

Detroit, Mich. July 29th, 1920.

My dear friend Mr. Railey:-

Well how are you anyway these nice summer days----- maybe you think I have forgotten all about you, such is not the case.

Are we ever going to have the pleasure of meeting each other, when----- and where-- I am still anxiously waiting to hear from you.

Am well and happy these warm days, hope you are the same.

How are the Oil Wells progressing----- If you can find time and you really think you would like to meet your little Detroit girl, there is nothing would please me more then to receive a line or two from my good friend.

I trust that everything is going along very nicely with you these days, and with kindest regards remain as ever,

Your good sincere friend,  
Rose Strohecker,  
206E. Warren Ave,  
Detroit, Mich.

P.S.---- Why not motor to Detroit, to see me, its a most delightful tour.





Mr. Rowland G. Railey,  
Forkton,  
Kentucky.,



R.S. 206 E. Warren,  
Detroit, Mich.



R.R. #3, New Albany, Ind., 7/23/1920

Dear Brother

Your letter rec'd. I glad  
all are well. This is the hottest  
day to me this year.

Wrote you a few days ago about  
the auto wind shield.

Will send you views right away.

How is the oil well coming on?

Any signs of a gusher?

Any body else struck oil?

When is the Home coming?

Willie, Ada & myself are thinking  
of coming down at that time.

What are black-berries worth  
down there?

Could I buy some cans down  
there and get Mary Denham to carry  
them?

Berries are scarce and high here.

Write me the latest

Hope all are well

P.S. Got any white rabbits  
down there?

Yours bro  
J. Bailey



We are keeping Blessie  
and Grace Children  
to night while they  
go to church warden  
Browning (the baby) is  
so cute he can say  
any thing he wants to  
he calls mother "Aunt  
Granma"

Come when ever it  
suits you best, I shall be  
glad to see you.

Your true Friend  
Fanny.

Milltown Ky.

July 22 1920

Mr. R. S. Raily  
Forkton Ky.

I got your notice about  
the "Golden Seal" seed,  
and we watched the  
Post office last week.  
I hardly know what to  
say, but mother wishes  
me to write you about  
them. She is afraid  
they are lost in the  
mail.



It is raining here this evening. John, my little nephew that came up here that eve you know, is playing the organ and singing of a little girl I think he must have fallen in love with at school, ha! ha! I wish I could be there to help you pick berries. you certainly won my love Eternally Dear Friend I feel that something has come between us. I can not think you were just fooling me. maybe you are just trying to see how many girls you could marry, ha! ha! well, I must admit that I was one of them. you do not treat me fair not to tell me what the trouble is, that is causing my heart so much pain.

we are looking for you the last of July hope we will not be disappointed.



RFD, No. 3, New Albany Ind.  
July 20-1920

Dear Brother

Your letter rec'd a few days ago requesting me to buy ~~you~~ a lower wind shield (glass) for your 1917 Auto, I have seen a number of supply people in auto fixtures and they tell me you can do better there than here as none of them will cut the glass and guarantee it to fit. They will sell the glass and you can have it cut there, but they say that if you get the glass where you had it cut it will cost you less.

Getting glass from junk shops now is next to impossible at junk prices.

If you have an opportunity to sell your machine, dont hang on the glass; but the price \$10 or \$15, or \$25 or \$50 or if you make a quick deal. You have no use for the machine and charge the loss to lessons in the auto business and call it economy. You can get the glass set in at Glasgow and that beats doing uncertain business this far away.



It will not be long until you will be able to get machines at any price. If you have a chance to sell dont let the opportunity go by.

Machines are breaking up more people than any one thing.

If there were more wheel-barrow and fewer machines the Country would be better off.

Hope all are well. Write me all the oil news. Hope Grover will strike a gusher in the deep well.

Dont buy any thing unless you have to have it. Unless it is good land at a reasonable price. There is going to be a big drop in every thing except food which will be high.

Cows & Horses are very low and will be lower.

Merchandising has dropped about 25% since you were here. There will be jobs on the market this fall at a reasonable price.

