

Shrubenville Jan. 9 1852

Dear Brother

School is just out, and as I have a little while to my self I think it best to write to you. a Saturday all the girls took a ride on the cars. we had a very fine time started at two o'clock and did not get back till five. Frank Norden has just back from Whelling, and brought a good supply of Cokes and Mince pies, Mr Means gave us a barrel of apples when we were out there. I got a letter from Phil a Saturday, & Belle got a letter from Opelia who said that Mollie had moved over, I wish I could be over with you all, I suppose you have fine times over at your house. We have got a new cat that gets a bad taste in its mouth and takes a piece of Frank's mince pies to get the bad taste out. Frank sends her love, & Belle sends her love and says she will write soon. Belle and Frank have gone down to the school hall to read their ~~bibles~~ bibles but and I am left to pray but I have not time to do I will finish your letter. I do wish it was spring so school would

out I have to go to Church every Sunday and sit
in a seat with Uncle Beatty, as the bell is going
to ring I will have to stop writing tell Mollie to write
to me soon give my love to her and Mr Adams—
write soon and often and all the mens—
there is not any thing more worth writing to find bye
Esther Means
Esther

For Means

Wm. Biggs trip
to
John Leavelle
Begin at Bank of Ohio River corner to John Leavelle
Thence with his line S 31 1/2 W 74 poles to 2 Linnus at foot
of hill

23rd Oct 1844
Thence S 26 W 115 Poles to Ash - White Oak -
Thence S 61 E 205 " to Walnut & Beech
Thence N 58 E 26 " " 2 Beeches at foot of Hill
Thence N 25 E 41 " to Beech
S 47 E 31 1/4 " to Stake
N 35 E 132 " 2 Sycamores on Bank of Ohio River
N 65 W 31 " down River to Buckeye & Beech
N 58 W 312 P to the Beginning
Containing 267 3/4 Acre 267 1/4 A

Containing 300 Acres fronting and running along
Ohio River 153 poles - bounded on lower side by
to
lands R. Jones and on upper side by lands of
Ky. J. C. Hill lev
Edm. Poage - and back far enough to contain 300 A
8 April 1854

John Leavelle trip
to
R. Jones
Oct 1849
Begin on Ohio River Bank at a Buckeye corner
of Thos H. Poage - Thence down the River
N 65 W 282 poles to 2 Sycamores
S 25 W 132 " to Stake in line clear Phillips
S 47 E 57 " " a White Oak
S 62 E 92 " " Poplar
S 25 W 70 " " 2 Sugar & 2 Beeches
S 62 E 96 " " 2 Beeches
N 25 E 220 " " beginning - containing 250 Acre

Ky. J. C. Hill lev
Leavelle -

Same land conveyed by James Poage wife to
Abram Brubaker & Eliza S. Carter 24th Sept 1832

James Poage
to

Begin at Richd Jones lower corner on Ohio River
at a Sycamore

George Poage
27 July 1847

Thence S 36° W 132 ^{Poles} to a Stake in County Road
N 48 W 30 to a Stake in County Road opposite Academy
N 26 E 122 Poles to River Bank
S 65 E 30. " to beginning
Contains 24½ Acres

John Poage Com
to

Begin at the upper corner of Widow Ann Poyer's corner
on Ohio River bank and up same

Red Mann
4 July 1842

S 53 E 90 poles
S 43 E 70 "
S 37 E 38 " to a Sycamore & Maple lower corner
of tract of John H Poage deceased & with his
N 34 W ~~128~~ ¹²⁹ poles
N 46 W 24 "
N 77 W 68 "
N 78 W 104 "
N 26 E 212 " to beginning
Contains 196 A.

Red Mann
to

Lying on Ohio River at mouth of Leary Run 267 ¹/₄ Acres

George Poage
24 May 1848

Beginning at the bank of the Ohio River corner to
W. L. & H. C. Poque of John Culver Thence with this
S 21 ¹/₂ W 74 poles to D Lynn at foot of Hill -
See Wm Briggs to Red Mann

R. C. Poage & Chas
to
H. J. C & M Co
29 May 1854

Survey 247 ¹/₂ Acres - of above - - Excepting from
for Bettinda Clumber - A. A. Case & George Turner -

