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Bibb family.

Papers, 1760-1887.

Bibb, John Bigger.

Correspondence, February 5, 1863 -
December 8, 1873.

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Logan Groove Feb 16th 1864

Mr Bibb

127 acres

Dear Sir at your request I send you a plat and field notes of one hundred & twenty seven acres of land adjoining Mr Purdy for the benefit of Mr John Bui who has the traman thing to take care of. After making some inquiry & from my own knowledge of the lands I concluded it would be right and fair to allow Mr Bui the one hundred and twenty seven acres as follows to wit
Beginning at two blackoaks (one of them fallen) in a corner Purdy's then with Purdy's line S 4 E 163 poles to a white oak Thence S 3 1/2 W 123 poles to a rock marked A Thence S 86 E 96 poles to a rock marked A Thence S 7 E 123 poles to a black oak near a pond Thence S 32 W 206 poles to the Beginning
you will perceive the calls are altered one degree in order to follow the old line which we did without difficulty

Mr Bui has paid me four dollars which is all the charge I make
You can mail the deed to John Bui at Gordonsville Logan
Ky or to me at Dayville Good to Ky as you think best

Respectfully

A. J. M. Lean D. S. L. C

Deed made
to Buie, according
to this -
M. I. am
not of opinion -

a deed was made to Buie - But he treated the woman badly
He by agreement gave her up to her sister & was to pay her
quarterly a certain sum of money, & keep the land.

J. B.

the five except costs. I
notified "Jain" he must pay
it & not suffer you to be
annoyed. It is difficult
to get "Jain" to do right
he is very head strong. & I
fear will get you into
other troubles, all well
Yrs truly & faithfully

A. C. Bowler

All join in love to Aunt
Sally. Col Bunch says he
will be at Frankfort next
week or as soon as the river
rises & will bring up the
memorial for the Governor
in Jain's case.

Henderson Jan 22/64

Mr J B Bibb
Frankfort Ky
S Sir

I have to acknow-
ledge recd of your favor of 6th
informing me of your having
directed your agent at Louis-
ville to send over any of
your men that might be willing
to come over for me to pay them
15¢ each on arrival. As yet
none have arrived. I suppose
the weather has been so very
cold they could not travel by
land & navigation has been
suspended for some days. Your
instructions shall be carried
out, your negroes hired very
well this year. Pety & children

Robertson & Peyton at last years
prices, The Factory hands
at 35¢ per month. I will
make up acct Current &
send you some money shortly
have some collections to
make before I can close
last seasons accounts.
The boys are well & getting
along well. The last Cir
Cuit Court (just over)
fined you in two Cases
for suffering "Jim" to go
as a free man. The Com
monwealths atty. has promis
ed to make up a statement
& give me & also to write to
the Gov. of Ky requesting him
to remit all but the costs
I will forward same to you as
soon as I can get it, if you
are on good terms with Gov
Branlette. He will remit

Dear Sir

Hopkinsville Dec 10 1863

To day Jeffries paid his note =

Original debt	1253.35
Int for 5 years and 10 days	378.10
making	\$1631.45
Or by check of C C Rogers 450	450.00
deposited in Branch of B & E by —	
	\$1181.45

The above is a statement of your business —
The check of Rogers, is what was recd by Jeffries
from Berry, as part pay for his farm, and will
no doubt be easily made available by you —
The remainder \$1181.45 — you will receive
certificate of deposit for, by the cashier of
our bank, by to night mail no news all well

I send the notes for the hire of Mr & Eliza I
will send them when I get it
Mrs B Bibb Esqr

Yrs most truly sm Stanley

Tell Aunt Sally to make the acquaintance of
Mr Dr Edmunds she is a very estimable
and one that I admire

950.21
74.95

3/ 1025.16
341.72 . W. Van

5/ 683.44
136.68 $\frac{1}{4}$ last his —

Apple 136.68
Orchard 15.82
152.55
12.00
164.55
put in bank for Stanley

Debt. Due R. Bibb Jr. 21st Mayr. 1839

Int. on same to 10 Mayr. 1853 } 516.94.
 13 years ————— 403.13
 11 months ————— 028.62
 20. days ————— 1.72
 Total 10 Mayr 1853 ————— 950.21

516.94
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 13
 9303
 3101
403.13

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 5 1/2

2,8470
 258
28.42

Recd. of Luffies ————— 1631.45

Due - J. J. S. Pay ————— 950.21
 8681.24 J. J. S.
 305.85 Pay

P. J. Hampton order to Bigger ————— 375.39 - 1138 -

516.94
 1038880
 1.72

Settled this month
 Geo. Hampton

Los. Bigger — 225.64
 Int ————— 148.08
 374.75

By notes &
 interest — 68.00
 Due Bigger 305.85

Shall — 950.21
 of Bigger 749.51 74.95
 Temp. 6.00
 1025.26
 35.00
 1060.26

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 516.94
 1038880
 1.72
 Widow - 341.32
 Rachman - 136.68

305.85
 136.10
 169.75

Due J. B. Bibb for amt
 paid at Benson for J. B. Bigger
 103.70
 17. & interest to 1. May. 1853 -

1736.10 ————— 169.75
 Due Gray ————— 84.80

31025.76
 340.70
 31366.46

57083.44
 4136.68
 61220.12

J. B. Bigger note
 to J. B. Bibb over
 paid 6.708 -
 which she must
 remit to me for

Russellville Ky, Feby 4th 1864-

Mr B Bitt Esq.

