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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

E. C. MEANS,  
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

We had a pleasant journey returning to Virginia - Train on time and friends aboard - Every thing had gone along in usual course at home and in business affairs -

All were delighted with the visit at your hospitable home and shall have happy memories of it for a long time John will know who his Aunt is and not forget.

We have had a beautiful day and I made a journey to Covington this afternoon while the others got of doors -

I see that the Delaware & Hudson Co will pay 9% in dividends during 1907 - This is an advance of 2% -

The C&O made us a New Year's present of advanced freight rates which will increase the cost of making iron this year - I presume they want to make more dividends -

With love and much gratitude for giving us such a happy holiday

Your affectionate nephew:

E. C. Means

P.S. Our governess, Miss Reese, has concluded to marry soon.

E. C. Means,  
Asbland, Ky.

Lewellton Va Jan'y 11<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 8<sup>th</sup> inst duly received -

I have receipt from Monton Register for 2 years  
subscription - am waiting for report from the  
Covington Ky Agent before closing books for year -  
• Have paid Ash. Drm & Mining Co \$300 + for Lampston  
account 1906 and authorized like credit for 1907  
This in accordance with your wishes -

Moffat & White write that New York City bonds  
tax free can be bought, after allowing for premium,  
to net 3.90% interest - That guaranteed stocks  
can be bought to net 4% interest and are free  
of tax -

I hope you can get away and rest - I am  
afraid you work too much keeping house while  
you have the grip - Please come over with  
Mrs. Ringo we will promise you a quiet time -  
and have trains stop for your convenience -

H. E. has her new dog "Dan"

With love

Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

E. C. Means,  
Ashland, Ky.

Lowellboro Va  
Jan'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I am today writing to Moffat & White to purchase for you New York City 4% bonds in the amount of Fifty thousand (\$50,000) Dollars.

I note your wish that bonds be bought instead of preferred stocks - and shall be governed accordingly -

Would you like to increase the amount of C&O bonds New York Central, or any other bonds now held by you.

I shall purchase for you the New York & New Jersey Telephone Stock as we agreed in Ashland as it pays 7% and is a splendid investment -

We are having rain today but it is still too warm

Yours affectionately:

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July 28<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Upon my return from New York I find your letter 25<sup>th</sup> with enclosed check Means & Russell Iron Co Divid 8% - \$960.00 also the notice as to personal tax assessment on \$25000 by city of New York -

I am pleased to learn that Will Seaton has agreed to take charge of the Ashland Fire Brick Co. We have about 4 inches of snow today and 12° F.

I am going to Ashland either Sunday or Monday next in connection with Mrs. Fischer's interest in the Yellow Poplar Lumber Co.

I met Mr. Lyman & Sam Spalding in New York but did not have time to go over to Lily's

Have been away so much lately that have not had time to finish your reports for past year. Have had trial balance for a week and hope to complete the statements of accounts this week

With love - Yours affectionately

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E. C. MEANS,  
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LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Dear Aunt Margaret:

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1907

Herewith I hand you usual statements and trial balance covering the year July 7<sup>th</sup> 1906 to July 5<sup>th</sup> 1907 inclusive.

After closing accounts into profit & loss the balance carried to Capital Stock Account is \$4782.35

As per conversation with you I charged the Hampton notes to profit & loss otherwise the gain would have been \$1525. more or \$6307.35 -

The book value of Stocks is	\$208,850.00
" " " " Bonds is	\$182,000.00
" " " " Notes "	<u>43,505.61</u> 225,505.61
" " " " Accounts Receiv.	18,176.28
" " " " " other	<u>14,232.70</u> 32,408.98
" " " " Real Estate	18,000.00
" " " " Furniture	<u>800.00</u>
Total	485,564.59
Deducting the Hampton notes	<u>1,525.00</u>

You start the new year with book value \$484,039.59  
I send statement showing my estimate of value as compared with book value of all assets  
Wishing you a prosperous new year.

Affectionately:  
Ellison C. Means

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Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 31<sup>st</sup> at hand  
I am today sending to Garfield Natl Bank \$2000.00  
for credit your account as per your request.

I shall leave here Saturday morning for our  
coal mine at Kay Moor and continue on to  
Ashland Sunday on No 3.

We have rain & sleet today -  
Yesterday Ruby & I called in Covington to see  
Robt Parrish & his bride -

Tell Tom Adams our sales indicate less  
buying and slightly lower prices for pig iron  
for future delivery -

Thanking you for your kind invitation to  
visit you which I shall gladly accept

Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

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Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

The temperature was zero when I arrived home at 2<sup>o</sup>30'. This morning -

All are well and the children are having a great time coasting. The porter was old George and he gave me a lower berth so I had a comfortable trip and did not worry over the train being late -

I enclose herewith warrants of the Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co please sign on the back where I have indicated by + marks - and return to me. I shall arrange to sell the "scrip" warrant and to pay for the seven (7) shares of stock for you -

I wish to thank you for the very enjoyable visit at your home

Tell Tom Adams we sold 150 tons of iron at \$25<sup>00</sup> today

Yours affectionately;

E. C. Means

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Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 8<sup>th</sup> with warrants  
of Chicago & Northwestern Ry duly received -

I regret to learn that Mr. B. Seaton is still confined  
to house. I acknowledge his receipt for Brick Co Stock.