Feb 22, 1854

I Richard Jones of the County of Greenup and State of Kentucky do hereby propose and agree to sell my Farm the same on which I now live to Mr. Stoll of the State of New Jersey for the sum of forty five Dollars per acre there being in said Farm three hundred and fifty — acres amounting in all to the sum of fifteen — thousand ^{seven hundred} Dollars in three annual payments the first payment to be made on the ~~first~~ ^{eleventh} day of April, ¹⁸⁵⁴ or at the time proposed or is given and the balance one and two years here after the said tract of Land ~~land~~ is bounded by the Lands of Nicholas Savage on the ~~west~~ East and on the west by the Lands of Robt O Poage south by the Land of Eliza M Poage the said Stoll reserving to himself the right to accept or reject the above proposition any time within ninety days from this date.

Jan the 11th 1854

Signed

The above is a copy in substance of the proposition I gave to Mr. Stoll and if the said proposition should not be taken up within the time stipulated then I agree that W. Means ^{or} can have the said property on the same terms as mine by hand W. Leary the 23rd 1854. and allowing the said Means ^{or} thirty days from the expiration of the above proposition to accept or reject the above

For One hundred acres of the above land I hold John C. C. title bond and will transfer the same - date as above

Richard Jones

Seal

Cattletrough July 28th 1854

Dr. B. B. B. Esq

Dear Sir

On yesterday Messrs
N. Swain & R. Jones came up and gave their
propositions for their farms provided Mr. Stule
failed to purchase them between this and
the 9th of April (instead of the 3rd as I stated in
a former letter) presume we will be able to meet
you with a definite proposition at the next regular
meeting of the Board - perhaps your sitting might
be protracted one day - In a letter to Mr.
Apperson a few days since I expressed the hope
that Mr. Stule would be here in a few days
and that all would be speedily arranged
I now have but little hope of seeing him or getting
any thing done until the time expires
We have some other difficulties not fully arranged as
yet - say - the Eliza Poage farm was bought
from Mr. Eliza Poage - we since learn that it
belongs to his children the heirs of William Poage
We have drawn up a paper and sent it around
and obtained several of them and tomorrow Mr. Lyles
will start up Sunday to obtain the signatures of
the remaining heirs - One young man however
- Theodore - refuses to sign, we hope however to bring him
in - We shall relay no effort on our part to have
every thing put in proper shape

If convenient you may show this to Mr. Apperson
Ask Mr. Apperson if a Charter has been obtained

Respectfully
A. Meant

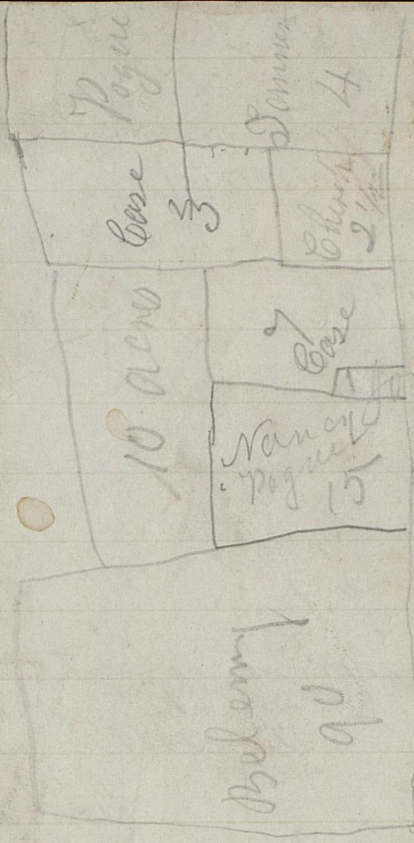
Cattletown, March 24th 1854

Mr. E. King

Dear Sir

Are you disposed
to engage in the enterprise below this place
which has been spoken of for some time past—
I so would like to see you at this place
tomorrow; the President of the Road is
expected here in the morning

Respectfully
H. Meany



2 m. shoes 150 300
 2 m. sets 110 220
 1/4 d. k. 62 . 30
 10 m. 150
 3 m. 90
 1/2 d. k. 31 296
 12. m. 1.50
 13 m. 1.50
 62
 3 1/4 d. k. 151
 2 1/2 m. 159
 159

Mount St. 45
 R. Appam 30
 Crown 15
 Campbell 60
 Meam 100
 Kichals 10
 Lampson 20
 Kinney 20
 McCullough 20
 Willard 5
 355
 B.V. - 20
 20

No. _____

Cincinnati, *April 3rd* 1854

SAVINGS BANK OF CINCINNATI, Corner of Fourth and Walnut sts.