Dear Sir,

I shall now try to let you know what I have been doing for you here - Since I last wrote you I have been so unfortunate as to lose my wife - she died on the 21st January with a firm hope of happiness hereafter - I now have two little girls 6 & 3 years old; a tremendous responsibility -

I submit the following statement:-

Amount rec ^d on B R Bitts note	30.00	By ant p ^r Ben Bitts	30.00
" " " G A & E J Dean "	109.45	" " " Frank	5.00
" " " J R Morton's "	104.00	" " " Henry	5.00
" " " J Knowles "	72.35	" " " Phil	2.00
	\$311.80	" " " Marion	2.00
	280.04		
Balance you -	\$31.76	" " " Polk	5.00
		" " " Charlotte	2.00
		" " " Sarah	2.00
		" " " Venus	2.00
		" " deposited in bank	209.45
			264.45
		By 5 p ^r on \$311.80	15.59
			280.04

I hired Phil last year to Mr Goerg for \$30- for Cornelia I have received nothing - she agreed to pay \$25- but she was sick the most of the time, & I do not expect to get any thing - I hired her this year to a Mr Thomas for \$20- & he takes all liabilities for sickness &c - I have not hired Phil yet, every man I send to him, he tells him his back is so weak he can't labor - I try & hire him to some kind man who won't work him too hard - I have not seen Saffarano since you wrote, about Venus & Sylvia, they are with him - Tom Lyons has Frank again this year - Frank says he would love

live no where else - Lavin & myself could not agree
on the price, & we have agreed to let Mr Higgins
settle it. Henry was equally obstinate as
Frank & said he would live with no one
but Mr F. Green & Mr Green would give only
\$110 for him. I could have obtained \$150 as
easy. I kind Polk & Marion to J. R. Morton
again for \$150 & \$100. Mr H C Gillum gets
Charlotte for \$50 & Mr Knowles, Sarah for \$50.
I have done nothing with Louisa - She is
living with Randal. I have had no settle-
ment with Martha about Louisa's board; from
what I can learn Louisa's work was more
than worth her board & clothing. Louisa
is again enciente - I shall pay her ^{Martha's} nothing unless ordered by you.
Ben has sold his house & lot. Shall I appro-
-priate the rent for last year as Ben tells
me? - Dr Geo. R. Bibb is ready to pay it.
He sold to Dr. Gubbs, & Ben has the rent up to day of sale
& Gubbs from that time until the end of the year.
Your creditors pay up very slowly, and I suggest
the propriety of legal proceedings against them.
I may have overlooked several things, but my
condition I hope will excuse that. I will hold
on to balance due you until I collect more
& make a larger deposit. The last time
I wrote you I advised you I had deposited \$100.
I have received no acknowledgment of it.
Mr Morton sends her kindest regards to Mr Bibb.
Will you present her mine? - Mr Hall &
myself have commenced a regular tilt at
chess nightly -

Yours truly
J. A. Hager

Rupellville Ky- Feby 5th 1863 -
John B. Bibb Esq.
Frankfort Ky.,
Dear Sir,

The uncertainty in regard to the mails accounts for my not having sooner given an account of my agency.

Henry & Frank hired to Tho^s J. Lyon for \$160. Frank has been complaining of Rheumatism, and he thought that it was necessary that he should be with his wife to be well nursed.

Polk & Marion to John R. Morton for \$135. near Shakerstown. It cost \$31.⁵⁰ to get Marion out of the Bowlinggreen Jail. Roberts refuses to have anything to do with him. If you will examine the State of Ky you will see that you can only recover from him one tenth of what you expended. Charlotte & child hired to Dr. Poor proprietor of "Forest House" for \$50.

Sarah hired to Joshua Knowles for \$50. she has just had a child & reduced her hire \$5.⁰⁰ —

Sylvia will be confined in a very short time again. She did not want to stay at Saffarans, and tried hard to get a home but could not succeed. she ^{& Venus} ~~was~~ now at Saffarans. Her child died about two weeks ago.