Children are still enjoying the snow and are  
out all day and until bed time coasting etc

Trains continue running late and we have  
trouble getting supplies for furnaces

Ruby will go to Baltimore next week

Yours affectionately:

E. C. Means



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Febry 23<sup>rd</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 18<sup>th</sup> I find upon my return from New York to Baltimore this morning - found enclosed check of T. M. Adams for \$27,900<sup>00</sup> which I note is in payment for your 124 shares of Norton Iron Works Stock at \$225<sup>00</sup> per share. Which I consider a very satisfactory price for you to obtain although I am surprised that Tom bought it while you allowed him to vote it as he wished, and he already owned so much. I presume he wishes absolute control in his own name -

I am not ready to state how it will be invested until I have time to think over it -

I bought for you in New York from Moffat & White \$3000<sup>00</sup> New York & New Jersey Telephone Bonds, 5% Bonds due 1920 paying 108 $\frac{1}{2}$  & accrued interest  
\$8000<sup>00</sup> Metropolitan Telephone & Telegraph Bonds, 5% Bonds due 1918 paying 107 $\frac{3}{4}$  & accrued interest -

Both of the above are highest grade securities and net above 4% on cost price. Moffat & White will try to get \$2000<sup>00</sup> <sup>more</sup> of each kind for you - They will also try to exchange the C&O 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  coupon bonds for registered

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bonds of the same issue at a saving of 1% in cost.

Coupon bonds for some reason selling higher than registered while for you I prefer the registered as most convenient to hold - and have interest paid by check.

I am much pleased to <sup>learn</sup> result of Dr. Eichberg's examination and hope your lungs will continue in sound condition always.

Ruby went to bed with the grip last Tuesday and is not up yet. She had fever 102° for several days and now feels very weak. We hope to start South Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> going via Richmond to St Augustine & Rockledge.

The new governess came today and looks like a cheerful bright young woman.

Tell Father Mr. Lyman's baby is a great success. I ate dinner there with Mr. Trueslow Wednesday night. Did not have opportunity to see the Maynards. Our children are well.

With love

Yours affectionately:

E. C. Means

Please endorse & forward  
the enclosed check \$140.00  
to Ed E. Walker & Co



Sunday Mar 3<sup>d</sup> 07

Dear Aunt Margaret:

We arrived here Friday afternoon and were pleased to welcome Mr. Wm Richardson the next day -

The temperature was above 80° F both yesterday and today - There has been a drouth here for several months and vegetation is not as green as last year -

Ruby has made a rapid recovery from the Grip and feels much stronger -

Richardson & I commence fishing tomorrow in the St Johns River.

Moffat & White have purchased seven more telephone bonds for you with much love

Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

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April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Tomorrow I go to Kayllow  
rr. rd and from there to Ashland on No 3 Thursday-  
Friday morning I expect to go up the Big Sandy  
for a day with Mr. Crawford & Mr. Isaacson of the  
Yellow Poplar Lumber Co -

This will afford me the pleasure of a short  
visit in Ashland going & returning -

We regretted to learn of your illness and  
hope you have fully recovered - We are  
all well here -

Yours affectionately:

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April 9<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your kindness in allowing me to visit you on short notice, as last week, is much appreciated and I wish again to thank you. I enjoyed the visit greatly. It is such a pleasure to be with home folks for the short time that I can occasionally spare from business.

The mountains here have had snow upon them each morning for several days—

Moffatt & White write that the CrO 4½% coupon bonds have been exchanged for registered bonds at a difference of \$100— in your favor—

The train was one hour late Sunday night because of a large rock which had fallen on the track. Luckily a watchman found it in time to flag the train—

All are well here. Ruby is busy cleaning up & papering the house—

With love

Your affectionate nephew  
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LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Low Moor April 20<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Yours 19<sup>th</sup> with enclosed card which I have filled out and forwarded to Mr. Lyman, stating that you would take your pro rata of the 7% Preferred Stock if issued.

I am pleased to have your good wishes for the success of the Low Moor Company - We had a good year in 1906 and expect a still better one in 1907.

The future prospects appear bright and I hope will continue all we expect.

John has had indigestion for a few days, the other members of our household are all well -

Am sorry did not know Harry & wife were to stop at Clifton Forge over night -

Trusting that you are well

With love

Yours affectionately

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May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 20<sup>th</sup> received.

Herewith I hand you check on Corn Exchange Bank payable to your order for Two thousand (\$2000<sup>00</sup>) Dollars as per your request.

There has been no change in price for your rooms at the Martha Washington - Bills are same, \$20.00 per week to which I add 10¢ for collection charge.

We have had our directors meeting. Mr. Lyman remained over and was with me at Kayllow yesterday.

Mrs. Ringo returned Monday and Buckner comes soon so our family will be together for the summer.

The iron business continues to boom, while the cold weather has helped the coal trade.

I may go to New York about the middle of June for a day but am uncertain as to date.

With regards to Molly Seaton and love to yourself

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

July 12, 1907

Mr. Thomas Emerson,  
Clinton, Ky.  
Dear Sir:--

Referring to matter of note which is due on July 17th. Will you please advise us to your wishes in regard to payment of this note; whether you wish to pay interest as formerly ~~or~~ <sup>and</sup> to continue the note for another year.

I would be glad to hear from you as promptly as possible.

Yours truly,

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July 16<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 13<sup>th</sup> received -  
I am sending check for \$2000<sup>00</sup> to the Garfield  
Natl Bank for credit your account as requested -

I subscribed for \$5.000 Low Moor 7% Preferred  
stock for you. The company paid a like  
amount to you on its note and will pay off  
the balance of note within a few weeks, \$30.000.  
So there will have to be some more investments  
made.

I am pleased to know that you are well  
and in pleasant surroundings. Hope you have a  
fine summer.

