

The Filson Historical Society

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Henry-Bacon family.
Papers, 1785-1988. 2.66 cu. ft.

Correspondence, 1860-1863

91x54,
92x21,
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30 items

Please tell me if I am not taxing
your time & patience too much.
where our family came from to America?
& all you know about them.
My Father had such a perfect
contempt, for persons whose only
claim to respectability was tacked
on to some body else. That he used
when we ever asked him any such
question, "Be thankful that you
know your own Father & Mother.
& make your own basket."

It would give us great pleasure
to see you Aunt Lucy or any of your
family at our house. Mr. U. often
speaks of the exceeding beauty of a
little Grand child of yours.

My sisters all join me in love
to you all. All our husbands
being business men, could not spare
the time to stay with us. Some came with
us & left & others will return for us. Hoping
you will pardon the trouble of my request
I remain your affectionate niece Lucy & Underwood.

Please direct your answer to
Bowling Green,
Ky. Saint-Louis.
June 1st /60.

My dear Uncle.
All of my
Father's children, except our only
brother who is at West Point
N. York - have had a reunion
here at our Brother in laws
Mr. J. J. Slaughters. It is the first
time we have all been together,
since our Mother's death, & the
meeting will ever be a green spot
in our memories.

On our stopping at
Louisville about two weeks ago,
we were with John Bell's family
of Tennessee. & they told us of Uncle
Gus's splendid speech at the
Baltimore Convention, &c &c.

Mr. Churmond got us a copy of
the Journal which contained the
speech. Of course all the
Whigs of our crowd were delighted
with it. My sister (Martha) & Mrs
George W. Foster) husband is a Democrat.
& we were travelling together.

But I write this letter to you
not to discuss Pollocks, but to
know something about my Fathers
family. I know who my Grand
Father, & Grand Mother ~~was~~ & that
is all on my Fathers side, & I know
about my Mothers relations.

We often have a grand son of
Patrick Henry's with us, named
Winston, ^{who says he is my relation.} & what a lively
District of Columbia during
three or four winters, we often
had visits from persons claiming
to be related to my Fathers family
& I always had to acknowledge
my entire ignorance of my blood

after my Grand Father Henry.
There is a Capt ^{James} Eades here, whom
we have known several years.
He says I am related to him
through his Mother, & that he &
The Henrys can trace their re-
lationship on through Old Patrick
to General Washington through his
Mother. Through him
we were allowed the privilege
of taking an artist to the
Abingdon House. The home of the
late G. W. P. Custis, of ~~Columbia~~
Virginia & taking copies of General
Washington's face when he was only
25 years old. This being said by his
family to be the best likeness of him
ever taken. It is a perfect likeness
of my Father & what I remember of
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1860

4th of July
Jefferson City *Territory*
Denver City

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Affct Your son JFH Jr.

*my grandfather never drank!
4 Ma.

