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1902	Jan 6	Difference in Stove	200	
		1 Double Elbow	50	
		1-4" Elbow ²⁰ 1' 4" Pipe ¹⁰	30	
		1-4" Cellar ¹⁰ 1-1/2" Nut ⁰⁷	17	
		1-1/2" El ⁰⁵ Labor ^{1.75}	180	477
"	7	1 # 2 Valve	25	
		1 Brick Chimney	15	
		1 Glass "	10	50
				527

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JOHN MEANS.

204 W. BATH AVENUE.

Monday

ASHLAND, KY., 6th Jan'y, 1902

My Dear Cooke

herewith find enclosed
dividends Big Sandy and
Mail Line Packet Co.

All well, I think Lily
Rose and Dyer expect
to leave for L. M. Thursday
or Friday next 9th or 10th.

Kind regards to all friends
and kisses for M. & C.

Affectionately

Yours
John Means.

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., Jan'y 7th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter of 4th
inst received - Permit me to
thank you for your expressed appre-
tiation of my services in caring for
your financial affairs and also to
thank you for the check on the Aetland
Nat Bank for Fifteen hundred (\$1500⁰⁰)
dollars in payment therefor.

I returned from New York via Richmond
Va on Saturday morning meeting
Duby at Clifton Forge - Have been very
busy since my return -

Will send checks to Mrs. McChesney
hereafter based on \$20⁰⁰ per week

Will show your donations from your
expense account for 1901 at \$4000⁰⁰

With much love - Yours affectionately
E. G. Means

E. C. Means,
~~Auckland, N.Z.~~

Low Moor Va July 11th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I hand you copies of
Trial Balance taken from your books at close of
business July 6th 1902 - Also condensed statement
of Income and Disbursements for year ending July 6th 1902

I send these in advance of detailed statements showing
sources of Interest, Dividends etc.

The account "Auckland Real Estate" covers the Leasing
House and your residence -

Lily, Rose & Dexter arrived safe & well this morning

With much love your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

that I am no longer called upon
to live beyond my company's salary
as I did when I worked for the
A. C. & B.

I find great pleasure in serving
you and feel grateful for the
unbounded confidence you have
placed in me.

With much love and best wishes
for a prosperous new year

Affectionately your nephew
E. C. Means

P.S. I thank you for forwarding the
Tax notice

Winyame Lodge
LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

July 20th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

After some
delay I have completed the
following statements for your
information as to your business
affairs during the past year.

- (1) List of Assets showing book values
and market or estimated values
- (2) Profit & Loss Account
- (3) Expenses "
- (4) Dividend & Interest Accounts
- (5) Rents, Taxes, Repairs, Commissions
Fire Insurance, & Donation Accounts

2. List of rates is the same as last year and, unless you desire it, will not make a new one.

I have prepared the Profit & Loss account in a little different form hoping to thereby make it clearer. Separating the items of current business from the closing entries at the end of the year, which were shown in the Income & Expenditure accounts.

The funds with Maffat & White are to purchase Pennsylvania RR stock at $142\frac{1}{2}\%$ but the market is now about 148% and in order to secure the stock an increased bid may be required.

I put the value of Norton Iron Works stock at par but I hope

3. Tom Adams will find a purchaser before the year is ended at 250% or higher. If present conditions continue he should be able to do so - and perhaps some one will wish to secure the A.C.R. as well.

"Asklund Real Estate" Account includes the Fearing Property and your Bath Ave house - I thought it best to have them charged in one account.

Next year you will please me by reducing my salary - your affairs do not require the time and attention to justify the payment of \$1500⁰⁰ per year for my services and besides my own sources of income as you ^{person} are increasing so.

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LOW MOOR, VA., Jan'y 31st 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Did the last statements sent to you give you the information you wished?

One sheet was a statement of your expense account and another contained a statement of donation account, both itemized as fully as my information permitted -

Investments like Pennsylvania RR Stock are charged direct to the accounts while the premiums paid are charged to Profit & Loss - The accrued interest on the Low Moor Bonds purchased in Dec was charged to Interest Account - If it had been charged to Profit & Loss the memorandum, I first sent you, showing Income would have been different in this, Interest account would have shown interest

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received without any deduction for the \$140⁰⁰ paid on account of the accrued interest on the Low Moor bonds - Instead of \$2974.88 the excess of Expenses & Donations over income proper would be \$263.4.88 -

For comparison please note totals for the last three years as follow:

Year ending Jan 2 ⁿ 1900	Jan 5 th 1901	Jan 6 th 1902
Expenses \$8.286.00	\$9.864.20	\$16.621.85
Donations 2.428.90	2.805.12	6.048.00

You will notice in statement of Expense account that I have charged remittances to Garfield Nat Bank to Expenses - Perhaps you have enough funds there to materially reduce the account if the amount is considered

Your investments are never considered as expenses but are charged to different Stock, Bond, Real Estate accounts -

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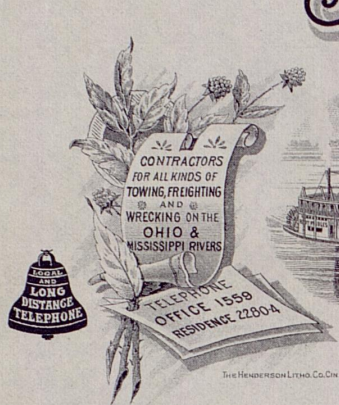
If the last statements sent you, have not fully explained matters, so that you thoroughly understand them, please write me again relative to anything puzzling, I shall be pleased to have you do so.

