affair
in which father does not trouble himself about
the modes of payment, I think the other heir
should be consulted fully as much interested.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours truly
William Meaux

John Meaux Esq.
Ashland Ky.

Wm Meaux
29 April 1884
Recd Feb 1884

Cincinnati April 29th 1884

Dear John

I have for some time been
thinking over father's last Will and testa-
ment, which you were good enough to
copy and send to me, and although I
find it to be carefully drawn and altogether
a respectable legal document, it occurs
to me to offer a few suggestions, which may
be taken for what they are worth. In the
first place you should be aware if you
have thought of the matter, that under the
laws of Kentucky the change of residence
to that state, would reduce the executor to
one only and you see that one, this is
as it should be, but to avoid complications
the Will ought to be made accordingly. There
is no earthly need of more than two
Executors in any case, and one is about as
good as two and much better than three. I
have no personal objection to Mr. Hillard

more than any other outsider, but in this case there is no occasion for his services, even if he were acceptable to all the parties interested.

You are fully competent for the duties required and entirely satisfactory to all, and the heirs would be glad to give you as much of their Council as desired, while they might reasonably think their own judgment preferable to that of any stranger in respect to their own affairs.

Mr. Holland or any stranger as Executor would have quite as much power as any other, and his acts would be just as binding - in fact of the same force as a full partner in a firm. The duties of an Executor are simple of themselves, but if every paper, receipt &c. is to be signed by several persons, the business is likely to be made troublesome as the signature of one is just as essential as that of another, even if there should be a dozen. Also you should not be required to give bond, nor do I think it necessary that any public appearance be made or contemplated by the present paper. Seeking bondsmen is a delicate matter and involves mutual obligations which a sound business man

does not like to incur, and the heirs probably would not ask it of you. You are practically the Administrator of Father's estate to day, and I see no reason why you should be held any more responsible after the death of the testator. The incorporation of Bellfont - which can be accomplished without delay if Mr. Russell is willing - would make the estate almost entirely personal and its settlement an easy matter; it is only the division and settlement of real estate matters that is likely to lead to complications and give trouble to Administrators. On this account I think the Bellfont property should be incorporated as soon as possible. Finally if the losses of the Princess Anne's Prudence have not been considered there for in disposing of Father's estate, that matter should be attended to by him self in advance of the execution of a will, making it fair to all. If you are still desirous of a partner as executor, select sister Mother, and let the Will state that I am not named through being debarred by statute, that she public may understand why, but do not take outsiders into the execution of a trust which is

the girls had a grand trip to the
City - saw all the time & was glad
I had not go - (I should be watching
you & Bess wife and get much more
pleasure than you -

Ashland May 1st 1881

Dear Cooke & Harry -

Your pa had a
letter from Harry in which he says
he "is glad that all the family
are well & that Mother's lameness
is no better" - I did not suppose
that was any reason for gladness -
If he had read his letter over
he might have worded it differently
Mr John Meas Esq. - Your pa thinks
is putting it on most too strong -
Bess, Harry & Hildreth have gone into the
painting business - Bess mixes &
Hildreth & Harry do the daubing -
it is put on the building near where
you propose having the platform
dance - two porches have been

added to it - I was quite
delighted to tell Daisy, she has
gone to Richmond, Va -
Uncle Hugh & Charlie have
returned from ^{Los Angeles} California
Uncle seems a little better &
Charlie looks well. They could
not get anything to eat, that
satisfied them - & had rain & cold
weather - were quite disgusted
with what, I thought, one of
the most beautiful Counties, I
saw in California - People see
with different eyes in this world -
Uncle could not eat Chinese cooking
nor wear clothes, they had washed -
while I thought they were splendid
cooks & washers - Every body is house
cleaning but me & mine is done - so
I can't visit anybody, as they are all
busy - Bess has commenced on Lawn Tennis
Love to George - Uncle Ross & Sarah
& love & kisses to yourself
from your aff
mother

Marietta College.

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Marietta, Ohio, May 4 1884

Dear Father

Tuesday we begin the study of Peabody's Evidences of Christianity with Prof Beach. We have just finished the study of Optics and commenced a review.

Staff opened up his ice cream emporium yesterday so we believe Spring has commenced in earnest.

The boat house is being replaced in its old position the funds having been collected by subscription. The boys will have plenty of amusement as soon as it is opened. The Base Ball grounds have been fenced in

and as they are only
a square from our room
we will probably be
very good patrons. It
is the intention of getting
one or two players from
abroad as in the Trouton
club. But I think it
is too late to enter into
any league.

Butler is very busy
on the "Old Route", and
it looks very much as
though his efforts were
to meet with success.

Please send us One
Hundred (\$100-) dollars to
pay bills etc.

Can I go East to a
Commercial school for a
few months next Fall?

All well Love to all

Your affection

B. Cooke.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 7th May, 1884

Master E. C. Means

Marietta Ohio -

Dear bank

Your of 4th came
to hand yesterday - Herewith find
N. Y. draft One hundred ($\$100^{\frac{00}{100}}$) dollar
I think if your B. B. Club keeps out of all
leagues and games for money, all the
better -

That you have sufficient knowledge
of bookkeeping ~~too~~ do until
you have finished your collegiate
education -

All well

Affectionately yours
John Means

Marietta O
May 18th 1884

Dear Jessie

Tomorrow Harry reaches his 22nd birthday anniversary. "Tempus fugit!"