Harriet Evelyn & Kendall are expected from Ashland  
Thursday - I had a nice visit with Father  
last week. He seemed very well and happy -

Bessie was in Greensup - Will had a cold - It  
was very warm and I did not go about much -

Ruby is busy with ice cream supper tonight

Kindest regards to Molly Seaton and love to you

Yours affectionately:

E. C. Means

Clinton N.Y. July 17 1897  
Mrs S. C. Ring  
Law Moor Va

Dear Mrs Ring

You will find enclosed  
an offer of \$60<sup>00</sup> to pay one year's interest  
on note to July 17 1897. I will keep the  
money for another year,

Your friend  
H. Emerson

E. C. MEANS  
LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

July 17, 1907.

Dear Aunt Margaret:--

Herewith letter which is self explanatory and which please sign and forward in enclosed envelope.

The interest on your New York City Bonds (known as Corporate Stock) has not been paid and I find that it is necessary for you to forward the letter as per the enclosed which you may sign without rewriting.

I am leaving in a hurry this morning and do not have time to write free hand.

Sincerely,

*E. C. Means*

Miss Margaret A. Means,  
The North Field,  
East North Field,  
Mass.

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Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Dear Aunt Margant:

Received yours of 1<sup>st</sup> with enclosed check of Ash. Fire Brick Co \$414<sup>00</sup>. I see by Abland Daily Independent that the Savage family have gone to the sea shore, so that explains the necessity of the dividend.

Tuesday last Ruby, Buckner, Kendall and I drove over to the Healing Springs and spent the night there. Wednesday we went to the Hot Springs and then to the Warm. After dinner at the Warm we drove to the Bath Alum and remained over night. There we saw Mrs. John S. Hager and two children the Matthevsons had left the Friday before. Thursday we drove passed the Millboro Springs to Strimrod Hall for dinner and in the afternoon drove 22 miles, home in time for supper. We had fine weather and a jolly trip. The Healing Springs Hotel is now next to the Hot in points of comfort and table. Strimrod Hall was a disappointment.

Monday William Richardson arrives here for a visit. We are going up Jackson River fishing - Give my kindest regards to Molly Deaton with love Yours affectionately E. C. Means

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Aug 23<sup>d</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith order for interest on  
C & O Registered 4½% Bonds which please sign  
and forward —

We regret to hear that little Ned Seaton has  
Typhoid symptoms but hope it is only malaria.

We all enjoyed Kendall's visit and wish we  
had kept him longer.

The summer has been a pleasant one with  
us and all have kept well.

The boom in iron is over and prices are  
going down once more. We had a prosperous  
12 months ending June 30<sup>th</sup> and hope to make  
a good profit until December 31<sup>st</sup>. I hear  
that the Oakland Iron & Mining Co also did well,  
but that Mr. Peebles did not sell as much in  
advance as Tom Adams & I did and will not  
do as well next few months as we hope to do.

Ruby expects Miss Vandeman of Delaware O to  
arrive Saturday for a short visit. She is a Florida  
acquaintance. Her mother was a friend of Aunt Amanda

With love. Yours affectionately  
E. C. Means

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LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I send you check  
on Com Exchange Bank for One thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars  
as per your request 29<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Our family are all well. The quarantine has been  
raised at John Anderson's. And it has not rained for 24 hours  
This morning it was 56° F.

Master Joseph Lyman arrived at Southampton  
last Sunday and for a few days his father, Mr Frank  
Lyman, was very busy informing his friends -  
The baby is named after Mr. Lyman's brother  
who died at about 23 years -

I have not been to Ashland for 3 weeks  
but they write that Father continues to improve

If you remain in New York for several  
weeks we shall probably see you there -

Ruby will be with me week of 18<sup>th</sup> for a  
few days stay in New York -

Pig Iron prices still high

With much love

of Martha Washington Hotel  
New York

Your Affectionate nephew:  
E. C. Means

ELLIOTT NURSERY COMPANY,  
NURSERIES, SPRINGDALE, PA.

J. WILKINSON ELLIOTT,  
PRESIDENT.

GERMAN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,  
PITTSBURG.

September 6th, 1907.

Mrs. E. C. Means,  
Winlyme Lodge,  
Low Moor, Va.

Dear Madam:

Your favor of the second instant received and we are enclosing you a little sketch for the planting of the two areas of which you write. Further than these plants, we would advise your using in quantity through the woods and particularly along the driveway, or entrance, Narcissus Poeticus, Crocus, Scillas, etc., which are suitable for naturalizing in the ground; the effect for the cost cannot be surpassed. These may be used in as large quantities as you may wish, and in planting are simply scattered carelessly at random through the turf and planted where they fall.

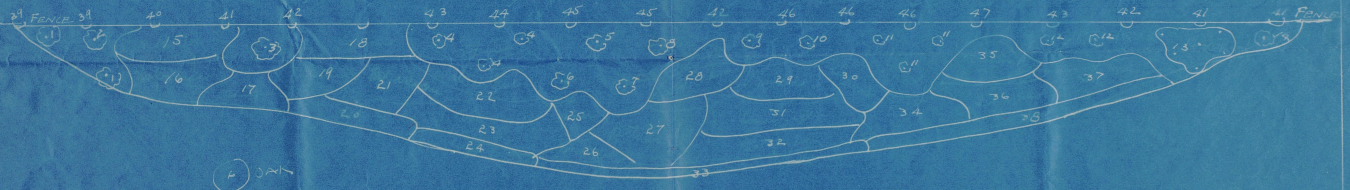
In addition, you would find it effective to use large quantities of Superbum lilies in continuance of the long narrow border which we have sketched; these lilies delight in partial shade, are easy to grow, and will doubtless do well in the location.

Yours very truly,

AWC/MA

*Elliott Nursery Co. a.*

.. PLANTING SCHEME ..  
.. MRS. E. C. MEANS ..  
.. LOW MOOR VIRGINIA ..



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Elliott Nursery Co. - 1908



[Sept 6, 1907]

PLANTING LIST

for

Mrs. E. C. Means,

Low Moor, Virginia.

