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A Bayless-Crawford Family  
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Correspondence, 1861-1879

W. H. Inskip General  
August 6-8

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been made to nearer hospitals. Christianity  
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with whom we are in some way connected as  
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a nation of barbarians, & in such

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over 2000 prisoners, wounded soldiers & officers, with  
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we have it is impossible for the result to have  
been different. Such calm determination & high en-  
thusiasm, too great for expression, were witnessed  
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& gallant manner in which our taken bat-  
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to Dr. Powell & family - You probably  
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in the field, but upon report  
to authorities, as  
they gave me position  
of regular army  
and having got into  
the office they would  
R.A. Hamilton

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6 August 1861 letter from R.H. Chilten in Richmond, Virginia to Dr. George Wood Bayless in Louisville, Kentucky after the first battle of Bull Run.

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..... Richmond, Va. Aug 6--61

.....Gen'l Cooper proffered services has been duly rec'd and he requests me to reply to it. I submitted its contents to Dr. Moore, Sug'n gen'l who expressed gratification at your "gratis" proffer and said your services would be very acceptable. Under the comparative immunity vouchsafed us by providence we have comparatively a small number of wounded of our own but between three and four hundred prisoners here need more attention than can be given to them without injury to the tender nursing of our own, and the numbers encumbering our hospitals above renders more medical attendance from the same considerations operating there desirable, in fact more so there than here all -----

----- distant transportation having been ----- hospitals. Christianity and -----  
----- the repugnance and ----- we look upon creatures who -----  
----- soil with outrages [against defenseless women and] children which would shame a [nation] ----- barbarians, and in exchange for the ropes (already [arranged] ----- as a parcel of hangmen) [from knapsacks,] and the thousands of ----- on the field. Their wounded are ----- kindness and attention within our ----- design entering into denunciat[ions] ----- divine providence we have too much [to be] thankful for in the crushing defeat inflicted upon the Yankees with our comparative immunity before stated to indulge in bitter expressions. Poor old Virginia's soil has embusomed in this one fight over 6000 of the Yankees according to reports of those charged with their interment, many left unburied from too great putridity, their own people (our prisoners) performing this duty, as their authorities made no effort to do it themselves. As the pursuit extended to within four miles of Washington in Arlington Heights and Alexandria doubtless many more lie unburied. We have over 2000 prisoners, wounded soldiers and officers constituting a goodly proportion. With such a soldiery as we have it is impossible for the result to have been different. In calm determination and high enthusiasm, too great for expres[sion] [have] never witnessed and this enthusiasm has ----- the dogged and gallant in [which] ----- taken batteries every gun but one ----- field having been captured -----from the south at this time ----  
----- in the fight gives certain ----- the odds are [great] 35,000 against 15,000 of our ----- the fight principal[ly] raged ----- [victorious]. What think you of the ----- old Abe. So you have -----  
----- Hope it has [proven] an [agreeable] ----- for yourself and family please ----- kindest regards to Mrs. B. and Miss Browne with you. Gen'l desires to be remembered. Please remember me aff'ly to Dr. Powell and family. You probably may wonder as much as I am annoyed at my not being in the field but upon reporting my resignation to authorities of Montgomery they have me position in adjt gen'l Cooper and having got into the routine of duty in the office they won't let me off.

Yours truly R.H. Chilten

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Stonington Sept 13th 1800  
Dear Mrs [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear]

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Written on his way to join  
the Lempriere army.

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Louisville Aug 24, 1861  
Dear Doctor,

Cousin Jennie would have sent this letter this morning, but wished me to write something. At present the coast is clear. But the cloud is darkening. Some talk of travelling by the R R being interrupted. We think it would be more prudent for you to come home, if you possibly can.

Yours truly,

Jas B. Forman.

Rumors of a difficulty bet Custom House officers and Secessionists bet here & Eliz town. *J.*

battle field than I would like you to be - God grant it may not be so! but if it should be, it will be a comfort to know that you are trying to save lives & not destroying them - but remember dear D, how many you have who hold your life so dear, & take care of

A letter came to you this morning from Mr Grove & I opened it to see if it was necessary to send it to you, but as there was nothing except in regard to his health & some few remarks upon the times, I thought it best not to send it as the express charges are so high - but if any letter of importance come, I shall of course send them.

I have not sent your horse to the country yet, but intend doing so tomorrow as I find I can send him out by one of the men who comes in to market - it will be best, I think, to have him in the country for a good many reasons, & I do not think we shall need him at home -

I suppose you will get to Richmond to night, & I hope safely - I know not you will write as you can - I saw Mr Anderson - saying I found - all just getting - You say the - I hope you got - before they saw - she is much - in the middle of the - day he is well - I am - that can be - I had a night at - the children all well - love & kisses to take one - from your dear best - Virginia.

to be - you for though it has only been a few days since you left, the time seems long to us who are at home - Mage & I were on our way down to Sister Mary's when we met Mr K & I felt disappointed to find he was not going with you, but I hope you may find & make many friends in Richmond Mr McCown called yesterday to get your address in order to direct letters to his son - Trust as I left the house this evening, a gentleman stopped me & asked if I had heard from you - he said you had promised to look up his two sons, one of whom had been wounded, & let him know how they were getting along -



he is a gentleman whose appearance is perfectly familiar to me, for he passes here every day, but whose name I do not know. I have seen but few of our friends since you left for it has rained almost constantly until to-day - Miss Eliza came on Wednesday for the evening to see if you had gone - she came in this morning & sat all the morning & promised to come & spend the night with me - they are all well at her house & the Captains - Lizzie getting on quite as well as when you left - Sister Mary spent yesterday with me - Ben has not complained since you left, but Mays has been quite unwell & still has a very stiff neck - I am ironing it & hope to cure it in that way - We have been about the loneliest looking household that you ever saw - at least the children look so & I know I feel so - it seems to me that the older I grow, the worse I get about being left alone - the first evening you left, they all collected in

the parlor & I played a while, but found we were all ready for bed a little after eight o'clock - Ben was fixing the gun yesterday & found that yours had a small hole in it - he was telling me about <sup>it</sup> & little George seems to be very much pleased as he would give it to him now - he is writing to ask you about it - he has been for the last two hours trying to read your letter - it is delightful to me to see their devotion to you, shewing it all more in your absence than when you are with us -

Mr Pettet sent me another very interesting letter from Mr Andrews - it was a private letter to a friend in St Louis, but his friend had it published - it contained a great many incidents of the battle which we had never seen before, but which I suppose you will hear - the battle field, I hope you may see & am afraid, from all that I gather from wiser heads than mine, that you may be nearer another

To Mrs Wm. Crawford (C. Kaimde T. Crawford)  
to her daughter, Millie  
from Chas. Thomas  
Letters from England

1861-62

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To Mr. C. Crawford from  
Grandfather Genl. C. P. Thomas -  
written from London Dec 21 - 1861

I forgot to say that we were  
delighted at the reception  
of your likeness - You look as  
far as could be wished and  
I hope that you are as well  
as you look. J.

