

E. C. Deans,
Asbland, Ky.

Low Moor Pa
Jan'y 1st 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I am leaving tonight
for Richmond and expect to reach Asbland
Saturday morning on No 3 -

All are well - With love

Yours

E. C. Deans

It do not keep house as warm as formerly

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Low Moor, Va.,

January 9th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Today I am sending deed for Kilgore farm to Mr. W. C. Richardson with request that Mr. Oscar Henthorne take it to you for your signature and acknowledgement. Mr. Richardson will hold it until Mr. Charles Barrett makes payment.

I enjoyed my visit with you very highly and wish to thank you for the kindness shown me.

I have recovered from the incipient cold in spite of trudging around in very rough weather on New River.

All are well here. It was 15° F this A.M. ground barely covered with snow

With love

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA.,

January 17th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith find Trial Balance, and statements showing Income, Expenditures, changes in Investments, Profit & Loss, Expenses, Rents, Repairs, Commissions, Taxes, Donations, Furniture, Interest and Dividend accounts.

As surplus income covered last years deficit and all house repairs and left a balance to the credit of Capital account I changed the repairs made to Ashland House 15th Street in ordinary course to Profit & Loss for the year instead of opening a new account. Thereby leaving Ashland Real Estate account same as July 7th 1902.

City tax on ~~Seamans~~^{Ashland} property was paid by Mr. Sexton and is not shown.

Sale of Kilgore property will appear next year. Estimated values of Assets will be sent you later. Trusting the enclosed will be satisfactory and with best wishes for a prosperous year
Yours affectionate nephew:

E. C. Means

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Low Moor, Va.,

January 24th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I hand you statements of assets and bills receivable. In the list of accounts is one of \$200⁰⁰ Mary A. Thorne. Shall I charge it to Profit & Loss or allow it to remain as an open account? Are there any of the bills receivable you wish charged to Profit & Loss?

This week I have purchased for you 50 shares of Ashland Fire Brick Co stock paying therefor Five thousand (\$5000⁰⁰) Dollars - You also receive a stock dividend of 44 shares, Four thousand four hundred (\$4,400) Dollars - During 1903 I expect that rights to purchase stock will be granted by the Chicago & Northwestern RR, the Pennsylvania RR and by the New York and New Jersey Telephone Co. The funds in the Central Trust and Safe Deposit Co are drawing 2% interest and those with the Low Moor Iron Co 5% interest since Sept 15th 1902

The Ashland Fire Brick Co will issue some 6% bonds which will be bought by Ashl. Nat. Bank, Charles Russell, Father and I will take some for you -

With love

Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

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E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, V. A.,

Feb 2nd 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Mr. Lyman was here last week and I talked with him about taxes in New York. He said that the levy for this year has been made, and that it was the duty of the assessors to hunt for people liable for assessment. I told him you wished to pay your proper proportion of taxes and that you wished me to find out necessary steps to be taken. He did not favor your making any effort to find the tax gatherer because it is the business of the tax gatherer to find you. He says if once you are assessed your taxes will probably be doubled each year until you go before the tax commissioners and swear off any excess.

Perhaps you noticed that J. P. Morgan disclaimed liability for taxes on \$600,000 - and was let off with a \$400,000 - assessment.

If you do not approve of Mr. Lyman's view I will write to the Hotel Kensington and ^{request to} have your name reported for assessment - I should advise that you give Mountmoroney to Tom Adams for tax purposes and let him pay on him - The money paid will reach the

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proper authority same as if paid by you. If you see any objections to this course I would advise you to pay on him in Ashland as I presume he will never see New York -

In New York a person does not make out a list as in Ashland. The assessor guesses at the amount from best information he has at hand. He is allowed to continue guessing until he gets it too high and then a protest is made -

I am leaving tonight for Cleveland O and may ~~to~~ ~~with~~ stop in Ashland on my way home -

With much love

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

Dec. 7. 1903.

