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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

January 2nd 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith warrant for your right to subscribe to 10 shares Atlantic Coast Line Ry Co Stock please sign form N-1 and return to me.

The company is paying 7% annual dividends—

I received check of Ashland Fire Brick Co for \$207x which you mailed to me on Dec 30th

Kindly advise me how much your donations are for year— I have the hampton accounts— Have paid the \$300x for groceries and authorized paper for 1913—

Hannah returned to College last night— She expected to find John & Ned Seaton on train—

With love

Yours affectionately;

E. C. Means

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LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Jan 7th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 6th inst received with enclosed Atlantic Coast line warrant - I shall subscribe for the ten shares through White, Weld & Co -

This unreasonable weather is bringing influenza with it. It was up to 70° here at 1 P.M. today - Ruby has a cold and I have something in my shoulder, either neuralgia or rheumatism, which is very annoying - am trying osteopathy for it.

John was out to a birthday party last night, of one of his schoolmates.

Asbland must have had a gay season during the holidays.

With love

Yours affectionately:

E. C. Means

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LOW MOOR VIRGINIA

July 14th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your kind letter of yesterday is at hand — I am returning the check with request that you date it Dec 31st 1912 without a number and that you reduce it to \$1500⁰⁰. The delay in no way has inconvenienced me as I am waiting to get the report from the Covington Agent about rents, repairs and taxes — Also your income was not as large as the year previous and there were no unusual duties for me to perform — Even at the compensation I suggest you are paying me more than you would have to pay a trust company to do the same work —

I suppose the high water has reached the cellars of the Covington property — I have about reached the decision that the Covington property should be sold. It seems to be going down in value and it is difficult to find satisfactory agents to look after it — The tenants are a poor class and the agents have trouble collecting rents —

I am going East, to New York + Philadelphia, either the last of this week or first of next week — Have had a rheumatic right shoulder for 10 days and am trying osteopathy for it

Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

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LOW MOOR VIRGINIA

July 16th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your kind letter of 15th inst
at hand — with enclosed check for Seventeen hundred
(\$1700⁰⁰) Dollars in full payment for my services
as your agent and clerk during past year, for
which I thank you very much as well as for
your appreciation so nicely expressed in your letter.

I note that you included Sade Hampton's board
and Mr's bills in your donations but not the A. C. & D
bills — I shall make another entry on the books
showing the correction —

I hope Tom Adams has recovered from his cold.
My shoulder is better although troublesome at night.

Covington Agent promises his report Saturday but
as I am to be in Washington Monday and then go
to New York I shall not be able to send you the
usual statements until I return —

Herewith some pieces which please sign
and forward

With love

Affectionately

E. C. Means

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E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

July 25th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith usual annual statements
of your financial affairs during 1912—

You will notice that I have corrected the donation
and expense accounts by the amount of Sade hamptons
board and the checks which I referred to in my
letter of July 10th 1913—

I regret the delay due to waiting for the Covington Agent
to get in his report and to my absence from home—

I now expect to leave for Florida on Thursday, 30th inst
on early morning train— We will go to the
New Ocklawaha Hotel, Eustis, Fla—

Present weather conditions do not require trips to
Florida but the vacation will be the first in two
years and should be beneficial to both of us—

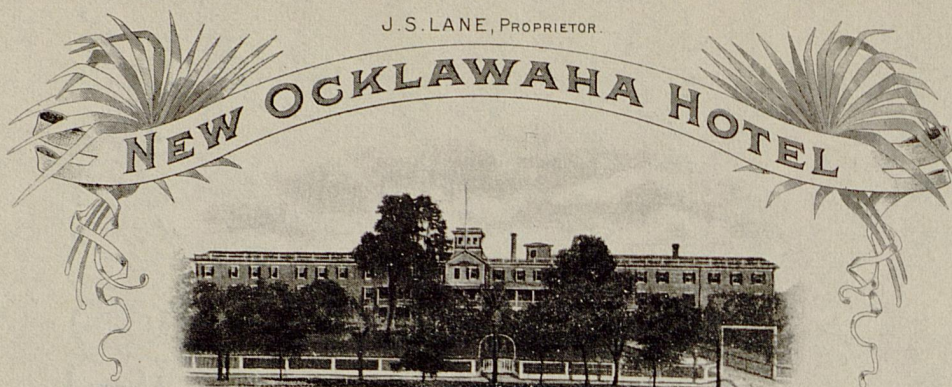
Mrs. Ringo will go to her brothers at Lakeland—Fla.

John will stay with Mr + Mrs Justice during our
absence—

With love, Affectionately:

E. C. Means

J. S. LANE, PROPRIETOR.



H. C. LANE, MANAGER

Eustis, Florida, Feb'y 4th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith warrant
for rights to subscribe to Bonds of
American Telephone & Tel Co -
Please sign same as I have indicated
and forward to White Weld & Co #14
Wall Street, New York -

You now have all of the stock you
should have and it is just as well to
sell the rights to the bonds -

The rights expire Feb'y 17th so please
have your signature witnessed and mail
promptly to White Weld & Co -

We are enjoying our outing very much.
It is a good hotel, nice people, boating
and auto riding - We are in summer clothes.
Have a lot of letters to write today
with love:

E. C. Weans

The New Oklawaha
EUSTIS, FLORIDA.

Feb'y 15th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith warrants
Balto & Ohio RR rights to subscribe for
bonds -

Please sign the assignment as
indicated and have signature witnessed
then forward to White, Wald & Co for sale.

We are going to leave here Tuesday, 18th,
Ruby will go to Lakeland to visit her
Uncle, where her mother is now - I
am going to Kissimmee for a few days
and will join them on train at Jacksonville.
- We expect to reach home the night
of 24th

For 3 days we have had rainy weather
and rather cold 50° at night -
his ~~whole~~ birthday was celebrated by
a picnic in grove on the lake side

The hotel is crowded, guests cannot
all be taken in and some are in
cottages near by - there are many
from Illinois & Connecticut - Several
families from Kentucky -

With love

Yours affectionately:

E. C. Means

Mar 9, 1913

BOYD COUNTY COURT.