Pay to *Geo. L. Weed* ^{order} or ~~Bearer~~ *One thousand* Dollars

and _____ Cents.

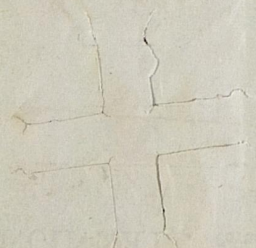
\$1000⁰⁰/₁₀₀

A. Means Co

Geo. Weed

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No. _____

Cincinnati, *April 3rd* 1854

SAVINGS BANK OF CINCINNATI, Corner of Fourth and Walnut sts.

Pay to *Wm. & Sibley* or Bearer
Five hundred and thirty six Dollars
and *Twenty five* Cents.

\$ *536²⁵/₁₀₀*

A. Means & Co

Received of *John Mears* one of the Stockholders of the
Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing Company, the sum of *Seven Hundred*
4 fifty dollars and _____ cents, the same being the
amount due said company, on a call of *Three* per cent, upon his stock. made on
the *8th* day of *April* 185*4*
Ashland, *Dec 11* 185*4*

\$750.

W J Nicholls Treasurer, *Provs*
Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing company.

Stock Receipt \$750⁰⁰
By J. C. & M. Co
8th April 1854

Receipt
Nichols & Co
D. C. & M. Co
April 1854

Received of *A Means* one of the Stockholders of the
Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing Company, the sum of *one Hundred &*
twenty dollars and ~~*three*~~ cents, the same being the
amount due said company, on a call of ~~*3*~~ *three* per cent, upon his stock, made on
the *8th* day of *April* 1854
Ashland, *June 1* 1854

\$120.

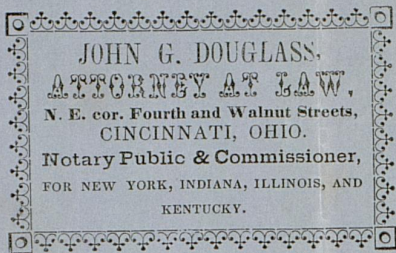
W J Nicholls Treasurer, *Pro.*
Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing company.

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M.J.
84

Received of William Elison one of the Stockholders of the
Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing Company, the sum of one hundred
twenty dollars and two cents, the same being the
amount due said company, on a call of two per cent, upon his stock, made on
the 8th day of April 1854
Ashland, June 23d 1854

\$120.00

W J Nicholls Treasurer, Proctor
Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing company,



Cincinnati, *april 10* ————— 1854

Mrs H Means & Co

Please take notice, that a Note,

for \$ 500
drawn by Owen Ebert & Dyer
in favor of Hugh Means & Co
or order, dated Oct 7 1853
payable Six months after date,
at the Savings Bank of Cincinnati

and endorsed by you, was this day presented by the undersigned for payment, and payment thereof demanded and refused, whereupon the same was by me duly protested for non-payment. You are hereby notified of such presentment, demand, refusal, and protest, and that the holder looks to you for payment thereof.

J. G. Douglass
Notary Public.

Banking House of Dugan & Mackon,

Portsmouth, O., April 26 1854

John Means Esq
D. Sir

Herewith we hand
you our # 2775 Wood & Dunlap 2 May 1600
" 2776 T. S. Rowell " 1600
\$3,200.

which we send you at the request of Messrs
Hugh Means & Co. Please advise us of
receipt and if you are at any expense
in converting them in to currency also
advise us of same & we will Cr Messrs
H Means & Co etc

Cincinnati
O.

Yours truly
Dugan & Mackon
J. S. Watling

Constitution Washington County Chi June 13-1854

Dear Brother

I was in hopes I should hear from you before this time but have not heard a word from any of you since I saw you I was taken sick the next morning after I came home was sick several days and felt afraid you might be unwell also as you did not appear very well on the boat, did you sustain any loss on account of your having to stop with me Mr. Paine says she does not know what she would have done if I had not come before Mr. Burgess came, Lizzie Cutler had been down and staid a few days with her but was gone home again Kate Daws was with her when I came home but was going away Monday Mrs Daws came when she heard I was ill and stayed a day and night with me Lizzie also came down they are well little Lizzie was up with her aunt Lizzie when I came home when will you be up we would be very glad to see you all here I wish you would bring Anna up with you too I want to see her very much I hope John will not find it as lonesome here as he thinks us we can at least give him a book to read I wish he would write to me Please write soon and often ~~as~~ Give my love to Cousin Nancy her daughter ^{her} and John first and second the family joins me in love to you and sister At your affectionate sister E. M. Burgess