Write soon  
your bro  
J. Bailey



R.R. # 3, New Albany, Ind. 7/8 - 1920  
Dear Brother

Your recd. and noted glad to hear from you. Hope all are getting along well. Will send you copy of Sunday Courier Journal Magazine. Notice on pp 7 and you will catch what is going on in New Albany.

I understand Grover is going to drill a deep well. Caution every one to be careful there is a great pool of oil near there some where according to geologists and will likely be lots of gas. This might be drilled into any time and should it get on fire some one might get badly burnt.

The most of the oil men are trying to kill Monroa co. in order to get territory for nothing. I hope Grover will strike a gusher. There are thousands of ~~gallons~~ barrels of oil ~~in~~ in the ground there for every one that has been pumped out.

I did not buy glass for auto I got your 2nd letter I am case you want any thing in a hurry let me know.  
Write soon.  
Your bro  
J. P. Railey



Pauline  
said all you  
had pictures  
had not been  
developed even  
so she got them  
if they was any  
good she would  
send you some

Glasgow Ky.  
July 5-11920.

Mr R. S. Railey -

My Dear old friend + chum

I wonder what you are doing - working  
hard I guess. but you must not  
it is too hot you will work some of  
that flesh you need off. as it improved  
your foot looks so much. I dont want  
you to loose any of it but keep  
gaining. we are having some real  
hot weather it seems, and people  
cant get well who are sick and  
well people dont feel well  
I saw Erv and wife at church  
last night but didnt get to speak  
to them I tried to get to them  
before they went out but could not  
people got between us. had a big  
ball game yesterday and are  
going to have one today we looked  
for you our thoughts you might



Jump in your Car and come over  
and stay a few days with us well  
I guess you are looking for a big  
crowd when Monroe has its home  
coming. Pauline said tell you  
she had been looking for you to  
come back she said you had been  
home long enough to see about your  
business and for you not to go to work  
and kill your self get in your Car  
& come over you can meet any  
time and we will always be glad to  
see you and want you to come and  
stay as long as you will. Mrs Davis  
said she told Groves wife to tell  
you not to go to work and stay  
right at home know. wish you and  
I was in some good town and  
in some business to gather.

R. B. I am sending you a note  
to renew. many many thanks  
to you for all you do for me and kindness  
to me. wish you and I was some where  
in the shade talking today. Come  
how real soon to see us. Mrs Davis  
& Pauline sends regards to you  
you same old jump & cheer  
B. H. Davis



Louisville, Ky.  
6-23-'50

Mr. R. Y. Railey,  
Fockton, Ky.

Dear Mr. Railey:

I was delighted to receive the picture and think it is very good, considering the fact that I was only in my working clothes, and wish to thank you for sending me one. I really think it very



kind of you to do so.

From what you stated  
in your letter of your  
gardens they must be beautiful  
and I would love to see  
them.

Expecting to hear from  
you again at your convenience,  
I am,

Most Sincerely,  
Miss Shaw.



P.R. #3, New Albany, Ind. 5/20/1920

Dear Brother

Suppose you are at home  
and find every thing and every body  
pleasantly disposed

We expected you to 'come back next night after  
you stayed at Mr. Baughmans.

The little girl came down and made herself acquainted.

How are you finding oil business? Is Crover going  
after the oil as strong as last year?

Have not seen any thing in the Louisville papers  
about Monroco Oil

Let me know all about the latest developments

Was down to see Mr. J. N. McClonnac the other day and  
he treated me exceedingly nice and told me to give you  
his kindest regards. Write me all the latest and how  
the oil game seems to be running, Any leasing?

Notice in Hickman co. oil leasing is as high as  
\$500.00 per acre and cant get land at that

Hope this will find all well.  
Tell Ollie that there will be a great many jobs on the market  
later. Goods will come down regardless of cost. Write soon  
your bro. J. C. Bailey



Chicago, Ill,

May 2nd. 1920,

Dear Sweetheart:-

Your good letter of April 17th received a few days ago after following me to several towns and then being returned to Chicago - also your card.