63x13 Phil met with an accident about 3 months ago at a mill. He was carrying a bag

of flour from the mill house to the wagon on a plank; it tilted and he fell to the ground with the bag on him putting his hip out of place; I think he is improving, and I will be enabled to hire him out in a short time -

Cornelia does not seem to improve any - she is living to herself, her husband with her - She has agreed to pay \$25- for this year - She has a falling of the womb, and Asthma -

Nothing has been done with Louisa yet - I found two persons who were willing to take her, but she positively refused to go with either, and they would not take her unless she was willing to go - She is living with Wesley - Martha & Wesley have separated -

Dr Bibb takes the house & lot adjoining it to Long for his negro woman Harriet - at \$30 -

I believe I have now gotten through - I have done the best I could, and hope it will prove satisfactory - On the opposite page you will find a statement of my account to January 1st 1863 -

Mrs Frazer & Mrs Norton (Lucinda) send their kindest regards to Mrs Bibb -

Yours truly
T. A. Frazer

What shall I do with R. J. Higgins note for hire of him for 1862?

Russellville 14th Aug 1894
Mr W B Bibb
Dear Sir

Your letter
came to hand in due
time but owing to busi-
ness and sickness in
my family has been the
cause of not writing before
this. Shortall was not
absolutely wanting any
thing more than I gave
you in my last, but
after writing she told
me the child had no
clothing - no had Mr Brown
given her any ~~at~~ all
I give you the articles
furnished her & child with
the custody of same
over.

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1 Pair shoes		3 00
5 yds Linen for shirt	90	4 50
10 " Calico	30	3 00
2 Pair Hose	60	1 20
8 yds calico for child	30	2 40
1 Pair shoes		1 25
Total		\$15 35

The above amount can be deducted from the hire which we settle which will suit me as well as any thing.

The friend Mr. Fishman you spoke of in your letter is my father he is still living but in feeble health has quit fishing. He sends his very best respects to you. My wife also wishes to be remembered to you & Mrs. Gibb.

Yours Truly
H. C. Gillum

Mr Geo P Ribt
 Frankfurt Ky
 Va

Lancaster May 24 1865

Below find statement
 of Refractor ap. Our boat is still
 in his debt so he pays. She having
 laid up at Memphis we are unable
 until we see her officers how
 how his up stands. Steam boat being
 having fallen off so much Alfred
 informed us yesterday that he could get
 a situation at Mammoth Cave and was
 going there yesterday

Feb 20	Cash received Alfred Wagon	\$20.00
Apr 29	" "	19.00
		39.00

	Left	
Feb 9th	Bought & returned Alfred	\$25
May 4	Wagon on	145
"	Cash per Express	3080
		39.00

Yours truly
 Moorhead

Monkhead 2 lbs -
about Alfred -

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$\frac{24}{25} = \frac{480}{510} = \frac{16}{17}$
 $\frac{16}{17} \times 29 = 27.76$
 $\frac{16}{17} \times 10 = 9.41$
 $\frac{16}{17} \times 5 = 4.71$
 $\frac{16}{17} \times 2.5 = 2.35$

[1866]

Russellville Ky Jan'y 5/65

Mr B Bibb Esq

Dear Sir,

I have been moving for the last ten days, is the reason I have not written sooner. I have bought the property where W. Storton lived on Main St. - This year I suppose, closes up the line of slaves - I submit an acf -

Am ^d Rec ^d of J. R. Storton	\$235.00	By Am ^d of Frank	16.00
- - - A. Thomas	20.00	- - - Same sent by you	5.00
- - - Dr. Poor	53.25	- - - Henry	11.00
- - - Hutching (Phil)	65.00	- - - Les Blakey	3.75
- - - Lyon (Frank 1/4)	60.00	- - - Ab First	10.00
- - - From you to pay for	10.00	- - - W. B. Hill	6.00
- - - J. W. Green	345.20	- - - Deposited in bank	235.00
- - - You for Frank	5.00	- - - 5 pr ct -	39.67
	<u>793.45</u>		<u>326.42</u>
	<u>1326.42</u>		
	<u>4467.93</u>		

This am^t I will deposit in bank or send check as you may wish - I had paid Henry \$11 before he left Mr Green's, or I should not have given him anything. Phil left Mr Storton early in the year, & Larion in Jan'y left Mr Roberts, both loitering about town doing nothing - Sylva is still at Safferrano - Aunt Venus left there last year, & is now without a home & a beggar, annoying me every day - Frank held on & is now with Mr Lyon - Charlotte has been working

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about all the year. Sarah is still at ~~Mr~~ Knowles.
I have heard nothing of Polk since he left -
Cornelia is now in Louisville with her husband -
If you wish those negroes who remained faithful
to have anything more let me know
I will try & close your affairs up as soon as
I can - Some of those claims I brought said
on I could neither ^{get} note nor money of them
until I did see -

Several want the lot Randal lived on - (Mary
Harding who lived with Randal, among them)
\$150 - seems to be the best price offered - How
shall I decide as to who shall have it? It is
important to know as soon as possible - all well
kindest regards to Mr Bibb, I hope you both had a happy
Christmas -

Yours truly
L. A. Hazen

Dr Bibb's family are well -
anxious to see you -

Your old servant, an

Trouwen Aet

settled

Pos. Marshal's Office 2. Dist. Ky.
Owensboro Ky. Aug: 15. 1865—

John B. Bitt Esq
Frankfort Ky.
Sir

Enclosed please find
Certificates of Enlistment & Muster for Hovey (4) Negroes
formerly owning service to you—

I am, Sir,

Very Resp^{ly}, Your Obed^t Serv^t.