4 July

Statement

State of Virginia Ohio Co
City Weighers Office Main St Wheeling
This is to certify that I have weighed
For Hamittow Rogers 49 tons 1280 lbs of hot
Blast pig metal from Bunavista furnace
Received by Steamer Financier July 4th 1854

M. Fort
City Weigher

State of Virginia Ohio Co
City Weighers Office Main St Wheeling
This is to certify that I have weighed for
Hamittow Rogers 133 tons 1738 lbs of coal blast
Pig metal from Bunavista furnace Recd By
Steamer Financier July 1st 1854

M. Fort
City Weigher

SOCIAL BALL.

You are invited to attend a
FANCY DRESS BALL,
at the Eagle Hotel, E. S. Goble,
Proprietor, Grayson, Carter Co.
Ky., on the 4th of July 1854.

MANAGERS.

J. J. PARK, Grayson, Ky.
MOSES HORD, "
WM. ELLIOTT, "
JAMES W. REILEY, Catletsburgh, Ky.
JOHN MUSSEN, "
WM. RICHARDS, Owingsville, Ky.
WM. CONNER, "
O. HOLLISTER, Greenupsburg, Ky.
J. M. ROBB, "
Col. T. J. GRAHAM, Portsmouth, Ohio.
W. S. CUTLER, "

it is my disposition to make every few friends I naturally holds on to them. I am positive that Dinton is a perfect fool in George's eyes, hence how can it be expected that he can control him but 'tis no use expatiating on this worn out subject. George is at present attending Fitchell's Commercial College - he was out here last night to attend an exhibition.

The May is married settled and quiet and a church member, Horrah for every body!! But of course I feel very bad because I received no invitation to the wedding which came off during our little July vacation about one week in length.

To tell the truth I was more more astonished in my life and could hardly believe it without taking a dose of pills, but I suppose it must be so. Do Horrah for May! Horrah for P!! the same man that was going to hang himself in a stable once - I forgot the circumstances. Well I suppose she thought it best not to die an old maid, and he was very glad of the opportunity. H. H. H.

I wish them much joy and their things usual on such occasions. If they need any articles of household furniture such as pictures or bedding or amusements for children just let me know and I shall try and bring up a supply. It appears the father and mother won't be in it much longer waiting until August for a start - Give my love to them and every body else and then attend to your own business from Wm. Means Friend



FARMERS' COLLEGE.

July 15th 1852

Dear John

I received yours in due time after date, but on account of pressing VC's have been unable to reply. Your letter was short, but several things in it (or rather not in it) struck me very forcibly as I regard it and one of these I shall mention. It is that I discovered that there were no \$ committed with either directly or indirectly. I received 10 \$ on yesterday by Mary Anne who appears to understand the situation of individuals suffering in the cause of education, probably by experience.

All I have to say is, that I only need \$10 before our session closes. Mary Anne told me that certain individuals at U.S.L. said that I might come home if I wished so to do. Now being in the city at I was at the time I received this must be really surprising that I did not get on board

a steamboat and start immediately to see
my dear Pa and Ma. Yet I did not
do because Pa and Ma and Mary ~~decided~~
till me why I should do so, and again
since it was left to my own judgment and
god w^{ill} I determined to remain at
Farmer's College until the latter part of
September, and go home at the right time
providence not preventing. Perhaps you
would like to know how the Cholera flourished
at this time. It is not so bad as it
was last summer "by a jug full" and there
is no prospect of such a thing. It was
most fatal in Porto Rico on July 6th on
which day I was then taking lessons in
painting, and I have attended regularly
since then. The Cholera does not indicate
neither does it state much than being from
25 or 30 cases per day, more or less -
They are generally thought to give the
city a business like appearance. There
has been but one case on college Hill as
yet and none among the students. They
bother themselves very little about it. I
believe that although the spread of the disease
is not very rapid yet it is generally very
fatal and works up the danger eightfold.
But enough of this uninteresting subject.
Suffice it to say that I have not had it and
mean if it is that I don't want it particularly.