Re Estate of John Means, deceased.

To the Honorable presiding Judge of the Boyd County Court:

W. B. Seaton and Harold Means, Executors of the Estate of John Means, deceased, make report on basis of settlement of their transactions and accounts as such, from which it will appear that the balance in their hands, upon full and complete accounting of all estate received and of disbursements made by them as such Executors, for distribution to the legatees and distributees is in the amount of \$105,477.15, less such further charges as may accrue in the matter of making a settlement, court costs and fees in that behalf.

Details of their account showing balance in the amount aforesaid appear in Schedules A, B, C, and D, hereto annexed.

Schedule A, showing general statement of the estate, net increase or gain in stocks, notes, etc., distributed in excess of inventory price, less loss on items of the same class, and the income from dividends, interest, etc., since inventory, the aggregate whereof is \$868,521.23:

and as credit against this as a debit balance, disbursements on account of debts, taxes and administrative expenses, amounting to 8,328.03 details shown in Schedule B: and as further credit amount paid to legatees 719,975.20 (details of which are shown in Schedule C.) the aggregate of disbursements being 728,303.23

And showing debtor balance \$140,218.00

Analysis of account showing loss and gain in the net amount of \$21,697.48 is shown in Schedule "D". Statement of details of income, etc., amounting to \$86,493.63 shown in Schedule "E".

From the balance thus appearing, the Executors respectfully ask and pray that an allowance in a sum equal to four per centum of the gross value of the estate, appearing from inventory and additions thereto, in the amount of \$868,521.23, or in total amount of \$34,740.85, be allowed as their commission for services to be retained and credited against said balance of \$105,477.15, and upon settlement of their said accounts and transactions, which they represent to the Court to be a true, full, correct and complete accounting of all estate received and disbursed by them as such Executors on account of the estate of John Means, deceased, they stand ready, willing and able to make payments to the legatees and distributees under the will of John Means, deceased, that is to say: One-half of such final balance to Mary S. Means, widow, and one-twelfth thereof to each of the six children and legatees of John Means, deceased; and, they further pray that their accounts be approved as final settlement of their trust and only confirmed in the manner provided by law.

SCHEDULE "A"
GENERAL STATEMENT
of the
ESTATE OF JOHN MEANS

Inventory	760 330 12	Bills, Etc., pd Schedule B	8 328 03
Increase in Values		Legatees " 0	719 975 20
Stock Etc., Sched D 43188 00		Balance	140 218 00
Less Decrease	<u>21490 52</u>		
	21 697 48		
Income from Dividends, Interest, Etc., Schedule E	86 493 63		
	868 521 23		868 521 23

SCHEDULE "B"

DISBURSEMENTS

on Account Debts, Taxes and Administration Expenses

1910	Chk No	Vchr No			
Mar 11	2	1	Dr. Dandridge	125 00	
16	4	2	Ed S. Hughes, C.B.C.C.	9 75	
18	5	3	Ohio Valley Mill & Sup Co	13 50	
"	7	4	Western Union Telegraph Co	7 05	
"	8	6	Dr. P. C. Layne	45 00	
"	9	5	Note Christian Church	500 00	
"	10	7	Fisher Undertaking Co	634 00	
22	11		Young & Warnock	76 00	
"	12	9	W. H. Carp	5 50	
30	25	8	J. H. McCleary	30 40	
"	26		O. E. Williams	57 50	
Apr 2	27	11	H. Wellman Electric Co	60 39	
15	28	12	Tri-State Printing Co	6 20	
20	29	13	J. W. Clinger	36 65	
May 1	30	14	Ed S. Hughes, C.B.C.C.	2 50	
5	31		Street Paving	1 310 57	
"	32	15	C. J. Lordier	6 65	
"	33	16	Central Meat Market	10 95	
"	34	17	Tri-State Printing Co	4 50	
Oct 16	44	18	Park City Telephone Co	3 25	
24	45		Geo. S. Kimbler, School Taxes	4 13	
"	46		State & County Taxes	674 00	
"	47		City Taxes	539 14	
1911					
Jan	56		Ed S. Hughes, C.B.C.C.	3 75	
	57		Note Christian Church	500 00	
	58		" " "	500 00	
26	59	19	Hager & Stewart, Attys.	250 00	
Oct 24	81		W.C. Frailie, City Taxes	259.68	
30	82		G.W. Calvin, State & Co. Taxes	309.09	
"	84	20	Murray & Thomas	35 00	
Dec 5	85	21	Ed S. Hughes, C.B.C.C.	3 00	
1912					
April 10	93		Ed S. Hughes, C.B.C.C.	11 00	
Aug 14	102		N.Y. State Inheritance Tax	1 238 21	
Sep 14	110		Western Union Tel Co	90	
Nov 16	111		Ed S. Hughes, C.B.C.C.	50 50	
	112		G.W. Calvin, State & Co Taxes	224 74	
	113		C. E. Horrocks, City Taxes	143 42	
			Cash - Expressage, Postage, Etc	20 03	
			Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Bal		
			Expense on sale of stock	6 08	
1913					
Mar 6	125	22	P. K. Malin, Atty	100 00	
19	126	23	Hager & Stewart, Attys.	500 00	
	127		Cash, Postage, Etc.	10 00	
					\$8 328 03

SCHEDULE "C"

PAYMENTS TO LEGATEES:

Mary S. Means, Widow,	Vouchers	\$ 344 837 60
Thos. H. Means	"	62 889 60
E. I. Seaton	"	62 889 60
Rose M. Bullard,	"	60 389 60
Lillian M. Maynard	"	62 889 60
Harold Means	"	62 889 60
E. O. Means	"	62 889 60
M. A. Means	Specific Bequest	100 00
E. L. Bullard	"	100 00
W. E. Maynard	"	<u>100 00</u>

\$719 975 20

SCHEDULE "D"