It is too bad that your cook has gone away - I trust you will soon find one to replace her. If there is any delay do not work yourself but come over here and rest awhile. Even if you find another at once I believe it will be good for your health to take a vacation. Tom will not object I am sure, and now that he is comfortable and well established you are at liberty to visit us and get some mountain air. "Please come" we all say with love.

Your affectionate nephew E. C. Means

Office of **JOHN BARRETT & SON,**

O. F. BARRETT.
JOHNSTON BARRETT.



COAL,
STONE
AND
SALT.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

Cincinnati, Feb. 1/1902.

Mr. John Means,

Ashland, Ky.

Dear Sir-

Answering yours of the 27th beg to say that we are glad to learn that you feel like we do, and as soon as we get things in shape will run up and see you.

Yours very truly,

Oscar F. Barrett.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 12th Feby., 1907

My Dear Cooke

You will give from my Bonds deposited in
Central Trust and Safe Deposit Company of
Cincinnati, as follows, viz Lowville Iron
Company of Virginia, issue 1899 + 1924 each one thousand do.
to Thos Hildreth Means nos 98 + 99 + 100. Three
to Mrs E. J. Seaton " 101 + 102 + 103. Three
" " R. M. Bullard " 104 + 105 + 106 Three
" E. C. Means " 107 + 108 + 109 Three
" Mrs L. M. Maynard " 97 one
" do do two (2) Mt Auburn Cable Rwy due 1907

I have not the numbers of these last two, (95 + 96)

This makes fifteen (15) bonds per value \$15,000.⁰⁰/₁₀₀
I shall give Harold three thousand (\$3,000.⁰⁰/₁₀₀) dollars
cash, making eighteen thousand (\$18,000.⁰⁰/₁₀₀) dollars
in all given your brothers, sisters and
yourself. I shall advise all of them
these bonds are in box of Central Trust and Safe
Deposit Co. Cincinnati in name of W. B. Seaton and
yourself for safe keeping. A. C. I Ry Co &
A. I and Mining meetings. We make
dividend .75¢ per share payable 10th

Mark next to shareholders of second
list of March.

All well except myself, not over
my circus of Friday night and Saturd
morning

Affectionately yours

John Meany

JOHN MEANY

Name of Subject.....

John Means

Post Office Ashland

Ky

1. Give the date and place of birth.
2. Names of parents of the subject and mother's maiden name.
3. Any mention of ancestors, paternal or maternal, which would make the sketch more interesting.
4. Boyhood and youth of subject, stating extent and character of education and where obtained.
5. If a professional man give colleges or technical schools he attended and degrees he received in school or in after life.
6. In case the subject was in the Civil War, give his record as such, showing battles he participated in and different ranks in which he served.
7. In case the subject was in the War of the Revolution, the war of 1812, or the Mexican War, be sure to give his record in either.
8. In case the subject held any township, county, district or state offices, give them, stating the exact time he held them and any particular official acts worthy of preservation. The time he held any office should be obtained from the record and not from hearsay.
9. The political views of the subject from time to time should be stated, and if he had been prominent in politics the facts should be stated.
10. The religious views of the subject, if he had any, should be given, with a statement of what church or churches to which he belonged and what official positions he held therein.
11. Any important political, ecclesiastical or public event in which the subject had a part should be mentioned.
12. The date of the marriage of the subject, maiden name of wife and any desired reference to her family should be given.
13. If the subject has long since been deceased and his children are deceased or in mature life, then the names of his children, in the order of their ages, should be given, and the names of daughters' husbands.
14. The writer of the sketch ~~should~~ give character comments or should give the names and addresses of those who will give them.
15. Any particular event or events in the life of the subject which deserve to be preserved should be mentioned—whether it be an incident in boyhood, youth, manhood, or old age.
16. In case the subject is deceased, the date of his death and any interesting particulars as to the same, and the place of his interment should be stated.
17. The names and postoffice addresses of all living descendants of full age of a deceased subject should be given.

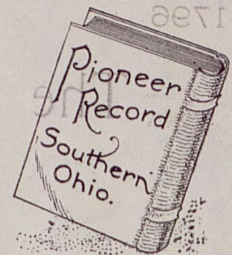


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NELSON W. EVANS

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO



February 13" 1902
PORTSMOUTH, OHIO

Mr. John Means,

Ashland, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I received your character estimate of Col. Douglas Putman and am much obliged. I want a sketch of yourself for this work. I feel that I have a claim on my patrons to have them appear in my book. I want the public to know who they are; and I am proud of the persons who have endorsed my book, by giving orders for it; and I must have your sketch if I have to come up there and take it in person, which would afford me a great deal of pleasure, but I hope you will spare me that trouble just now when the river is closed. Will you kindly send me the sketch and name two of your friends as indicated in No. 14 of the sketch slips. By some means it was omitted in the Adams County book, but I do not intend that it shall be in this book. Please give me the facts and I will do the rest.

Your compliance with this request will greatly oblige,

Very truly yours,

N. W. Evans

The History of Scioto County, Ohio,

AND

Pioneer Record of Southern Ohio.