I wrote you on the second of last month telling you I was ready to be murdered and suggested that you come north and buy a snug little home where we both could be happy and contented, as I could never be contented and happy living south of the Mason and Dixie line. I don't think any couple should get married until they had a snug little home all paid for and free from all incumbrances, furnished and all ready to step into. If you have just sold an oil lease for ninety thousand dollars as your card states I would suggest, that if you are sincere in wanting to marry me, that you go over to Little Rock at once and get my brother's consent to our union and then turn fifteen thousand dollars over to him to purchase a home and furniture for us to live in.

If you love me and willing to make me your wife, and since you have sold an oil lease for \$90000.00 it occurs to me that you would be tickle to death to give me a home where we both could be happy.

You can have all the oil lands and gingsing gardens, but just give me a neat snug little home located where I can be happy and contented. The home can be bought in Chicago or any northern City.

You asked me if I would meet you in Louisville. That is something I have never done and don't think any respectable woman would run to other towns to meet any man. You will find my brother a good fellow and there is no use of being so scared of him.

I am tired of staying in Chicago all alone so I am going back to work tommorrow.



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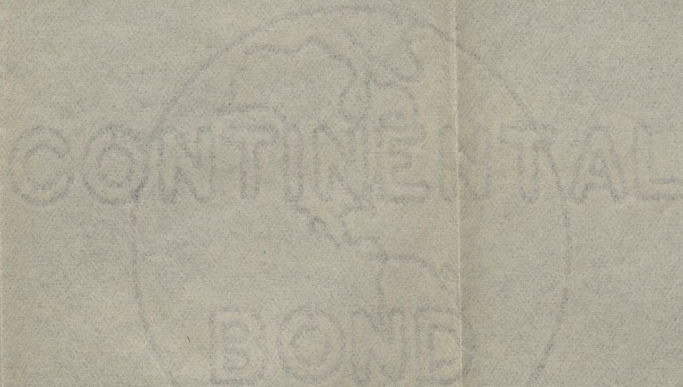
When you answer this please put it in a large envelope and send to Mrs O. N. Bray so she can write in the address and forward it on to me as I will telegraph her every week where to forward my mail.

You told me one time that your brother wanted you to marry a woman with great wealth. I have often thought of that and wondered how your brothers and sisters would treat me when they found out that you had married a poor woman. If you want to marry to please them you should never marry me. I would not want to pose as having money when I have't. I know that lots of people do.

With kindest and best wishes,

Your sincere friend.

Adeline





Roswell Okla

Apr 27-25

Dear Rowland: -

I've been expecting to  
hear from you again,  
so very, very sorry to  
learn of your mother's  
critical illness. Hopely

This fine she is better.

We had such a heavy rain  
last night - also a good rain  
Friday night and Saturday  
morning - dear let me  
hear from you soon.

Always yours.

Coru.



CHIEF JUSTICE  
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COURT OF APPEALS OF KENTUCKY  
FRANKFORT

March 20, 1920.

Mr. Roland Railey,  
Forkton, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Since you told me once, that you were interested in the cultivation of golden seal or yellow root, I have become somewhat interested along that line, and I have heard, that you have made a great success of the business. I write to ask you if you can send me the name of some journal, that treats of that subject, where I can obtain the necessary information, as to the necessary things to do in planting and cultivation of the article. I know, there are usually connected with a great many businesses, pamphlets published, giving full information upon the subject, and if you could tell me where I could obtain one of these, I will consider it a great favor.

Hoping, that you are well and prospering, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

*Rollin Hurt*



Kentucky Senate

FRANKFORT, KY.

July 12th, 1920

Mr. R. G. Ralley

Forkton Ky.

My dear Mr. Ralley:- I have been very busy, but think I shall find time to take your matter up now. Only I have forgotten what the amount was. Will you please inform me, I should have written earlier but have had to work over time and got behind with my correspondence.

With kindest personal regards

I am,

Yours truly,  
Robert A. Tuttle



R.R. #3, New Albany, Ind., Jan. 18 - 1920

Dear Brother,

Wrote you some days ago. Did you get my letter. I am in favor of the optical law for many reasons.

We have been looking for you for some time. You wrote me that you thought of coming and I wrote you that I had that big pumpkin to fill you up.