ANALYSIS SHOWING LOSS & GAIN ACCOUNT

ESTATE OF JOHN MEANS

<u>Increase in Stocks</u>	
388 Shrs Low Moor Iron Co Common	
Stock distributed @ .30	11 640 00
150 Shrs Low Moor Iron Co Pfd	
Stock distributed at face value	15 000 00
Notes & Interest of J. L. Anderson	
Distributed at face value	<u>16 548 00</u>
	43 188 00
<u>Less Decrease</u>	<u>21 490 52</u>
	\$21 697 48

SCHEDULE "E"

STATEMENT DETAILS OF INCOME

- ESTATE OF JOHN MEANS

Bal Check \$6,500 on Lampton Estate	3 000 00
Jack Serey, old a/c Jim Serey	25 00
Sold 2 old carriages	50 25
Rec'd on Zanesville Gas Stock	75 00
Dividends & Interest	82 693 23
Lampton Estate	650 15

86 493 63

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E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA,

March 15th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith check on Corn Exchange Bank
payable to your order for Two thousand (\$2000) Dollars -

I have just ^(yesterday) written to Lily stating that I would be
over to spend Monday night at 144 if convenient to her.

We have a Low Moor directors meeting Tuesday -
Wednesday Harriet arrives in Srey at 3PM and we leave
at 5 PM for home. I shall expect to see you
while there - Perhaps Tuesday night -

We are having a soaking rain this week - More
rainy than fair weather - All well -

With love

Affectionately:

E. C. Means

P.S. Enclosed find money for A.T. & T. Co.

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E. C. MEANS,

PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Mar 21st 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

This is to acknowledge receipt of
the Means + Russell Iron Co dividend \$1200.

There was quite a party on the train, John + Kendall, Mary
Emily Russell, Maxie Vansant and several others that the young
people knew -

John R met us at Clifton
Ferry with the auto and we were at home before the train
passed here -

Ruby, Harriet + Miss McGowan
(the Texas friend) have gone to Charlottesville today -

I told Mrs Ringo about your letter to Bushner and she
said she would write to him about it -

With much love

Affectionately

E. C. Means

ASHLAND IRON & MINING Co.,

INCORPORATED

QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

PROPRIETORS OF ASHLAND FURNACES,
MINERS AND SHIPPERS OF ASHLAND COAL.

ALL AGREEMENTS AND
DELIVERIES ARE CONTINGENT
UPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS,
CAR SUPPLY AND OTHER DELAYS
BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

W.B. SEATON, PRESIDENT.
F. B. MOORE, SECY AND TREAS.

ASHLAND, KY.

March 24-1913

Mr. E. C. Means,
Low Moor, Va

Dear Cooke:

I have made statement of the Executors, showing amount as invoiced and filed with the Court, viz: \$760,330.12, and additional amounts that, in filing with the Court, were marked nominal, but since have been distributed at the rate shown in the sheet, namely:

388 Shrs. Low Moor Common Stock @ .30
150 " " Preferred " " face value
Notes and Interest of J. L. Anderson

together with 49½ shares Fourth National Bank of New York, purchased by the Executors, and balance of the \$6500 check on the Lampton Estate, \$3000; \$3500 of the \$6500 was included in bills receivable in the inventory with other various amounts, including dividends and interest, less loss in stocks, etc., which you will see by enclosed analysis of loss and gain account. This shows a balance yet, in hands of Executors, of \$134,431.01. I have planned to sell the bills receivable and Lampton judgment to the Means Realty Company for \$4800; bills receivable for \$2800 and judgment about \$2000; \$2800 being value of bills receivable as estimated by Messrs. W. C. Richardson and John Russell. The above mentioned

ECM #2

Judgment, against Lampton Estate, is secured by mortgage on business property on the corner of Winchester and 16th Street.

My idea is to check out the entire bank balance, including cash received for bills receivable and Lampton Judgment, before the first of the month so there will be nothing in the hands of Executors to list for taxes the first of April. After the first, as soon as we receive interest on the 2% bonds will sell them and make final distribution and settlement of the Estate.

It will be necessary for the Means Realty Company to borrow about \$3100 from the bank, to make cash payment on the bills receivable and Lampton Judgment. They will be signed over to the Means Realty Company, but it will clean up the Estate subject to taxation.

In regard to the division of the real estate in the hands of W. C. Richardson, Trustee, will say that he has an offer on the real estate for, I think, about its cash value, and has made a counter-offer which probably will be accepted. I have not the figures in mind, at present, but if there is an opportunity of selling the whole, at its worth, I think it will be better than to divide. This I suppose will develop, shortly. That will give us enough cash to pay the amount borrowed by the Means Realty Company. After thinking over the matter carefully, I believe this is the best way to handle this business.

I am enclosing statements, showing the different

ECM #3

distributions, as worked out.

Note what you say in your letter of the 20th
inst. in regard to commissions, and thank you for same.

Yours very truly,

W.B. Seaton

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E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

April 3rd 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Open letter of 1st inst. as hand this A.M. enclosing dividend check of Ashland Fire Brick Co for \$207⁰⁰ and check for \$50⁰⁰ for an Easter gift to me -

I am very much obliged for the Easter gift and shall try to buy something useful with it - This surely is an era of gifts. I really cannot keep up with it, Christmas, Birth days, Easter, Graduating, etc etc - It is just the thing for you and Ruby who have the faculty of remembering when and knowing what to give -

I was in Cincinnati Thursday, Friday & Saturday and had to come via Knoxville, Tenn., Roanoke & Charlottesville to get home

Yesterday the C&O got the track open between Ashland & Huntington and are now working down the river towards Cincinnati -

There was one washout just East of Howells which delayed trains 18 hours - Our furnace was not stopped at all -

I have not heard from Will Seaton but he was blowing out one furnace so only had one to chill - Tom Adams had already put out the Norton fee for repairs - I saw Mr. Chas. Toft

in Cincinnati & he said Cousin Annie & Louise were busy with soup houses, sandwiches etc caring for flood sufferers -

With much love. 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.