My dear John:

Mr. Benson who has been with
me for many twenty years disappeared
suddenly on Thursday leaving his wife
and family & sending me a letter of fare-
well to his wife to write a letter to me
telling me he had robbed me of \$2500.
& \$3000. - Fortunately I put a good deal
provision, but am doing my best to
straighten out the tangle and unsee
that he has left behind him. All
his books are more or less muddled
but except for inaccuracies & errors,
I am convinced that the loss will con-
fine itself to the amount of his con-
fession & to any loss of interest & honor.

He might have taken much more
but seemed to confine himself to
Occall & Continuous depositions.
For the past six weeks I have been
working hard & steady to bring things
up to date & clear him up. Had he not
slipped, his detection would have been
certain the day he left, and I presume
the fear of detection drove him to
flight, but not until he had made
the unsuccessful attempt to alter the
bank book that I had commanded him to
present the following day. His operations
date from the ^{time} day of my going to
Europe in 1900. *Living Language*
Washington

TONTINE BUILDING,
82-88 WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

Feb. 7. 1903.

My dear ~~Core~~ :

To save myself a double tax I am enclosing under separate cover a ^{copy of} letter I have just written John Ham. Everything here is in confusion worse compounded. I found hidden in Mr. Dawson's desk or rather in a mass of other matters a letter from you ^{to him} under date of Jan 24th. I do not know whether it received any attention or not, but I will look it ^{up} Monday if possible that I can get around to it. In the mean time let me know if he paid any attention to your letter or not.

I have been working pretty hard & I confess I have not slept quite my usual allowance, but I think I am getting as near abreast of the situation as the time permits, and my lack of knowledge of where he kept things Dalton has helped me quite a little & I have taken Howard on trial for a week & may possibly engage him in place of Ed.

In haste
Your truly
Ned Lyman

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., Mar 4th 03

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 28th ult
 postmark 2nd inst I find today
 on my return from N. Va.

I am sending today New York check
 for One Thousand (\$1000x) Dollars to
 Garfield Natl Bank as you requested.

Your letter contains good news
 about Father - I hope he will manage
 to get full control of the crutches
 It will be a great pleasure to him
 if he can move about at will -

Mr Lyman was here Monday - Tuesday
 we went out on New River to see
 our coal works. Rode in Pres. Stevens
 private car and were served a nice
 breakfast - I did not pay RR fare while
 in the Pres's car so would enjoy
 more of same thing -

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

Ruby & I will leave here Saturday
Spend Sunday in Philadelphia
and go to New York Monday.
Tuesday we go to Mr. Lyman's for
a short visit.

I wish to apologize to you
for not writing sooner after my
last visit to you. The visit
was very enjoyable, as they always
are at your home

With much love and kindest
regards

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

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E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, V.A., April 23rd 03

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter
21st received. I have written to
J. F. Hager for advice, - I presume
he has been Tom Culbertson's
adviser in regard to taxes in
Kentucky, and as your cases
are similar, will be able to
state definitely what personal
property is liable for taxation.

I have not fully recovered
from the cough and neuralgic
pains but am continuing to
improve in gaining strength.

The cough is much better and
I am free from pain on the left
side. Dr. Justice is applying
electricity to the nerve on the
right side and I hope to have

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

relief at an early date -
Unfortunately we continue to
have rain and I am not able
to keep out of doors as much
as I would like to do.

Ruby is looking well and
I hope to keep her occupied
several hours daily in driving
me around the neighborhood.

We were both pleased to be
at home again with our family.

I expect to write you a letter
^{tomorrow} about selling or loaning your
government bonds and will use
my stenographer to save time
and to have a letter you
and Father can both read -