Mountain City - Kansas Ty.
Sunday Aug. 19th 1860

Dear Ma

I believe I have written to all at home except perhaps yourself since my arrival in the mountains. I recd. the long letter of yours and Sister's about a week ago. From it I learned much that was going on at home. I wrote to Sister about two weeks ago since which time I have been too busy to wield a pen. Night before last the 1st U.S. Mail arrived. It is tri-weekly to Denver and weekly to this place. I hope it is a permanent institution tho' some doubt it. I will however send this letter by it. Please let me know of its arrival and the time it makes. When I last wrote you we were just about starting the Mill or had just started it. We ran a week, tho', but 5 or 6 hours a day. Making in all 60 hours and did not pay expenses. On Monday we started again but Tuesday Mor. part of our machinery broke and stopped everything. We had a prospect of a fair run and expected to do something better than the week before. The part of machinery broken was what is termed the Spur Wheel. Not another was to be procured in the mountains and no Foundry nearer than the Mo. River. So we set to work to mend the broken one. Which we were successful in doing tho' it took from Tuesday Mor. to last night. I think it is now stronger than when first turned out by Mr. Hendrie. However we cannot tell and have ordered another. When an accident occurs out here, you have to rely entirely upon your own ingenuty to remedy it, for nothing is to be had outside of your own stock. The Quartz Co. For whom we are crushing think had we not broken down the yield would have been a good one. We will get fairly to going tomorrow. Water is scarce and we have not been able to secure enough to keep the machine agoing, day and night but are now sinking another well which we think will furnish us with enough. Young, a carpenter from Burlington, Kentuck, and Garland took the contract for our mill building and have now up and partially roofed a very comfortable looking frame, about 25 by 35 in size. I say comfortable, but only prospectively so, for it is not yet enclosed. But any thing that has the shape of a house looks comfortable to us who have lived upon the road, out doors and in wagons for nearly 4 months. We have too the prospect of again sleeping indoors. The house we have had build is of logs 22 by 28, two stories high. It is not yet roofed in, nor has it been "chunked and daubed." Nothing further than to build the walls has been done, tho' we hope in two weeks to move in. It is situated upon our Mill lot, in the rear of the Mill very convenient to it. The plan is to have a door in the middle of the end (which is the front) leading into a store room, to the right of which is an office and back of the office a closet. This is separated from the Kitchen which is back of the whole, and has no connection with it except by a door for the Co's use in going to meals. From the Kitchen, stairs assend to the second story, which is divided into 3 rooms the larger one above the Kitchen for the cook and such hired men as we are compelled to keep. The front rooms are for the Co. In the office, or between the office and the closet of which I spoke there is to be a bed for the Secy that he may guard the diamonds, and gold and other valuables of the Burlington Crushing Co. - if they ever get any- Our bedstands will be of home manufacture and our chairs will be ~~stools~~ stools, made of pine blocks. Had we been able to get Army racks or stools or whatever they called, as Pa suggested they would be very serviceable now. Tho' I fear they would have been broken up before reaching the Mountains. Our wall will neither be plastered or papered, nor hung with fine engravings. They will be as is everything else out here, of pine.

This is certainly a "wooden county" don't you think so. Jno. White has built a smoke stack for our Mill that would do him credit had it been in his shop at home. Here he had nothing but a pine log to give it shape. Geo. Rand left this mor. for the Valley near Denver, where he will remain for a few weeks to try and regain his health, if not successful he will return to Burlington. I think you will hear of him there very shortly. He had better have "left well enough alone" and remained at what he was doing. I know had I been making anything more than a living there I would never have seen Pikes Peak as it is called in the States tho' Pikes Peak is a hundred miles from here. I however am satisfied to remain if we make money, and make it we will I think. It can be made here and others do it. Why not ~~we~~? My report of our next clean up will be somewhat more satisfactory and encouraging. I have no doubt. I saved a little of our first earnings to distribute among the folks at home. But until the mail is more regular I do not deem it safe to send it. We have never recd. a Hawkeye or paper of any kind. Send if you please a Gazette, that I may see if the H, Eye is sent or whether it is delivered here and sold by the P.M. to news Dealers, which I expect is the case as we hear of Hawkeyes in the mines, but get none ourselves. This week we have missed our regular letter from home, which is a privation for which there is no substitute, which as I said in my last, the less you put upon the envelope the better. I wrote to Flora last Sunday in reply to the letter I recd. from her at Reamey(?)² We will not send a train back this fall. As to the pockets etc. Sister asked about all right. I wish instead of check I had gotten all flannel shirts, nothing but thick clothing is useful here where we are now in the middle of August sleep under more cover than we do at home in mid winter. As to linen shirts I have not worn one since I left home and don't expect to till I leave the mountains. How is the health of Pa and yourself? Where has Pa his ~~office~~ now? Did Ridgely Graham come in time? Where is Mr. Robertson's ~~office~~? Give my love to Belle and ask her if she is ready to go to "Pikes Peak". Tell her she must get her wagon ready hitch in the old cow and when I come home I will show her how to drive hers. Our old cow followed all the way and we did not have any trouble in driving etc. Give love to sister, Sister Kate, Lucy, George and all and believe me affectionately your son J.F.H. Jr.

I do not suppose any of the little ones will forget me unless it be Nellie. How to make her remember me I don't know. Tell sister I would have written her a birthday letter had I not been engaged all the week. The Sunday before I did write to her.

