CHAS. F. WILLARD,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
N. E. cor. Fourth and Walnut Sts,
CINCINNATI, O.
Notary Public & Commissioner
FOR INDIANA AND KENTUCKY.

Cincinnati, O. January 13th 18 35

Mr. ~~Wm Noel~~ Phillips & Meaux & Co

Please take notice, that a Note

for $100

drawn by Ephraim Morgan

in favor of Wm Noel

or order, dated January 10, 1834

payable One year after date,

at the Mechanics & Co

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.

Respectfully,

Charles F. Willard Notary Public.

Mess. N. Mears & Co

Wheeling Jany 17. 1855.

Mess. H. Means & Co

Gentn.

Your favor of the 13th Inst is at hand, Mess Hamilton & Rogers & R & W Miller declining to receive the Metal sent them, the Capt of Cabinet has delivered it to us, making say 1 to 2 tons more or less, on which we had paid full freight as directed.

We find that within the last few days our Mrkt has been over supplied with Metal, & no demand, purchasers anticipating a heavy decline, indeed good Metal has been sold to day at 26 1/2 on 6 mos. On this state of the Market we would advise you not to make any further shipments, as from present appearances we fear it will be sometime before we will be able to close out this lot.

Mess H & J Stewart hold some city Bonds say 20 C of, we think they said would be due in May 1856, & about 350 $ was due in Nov. last, which is all drawing 6 % Interest & which they offer to trade us for your

Granger & Co
Mailing - Jany 17/55

Metal at 33 ¢ paying for in cash & taking Metal enough to make the amt of freight & bonds. We have no authority to sell for such paper, but as the offer has been made & time given to hear from you, we of couse make it known to you, that you may do as you think best, Not being business paper we would not endorse or guarantee it, but hand it over, you assuming all responsibility

We calculate the City bonds worth about 50 ¢ although we have heard of no sales of these bonds at this rate, but presume in the present state of money matters they could be bought for 50 ¢ on the Dollar, Our city has always paid her debts as promptly as such corporations generally do, yet like corporations of the kind, is at times short of funds. We think her bonds however ultimately good, & the sale might under the circumstances might be an advantageous one, but we leave the matter entirely in your hands,

Please advise us at once as Mr Stewart wants an answer,

Yours Respectfully

Crangle & Co

JAMES CAMPBELL,

POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

WHEREAS, *On the* 11th *day of* November 1854, John Means *was appointed Postmaster at* La Belle *in the County of* Greenup, *State of* Kentucky; *and whereas he did, on the* 11th *day of* December 1854, execute a bond, *and has taken the* oath of office, *as required by law.*

Now know ye, *That, confiding in the integrity, ability, and punctuality of the said* John Means I do commission him a Postmaster, *authorized to execute the duties of that office at* La Belle *aforesaid, according to the* laws of the United States, and the regulations of the Post Office Department: *To hold the said Office of* Postmaster *with all the powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same belonging, during the pleasure of the Postmaster General of the United States.*

In testimony whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the Post Office Department to be affixed, at Washington City, the* Twenty-Sixth *day of* January *in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and of the Independence of the United States the seventy-ninth.*

Jas. Campbell

CHILLICOTHE BRANCH OF THE STATE BANK OF OHIO.

Chillicothe, O., Feby 6th, 1855.

Hugh Means Esq
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 22d rec'd to hand, I understood Mr Mafie (who is now absent) that he intended the payment made to you about the first of March next — but may have misunderstood him — please inform me by first mail whether Mr Mafie stated the time to you that he would make the payment — as I wish to have it satisfactory to you and him —

Very Respt
Jas. B. Scott
Cash

Calletsburgh
K.Y.

Marietta. 21. Feb. 1855

My dear Hattie —

your mother is yet unable to answer your letter of the 2nd inst but is now mending & able to sit up for an hour at a time — If you recollect when you left us she had a bad cold & cough on the 22 Jany, she had a severe chill followed by fever & acute pain in the left side with a very distressing cough — by care we prevented a repetition of the chill — for over two weeks we had to apply poultices, mustard &c — to her side & chest, night & day as in 1850 — but she could bear to have the door of the chamber closed, so as to keep the attendants warm, the weather being very cold as at that time, or we should have suffered much more — I was also very unwell at the time with a cough & severe inflammation of the cheek bone & forehead, giving me much inconvenience for 2 weeks — but I kept up & took care of her night & day, except 3 nights. It was less trouble to me than having Walden & got along very well —

I wrote for Charles to come down, as I considered the attack a very dangerous one. But the rivers were frozen over — no boats — & he did not come, trusting to frequent notices of her condition, so as to come if she did not improve soon — God, in his mercy blessed the means used, & you & Cruse will once more see the face of your mother, in her usual health — She is yet feeble but daily improving & can sit up a good while — it was 16 days before she could be taken from the bed & have it made up — we did not write to you her dangerous state, as you could not get here, & would only distress you without any benefit to anyone — Maria W. let you know she was sick, but not how sick — The family are now all well — Mary Rose had a cough a good while & her father also — he stays here all night & takes care of her — Mrs. Rye has been overcome day & assisted us very much, in preparing food &c for your mother — I have become quite a nice cook myself & prepare many palatable dishes — of oysters — coon — turtle

you must write & tell us about your journey to Cincinnati — & the news generally — your mother sends her love to you & John — B. Putnam will be in Cincinnati next week — your affectionate father

S. P. Ty —

It was much pleas to receive a letter from you giving me the particulars of Mothers illness - I did not know before how very dangerously ~~she~~ the had been had I known of it at the time I should have been for coming home by land - I could have come by Portsmouth & Columbus but it would have taken me nearly a week - though possibly I might have found some one in Lewiston who would bring me through which insult have taken three days I suppose ~~I~~ You must have had a very fatiguing time watching so much with her I am very sorry I could not have been there to assist you I am sorry Charles ~~could~~ did not get down if I had been him I should have come by land - he could have got there in a day & half ~~without much difficulty or expense~~ - This ice has been a great trouble this winter - It seems ~~quite~~ curious that the ~~fourth~~ third day of March should still find it full of ice & the boats not running - John came home Monday on the Boone the big Sandy packet - intending to stop for me & go to Cincinnati but the ice took so thick that the boat could come no further than Maysville & I walked from there home & we are now waiting for the ice ~~to start~~ to break up - ~~&c~~ I hope by next week we will get away - It seems too bad that I should be here so long ice bound not able to go to housekeeping or to see John Spencer than once in two weeks - when I might just as well have been at home helping you ~~&~~ take care of Mother I think she must have been taken sick about five days after I left -

MARIETTA
FEB 13

PAID
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Mrs John Means

Hanging-rock

Lawrence Co. Ohio

CHILLICOTHE BRANCH OF THE STATE BANK OF OHIO.