With love
Yours affectionately
E. C. Means

E. C. Means,

~~Asbland, Ky.~~

Low Moor, Va. April 24, 1903

My dear Aunt Margaret:-

As stated in my letter of yesterday I wish to address you relative to your Government Bonds, and enclose herewith a letter from Moffat & White referring to the rates of interest yielded by Government Bonds considering their present market ^{and} value, the possibility of loaning them to the First National Bank of New York at a premium of 1-1/2% for the 4 s of 1907 which you hold. I also enclose telegram received from Moffat & White yesterday to which I replied stating that I had not had the opportunity of presenting this matter to you. The Government Bonds owned by you will be paid July 1907, and on present bid prices only yield 1.25%. I talked with both Mr. Geo. Moffat and Alex. White, and they are strongly of the opinion that it does not pay any individual to hold the Bonds for the sake of income; that they are only suitable now for the use of banks. I agree with Mess. Moffat & White in their opinion, and have determined to sell my own Bonds, and to invest the proceeds in other securities. I also enclose herewith a letter from the National City Bank, copies of which appear to have been mailed to all persons owning Government Bonds. You will note that the National City Bank circular states that "The 4% Bonds of 1907 return an income on investment of but 1-1/5%; that a \$1000.00 Bond can be sold to-day (April 11th) for about \$1115.00. The Government will redeem it in 4 years at ^{date of} par, and with premium to the Bond holder who carries it to maturity. The Bonds never before have sold at so high a price as would result in this low income return". There are a large number of guaranteed stocks which I consider a perfectly safe investment which will yield in the neighborhood of 4%, and are non-taxable in New York. I know that you are very much attached to your

E. C. Deans,
Ashland, Ky.

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Government Bonds on account of their safety, but I believe that now is the time you should dispose of the Bonds due 1907, and I cannot advise you to purchase 2% Bonds because of the low rate of interest. National Banks can now use Government Bonds either to obtain circulation or Government deposits which enable them to secure a return of 4 or 5%, possibly higher at times on their investment in Government Bonds. Father can explain how this is done, to you better than I can by letter.

I enclose also circulars issued by Moffat & White relative to telephone stock in the Bell Telephone Company of Buffalo, and in the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company.

I shall be pleased if you take this letter together with the enclosures to Father and ask him to consider the matter with you. Both are interested as it means the consideration of a change of investment which will increase each of your incomes between \$2500.00 and \$3000.00 per year, a matter well worth serious consideration, as it means a difference ^{to each of you} in your incomes by the time your Government Bonds are due of practically \$10,000.00

As soon as I have the opportunity I expect to visit Ashland, but as this opportunity of selling your Bonds at a high price is now afforded I wish to have you both give it some consideration ^{now} if you do not determine your wishes in the matter before I can see you.

Yours truly

affectionately
E. C. Deans

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., May 2nd 03

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter of 25th April relative to Gov. Bonds duly received - and your wishes will be followed - I wish to talk with you about the bonds however when I have the opportunity -

Your letter of May 1st enclosing check of the Means & Russell Iron Co for Six thousand Six hundred (\$6600⁰⁰) Dollars received this morning -

I shall arrange to send draft to Garfield Natl Bank for Two Thousand (\$2000⁰⁰) Dollars for your credit -

The Pennsylvania RR will issue rights to subscribe for new stock in June - I shall arrange to provide funds for

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

your allotment.

I am pleased to learn of
Father's good health and hope
to have the pleasure of seeing ^{with} him
and you within the next ten days.

I shall go to Cincinnati to
cut coupons and stop over at
Akland on my return.

The bright clear weather this
week has been a great help to
me and my strength is returning
rapidly. Ruby is using all ^{of}
her energy cleaning house. The
children are both very well.

With love,

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

APPRAISMENT OF DR. *E. O.* HILDRETH ESTATE. MAY 12, 1903.

CONTENTS OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK VAULT. BOX 52.

400	Four per cent Coupons, 1907 Bonds	440.00
200	Four per cent Registered 1907 Bonds	220.00
	Check. Government.	62.00
	G. O. Hildreth	703.83
	E. B. Putnam, Trustee	1516.26
DIME SAVINGS SOCIETY.		
6000	Four Per cent Registered, Due 1907	6600.00
10000	Four and One-Half per cent Registered Due 1891 extended two.	10000.00
40	Shares Citizens Natl Bank Stock @ 1.50	6000.00
16	Shares First National Bank Stock	3900.00

GERMAN---NOTHING.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK.

DEPOSIT 387 25

PARLOR.

	Bookcase, Cabinet, 2 pieces.	10.00
	Carpet	3.00
	Bureau	7.50
	Sofa	15.00
	Picture of Dr. S. P. Hildreth	
	Painting of Rockies	50
	Painting of Sunset	50
	Table	1.00
	Step Ladder	25
	Gas Stove	2.00

HALL

	Hall Rack	6.00
	Carpet. Stair and Floor.	1.50
	Hall Lamp	50

SITTING ROOM.