Mountain City
Sunday Aug. 26th 1860

Dear Pa

The letters from home of 8th. inst were recd. yesterday mor. They the first we had recd. for two or three weeks. At the same time we got a Hawkeye the only paper we have recd. since we left the MoRiver. I wrote to Ma. last week by U.S. Mail. Your letters of the 8th came by it. I have now no further information to convey than in my last. You say you "have no doubt the gold is here, but it may cost more than it comes to to get it." This may be the case. I am not yet able to say it does or does not. Certain it is it costs nearly all it is worth. We have not yet cleaned up last weeks work. I think nearly all our teamsters will go home. Jno. Martin, Garland, Jack May, Dudley Hutchingson and Tom Henderson. The latter starts next Tuesday the 28th. He says he will be in Burlington. I send by him some specimens of Gold and Quartz. The first is a deminutive package. The latter makes a larger bundle, still of less value. In it there is also a Larriette which I got of an INdian on the plains, which I wish preserved. Also a pet which I caught and bottled, while on the Platte. That you might more easily distinguish between the Quartz, I put the several pieces in different papers and marked them.

- A. We do not know whether it is Iron, Copper, Telurium or what.
- B. Is from the Buwis Lead, pays about \$200 to the cord. Iron, Copper, and Gold are its components. Considered very pretty Quartz out here.
- C. is some of what we have been crushing from the Shanks Lead just above our mill on Quartz Hill as it is called. It is one of two kinds dug from the same hole. The shaft is I suppose 20 ft. deep.
- D. is the other of which there is much the most, yeilds \$40 to the cord.
- E. Is from the Stewart Lead. The dark is Blossom rock, which is found upon the surface indicating the location of the lead. It has been burnt at some past time and all the metal melted out and run into that below. The light is the Quartz below. This is the large bundle, We all have claims upon this lead. It is 5 miles from here, on Iowa Hill, Hawkeye Distance.
- F. is from Clay Co. lead, other ore mixed with it. The Gold is visiable in it. So much verdegris in it, that the Quicksilver will not take it up when crushed. Tho' very rich it is useless for the want of some means to separate the gold from the quartz. This is a present to me from the Proprietor, who we call "Old Windy" and I send on my individual acct. The balance is a joint collection of Dr. G. R. and myself.
- G. is from the Grinnell Lead, the best paying lead in the mountains at present, yeilds from \$200 to \$600 to the Cord. We have not been able to get any of the quartz to crush. So much iron with it that it is almost impossible to save the gold. The iron forming a coating over the mercury so that the gold will not amalgamate. Still it can be done.
- H. Specimen, not rich, from Sucker Lead just above us.
- I. Platte River Pebles for Ma to put upon her gravel walk
- J. The Bottled pet of which I spoke, this give to McClune with my respects etc.

I told Whom Henderson to go to your ~~office~~ and deliver the package, and also to take possession of my old room while he remained in Burlington. He can and will answer all questions you may profound. He expects to go through to the River in 20 days. Please show the specimens to Mc. and give him those marked for him. This is all the gold I have washed or panned, \$200 of that being from the mill. I would be glag could I say

when we will see you all again. Tell sister, now that the U.S. Mails is running, if I can stand it and the fare is reduced from \$75 to 25 by winter, I intend to take a Christmas and New Years dinner with her and be back in a week there after. Though this can not be done unless matters brighten up considerably. I would send some specimens to Sister Kate but "Capt. H." has some for that purpose. We just saved out enough to go round the two households. Part of the Quartz does belong to her. Jno White also sends some to his wife which may be left with you. It was a mistake about his going with Ray and C. I learn that Mrs. Remicks brother - Sy Cameron - will return in a few days. I have not seen him though he has been here.

We have not yet obtained water in the well we are digging. I have fed the stamp for two weeks and my hands are now as hard as if I had been a grannyman all my life. My back sometimes nearly gives out and my hands get blistered and harden, but I think of the reward that ought to be, if it is not in store and I persevere. There is sometimes a little sass-ing among all hands but I believe "Capt H. and myself get along better with one another and with each member of the Co. than any other one or two in it. The whole amount of it is they are not all quite of the right stripe and were never intended for the Rocky Mountains. Col. Backus and Whitney are very good on a Railroad, but they were very much mistaken when they formed the opinion that a Quartz Mill was a Locomotive. Jno. White is a first rate Tinner, can't be beat, but a Quartz Mill is not a Tin Shop. Geo. Rand is not worth the fodder he ate coming out and though for a time he was in poor health, when he was well he amounted to nothing. Suppose he is at the Mo.R. by this time. If he is not, I hope he will be soon. You may say or think that a Quartz Mill is not a Doctors Shop or Lawyers Office and maybe it isn't. I think likely.