Now if you don't like pumpkin we can give you some bread and meat.

I killed the big hog. I got about 10 gal. of lard out of her. You may know she was some hog.

I am not going to do much farming this year expect to get all our land in grass.

I have signed contract to take charge of optical department for one of Lissville's largest jewelry stores.

Write me soon. What are you doing? How is the oil business? What do you think of my idea I wrote you on the two royalty clauses in oil contract. One for lease and one for oil. Your bro  
Hate all are well.

J. H. Bailey



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Mr. R. G. Railey,  
Forkton, Kentucky.

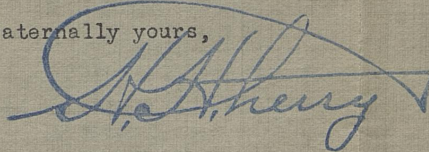
My dear Mr. Railey:

Your esteemed favor is received. I remember the young men you mention in your letter very well, but in looking over our records, I do not find the name of Mr. McGaskill (I believe this is the way he spells his name). I find a Mr. Roy Rummage, Utica, Kentucky, R. 2, and a Mr. O. R. Rummage, Hampton, Kentucky, was a student in the institution in 1907. I presume these names are intended for the same person. I shall have the clerk to make a diligent search in an endeavor to find the address of Mr. McGaskill. It is a real pleasure to do this for you.

Hope you are enjoying the finest things of this life and are prospering in all you undertake to do. May the richest blessings of life come your way.

Faternally yours,

HHC.S.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H.H. Cherry", written over a horizontal line.



Glasgow Ky.  
Nov 28. 1920.

Mr. R. G. Railey

My Dear old Church friend

I have been looking for you over  
for some time, why don't you come  
now and stay with us awhile;  
we have been having a meeting  
at the Baptist Church here quite  
a large attendance a real smart  
man who did the preaching.  
A white man killed a negro here  
last day over gambling -

How did the Election  
Go to suit you;



Mrs. Crowley is still reading the papers  
and saying she was going to get a raise  
in her ~~flat~~ pension.

Pauline said till  
you to come over and see go to California  
we had a letter from Frank Bartley a  
few days ago he is in California and  
likes fine it now frosts where he is  
I am anxious to show you his letter  
I guess you and I ought to make  
our arrangements to go South in  
about twelve months, don't you?

Please find enclosed note for  
renewal - please sign and return  
Thanking you for your many kindnesses  
show me.

I want you to be sure and  
come over and see us and come to stay  
awhile.

Do you now see Turner Button?  
How is your Golden Seal garden?  
As I don't know any thing of interest to  
write will close if I could see you could  
lack what I can't write, your same old friend  
G. W. Davis.





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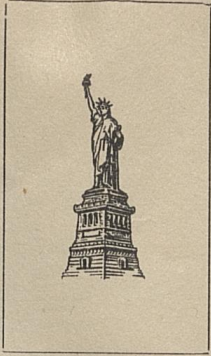
J. C. JENKINS, E. L. KERLEY  
PROPRIETORS

GLASGOW, KY. Nov 12th 1912

Mr R. G. Raily

My dear old friend & Chum  
How is this for cold weather;  
A great change in the weather since  
last week - I am not going on the  
train now. I do my own driving as  
I can't go. I figured I could do my  
own driving and cut expenses some  
so come now I can be with you more  
know come and stay a week or telling  
you might find you a girl over here.  
and even if you should not you and  
I are behind with our talking so  
come over and see (Cuss some) we  
discuss some things we have had  
said back. Could not get to  
Mrs Davis had a letter from Mrs  
Florence a few days ago they were  
moving.  
well How about the Election





# HOTEL LIBERTY

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J. C. JENKINS, E. L. KERLEY  
PROPRIETORS

GLASGOW, KY. \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_

did it go to suit you. I didn't  
hear of you doing any speaking  
I heard Judge Smith & Prof  
Peterman at Temple Hill also  
Dr Peterman spoke here at the  
Court House he is a fine speaker  
and can say some awfully good  
things.