London Dec<sup>r</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> 1861

My dear Willie

Your letter without date  
was received some time since and  
might have been answered before I  
expected but am not quite certain.  
You should always date your  
letters - some might not be so well  
and are not in quite the kind of  
London. Your handwriting has had  
a little more of a severe ever since  
I arrived at Liverpool - It much  
better now than it has ~~been~~ together  
with the bad weather kept us more  
in the house than we wish so  
that we could not see so much of  
London as was desirable - Still we  
have seen some of it - been twice  
to the Crystal Palace at Sydenham  
for a grand affair and I wish  
you could have been with us -  
Have been once to the new one  
now building for the exhibition  
next year - that is also a grand affair  
larger than the old one much more  
substantial - Have been to several  
other of the sights such as Saint  
Pauls

Pauls - Westminster Abbey - The Temple  
zoological gardens - the different  
Theatres and galleries of pictures, &c &c  
We buy descriptions of them which  
we will bring home for you to read  
and have explained -

Last evening we went to the celebra-  
ted Madame Tessaud's Wax Works and  
it proved to be much beyond what  
we expected as in addition to the  
Wax figures which are admirable  
we saw many models of Napoleons  
among others his military travelling  
Carriage taken on the field of Waterloo  
the most complete affair you can  
imagine every convenience about it for  
eating writing sleeping &c &c I took  
a seat with us did you Grandmama  
Miss Wood who was with us it holds  
two persons -

We have not seen many soldiers  
together only two regiments of the  
guards which left on Thursday  
for America - we got up at six  
in the morning - not daylight yet  
and went to the route they marched  
and then to the depot where we  
had a good view of them  
The organ, handy there

play "Music" as much as they do in  
the old and it is much admired.

When we shall return I cannot  
say but we are in daily expecta-  
tion of receiving orders from the  
Department - When you will be  
of before we do I should be glad  
to remain until spring so as to  
avoid the winter passage but  
do not expect it as I fear that  
we shall be at war before that  
time arrives - John Bull is very  
much annoyed with Brother Bon-  
athan I assure you & therefore  
near if Mason Michel are not  
given up -

Grandmama has gone out with  
Miss Wood this morning and  
will not be back before I leave  
for the City so called about three  
weeks, although we are in the  
heart of London as it is -

With our best love to your  
Mother Charles I remain  
most affectionately  
Your Grandpapa

Ch. Monnet.

Miss W. C. Campfield  
Philadelphia

London Saturday  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Willie

Your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. only reached me a few days ago, the steamer having had a very long passage. I was very glad to receive it especially as it was the only one from any body in and about Philadelphia.

We have not had cold weather except for a few days at a time when ice formed about an inch thick - snow but once and that only less than an inch deep. But then we have had raw foggy weather occasionally seeing the sun for a few hours at most during the day - anything but comfortable. I assume you, but since I reached set in especially the last two or three days we have had good weather such as we have at home - clear & sunny for nearly all day. I thought your photograph very good and have been expecting another as promised. I hope it will arrive before we leave for home if

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if we are even to do so - I have been  
expecting orders every day (mail and  
am heartily tired of being away) -

I am sorry to hear of your cousins  
John, loss - I trust they took good care  
that the other children were kept out  
of danger as you know the disease  
is contagious - Charley (Bird) it appears  
had a narrow escape you should be  
more cautious and either have his  
cage hung out of danger or shut your  
door when you go out - both would  
be more safe - I am glad you went  
out to see Aunt Margaret and that  
you found her so comfortable and  
happy - I trust she will remain so  
until my return and continue for  
many years - You must be kind and  
attentive to her as she always was to  
me when I was a little codger - this  
was some years ago but I shall never  
forget it - I hope your mother has  
long before this recovered from her  
cold and that she is also well - you  
both require my advice & control as  
to exposing yourselves in bad weather -

You should write a few lines  
every week and your mother too -  
write on thin paper and let Mr  
Hurd envelope it <sup>with</sup> from  
himself

himself or the folks in Norristown  
two or three such letters as yours  
will come for single postage -

We have good news as to the  
war and last night Parliament  
refused to interfere with the blockade  
so I hope the war will soon be  
over and our country restored  
to peace and quiet - more battles  
must be fought and victories  
gained before the South will give  
up, but with five hundred thousand  
soldiers well armed and supplied  
wonder can be performed -

You must kiss your mother  
for me and give her our best  
love - take a good share for your  
self and remember us to all  
enquiring friends -

Your affectionate  
Grandson

Edw. Thomas

Miss W. K. Sawford  
Broad Street  
Philadelphia

Recd April 8/7

1862?

Dear Mrs. Garrison

Philadelphia, Penn. 28th Nov.

How much you must have enjoyed  
 her visit and how much we miss her. I am  
 much obliged to you for the letter which I have  
 the pleasure to receive. The first week has  
 away till next fall, isn't it a long time  
 three or four days out at a time. But they are  
 all very well, particularly the little one. He is a  
 very fine baby. I do not think he is a "joint"  
 joint" at all, but a very perfect "her brother". We think  
 she will be a romance writer when she is grown  
 for she invents such wonderful tales for  
 Miss's benefit she was telling her the other day  
 that she had tried to come to see her and wishes  
 to take her brother away (that is the name) she  
 her foot and said "go away" in a remarkably  
 manner. Upon being asked to describe her she said  
 that "she was a short woman, and she wasn't  
 very pretty, nor very ugly." It was funny the  
 manner to describe her so accurately, wasn't it?  
 They have hopes of "Gemma". I believe I only  
 hope they are not from an old stock.

Miss Garrison & her  
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MS. A. 9. 1. 1862

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Do you remember the play we made about  
King Lear? I was in it for some time  
for a few weeks at the Faxon. It was at first  
at the house at Abington at the Faxon's.  
One of our plays went off very nicely, mostly all  
the characters were shaped as usual. I was a white  
skinned character with bright colors, and a penitent  
"Gonave". Mother was afraid for me to go (low necked)  
My hair was cut in short curls all over my  
head. (I had my photograph taken with it <sup>as also before</sup>  
the same way, but it was so ridiculous that I do not  
take it.) I wore a little twig, but I carried  
a wreath of roses in the hair of my head. A  
crown of course, trimmed with bright plumes and  
leaves with bands of the same. My name was,  
"Catherine." We are going to prepare a new play  
next week. I wish you could see its performance.  
Mother and I went to see "Marion" last time.  
The first time we went with Mr. and Mrs. Smith  
and Mr. Wilcox over to the Opera House. He was  
"The Little Magician of the Allegiance" an original  
faded poem by Buchanan. It was perfectly  
beautiful. The previous time he saw several short  
poems and selections from the different poets at  
Concert Hall. He went with Mr. and Mrs. Harris  
and Maria Ellen. There were no successful notes  
we did not have good ones. so I did not enjoy

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He was the "Fiducians"  
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so I do not enjoy

it as much. I forgot to mention that I had  
a photograph taken with plain hair  
that some before the one with curls, and  
every one likes to go much that I thought I would  
send you one. I have you some lines I wrote, I thought  
perhaps you would like to see them. This is a line to Emma

you affectionate granddaughter  
Our love, today

It has marched away

To join their gallant chief

Their hearts and

But now

It's putting things as proof

"They are not hearts

With fierce intent

"The rebels' blood to shed"

But they have gone

To bring back home

Their hearts so

"

These hearts are

The Volunteers

Join in your voices, sweet

The flag we love

Shall wave above

Our wayward sister States

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Remember me to the boys



Please dont show this to anybody

1852

New St. Sept 9th 11.00 AM

Dear Mother

I expect to start in the morning & thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know I am all safe the other day I have a very good horse & am that I believe can go very fast not to retreat, but go ahead. I have a quantity of company here & I am very glad to see you & I hope to see you again when you will welcome my horse & I will be at home to see you as I am going out

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New St. Bayless  
 Four miles

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Faded handwritten text, likely a letter or a page from a diary. The text is mostly illegible due to fading and the presence of a watermark. A large, diagonal watermark reading "The Filson Historical Society" is overlaid across the page.