15	Hair Cloth Chairs	30.00
1	Small Hocker	2.00
1	Large Hocker	3.00
3	Stands	1.50
1	High Back Chair	3.00
	Book Rack	2.00
	Sofa	7.50
	Painting. Landing of Pioneers	
	Painting. Fruit	50
	Painting. Fort Hernar.	
	Painting. Stockade.	
	Painting. Foot of Island.	
	Painting. Mrs. Rhoda Maria Hoos.	
	Picture. Old Mill	50
1	Stove.	2.00
	Carpets.	1.50
1	Stool	50
	Lot of Dishes, Trays, and Glasses	3.00
1	Can Chest	2.00

DINING ROOM.

13	Tea Spoons, Solid	3.25
5	Plated Tea Spoons	25
8	Table Spoons. Solid.	4.00
6	Table Spoons. Solid.	50
1	Sugar Tong.	25
1	Gravy Spoon.	50
1	Soup Ladle	10
1	Coffee Urn	3.00
1	Fruit Basket	25
1	Butter Knife	10
	One Half Doz. Knives and Forks	50
1	Lot of Dishes in Corner Closet	2.00
1	Corner Closet	1.00
5	Pictures	50
1	India Dish. Isaac Barker 1740 N. I.	1.00
2	Clocks	3.00
1	Extension Table	2.00
2	Drop Leaf Tables	1.00
4	Lamps	1.00
1	Stove	1.00
6	Hard Bottom Chairs	90
	Linen, Table Cloth, Towels, Sheets etc	2.00
	Matting	50

OFFICE.

	Book Case	1.00
1	Revolving Table	5.00
1	Stove	50
2	Chair	30
1	Clock	25
1	Looking Glass	25
2	Tables	30
	Medical and Surgical Instruments	3.00
1	Writing Desk	50

KITCHEN.

	Stove	1.00
	Wash Tubs, Boilers, Wash Board, Fringer	1.00
4	Chairs	50
	All other Kitchen Utensils	3.00

COAL HOUSE.

1	Wheel Barrow	1.50
1	Eight Round Ladder	25
1	20 Round Ladder	1.00
1	20 Round Ladder	25
1	Lot of Tools	1.00

KITCHEN HALL.

1	Saw and Grapple Hoo k	50
	Table and contents.	25

DINING ROOM CHAMBER.

1	Bed	1.50
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DINING ROOM CHAMBER. (Continued)

I	Mattress Pillow, Comforts and Bedding	5.00
I	Feather Bed	50
6	Chairs	90
I	Bureau	1.00
I	Wash Stand	50
I	Table	25
I	Punch Matting	50
I	Stove	75

SITTING ROOM CHAMBER.

I	Bed	1.00
I	Bureau and Mirror	5.00
I	Wash Stand	50
I	Drop Leaf Table	1.00
2	Stands	50
I	Enclosed Wash Stand	25
I	Carpet	50
I	Picture. "Isola Island"	25
I	Picture. "Moonlight. Norway."	25
I	Picture	25
I	Lot of Bedding, Feather and Straw	1.50

FRONT HALL UP-STAIRS.

I	Drop Leaf Table	1.50
I	Stand	25
I	Mahogany Table	

PARLOR CHAMBER.

I	Bed	1.50
I	Mahogany Table	7.50
I	Wash Stand, Marble Top. Bowl and Pitcher, etc.	1.00
I	Bureau	2.00
I	Wash Stand	1.00
I	Writing Desk	1.00
I	Stand	25
I	Picture. Lago Magoire.	25
I	Picture. Fishing by Moonlight.	25
I	Mirror	25
I	Feather Bed and Straw	1.50
I	Carpet and Rugs.	2.00

PARLOR CHAMBER. THIRD FLOOR.

Bed, Bureau, Bedding, Carpet	2.00
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SITTING ROOM CHAMBER. THIRD FLOOR.

Stove, Bed, Picture, Carpet, Grip	2.00
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THIRD HALL

Clothes Press.	50
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TRUNK

Cash. Silver.	3.15
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One Watch

5 Five Cent Scrip pieces and 1, Fifty Cent Piece	75
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MRS. LYDIA PUTNAM .