Maybe Young- Father, Brother, or Husband of the Miss Youngs, in Mrs. Nealley's building will start for the States Monday week. A great many are leaving, some to return in the Spring and some never. Tell sister I don't know what I want in the clothing line or whether I want anything, and the prices are very high, freight from the States is 12½¢ making it cheaper to buy here than to have brought out. We are as she supposes located in a Gulch, low down as we could be, Mountains all around. Have not seen the sun set since we got within 75 miles of Denver and have not seen it rise since we came into the mountains. The location of the Mill is a bad one, and shows the poor judgment of Backus and Whitney. The former has that reputation at home, but we were not disposed to believe it then. It is certainly the most dreary and gloomy region I was ever in. Though if Money can be got, I could stand it.

I saw Mr. Berry yesterday, he looks badly, says he will stay all winter. Innes is on the Arkansas and so is Charlie who tho' he knows his Father is here has not been to see him. McDonald from the "Crystal Palace Livery is out here. L.P. Reed is about a ½ mile down the Gulch, surface mining. He says it pays. Morrison who used to team in Burlington is teaming here, Never have seen or heard of old man Hendricks.

There has been a new discovery near Ft. Larimie, said to be of astonishing richness, can't say. Charlie Berry wrote you remember that when a man passed the Mo. River he never again told the truth. Such verily seems to be the case. He lied and almost every one does out here. There are 23 Mills above us in the Gulch. Another went up a day or two ago. There are five below us, to the mouth and in Greggorys and adjoining Gulches, the first of which this runs into, there are about 75 or 100.

I saw some Tomatoes brought from the valley yesterday selling at \$1 per Dz. Potatoes 75¢ per lb. Cucumbers 10¢ a piece.

Tell sister I have no store, as Mr. Blakely reports. I wish I had. I never knew till your last letter that the colts werelost. How did it occur?

You perhaps hve an idea how great our trouble is with Mercury. In the first place it is not entirely pure, and then if a particle of grease be upon a pan, or on your fingers, or on the fingers of someone near by who does not know about it and like a Ninny sticks his fingers in, or if the lantern drops a little or the machinery spatters it, every thing is ruined and must be again purified. I notice a B. C. C. letter in the Hawkeye we got but do not see Mr. Blakely's Gulch Gold is worth \$2 per oz more than Retorted Gold here. Ours is said to be the finest retorted gold yet seen here, equal to coin and we are offered more at the Bank than anyone else. Speaking of the Bank the firm is Turner and Hobbs. A brother of Dr. Hobbs of Bloomington. With great love to all I am affectionately your son, Jno.F. H. Jr.

The Filson Historical Society

RETURN

J.F.H graduated from Law School ^{is going to}
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Colorado - He lived in Burlington Iowa
fought in civil war as Confederate soldier -

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Affct Your son JFH Jr.

104. the Father of the Flourmors of the second generation.
He had known my mother as a young girl in Prince Edward
County (Vt.) which adjoins Charlotte. After their marriage
they settled on North Elkhorn 11 miles from Lexington & my
Father became extensively engaged in building & operating Mills.
He was however in many Indian adventures and was Adjutant to
a Regiment in Wilkinson's Campaign against the Indians
of the South in 1791. He was in the Convention which formed the
second Constitution of Ky. & was often in the Legislature. On the
declaration of War in 1812 he submitted his name to the Gov^l
^{Secretary of War} but was not called into service until the fall of 1813, when
he was made Second in Command of Governor Shelby's mount-
ed Volunteers & was engaged in the Battle of the Thames
^{his good conduct in}
^{the} battle which he received the ~~highest~~ commendations of the
Commanding General (Harrison) & the thanks of Congress.
On his return from Canada, he was prostrated by a long ill-
ness ^{sickness} from which he never fully recovered & ^{died} during which my mother died: the victim of her devo-
t^{ion} and fidelity in nursing him. The next year, my only sister
my Sister, Patsy Caroline, died, and the whole household
being thus broken up, my Father sold his fine farm at
'Cherry Spring' & having been appointed by President Madison
Principal Assessor to the 3rd District of Ky. he spent
two or three years in discharging the duties of the office, mak-
ing his home in George Town & living alternately with his
sons, Robert & your Father. About the termination of
this arrangement, he married Betty Clark, an Ancient
Spinster, who ^{was} about the year 1818. very much to the surprise
of all parties, presented him with a son, James C. Henry
who died unmarried some ten or twelve years ago. The
'old Lady' as we called her, died in the year 1820 or thereabouts.