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Dear Mr. Taylor  
Louisville

Frankfort, Sept 10th. 1862.  
G. W. Bayless Esq.

Dear Sir,

Ben was with us on Sunday night. He declared he felt better than in better health than he had been for months past. He spoke of the hardships & difficulties he had encountered in reaching this place: but made light of them & thought they had done him good. He mentioned meeting the Federal Dietz & being questioned, but passing at last unscathed, tho. not unalarmed. He started for Lexington Monday morning. I dare not advise him. His father & his own Congressmen were the best advisers, I told him. I consider myself bound to be loyal to King.

Minnie's eyes are not fully restored, yet is she much improved every way. The babe thrives. We hope we pray you and family may be blessed.

Yours

R. B. Lytle



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Near Fultills Okla. Okla. Ky  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Doctor

I arrived here safely last night near the gentlemen about that money, had a good deal of trouble in getting it out succeeded at last, but with great difficulty, in passing from one place to another, had a good many ~~wonderful~~ escapes, which I will relate when I see you to deliver the money & make my report. How you see Miss M & Miss S. V. ... Give them my kindest regards & love also. Give my love to Cousin A. G. & Miss Emma & the rest of my friends, I hope I will soon be through collecting when I will be able to see you all. I have enjoyed excellent health since I left. Love to all the children & ma.  
Excuse this very short note.

Yours Very Respectfully  
P. Benjamin Brown

Dear Satellite Orlando Ky  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Doctor

I arrived here safely last night near the gentlemen about that money, had a good deal of trouble in getting it out succeeded at last, but with great difficulty, in passing from one place to another, had a good many wonderful escapes, which I will relate when I see you to deliver the money & make my report. How you see Miss M & Miss S. V... give them my kindest regards & love also. Give my love to Cassin A. G. & Miss Emma, & the rest of my friends, I hope I will soon be through collecting when I will be able to see you all. I have enjoyed excellent health since I left. Love to all the children & ma.  
Excuse this very short note.

Yours Truly  
Benjamin Brown

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Dr. Geo. H. Bayless  
Louisville  
Ky

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Gives my very best love to Cousin  
Alex Brown Eli, Abatha & all. I should  
expect to see Miss Emily, Chipter, Tompkins,  
also gives Miss Emma & Tyler & the rest  
of my friends my love.

When you see Miss Mary & Miss  
Lizzie & the rest of the family  
tell them that we got through safely.  
Good-bye love to all the children  
Your affectionate son

I am at present in the House  
of Representatives just before a  
Chaplain of a *Stenoda* *Legation*

commenced to preach. I am sitting  
on the desk of one of our grand  
Representatives with his pen & ink.  
Great many Confederate officers  
in uniform around me.  
I took a pen from one of  
the desks & also a piece of  
paper on which I had written  
a few lines while in the  
House of Representatives.

Please don't show this to any one for  
I have not time to write a decent letter

Frankfort Ky Sept 12/62

My Dear Mother I met Mr.  
Huffman on the road about a  
mile from here yesterday & I  
wrote a very short note to you,  
while on my horse, just to let  
you know that we were safe, if  
you see Tom Shuley he can  
tell you all about our trip, he  
is in Louisville. We arrived  
about 12 o'clock yesterday after  
riding all Friday night & until  
we arrived here, without stopping  
except a few minutes to get  
breakfast, most of the time two  
on one horse, I have a very  
good horse very much like  
"Pat", he trots very hard & can  
stand a long journey very well  
as he brought two of us most all the way.

I stood the trip very well, Clarence  
B. was near the ~~only~~ all in the  
party of eleven who were not  
completely broken down. John Handcock  
left us at Dr. B's, Louisa Hill  
Salt is in Col. Butler's Regiment  
as surgeon; he left just before  
we gonvied ~~just~~ I have not seen  
him yet, but as we expect to  
ride up to Georgetown & Lexington  
tomorrow to try to get sick ~~at~~  
John Morgan, I will try to  
see him as he is in camp  
near Georgetown. The first  
opportunity you have see Miss  
Mary G. (whom I was staying in the  
country) & tell her that ~~some~~ Shuly  
lost my horse & if she enquires  
in the neighborhood of Col. Steele's  
she may be able to find him.  
as he was lost there, this was my  
first horse ~~not~~ the one <sup>3</sup> left <sup>at</sup>

I went to hear Mr. Foster this  
morning & as I am going to church  
again this evening to hear a <sup>Chaplain</sup> ~~Chaplain~~  
preach in the <sup>House of Representatives</sup> ~~Capitol~~, I have  
such a miserable pen that  
I can hardly write with it at all,  
you must be content with  
a very short letter. We are  
staying in a good Southern  
Hotel, where we see a great  
many soldiers & among them  
many of John Morgan's men,  
the place is full of soldiers but  
they are so quiet & orderly that  
no body is disturbed in the  
least by them; tell the children  
& especially George that I have  
already marched under the Southern  
flag, shaken hands with a great  
many of Morgan's & other Southern  
soldiers; the first thing I saw  
almost when we arrived was  
the <sup>Southern</sup> flag on the Capitol

At St. To Sept 12 1862

Dear Mother

I am all well  
 as I expect to be in se  
 by this time tomorrow if I meet  
 with no reverse, have enjoyed  
 excellent health since I had you,  
 wrote two notes to you for  
 thank you will get the  
 one first in case of illness.  
 Love to all the children & your  
 self & the rest of my family,  
 the George & I will be now  
 with me - I can this humbly  
 write better I will let you hear  
 from me as often as possible  
 don't be uneasy about me  
 Yours most affectionately  
 J. Brown

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My lights are about going out ~~that~~  
my eyes also nearly closed so  
you must excuse this miserably  
written.

Tell Mother that I am well and in  
a good comfortable place and  
with good friends and expect to  
remain here for some time, I am  
happy & contented. Tell Pa he knows  
why I ~~don't~~ write to him, not because  
I don't wish to, for I am very anxious  
~~but afraid~~. Give my love to Ma, Pa  
& Minny & all the children, also to your  
Mother, Miss Emma & a great deal  
for yourself. Good night  
Your affectionate Cousin  
Ben

I ~~can't~~ read this over to correct it  
so excuse it.

Shelbyville Tenn Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862

My Dear Cousin Alex

As it is now very  
late at night and I expect to ride 25  
miles tomorrow on a mule, as I lost  
my horse some time since, especially  
to send this letter, and also to hear  
from home, you of course <sup>will</sup> excuse  
a hastily written & miserable letter.  
I wrote a long letter to Miss Kate  
Gray this evening and directed it to  
Louisville, if she is not there you will  
please forward it to her and she will  
write what little news there is in it  
to you if I write <sup>the earliest thing</sup> anything to you in  
two letters you need not be surprised  
as I always have to write in a hurry,  
and think there is very little chance  
for any of them to get through

Since my arrival in Dixie I have spent most of my time very pleasantly & was with Cousin Pizzu two or three weeks and of course enjoyed my visit very much, she was then in Marietta Ga, but has since removed to Columbus Ga, and if you have an opportunity of sending a letter direct it bear of Dr. A. B. Longene, Covington Ga, she has not received a letter from any of you since she has been in the South, and seemed to be very glad to hear some news from you, which I gave her; she & all are both well, I have enjoyed excellent health since leaving home. Father is also well, his brother also. I saw John Pittle, Auburn Gray and all of the Louisville boys several days since, they were all well and in fine spirits.