April 8th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith I enclose check on Com Exchange Bank payable to your order for One thousand (\$1000) Dollars as per your request of the 1st inst -

● Our dear friend Mr. Winslow passed away last Friday night - His fatal illness was quick Broughts disease - After being unconscious for two days he rallied and his mind became clear - The second attack must have been short as no word was sent to us about it other than notice of his death - We shall miss him very much as a counselor and as a sincere friend whose loyalty could always be relied upon -

● Will Seaton telephoned me Sunday that he would attend the funeral services - I would have gone too but I caught cold returning from Cincinnati and as I could feel no improvement I was afraid to undertake the trip and run the risk of exposure at the funeral - I telegraphed Mrs Winslow our sympathy and explanation why I could not go to Cincinnati - Also telegraphed Dralter, Wallingford Co to send flowers for us - The Low Moor Co through Mr. Lyman arranged to have flowers sent as from the board of directors - Mr. Winslow has been a director here since 1892 - He, Mr Lyman & I have

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been the Executive Committee for many years, working together in absolute harmony and with full regard for each others opinion - During all these years there has been an affection as close as between brothers, I being the youngest have had the benefit of their kindly tendered advice - and my respect and affection for them has increased as the years have passed -

I have arranged to be in Philadelphia Thursday noon to attend a meeting of the Pa. Pig Iron Association and am planning to leave here tonight or Wednesday morning - Trains are running at such uncertain hours that it is difficult to plan a trip -

Ruby returned from Philadelphia Sunday morning Mrs. Ringo stopped over in Baltimore -

Ruby has decided upon St Lukes School at Trayve, Pa. for John R. - She was much pleased with her visit to it -

Trusting that your health is fine - with love -

Affectionately:

E. C. Means

April 14, 1913

FINAL SETTLEMENT OF EXECUTORS
of the
ESTATE OF JOHN MEANS

DISBURSEMENTS			
Sundry Bills, Schedule "A"		29	618 03
Cash Dividends " "B"		110	500 00
Stocks, Notes, Etc " "C"		603	475 20
		743	1593 23
INVENTORY & ADDITIONS			
Inventory as per schedule filed			760 330 12
388 Shrs Low Moor Iron Co. Com- mon Stock distributed @ .30			11 640 00
150 Shrs Low Moor Iron Co Prf'd Stock distributed @ face Value			15 000 00
Notes & Interest of J. L. Anderson Distributed at face value			16 548 00
Bought 49½ Shrs Stock Fourth Nat'l Bank of New York @ 2.00	9	900	00
Bal Check \$6,500 on Lampton Est.	3	000	00
Jack Serey, old a/c Jim Serey		25	00
Sold 2 old Carriages		50	25
Rec'd on Zanesville Gas Stock		75	00
Dividends and Interest	81	538	23
	94	588	48
Less Loss Stocks, etc.	20	082	36
			74 506 12
Balance undivided amounts on hand, as follows:			
Furniture		1	000 00
Ashland National Bank		12	842 38
Government Bonds 2's	115	500	00
Bills Receivable		3	448 73
Lampton Estate 1939 90			
Less <u>300 00</u>		1	639 90
	134	431	01
	878	024	24
	878	024	24

ANALYSIS LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT

ESTATE OF JOHN MEANS

LOSS, or Stocks sold and Distributed
At Less than Inventory Value

Kentucky Iron, Coal & Mfg. Co	300 00
Means & Russell Iron Company	6 000 00
Norton Iron Works	25 00
Importers & Traders Nat'l BK	128 63
American Exchange Nat'l BK	2 014 50
First National Bank, Cinti.,	8 100 00
U. S. Bonds 4-s	2 400 00
Louisville Property Co.	275 00
Real Estate	32 531 00

GAIN, or Stocks Sold and Distributed
at Greater value than Inventoried

Ashland Iron & Mining Company	11 140 00
Western Union Telegraph Company	1 308 57
Ashland National Bank	9 540 00
Bank of New York	5 849 27
Fourth National Bank of New York	307 93
Merchants Bank & Trust Company	250 00
Southern Railway Prf'd	3 296 00
Balance	20 082 36

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DETAILED STATEMENT DISBURSEMENTS

ESTATE OF JOHN MEANS

AS PER INVENTORY SHEET

SCHEDULE "A"

1910	CK.NO.		
Mar	11	2	Dr. Dandridge 125 00
	16	4	E. S. Hughes, C.B.C.C. 9 75
	18	5	Chio Valley Mill & Supply Co 13 50
	"	7	Western Union Tel Co 7 05
	"	8	Dr. P. C. Layne 45 00
	"	9	Note Christian Church 500 00
	"	10	Fisher Undertaking Co. 634 00
	22	11	Young & Warnock 76 00
	"	12	W. H. Carp 5 50
	30	18	49 $\frac{1}{2}$ Shrs Stock Fourth Nat'l N.Y. 9 900 00
	"	25	J. H. McCleary 30 40
	"	26	C. E. Williams 57 50
Apr	2	27	H. Wellman Electric Co 60 39
	15	28	Tri-State Printing Co 6 20
	20	29	J. W. Clinger 36 65
May	1	30	E. S. Hughes, C.B.C.C. 2 50
	5	31	City Taxes 1 310 57
	"	32	C. J. Lordier 6 65
	"	33	Central Meat Market 10 95
	"	34	Tri-State Printing Co 4 50
Oct	16	44	Park City Tel Co 3 25
	24	45	Geo.S.Kimble, School Taxes 4 13
	"	46	State & County Taxes 674 00
	"	47	City Taxes 539 14
1911			
Jan		56	E. S. Hughes, C.B.C.C. 3 75
		57	Note Christian Church 500 00
		58	Note Christian Church 500 00
"	26	59	Hager & Stewart, Attys 250 00
Oct	24	81	W. O. Frailey, City Taxes 259 68
	30	82	G.W.Calvin, State & County Tax 309 09
	"	84	Murray & Thomas 35 00
Dec	5	85	E. S. Hughes, C.B.C.C. 3 00
1912			
Apr	10	93	E. S. Hughes, C.B.C.C. 11 00
Aug	14	102	N.Y. State Inheritance Tax 1 238 21
Sept	14	110	Western Union Tel Co 90
Nov	16	111	E. S. Hughes, C.B.C.C. 50 50
		112	G. W. Calvin, State & County Tax 224 74
		113	C.E.Horrocks, City Taxes, 143 42
			Cash- Expressage, Postage, Etc. 20 03
		116 &	
		117	Executors 12 000 00
			Kissel, Kinniat & Co. 6 08