J. R. Garrison
Capt. & Pos. Mar. 2. Dist. Ky.

Louisville, Ky. Aug. 2, 1865.

Dear Sir,

I received today from
James Stewart six hundred and
six dollars on your account,
and deducting twenty dollars
for fee of our Mr. Lyles, I have
deposited to your credit in
Northern Bank of Kentucky in
this city five hundred and
eighty-six dollars as directed
by your favor of the 31st ult.

Very respectfully yours,
Luc. B. Bibb, Esq. E. S. Worthington.

Frankfort,

Ky.

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about the
Huron debt
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~~\$~~742⁵ -

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for the Pat 2000

Rapellville Ky Jan'y 12th 1865—
 Mr B Bibb, Esq,
 My dear Sir,

For two reasons I have not written to you sooner. 1st I wished to hire out all your negroes first. 2^d To get as much money as I could. In neither have I succeeded, so I will write anyhow. Below you will find an account of our matters to 1st January 1865—

Debtor

Credit

Am ^t due at last settlement	31.76	By Am ^t deposited Bibb, Esq—	168.75
" rec ^d on G R Hepe		" " p ^r Edward	2.00
Rapell note	168.75	" " " Louisa	1.00
" Hoerg (Phil, kin)	30.00	" " " Charlotte	5.00
" T J Lyon	200.00	" " " Venus	2.00
	430.51	" " " Henry	5.00
	247.25	" " Ab. First (Coffin for Louisa's child)	5.00
Bal due	183.26	" " Frank	5.00
1 st Jan'y 1865—		" " Polk	5.00
		" " Marion	5.00
		" " Phil	5.00
		" " Pants & shoes for Phil,	8.00
		" " Sylvia	2.00
		" " Venus	2.00
		" " Sarah	5.00
			225.75
		By 5 th cent Com on \$430. ⁵¹	21.50
			247.25

I have notified as many of your debtors as I could see

that they must close up their indebtedness as soon as possible, or I should resort to legal process. A man who will not pay his debts now, I think never intends doing so - and I am for ever - I have not settled with Martha (in regard to Louisa) nor do I think I will, her demands are so exorbitant that I shall refer her to you - Louisa is working around generally, making enough to support herself - after her refusal to go to the home I had provided for her, I have not felt the interest for her I formerly did - Aunt Venus & Sylvia are still at Mr Saffarans - Mr John Saffarans died about a week since - I hired Frank to I John again, and could only get \$60 - Frank would live with no one else - Henry is hired to Mr Green for \$125 - he was like Frank - I hired Phil to John R. Mutton for \$75 - I have not seen Mr Hutchins who hired Phil in Souville - nor have we agreed as to what he was to pay, but not less than \$10 pr month - Marion is hired to Osmond Robert, for \$100 - Sarah is still at Mr Knowle's for \$60 -

On the 1st day of September 1864 Polk left Mr Mutton, and went to Bowlinggreen & joined the army - I did not hear of it till Christmas, a few days before he left he was to see me & got his \$5 - protesting his wish not to join the army - but stated he was going to Mary & wanted the money to buy some clothes & he was persuaded off by some negroes in the neighborhood -

Charlotte has not a home yet, she says
she is trying - I have heard that she says
she is going to "set up" for herself, I have
intimated to her that she cannot do that,
& she is still looking for a home -
Cornelia is living with the man she lived
with last year, but he says she was sick
most of the year, & she does not know whether
she will be worth anything this year -

The negroes generally are of the opinion that
the hire for this year will be ordered by
the military authorities to be paid to them
your among the number - I had to pay
Frank & Henry \$5 each extra to induce them
to get homes for this year, and I intend trying
to save the amount out of the allowance
you may make them this year -
If I had troubled you by writing every time
you servants wanted me, you ^{or me} would have
had but little time for any thing else -

If you could buy me the 4th Volume of Metcalfe's
Kentucky Reports of decision of Court of Appeals
& send by mail or express, & the amount of
costs I will remit & be very much obliged -
I hope I have covered the ground I intend to
urge the collection of your debts & put them
right through - How is Mrs Bibb? Will you
present her my kindest regards - Mrs. Norton & John
I send love to yourself & wife - Yours truly T. A. Hager

I have this day deposited to your
Credit in the banking house of Morgan & Co
\$188 ²⁵/₁₀₀
Hager

I have been called on for the expenses of
Alberti's funeral ~~expenses~~ I do not know
whether Dr Bibb collected any of his hire
or not, if he has not Ben has I expect
the right to pay them. But he is doing
nothing whatever & I expect is not able
to pay anything.
(Your Servants (free & slave) express a great
desire to see you

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Sogan Co. Ky Nov 7. 1866

John B. Bibb Esq.
Frankfort Ky

W. Sir

After a considerable delay I am glad to say that I have finished dividing the Ben Bibb land. Sometimes I was at fault and sometimes the negroes. It was hard for both to be ready to begin the work at the same time.