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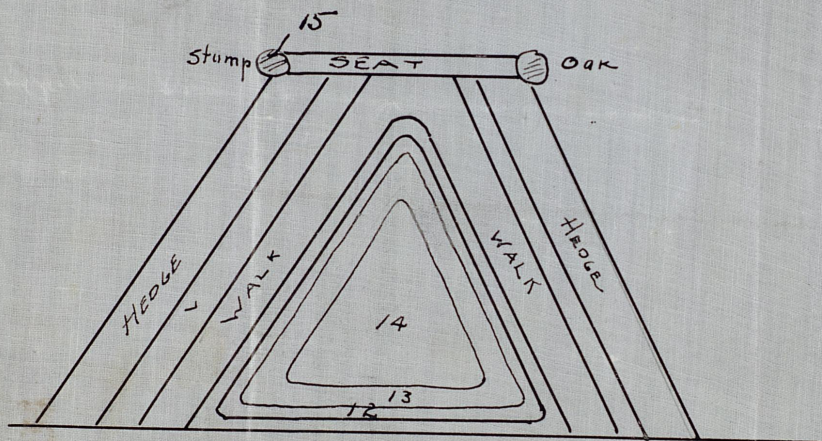
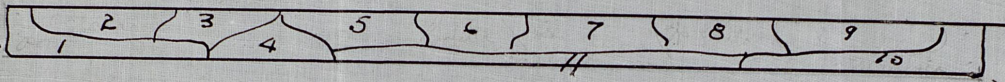
Planting	No.	1	2	
		1	2	Deutzia, orenata,
"	"	2	1	Japanese Cherry,
"	"	3	1	Philadelphus grandiflora,
"	"	4	3	Aralia Japonica,
"	"	5	1	Chionanthus (Fringe Tree),
"	"	6	1	Weigela Eva Rathke,
"	"	7	1	Deutzia Gracilis,
"	"	8	1	Lilac (on the grounds),
"	"	9	1	Red flowering dogwood,
"	"	10	1	Purple filbert,
"	"	11	3	Rosa Blanche double de Coubert,
"	"	12	1	Pink Double Flowering Almond,
"	"	1	1	White " B " "
"	"	13	6	Hydrangea Paniculata grandiflora, To be cut back immediately after planting to within six inches of the ground and pruned early every following spring so as to leave only about three inches of the new wood. The soil should be liberally manured every year.
"	"	14	1	Spiraea Van Houttei, ( now on the grounds),
"	"	15	8	Boltonia Latisquamae,
"	"	16	10	Japanese Iris,
"	"	17	6	Coreopsis grandiflora,
"	"	18	6	Bocconia microcarpa,
"	"	19	10	Physostegia Virginica,
"	"	20	10	Tritoma Pfitzeri,
"	"	21	10	Delphinium - Tall English,
"	"	22	10	Helianthus, Rev. Wally Dodd,
"	"	23	18	Anemone Japonica,
"	"	24	12	Stokesia Cyanea,
"	"	25	10	Lilium Tigrinum,
"	"	26	6	Iris - Madam Chereau,
"	"	27	10	Dictamnus fraxinella,
"	"	28	8	Hollyhocks,
"	"	29	10	Monarda Didyma,
"	"	30	12	Lilium Superbum,

Planting	No.	31	12	Hemerocallis Thunbergii,
"	"	32	15	Platycodon grandiflora,
"	"	33	30	Sedum Spectabile,
"	"	34	5	Peonies Assorted,
"	"	35	6	Eulalia gracillima,
"	"	36	10	Rudbeckia speciosa,
"	"	37	10	Japanese Iris,
"	"	38	30	Dianthus - Garden Pinks,

Vines.

Planting	No.	39	2	Clematis coccinea,
"	"	40	1	Rose - Carmine Pillar,
"	"	41	3	Rosa Wichuriana,
"	"	42	3	Wistaria,
"	"	43	2	Clematis paniculata,
"	"	44	1	Rose Doróthy Perkins,
"	"	45	2	Rose Crimson Rambler,
"	"	46	2	Lonicera aurea reticulata,
"	"	47	1	Bignonia - Madam Galen,

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for

Mrs. E. C. Means, Low Moor, Virginia.

September 6th, 1907.

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Planting No.	1	12	Aquilegias,
"	"	6	Actaea Japonica,
"	"	12	Lilium speciosum,
"	"	10	Tiarella cordifolia,
"	"	6	Thalictrum aquilegifolium,
"	"	6	Lobelia cardinalis, +
"	"	24	Lilium speciosum, +
"	"	5	Spiraea lobata, +
"	"	20	Lilium superbum, +
"	"	8	Funkia alba, +
"	"	18	Dicentra eximia,
"	"	75	Phlox subulata,
			Under the bulbs - before planting it - set,
		200	Narcissus Poeticus,
"	"	30	Pompon chrysanthemums,
"	"	18	Phlox Miss Lingard,
			As soon as first bloom of these Phlox is over, remove dead spinkes to induce second bloom.
"	"	1	Bignonia Madam Galen,
			To be trained over tall stump.

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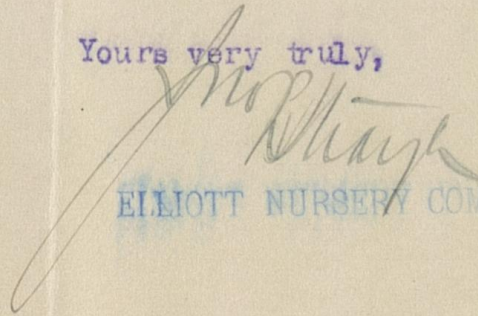
Mrs. E. C. Means,

Low Moor, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Your favor of the ninth instant with order received for which please accept thanks. Order will have our best attention and will be shipped at the proper time for planting. The narcissus bulbs should be planted about five inches deep and the Phlox Subulata on top of these bulbs. In your letter you say you have ordered some paeonies from us but according to our records here we have received no order for paeonies from you for fall delivery. Paeonies thrive best in a good rich garden soil and in full exposure to the sun; the ground about these plants can be covered with strawy manure over winter. We return sketch and planting list herewith.