Chillicothe, O., March 1st, 1855.

Hugh Mears Esq
Dear Sir.

I this day found Mr Dugan Means Hall & Co of Portsmouth on the 15th 24 on Dunlap Drake & Co of Cincinnati O. for Eighteen Hundred & Seven 18/100 Dolls on the 4th of Hand March please find and warrant for Mr M

Very Truly
Jos B Scott
Cash

Marietta 15. March 1855

Dear Harriet — we got yours of the 3d about a week since — your mother is still improving a little — was able to dine today, and kept nearly all the time in her chamber — she is now occupied in sewing — having a girl for that work — making handy articles for many — Mr. Rose is absent for goods, & will return in a week or ten days —

we have nothing very new among us, and all is quiet —

we shall be pleased to see in April if you can come conveniently, & not disturb your housekeeping —

We are beginning to garden some — put in peas, onions — Beets — now when the Peach tree is in bloom that I may compare with ours —

Enclosed is a line from Maria W. who is well — we send much love — your aff. father

S. P. Hildreth

Bills & Receipts
1855

Receipts
1855.

Mr John Means

1855 March 20th Bought of Hammond Hill & Co

2	White Coa Dishes	1/4	2 50
2	" " "	1	2
2	" Sauce Purees	1/4	2 50
2	" Dishes	55	110
1	" do		75
1	" do		1.00
2	" Deep Dishes	50	1.
2	" " do	40	80
2	" Pickles		12
1	" Scallop Dishes	87½	1 75
1	Sauce Boat		37
1	Dz Coffees		1.75
2	Sugar Bowls	62½	1.25
2	Cream Pitchers	37½	.75
2	Pitchers	75	1 50
1	do		50
2	Bowls	15	30
1	Dz Plates Enm 125 ~~do~~	175	3 00
1	" Deep Plates		1 75
1/2	" Plates		50
1	" Goblets		3
1	" Tumblers		1 50
1	Chamber Sett		4.50
2	Ewers & Basins	1 1/4	2.50
3	CC Coa Chambers	62½	1 87
1	Soap Box		35
1.	Caster		2 25
1	Dz Custards		1 12
1	" Saucers		75
1	" Cups & Saucers		1 50
1	Sett Waiters		8 00
1	Japan Bucket Pail & Dub		4 75
	Package		75
			$58.07

Recd payt
Hammond Hill & Co

Bill & Receipt

Hammond Hall & Co

March 27/55

S. & Co

Mr John Meers Cincinnati Oct 20 1855

Bot of John Shiels & Co

32	Yds	3 ply	Carpet	110	35	20
70	"	Ingr	do	80	56	00
30	"	List	do	50	15	00
12	"	Stair	do	62½	7	50
1	Piece	Velvet	Rug		4	50
1	Pcs	Dy. 3 ply	Cutting		1	00
2	"		do	62½	1	25
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5 + 3 2	8.50	Tape	Gs Mon	discl 100	8	50 11
					130	95

Paid Oct 20/55

Shiels & Co

Bill & Recept

John Shillito & Co

March 30th 1855

Drawn
J. & Co

Mr Samuel Gray

THE LATEST STYLES OF
PARLOR, CHAMBER,
Dining Room & Hall
FURNITURE,
CONSISTING OF
Sofas, Divans, Sociables,
CHAIRS,
Marble Top Center Tables,
Etageres, Extension Tables,
HAT RACKS, BUREAUS,
&c. &c. &c.
In Rosewood, Mahogany, Oak and Walnut, of every variety of Pattern and Finish.

Morris.—Columbian Print.

Cincinnati, March 21 1855

Mr. John Means

To **AARON SHAW**, Dr.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MANUFACTURER OF

FASHIONABLE FURNITURE,

No. 18 EAST FOURTH STREET, CINCINNATI.

One Secretary		$ 30.00
" Large Arm Chair		20.00
6 Parlor "		36.00
1 Centre Table		20.00
2 Footstuff do @	4	8.00
1 Easy Rocking Chair		15.00
1 Hat Rack		75
	125	$ 128.75

Rec'd Payment

Aaron Shaw
per Brother

Bill of Receipt

Aaron Shaw

March 21st 1833

WAGON MONTANA

COLLECTING & FORWARDING AGENTS

MANUFACTURERS OF THE ALBANY COUNTY BITTERS

MANUFACTURERS OF THE YOUNG MAN'S HELPER

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Phila March 21 1875

Mr J W Evans

Bought of Snowden & Ott

9	Cotton Mattresses	11 00
	Baty	37
		11 37

Received payment

Snowden & Ott

Bill & Receipt

Snowden & Otter

March 2[illegible] 1833

J. W. M.

CINCINNATI, March 21 1855

John Means

Bought of **MITCHELL & RAMMELSBERG,**

CABINET WARE-ROOMS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,

Nos. 23 and 25 SECOND STREET, between Main and Sycamore.

2	Wal Mfs Bedsteads	7	14
1	Round pork "		4
3	Wal Wash Stands	2.75	8 25
2	Mah pow Drs Bu	12	24
6	Wal & Chairs		9
6	Scollop Chairs		3 50
1	Ox Arm Chair		1 50
2	Foot Stools		3
1	Wal Wardrobe		14
1	Large Saf W B		5 50
1	Wal Ar Rock		4
1	" Lounge & Mattress		5 50
			96 25

Received payment

J Mitchell & Rammelsberg
by A C Richards

96.25
14
110.25

Mitchell & Bannerlistry
March 2 1st 1855
Bill & Receipt

Ent March 27 1833

Mr John Means

Bought of Snowdon & Olle

2	Pair Oil Sand Shades 2.75	5	50
1	" Dry Cotton " 3.75	3	75
1	Fine Cotton Mattress	7	00
1	Husk "	3	00
	Mopping & Bagg		37
		19	62

Pd Against

Snowdon & Olle

Bill & Receipt
Shondin & Otte
March 22nd 1883

ROBERT GASTEN. JOHN DICKSON. JOHN A. WALLINGFORD.