It was a more troublesome job than I had any idea of. I got the courses from Shetton, dead in the office and they were so imperfect that after one days hard labor I had to abandon the work. I did no good whatever. The negroes knew nothing about the lines or corners on the East part of the survey, and but little of those on the West side. I had no idea the land was ever surveyed - not even when it was entered - I found there was no chance to find the land but to get all the surveys around it, and to take what they left.

This I did. I also went to the original surveys. ^{books} You may judge of the perplexity when I told you that in the first line (the one between the Thompson and Shetton lands the course called for, and the one acted upon between the two farms, missed the corner 33 poles and the line on the opposite side nearly as much. One of the lines on the west was 27 poles longer than called for, and the other 58. I think however that I got the out lines run out right at last, and there is a considerable gain in quantity, giving the negroes lands that they had no idea ~~that~~ belonged to them, and on the other taking lands that they thought belonged to them and giving it to the Tompkins place. After completing the out lines, the negroes have settled upon the

land in such a way, and had made their farms so void of arrangement, that to make any thing like an equal division, giving to each his portion of the old fields and timber, and his improvement, was about as hard a problem as I ever had to work out. But I at last succeeded in doing it to the perfect satisfaction of all the parties. However I will say that I have made some slight changes in the platting since I made the survey, and this will account for the indefiniteness of some of the calls. Each now knows his land and all but two of the lines are plainly marked out, and I think the lots are as near equal in point of value as they could be made under the circumstances. I think however that Chokolley is the best lot, but her improvement and the natural boundary gave it to her. Matilda's appears to be large, but her being on the creek is very broken and much of it nearly worthless. Eliza has too much of the old field and a rather scarce of timber. Stephen is scarce of timber, but I ordered that Ephraim give him as much dead timber as he will split up into rails this winter. A great hail past over the land a year or so ago and ruined vast quantities of ^{the timber} it. I was disappointed of growing down is enough timber but after coming away I think I affected it.

I have spent 6 days at this work, and I must charge you \$25⁰⁰. I got Mr Lyon to assist me two days in the division, ~~for~~ I thought it best that some white man near them should know the lines & corners, and he can keep them in their proper places. He charges \$4.00. This may look large to you, but no one could afford to do it for less - I send this as receipted as you may need it for a voucher. You can remit the money

as may best suit your convenience

Very truly yours

J. N. Lyne

N B Since writing the above I have thought it best to call your attention to the line as it runs through between the Tompkins & Sheton land. The old call is S 72 E but I make it only S 63 E. The S 72 E^{*} has been acted up to by both parties as the line between the fields, but if corrected so as to go to the corner (Hardys corner, & Hardy plot says Tompkins corner) it will take a large portion of the Sheton improvement. You will see the difference in these lines by reference to the plot. I have given the distance at the several points of division between these lines. If the Tompkins negroes are plentiful of land would it not be well enough to let the line be where both parties thought was. You can easily write the deeds so as to include up to this line by adding the ~~excess~~ and calling for the 70⁺ in place of 63. I placed for stakes on this line so that you might make this change if you should think proper to do so.

J. N. Lyne

* I ran this line S 70⁺ E allowing 1¹/₄ degrees variation and this course runs the old land between the two farms

Lyn - about
dunes now of land
between Ben Wynn
Children.

\$ 25.00 -

Russellville Ky, Aug 19th 1867-
Jno B. Bibb Esq.,

Dear Sir,

I have deposited in the banking
house of N. Long & Co., to your credit
\$244³⁰ the amount of your debt vs
Jno. Saffarano and G. D. Blakely -
Dr J B Evans shows me an order some
time since from you to give up a
note on him - He is himself in a
destitute condition & insolvent, and I wish
to know whether you was advised that
there was good surety on it, and if you
still wish it given up - His brother
S K Evans is the surety -

Yours truly
T. A. Hazen

Gordonsville Logan Co Ky Nov. 24/66
John B. Bibb Esqr
Frankfort Ky
H. Sir

(Yours inclosing) check
on N Bank of Ky for \$29. is to hand. I am
obliged to you for the prompt favor.