Table		7.50
	E. E. PUTNAM.	
Tables		6.00
Looking Glass		1.00
Side Board		10.00

R. B. Putnam

LOANS. ABSTRACTS. INSURANCE.

MARIETTA, OHIO, May 14th, 1903. 190

Thomas H. Means,
Ashland, Ky.
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find a Copy of the Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of your Uncle, Dr. G. O. Hildreth.

This Inventory and Appraisement includes all except the Real Estate. This consists of a lot Fifty feet front on Putnam Street by One Hundred and Eighty feet deep, situate just east of the Court House, with the Three Story, Brick Dwelling thereon with which you are no doubt familiar. The value of this property is hard to determine. I have consulted with various people about the value and have had prices ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 placed thereon. I was offered \$10,000 for the same to-day, so that will show that it is worth that much, at least, and if it is your wish I will endeavor to secure the best price I can and then submit same to you, one and all, for your approval.

Mrs. Mary H. Edgerton has this day served notice on the Probate Court that she will file objection to the Administrator having any jurisdiction over One Dozen of the best Hair Cloth Chairs, One Lounge, One Bureau and One Rocking Chair, claiming they belonged to her mother. I refused her claim to them on the following grounds:- Mrs. Rhoda Maria Ross died February 20, 1854, Nine years before the death of Dr. S. P. Hildreth, and in the Inventory and Appraisement of the said Dr. S. P. Hildreth Estate all these articles are Inventoried and Appraised; also, because several of the heirs desired some of them and I thought that Mrs. Edgerton should stand on the same basis as the others.

I shall be glad to hear from you in the matter as to what disposition you desire to make of the Real Estate; also if under the Inventory you desire any of the articles, make First, Second and Third Choice and the same will be sent to you as near your first choice as possible.

Awaitin your reply, I remain,

Very truly yours,

S. H. Putnam

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA., May 29th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Our directors Meper Lyman, Pierrepont and Winslow were with us Wednesday & Thursday and we enjoyed their visit very much. Ruby no doubt is now ready to lead a less strenuous life than during the past month in her preparations for the meeting. Mr. Winslow is deeply interested in the Ashland Stock matter and is hopeful Gay will win out in the finish. I enjoyed my visit with you very much and feel better for the rest. Yesterday I was able to climb the hill at the Rumsey Mine without any bad effects following the exercise.

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LOW MOOR, VA., _____

The cooler weather this week is a great improvement over last week. We are having a few showers which will save our lawn and garden as well as settling the dust on the roads.

I presume you will soon be on your way Eastward and I wish to renew our invitation to you to visit us. The children are well and all will be glad to see you —

With love

Yours affectionately
E. C. Means

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA.,

July 14th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letters 11 & 13th were
 duly received - We shall send Two Thousand
 (\$2000⁰⁰) Dollars for your credit at Garfield
 Natl Bank - mailing check today -

Do not bother about the Fronton Register
 let them mail it where they please. You
 did not order it and are not responsible
 for their actions - We have had so much
 trouble trying to keep them straight that
 it seems useless to try to advise them when

wrong -

I am starting to Roanoke on business trip
 and have not time to write more

With love

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Low Moor, Va.,

July 29th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 27th enclosing check of Norton Iron Works for six hundred and twenty (\$620^x) Dollars duly received.

Last Saturday Ned, Mally and Hilda Seaton Reuby, H. E. & I went to Ned's Craig Healing Springs. Reuby & I returned on Monday leaving the others there for a two weeks visit.

As it is located 13 miles from the RR we had a 3 hours drive out and in.

Tomorrow expect a visit from Mr. Chauncey Trueslow of California - of a day -

Mr. Frank Lyman is engaged to a Mrs Charles Porter of Northampton Mass. He is a very enthusiastic lover and we are missing his delightful company - He cannot spare any time to visit us -

With regards to Miss Belle and love to yourself.

Your affectionate nephew;

E. C. Means

P.S. Will arrange to pay the Martha Washington as you request -



CABLE ADDRESS.
WETHERHAWK.