Burlington Iowa July 11. 1860

Mrs Lucy Underwood

My dear Aed.

I had commenced a Letter in res-
ponse to your Letter from St. Louis, when my Brother
Gustavus & my Sister Marion's arrival put it out of
my power to finish it. Since their departure, now three
weeks my engagements have been of a nature to pre-
vent my recurrence to the subject. I take great pleas-
ure in complying with your request for information
about our ancestors, for although there may be little
to excite our pride, there is nothing to cause the blush
of shame in reference to them. Your Father's view of
these matters was very nearly right. There can be nothing
more contemptible, than that pride of birth, which sets its
whole claim to respect, on the fame & merits of those who
have gone before us. But although every ^{person} ~~body~~ should stand
on ^{his} ~~its~~ own pedestal, I see no reason why we should not rejoice
in the affinity or blood relationship of great & good men &
noble & virtuous women. I am therefore disposed to give

give you all the information in my possession, on the subject of your Letter.

My Paternal Grand Father was the Rev. Robert Henry, who came from Scotland about the year 1745. He was from Campbellton on the South West Coast; & belonged to Argyllshire. Whether he had any thing to do in the troubles of that period, I have no means of knowing. He graduated at Princeton in the year 1757. - He was licensed to preach by the Synod of New-York & sent as a Missionary to Virginia in '52 or '53. He was the associate in that enterprise of the great Samuel Davis, John Todd, Craigheads, and others of that stamp. He is repeatedly mentioned with high commendation by J. P. N. Fosta in his Sketches of the Presbyterian Church in Virginia, who says he had much to do in moulding public opinion in the Old Dominion. He settled in what subsequently became the County of Charlotte, where he shortly afterwards married the Widow Caldwell; whose only Daughter, in due season married Col. Prout, a Gentleman of great promise & ardent patriotism, whose early death, before the Revolution ended, cast a gloom on the prospects of our Family. - The Caldwell's gave name to their Settlement, & was the Family from which John Caldwell Calhoun sprang on the Mother's side. & thus we were connected with him by affinity, though not by blood. The descendants of Mrs Prout: my Father's half sister & who afterwards married Abram Sublette, & removed from Virginia to Green County Ky were however blood relations. Rev. Robt. Henry died in 1767 leaving five Sons & two Daughters, all of whom in infancy. My Grand Mother, whose maiden name was Jean Johnson, survived him about 30 years. The youngest Daughter, Sally, married at

my Father's house, Abram Doorn of Mercer County, Ky. & soon died leaving one Daughter Jane, who married Lee M. Speake of a Maryland Family. - ^{Her} Daughter is married to the Rev. Mr. McKee a distinguished & rising Presbyterian Minister of Louisville Ky. The other Daughter of my Grand Father married but had no issue. - Of the Sons Samuel, the eldest, died unmarried, about the year 1783. - Daniel, the next, married in Lycer County Ky the widowed Daughter of Capt Tho. Smith my Uncle died in Christian County about the year 1823. leaving a Daughter & Son. His Widow still lives, but is married to Edmond Bacon of Wiffenaty. The Daughter married Tho. Haguen Esq & has been long dead. She left two or three children, one of whom I have understood is married to a son of John P. Campbell of Hopkinsville - John Todd Henry, the youngest son of Rev. Robt. Henry died in Scott about the year 1826. He left a large family, all of whom removed to Boone County Missouri, where they got away highly respected, & in comfortable circumstances. His Widow "Aunt Sally" died only about six months since aged 78 or 80. - My Father, William Henry entered the Army of the Revolution at an early age ^{as a Volunteer} & he was in the battle of Guilford as a Private Soldier. He never rose above that condition, as in the fall of the same year, 1781 he came to Kentucky with his eldest Brother Samuel. He fought bravely at Guilford as all did, for there was a determined effort to wipe out the disgraceful scars of Camden. He settled, at first, in Lincoln County, with the Caldwell's, his hereditary friends. - In 1785 ^{or} he married my Mother Elizabeth Julia Flournoy, daughter of old Elzethers Flour ^{man}