For'd

29 618 03

- Sheet Two -

DISBURSEMENTS-Con-

Schedule "B" Brot Forward 29 618 03

Mary S. Means, Cash Div.	55 100 00
Thos. H. Means	9 600 00
E. I. Seaton	9 600 00
R. M. Bullard	7 100 00
L. M. Maynard	9 600 00
Harold Means	9 600 00
E. C. Means	9 600 00
M. A. Means	100 00
E. L. Bullard	100 00
W. E. Maynard	100 00

110 500 00

Schedule "C"

M. S. Means -Stocks -	286 737 60
Thos. H. Means	52 789 60
E. I. Seaton	52 789 60
R. M. Bullard	52 789 60
L. M. Maynard	52 789 60
Harold Means	52 789 60
E. C. Means	52 789 60

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9,600
62,389,60

Receipts Accounts, Notes, Stocks, Etc.

Taken out of Original Inventory

1910			
Apr	18	Moffat & White a/c	830 70
		J. B. Eifort on Note	112 00
		J. B. Eifort Notes	892 44
		Lampton Estate a/c	3 500 00
		John Geiger on Note	262 50
Mar	24	Low Moor Iron Company, Note,	20 000 00
Feb	18	Ashland National Bank-Bal	9 837 85
		Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Note	
		Proceeds sale following stocks,	
		Less Commission & Expense:	
		20 Shrs. Southern Rwy 81-5/8	1 629 60
		39 " Western Union Tel Co 78-3/8	3 050 97
		4 " American Ex. Nat. Bk. 230	917 26
		25 " Importers & Traders 555	13 870 87
		22 " Wth Nat'l Bk of N.Y. 202	4 437 49
		5 " Bank of New York 405	2 024 17
		Lampton Estate	300 00
		3 Shrs. Ashland Nat'l Bk 260	780 00
		20.8 " Second Nat'l, Ironton 10	3 120 00
		5 " Merchants Bk & Trust Co 2.00	1 000 00
		8 " Louisville & Nash R.R. 1.50	1 200 00
		1 " Norton Iron Wks	225 00
		5 " Louisville Property Co .45	225 00
		1 " U.S. Mail Line (Steamboat)	50 00
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			68 265 85

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STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS

E. C. Means Received From -

Estate of John Means

1910				
Mar 22	Cash Dividend	No. 1		600 00
" 30	"	" 2		1 000 00
July 2	"	" 3		900 00
Dec 20	"	" 4		1 000 00
1911				
Mar 21	"	" 5		1 000 00
" 23	"	" 6		500 00
Aug 30	"	" 7		1 000 00
1912				
Jan 3	"	" 8		800 00
Apr 27	"	" 9		800 00
Aug 28	"	" 10		500 00
Dec 13	"	" 11		1 500 00
1910				
Mar 30	Note, Julius L. Anderson			1 379 00
1911				
Oct 25	32 Shrs Low Moor Iron Co Stock Est @ 30.			960 00
Aug 21-12	1/6 Part 2 shrs " " Transferred			
	Means Realty Company			10 00
Oct 25-11	12 Shrs Low Moor Iron Co Stock Prf'd, Est 100			1 200 00
1912				
Aug 21	1/6 Part 3 Shrs " " Transf'd			
	Means Realty Company			50 00
Nov 7	41 Shrs L&N Ry Co Stock Estimated @ 150			6 150 00
" 27	15 " Southern Ry. Prf'd Stock Est @ 81.48			1 222 20
" 27	10 " Western Union Tel Co Stock Est 78.23			782 30
" 27	8 " American Exchange Nat Bk., Est. 2.2985			1 838 84
" 27	12 " 4th Nat'l Bk of N. Y. Est @ 2.0185			2 422 26
" 27	5 " Bank of New York Stock, Est @ 4.05			2 025 00
" 30	1 " Means & Russell Iron Co Est .50			500 00
Dec 2	2 " Ky. Iron, Coal & Mfg Co Est @ .50			50 00
" 6	13 " Ashland Nat'l Bk Stock Est 2.60			3 380 00
" 6	1 U. S. Government 4% Bond Estimated 1.13			11 300 00
" 11	185 Shrs Ashland Iron & Min Co Stock- Est .55			10 175 00
" 11	1/6 Part 4 Shrs AI&MCC Stock Transf'd Means			
	Realty Company			36 67
" 10	2 Shrs Norton Iron Wks Stock Est. 2.50			500 00
" 10	1/6 Pt 4 Shrs " " Transf'd Means R. Co			166 67
" 10	13 Shrs 1st Nat'l Bk., Cinti., Est @ 2.00			2 600 00
" 10	1/6 pt 3 Shrs " " Transf'd Means			
	Realty Company			100 00
" 13	5 Shrs Merchants Bank & Trust Co., Est 1.50			750 00
" 13	1/6 Pt 5 Shrs Ash Art Ice Co. Stock, Transf'd			
	Means Realty Co			41 66
1913				
Jan 30	1/6 Pt 18 Shrs U. S. Mail Line, Transf'd			
	Means Realty Co			150 00
	Real Estate, Transferred Means Realty Co			5 000 00
" 11	1/6 Pt 25 Shrs Zanesville Gas Light Co Stock,			62 889 60
	Transf'd Means Realty Co			Nominal
Apr 16	Cash			500.00
				62,889.60

(My books 62,889.60
61,819.94
1,069.66)

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

April 25th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 24th received with notice of tax assessment.