Cincinnati, March 22d 1856

Mr John Means

Bought of GASTEN, DICKSON & WALLINGFORD,

Importers and Wholesale Dealers in Foreign & Domestic Hardware, Cutlery and Guns,

No. 102 Walnut Street, two doors above Pearl.

1 doz – 2 Sets Knives & Forks	100/344 215/542 275/563		11.80
1 Blacking Brush			30
1 Egg Whisk			15
1 Thermometer			1.00
1 Coffee Mill			50
1/6 Oz Coal Hods	10.00		1.67
2 Doz Polished Shovel & Tongs	2.00		4.00
1 " Iron do			75
1 Quart Pan			25
1 Lufu Scraper with Dish			88
1 " Bronze Spittoon			75
12½ lb Sad Iron	4½		56
1 Large Rat Trap			50
1 Hatchet			50
			60
			$24.11
Less 5%			1.21
			$22.90

Receiving Payment
Gasten Dickson & Wallingford

100
215
275
690
138

Bill & Receipt
March 23rd 1855

Austin Dickson & Wallingford

Cincinnati, March 22 1855.

Mr J W Means

Bt of **MITCHELL & RAMMELSBERG,**

CABINET WARE-ROOMS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,

Morris.—Columbian Print.

Nos. 23 & 25 Second Street, between Main and Sycamore.

1 Wal Wardrobe	14

Received payment

Mitchell & Rammelsberg

by A C Richards

Mitchell & Rammelsberg
March 21st 1835
Bill & Receipt
Jr W. M.

Shipped, in good order and condition, by **MITCHELL & RAMMELSBERG**,

On board the good Steamboat Boone

the following articles, marked as below, which are to be delivered without delay, in like good order and condition, at the port of Cattettsberg *(the unavoidable dangers of Navigation and Fire only excepted,) unto* John Means

or assigns, he or they paying freight for said goods at the rate of

In Witness Whereof, *the Owner, Master, or Clerk, hath affirmed to* 3 *Bills of Lading, of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.*

Dated at CINCINNATI, this 24 **day of** March **185**5

Applegate and Co., Printers, 43 main St.

MARKS.		ARTICLES.
John Means	x	2 Mifes Bedsteads rails & slats
Cattettsberg	x	1 Round post Bedstead
Ky	x	1 Bdl rails & 1 Bdl boards
	x	2 Open Wash stands
	x	2 Bureaus & 2 Glasses
	x	6 Cane seat chairs
	x	6 Wood " "
	x	1 Stand
	x	2 Foot stools
	x	1 Wardrobe
	x	1 Safe
	x	1 Cane rocker
	x	1 Lounge rails & slats for do
	x	1 Mattress

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B. L.
Mitchell & Kennedy
24th March 1855
A. B. Boone

Glen Moore
Cattle Pen
Ky

Cincinnati March 24th 1853

Mr John Means

Bot of D Harper

1 Bbl Potatoes — 5.00

Red Boat

D Harper

Bill & Receipt
J. Harper
March 24th 1833

TRABER & AUBERY,
GROCERS & COMMISSION
MERCHANTS,
No. 7 Front Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Agents for Fairbanks' Scales.

SHIPPED, in Good Order and Well Conditioned, by
TRABER & AUBERY,

On board the good Steam Boat Boone the following articles marked as below which are to be delivered, without delay, in like good order and condition, at the Port of Buena Vista Louisiana the unavoidable dangers of Navigation and Fire only excepted, unto John Means or assigns, he or they paying Freight for said goods at the rate of Customary

In Witness Whereof, the owner, master, or clerk of said boat hath affirmed to 3 Bills of Lading, of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at CINCINNATI. this 24 day of March 1855

MARKS.	ARTICLES.	WEIGHTS.
John Means x	1 Sociable	
Buena Vista x	6 Chairs	
Furniture Saddle	1 Large do	
14 x	1 Table, Marble Top	
1 x	2 Small Tables	
x	1 Rocking Chair	
x	1 Stand	
x	1 Roll Oil Cloth	
x	2 " Carpet	
1	4 Box Brittania Ware	
x	2 Bales Mattrasses	
1	2 Box Dry Goods SB no. HHM	770
1	1 " Hardware	880
x	1 Bdle 2 Coal Buckets	
x	1 Furnace	
x	1 Rat Trap	

B. L. –
Iraba & Auburn
24th March 68
A. B. Boone

Mr John Allen
Commercial Hotel Chicago
Illinois

Cincinnati 25 Mch 1853

Mr John Means

To Steamer BOONE, Dr.

J. S. HURD, MASTER.

For Freight on

22 pcs Furniture	for T & A	Bal		4 00
6 Bdls CC	" "	"		1 65
29 pcs Furniture	for M. & R.	"		7 00
				12 65

Paid

E Kilbourn CLERK.

Commercial Print.

Receipt $ 12.65

Steam Boone

25th March

1855

Monday 25 Oct 185 5

Mr T. W. Munn

To Steamer **BOONE**, Dr.

J. S. HURD, Master.

For Freight on 1 Hand Rake $1.50

Paid

E. Ashland Clerk.

Commercial Print.

Receipt $1.50 T.W.M

S. B. Boone

25th March

1855

JOHN COMBS. JERE. DAVIDSON.

J. COMBS & CO.

BOOKSELLERS, STATIONERS,

AND DEALERS IN

Wall Paper, Musical Instruments, &c.

AT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,

BANK BLOCK, IRONTON, OHIO.

Sir:

We would respectfully call your attention to the above Card. Our stock of **SCHOOL BOOKS** *is such that we can furnish them to dealers at Cincinnati Wholesale Prices.*

We have on hand and are constantly receiving from the East, **WRITING PAPER AND BLANK BOOKS** *of every description, which we sell low.*

Our supply of **WALL PAPER** *is very extensive, comprising more than fifty different styles.*

On our shelves may be found all the new and most popular Books of the day, Religious, Historical and Light Literature of the highest order.

Should you visit Ironton, an examination of our stock is respectfully solicited.

JOHN COMBS.
JEREMIAH DAVIDSON.

Ironton, April, 1855.

Ironton Register, print.