I am just recovering from a very serious attack of "homesickness" from which I have suffered very little within the past few days compared to what I experienced when I first found out while on the march over the worst roads, and with not a single old friend or acquaintance near me and no horse to ride, and lost him the day before we started, riding in an old wagon, which was in a train of wagons long enough to take more than a day to ride from one end to the other; but now I begin to feel very independent and glad as happy ~~and~~ any body in the world, dont care how I look just so I am warm, have to keep my long overcoat which nearly touches the ground, to hide the holes in my pants.

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SOLDIER'S  
LETTER

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Miss Amanda Galt  
Louisville  
Kentucky

The Filson Historical Society



Manchester Tenn Dec 14th 1862

My Dear Father,

I suppose that you all have heard, either directly, or indirectly from <sup>me</sup> often enough, to know that I have enjoyed excellent health, with the exception of a bad sore throat which I had some time since, but have entirely recovered from it now, also a dreadful attack of the "blue" cholic while crossing the mountains from which I suffered very much, but now I never think the "blue" have not been harmless for so long that I have almost forgotten what its full life. I have spent two or three weeks with Cousin Lizzy in "Marion" which of course was a great pleasure to me she & Walt are both well, Walt is the best, largest & fattest fat I almost ever saw; they are at present in Columbus Ga, where they intend to stay. Although I never hear from you, still I take it for granted that you are all well & therefore I don't show what troubles me; I hope you are all well & will remain so. As I have ridden 25 miles <sup>on a mule</sup> today, & did not sleep but two or three hours last night you will have to be content with a very short letter, and as I can not write anything contraband, a very uninteresting one, give my love to Ma, Aunty and all the children & Miss Ann's friends, also give my love to Cousin Elizabeth & Cousin Alex. Good night your affectionate son Ben

I hope that I will get back to  
L. soon, or at least soon time  
before I die. I will have tales  
& adventures enough to amuse  
you all for ever almost, for  
riding from L. to this place on  
horseback nearly the whole way, you  
are sure to meet with some fine  
As my paper time are both at  
an end I must close my letter,  
if such it may be called.

Give my best love to Mother & the  
rest of the family & also to your  
Mother & Goldy. Tell all of my  
friends "Wanda" for me,

As your true friend  
Ed. Fall Africa  
that I will write to him tomorrow.

Mobile Alabama  
July 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Mother I received

your very very welcome letter  
of 5<sup>th</sup> inst a few minutes  
since, and as I have an  
opportunity just this moment I  
will answer it although I will  
have to write in a hurry as the  
gentleman leaves in a few  
minutes. You have no idea  
what pleasure it gives me to  
hear from you, and also some  
thing about the boys & girls as it  
is the first I have heard about  
them since leaving home, I  
supposed that they had all  
forgotten me entirely.

How ever I am glad to see  
that there are some who still  
"remember me", and wish me  
good. I recd my best regards  
to Miss Mary & the rest of  
the "club". I see Miss Wright  
that I saw her brother John,  
last week. He was in very  
good health. He is in the Quarter  
Master Dept at Chickabong.  
Robt was well when I saw him  
at Mansfield about a month  
ago.

I am very pleasantly situated here  
for the winter. I never need an  
over-coat, and generally sit with  
the windows open. But when the  
warm weather comes I will  
go farther up north, probably to  
L., if I only knew that I would  
be there soon. I would almost go away  
with excess of pleasure.

Tell Mother that I am getting very  
uneasy on account of my health, the  
fact is I am getting so fat that  
I am afraid it will take more  
cloth to make my clothes, if I  
ever get any more, than I can afford,  
as I only get eighty dollars per  
month. I weighed about two weeks  
ago & weighed 160 lbs. since then  
I have been afraid to try again,  
as my garters are getting  
so tight that I can scarcely button  
them.

This is a very dull place, I do  
nothing but eat Oysters & play billiards,  
after the Office is closed, for  
there is nothing else to do but  
ride once as my horse trots as  
hard that I never like to ride  
unless I ride all day & then  
I don't mind it.

Mobile Alabama  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1863

My Dear Mother

I write you this short letter  
merely to let you know that I am well and my  
the very best health, (I only weigh 146 pounds). I have  
spent the winter very pleasantly having made the acquaintance  
of several young ladies, with whom I spend a great  
deal of my spare time, after office hours. Estus, Lerche  
and several other young men and myself stay together  
most of the time & enjoy ourselves as much as possible  
so far away from you all. Gladie Johnson is  
here and very well. I heard from Cousin Lizzie the other  
day; she and her child & husband are all well, and send  
a great deal of love to you all. As this goes per flag of  
truce I can write no more. Give my love to Cousin  
Elizabeth, Cousin Alex, also to Miss Emma, Love  
to Aunty, & all the children - kiss them all for me

Your Affectionate Son  
Ben Bayles

Mobile Alabama  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dearest Mother

I received your most welcome letter of Decr 27<sup>th</sup> just a few moments since, and was just thinking that I would write you a few lines, as I have an opportunity of sending a letter by a gentleman who is going to run the blockade to Paragna, and your letter made me so happy that immediately began, after reading it over about five or six times, I have written so often lately that I am afraid that a great deal of this letter will be old when you get it, as I cannot recollect what I wrote about in any of them. I thought of sending you my picture but have not sufficient time to have it taken, as the gentleman leaves this morning. I have just got comfortably fixed with Estlin Cooke in a very nice room in a private family, where Mr & Mrs Cooke & Miss Montgomery, a very pretty young lady from St. Louis, the daughter of Commodore Montgomery, are staying, and I am better satisfied than I have been since leaving home, and could not be more agreeably situated any place but home, often the words of that beautiful song, "The dearest spot on earth to me is home, sweet home" creep upon me in a sudden fit of the blues or homesickness, but I never suffer myself to

ful blue except on rainy days, when I cannot help it; I so often wish that you were all here to enjoy this delightful climate, and you especially to enjoy the nice fresh oysters which we have got plentifully, but not cheap. Nothing is cheap here. However I manage to get as many as I want as I get a pretty good salary (\$50.00 per month) with which I manage to live on. I am delighted to hear that so many of my friends remember me kindly, and when ever you meet them give each one the express message for me, "howdy".

As I am afraid the gentleman will leave without this I must close this humbly written letter. Hope you will excuse mistakes & bad writing as I have a great deal more writing to do in the office & am somewhat hurried. Remember me to give my love to Cousins G & Cousin Alex Galt & Cousin Kate Gray (tell them to write to me) Miss Emma, Miss Mary, Lizzie & Lucy Gray, and all of my friends, also Mr Charles J. Arthur R. Thibodeau, Alfred Pope &c. Much love to Pa Aunty & all the children & a great deal to yourself.  
Your devoted son  
John

Cousin Lizzie & Stephen Galt are well.  
Tell Miss Emma that Alice G. is here often speaks of her

Please don't show any of my miserably written letters to anybody

St. Oble, Alabama  
Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dear Mother

Knowing how anxious you all feel about hearing from me, I take advantage of every opportunity to let you hear from me, although I write so very often that I am afraid my letters are all very much the same thing. The gentleman who takes this for me is a very distinguished freighter who has been here for several days, and with whom I have become quite well acquainted, enclosed you will, I hope, find my picture which I thought you would like to have. I was writing the other day I have been very well except yesterday when I had the misfortune to have a bad headache, while on a pleasure excursion down the bay. All I want to make me satisfied is to see you all again soon, and be with all my old friends, although I have so many kind friends here, among them Dr & Mrs G. C. C. that I ought to be satisfied, and I am generally very well contented and manage to spend my time very pleasantly. Dr Mrs G. C. C. Papa's old friend wishes to be remembered to you all. My particular friend who I was with in Ky & whom we left Frankfort, who I suppose Papa recollects, who was wounded at London, is here wishes to be remembered to you all & to say to his family that he is in very good health when you write please let me know how his family is, I will know who you mean as "my friend".