Yours very truly,

  
Secretary

ELLIOTT NURSERY COMPANY,

Enclosure

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E. C. MEANS,  
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 07

Dear Aunt Margaret:

As per your request 21<sup>st</sup> inst  
I enclose herewith check on Corn Exchange Bank N.Y.  
payable to your order in sum of Two Thousand  
(\$2000<sup>00</sup>) Dollars.

I acknowledge receipt of the Ohio Iron & Coal Co  
circular letter relative to reduction of capital stock  
from shares of \$50<sup>00</sup> each to shares of \$12<sup>50</sup> each  
There has been so much of the property sold that  
the remainder has little value.

We have had a pleasant visit from Charley  
Means. I met him Friday in the Jersey City  
station on his way to Ashland and persuaded  
him to stop over Saturday & Sunday with us.  
Harriet Evelyn & I had just finished a 3 day  
visit with the Maynards. H. E. had a fine time,  
as she had not been in New York since she was  
7 years old. She saw the Hippidsome and Covey Island.

We are all well here and have good reports  
from Ashland but Helen Russell writes that  
Evelyn is very weak. Doctor says nervous prostration  
and anaemia (?) — With love to you & regards to Molly  
Your affectionate nephew: E. C. Means

COKE.

PIG IRON.

COAL.

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

E. C. MEANS,  
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

10/28/07

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I have just returned from a trip up Sandy and in going and returning I stopped over night at Father's -

He is well and jolly as ever. So I had a fine visit with him. My early morning start caused them to induce the girls to prepare breakfast for me. So there was quite as much commotion as was stirred up at your home in May. I fear we men are troublesome sometimes. At the lumber camp they had breakfast never later than 5<sup>o</sup> and one morning 4<sup>o</sup> so I was an early bird all week.

Ruby has gone away to Danville Va to a Kings Daughters convention - Miss Caldwell, the governess is in charge.

I did not see Tom Adams but saw Charley & Will. You must be having an exciting time with so much business disturbances in New York.

With love

Yours affectionately  
E. C. Means

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

E. C. MEANS,  
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

In response to your letter of Oct 31<sup>st</sup> I enclose herewith check out Corn Exchange Bank payable to your order in sum of One thousand (\$1000<sup>00</sup>) Dollars.

Ruby writes from Danville that she is having a fine time and likes that city very much.

Next week I go to Nor. Carolina to attend to some matters in connection with the Fischer estate.

Next year does not look promising in the iron business. So far the users of pig iron are not buying and prices are declining. Fortunately we have orders to take care of our production throughout this year. Mr. Peebles is not so fortunate and has accumulated over 18000 tons which he might have sold for \$300,000 earlier in the year. It is lucky he has a large cash capital or he would be a heavy borrower.

You have \$6000 in Ashland Bank and more in Cinti so you need not worry about cash.

Yours affectionately;

E. C. Means



COKE.

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

E. C. MEANS,  
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 5<sup>th</sup> just received in accordance therewith I shall remit One thousand (\$1,000<sup>x</sup>) Dollars for your credit at the Garfield State Bank

I am pleased to learn of Father's good health - I trust that you are well, as are all here.

The panic seems to be subsiding in New York and there is a better feeling in Wall Street - The interior part of the country, I imagine, will make a slower recovery from the disturbance in banking circles -

Ruby has started a Kings Daughters circle in Clifton Forge and tonight delivers an address in Covington on the work carried on by the Low Moor Daughters - We are calling her the Reverend Mrs. M.

Harrist Evelyn is learning to sew and is our waitress now. John R. is building a steam shovel and is finding out what is inside of things -

Mr. Geo. T. Trickett has resigned as Manager of Mines of the Company and I am busy until I find a successor for him.

With love Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

Winlome Lodge

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 23<sup>rd</sup>

received with enclosed check for  
Christmas presents to Ruby, Harriet  
Evelyn, John R and me -

I am writing to express our thanks  
for such a handsome remembrance.  
I expect to purchase some scientific  
books with my portion. Having  
in mind the improvement of my  
library - We had a jolly evening  
yesterday with our Christmas tree.

The Cargills and Justices were our  
guests, who, with the 3 Fischers,  
Buechner and I means, made quite  
a party - The children hung up their  
stockings as usual but John was the  
only one who firmly believed in  
Santa Claus. He was not even

Winlyme Lodge

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

disturbed over the rumor that old Santa was dead because some one insisted that Santa had 17 brothers and the good work would go on -

This morning Mrs. Fischer & I were horseback riding and this afternoon Ruby & I walked 2 miles -

Bucker leaves tonight for Ashland he will represent us at your "At Home" - I expect to reach

Ashland Saturday so as to see you all before Rose & Lily leave.

The pig iron business is so dull that we shall be idle here for several weeks or until our customers will let us ship to them.

I hope you will not work too hard Thursday -

With much love from all  
Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

ANALYSIS OF REAL ESTATE, MINES, BUILDINGS, FURNACES,

COKE OVENS, RAILROADS, MACHINERY &c.

AS SHOWN ON BALANCE SHEET      DECEMBER 31, 1907.

ANALYSIS OF REAL ESTATE, MINES, BUILDINGS, FURNACES, COKE OVENS, RAIL-  
ROADS, MACHINERY &C. AS SHOWN ON BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31, 1907.