I wish you ~~and~~ would quit sending my
letters by steam boat because I would get
them much sooner and only have to
pay 5-cents apiece for them. Sinton would
let them lay in his house three months
or longer before he would put them in the
office and then not do it - now since
I have only been around ~~but~~ once
in two months and then very reluctantly
the letter business naturally becomes unprofit-
able - George Spence has left here
because he wanted to, for the next place
because Cary wanted him to - But the truth
of it is, that he has done no good since he had
been connected with the institution and probably
would not were he stay here until his
hair becomes gray - Yet I still firmly
believe that he owed it all to his wise
small D. I was done wrong with him
at the time of our ex-amination Scrapple
in Maritta - from which time I think I can
date his downfall - While at the same time I
believe that it was then I began to ascend
though I am not yet high enough to brag on -
If Sinton would yet do right and show proper
encouragement and respect for the boy, he might
do well, but as it is I am afraid he is
advancing very rapidly down hill, till I
don't feel like deserting him while there is any
hope left - For we have been friends and since

Meeting July 14th 1854

W. Mearns & Co.

Bank - We herewith give an exhibit of the Tin Metal received and weighed by our City Weigher whom we believe to be correct in such matters -

Cold Blast Tin Metal 133 Lbs - 1738^{to}

Hot Blast

49 Lbs 1280^{to}

of the above Govt. Sweeney rec^d
Bal due to W. & C

10 " "
39 Lbs 1281^{to}

July 1st for "Financier" 41 Lbs Hot Blast

The above 41 Lbs, with the 133 Lbs 1738^{to} cold Blast we have on hand I will sell to the best advantage we also paid Freight by Order of R. & W. Miller (as advised) on the last lot rec^d

Yours Respectfully
Hamilton Rogers
By

135 - 2265
133
1738

530

3175 - 04

Sturtevant, Florida, January 25, 1852

Dear John,

I received your letter a Monday, and was very glad to get it, although it had been a long time coming. I also got a letter from Mary, from near Hill. Mary, some times has had nearly died in malice and she says she has children, very few. You were speaking about her and I suppose you had me ask if you had got your horse yet. I suppose you had. Kiddy, feels quite large, one half 150. horse. I hope it is a better one than the old Bower one. Will had been to see Ophelia

Murphy's, heard say and they and was quite pleased with her. She had also been to see Eliza New Bethers, and found her as pleasant as very. How say she pleased with her and that she thinks she would be willing there, do you still drink the Philadelphia water. I was out at Mr. Wilson's house last Saturday night. Lizzie and I went out and stayed all afternoon. There was no one there and before dinner we were in the school. George Means and Miss John McLeary were out there, and she was at home, and the young gentlemen from Sturtevant came out, and made along with the head of the school, as many of us could get to and were told, we had a very good supper. Chicken, stewed plums, like prairie

and a great many other things. It takes it up on the whole we
had a very nice time. When we went to that house I believe had a
large basket of pears for us we brought as many as we could and Mrs -
Mung had a che baked for us so we know very well the next we had
we have run and cross and so we have to take on what we can get. I wish
to see any of us, so to like we are situated. But you can tell by looking at people
what they have to do. We are ready to say our selves, as might be with
some of the kind of what we do. This is our Saturday work. The people may know
when we don't go up town Saturday. That we are staying home to kill the day. I mean
Betsy killed it a last Saturday morning. And as you will see dead ^{from} ~~in~~
in this respect, as we are ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~house~~ ^{house}. I mean it is not at
home. he went out in the country some place with his father
he will be home in a week or two, and then he is going down
to the South. From the Brainside. My son said he has been
dangerously ill and his father came for him and took him home
he had to be carried down to the boat. Will said that Rose has
a most distressing Gorge having wanted her of ill. You see and
say any thing about how you liked my description of Lada -
she is going to Philadelphia and spring and was going
and after goods. I was going to send you a letter of introduction to her.
she will graduate next spring. she is only 16 years old. It is time for her to go and
for you to see how to send her. But out all the rest of that family. My respects to Mrs. Mary -
with love from your affectionate Sister Belle

Write soon to your affectionate Sister Belle
Come home. I wish her very best love to you

For the same reason
let you see it and
to be much trouble
your

Loose Item

Mar 11th Sept. 5 - 1864

Dear Hattie,

Your Note was received in due time.
I was very happy to hear from you & all your relations.
I was very sorry to hear that you had met with so many
unpleasant circumstances & disappointments. I can't have
a very vivid idea of the pleasure you must have had
this night you was on the Liverpool Boat; O wait it should
and then to think the Fair should be postponed is not it
too bad; but you must try to think it all for the best:

perhaps you would have taken the cholera if you had
gone; so you must try to console yourself & think it all for the best.