I now ask for information relative to the children of
of Eliza. I saw Ephraim and he gave me the follow-
ing: Nelson. Alexander (or Ellick he called him)
Ellick (a boy) and Susan were taken by the rebels,
and Susan died in Clarksville (as you stated),
and the others have not been heard from, certainly,
^{The war} since. It has been rumored that Nelson is in
Virginia. Ann married David Smith, formerly
a servant of Alfred Smith, and lives on the place
allotted to her mother, and has her youngest sister
Evaline living with her. Nelson Becker the
husband of Eliza stays some with Ann, but he
is a carpenter and is mostly off at work.
This is all I have learned about them. However
if I hear anything more I will inform you.
Charlott I suppose was dissatisfied mostly
because she supposed I intended to cut off
10 Acres on the Feagin line for timber for Dennis;
but this I did, not do. She made no objections
in my presence to giving him the land between
the road and branch, but did object to the

other fees alluded to. I suppose she wanted to
make out as bad a case to you as she could.
she has no right to complain. The land between
her and the road is hardly titheable and will
never be fenced in her time, if ever. But it
would be well enough to leave her a lane
as you proposed. I am sure no better decision
could be made of the land than I have made.

I told Ephraim that the line was to run between
the Tompkins place & the Shelton place as I saw
it first. It is blazed, and is just where it ought
to be, for there is no sure evidence that Hardy's
corner is Tompkins corner.

I will take a pleasure in giving you any other
information you may want relative to the negroes
or indeed to serve you any way in my power.

Very truly Yours

J. N. Lynn

OFFICE OF
M. Muldoon & Co.
ITALIAN MARBLE WORKS.
No 108 GREEN ST. BET 3rd & 4th STS.

Louisville, Ky. Dec 8 1871

Mr John B. Bibb

Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir Your favor of 7th inst
covering checks on the Farmers Bank
\$ 350.00 & \$ 150.00 payable Jan'y 8th
came to hand, the amounts, together
with \$ 30 per W Cooran, we have
credited to you at in full of Bill
for the Granite Monument. -

We trust you will find the same
to your entire satisfaction and
remain

Yours Respectfully
M Muldoon
(R)

OFFICE OF THE
CLERK OF LOGAN COUNTY COURT,

JO. W. WINLOCK, Clerk.

Russellville, Ky., August 12 1872

John P. Webb Esq
Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir

I have Examined the records of
my Office and find from a Deed from J. B. Biggs
Com: to you for the use of Nancy & her children
that he conveyed to you Lot One hundred and
seven & one mority of Lot Number 105 in
Robert Lathams addition to the town of R.
said deed is recorded in Deed Book 28
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Respectfully,

Jo. W. Winlock, Clerk
per Newman D. B.

Gordonville Logan Co. Ky June 1st 1869

John B. Bibb Esq.

Dear Sir

After much delay and partly from chills. I have completed the division of the Timpke land. I am glad to say that I have rendered entire satisfaction to all concerned but Catharine. She would not attend herself but sent Mr. Bowditch to attend to her interest. I took all possible pains to make an equitable ^{division} and after we had finished, I asked Mr. Durall of his thoughts I could have done any better, and he replied that, under all the circumstances, he did see that I could. However Catharine may be satisfied also I have not heard from her. I changed changed Mr. Smith's work much, and think I improved on it very much. By reference to the plat you can understand how he made the division. The lines a crop the plat in light pencil marks shows his lines. You will see that Silas had two pieces one on the East and one on the west that was of but little value to her, and she was to have had 165 ^{acres} and locked some 30 of it. Rachael was to have had 150 acres and got but 105. Os was to have had the piece between his and Rachael, so that his land would have

been divided by the almost impassable steep of the
Ellick. All South of pencil line was assigned to
Catharine, and you will see from observation she had
very near one half of the entire survey. Her would
also have been divided by the steep of the creek. By
giving Os. all on the East side of the creek, and by
giving Catharine all hers on the West side of the creek
I think I have made a decided improvement.

Os has a little rich bottom that seems to have been quite
tempting to Catharine, and a part on the East side of
the creek next to Wilgus, is pretty good up land, but the
most of Os's land is hollows and hill sides and in
my opinion no more valuable than that assigned to
Catharine. Os has a snug little improvement, about
20 acres under excellent fence, which he deduced and
cleared up himself, and ^I can see no reason in Catharine
laying claim to it. The house is but a pot shanty.

Catharine has a good deal of old field, but not more
than her proportion considering the quantity given her.

York was much delighted to become a freeholder. I laid
him off 82 acres next to the winn land, and ^{he} trusts as large
as life. Some of his land is pretty good, and well timbered,
but more than half of it is old field. Most of the old
field on the entire tract I think far from being exhausted

York is left well to do. As before stated the negroes were very
much pleased and ^{it was} said, done exactly as I ought to have done.
I spent 5 days hard labor at it first and last, and had
Mr. Henry Parrish with me two days at \$2.00 per day. I
charge \$5.00 per day for my services. I think \$25.00 will not
be too much for me to charge when I consider that Mr.
Smith charges the negroes \$20.00 his work. However if you
think it too much, send me \$20.00 and I will be satisfied
and 4⁰⁰ for Mr. Parrish.