Lands & Mining Plants.

Low Moor & Low Moor Mine

<u>Original Purchase, July 7, 1873.</u>	8000000	
<u>Interest</u>	<u>3070666</u>	11070666
<u>McElwee &amp; Reynolds Purchase, Aug. 1, 1875.</u>	145875	
<u>Interest</u>	<u>34888</u>	180763
<u>Holloway Purchase, Sept. 1, 1877.</u>	850000	
<u>Interest</u>	<u>79332</u>	929332
<u>Karnes Purchase, Nov. 1, 1877.</u>	2200000	
<u>Interest</u>	<u>179666</u>	2379666
<u>Jno. F. Winslow Purchase, Jan. 1, 1878</u>	280081	
<u>Interest</u>	<u>19606</u>	299687
<u>Wilcher Lands, Jan. 1, 1879.</u>	309765	
<u>Deduct</u>		
Loss through Suit-- charged Profit & Loss, July 1, 1882	<u>309765</u>	.....
<u>Transfer of Land, Aug. 31, 1880</u>		400
<u>Montague Farm, Sept. 31, 1881</u>	260000	
<u>Deduct</u>		
Sale of same to N.L. Dame Dec. 19, 1893	<u>500000</u>	240000
<u>Surveyed by Jno. D. Carson, Dec. 31, 1881.</u>		3762
<u>Road Making Sept. 30, 1881 to date June 30, 1882</u>		74440
<u>Pipe Line Low Moor Mine Dec. 31, '81</u>	1025437	
<u>Washer No. 1</u> "      345333      "	"	
<u>Washing Machine</u> "      84503      "	429836	
<u>Development</u> "      "	4993504	
<u>Washer No. 2</u> "      Dec. 31, 1886		
1573671		
<u>Deduct</u>		
Chrg <sup>d</sup> to Profit & Loss		
Dec. 31, 1886      1573671	<u>-----</u>	
	6448777	
<u>Add</u>		
<u>Washer Jig</u> Mar. 31, 1902	<u>249777</u>	6698554
<u>Crusher, Bldgs. &amp; Machinery Limestone #1</u>	484322	
<u>Deduct</u>		
Sale of Engine \$200 and Crusher \$586 To C. & O. Co. June 30, 1888	<u>78600</u>	405722
<u>Incline Limestone #2, Mar. 31, 1881</u>		200000
<u>Fences, less wear and tear Lowmoor Farms MAR. 31, 1881</u>		50000
<u>R.L. Parrish for Church-School Lands Aug. 31, 1882</u>		85000
Carried Forward		22137992

<u>Lands and Mining Plants (Cont'd)</u>		Bro't Forward	
		22137992	
<u>G.W.Hayes for Paxtons widow's dower interest in 47 acres of Land near L.M.Mine store, Jan. 31,1884</u>		36000	
1			
<u>D.Callahan for 26 1/2 acres Land on Little Mtn. Aug. 30,1884</u>		20000	
<u>McElwee Purchase, Sept.15,1888.</u>	870000		
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Charges to Sinking Fund, Sept. 29, 1888</u>	870000		
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		22193992	
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Charge to Sinking Fund July 31,'93</u>	7328204		
" <u>"Profit &amp; Loss " " "</u>	9979045		
<u>Lands Donated for Public School Purposes (White) <small>JUNE 30 1902</small></u>	10000	17317249	4876743
<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Lands &amp; Buildings Lyman purchase July 31, 1893</u>	3450000		
<u>Washer Jig, May 31, 1902</u>	274062	3724062	
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Chrg to Profit &amp; Loss July 31, 1893</u>		920000	2804062
<u>Dolly Ann</u>			
<u>Lands &amp; Bldgs. Lyman Purchase July 31, 1893</u>	10300000		
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Sale of N.G.Loco to Lane Bros Dec. 30, 1899</u>	109856	10190144	
<u>Washer, Aug. 31, 1898</u>	1198142		
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Chrg to Profit &amp; Loss Aug 31,'98</u>	1198142	.....	
<u>Washer Jig, Dec. 31,1905</u>		423057	
<u>Deduct</u>		10613201	
<u>Chrg to Profit &amp;Loss July 31,'93</u>		2470000	8143201
<u>Rumsey</u>			
<u>Lands, Feb. 28, 1901</u>	6244549		
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Chrg to Sinking Fund,Mar,1906</u>	5244549	1000000	
<u>Development <small>JUNE 30 1900</small></u>	1443633		
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Chrg to Sinking Fund " "</u>	1443633	....	1000000
<u>Fenwick</u>			
<u>Lands, Feb. 28, 1901</u>	9062750		
<u>May 31,1900, J.E.Ellis for 4 acres Land for Washer site</u>	10000	9072750	
<u>Development, June 30,1900</u>	1264698		
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Chrg to SinkingFund, May 1906</u>	1264698	....	
<u>Washer, Dec.31,1900</u>		1414782	
<u>Jig, June 30,1902.</u>		641395	11128927
<u>#Note:</u>			
Commencing July 1,1909 there is a semi-annual rental of \$50.00 due Ellis for tract of land near washer as per deed from H.G. Merry to the company dated Sept.20,1900.			
<u>Steele Lands, Feb. 28, 1901</u>		750000	
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Sale of 33.8 Acres to J.J.McCarthy Oct.31, 1904</u>		84500	665500
Carried Forward			28618433