+ My Father died in Christian in the Fall of 1824. - 63 years
 of age. When I think of the purity in which he commenced life &
 his limited Education, & the insurmountable resolution with which he
 met & overcame difficulties, rising constantly in the estimation of
 all good men, until he was, & bore & patrician a man as Genl
 Shelby conferred on him the Commission of a Major General
 and assigned him a command second to himself, I am led to
 admire the manly qualities he displayed; and at the same time
 to acknowledge with shame, that none of his sons, distinguished
 & honorable as some of them have been, have done as much
 correspondingly to elevate their names & families. He was one
 of the most amiable of men; strictly honest in all his transac-
 tions & just to each one of his children, giving to each the kind
 of Education he desired & dealing out his favors with an equal
 hand. I have understood that he was a fine Public School
 & that Genl Drake of the Army Genl of the 1st Regt was had kept him
 to study Law, but the care & responsibility of a large family & his
 unsequenced diffidence prevented his carrying it in a new career.

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a few weeks since, I received a very well written Letter from Albert (the first he ever wrote ^{to any kin or}) which I have answered encouragingly: I have been anxious for them to go on the Public Lands and make farms: but they are attached to their Mother & cling around her. I think they will come out, some day, but their experience of life is quite a hard one. I offered to Educate Robert, but he was restless & unsteady & did not desire it. I think the habits of both are good. As they are the sole survivors of my Brother Robert, an elegant & highly accomplished Gentleman, I have greatly desired their advancements; and as they are very nearly related to you, their Father having been a double Cousin, I commend them to your liberality & Kindness.

Your Father was named Matthews Winston. Matthews after his Grand Father & Uncle Flomney, the first of whom was so called in honor of a Dr. Matthews who had been a friend of the Family. I have been anxious to get the true Spelling of the name & at one time thought it was Mattheis, that being a French termination; but on searching old documents in my possession, I find it is Matthews, not Mattheis. - Winston was given on account of some relationship to the Winstons of Va - the nature of which I have forgotten if I ever knew. - We are not nearly related to old Patrick Henry: so my Father often told me. He knew the "Founts born Demosthenes" as Bygon called him, for they lived in the same County & were neighbors. & on comparing notes, they found there was a relationship, but so far off, that they could not trace it. "But what matters it?"

"Old Patrick" could not impart any of his greatness to his own children, and why should we then boast of being of kin? We are independent branches of a common root, far back in the records of time, of whom nothing more can be said than that "there was a man"! - If we rely on the Winston name, we can only Cousin with Patrick Henry's wife, and of her, I have heard any thing remarkable. Dr. Rich^d. J. Banet formerly of Green County Ky & recently of S. Louis Mo. & who died here within the last two months, asked me, how we came by the Winston in our name? & curiously enough, he claimed relationship with the Winstons of Va and had actually nursed his youngest son, now ^{only} two years old "Winston". - The perpetuation of the same name in different families like similar words in cognate languages, shows an identity of origin, tho' the links of the lineage may have been long forgotten. My Brother Gustavus was said by some ardent delegate at Baltimore to be a grandson of Pat: rick Henry & altho' both he & my Brother Patrick assured Gentlemen that the claim was unfounded, the Reporters for effect, perpetuated the statement. For political purposes he may be a grandson, for in eloquence he is his equal, if not his superior; but I, his full brother, boast a nobler origin. As to being related to Genl. Washington, it is something like the claim which the Peggler made of being of kin to the Emperor Maximilian of Germany - "When asked how?" he replied, "We are all descended from Adam: The Emperor gave him a penny & told him, if all his relations