Wednesday next we are invited up to tea, to celebrate Aunt Burgess' birthday. Yesterday the Marietta Base Ball Club beat the Arties or Acotics of Cincinnati 9 to 6. The result was a surprise to all; but was very welcome. 1100 people witnessed the game. Admittance fee was 25¢.

Friday night witnessed the occasion of the Promenade Concert given under the management of the Alpha Kappa Literary Society. After the Concert we adjourned to the City Hall and enjoyed a 2 hours dance in the Fireman's Hall. The Society cleared a few \$.

Friday was given to us for a May Day, we did not attempt any thing rash but remained at home and wrote our essays.

I have not heard any thing from Lizzy Putnam for two days, but then she was getting better.

Coz. Lone can tell you more about her than we.

As near as I can learn Harry will be the only member of our class next fall.

What about my visit to Morgan about the first of August?

I have been unable to secure any information concerning the Peak Sisters, but will make another effort.

All well

Yours truly

E. C. Meard.

P.S. Have you received an

invitation from Sam Bradworth to
attend his son the 20th ?

with so many flowers and trees
blooming & putting out leaves
The Locust trees are in bloom
to day. Have had much rain
and grass is fine.

Mary, Bees and Row - went riding
yesterday to ~~Leicesterburg~~,
All well

Yours truly
John W. Meany

Abilene Ky 15th May 1884

My Dear Aggie

Your welcome from of 29th ult
came to hand 14th inst, We were
sight glad to hear how you and family
were enjoying yourselves, Tell
me the six boys for a seddy made
family is the best I can promise
now, know a man has seen
but one is a girl, and his wife
living. If she thinks well to
wait will keep him in town,
for her, but can't recommend
him, I think six a good
number to begin with.

Mrs Isabella is improving
slowly, was carried over
to Mr Bane for dinner yesterday,
Was glad to hear you did not

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forgot her. Sally Norton is in Charleston
W. Va., teaching Music and painting.
Sam was in last night to get some
old bonnets from the jills for a
Madame Jarley which he is to
help with in Charleston.

Jim and Mary left the 24th ult for
Kansas. Suppose they are now in
California. Uncle Hugh and Chas
having been to Texas and Cal. and
found nothing to eat have come
home again. Chas now talks
of going back to Danville N. C.
among the cranks. Capt Kye
and Will were up to attend the
Norton meeting, and at Hanging
Rock the next day. We named the
Inn at H. R. Hamilton.

Hatter & Rose made a short visit
to Linton last week.

And I one to Lowmire - Capt Co.

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inquired about you and wished to
be remembered when I wrote.
Fatten divided some notes and
cash last week and gave me
for you \$22,000+ in notes of the
A. C. & I. R. Co. bearing interest at 7
per cent secured by Bonds. He
divided enough to make you, Mary
Will and myself even for our share.
The steamboat Co paid a
five per cent dividend the first
of this month, and I should
think from the business the
boats do should make another
soon. The second Natl had to
pass without a dividend and is
not likely to make one next
November. Having lost by Kiker
and so much tied up on John
Campbell and his Union Iron
Co.

Atlanta looks very pretty now

WILLIAM MEANS, President.
JOHN R. DE CAMP, Vice President.
CHAS. W. EDWARDS, Cashier.

Ans'd 26th
CAPITAL \$ 500,000.

Metropolitan National Bank

Cincinnati, May 19th 1884

Dear John

I enclose form of Codicil to be added to father's Will, which I think about covers the ground. It occurs to me that it will suit all to have Mollie named as an Executrix to act in case anything should or should not happen to you, and I will agree to be her adviser or act as a sort of second hand executor, which I suppose will be entirely satisfactory to her and to you. I think this arrangement will suit all around, and in the meantime the incorporation of Bellefonte should be attended to, unless there is some reason to the contrary, of which I am not but would be pleased to be informed. I will advise father, so that you need not be embarrassed about this matter.

Yours Truly, William Means

Cincinnati, May 27th 1884

Dear John

Yours of 26th recd. Though what you say about further money is true, nobody doubts the clearness of his mind, and in any event the Corbill is a precaution against which nobody could have any interest in contending except Mr. Willard or myself. As it stands to day, Mr. Willard and I would need to resign, which would involve a request that he should do so and a possible complication: besides you will have to give bond. The matter of greatest importance is the incorporation of Bellefonte, which is good business policy under any circumstances, and I hope you will not regard me as unreasonable in asking you to attend to it. How slow the ground would not hesitate to trouble myself with this matter, but you can accomplish it better than I, and it cannot be attended to too soon.

Sincerely yours

William Meade

John Meade Esq.

Ashland, Ky.

Codicil.

Whereas, I Thomas W. Means of Boyd County Kentucky
did on the 20th day of July A.D. 1880 when residing in
the state of Ohio, make my last will and testament,
naming as Executors thereof my son, ^{Means of Kentucky,} John, and my
^{20th} William Means, and my friend Eugene B. Willard
both of Ohio, do hereby declare this to be a Codicil to
the same: which Codicil is added because my change
of residence to Kentucky since the year 1880 renders
invalid, ^{under the laws of Kentucky} the appointment of my son William and
my friend Eugene B. Willard as said Executors. Now
Therefore I do ~~now~~ ^{hereby} appoint my daughter Mrs.
Mary Ann Adams of Boyd County Kentucky as
Executrix in their stead to act jointly with my
son John in the execution of this my last will
and testament, requiring that they shall not
make any public appraisement of my estate, nor
give bond for the discharge of the duties and trusts
hereby imposed. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this day of May 1884.

Signed Sealed and declared by the
said Thomas W. Means to be a Codicil
to. to.

(Seal)