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<u>Lands &amp; Mining Plants (Cont'd) Bro't Forward</u>		28618433
<u>Limestone Property at Panther Gap</u>		300000
<u>Dec. 15, 1906</u>		
<u>Kay Moor No. 1</u>		
<u>Lands, June 30, 1901</u>		5737748
<u>Development, Oct. 31, 1907.</u>	8017634	
<u>Deduct</u>		
<u>Boilers, Compressor, Tipple, Mon-</u>		
<u>itors, Haulage, Engine &amp;c. charged</u>		
<u>to Machy. &amp; Equip. Jan. 31, 1903.</u>	2045000	5972634
<u>Grade, June 30, 1901</u>		2226848
		13937230
<u>Kay Moor No. 2.</u>		
<u>Lands, Aug. 21, 1901</u>		7500000
<u>Add</u>		
<u>Increase in value. Cr. to Reserve for</u>		
<u>W. Va. Lands. Dec. 31, 1901</u>	2500000	
<u>Value of Timber on 100 acres. <sup>STUART</sup> Cr. to</u>		
<u>Reserve for W. Va. Lands. Dec. 31, 1901</u>	50000	2550000
		10050000
<u>Development, Nov. 30, 1906.</u>		3583698
		13633698
<u>Deduct</u>		
<u>Surface rights in 4 acres of Land donat-</u>		
<u>ed to the Fayetteville Cemetery Asso.</u>		
<u>Mar 1, 1906.</u>	5000	
<u>1.90 acres conveyed to c. &amp; O. Ry. Co.</u>		
<u>June 10, 1907</u>	90000	95000
		13538698
		56394361

BUILDINGS

<u>Low Moor</u>			
<u>Dec. 31, 1881</u>		8071498	
<u>" " 1886</u>	3947221		
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Charge to Profit &amp; Loss</u>			
<u>Dec. 31, 1886</u>	3947221	.....	
<u>New Ice House, July 31, 1900</u>	31436		
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Charge to Profit &amp; Loss</u>			
<u>July 31, 1900.</u>	31436	.....	
<i>OCT. 31 1900 863718 FEB 28 1907 560.12</i>	939933		
<u>Office Addition,</u>			
<u>July 31, 1901</u>	649021004835		
<u>Deduct</u>			
<u>Estimated value of fol-</u>			
<u>lowing bldgs. destroyed</u>			
<u>by fire</u>			
<u>Colored Church opposite</u>			
<u>Quarry, Nov. 1904</u>	50000		
<u>Shanty #116, Dec. 1907</u>	25000		
<u>House #11 " "</u>	150000	225000	779835
<u>Foundation for House at</u>			
<u>Driving entrance Agents</u>			
<u>House, Sept. 30, 1902</u>		14835	8866168
<u>Low Moor Mine</u>			
<u>Dec. 31, 1881</u>		3431595	
<u>Covington</u>			
<u>Dec. 31, 1901</u>		574685	
<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Aug. 31, 1907</u>		100273	
		12972731	56394361

Buildings. (Continued) Brought Forward-

			12972721	56394361
<u>Dolly Ann</u>				
<u>May 31, 1907</u>			82640	
<u>Runsey</u>				
<u>Dec. 31, 1900</u>		1340333		
<u>Deduct</u>				
<u>Charge to Sinking Fund</u>				
<u>March 1906</u>	1140333			
<u>Charge to Jordan Bldgs.</u>				
<u>Sept. 1906.</u>	200000	1340333	.....	
<u>Fenwick</u>				
<u>Aug. 31, 1905</u>			1924759	
<u>Kay Moor</u>				
<u>Dec. 31, 1907</u>			11348971	26329091

RAIL ROADS

<u>Low Moor, June 30, 1900.</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	1136874		
<u>Dec. 31, " Round House</u>		101621	1238495	
<u>Dolly Ann, June 30, 1900</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	2940193		
<u>Oct. 31, 1902, Grading</u>				
<u>road bed for <sup>track</sup> ex-</u>				
<u>ension at Washer</u>	81061	3021254		
<u>Deduct</u>				
<u>Rail taken up and used at</u>				
<u>Jordan Aug. 31, 1907.</u>		177042	2844212	
<u>Runsey, Nov. 30, 1901</u>	5317293			
<u>Feb. 28, 1900</u>				
<u>Jackson River Bridge</u>	3021171	8338464		
<u>Deduct</u>				
<u>Sale of Jackson River</u>				
<u>Bridge May 31, 1906</u>	4000000			
<u>Rail taken up and used</u>				
<u>at Jordan Aug. 31, 1907</u>	1229460			
<u>Charge to Sinking Fund</u>				
<u>May 1906</u>	3838464	9067924	729460	
<u>Fenwick</u>			3255374	6608621

FURNACES

<u>Low Moor</u>				
<u>Construction, Dec. 31, 1881</u>		23544995		
<u>Blowing Engine No. 3 "1883</u>	921678			
<u>Worthington Pump " "</u>	100000			
	1021678			
<u>Deduct</u>				
<u>Charge to Profit &amp; Loss</u>				
<u>Dec. 31, 1883</u>	1021678	.....		
<u>New Ore Trestle, Dec. 31, 1886</u>	401389			
<u>Deduct</u>				
<u>Charge to Profit &amp; Loss</u>				
<u>Dec. 31, 1886</u>	401389	.....		
<u>Furnace B, July 31, 1893</u>		8487759		
<u>New Stoves, Sept 30, 1892</u>		2158498		
<u>Blast Engines, Dec. 31, 1903</u>		5108305		
<u>Boilers, Dec. 31, 1904</u>		964467		
		40264024		89332073