J Means & Co

To W L Geiger Dr

52 3/14 lbs Fine Sugar for J Means 16 2/3 c $8.78

Chd to Ap

23d Ap 1855

[1855?]

Mother will write in a day or two — is now more comfortable we are just getting over the effects of the flood

April 26 —

My dear Hattie — yours of the 18 — & Johns of the 21 — came to us this morning, having been only three days on the way — I am sorry to hear of the sickness of the little boys stomach, but think he will soon be better again — you may perhaps be obliged to shorten his variety and amount of food, for a time, but give him plenty of out door exercise — as to the water he drinks, whether hard or soft can have no material influence on his illness, so you need not hesitate on that. Tell Dr. Van, who is your main dependence, as being near you, that he had better try the powdered Rattle root, or Actea racemosa in doses of 8 or 10 grains, (6 or 8 at first) with two or three of carb. of iron — 3 times a day — It is the best remedy we have for stomach — If you get Dr. Hempstead's advice — or to come up & see him, you would be benefited thereby — I will save for you all the "cranes-bill" I can get, & send down before warm weather — Love to yourself & John — very affectionately

J. P. Hildreth

Mrs. Harriet Means,
Ashland —
Ky —

April 26th 1855 -

Dearest Mother -

As John is going to Fenton tomorrow I thought I would scratch you off a line to let you know how the house keeping comes on - I am writing in my own house in the parlor which is all furnished & fixed to my mind I came over to Cattettsburg last week Tuesday - & went right to work - the house was plastered but left with more plaster & mortar on the floor than on the walls - so John - Caroline & I - got the hoes - spades brooms mops & shovels - & finally got it cleaned out - though it was a very dirty, hard peice of work - * I never thought I should have to hoe the dirt out of my house but never-theless I had to & cleaned out several barrels full - I then went to work on the carpets - John cut them out & Caroline & I sewed them at present of any change for the better the Butcher having gone just at present - so you must eat fresh meat enough to do you until you ~~come~~ go back again - as there dont seem to be even a chicken to be bought - If I could get something to eat I think we should do very well - as the house looks quite comfortable since it is furnished much better than I had any idea it would - So I hope you will come right down - you wont see any body here you will care for so you need not stop to "fix up" - Bring Mary with you as I have a nice large yard for her to play in - Bring some crop medicine with you as I dont know as there is any in town - there dont seem to be many things of any kind here to be bought at the stores So I shall have to do as well as I can till I go to Ashland - You had better come on the Steamer Ohio as she get here in the day time -

Yours aff - Hattie -

& with such despatch that yesterday
we nailed down the last one -
Our parlor looks quite neat I think -
Brother Tom Means came today
bringing me a cat - & some chickens
The old cat is making himself quite
at home & has been in the parlor
perfuming it already - one of the old
hens has laid an egg - & the prospect
seems so encouraging I guess you
had better come down immediately
I want you to come before the water
falls so you need not be troubled
in getting a good boat to go & come on -
We have been cooking about three days
at home - having stayed at Uncle
Hugh's the previous week - The cooking
stove does nicely - & I occupy all
ten of my rooms & three buccaneers
& might fill several more if I had
them - so you see I still spread around
largely as I used to - The greatest
trouble so far has been about milk
butter & eggs - The butter man that
promised us ten pounds a week can't spare
us any - And if you can bring me
down a keg of butter from Morris
Morrison & Polly - I shall be very happy
to pay for it & the freight on it - it is
not to be had here for love or money -
& I my much fear we will have
to keep a cow yet - We have the
promise of buying some milk, but
I dont know whether we shall succeed
with in getting it regularly -
Mary Ann came ~~down~~ up on Monday &
has been with this week helping to fix up
& Tom came to day so I have not been
lonesome so far - We live on Bacon
& biscuits - furnace face with no prospect

Received of John Means one of the Stockholders of the Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing Company, the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty dollars and ——— cents, the same being the amount due said company, on a call of 3 Prct per cent, upon his stock, made on the 20 day of Nov 1854

Ashland, 9 May 1855

J W Richardson Treasurer,

Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing company.

Ky. A. Coal & M Co
Rept

to

John Mann

$750—

May 10th 1888

Manchester May 10th 1855

Thursday Evening

My dear Uncle

You will no doubt be surprised on receiving a letter from me but surprises are something pleasant I hope at least this one will be so — Since I came home from up the river I have not heard from any of the friends only by once and a while Aunt Mary receives a letter from Grandmother I think 'd most have she and Annie were coming home Oh! how I want to see them — Manchester is just about the same old thing pretty much on the stand.

Our school has increased in number some since

you were here last Thursday the 1st day of May
Mr Parker had a pic-nic for the school we went
out into the woods and spent the afternoon
Saturday we had another little May party 37 of
us went over to Ky and spent the afternoon
as Johny says "We had a jolly time" He likes
boarding at Mr Parkers very much he sleeps
at the study over the schoolroom with
Mr Worsch he wants you to please send
him his gun as he can go hunting
a Saturdays with Mr Worsch
He studies more this term I think than
ever before He takes great pains with
his writing Mrs Thompson has charge
of the writing class --- Is it growing dark? I can't
see to write I will close your own niece

Ace. B. Ellison

P.S. Excuse all mistakes.

Thos. S. Currie,

NOTARY PUBLIC,

PORTSMOUTH, O.

Portsmouth, O. May 18th 1855

Mr Hugh Means

You will please take notice that a Note
Dated Portsmouth Jany 15 1855
Signed by Lampton Ruly & Co
In favor of M Wellman
Payable Four Months after Date
At the Bank of Portsmouth
For 1135 29/100 was this day presented by
Me, and payment demanded for the same, which being
refused, I therefore duly protested it for **Non-payment,**
and hereby notify **You** that the holder looks to **You** for
the payment of the same, together with all Damages,
Interests and Costs accruing thereon, **You** being the
Indorser thereof.

Done at the request of Paul Jones Esq
Cashier

Thos S Currie
Notary Public.

June 2 1855

Dear Pa

I recieved your letter you said that my letter was not long enough. There is so little going on here that there is nothing to write about. We have a town library here I have got two books out. Bob and Kit are going to ride this evening give my love to all. Sallie and Esther sends their love

your affectionate Son
John E Means

529

$ 333 100

ASHLAND, KY. June 2d 1855

Three Years after date I promise to pay the

KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, or order,

at Ashland, Three Hundred & Thirty Three Dollars,

with interest from ~~date~~ last payment on Lots in Ashland.