John R. goes to St Lukes School, Drayne Pa
● 17 1/2 miles out of Phila, on main line to Pittsburgh.
It is 3 miles beyond Boya Manor -

The reduced tariff on pig iron and free iron ore will hurt our business - The general business of the U. S. is already halting and slowing down. The Democrats are making too many reductions at one time - Manufactures of cotton mill machinery
● are not buying pig iron because the tariff on cotton goods will be reduced and no mills will be built for a while - Thus the cut in rates on cotton goods affects pig iron and so will other cuts until we shall see hard times again - Wilson is a free trader and believes in low prices for everything -

Next week Ruby entertains four delegates to the meeting in Blifton Forge of the Virginia State Federation of Women's Clubs and on Tuesday gives them ^{all} a Tea -

On May 7th we have the Low Moor directors with us
With love - E. C. Means

Special Meeting
of the
Board of Directors
of
The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia.

Low Moor, Va., May 7, 1913.

The Board met pursuant to notice on this date after consultation with several members of the Board, it being found impracticable to obtain a quorum on the date fixed by the By Laws.

Present:
Messrs. E. C. Means,
Frank Lyman
Benj. B. Lawrence
Harold T. White

Absent:
Messrs. E. P. Harrison
Robt. L. Pierre
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Four.

The President, E. C. Means, Esq., in the Chair.

The Secretary, Frank Lyman, Esq., read the minutes of the previous meeting held March 18, 1913, which were ordered-

ORDERED To stand approved as read.

The Secretary reported the death on April 4th, 1913, of Mr. John F. Winslow of Cincinnati. Messrs. Lyman and White who were appointed a committee to prepare appropriate resolutions. ~~xxxxx
forwarded to Mrs. Winslow and recorded in our minutes presented the following:~~

The Directors of The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia desire to place on their records a memorial of their esteem and affection for their associate, Mr. John S. Winslow, who died at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the fourth of last month.

Mr. Winslow had been connected with this Company for more than twenty years, being elected a Director upon the death of his father, Mr. A. S. Winslow, one of the founders of the Company, on the 24th of August, 1892. His faithfulness, high purpose, devotion to duty and willingness and readiness to serve wherever and whenever opportunity offered have won him high honor among his associates, and his gentle courtesy and warm friendship have endeared him to them all. For nearly twenty years he kept the records of our transactions with scrupulous care and thoroughness. They are indeed a model of their kind.

RESOLVED That it is with a sense of personal loss and grief that we record this minute of his death.

Further be it

RESOLVED That the Secretary convey to the family of Mr. Winslow an expression of the deep sympathy of our Board.

The President reported progress in the matter of negotiations with Mr. Keefer stating that no meeting had occurred and nothing accomplished beyond a mutual exchange of information such as maps, etc.

In the matter of the right of way through our lands on New River the President stated no result had yet been reached and negotiations were still pending.

The President reported the conditions on New River, and

gave it as his judgment that a strike among the New River Coal Miners was extremely likely to occur. No action was held in the premises, the President being given full authority to act as the situation demanded.

The President reported the execution and delivery of the lease covering 640 acres of our Stuart Land in Fayette County, West Virginia, to the New River & Pocahontas Coal Co. in pursuance of the authority given him as per Resolutions pages 21 and 26.

Mr. Lyman presented a report on our coal operations made by Mr. William Harkes which he had had personally ~~presented~~ made. This report and its recommendations were referred to the President and Treasurer for further consideration and report and it was directed that it be paid for by the Company.

Mr. W. B. Seaton of Ashland, Ky., was nominated to fill the vacancy in the Board created by the death of Mr. Winslow. On motion duly seconded the Secretary was authorized to cast one ballot in favor of the election of Mr. Seaton. No objection being offered Mr. Seaton was elected a Director of the Company.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

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PIG IRON.

COAL.

THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

May 14th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith warrants of the
Pennsylvania RR Co in your name
No 33895 for 68 shares please sign under
"Subscription"

No 27130 for 7/10 of a share please sign under
"Assignment".

Kindly mail both to White, Weld & Co
#14 Wall Street New York in enclosed envelope

You are at present owner of Pennsylvania
RR stock in amount of \$34.350—, by subscribing
for 68 shares (\$50⁰⁰ each) you will add \$3400. to your
holdings making a total of \$37.750.

Ruby is arranging to go to Philadelphia
for the 27th + 28th insts to see Harriet graduate
at Shipley with her class there. The Shipleys
accepted her work at Smith for one year and
invited her to graduate.

Will Seaton was elected to fill Mr. Mielow's
place in the Low Moor directors—

With love. Yours truly:

E. C. Means

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

May 22nd 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter of 20th just received with enclosed check for \$50⁰⁰, for which cash is to be used for Harriet Evelyn's graduating present from

you - It is indeed very affectionate of you to so handsomely remember her at this time - She will thoroughly appreciate it and your love for her, as do Ruby & I - We are most pleased

with your kind words and complimentary remarks about our dear daughter - It is very gratifying to know that Harriet is a popular girl, at howlson

at Shipley's and now at Smith - She is a hard student because she is not quick to learn but she has the proper ambition to be successful and while she works early & late on her studies she does not neglect her physical exercises and the social side of college life - Ask Ruby about "Delta Sig" and Harriet's decision -

Perhaps I may get to Shipley's Commencement - I hope you & Lily can go with Ruby - You will enjoy seeing all the young girls there. They are a fine lot
With love - Yours Affectionately, E. C. Means

P.S. Mother, Ned & Co received the Penna. Travants O.K.

ASHLAND IRON & MINING Co.,

INCORPORATED

QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

PROPRIETORS OF ASHLAND FURNACES.
MINERS AND SHIPPERS OF ASHLAND COAL.

ALL AGREEMENTS AND
DELIVERIES ARE CONTINGENT
UPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS,
CAR SUPPLY AND OTHER DELAYS
BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

W. B. SEATON, PRESIDENT.
E. B. MOORE, SECY AND TREAS.

ASHLAND, KY.

May 22-1913

Mr. E. C. Means,
Low Moor, Va.