Aug 19th 1903
Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith
I hand you two checks on
the Nassau Natl Bank for
One hundred and fifty (\$150⁰⁰)
Dollars each payable to your
order - as per your request of
13th inst received at Lower
and forwarded to me at
Naragansett Pier.

Sorry to cause you the delay
but hope there has been no
inconvenience - We are
going to the yacht race tomorrow
with Mr. Nash. To the theatre
tonight "Wizard of Oz" alone.

Mr. Lyman is very busy
preparing for his wedding -
His sister returned from Europe



CABLE ADDRESS.
WETHERHAWK.

today on the Oceanic.
I will go to see Lily Friday
and leave there for home
on Saturday -

Mr. & Mrs. Fisher were here
last night and today
With love

Yours affectionately
E. C. Means

8⁰,5' P.M.

LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

Daily Oven Report.

Low Moor
 COVINGTON, VA., *8-31-03* 190

	No. Ovens.	Dollars.	Cents	REMARKS:
Ovens drawn.....	<i>33</i>	<i>15.</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>9 ovens out extra yr. Block and yard</i>
Ovens charged.....	<i>33</i>	<i>1.</i>	<i>90</i>	
Ovens not charged.....	<i>72</i>			
Ovens out for repair.....				
Ovens in blast.....	<i>98</i>			
Total No. of ovens.....	<i>170</i>			
Coal charged per oven.....	<i>4</i>			
Work on pipe line.....				
Waiting on coal to be ple'd.....			<i>1.25</i>	<i>4 ovens waiting on coal</i>
Engineer and Fireman.....			<i>2.00</i>	
Leveling, bricking & daubing.....			<i>4.80</i>	<i>trout</i>
Scrapping coke on yard.....			<i>1.90</i>	
Dumping coal.....			<i>1.75</i>	
Repairing ovens.....			<i>1.10</i>	
Cleaning up coal under bin.....				
Removing ashes and hauling clay.....			<i>1.48</i>	
Coke stocked from ovens.....				
Water boy.....			<i>1.50</i>	
Mules.....			<i>1.50</i>	
Yard boss.....			<i>2.25</i>	
Brick used on repairs.....				
Cars of coal dumped.....	<i>2</i>	<i>33.</i>	<i>48</i>	

C. P. Holloway....., Foreman.

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E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Low Moor, Va.,

Sept 10th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret;

Herewith I enclose check
on Natl Bank of Commerce for One Thousand
(\$1,000⁰⁰) Dollars payable to your order as
per your request of 8th inst received today.

Hilda Seaton left us yesterday morning
after a visit which we all enjoyed.

Buckner Ringo is going to boarding
school this fall; probably to the Jacob
Thomson Institute at Port Deposit Md.

Ruby & Mrs Ringo will go to introduce him.

The Cargill girls are gone to Charleston W. Va
to attend school there - A.E. will have a
lovesome time this winter.

We are having delightful weather - Ruby &
John R. have just brought me down from
Covington - Ruby caught malaria on her
Eastern trip and was ill for a week after
her return - She is now much better.

Iron business very dull with very low prices
Looks like dull times for a while - Your
account at Ashland Bank is sufficient

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA.,

for your requirements balance of year. In fact I am considering investing \$500 for you. Have you any thing in mind you wish me to buy for you? My purchase of Penn. RR stock for you was the latest investment. Prices of all securities are lower and now would be a good time to buy.

We would be pleased to have you and Miss Belle stop over and visit us on your way to Oakland.

With 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.,

Oct 7th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I enclose check on Natl Bank Commerce payable to your order for Two thousand (\$2000⁰⁰) Dollars as per your request 5th inst received today.

I note your request to add Ten (10) cents to amount of checks in payment your rooms at Hotel Martha Washington to cover cost of collection and beginning with November payment will comply.

I am leaving tonight for Oakland to attend funeral of Judge S. S. Savage, who will be buried Thursday afternoon. He died at Presbyterian Hospital in Cincinnati Monday.

Yesterday I was in Richmond and heard of his death but thought I could not reach Oakland in time for funeral, presuming he would be buried today.

We are all well and enjoy the fine weather. Buckner writes he is much pleased with his school.