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<u>Furnaces (Continued) Bro't Forward</u>			89332073
	40264024		
Engine House, May 31, 1903	768189		
Shop Extension, Dec. 31, 1902	132866		
Water Cooling Plant, Sept. 30, 1906	44581		
Improvements, Tunnel Bins &c. Dec. 31, '07	3749861		
	44959521		
Deduct			
Tree E. Hoist Tower sold Corrigan Mc Kinney & Co. Nov. 30, 1900	77100	44882421	
<u>Covington</u>			
Lyman Purchase July 31, '93	15300000		
Add			
15 Acres Land bought from the Covington Improvement Co. Dec. 12, 1895	369045		
	15669045		
Deduct			
Sales of old office lot to Dr. Payne, Feb 27, 1897	120000	15549045	
Blast Engine, Aug. 31, 1903		2192407	
Boilers, Dec. 31, 1902		818867	
Engine House, Sept. 30, 1902		394531	
Coal Conveyor, Dec. 31, 1901		342555	
Improvements, Bins, &c. 1907		757238	
Foundation for Iron Breaker Dec. 31, 1907	53711		
Deduct			
Charge to Profit & Loss Dec. 31, 1907	53711	.....	20054643
			64937064
<u>COKE OVENS</u>			
<u>Low Moor</u>			
June 30, 1884	4602638		
May 31, 1900 New Ovens	825463	5428101	
<u>Covington</u>			
Aug 31, 1900		2084797	
<u>Kay Moor Oct 31, 1907</u>			
Machy. & Equip, Va.		8031171	
" " W. Va.		6825345	14856516
Telephone Exchange			350000
Pipe & Wire Rope, Va.		124223	
" " " W. Va.		263135	387358
Labratory No. 1			60000
			<u>186545682</u>

SUMMARY

<u>Lands and Mining Plants, Va.</u>	<u>28918433</u>	
<u>" " " W. Va.</u>	<u>27475928</u>	<u>56394361</u>
<u>Buildings, Va.</u>	<u>14980120</u>	
<u>" W. Va.</u>	<u>11348971</u>	<u>26329091</u>
<u>Railroads</u>		<u>6608621</u>
<u>Furnaces</u>		<u>64937064</u>
<u>Coke Ovens, Va.</u>	<u>7512898</u>	
<u>" " W. Va.</u>	<u>9109773</u>	<u>16622671</u>
<u>Machy &amp; Equip. Va.</u>	<u>8031171</u>	
<u>" " W. Va.</u>	<u>6825345</u>	<u>14856516</u>
<u>Telephone Exchange</u>		<u>350000</u>
<u>Pipe &amp; Wire Rope, Va.</u>	<u>124223</u>	
<u>" " W. Va.</u>	<u>263135</u>	<u>387358</u>
<u>Labratory No. 1</u>		<u>60000</u>
		<u>186545682</u>

Va. 131522530

W. Va. 55023152  
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TOTAL COST  
SALE

238533179

		<u>Deduct</u>		
		Amounts written off and transfers		
Lands to Sinking Fund		16151084		
" " Profit & Loss		16450623		
" donated for schools & cemeteries		15000		
Lands sold		<u>794500</u>	33411207	
Buildings to Sinking Fund		1140333		
" " Profit & Loss		3978657		
" " Insurance		225000		
" transferred to Jordan		<u>200000</u>	5543990	
L.M. Furnace Ore trestle to Profit & Loss	401389			
L.M. Furnace Blowing Engine & Pump to Profit & Loss	<u>1021678</u>	1423067		
Cov. Furnace Iron Breaker to Profit & Loss		<u>53711</u>	1476778	
Rail Roads to Sinking Fund		3838464		
Sale of Jackson River Bridge		4000000		
Transfer of Rail		<u>1406502</u>	9244966	
Sale of Machinery		265556		
Transfer "		<u>2045000</u>	2310556	
				<u>51987497</u>
				<u>186545682</u>

SUMMARY OF DEDUCTIONS ABOVE

Sinking Fund	21129881	
Profit & Loss	21906058	
Insurance	225000	
Lands Donated	15000	
Lands & Sold	5060056	
Transfers	<u>3651502</u>	<u>51987497</u>

<u>Limestone Property at Panther Gap</u>		300000
<u>Steele Lands</u>		665500
<u>Low Moor</u>		
Buildings	8866168	
Furnaces	44882421	
Coke Ovens	5428101	
Telephone Exchange	350000	
Laboratory	60000	
	<hr/>	59586690
<u>Covington</u>		
Buildings	574685	
Furnace	20054643	
Coke Ovens	2084797	
	<hr/>	22714125
<u>Low Moor Mines</u>		
Lands & Mining Plant	4271021	
Buildings	3431595	
Railroad	1238495	
	<hr/>	8941111
<u>Stack Mine</u>		
Lands Buildings & Mining Plant	2530000	
Washer Jig	274062	
Buildings	100273	
	<hr/>	2904335
<u>Dolly Ann</u>		
Lands Buildings & Mining Plant	7720144	
Washer Jig	423057	
Buildings	82640	
Railroads	2844212	
	<hr/>	11070053
<u>Rumsey</u>		
Lands	1000000	
Railroad	129460	
	<hr/>	270540
<u>Ferwick</u>		
Lands	9072750	
Washer	1414782	
Jig	641395	
Buildings	1924759	
Railroad	3255374	
	<hr/>	16309060
<u>Limestone No. 1 &amp; 2</u>		
Crusher, Building, Machy. Incline & c.		605722
<u>Kay Moor No. 1</u>		
Lands	5737748	
Development	5972634	
Grade	2226848	
Buildings No. 1, No.2	11348971	
Coke Ovens	9109773	
	<hr/>	34395974
<u>Kay Moor No. 2</u>		
Lands	9955000	
Development	3583698	
	<hr/>	13538698
<u>Machy. &amp; Equip, Va.</u>		8031171
"      "      W. Va.		6825345
<u>Pipe &amp; Wire Rope, Va.</u>		124223
"      "      "      W. Va.		263135
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