I have a great mind not to send this picture, it does not do my mustach justice, my whisker dont show how long they are either, so you must allow for that.

I think my fear from the front of this envelope  
do not be offended it is all for safety

Tell Father I wish he would write to Isaac Shelby  
at Danville Ky & tell him that his son is here & very  
well, has been in good health since leaving home, the  
gentleman Isaac Shelby Jr. who is with me has been  
very kind to me, and one of the best friends that I  
have, and also when you write let me ~~know~~ <sup>know</sup> about  
his family &c, and try to send a letter to me from  
his wife which I can give to him. I have been so  
very fortunate in hearing from you lately that he  
though that probably you might hear from home some  
times through me. Cousin Lizzie & Stephen & Salt are  
all well & Cousin Will also, when I heard from him  
last, which was several days ago.  
Remember me to Mother & Miss Julia & give them my  
best love. Tell her to, on Walnut st. that John  
is well & if she can send a letter to me for him I will  
send it to him, also present my best regards to  
Miss Mary, & tell Miss Emma that her brother  
Charles is well, give my ~~best~~ best love to  
her & the rest of the family. Also a great deal of  
love to Cousin Alex & Elizabeth & tell Kate I also  
to Miss Lizzie & Mary & Lucy &c.  
I don't think that I can possibly have much longer  
without seeing you all, if this war don't end soon, I  
don't know what I shall do, don't think that I am  
very low spirited, but you know how much I yearn  
to see you, well. when I do see you it will then  
be so much happier. Tell Father, & Alfred & my other  
friends I would like them to be with me very much, it  
would be so much more pleasant. I am obliged to write any more  
for fear of making to large a package so good bye love to a  
to all & you for you self your most affectionate son  
Ben



I have been very busy for some time of late, but I will try to write you a few lines. Please send me your address in the next letter to any one of the boys & girls.

Tell Brother Alfred to write and tell me all about the boys & girls what they are doing &c. & any affairs which refer back the boys & girls the advantage of me, for staying away so long they will cut me out completely, however I have stood greater hardships than that.

Give my love to Cousin Ed & Alex. also Miss Emma & the rest of my friends; tell them I hope soon to see them & we may be happy together.

Love to Mamma, Fanny & all the children, kiss them from me.  
Your affectionate son  
Ben

P.S. I have been in excellent health & vigorous

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Mobile Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dear Father.

As another opportunity is at hand for me to send you a letter, I will write you a few lines, as I always do, although there is nothing to write about except what I have written in former letters. I have been quite fortunate lately in hearing from home, Mother's letter of Jan 24<sup>th</sup> reached me about 20 days after it was written, this letter came in shorter time than any I have recd, they are generally about two months old, nevertheless they are always extremely welcome. Mr. & Mrs. C. & C. & myself have a very pleasant time together, as we board in the same private family

Mr. C. especially has been  
very kind to me, I don't know  
what I should do if it were  
not for them, I am certain I  
would die of the "Blues", as it  
is, they very frequently get  
hold of me and use me very  
roughly; but you must not  
think me low spirited, for  
I generally pass my time  
very pleasantly, either at home  
or visiting the young ladies,  
several of whom I have become  
quite well acquainted, they  
are very kind, and think more  
of Kentuckians than any persons  
in the world, I mean those  
who are here where they should  
be,

I heard from Cousin Lizzy  
yesterday, she is in the upper part  
of this State, she & Stephen & Galt are well

Lillie B. has been quite sick,  
and I am afraid she is not out  
of danger now. Tom B. is sick  
with the Scarlet Fever he has  
not been very sick, and is now  
a good deal better, the rest of  
your friends are well and  
send their kindest regards to you  
Charles C. is as gay & full of  
fun as ever, you would  
never think he was an old  
married man if you could  
see him flying around the  
ladies with his white breeches  
&c.

I wish you & mother & the children  
could enjoy some of the fine  
fresh vegetables that we have here  
also the cucumbers, lettices  
radishes & other spring vegetables  
which we have now & have had  
for some weeks

Mobile Ala March 10<sup>th</sup> 1863  
My Dear Mother.

Knowing your anxiety  
about me, and having heard very recently  
through Mrs. Watkins, who came through per  
fug of since that you have heard  
nothing of me for so long time, I write  
you this short letter merely to let you  
know that I am well and have every thing  
that I need. I am staying with Mr. & Mrs.  
Locke & Ester, where we manage to live very  
pleasantly. As it is important that I should  
not write much you will, I hope, be content  
with merely hearing from me. Cousin Lizzie,  
Stephen & Galt are well. Walter is also well.  
Love to Cousin Alex & Elizabeth, & Miss Emma & the  
rest of my friends. Love to Pa & the children,  
Your Affectionate Son  
Ben Bayless

me, love to Lucy B & Alex.  
Yours most affectionately  
Ben

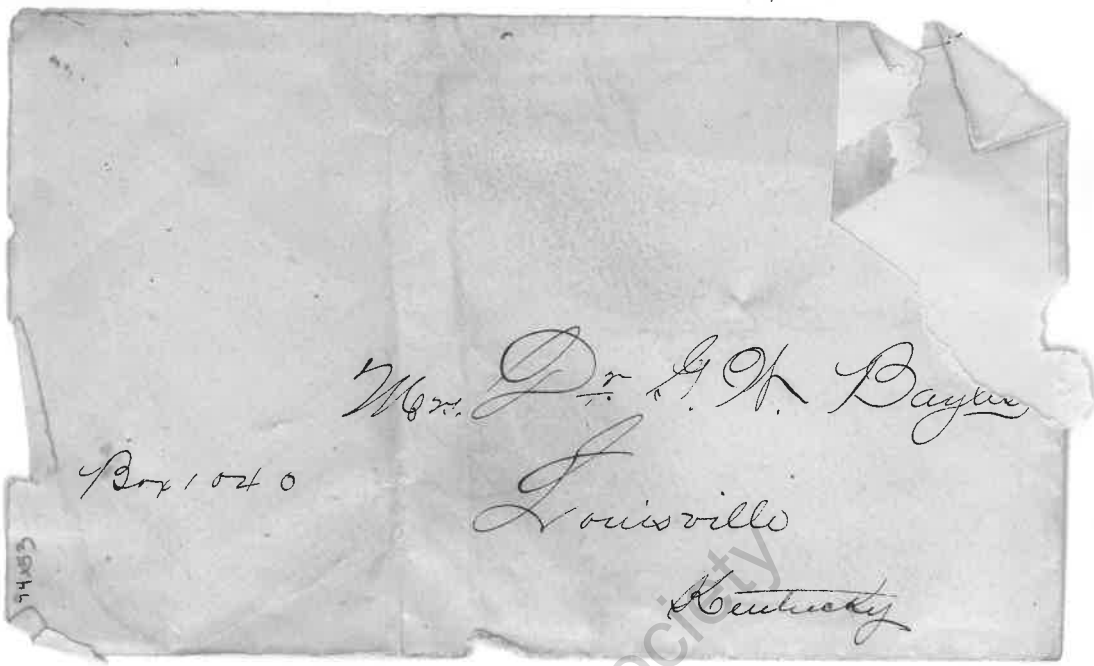
P.S. Remember me to Alfred  
& Arthur & the rest of the  
boys