Your affectionate nephew:

E. C. Means

INCORPORATED.

Means & Russell Iron Co.

General Merchandise,
BUILDING AND PAVING BRICK.

ASHLAND, KY.,

Oct. 8th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I enclose herewith

forms for your signature

1. Proxy to vote A I Iron Stock
2. Trust agreement " " "

Father, Lyman and the minority shareholders are signing same, as this course appears to be best for mutual protection.

- Please return to W.B. Seaton as early as convenient

The Savage funeral was very generally attended and many were from neighboring towns. It was too cold for Father to go and he gave up the idea at noon - after his morning drive -

I have seen Charley and will go in to see Aunt & Evelyn tonight

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

Low Moor, Va.,

Nov 14th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 6th inst enclosing check of Means & Russell Iron Co for Six hundred (\$600⁰⁰) Dollars reached here in due course—

I was away from home for a week hence delay in acknowledging same—

You are quite ~~of~~ business like in subletting your room at the Hotel Martha Washington—

We are all well - Ruby is about tired out from efforts in preparing for the Annual meeting on 18th inst - It now looks as if we would

have our house filled with visitors on that date - We expect Mr & Mrs. Lyman, Mr & Mrs Ed Harrison, Mr. Miskow, Mr. White and Mr. Butler - and possibly Mr. Chas P Taft -

I regret that the pig iron business is not good at present and not good prospects for an improvement during the next six months.

We regret that Father will not be present at the meeting -

With love
Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

Postscript was first addressed to "Mary Adams"
Your receipt for Margt A. Means

E. C. Means,
~~Ashtand, Ky.~~

Low Moor Dec 13th 03

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your telegram and Will Seaton's letter came while I was away from home - I returned this morning after an absence since Wednesday Evening

I do not understand how there can be any trouble about your Covington taxes - they have been paid regularly for many years - I have receipts for this year -

I shall write Mr. Hume today and have the matter investigated - It is possible the property was Aunt Mary Adams' and is not properly listed - I do not think it can possibly be yours - Affectionately; E. C. Means

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E. G. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA..

Dec 19th 03

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 16th duly received. Found enclosed check from Miss Mary Wood Chases for One hundred (\$100⁰⁰) Dollars, receipt of which I have acknowledged in a letter to her.

Buckner Ringo returned this morning - a few days earlier than expected - He looks strong and well - The children were delighted to see him, in fact I think the whole family were up earlier than usual in anticipation of his arrival.

There must have been much excitement at the Hotel Martha Washington while the Bell Boy was shooting at the clerk last week.

We have had continuous cold since November 26th and ice on ponds is 6½ inches thick - I see by papers that river at Ashland is frozen over.

With love

Your affectionate nephew;

E. C. Means

GENERAL OFFICE

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA.,

Dec 22nd 03

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 21st received. The invitation to the party came in due time and I hoped Ruby & I would be able to attend but now H. E. is ill with "Mumps" and probably John & Buck will have same soon. This has upset all plans and probably neither of us will attend the party. I wish to visit Ashland next week before Rose & Lily leave if work is running smoothly after the Christmas stoppage at furnace and mines.

We are very much obliged for your kind invitation and hope you will have a Merry Christmas and not work too hard for the party.

Ruby would write today but she was up all night with H. E. who had a fever and at times was delirious.

With love

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means

GENERAL OFFICE

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E. C. MEANS, PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VA.,

Dec 29th 1903

Dear Aunt Margaret:

We could not persuade Ruby to leave home for a visit in Ashland. I believe she is afraid of leaving her mother to be annoyed with the care of the children and the possibility of nursing two more cases of mumps.

I expect to leave here the latter part of this week and spend a few days at Ashland.

Your party tonight will no doubt be a great success. We have every indication of fine weather tonight and presume same is true in Ashland.

I wish to thank you for the Binoculars. I have wished for them for several years and am much pleased to receive them.

Harriet Evelyn has almost fully recovered from the mumps and neither of the other children, as yet, have shown any development of its symptoms.

Work is being resumed at furnace and mines most of our employees having had enough Christmas
With love

Your affectionate nephew
E. C. Means