The editor of this work has undertaken it at the suggestion and request of many of the principal citizens of the county, business men, and representatives of pioneer families. He has had it long in view and for years has been compiling information, from all sources open to him. He has an abstract of historical facts from all the newspapers ever published in Portsmouth. He has also prepared an abstract of valuable facts from the journals of the County Commissioners and of Portsmouth town and city councils, from their commencement to this time. He has all this matter written in eleven books, each indexed and a general index to all. In addition to this, he has obtained all the information accessible of a Historical or Descriptive character in relation to the city or county. Books of early travel have been freely examined and anything, as to the County or Southern Ohio, noted. Every publication which could give information in regard to subjects in the scope of the work has been freely consulted and freely quoted from. The Editor will be grateful for any information sent. The work will be divided into five parts: First, The County; 2, The Town and City of Portsmouth; 3, The Pioneers; 4, Biographical Sketches of Subscribers; 5, Pioneer Record of Southern Ohio. All the parts will be composed of numerous topics.

Part First will have the following topics: Settlement, original timber, vegetation, animals, birds and flowers.

The geology of the county will be freely treated in plain and concise language. All mineral and soil products will be fully described. The Commissioners' Journal, showing the organization of townships, public buildings, Special Legislation, Bridges, Roads, School Houses, Churches, Census, Rosters of County Officers, County Elections, Civil War, Revolutionary Soldiers, Legislature, Congress, Courts and Bar, Railroads, Canals, Independence Days, The Weather, County Duplicates, Accidental and Sudden Deaths, Early Reminiscences, will all be separately treated. The Early Diseases, Memorial Days, Ladies' Aid Society, Early Merchants and Traders, Militia, Surplus Fund, Relics of Barbarism, Ships Which Passed in the Night, Murders, Floods and Cholera Years, will each be separately treated.

Part Two, The Town and City of Portsmouth, will have as topics, the Council Journal, giving extracts, Physicians, Public Schools, Lodges, Clubs, Societies, Manufactories, Merchants, the Press, City Plats, Special Legislation, Banks and Bankers, Building Associations, Shoe Factories, Iron Works, The Crusade of 1874, and other topics too numerous to designate.

Part Three will be the great feature of the book. It will have character Sketches of all the pioneers of the City and County.

Part Four will contain the sketches of the subscribers. Each subscriber can furnish a sketch of himself or some one else within the scope of the book. These sketches will, as far as possible, be character sketches.

Part Five will be the Pioneer Record. In this Pioneer Record adventures of the First Settlers, not heretofore published, or as to which new facts have been obtained, will be printed. Those Pioneer subjects which would be of interest to the people of Southern Ohio will be inserted. Prominent people of Southern Ohio, who were in the State prior to 1850, their ancestors and descendants, will be treated of. The Black Laws of Ohio, the Fugitive Slave Law of Ohio, Transportation on the Ohio River, the Indian trails, the Pioneer traces, the first roads, the Stage Coach, the Revolutionary Soldiers of Southern Ohio will be written up here, as will the French Settlers of Gallipolis and their descendants. This part will have other titles and subjects relative to the Pioneers of Southern Ohio.

It is intended that this work shall be a departure in County and Local History and shall be interesting and readable throughout. It is endorsed by the Library Board and the Board of Trade of Portsmouth, Ohio.

All persons interested in the scope of the book are asked to aid its publication.

The work will not be printed until the number of subscribers necessary to guarantee its publication are obtained, and none but those subscribed for will be published.

Any person receiving this who desires a copy of the book should fill out and return an order, with the facts for such a sketch, as he desires in the book.

Any person receiving this who has any material valuable for the book is requested to communicate the fact, at once, to the undersigned, who will cheerfully answer any inquiries as to the work.

NILSON W. EVANS

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., 14th Feby 1902

Dear Father:

Your valentine received.

I am very much obliged to you for the gift of the Three (3) Low Moor Iron Co Bonds Nos. 107, 108 & 109.

I expect to go to Cincinnati this month and will make change in initials on bonds as per list you give so as to show change of ownership -

Messrs Cargill & Hibbert were pleased with kindness of officials at A.C.T., Steel Co & Norton - They thought Lou Puto's system of keeping accounts superior to others - Harcourts firm ask \$850⁰⁰, travelling & other expenses to install system here - I have not yet determined to enter into a contract at such a cost -

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I believe we can devise a system which will furnish proper information for costs etc and be in good shape for auditing by outsiders -

Sold 1000 tons No 1 & @ \$15⁰⁰ per ton
Today - The market is strong and apparently consumption of foundry grades is in excess of ~~production~~ -

Roof is going on addition to Covington Furnace and hope to begin erection of new blowing engine in two weeks time, say by 25th -

Hope for increased production there after new engine is in operation -

All well - With love

Your aff. son

E. C. Means

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., Feb 25th 1902

My dear Aunt Margaret:

I am much obliged to you for writing to me about Father. It is ~~the~~ practically the only information received since Aunt Mary wrote ten days ago. I was glad to learn that Dr. Wilson was called in for consultation and trust there will be an early recovery. Does he have symptoms of gout?

We have great faith in our Low Moor doctor and he is now ridding me of a cold contracted last week when I was constantly on the go and under exposure.

Ruby and family are enjoying a small pool table recently received
With much love
Yours affectionate
nephew - E. C. Means

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., Feb 27th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I thank you
for your letter of yesterday.

Personally I do not have
much faith in Dr. Salmon and
would prefer either Dr. Wilson
or Dr. Merchant of Trouton.

Where there is so much pain
a few dollars spent in getting
the best medical service should
not stop Aunt Mary from calling
in even your friend Eickberg.