John Means

Paid 25th Nov 1859

7 by 3 6 Vell Bee

By W J Nicholls Pha

527

$ 334 100

ASHLAND, KY. June 26 1855

One year after date I promise to pay the

KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY or order,

at Ashland, Three Hundred & Thirty Four Dollars,

with interest from date.

Paid 26 Aug 56

John Head

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The Ry I C & M C
By W J Nicholls Pst

528

$ 333 100

ASHLAND, KY. June 2d 1855

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John Means

Paid July 28/55

Note $333.00
to Ry. C. & M. Rev
26th June 1855
paid 28 July 1887

Ry C & M Rf Co
By E S Fletcher

$333.00
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26th June 1855
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Ky. S. & M. Co.
To
E. Pike
Bro.

John McCrane.
June 24 1855

Deed for the written
Specified lots made
to John Means April
20th 1859 —

E. S. Pletcher Secy
Ky S & M Mfg Co

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, made and entered into this Twenty Sixth day of June A. D. 185 5 between the KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, of the first part, and John Means of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY has this day contracted to sell to the said party of the second part, the following premises, situate in the town of ASHLAND, county of Greenup, and State of Kentucky, to wit:

Lots Nos 13. 14. 15. 19. 20. & 21. Range No. 6. East.

upon the following terms, to wit: The said party of the second part agrees to pay for the premises aforesaid the sum of One Thousand dollars in the manner following, viz:

~~Dollars this day, and for the balance~~ hath executed Three notes of hand and bearing even date with these presents and made payable at ASHLAND, viz: One for Three Hundred & Thirty Four Dollars, and Two for Three Hundred & Thirty Three Dollars each payable at one, two, and three years respectively with interest from date

And the said party of the second part, binds himself his heirs and assigns to erect or construct on the said premises within 24 months from the date hereof permanent and fixed tenements, buildings or other improvements to the value of Two Thousand dollars; and the said party of the second part binds himself his heirs and assigns to pay all the taxes that may be assessed upon said premises, from and after this date. And the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY doth hereby agree and covenant with said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, that if the said party of the second part shall well and truly pay the said several sums of money, and comply with the conditions above specified, in the manner and at the times above mentioned, the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY shall, on such payments being fully made, and the above conditions being complied with, CONVEY to the said party of the second part his heirs or assigns, the above described premises with covenants of seizure and a general warranty, which DEED and the estate thereby created is to be subject to this express condition, which shall be inserted in said deed, to wit: "That if the said party of the second part, his heirs, or assigns, or any person holding or claiming said premises, or any part thereof, by, through, or under them shall, at any time thereafter, sell, suffer, or permit to be sold upon said above described premises, any ardent spirits, or other intoxicating liquors, in any quantity whatever, either great or small, then the said deed and conveyance, and the estate thereby created, shall be therefore and thenceforth wholly void and forfeited, and the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY may immediately thereafter, re-enter into said above granted premises and hold and enjoy the same as an estate in fee simple as fully and absolutely as though this conveyance had never been made; Provided, however, that in the event of any such forfeiture of, and re-entry into, the above granted premises by the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, said Company shall be liable to pay to the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns one equal half of the true value at the time of said forfeiture of said premises with the appurtenances, to be ascertained by the appraisement thereof, under oath of three disinterested men to be selected by the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, and provided also that if the said party of the second part, his heirs or assigns, shall, in good faith lease the whole or any part of the above granted premises to any person or persons, and shall insert in said lease, that the said lease and the interest and the estate thereby created shall become void and forfeited, in case the said lessee or lessees, or he or those claiming under him or them, shall sell, or permit to be sold thereon, any ardent spirits, or other intoxicating liquors in any quantities whatever, either great or small, and shall, in case of any such forfeiture for said cause, immediately take the necessary and proper steps to enforce said forfeiture, and re-enter into the possession of said premises as soon as practicable; then and in that event the above granted premises shall not be forfeited to the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, but the title thereto shall remain in full force and virtue."

And it is further covenanted and agreed by and between the parties aforesaid, that this article of agreement and contract of sale of the aforesaid premises, shall be upon this express condition, that if the said party of the second part heirs, or assigns, or any person or persons holding or claiming said premises, or any part thereof, by, through or under them shall, at any time before the conveyance herein before provided for is made, sell, suffer or permit to be sold, on said premises, any ardent spirits or other intoxicating liquors, in any quantity whatever, either great or small, then this article of agreement and contract of sale shall be therefor and thenceforth wholly void and forfeited; and the said KENTUCKY IRON, COAL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY may immediately, after such forfeiture, re-enter into said premises and hold and enjoy possession of the same, as fully and absolutely as though this article had never been made; and in addition the said party of the second part his heirs or assigns shall also forfeit all and any part of the purchase money above stipulated to be paid by them which he or they may have paid prior to such act of forfeiture of this contract.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, said party of the first part (by its President) W. J. Nicholls and the said party of the second part have hereunto set their hands, the day and year first above written.

DUPLICATE.

The Ky. Iron, Coal & Manufacturing Co.
By
W. J. Nicholls Prest

John Means.

Trenton Ohio Aug 1st 1853

Dr. Kincaid

Dear Sir, If you have not seen the Administrator of Mrs. Boggs Estate, respecting my debt against that Estate, will you be so good as to do so, the first opportunity you have. I am needing the money. You can send it to me by the means or some of Mr. McCullough's family — We have not as much sickness here this summer as last.

My compliments to Mrs Kincaid

Yours respectfully

W. F. Miller

Marietta August 7 - 1855 -

Dear Hattie,

I had the pleasure yesterday of receiving your little note: was pleased to hear of your safe arrival at home; and that Cat, Chicken & Husband "I suppose that is the order" were all flourishing: I was also gratified to hear that Mr. Morris would visit us when you come up again; tell him Mrs. Goddard & I will be making large calculations on it & he must not disappoint us.

Our domestic concerns have moved on very smoothly, all in good health but your father: he has a very lame hip which troubles him extremely to walk; we are trying all kinds of remedies I am in hopes he will be better in a few days.