Mobile March 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dear Mother I have  
only about ten minutes to  
write this, so you will have  
to content yourself with a  
very short letter. I have  
written so frequently, and I  
hear that so very few letters  
ever reach you, that I feel  
very little inclination to write  
at all sometimes. However I  
never allow an opportunity  
to pass without writing.  
Whether you hear from me  
frequently or not, do not  
be the least uneasy about  
me, for I have so many  
kind & good friends that  
I hope there is not much danger

either in case of sickness or  
any thing that may happen to  
me. My health has been  
better since leaving home  
than it ever was before &  
only weigh 146 pounds. I  
am comfortably fixed, and have  
every thing necessary in  
the way of clothing. if you  
could see me out riding,  
or visiting or at home with  
Mrs. P. you would be surprised  
how pleasantly ~~some~~ time is  
passed: although of all things  
that occupy my mind the  
hope of seeing you all soon  
is uppermost: I feel sometimes  
as if I would give anything  
in the world to be with  
you for a short time,  
however when we do meet  
it will be much happier

Tell Miss Florence I that  
Aunt P. speaks of her very  
often and whenever I hear  
from home he inquires about  
her. he is now entirely  
recovered, we were out riding  
yesterday afternoon.  
Remember me to Mrs & Miss  
L. Tell Cousin Alex & wife  
that I will never forgive them  
for not writing to me  
and don't intend to write  
to either of them again.  
Cousin Lizzy, Debra & Galt  
are well. Charles E. & Walker  
are well also. as all of  
our friends here are.  
My best love to Miss Emma  
Cousin E. & Alex. also a great  
deal to Aunty, Pa & all the  
children kiss them all for



Mr. Dr. G. H. Bayler

Louisville

Kentucky

Box 1040

74153

The Filson Historical Society

Friday night until eleven o'clock  
hope she may be able to accompany  
me to Lexington. Best you?

Much love to Mr. & Mrs. Nixon Hill  
and the rest of the family - also to  
Mr. & Mrs. Phelps - especially Mrs. Phelps -

as ever  
Yours devotedly

Ben

Sunday Evening  
August 11<sup>th</sup> 1867

My dear Cousin Alex:

Since you left  
there has been many improvements  
going on in that "fellow" favored with  
good intentions - and I have done  
no little for the day you started. I  
thought of writing to you - but was  
prevented by my foot being too sore  
to make the exertion - and ditto  
several times since that coming to  
town Monday morning, you recollect I  
was to return that night - but owing  
I went to the store - after dinner I  
remained at home - and ever since  
have been suffering very much - most  
of the time being obliged to lay

flat with my food propped up to  
the greatest height possible, delightful  
position - to be at the same time in  
great pain; At first there was great  
danger of an abscess forming and as  
a natural consequence a long, painful  
and tedious confinement: however I'm  
glad to say the danger is over - my  
foot is much better - and at the  
end of this week hope to be hobbling  
about our moor and as soon as  
as possible join you.

You have probably heard of the sudden  
death of Mrs Booth's late Sunday night  
the shock to the family was great -  
and I fear so great to the old Captain  
that he will not last much longer:

"His Mag" as usual was the cause  
of "a scene" both at the house and  
far the grave: his proceedings at the  
grave were so absurd as to attract  
universal attention, and do away with  
all more or less of <sup>the</sup> solemnity there

was scarcely a tear shed by her  
friends so ridiculous were the antics  
she cut. Just as the funeral procession  
was starting from the Grand ma  
was taken ill very suddenly - and  
we feared she would die in a few  
minutes - she has survived the night -  
and though there is very little hope  
of her recovery she is still alive -  
being eight & eight years old you can  
well see there is little prospect of  
her recovery.

On Sunday I have been unable to  
attend either Bible class of church -  
and today communion - so you may  
well imagine the eagerness with  
which I look forward to another  
Sunday hoping to be able to be at  
both.

It is so painful for me to be in  
an upright position that you must  
make due allowance for this  
dejected note. Adieu for ever me



This letter mentions  
the "Lucas Estate"  
in London, Eng.

See - typed copy

New York Dec 15/69.

Col. Chas. Thomas  
Asst. Dir. West. Genl.  
Washington D C

Dear Sir,

On Saturday  
the 18<sup>th</sup> inst I shall sail in the  
steamer "Virginia" for Europe  
and Africa. I go as special  
Agent for the Winchester Repeating  
Arms Co. of New Haven Conn.  
for the purpose of introducing  
that Arm in the European  
Market, both to the public  
and to the Governments that  
may desire a Repeating  
Army Rifle; as I have to  
take a large amount of

Ammunition 'Metallic Cartridges'  
with me and as a stranger  
is looked upon with some  
suspicion by those in authority  
I would very much like to  
have a few letters of introduction  
to some prominent Englishmen  
and Americans in London  
so that I could have an opportunity  
of establishing myself, at  
least in their good opinion.  
By this means a trade can  
be opened with different Countries  
and American Competition in  
arms secured; parties are now  
in America purchasing Machinery  
for Gun making and my Co.  
think it would be a good time  
to introduce their Army Rifle  
into the European and Asiatic  
Markets; If you would  
honor me with a few letters  
of introduction to some of your

Friends in England you  
would promote American  
Enterprise and confer a  
lasting favor on

Your Obedt Servt  
From J. P. Ball  
W. A. C. 179 Broadway.

N. Y. City  
P.S. If your son would give  
me some points about the Lucas  
Estate I will try and obtain a  
share of it while in London.  
Please address me as above  
and oblige J. P. B.

A copy of letter - dated New York Dec. 15, 1869  
To Col Charles Thomas  
Assistant Quartermaster General-Washington, D.C  
Dear Sir-

On Saturday, the 18th instant I Shall sail in the Steamer  
"Virginia" fro Europe andAfrica. I go as "specialAgent " for the  
Winchester Repeation Arms Co. of New Haven, Conn, for the purpose of  
introducing that Arm in the European Market ,both to the public and  
to the Governmentsthat may deside a Repeating Army Rifle, as I have to  
take a large amount Amunition Metallic Cartridges with me and as a  
stranger is looked upon with some suspicion by those in Authority  
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by this means a trade can be opened with different Countries and  
American competition in arms second;parties are now in America  
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Your Ol'd't Serv't

Jerome L. Balie (Spelling not clear)

care of W.A.Co.- 179 Broadway.N.Y.City

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I will try and obtain a clew of it while in London. Please  
address me as above and oblige - J.L.B.

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Note by W.B.W- This postscript looks as if my G.Grandfather  
Chas. E.Thomas considered the Lucas Family as a part of his family  
A record sent me - written by Mrs. H.D.Pittman- says  
"Martin Thomas of Pa. married a Miss Lucas, of noble birth."  
See my "Thomas - Lucas- Neal- folder of records.

"Thomas"

copy of letter

inquiries  
'Lucas Estate'  
in London

A copy of letter - dated New York Dec. 13, 1908

to Mr. Charles Thomas  
Assistant Quartermaster General - Washington, D.C.