Or Father should be taken to
Hot Springs Va for treatment.

It is very good of you to write
so often and I appreciate your
kindness. My cold is about
gone - With love

E. C. Means

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E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., May 16th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter is
duly received -

I was not waiting for a formal invitation to visit Ashland -

Between bad colds and business matters I have been prevented from visiting Lower Falls. I had determined to leave last night but felt that the weather was such as would cause me to take cold if I undertook the trip -

However I contemplate making a visit within the next ten days -

The work here requires my almost constant presence and such time as I can spare away from the office is spent on business trips -

We received a nice letter from

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"Aunt Mary" telling us of her care
of Father -

The bad weather has kept Ruby
& John pretty close at home -

H. E. & Buck are still in school
and have managed to keep going
with but little interruption -

The roads are not good for driving
yet but I have been doing some
horseback riding between here and
Covington -

The Elizabeth Lexington & Big Sandy 5%
Bonds have been paid and I
have purchased C & O 4½% bonds
instead -

With much love

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., April 7th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Yesterday Ruby

& I visited Father at Hot Springs. His condition did not appear changed in any marked way from that of the Sunday before when Ed Seaton & I saw him.

The dressing of the wound is very painful and, during past two days the Dr. probed the wound to open it and to test the bone. The covering of the bone, cartilage or what ever it is called, in one or two places, has disintegrated. Probably the places are not larger than a dime would cover. After a few days the Dr. will determine whether a second operation will be necessary. If it is advisable to

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scrape the bone a longer incision will be necessary and anesthetics will be given patient during operation

Saturday, Father was wheeled in a chair out into sunshine on porch yesterday was too cold to go out of doors but he was taken into the halls and to the sunnyside of house - We think it will divert him to be wheeled about in the house even if prevented from getting out of doors.

The pain is from soreness of wound and is not so intense as when at home.

Ruby will write Bessie

With love

Your affectionate nephew

E. G. Means

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LOW MOOR, VA., April 9th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Yours & ^{the} ^{most}

with enclosed warrants received.

I shall keep sufficient funds at hand to meet expenses of enlarging house. Your proposed additions will make a very comfortable home.

Mrs. McChesney has written me not to send any more remittances for rent because she is obliged to give up house. I have paid her for your room up to May 6th.

Aunt Mary has arranged to take Father to New York, leaving Hot Springs tomorrow night. This after Dr. Pole advised that he be taken to a hospital for an operation on the bone of his foot.

I shall go up to Hot Springs in

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the morning and be ready to accompany them to New York -

I talked with Aunt Mary & Miss Keyon over telephone this P.M. and learned that Dr Spalding will arrange for conveyance at Jersey City. Dr Pole does not think it necessary for physician to accompany him. I fear the trip will be very severe and that the operation will test his strength to its limit.

With love

Your aff. nephew

E. G. Means

P.S. Ruby & Mrs Ringo are in Baltimore shopping

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LOW MOOR, VA., May 3^d 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

As requested by you I have ^{today} sent check to the Garfield National Bank for Two thousand (\$2000⁰⁰) Dollars same to be placed to your credit.

Thursday I was out on New River and Friday in Richmond.

We are having very nice weather and it is excellent for driving. John, Harriet & Buckner keep out of doors most of the day - Ruby is overseeing the house cleaning.

Will Mr. Robt Peebles erect a house of large dimensions after living so long in one of small?

Reports from Father are favorable and there appears to some improvement and less suffering.

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Sunday 4th

Mrs. Ringo's mother Mrs. Chesap
died in Florida last night

● Mr. R & Buckner will leave
tonight for Clinton Ky to
attend burial. Mrs. Chesap was
about 80 years of age -

Your aff nephew

E. C. Means

P. S. Chi & N. W. check for interest

● duly received -

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LOW MOOR, VA., *May 9th 1902**Dear Aunt Margaret:**Yours 8th received*

I have written Mr. R. H. Ellison as you request enclosing check for **Two hundred and fifty (\$250^x)** Dollars and asking him for note payable in one year without interest in your favor. Have written him about your payments for the Lamptons and others. Several years ago I met him in Mr. **Sinton's** office and the latter told me that he had been loaning Bob some money -

Latest information about Father received through Mr. Lyman is not as favorable as I should like. The failure to stop the discharge of pus, the rising temperature and his

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despondency are all bad symptoms.

I expect to leave here Sunday night for New York where I go to make a call on Father at the hospital.

Ruby is busy clearing house and preparing to entertain our directors, who are to be with us on 28th inst.

Plants are being put out in beds for summer and the garden is being given careful attention. I hope you will find time to visit us soon.

With love

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

P. S. Had a 12 miles horseback ride, today

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Low Moor, Va. May 9th, 1902

Mr. R. H. Ellison,
Manchester, Ohio

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find check for \$250.00 payable to your order. This I am directed to send you by Miss Margaret A. Means by way of loan. Kindly send me your note payable at one year for \$250.00 without interest, drawing note in favor of Margaret A. Means

In explanation of Aunt Margaret limiting her loan to \$250.00, I would state that her expenses for some time past have exceed^{ed} her income. She is paying on account of Miss Sade Lampton \$240.00 per month in addition to payments for her clothes and Doctor's bills. She is also pay^{ing} her Aunt Lampton's coal and grocery bills amounting to \$25.00 or \$30.00 per month, and is also paying Doctor bills for a poor woman with pulmonary trouble in New York.