My dear Cooke:

I am enclosing, herewith, statement showing the total amount of cash, stocks, etc., you have received from the Executors as your part of the Estate; also, the fractional part of stocks transferred to the Means Realty Company, including the \$5000.00, which represents the real estate as listed in the Means Realty Company.

The entire estate having been divided, statement has been made to the Court and approved by the County Judge; therefore, this will close up the estate and the Executors will be discharged from further responsibility. The Court order will be issued at the next regular term of Court.

This will enable you to list these amounts correctly on your books.

Yours very truly,

W. B. Seaton

Executor.

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REPORT OF

John Means

H. S. Department *I* Grade

MONTHS	1	2	3	4	5	Ex	6	7	8	9	Ex	Av
Spelling	94	88	92	86	82		90	84	90	Ex		87
Reading	S	S	S	95	Ex		Ex	Ex	90	Ex		91
Writing	Ex	Ex	Ex	98	Ex		S	Ex	90	Ex		94
Drawing												
Arithmetic	S	100	Ex	87	Ex		100	Ex	99	Ex		93
Algebra	Ex	75	Ex	85	Ex		61	Ex	89	Ex		86
Geometry												
General History									Ex	90	Ex	
Geography	S	86	S	88	S		72	Final				84
English Grammar	S	78	S	96	S		70	92	Ex	85	Ex	88
Rhetoric												
Civil Gov't												
Physiology												
Physics												
Latin	Ex	90	Ex	78	Ex		46	Ex		80	Ex	84
Averages	S	S	Ex	89	Ex		80	Ex	88			88
Department	S	S	S	97	S		Ex	Ex	92	90		
Absences	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		
Tardies	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		

Certificate of Promotion

(To be filled out at end of Term)

The above pupil having maintained the average of 85
is hereby promoted to the H. S. Grade for next Term.

Mary E. Doney SUPT. OR PRIN.
TEACHER.

DATE June 6/1913

John Means
Name of School

Low Moor, Va
Postoffice

1912-1913
Term

Mary E. Soney
Principal or Superintendent

Mary E. Soney
Teacher

IMPORTANT TO PARENTS

Reports are sent out at the end of each month. Please note progress and standing of your children, commending or reproving accordingly.

See that lessons are prepared at home. Earnest co-operation on part of parents will greatly aid the work of the teacher.

EXPLANATION OF MARKS

90-100 . . . Excellent	70-80 . . . Passable
80-90 . . . Satisfactory	Below 70 Unsatisfactory

Every unexcused absence deducts from attendance and each recitation of that day.

An average of 80 is required, both for maintaining a grade and for promotion at end of Term.

PARENTS WILL PLEASE EXAMINE, SIGN HERE, AND RETURN

1 *Ruby R. Means* 5 *Ruby R. Means*
2 *Ruby R. Means* 6 *Ruby R. Means*
3 *Ruby R. Means* 7 *Ruby R. Means*
4 *Ruby R. Means* 8 *Ruby R. Means*

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,

PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

July 3rd 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Yours 2nd received with enclosed check Ashland Fire Brick Co for \$207⁰⁰ and deposit ticket of Merchants Bk + Trust Co for \$120⁰⁰.

- It would be well for you to have Merchants Bk + T Co pass book balanced and sent to me. If you intend to leave a balance of \$1,000⁰⁰ there perhaps they would allow you interest. They allow it to others -

Harriet is in San Antonio, Texas visiting the McGowan
John is in Camp Greenbrier at Alderson W. Va.

The rest of us are enjoying the hot spell here -

- Sleeping on the porch is none too cool. We are going on a picnic tomorrow to celebrate the 4th.

The threatened coal strike at our New River mines seems to have been settled - The iron market is very low and unsatisfactory -

With love

Affectionately

E. C. Means

E. C. MEANS
LOW MOOR VIRGINIA

Sept 23rd 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

As requested in your letter of yesterday I am today mailing check for \$2000⁰⁰ to the Garfield State Bank for credit your account.

• Ruby & John left Sunday night for Philadelphia. John begins his school term at St Lukes tomorrow. H. E. went away a week ago - Mrs Rings and Dare alone - I have a cold in head and she has a stiff neck, usual Fall announcements of cooler days and warmer clothing.

• Low Moor is very quiet with the furnace idle and only a few men at work repairing - The tennis court is only amusement now that the fishing season is over -

The pig iron market is in bad shape and does not offer much encouragement for the early future - Coal business is much better -

With love

Your affectionate nephew

E. C. Means

FOR THE RECEIVING
OFFICE

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THE LOW MOOR IRON COMPANY OF VIRGINIA

E. C. MEANS,
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

Sept 30th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 20th with enclosed Five Brick check is at hand - The tax list was duly made out and returned to Belandships -

Ruby has caught cold upon her return - There seems to be an epidemic of colds here - Mrs Ringo and I are better - She ^(also Ringo) expects to go to Ashland Friday of this week to visit Mrs Davis.

Mr. Lyman comes Friday for a visit -

Harriet & John both write happy letters from school - As every thing is new for John he is showing great interest and we believe he will be pleased. Harriet does not expect her studies will require as much effort as last year -

I am going to the Ashland Iron Mining Co meeting in October and expect Ruby to be with me. We have decided to leave Low Moor (This is a secret as yet) and will have to select a place to live. I do not know how soon my successor will be selected but I am too much discouraged to continue and prefer some one else try the management - of the operations - Also the children away at school will make it very

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LOW MOOR, VIRGINIA.

houses here and I think they are now old enough to prefer life in a larger place than this.

We have been here for twelve years and as all are in good health it is a good time to change.

While we are giving up a nicer home than we hope to have again and will have to live more simply, we shall be contented - We shall reduce our scale of living so that we can continue to send the children to school away from home.

Will Seaton knows of our proposed change but we have not made it known here -

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.

Oct 20th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith proxies for your signature -

Ruby + I returned from Ashland Friday All
we had a very pleasant visit - Ruby got
up to Catterburg to see hida Moor and we ate
one supper with Aunt Mary and one with Charley -
Bess had Minnie Patton, Mrs Rings + Mrs Davis in
for dinner - So our two + one half days were very
enjoyable in a social way -

At the Ashland Iron + Mining Co meeting it was
decided not to pay any dividends until the
iron business improves and the company has
less ore to pay for - With only one furnace running
this may postpone dividends for quite a while.