Our town continues to be quite healthy: Miss C. Stone was taken quite sick Saturday night; they found some one to come for the Dr. in the morning, he went & got Harriet Hobby over, She could stay till time to go to Sunday School: I reported to Mrs. R. Nye across the well She said she could not help them as she was sick herself

It was communion day I could not think of going myself - I reported to Lucy at Church; tell Mr. that her Mother spent the afternoon with them. I expect she would have full business if she had been at home: to add a little to their troubles Mary lock'd up the doors & could not open them again no one could get in, after a while C. got up and open'd one but it set her to speaking, & made her much worse.

Poor old ladies how gloomy their prospects.

Do the Girls still think of visiting Mrs. Slack? I have been hoping not: as I heard it was sickly at Maysville: and I also heard that they were about taking Mr. Slack to Cincinnati for Medical advice; Mrs. S. would of course go with him. If possible they had better ascertain something about it before they leave home, as it would be so unpleasant to go there and not find them at home.

I put up some green corn on Saturday but it could not stay cann'd: I took it out perfectly sweet & am drying in the sun: too much saccharine matter in it. You had better scald ½ an hour cut off dry in the sun, if you save any.

Kind regards to Mr. M. & the young ladies. Your Mother.

Mrs. John Abrams.

Marietta August 31 - 1855.

My dear Hattie,

Yesterday I received your long, long, long letter — was just upon the point of writing, as I had got quite discouraged sending to the office, I did not know but there was one the way - and in a few days it might arrive, as I have had some previously - but keep up good courage for they must be improving as I received yours in 10 days: Is not it too bad? They write Sarah Lovell at Mr Ayres in Seven.

From your letter I think you have not had a chance to be very lonesome since you arrived home; you must have enjoyed it very much indeed. If we make ourselves as much trouble as they do at Mrs. Woodbridges, I fear we should all grow poor: a letter did not arrive by the Boat last week; but they were not disappointed, Lucy must go down herself finding none they were all conjectures; I told them they need not be troubled; but I heard Will was going to Marietta on Monday - best for some address, Mr. Page & Charles Goddard came Saturday eve. with a letter - requesting them to send a dress to Lou by W. H. Goddard, who will probably go down next week: they had been expecting her home every Boat for about two weeks - some days ago they told me they had sent a letter; I do hope she will be apprized of all the great events of the town - in case she is not, I think they had better send for her the 1st Wednesday "tho some of our ladies neglect to have it taken into their houses as it is so big of late". They are the best of our citizens but they have more peculiarities than any family I know of.

Mr. Page & Charles spent a week with the Girls, "a pity you could not have been with them". They say Mr. Stacks case is not as bad as we have had it represented, he is gaining. I was very happy to hear it.

Father is getting over his lameness finely; he is out in the garden at this time with some strangers: our garden looks beautifully at this time; we have had so much rain that every thing blossoms luxuriently. Peaches are not very good, pears rather small, owing to the trees being so full.

We send you a box of a variety of fruit which I hope will be acceptable. I am sorry the grapes are not ripe enough to send, but we will send some when they are eatable.

Some acquaintances from Zanesville have been visiting here. Miss. Mary Belknap – Mrs Reed & her daughter Mrs Dr. Hoalet – we had quite a visiting time for a few days they ended with a visit at Mr. Wards, which topped off well I was one of the party, to eat some of their "Sherbert" a new dish to me. I will describe it when I see you.

I had a visit from Mrs. Comerson she spent the night with me, I took her out to Dr. Moores yesterday. How if we only knew as much as she does how nice it would be. She happened in when Mr Page & C. Goddard were here. She and Charles could talk of all the Converted heads their merits & demerits as we would of our friends. I had to sit & listen hardly pronouncing their names "and coming at them".

I had a letter from Charles last week – he said Ralph Swearingen was laying very dangerously sick at his Father, that Sarah had been seven weeks with him; he had been over twice to see him. Mrs Hoalet had a letter from home saying he was dead. Sad stroke to Sarah.

Mary Evans sends her love to you & Uncle John, says she will talk to him if he will come & see us again. and you may tell him the same from me

Yours
Affectionately
Do. Hildreth

Cattetstung Sept 7th 1855.

Dearest Mother

I was very much pleased to receive a letter from you on Thursday - more particularly as accompanying it came such a nice box of fruit - which I can assure you was very acceptable & for which we were all very much obliged - Unfortunately it stayed on the wharf boat a day, before we found it out & some of the brown butter pears were a little decayed - for which I was sorry as John & the rest of them liked them better than the Sickle - The Sickle came in fine condition & we enjoyed them very much I sent Aunt Amanda over a share & they all praised them highly - Such fine fruit as that box contained is not raised around this part of the Country - I have not seen but one pear since I have been here & that was a very low poor kind - The apples particularly, the

Kind to her - John has gone to the Furnace to day & I am quite alone - I suppose Rita & Lucy have returned give my love to them - I wrote to Rita last week - I expect they enjoyed their visit at Fanny's very much - I wish I could have gone with them - Rita says Fanny lives in a very pretty place & has every thing nice around her - but I suppose when you see her she will give you the full particulars - Give my love to all the family - Father - George - Frank Mary & Katie - Tell Mary to remember & talk to her Uncle John when he comes - Anna Sampton wasn't afraid of him - Caroline was pleased to get her sun bonnet but it looks rather mouldy - Write soon to your affectionately

Hattie -

little Crab apples were very nice - & I made 6 lbs of very fine jelly out of them ~~&c~~ was very glad to get them as I shall not get any quinces this fall - I have been having a very busy time this week Mag came in Tuesday bringing her three babies - hired girl & husband & stayed till Thursday - of course we had a merry time it just rained & poured all the time she was here - I wanted to go down to Ashland with her & to call on some of the ladies here but the rain prevented - A few minutes after she left, there was an arrival, of a barrel of peaches - a variety which they call here the Italian peach - a large white peach & I have been very busy since - putting them up into cans & making about a third of them into Jam - Such a time as Caroline & I have had paring & stoning & stewing but we at last got through - I made yesterday two some very pretty preserves off of the tree by my door - So I guess now I shall have enough to last me - I put all my preserves up air tight - so as to have no trouble with them hereafter - John is very much taken with a kind of can which screws on to a piece of India rubber they are very little trouble - less than any other kind & will last for years with care - They make them in Ashland - we have about three or four dozen of them - & have some left yet, to fill - Aunt Amanda intends putting up 100 cans - She prefers the blood peach - I suppose George probably enters into the peach canning business as he is so successful with gooseberries - With the screw cans it is very little trouble - Tell Frank - that I have just hatched out 40 young chickens - to make the old hens go straight with them all, of course keeps me very busy, I have now about 80 chickens & the prospect for something good to eat seems encouraging - John says I count them every night & tell him how many there are - & he thinks I would like him a great deal better & be more attentive to him if he was only a chicken - Chickens & peaches are all I have thought about for the last three days & I have been most run to death between the two - I was very sorry to hear that Father had been so lame but hope by this time he has quite recovered - Charlie must have had quite a lonesome time with Sarah gone so long from home - She will feel Ralph's death very much as he was always a favorite brother & very

Greensburg Ky Sept 7th 1855

Mr John Means &
Mr Hugh Means

Gent.