Having acted as Agent and Clerk for Aunt Margaret for ten years past I have found that she is doing more to assist others than her intimate friends realize.

With regards.

Yours truly,

Agt. for Margaret A. Means.

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., May 10th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret;

Herewith I return tax assessment blank with items filled in which I believe you will be called upon to list in any event. I placed values at what I consider fair taxable values, which are lower than cost but in line with selling values after use no matter whether for long or short periods.

As there may be some opposition to your escaping taxation on other property because you are a resident of New York I would suggest that you present your case to Attorney John W. M. Stewart your neighbor and act under his advice. There are two large

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amounts involved to have you act without the advice of a Kentucky lawyer. And if you cannot legally be excused from taxation generally in Kentucky this year it is best you ascertain as soon as possible ^{to what} ^{amount} your liabilities for taxes will amount yearly -

If you are required to pay taxes on Notes, Bonds & Stocks your taxes will be very large and will absorb a large part of your income -

It is not necessary that you give Mr. Stewart a list of Bonds etc

With love

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., May 20^m 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letters
16th and 17th both received. You
signed the authority to Trust Co
in proper place. I see no
objection to the form sent out.
The letter of Col. Putnam to the
shareholders of the A. C. & J. Ry states
that the Capital Stock of that Co
was reduced one half and that
an equal number of shares of the
A. I & M Co would be given in
exchange. That disposed of one
half your stock in the A. C. & J. Ry
now it is asked that the shares
be sent to the Trust Co for exchange
and also, ^{stated} that those wishing to
do so can exchange the rest of their
shares for equal number A. I & M Co

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shares - The holders of more than two thirds of the capital stock of the A. & P. Ry have agreed to the latter so it is advisable that you do the same.

No one has written us about Father since I saw him - I wish I could feel more encouraged about his condition -

We will have Mr. Lyman and other directors with us next week
With love

Your affectionate nephew
E. G. Means

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., May 22nd 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Yours 21st recd.

Without the circular letter of Col Putnam to the A.C. & D. shareholders one would be puzzled to know why on the 14th of Nov. 1901 the shareholders of the A.C. & D. voted to reduce the Capital Stock one half. They did so vote and their stock will need to be surrendered ^{or} ~~to~~ that new certificates in conformity with the reduced capital can be issued instead.

While this is being done it is advisable to have the new Co, A. I & M Co, acquire practically all of the remaining A.C. & D Ry shares so that control of the R.R. will be in the new Company -

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

The laws of the State of Kentucky now forbid a RR owning lands, coal mines, furnaces, houses and stores or engaging in business other than that of a "common carrier"

This required the A. C. & D to dispose of its lands, houses, furnaces, stores, steam boat, barges, town lots etc.

The Ashland Iron & Mining Co was organized to buy what the A. C. & D was compelled by law not to own and it bought the lands etc and agreed to give an equal number of its shares for the A. C. & D shares which are to be surrendered to the A. C. & D for cancellation. If the transaction had stopped there you would have surrendered one half of your A. C. & D shares only.

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and would be a stockholder in both companies with an equal number of shares in each company.

It was thought best not to leave the ^{remaining} shares of the A. C. & D. Co so that they might be bought & sold until finally the new company would be as the Norton Iron Works has been in regard to its ownership of the R.R. therefore the new company will acquire a control of the R.R. Co's stock and issue additional shares in equal number for all it acquires. It will be same as if the Norton Iron Works offered you equal shares for your remaining A. C. & D. Stock.

The A. C. & D. Ry Co will continue as a company but with but one

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half of the Capital Stock it has had and the greater part, if not all, of that one half, will be owned by the Ash. Iron & Mining Co.

The Ash. Iron & Mining Co will increase its capital stock until it will equal that of the A.C. & D as formerly - It will hold the stock of the A.C. & D Ry the same as it holds 1000 shares of Norton Iron Works stock - It will be in position to buy more Norton stock or other stocks either for cash or by issuing its own stock as now.

I am sorry the date of our meeting threatens to keep you from visiting us next week. What day do you expect to leave Ashland? We do not expect

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

more than two or three visitors
and do not believe they will
be here longer than Thursday

We have room enough to take
care of you at the same time
if will only come. Why not
run up to the Hot Springs for
a few days and then come and
visit us. We are very anxious
to have you make us a visit
and will be greatly disappointed
if you do not.

With much love

Yours affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

P. S. You should at least give
John R a chance to get acquainted
He is a boy that keeps his
nurse busy -

June 1902

BALANCE SHEET.

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K.M. Mine Development #2			490.24
Machinery & Equipment			52198.00
New Engine House Low Moor	\$7601.46		
New Engine House Covington	3974.56		
New Blast Engine Low Moor	2707.02		
New Blast Engine Covington	2997.76		
Allis-Chalmers Co.	30071.98		47354.78
Railroads			158069.96
Repairs to Trestle Low Moor	9.00		
Repairs to Trestle Covington	1302.64		1311.64
Real Estate			
Lands & Mining Plants Va.	\$366531.06		
Furnaces & Coke Ovens "	584327.60		
Buildings "	158077.15	\$1108935.81	
Lands W, Va	\$100000.00		
Coke Ovens "	73911.88		
Buildings "	43080.48		
Mining Plants "	157597.94	374590.30	\$1483526.11
Telephone Exchange			3272.46
Inventories			255073.377
Cash with Treas.	20153.02		
Cash with Asst. Treas.	10837.22	30990.24	\$2032286.80
W.L. Dame			851.03
Bills Receivable			171918.11
Dalton, Nash & Co.			97348.64
John N. Gordon			249.00
Thos. A. Mack & Co.			24151.34
Sundry Parties			35109.16
			<u>328776.25</u>
			\$2361914.08