You enquired more particularly about Edmund. I saw
him myself, and talked with him. He says he has nearly
lost the use of his right leg and arm. He was trying to
patch his clothes, but his hands trembled so that he made
but little speed. He was very glad that Master Jack ^{remun-}
erated him. He was willing to do anything that Master
wanted him to do, if it should be to go to Frankfort. Dennis
thinks the most of his troubles come from drunkenness before
he came out there. He gets nothing to drink now.

Mattie complains that she is not able to support him,
and he won't stay any where else, and she says she can-
not drive him away.

Silas requested me to know of you how old she is

If I can do more to serve you it will afford me a pleasure to
do so.

Very truly Yours &c

The negroes all want a separate plot of their land
which I promise them.

J. N. Cyrie

P & In looking over the plot I saw that I forgot to say that I gave
O^r a small bottom on the west side of the creek. This was insisted
upon by Mr. Parrish he said it was convenient to and would
be valuable to him and would not be of any use to Catharine
There cannot be more than one or one and a half acres made
available. O was anxious to have enough land laid off across
the creek from his improvement for him to set his fence, as his
fence was low, and ~~and~~ the water would wash away his fence.
We surveyed it for him and marked it out, but I concluded
after leaving Mr. Parrish that I would only give him the little
bottom, and let him make arrangements with Catharine for
ground for his fence. However if you are disposed to favor

O you can in the deed call for the following courses which
will not take any land valuable to Catharine. Instead
of continuing the course of N 15 E from the Iron wood and beach
on the cut-off of the branch, say from the Iron wood & beach thence
No 39 at 11 1/2 poles to Blackoak & Hickory N 17 W 21 poles to a Black
oak thence N 31 E 32 poles to whit oak and poplar thence N 65 E 25
poles to a Beach, thence N 2 E to the creek thence down the same
with its various meanders to the beginning. This is meandering the
creek on ground high enough to save his fence from an overflow.

I do not regard this as a matter of much importance as it will
be difficult for him to keep water gaps over so large and swift a
~~stream~~ stream.

Amesbury June 29

Springville
June 29th 1869

Master Jack

I know you think you are troubled a great deal by receiving letters from different ones of us in reference to the land — but I beg leave to trouble you once more to ascertain whether you will object to my selling Mr. Briggs a small corner off the land allotted to me by so doing it will square us both and will not injure my land any — the corner contains about six (6) Acres —

63X13

His land and mine
both runs to a point
and by running this
line across it will
square both pieces -

It is a corner next
to the Bowers land.
He offers to pay the
Money for it.

But I will not sell
it without your
consent.

Your Obedient Servant
Osborn Bibb

Lansville May 20th 1870
Mr. J. B. Bibb
Frankfort Ky

Dear Sir

On reflection after examining your abstract
with regard to the disabilities of parties to assert
their rights ^{after} the death of Judge Bibb.

I come to the conclusion the 8 acres of
land might be recovered, it is undeniably a
compromising case so far as occupants are
concerned. My opinion is corroborated by
the best legal adviser of this City.

You will therefore send
me all the papers you can obtain referring
to the matter. If I meet with nothing
more discouraging than at present,
will be inclined to risk so much as
will be necessary to investigate it.

Please send in writing with
trust as you can in the premises.

Yrs Alth
J. H. Hays

ad dress me

J. H. Hays

Grayson Springs

Grayson County
Ky.

Haynes, about the 8000

Sent the deed to
the within land to
M. Haynes - The deed
is recorded in the
Bullitt Co. Court -
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Russellville, Ky.
December 8th /73.

I have no news of interest to tell you. The Methodists have just closed an interesting meeting with twenty five conversions - among whom was M^{rs} Lill Lyle, who, as you know, was considered a big sinner by the community.

Eliza is still in the country and comes in occasionally to visit Betty. I hear of no new arrangements being made for her, or any disposition on his part to send for her - I do not know whether he furnishes her with means or not.

We were disappointed by not seeing you last Fall. You must not do so again. Remember me to my relations and old friends and with many good wishes for your health and comfort,

I remain - Affectionately yours
Florence B. King

Dear uncle Jack; The "Toy for the children" arrived this morning "right side up", and the old man does not seem to have suffered any inconvenience from his trip - for after straightening and warming by a good fire, he applied himself to his accustomed work with a hearty good humor, which excited our amusement and approbation in the highest degree! He came after breakfast and the four older boys had gone to College; and for fear that the two younger ones might see, before we understood how he performed, John slipped him under his hat and hurried to the kitchen, I following.

and any one seeing us, might have guessed that mischief was brewing! -

The cook, a true African and counter-part to "Aunt Phebe" of old, had gone out after wood; on her return, she found her domicile invaded and ringing with our merry laughs - where upon she dropped her wood, fixed her arms kimbos and taking in the "conjugation", exclaimed "If I had a seed that thing, in here by myself, you would not have got any dinner out of me to-day!"