The steel + nail business is dull too they say -
John + Harriet both write cheer ful letters
and seem to be busy with studies and play -
Ruby finds it very lonesome in the big house
with her mother away -

With love 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 3rd 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Until I can ascertain whether I can sign for you the certificates in connection with the new Federal income tax it will be necessary for me to send them to you for signature - I am enclosing two certificates herewith which please sign and return to me - No witness is required -

The new law makes it obligatory to file these with each collection of coupons and registered interest. So you can sign a large number (and I will hold them for use from time to time) as soon as I can get the certificates - Perhaps you could get them at the Garfield Natl Bank but if you prefer not to be bothered getting them I can get them somewhere -

You will have to pay the tax on income over \$3000 less taxes - 1% up to \$2000 - 2% over \$20.000 annually

This year the income from Mar 1st to Dec 31st only is taxed and the deduction is $\frac{5}{6}$ of \$3000 -

I enclose proxies for your signature -

All well here - Ruby busy as ever -

It might be well to show the two certificates to the Cashier of the Garfield Natl Bank to make sure they are correct

With love:

E. C. Means

E. C. MEANS
LOW MOOR VIRGINIA

November 5th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Please sign and return
to me the enclosed certificates -

I hope to ascertain soon whether I can
sign these certificates as your agent. At
present there is a difference of opinion among
the banks about this - Some say you must
sign - others say I can sign as your agent -

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.

November 6th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Herewith check on Com Exchange Bank for One thousand (\$1000⁰⁰/₁₀₀) Dollars to your order - as per your request 5th inst -

● The certificates to cover CO 5% & Low Moor 6% bond interest duly received - For the past year or rather from Mar 1st to Dec 31st your interest account shows that you will have to pay some income tax - Your New York City bond interest is exempt from tax as are your dividends - So your income tax will not be excessive.

● We are having fine weather - Forty nights and bright clear days

With love

Affectionately:

E. C. Means

OFFICE OF THE
Columbus & Xenia Railroad Company,
COLUMBUS, OHIO.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE

COLUMBUS & XENIA R. R. COMPANY:

For the protection of the interests of stockholders of the Columbus & Xenia R. R. Company it is important that the stock be as fully represented at stockholders' meetings as possible. Much of the stock is held by persons, non-residents and others, who do not find it convenient to personally attend the meeting, and many changes, by death or transfer, invalidate to a large extent the proxies now held. You are requested by the Executive Committee of your Board of Directors to sign and return, without delay, the enclosed proxy, in the enclosed stamped envelope. You will observe that other names may be substituted by you, if you prefer, for those printed in the proxy; and that the proxy is revocable at any time; but please give it prompt attention so that your proxy may be on file at an early date.

Very truly yours,

FRANK C. HUBBARD,
Secretary & Treasurer,
Columbus & Xenia R.R. Co.

December 10, 1913.

Lawler Dec 15th 1913

Dear Aunt:

Please sign & forward the enclosed proxy — We are looking for John Thursday and Harriet E next week Wednesday — Ruby & I both well Mrs Ringo in Balto — Affectionately E. C. Means

4/10th

2 St. Nicholas Place

Dec. 18/99

Dear Cooke & Ruby

As I have
spent so much ^{this year} on our
new church and on
improvements in the home
I am making the grand-
children's presents somewhat
smaller. Please divide
this check between H. E. and
John and give it to them
with my love and many

Christmas.

I am sending (by express or
mail) a piece of Bulgarian
embroidery for you both.

It is rather a new departure
to give embroidery to a
man - but as you are
one I hope this one gift
will please you both.

With much love and a
Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year for you all -
I am as ever your
loving aunt
Mary

P.S.
I expect to leave here for home
next Tuesday with Lily and H.C.

E. C. MEANS
LOW MOOR VIRGINIA

Dec 23^d 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I have just returned from Washington where I have been twice within a week in connection with a freight rate case before the Inter State Commerce Commission wherein we are trying to get more equitable rates on Virginia pig iron -

Yesterday, with Mr. Isham, I went out to Rockville and ate supper with the Bullards - I found Mrs Ringo on the sleeper returning from Baltimore and New York - John R returned last Thursday with cheeks full and happy to get home - Harriet returns tomorrow morning -

Enclosed find check for your Christmas presents from the Low Moor Means family -

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

With much love

Affectionately:

E. C. Means

E. C. MEANS
LOW MOOR VIRGINIA

Dec 26th 1913.

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I thank you for the Christmas check with which I shall buy a new horn for our auto -

I handed the money to Mrs Ringer, as your letter requested - the checks to the others -

The weather was not favorable for out of doors but instead kept us at home to enjoy the day -

John + I worked picture puzzles - we tried to work his wireless telegraph out fit but did not succeed - It was quite a disappointment because he had gone to a lot of trouble getting his wires on top of the house and into his room.

Harriet seems well and no doubt will enjoy her Ashland visit -

I hope you will not over do your strength entertaining - I'm glad to learn your eyes are better -

With love

Affectionately:

E. C. Means

P.S.

Yours 24th with Fire Brick Dividend at hand -

E. C. MEANS
LOW MOOR VIRGINIA

Dec 30th 1913

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your letter 29th with
enclosed check for seventeen hundred (\$1700^{00/100}) Dollars
is at hand this morning — I thank you very
much for the liberal compensation for acting as
your agent and clerk during the year — and I wish
you a prosperous New Year — The outlook for
1914 is not a favorable one for business generally
but perhaps our Democratic friends may find
some way to make it better than we anticipate.

Harriet arrived home this morning, tired and
sleepy but happy —

Last night John, with his wireless receiving set,
was able to hear the messages being sent out
from the tower at Arlington, near Washington, but he
cannot understand what he hears — We are
just starting for an auto ride to Covington

With love
Yours affectionately:

E. C. Means