Saturday, the 13th instant I recall

the fact that I recall

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John Lucas was born the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February  
1 or 2 ~~mo~~<sup>mo</sup> 1664

1667  
Elias Lucas was born the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May  
9 or 10 (at 11)

1669  
Edward Lucas was born first day of  
July moon about 1 or 2

Robert Lucas was born  
1699  
Hannah Lucas was born the 19<sup>th</sup> of the  
4<sup>th</sup> month about 6 o'clock in the afternoon  
in the year

1700  
Mary Lucas was born the first  
day of the month about 4 o'clock in the morning  
in the year

1709  
Robert Lucas was born first day of May  
about 10 o'clock at night in the year 1708

Benjamin Lucas was born the 1 day of  
October about 6 o'clock in the morning  
in the year 1712

This LUCAS record, written in pencil was found among the papers of Gen. Charles Estey Thomas.

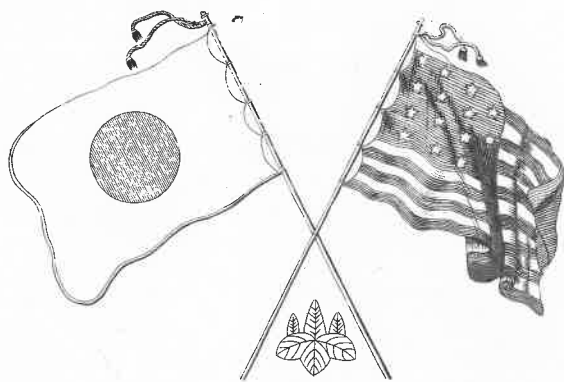
An exact copy in in the Thomas file.

Margot Lucas was found at  
one a'clock in the night 1719

Margot Thomas departed this life April 21<sup>st</sup>  
1782 aged 63 years

Elizabeth was born the sixth day June  
about mid a'clock in the morning 1718

The Filson Historical Society



The pleasure of your Company  
is requested at the reception of the  
Japanese Embassy,  
at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening,  
March 5<sup>th</sup> 1872.

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From Nine to Eleven P. M.

Colonel C. W. Thomas

2011 & Street

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Admit. Col. C. W. Thomas  
and Ladies,

To the Reception given by

The Ambassadors of Japan

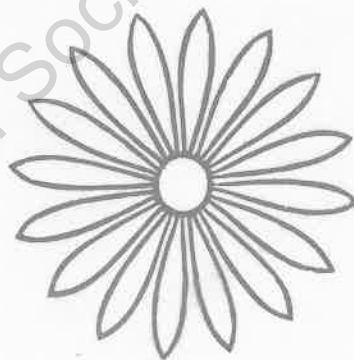
At the Arlington, Thursday, March 14, 1872.

PRESENT THIS AT THE DOOR.

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Col. C. W. Thomas,  
W.A.

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The pleasure of your company is requested  
by the Ambassadors of Japan, at the  
Arlington, Thursday evening,  
March 14th, 1872.

From Nine to Eleven.

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Half brother of C. K. Thomas (Cambridge)

Chas. W. Thomas

Boston

Oct. 15. 1872

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Speak of  
family in Bost.

"Uncle William

Aunt Sarah

Mary

John Mason

Dr. Dickson

Cambridge

Willie Mason

Chas. W. Thomas was  
son of Chas. (E.) Thomas by  
his second wife -

Mary Mason of Bangor - Maine

Boston, Mass.

October 15. 1872.

My dear Father,

I arrived here  
yesterday morning and found  
the letters that you forwarded.  
Today I went to Lowell to see  
the Felting manufactory and  
found everything satisfactory  
and as well as has been re-  
presented to me. A great deal  
of the material has been  
applied there and in this  
city and all of it has given  
great satisfaction. I think  
that it will be a good and  
safe business to go into and  
that it will prove to be very  
profitable. When I was in

July I visited all of the large  
Iron works using the Felting  
and they all told me that  
it was a great invention and  
that they would not be with-  
out it. The factory at Troy  
cannot now supply the  
demand for it.

X Yesterday I went over  
to see Uncle William. He  
and Aunt Sarah are my uncle  
and sent much love to you  
and Gengine. Mary was also  
there spending the day. I  
went over again for a little  
while this evening and tomorrow  
Aunt Sarah is going with  
me to Brookline to see Kia.  
I saw John Mason for a few  
minutes this morning. He is  
with a large law firm here.  
I am going to Cambridge to-  
morrow to see Mark Dickson

and Willie Mason who is  
also there. Mr Bright is in  
the city but I have not seen  
him yet but will do so before  
I leave. I have just come from  
his Hotel but did not find  
him in.

I shall probably leave  
here for Somerville tomorrow  
morning so please send any  
letters that you may have  
for me to that place as I  
will be there for a few days.

Give my love to Gengine  
and tell her that Aunt Sarah  
says that she owes her a  
letter.

Your affectionate son  
Charles

Bangor April 23  
Genl Thomas  
Dear Sir

12<sup>th</sup> inst due &c — Your letter of the

— Mr Deane of Tho Mason I have given him my aid in the settlement of the estate of his mother Mrs A Mason and I am happy to say that it has now been brought to a close.

The Requests of Mrs Mason as expressed in her will have been paid, also all debts due from the estate including the note due to you from late Rev. Wm Mason In her will Mrs Mason directs that after the above named shall be fully paid <sup>there</sup> shall be any remainder, it shall be divided as follows. viz. To Anne E. Bright one part  
" Wm Mason do do  
" Tho Mason do do  
" Chas W Thomas } one share  
& John W Thomas } together  
I think you have a copy of the will —

The Residue or Remainder (after paying all

John W. Thomas

other bequests, and all debts and expenses  
is nine hundred Dollars (\$900.)

to be divided into four parts,

Part. to Anne E. Bright \$ 225.00

" " Wm. Mason 225.00

" " Tho. Mason 225.00

" " C. W. & J. M. Thomas 225.00

\$ 900.00

I enclose herein a check for \$225 Dollars, and  
a receipt which please sign and return. —  
As Charles is absent from Washington  
it will be as well perhaps for you to sign  
for him as well as for yourself.

We are glad to hear that Charles has  
engaged in business, and hope the  
enterprise will be successful.

We rec'd a letter from George  
two weeks ago from Cape Verde Is.  
they have left there and will sail down the  
African Coast, touching at sundry ports  
& from thence go to Barbadoes, & then  
to the U. States, probably reaching the latter  
about the first of June next.

What a sad affair was the brutal murder

of your Uncle and Mr Thomas;  
My wife and the few in your house  
mention him in the highest terms. You  
and your wife must feel his loss much.  
With kin regards to Mrs Thomas  
and yourself.

Yours truly  
J. Bright

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John Wright  
Paragon Mrs  
date April 1873

The estate of the  
late Mrs Mason  
is finally settled -

The remainder has  
been equally divided  
between -

- 1 Anne Wright
- 2 Wm Mason
- 8 Thos Mason
- 4 Chas. M. & John M. }  
    } (Thomas - one share)

\$900 - \$225 to each

rec'd April 25/73

am. April 29/73

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Washington D.C. - Apr 9 - 1873.