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Capital Stock	\$1,160,000.00	
Bonds	500,000.00	
Notes Payable	136,568.67	
Wages	21,785.32	
Hospital Fund	2,274.39	
K.M. Burial Fund	393.04	
Unsettled Accounts Current	112,793.00	\$1,993,815.42
Furnace Repairs Low Moor.	\$5612.34	
Furnace Repairs Covington	<u>4118.53</u>	
Insurance	9,730.87	
Sinking Fund	18,704.92	
E.C. Means Special Account	97,200.86	125,636.65
Accrued Taxes	3,333.33	
Frank Lyman Interest Account	5,610.00	
W. Va. Lands Reserve	5,093.75	
Suspense Account	25,000.00	
Profit & Loss	<u>5,000.00</u>	44,037.08
		<u>198,424.93</u>
		<u>\$2,361,914.08</u>

SUNDRIES TO PROFIT & LOSS, JUNE, 1902.

Covington Coke	\$322.16	
Fenwick Mine	846.80	
Fayette Coal Mine	4497.40	
" Coke	22.15	
" Rent	57.59	
Kay Moor Rent	2414.11	
Limestone No. 1	11.17	
Low Moor Mine	320.92	
Laboratory No. 1	568.32	
Laboratory No. 2	648.43	
Low Moor Coke	918.19	
Med. Dept.	1543.24	
Rent	3862.49	
" " " "	85.71	
Rumsey Mine	4965.79	
R.R. Operating	2440.00	
Store No. 1	1336.35	
" 2	3038.63	
" 3	1522.21	
" 4	1301.34	
" 5	939.13	
" 7	405.61	
" 8	3040.09	
" 9	378.16	
" 11	1065.50	
Sales Zinc Low Moor.	1385.94	
Sales Zinc Covington	274050.29	
Sales Pig Iron Low Moor.	222879.25	
Sales Pig Iron Covington	1756.13	
Sales Cinder Low Moor.	87.94	
" " Covington	11420.80	
Suspense	44037.47	
Sales Coal Kay Moor	2364.31	
" " Fayette	924.46	
Teams	3188.30	
Time Discount	<u>3188.30</u>	\$598,140.38

PROFIT & LOSS TO SUNDRIES, June 1902.

	\$629,171.12	\$273,416.81
Blast 8 A		250,486.85
Blast 6 G		780.03
D.A. Mine		52.10
Damages		15,051.26
Expense		7,222.24
Fayette Coal		7,434.37
Iron Product		22,482.58
Interest		42,516.15
Kay Moor Coal		2,653.59
" " Coke		6,711.84
R.R. Maintenance		133.77
Stack Mine		34.92
Store No. 10		194.61
Ware House		

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	<u>Produced</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Per ton</u>
Low Moor Mines	8014-1940/2240 tons	\$36,973.84	\$4.61
Stack	" 7915- 160 "	26,764.90	3.38
Dolly Ann	" 8904- 540 "	26,791.96	3.00
Rumsey	" 12735-2200 "	24,787.43	1.94
Fenwick	" 22500- 400 "	25,016.04	2.00
Total	60070- 760/2240 "	\$140,334.17	\$2.33- 6

LIMESTONE

33,305-1200/2240 tons \$25,016.04 .75 per ton.

COAL PRODUCED.

			Cost	
Kay Moor	34136-	tons.	\$42516.15	\$1.24
Fayette	1975-	"	2724.84	1.38
	<u>36111</u>	"	<u>\$45240.99</u>	<u>\$1.26</u>

COKE PRODUCED

Kay Moor	11476-	/2240 tons	\$28717.97	\$2.50
Fayette	285-	/2240 "	894.62	3.14
	<u>11761</u>	"	<u>\$29612.59</u>	<u>\$2.52</u>

Sales Kay Moor Coal	(32948) 34136	tons	\$44037.47	\$1.29
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Note:- Total coal produced at Kay Moor Mine to and including June 30,
1902 - 112798 tons.

PIG IRON PRODUCED.

		<u>Cost</u>	
Blast 8 A	20990-1300/2300 Tons	\$273,416.81	\$13.02
Blast 6 C	16295- 120/2300 "	250,486.85	15.37
	<u>37283-1420/2300 "</u>	<u>\$523,903.66</u>	<u>\$14.05</u>

PIG IRON SOLD.

Low Moor	20810- Tons.	\$274,050.29	\$13.16
Covington	17407- "	222,879.25	12.80
	<u>38217- "</u>	<u>\$496,929.54</u>	<u>\$13.00</u>

SALES ZINC.