How is hunting with  
you know, every thing I want off  
quit over but in the election  
Mrs Davis and Pauline sends  
regards to you.

don't fail to come now  
I guess you are about to get there  
with your work and you should  
get out from home know awhile  
so come to see us.

Your same old friend  
G. W. Davis.



Dry Fork, Kent.,  
Nov 12, 1920.

Mr Dowland & Railey,  
Forkston, Kent.,

Dear Mr Railey:-

I received your letter  
and was glad to hear  
from you.

How are you getting  
along with all your  
work now?

I would like to see  
you and then you  
tell me what all you  
have been doing.

and you are still  
timing to go south this  
winter?

I sure would like to  
come up there, and  
if you will go over to  
Tompkinsville and see  
Mr Evans and tell him  
I would like work in  
their store until Feb



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I will come, I cannot  
come back up there and  
idle my time away in  
visiting.

I talked with Mr Evans  
when I was up there, told  
him I use to be a clerk.

I know you are awfully  
busily getting ready for  
your journey, if you want  
to see me very bad, you see  
do this for me.

We do not mean to  
leave this country before  
Feb, I wanted to go there  
now, so I could work (there)  
there this winter I am  
going if my folks do not  
go. I must close:

Please excuse haste  
and answer soon.

Very truly,  
Maymie Jones



Boswell Okla

Oct 1st 1928

Mr R. G. Railey,

Fork Ten Ok.

My Dear:- This morn-  
ing I have a letter from  
you forwarded from  
Lewisburg, which is  
the second letter this  
week - I thank you  
for your kind consid-  
eration, I'm so sorry  
and disappointed, but  
after all perhaps was  
best, you are so busy  
and would have to  
had lost so much time.  
And I was very anxious



About my affairs, as  
was beginning to be  
the busy season.

My brother is still  
better. The folks were  
all so glad to see me  
I can not regret going.  
Now this is just good,  
surely it will not be  
long until we can  
see each other.

It is very cool here,  
weather dry, people  
can gather the cotton  
still the price is low  
Business is tolerably  
good. Suppose you  
have gotten some of



my letters by this time  
and now understand.  
I should have written  
you when arrived in  
Lewistown, but thought you  
would write or possibly  
call me on the phone.  
So you did write but  
P.M. sent out on Rural Route  
therefore, did not get it.  
I've been busy most of this  
week on books, not through.  
Hope you will write me  
soon, I'll write you  
again about Sunday  
as it is hard to get over  
those days. Dear, I'll  
be thinking of you



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more and more each  
day, wishing you all  
the success in that  
Golden Seal Corp, also per-  
fect realization of the  
Orange Grove, I send  
a heart full of love,  
a million —————  
and a great big desire  
to see you  
must go to work now.  
Your true and loving  
friend  
Carine



P. O. Box 162  
Boswell Okla



Mr. R. G. Railey  
Forkton

Monroe Co

Ky.



R.F.D. #3, New Albany, Ind. 9/28/1925

Dear Brother:

Letter you rec'd. from the  
Belknap Advs. & Mfg Co. rec'd. yesterday.

Did you note the long delay of the answer  
from Aug 21 to Sept. 21st. This indicates that  
they are very busy with actual business that  
that has to be attended to at once and work that  
can be side tracked is laid over to the limit.

I wrote you a few days ago to remind you  
of the tax man. I wrote Ollie later.

There will not be much doing until after the  
election with them. But every body will be  
on the girl that they suspect, after the election.

The election will cast the dye for 4 yrs.

Mr. Krebs has tried to be exact with them every  
month but they tried to squeeze him and he  
thought they were unfair. How is the oil business?

How are you coming on with the yellow rust?

Write soon. Hope all are well.

Your bro.  
J. A. Railway



M adill. Okla.

Sept 23, 1920

My Dearest Cousin:

please excuse me for not writing sooner but I have been so busy trying to get started to school. how is everything and everybody. we are all well.

you say you are going to Florida in December well now you cant even tell I may take a wild notion to go. for I am crazy to leave this place.

you should of been down for the fair we sure had a nice time. but the fair isnt as good this year as it generally is.

Oh. I do wish papa would move to Florida. I bet you did have some fun at the "Home coming" I surely would of enjoyed being there.