Domestic affairs go on very smoothly & pleasantly;

That got the double of cigarettes of her you left & started off on
Sat. Saturday, afternoon, returned Sunday, we found
her rather quite comfortable so she has been very contented since.

I sent for my right hand man Mary Daybale & we made
out nicely: the prospect today is pretty bright that the
will be laid up with a sore finger: but we will
hope for the best; we must look on the bright side.

I had a narrow escape Mrs. Snow leads, she makes the trouble of the
of the

The warm weather still continues with us the
thermometer above 90° daily one day this week up to
97° we were blessed with a fine shower on Wednesday
which has refreshed us very much. I do not know as it
will effect the river; it is said that it is very sick
entirely confined to its bed.

As for Maria's news I believe it very scarce, I
expect Maria has informed you of all the wonderful
events that have transpired in your long absence.

Sickness abating, - Mr. & Mrs. last his little boy.
Mrs. Cotton has returned is very well has at least
any of her tongue on her journey; I shall be see her one
evening; I thought it the same old story over again,
there; some ladies as I went in & some as I came out
calling. all in confusion. David had arrived with
Mrs. Ballard & two children; despite of it she
as she is weak & feeble. My own health is improving.
Writes when you will be home, if you will come next week &
so we may be on the look out. Mary is behaving quite well
did not cry for four days, she says I must tell you the law it is done.
Much kind love to all of yours. Yours - Mother

John Mean
 Part of A Stephenson
 1 5 Lrs Ledger Meduins 150 750
 1 5 " Journal " 250
 Indly 100

Porte Sept. 21st 57

\$ 16.00
 495

 \$ 20.75

Rec'd Payment
 of A. Stephenson
 by L. W. Page



Hugh Means Esqr
Cattellsburg
W. Buena Vista, 7th Landing Hy

Manchester Nov 25th 1854

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find a small letter from Anna she was anxious to send you one but was afraid it was so little that it would get lost and it was put in another so I send this and would just say we are all in our usual health but Sarah Jane who has been sick since the fore part of last week she was taken with a sore throat & gripsey & sitting by the fire the doctor bled her but I bled her foot so that she could not walk for a week when the fever set in on her it is rather ^{dangerous} ~~high~~ she is some better today but is not clear of fever yet nor out of danger John & Anna are doing very well they seem to be anxious to leave John is more attentive than he ever was before & seems well pleased so far with his teacher and the teacher seems anxious to have them leave Mary Ann Moore was to see us & started home on Wednesday morning I took her out to Billborough & she took the stage there & would get home by a safe well time we should be pleased to hear from you often I don't think of any news Love all the family and enquiring friends all send their love to you all
Mr Hugh Means Respectfully yours
John Douglass is scarce
here and hard to get any worth saying up

[Nov 25, 1854]

Friend Mary

Dear M. & I hope you are well

Received

A letter of the 11th of Nov. 1854

from Miss Anna Means

Miss Anna Means
Nov 25 1854

Loose Item

Mr Hugh Means

Catlettsburgh Ky

Loose Item

Banking House of Dugan & Mackoy.

Portsmouth, O. Oct. 3 - 1854

Dear John
Yours is just received, and
as Uncle Hugh is here I will just
drop you a few lines -
The Steamer Alto on which
I shipped the girls' trunks is now
lying at the wharf, so as soon
as I had read your letter I went
on board of her to make inquiries about
the missing article - I found the
trunks still on board having been
left because covered up by other
goods, she will put it out at
home to day -

Had a good time at Co.
Crawford's ball Friday evening -

Will try and come up
next Saturday - My compliments to
Aunt, Mrs. Rhodes & Bill

Yours truly
W. Menard

Rec^d of John Mearns three dollars and 41 cts in full
of his taxes for 1854 J N Shambaugh For
Ontario Co

July #3.41
1854-