Low Moor	53- 880 tons	\$19.95	per ton.
Covington	67-1920 "	20.42	" "
	<u>121- 560/2240</u>	<u>\$20.23</u>	" "

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LOW MOOR, VA., June 22nd 02

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your kind letter
20th received this morning -

Maynards telegram Friday reached
us at 7 P.M. just as we started
driving and was like a stroke
of lightening from a clear sky -

We anxiously awaited his addition
at messages of yesterday and today
which give us encouragement to
hope for possible recovery -

If the amputation has not been
too long delayed it would cause
me no additional worry because
I thought it probably necessary
when Father left Hot Springs, but
now I fear it was suddenly
determined upon to avoid blood
poisoning -

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

Your encouraging letters were a pleasure to receive and my opinion, formed when I last saw Father, was changed to a hopeful one - His age, I felt, should be considered and if a few months suffering could have been saved by early amputation I should have favored it when he was first taken to the hospital -

Dr. Edgar Pale was first to properly diagnose the case and if either he or Dr. Geo Spalding had been in charge ^{from the beginning}, I feel satisfied results would have been far different -

We were disappointed Bess did not visit us on her return. We thought she knew the Boston trip was given up two weeks ago -

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

We have been trying to get Mr. Maynard here for a visit and one of the pleasures anticipated from the Boston trip was to have him return to Va. with us—

We also expected to visit Father and find him much improved.

However instead we find that in the management of a company like this there is no certainty of vacations. With several thousand people depending upon its operations for bread & butter every endeavor must be made to keep running and for this reason I remain on duty. The coal strike in W. Va. would have stopped us if I had not been on hand to act quickly and obtain fuel for furnaces.

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

Please give my love and best wishes to Father and Aunt Mary when you think I can cheer him or it would please him to see me, write me and I shall arrange to come as soon as possible.

Buckner is still at Ashland he will be much pleased at your remembering him.

Ruby, John & I had a beautiful drive today on the road to Hot Springs.

With much love from all
Your aff. nephew
E. C. Means

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., July 3rd 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Yours June

30th received -

It looks like hot weather for the Fourth tomorrow. We have had a very cool June and will feel the heat.

Aunt Mary writes that she feels blue about Father although the doctors reports are encouraging.

I expect to go to New York this month. Was waiting until Rose left and until he got over the operation and the shock to his nervous system which followed.

I am very busy but would go in spite of that.

Our coal miners are still on strike and we have our furnace idle.

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

Our coachman John asked me if the missus had made any apologies about going to work. You would enjoy John's orthography. He is fond of long words -

We have bowled on the green with H. E.'s new outfit - It is fine for exercise.

Judge Savage has paid off the Clinton Free Brick Bonds you owned - as well as making a 10% dividend last month, and now talks of adding to the plant new buildings.

With much love

Your affectionate nephew
E. G. Means

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., Aug 2nd 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith please find enclosed check on the National Bank of Commerce, in your favor, for Two Thousand $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,000⁰⁰) as per your request.

Your letter was very encouraging about Father. It is still too early to definitely determine his real condition of strength.

It is wonderful he has survived the pain & suffering he has endured for 7 months. We have anxiously awaited news from day to day and hope it may now continue favorable.

We are having a dry season compared with the rest of the country. Our grass looks badly.

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

Garden does not compare at all favorably with that of last year.

Mr. John F. Winslow of Cincinnati left here Saturday after a weeks visit. He is not strong and is very nervous but appeared to improve rapidly while here.

Ruby is hunting up names of women and doctors for the "Jonka Talpa" ^{Stewart} Soap Company at 1¢ each, for the benefit of the Low Moor Church. She expects to get 5000 names, the limit.

Mr. Frank Lyman is here for a few days— With much love

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., Oct 1st 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret;

Acting upon request of 26th Sept I have sent check to Hotel Kensington for Fifty six (\$56x) Dollars in payment your room rent four (4) weeks beginning Oct 2nd and will continue remittances as you request.

Your letter 29th received. I note that Miss Mary Wood Chase is not to be charged interest on your loan of \$500⁰⁰ to her, April 13th 1896, and that she has been asked to send payments to me and that I shall receipt to her for you I shall give the matter attention as per your request.

Herewith I return receipt of

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

Hotel Kensington, Miss Chase's letter and circulars from the New York and New Jersey Telephone Co relative to rights to subscribe for new stock at par.

I think it best that you take the new stock at par rather than sell the "rights". The stock pays 7% dividends and with the "rights" offered from time to time really equals 10% investment. The rights in the present instance are worth \$18 to \$20 per share as shown by the enclosed letter from Maffat & White.

Please return to me after signing -
sign "Margaret S. Means"
You have funds on deposit with Maffat & White to meet the payment \$5000⁰⁰. You now own \$15000⁰⁰ of the stock and this will increase it.

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

Prior to the issuing of the "rights" the stock was worth \$180⁰⁰ per share.

Father will take his "rights" -

● If you prefer to sell your rights sign the "Assignment of Rights" and return it to me - If you wish to take the stock sign the "Subscription to New Stock" -

I have been away for a day with Mr. Lyman and will be
● away latter part of this week.

Father's wound is now in good shape and will soon be well. The trouble was not unusual after an operation - His cold is better and he was out doors Monday -

With love

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., Oct 6th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 3rd just received. Found enclosed subscription to new stock N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co.

Herewith I hand you check on the National Bank of Commerce payable to your order for One thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars as per your request.

Mr. Lyman and I had a pleasant visit in N. Va. where we staid two days.

Father's wound is now practically well and need cause no worry. I saw it Sunday when dressing was removed and was surprised at the quickness with which it is healing, only a spot the size of a pin head remains covered with the cotton and I presume in two or three days it will be OK.

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

Buckner returned Saturday night and today he and H.E. resumed their studies at the L. M. school.

John R. entertains his Grandpa by playing on the Pianola. He wanted Mr. Lyman to dance to his music.

We have about 50 men at work in our coal mines but find it slow work getting men and increasing the production - Prices for coal and coke are so high (and going higher) that it will soon be a problem as to whether we can afford to run our furnaces.