I havent heard from cousin Jim. H. in quite a while.

I was disappointed when I ~~got~~ <sup>recived</sup> your letter and you said you would not be here before December; - for I was looking for you in Sept.



wish you would hurry and come for I  
am crazy to see you, are you going to  
bring any of the rest with you? I want to  
see them all.

how is cousin Allie after the operation,  
hope he is feeling fine.

a crowd is going to build on next Sunday,  
sure wish you could be with us, we  
have great sport there.

I am feeling fine now and getting  
fleshier every day, I guess I will be  
grown someday ha.

Cousin Pollan I have just quit going  
with the boys, don't you think that is a  
good idea until I am through school?

<sup>Seniors</sup> (W & S) are giving a reception tonight  
our colors are pink and green, and  
our flower is pink carnation, the hall  
looks swell, I am to read for them.

Do hope I don't get scared to death ha.  
our school is going to have a paper  
published and I will send you some  
so you can keep up with what I am  
doing.

are you going any where else before you  
come here in December - please don't.

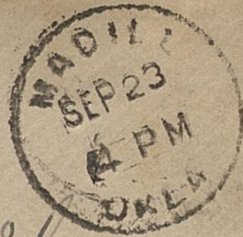


for you will never get here.  
I was so sorry that I did not get to see  
you before you left for home.  
How is the oil news by now? Do hope they  
will strike a gusher or get an oil boom of  
some kind for we sure need it.

well I will push for I have some  
studying to do so answer real  
soon for I am lonesome up here  
with "Endless of Love"

Ruby.





Mr Rollan Railey  
Hortton  
Kentucky



after 15 days return to  
Ruby Gumm  
Modell  
Akla

Box 54



Mr. R. G. Railey,  
Forkton, Ky.

Glasgow, Ky., Aug. 1, '20.

My dear old friend and chum:

I received your letter all O. K. have been aiming to write to you, but have been very busy.

Miss Florence left here to-day for Tompkinsville to spend two weeks, her two brothers Ben & Jasper begin a meeting over there to-day.

I joked her about you I told her that you still loved her. We talked about the happy days that we spent on the farm together, and watering the "grey mare" at the spring. Miss Florence is expecting you over to the meeting. She said she guessed that you had another sweetheart by now, but I told her that you was waiting to see the conditions of her husbands health first.

We aim to come over to the home-coming and we will plan our trip. Sure want to see you when I come over. Come over soon and we will go to the "Lincoln Farm"

Mrs. Davis and Pauline sends best regards.

Your old friend and chum,

G. H. Davis



R.R. # 3, New Albany, Ind. 8/5/1920

Dear Brother

Your letter rec'd some days ago and glad to hear from you. I had sent the views before I rec'd your letter.

I guess too late for institute. It may be that you can sell them to some agent who is traveling over the county. An ex-soldier could manage the sales as agent if appears.

I noticed that a report of a big gas well at Templehill Barren Co. was struck Tuesday.

Hope I will notice in the paper right soon that Grover Railey has struck a 1500 bbl oil well in Monroe Co.

Glad you made arrangements for berries and got Mary Denham to can them. If she can can 3 doz. cans it will be all right.

Mr. Krebs wants 2 doz. cans if he can get them that would be 5 doz. See if you can get them at 30¢ per can. You can just say I want them and I will pay for them.



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I guess I will bring my trial case  
and frames if the State Board of Health  
will give me a permit.

Write me all the latest oil development  
Mossburger has not been here for  
a long time. He is around Bowling Green.

I think the oil men intends to kill  
that territory and later buy up leases  
cheap. Watson told me the people  
down there did not give the oil men  
a chance. He said he knew of territory  
in Okla where the oil men left the territory  
nearly 20 years because the land owners  
would not give the oil men a chance  
and he said that was the trouble in  
Arroual Co

There must be a well arranged scheme  
that they all agree to or some of them would  
put down a test well. As much expense  
as they have been to in getting territory and rigs  
they would make a test if they did not have  
an agreement. They don't know any thing by  
drilling 300 ft. Write soon your bro J. S. Railey