Before the last Court, you will recollect, that no depositions were taken in the case of Mrs Adams's against John le Adams, because it was thought, that by delay, prejudice &c which he & his friends had raised would die away, & that it was probable he would himself relax his application to a divorce. I think from all that I can gather in this community, (and that is but little, for persons seem shy in communicating or talking with me about it) Mr Adams has lost all hope of a reconciliation, yet he is still contending that he can not have an interview with his wife, privately, or without some one being present.

I understood from Mr Adrem differently, that he could see his wife at the house of any friend he & she might meet or chose to meet at.

I merely make these suggestions, that in case we take proof, that we should be prepared to shew that he has not been prevented from seeing her, and that she is under no duress in the matter, for he will certainly endeavor to shew that fact, or make such an impression. Again I want to know whether it is the intention of her & her friends, ~~that~~

to take any proof in the Cause before the Nov Court
If so; I know of no time so well suited as the 27,
28th & 29th of Sept, I will have engagements during
the time, previous to those days, and shall be at Carter
& Lawrence Courts during the two last weeks of
Oct. If it is determined to take any proof, I
would like to know & have those days fixed
I have written to Mr Thomas Means on the subject
Mr Adams has been advised, as I learn, to attempt
to secretly or by force take away the child,
Whether he will attempt it, or not, is more than I
can conjecture. I merely give this as a rumor & talk
in this place, My impression is, that he will not
go away, but will contest the case, I would like
Mrs Adams's friends would consult and advise
me what is determined on.

Yours

Ed F. Dulin

To Gen. or Hugh Means
Catlettsburg
Ky

Ashland Sept 19th 1855

Mr Means

I propose to furnish all the materials and labour necessary to erect and complete in a thorough and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the plans and specifications furnished by you, the house you propose to build, to complete the same by the first of July or not later than the first of Aug. 1856 for 3765 Dollars

In this estimate I have not included coal grates or mantles nor the iron work for grates

E C Jamison

E. C Jamieson

Proposal

John Milne

Ashland Sept 22d 1855

Mr John Means.

I hereby propose to furnish Materials & build your house in Ashland according to the plan & specification shown me to-day by Mr. Hillore, Completing the whole job & delivering to you the key for the sum of $3000 – As to my ability to do the work in a ~~workmanlike~~ like manner I refer you to D H Weis

John Kraus

Shaw's
Proposal
for Means House

thought - but it gives us more room than I supposed we would have - The chicken coop I am to plan myself & may have a bow window in it he says if I want to - though he wont let me have one in the house - I gathered in my harvest yesterday - & we had about two barrels of splendid large Irish potatoes - as nice & dry as need be - but my winter squashes were rather a failure consisting only of two & they not very good - Uncle Hughs did finely - but he did not have quite as many of teams to visit his garden, nights, through the summer as I did - A steamboat passed here today with two ladies in it who John thought were Kate & Lucy - if they have been all this time with Fanny & only stayed two weeks with me I shall be quite provoked - tell them I expect Charlie & Mr Hay must be the attractions - I am waiting for Pres to answer my last letter that I may write & tell him of a pro slavery sermon we had here last Sunday - in which were some rich things among others that there were more darkies converted by being brought slaves into this country than all the heathen put together converted by missionaries - I think I can give him a good many new ideas from it I should like to have had Mr Wickes hear it - it was by the most eloquent methodist preacher they have here - Caroline sends love to Kate - Give my love to Father & all the family Yours

Mother

Cattletsburg Sept - 1855 -

Dearest Mother

It has not been very long since I wrote to you but I am afraid you did not get the letter as I sent it by a friend to mail in Cincinnati & I expect he forgot it, quite likely - I wrote immediately on receiving the box of nice fruit you sent returning thanks - it was quite acceptable I assure you - I was quite busy at the time it arrived putting up fruit - I put up about a barrel & a half in one way & another, in cans & pickles & jam - John was determined to have plenty of peaches in cans as he is not very fond of preserves so I think we will do very well for peaches and I believe he is intending buying some more to put up in October - This is a great country for peaches & sweet potatoes I suppose the sandy soil suits them -

I have the promise of half a bushel of nice apple quinces tomorrow - I did not suppose we could get any + thought my preserving was done for the season - I think among them all, I can have preserves every night for the winter - All the ladies talk about down here during the peach season is canning + putting up fruit one way + another discussing the various ways + giving in their experience - it is quite equal to the fashions in Jacksville All the ladies who have tried the glass jars have been unfortunate + lost their fruit - none of my cans have spoiled yet + I think considering the dampness of the season I have been very fortunate - My house is very dry being frame + having no blinds - I have suffered so inconvenience from the wet weather except losing some dried peaches - I expect you find it terribly hard to keep every thing dry about home - the books &c will mold in the parlor I expect -

John went to Cincinnati Monday + came home on Thursday - he came back with a severe cold - Wednesday was a very cold day for the season + Wednesday night was so cold that two of my chickens died from cold - He is better today and has gone to Ashland

They are having a great time in Ashland with the chills - the streets have not been drained as they intended doing + large pools of water covered with green - have been standing in the town all summer so now they are having the chills to pay for it - half the town are having them - They never were known to have them there before - and will not another season I hope as they will certainly have the streets drained this winter - Uncle Hugh says it shall be done if his two horses have it all to do - His house is nearly finished - they are going to plaster it before they put on the wood work - John bought four of the marbleized iron mantels for him in Cincinnati - like Mr Lampton's if you remember how his looked - They ~~come at~~ are pretty I think - John has laid out the plans for his land around the house - it gives us a yard fifty feet wide on each side of the house & in front - a garden twice as large as the one Uncle Hugh + us had together - + a lot for fruit trees + chickens - + a lot for his stable + cow yard - he has his trees all marked down as to how they are to stand - So I suppose they will be very

Marietta Oct. 16 – 1855 –

Dear Hattie,

I received your letter of the 6th last evening was happy to hear that you had nothing but a cold after your rainy ride; but Father says not too late yet; you may be sick yet; but we will hope for the best. – we will not think of Chills tho' they have prevail'd here more than twenty years past.