With love

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

John F. Winslow,
No. 43 St. Paul Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

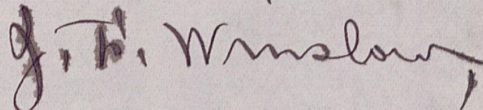
October 21, 1902.

John Means, Esq.,
Ashland,
Kentucky

Dear Sir:-

I beg to apprise you that on October 15, 1902, by the shareholders of the Ashland Iron & Mining Company, you were elected a Director of the Company, and that on the same day by the Board of Directors you were elected First Vice President of the Company.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. F. Winslow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Secretary, Ashland I & M. Co.

John F. Winslow,
No. 43 St. Paul Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Oct. 21, 1902,

John Means Esq.,
Winifred Dodge
Lawson, Alleghany Co.,
Virginia.

My dear Mr. Means!

The elections of which the enclosed will notify you carried with them we were glad to feel a well-grounded hope that it would not be long before we might again have the advantage of your counsel and the pleasure of your company. Col. Putnam has a quantity of matters that he awaits the first opportunity to discuss with you, and he is not at all disposed to allow you to plead a loss at one extremity as a reason why you should refuse to employ the other in our interest.

Mr. Robt. Peebles was duly elected a director in both companies, and before the Boards organized Mr. Bailey and Penny Butler privately explained to him the views of the Board. In this interview Mr. Peebles flatly declined to give any assurance that he would facilitate the work on the lines the Board has laid down. He seemed specially hostile to the independent audit of the accounts and to Bay Putnam in person. In the end it became apparent that we should have

John F. Winslow,
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to take the bull by the horns, and as a temporary arrangement Mr. (Geo. E.) Duncan was appointed Treasurer and I was appointed Secretary, of both companies, until further order of the Board. Mr. Peebles left the Board meetings and took no part in the proceedings. We appointed Duncan also Chief Accountant of the G. & M. Co. and Comptroller of the Ry. Co. with full charge of all accounts. I learn from Ashland that all is going smoothly.

Bob Putnam accompanied Mr. Barley to Pittsburg on Wednesday afternoon, ostensibly to attend Miss Barley's wedding but really, I suspect, to be out of the way for a few days. No doubt you will shortly hear from him at length. Pray remember me to all at the 'Badge' where I am sure you must be enjoying the mountains at this season.

Sincerely yours
John F. Winslow

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., Oct 27th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

In response to your request of 24th inst I am today sending check to Hotel Kensington for \$56⁰⁰ in payment your room rent for four weeks or to November 25th

Friday Mr. Lyman + I rode to Fenwick Mines 30 miles and Sunday rode back a shorter route about 25 miles. His hunting dogs were too tired to be brought home with us.

Ruby left for Ashland last night and tomorrow will join me in Cincinnati.

We shall be glad to see you whenever you come here. With love
Yours affectionately! E. C. Means

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E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., Dec 9th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

In response to your letter 5th inst received 8th inst I have sent check for One thousand (\$1,000x) Dollars to the Garfield Natl Bank to be credited to your account.

Also sent check for Fifty six (\$56⁰⁰) Dollars to the Hotel Kensington in payment room 4 weeks in advance. I asked the Hotel people, two months ago to send bills to me and now ask them again.

Last week I spent 4 days on New River and did not learn of Aunt Hampton's death until Sunday. I was very sorry to hear it and I feel much sympathy for the boys

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

Father may leave tonight
for Clifton Forge and take train
No 5 in morning for home.
I shall be away today but
expect to be on train with him
tonight and get him started
tomorrow.

With love

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

P.S. Father decides to wait
for warmer weather.

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E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., Dec 24th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Yours with

A. C. & S. Dividend received. I have written asking that in future the checks be mailed to me.

Mr. J. H. Foster writes that his bookkeeper let Mrs. Lampton's account run up to \$322.73 before calling his attention to it. I have replied that you would not raise any objection —

Foster asks about next year, whether you wish to continue the arrangement with the boys — What shall I answer?

Mr Charles Barrett of Kilgore has offered \$2500⁰⁰ for the Kilgore farm \$1500. cash and \$500. April 1st and \$500. Oct 1st @ 6% int I have written accepting his offer

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

Will prepare deed for your signature - It is the first opportunity for selling the remainder of farm since 1893 and I thought you would wish to accept it.

Ruby is getting the Christmas tree ready and the children are full of excitement and impatience with best wishes for a Merry Christmas

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

P.S. I expect to visit Ashland about the first to get information about expenses, donations and house repairs.

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA.,

Dec 29th 1902

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 28th received.

Charles's telegram announcing Lizzie's death was a great surprise to us. We had not heard of her being dangerously ill. We received his message Sunday morning too late for either Ruby or I to reach Asheville for the services today. Probably he did not expect us to go to Asheville or would have wired earlier.

We are having a cold rain today, very unpleasant.

I am enjoying your pipe given me Christmas. It has been admired by all my friends.

It is probable that I shall go to Richmond on this week and then to Aspland. Probably reaching Aspland Friday or Saturday morning but I cannot be positive as to the date.

Ruby is resting after Christmas work. H. E. and Buck are in vacation enjoying Christmas gifts. John is having a good time with new toys and clothes during the day and as usual manages to keep some one awake several hours each night.

With love
E. C. Means
P. S. Will write Mr. Foster as to your wishes.