We are undecided, whether to exhibit this evening or wait till Christmas - John prophesies that I am too much of ~~an~~ a child my-self to defer the pleasure longer than our coming together, this evening.

I thank you for the pleasure that you have already afforded me, and also thank you most heartily for

the pleasure that is in store for them. It is very gratifying to me and doubly so to them - to know, that amidst the numerous cares and duties of every day life, that they are so affectionately remembered by their kind uncle in Frankfurt. All the relations are well as usual and all things move on in the same quiet old way - The gentlemen to the Farm, the ladies to the Sewing Machine and the children to school - And tho' the times are hard, and the gentlemen knit their brows and stroke their beards and wish "things would loosen" - yet we have plenty to eat, clothes to wear, good fires to warm us, and health and strength to perform our duties, live in peace with the world, enjoy love and harmony at home, and try not to repine for what we want, but thank Him for what we've had & have.

Russellville, Ky.
Sept 28th 1873.

Dear uncle Jack;

Brother returned last Friday and we all were delighted to hear, through him, so directly, of your good health and spirits.

We had already commenced looking forward to your annual visit with great pleasure and have no idea of being disappointed - so you must be sure to let us all have a peep at you after Conference is over and our little town returns to its usual quietude.

The box containing our presents came safely Saturday, and I was surprised beyond expression by so handsome and so unexpected a

present, and I know not how to thank you, sufficiently, for making me the recipient of so valuable a token of your remembrance.

I thank you in the sincerity of my heart, and I assure you I shall prize them, very highly.

When I look upon the elegant knives and forks, the beautiful spoons and salt-cellars, they bring to my mind the hospitality, the kindness and the liberality of their former owners, and there arises within me an earnest desire to imitate their example, that I, too, in my day and generation may have the love and respect of all, who know me, as they now and ever shall know.

I expect brother told you all the news concerning your old friends, as there is nothing left of interest for me to write.

My mother and all the family are well and send their love. Brother was delighted with his present too - and requests me to return his acknowledgments till he can do so him self.

Mr King and all the boys join in love to you. Remember me to all the relations, and again with many thanks for your kindness and many wishes for your continued good health and happiness -

Believe me to be

Your affectionate niece
Florence B. King.

Togon Court Ky May the 7 1873

Sir

I take the opportunity of
writing to you to let you
know that I am well at present
and hope this will find you
well I have sold the horse
shut to Mr James Buil and he
have let me have a mare
at 100 dollars if you will make
the deed to it the mare has a
fine Colt and it is worth
50 dollars but it did not cost me
every thing now if you will
make a deed too that and the
land is to stand as security
~~as~~ untill paid for the land is
now last year I lost all of
the corn that I raised in the
bottom before I could get it all
it out the Catel took the fence
and destroyed all of my corn
the 16 acres that I sold to
Mr Buil is very scarce of timber
there is not enough to fence
the land Mr Thorberg looked
out because he could not stand
up to the payments and if you
will make the deed to Mr Buil
he will pay all up but 150
and if you fail to make the deed
I am without a horse to raise
a crop this year he don't pay any more

This year I want to ask you for
some money but I hat to do it
& I wish for 15 dollars if you
possibly be so kind as to let me
have that little sum I will not ask you
for any more for two years or more
you have been very kind in what
you have all ready for us and
I feel under more obligations
then I can tell you nothing
more at present I am your humble
servant until death
Sylvia D. Gill

John B. Bibb

Sogan County Ky May ^{the 22} 1873

Dear Sir

I received your letter yesterday in
which you say that you do not
understand the several payments
to which I have sold the horse shoe
Mr James Buie have let me have
one mare at \$100 dollars he is to pay
~~20~~ \$250 in all and wants to pay 50
per year each payment the first
of April he thinks that he can pay
the intger debt this next April
if he has no bad luck but he wants
the three payments ^{as it} so he should have
have some bad luck ^{the} he has let
me ~~have~~ ^{take} the mare and have gone to
work on the land Mr Smith
misunderstand about the amount
that the mare cost ~~in the~~ Mr Buie only
charged me \$100 in the place of \$125
with leaves 150 and he wants three
payments each contains 50 now the
land is to stand as security
untill paid you will please to make
the deed and draw off a not to
the effect of what I have
written and I am yours
untill Death

Sylvia Bibb

I am thankful to you for
the money sent me it was
a great help it come in a good time
as to corn I have it all to by I would
have had more enough to have fed to

horses if all that I Rased
in the bottom feild had not
got destroyed before I could
get every one to hall it out
for sale I would have had
for the sold & cold horses
my own corn her is \$300 dollars
a round

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