Letter to

Mrs Margaret Van Stueddiford  
St Louis -

Paid copy  
of letter  
to Mrs Van Stueddiford  
St Louis

"Dear Niece"

He mentions a settlement that should have  
been paid - as did the late Char K Dickson  
for his part of money due him from his  
late father's estate (Martin Thomas)

Money was left by nephew Martin with <sup>in St Louis</sup>  
Wm. Martin for some U.S. funds - 1839  
~~Did not do so~~  
But in 1843. you & your Li. went to pay  
with intent. But "brother died while I was  
in Mexico" owing the money & interest &  
having "you & your sister Mary been at his estate"

In 1859 Char K Dickson - husband of Mary  
paid her half of note - w. interest. Will you  
now pay your half - etc

of interest as it gives names of the  
children of Martin Thomas -

So Martin Thomas had 2 daughters -

Margaret (Mrs Van Stueddiford)

Mary (Mrs Char K Dickson)

Palu Mar 22/87

Dear Mr Baylies

Your Telegram was a  
great shock to me indeed.

And I who loved dear  
Millie so much, sympathized  
with a feel most deeply  
for you the husband so  
beloved and the dear children  
to whom she was so devoted  
the dear little one whose  
advent has brought so much  
sorrow to your happy home

Truly of dear Millie can  
I say "None knew her but to lovers  
None named her but to friends"  
She was all that was lovely &  
bright so intelligent so clever  
a poetess at 8 years (I have seen  
of the verses now) of her. Marrow



life I do not know so much  
but as the loving devoted  
daughter I do so thoughtfully  
so devotedly & watchful  
truly "She excelleth all"  
and now she is one of God's  
angels safe in Heaven with  
him May the Lord bless  
keep you be gracious to  
you & enable you to bear the  
great affliction & sorrow  
He has brought on you -  
Gratitude to comfort my dear  
sister the poor sorrowing mother  
whose grief must be terrible  
to see as well as your own  
Now my love & best wishes  
for the welfare of you &  
yours soon.  
Affectionately  
Aunt Martha

Baltimore, Md, Mch. 22, 1878

Dear Mr Bayless;

Your telegram was a great shock to me indeed.

And I who loved dear Willie so much, sympathize with and feel most deeply for the Husband so beloved and the dear children to whom she was so devoted - the dear little one whose advent has brought so much sorrow to your Happy Home.

Truly, of Dear Willie can be said "None knew her but to love her, None named her but to praise"

She was all that was lovely and bright, so intelligent so clever, a poetess at 8 years (I have some of the verses now), of her Marriage life I do not know so much, but as the loving devoted daughter I do, so thoughtful, so ever-ready, and watchful, truly "She excelleth all, and now she is one of God's Angels, safe in Heaven with Him. May the Lord bless and keep you and be gracious to you and enable you to bear the great affliction and sorrow He has brought on you- As able to comfort my dear sister, the poor sorrowing mother whose grief must be terrible to see, as well as your own.

Now my love and best wishes for the welfare of you and yours, from affectionately  
Aunt Martha

Note- To Mr. Benj. Bayless on the death of his wife (Wilhelmine "Willie" Kiameche Crawford . D. March 22, 1878.

Her daughter, Wilhelmine Kiameche Bayless was born March 12, 1873, in Louisville, Ky

MARTHA

Think "Martha" is Crawford (B. 1821) mar. Adrenus Shaefer, lived in Baltimore. Was oldest sister of Wm.C.Crawford.



a higher price than any other study & she would prefer to teach it, that is, vocal music. Esther has had some little trouble with her throat this winter, but every body here has had the same trouble - she is now perfectly well - Hope you are all enjoying as beautiful weather as we are now having & indeed, have had all the winter - with the exception of about five days, the weather has been more like spring than winter - am now sitting with a window open & flowers in it - have a espadras vine up to the top of one of my windows - Miss Baldwin's flowers are looking beautiful.

Will write to George in a day or two - he is so good about writing to me, as all my children are - Such a day as this, I feel as if I would give anything to be at my Anchorage home - since that home is getting dearer to me

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Every day - Esther & myself have long talks & make large plans of what we intend to do when we get back - for good - but oh! that does seem such a long time to look forward to & I am getting so old - it is the best we can do now & seem to make us very happy for the time - Tell Mrs Crawford her book has been so comfort to me & to other - sisters of the teachers - May God bless you & your dear child, as the prayers of your devoted Mother.

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I received a letter from your Auntie, telling me of dear little Percy's illness - have heard nothing since & am very anxious about him - She wrote me that she was going to stay with Laura & help to nurse Percy - I know how hard it is for Gally to stay away from him - hope most sincerely he may not be ill enough to require her to be with him - shall expect certainly to hear something to-morrow morning - I wish you & Mrs Crawford could hear the fuss the girls make over the baby's picture - they always call her "that little

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[ca. 1879]

darling" - the picture stands on my bureau & I often see them come in & stand before it & talk, as if they were talking to a baby - As Charlie would say "it is a real comfort to me."

Monday morning.

Was interrupted yesterday & will finish my letter to-day. As yet, no news from Percy - hope when it does come it may be good news, as bad news is apt to travel fast.

Am so glad to find George so well & happy in town - the mere fact of being at work again, seems to give him new life & it may be, the work will agree with him.

God's ways are not as our ways - He may be leading George by a way we know not - there are many advantages in town which may be very beneficial to him & to Rosa, & I feel that it is for some good purpose, which will be made clear to us hereafter - Am sorry Rosa has to be so confined with the children, hope after a while she may be able to take them out with her.

It is now nearly the beginning of another half session I shall have to send for more money - don't know yet what the bill will be, asked Mr Butler Saturday to let me have it in time to send home for a check - I have tried so hard to get along with little money since we came back, but want will come & money will go - have had over \$400. & have not paid my board.

This seems a good deal, but Esther is getting the benefit of it & getting what will help her all her life - she is doing well in all of her studies - take one lesson in instrumental music a week & two in vocal - found she could not get along without some more knowledge of instrumental music - she is getting along wonderfully well with her vocal music & elocution - her voice is fine in both - if I am able to keep her here two more years, she will be fitted to teach both of these branches & possibly some other - am so anxious to have her able to take care of herself - music always demands

*Presms mentioned  
in this letter*

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Written by Virginia Browne Bayless (Mrs. "Dr. G.W. Bayless")  
Letter - dated Stanton, (Va) Jan. 11. About 1879  
A. T. Seminary is a girls boarding school - Miss Baldwin the principal.  
Esther Bayless (b. 1864) later was Mrs. F. E. French was in this school  
Her mother, Mrs. "Dr." G. W. Bayless, a widow, was there with her.  
The letter was mailed to Mr. Benjamin Bayless (b. 1844-d. 1920), who  
was her oldest son. The address "200 West Main Street, Louisville,  
probably was his business address for he lived at 511 (later 1071-  
Third Street

Mrs. Crawford is Benj. Bayless' mother-in-law, who brought up  
the three children, after their Mother died, 1878.  
The boy's picture is of Wilhelmine Bayless b. 1878  
"Auntie" is Miss. M. F. G. Browne, of Louisville, sister of the  
writer. Percy is Percy Booth. Sally is Sally Booth, his aunt.  
George & Rosa - Mr. & Mrs. George Bayless who moved from the  
"suburb", Anchorage, to Louisville - *George is second son of widow.*



Staunton Va

Jan 11 -  
(probably 1879)

Mrs Geo W. Bayless  
to her son

Bay Bayless

written for the

A. F. Seminary Va

where she was staying  
her young son Esther

(Mrs. Bayless found)

her "data" inside  
on typed sheet.

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