I write you as early as possible hoping you may receive it before you leave: We sent you a box of fruit by the Ohio the first day of this Month as your letter was dated the 6th I fear that they did not leave it; I should be very sorry to have it lost. I put a letter in it too, but I console myself that it may have been left at the upper wharf; and Mr Means being absent that no one enquir'd for it; & that you are now eating the fine pears & grapes: In case that you have not received the box, you had better watch out for the Boat & see what end it has made.

I was sorry to hear of Caroline's sore finger on her account & yours also you must have had an opportunity to display your talents in cooking = don't you pity any Girl that goes to housekeeping without any knowledge of cooking?

You mention'd that you would like a piece of Mr. Perkins's Elegant furniture, I think it would not compare with your common furniture: & as for myself I think I can remember them without any Mementoes; so I think I shall not attend the sale.

Mr. P. has gone out West in pursuit of a situation; She is here & I understand is going to board at Dr. Hart's Hotel this winter. I am glad she is going over the river as I shall not meet so often

It has been my misfortune to meet her several times of late = she does not trouble me by speaking still I dislike to meet her: she is a regular attendant on our female meetings which is rather annoying to me = I wish you could see her pitch the tunes in singing, she brings her book of notes & if she had a pitch pipe I think she would look as dignified as any Ichibod Crane that ever was.

I was invited up to Mr Maxwells the other day, the Omnibus was engaged to take the party = when I learn'd that Dr. Perkins & lady were going I had a Neuralgia headache so I could not go. I heard he was determin'd to get his place back again from the railroad Company but could not succeed, so he will have to go away their will be tears enough shed I expect to keep the river up.

I had a visit last week from Mrs Dean she that was Eliza - Dursee; she is a widow quite wealthy, is a very pretty lady I could but think what money & good society will do: her friends are among the wealthiest on the Island. She says Perry Davis is cousen to me that has made the pain killer. She says he has a son that has made $2000 by selling it, they live great style.

I had a letter from Sister Webb recently they have been having Chills there, Mr. Aylsworth had gone West to look a situation Sister said they were expecting to move this winter; the Mass must catch quick if it catches on his veining stone.

I say nothing about little Hildreth - we will fix it when you get here. I am invited to Mr C. Shepmans this afternoon to meet several old Ladies so I must say good bye, after sending my love to Mr. Means.

Yours

Affectionately R. Hildreth

N. B. Katy sends love to Caroline.

Received of John Means one of the Stockholders of the Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing Company, the sum of Twelve hundred & fifty dollars and cents, the same being the amount due said company, on a call of 5 per cent, upon his stock, made on the day of 185 .

Ashland, Nov. 12 1855

John N Richardson Treasurer,
Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing company.

Receipt $1.250 for
S. N. Richardson Trea
to John Meaux
12th Nov 1855

Stonewall Jersey, Nov 16/95

Dear Father

Your welcome letter was received Saturday evening. Eth and I had just got home from Mr Turner's. We went up about 4 o'clock, had a very pleasant time while there, but rather a bad time there and home, again it was raining very hard and made the pavement very slippery. Lizzie was there, inquired for you. Cat Evans died a week ago to yesterday, which was Sunday and was buried Tuesday. I did not go to the funeral, but they said he looked very natural more so than he while sick. I have not been out. As Lizzie get me don't know when I will get out. Next Sunday is Christmas they are going to give us Saturday for holiday. The girls think it rather hard I only to have one day, but am glad to get that. We have school every Saturday just like any other day. I am sorry that you

are so lonly sundays. But hope the next time I hear from you. You will have more company, just wait until Kit gets over among the mill rats you up. As far as I am concerned about getting lonly on sundays I mean have time. I am kept going from five in the morning until 10 at night. Yesterday I was at church three times it was communion day. Three of the Seminary girls joined, and several other persons. I dont know who they all are. You must write to me as soon as Mr. Adams and Mollie move I owe them both a letter but dont know where to write to the last I heard of them they were in Cincinnati. I received a letter from Ophelia and a note in it from Kit the same I received yours. Kit was out making Ophelia a visit, she said he was going down to spend three or four weeks with her when she gets home. You must give my love to Aunt Mag and Uncle Bob when you see them again. It is only five months till school will be out. They are going to have a Jubilee at the end of the session. It is just 25 years since the school first began. Examination will commence on thursday at night they will have the concert. (that is the time the girls take to show off) next examination will close, the girls will graduate, and Friday night the Jubilee will come off. All of the old Scholars that can can have will all be invited. There will be more than a thousand persons here Monday we will start home Uncle Beatty will not let us go before. There are sixty Seminary girls going down on the boat next spring. And most of them have Fathers brothers cousins or uncles coming after them besides there will be several of the teachers, and a great many people that have friends here will just come to the examination for the fun of the thing. We will have so much fun going down you had better come up and go down with us. It has been snowing here for sundays and two or three dozen of the girls are down in the yard sliding down hill on a little sled three or four get on at a time it is not large enough to hold more than one and the consequence is about half a dozen of them spill off. Christmas gift to you. Yes to Mr Adams Mollie & Kit for me. Thank Mrs Allen sends her compliments to you Eth sends her love and wants you to answer her letter, and accept a heartfull of love this last part of your affectionate Sister Belle. The dots on the letter I am writing in the dots

December 10th 1873

Recieved of John Means
four hundred Dollars to be
applied as a credit on Building

Thos J Berry

Receipt 400 $/o

Thos J. Berry

11th Decr 1855

Ashland Ky. December 27th 1855
Received of John Mount
Six Hundred Dollars on a/c
of building
$600 00

Thos. J. Berry

Receipt $600 To
Thos J. Berry
27th Decr 1855