would be equally generous, he would be the richest man in
Christendom. - As to Capt James East, I never heard of the name
in connexion with our Family: but of course, when so many
are linked in there is no telling. - The best rule, perhaps, is
to do like Goldsmiths Parson, of whom it is said, that
many "claimed kindred there & had their claim allowed".
These still live in your ^{own} neighborhood a real stepson of
Patrick Henry - Patrick Henry, Madison. - He is "near of kin"
but if what I hear be true, there is no honor in talking about
it. - "Honor & shame from no condition rise; did I tell you
part, there all the honor lies!"

But I have wandered from my theme. - My
mother's family came to Virginia from Geneva. - They were
Hugonots driven from ^{France} Europe by the revocation of the Edict
of Nantes. - There were three Brothers, some of the Descend-
ants of all of whom I have seen. - My Grand Father Flou-
roy married Mrs Smith, a widow with three children
one of whom married Capt John Dabney, who settled
near Franklin Jan. & left a large progeny. My Grand mo-
ther's maiden name was Pryor, whence the name is our family.
She was one of six or seven daughters & several sons. The
daughters married respectively to McNeill, Womack
Hill Perkins & others whose names have escaped my
memory. - Some of these are truthfully represented by Malcolm
McNeill of Tenn. or Mississippi, a man of great wealth &
of a very estimable character. & also, as I suppose by Mr Hill
of Georgia (but this is conjectural like the genealogy of the
Republican Candidate Mr Lincoln) - The Brothers of my

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afterwards. - My mother had thirteen children four
daughters and nine sons. The daughters all died in infancy
none surviving two years, except Patsy Caroline, who died at the
age of sixteen. Of the sons, one died in infancy and eight
grew to manhood, married and left children. My
eldest Brother Robert Pryor Henry died as you know in
1826, whilst a member of Congress. He left four Boys. Al-
bert, Robert Pryor, Gabriel & Marcus. - The last died,
if I mistake not, at your Father's Robert died unmarried
in the Island of Annacoa. Gabriel married in Hindes
County, Mississippi, & had one daughter, who died some
years or so after her Father, the mother having died a year
or so before. Albert married a Miss Donner, a very
good woman, as I think, but entirely without Education
and very poor. She still lives, & has married again
Albert died near Galena, but his wife & children now live
about 40 miles East of this place. He left, I think, three
children, one of whom died in infancy. - The eldest
Robert Donner, is a Cripple, and is very lame. The young-
est, Albert, is now 19 years of age. They are amiable
well disposed boys, but not very enterprising. They have some
Education. Robert works on a farm as a 'hard hand'
and teaches 'Writing School' of nights. He seems entirely
satisfied with his proficiency in Penmanship, and being
now 21 years of age, he wants to get married & wrote to
me to that effect some six or eight months ago. I urged
him to postpone his marriage until he was able to sup-
port a family, which he seems disposed to do. They have
both been to see me, within the last two months & only

if any of it be found come from the Plomney's down temporary came to us very legitimately from all our Ancestors. You see we are the blooded product of the Scotch Presbyterian & the General Refugee & the English Cavalier. - Who could desire a higher origin?

I am sorry I can give you but little information about your Mother's family. Your Grand Mother Pitts was a Daughter of the Rev^d Elijah Craig, a Baptist Clergyman, who with his Brothers came at an early day from Va. They were busily concerned in Land Operations. - Your Grand Father, Jacob Pitts, commenced life very poor; made a large fortune by Merchandize and General Trade; but by reverses lost it all & died in great destitution. His brother, Younger Pitts was more careful or more successful, & left a good Estate, which I understand has been added to by his Children; some of whom are still about George Town.

If there is any thing about our Ancestry to be proud of, it should inspire us with the laudable ambition to emulate their good deeds, & to shun or resist the temptations which ^{engage} led them astray. No man in our Country can put up any claim of birth. - We cannot ^{transmit} our fortunes with certainty to our Children, but a good name we can give them & ordinarily we can communicate good principles, for such is the order of Providence & such is the sure promise of holy writ, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" - Let us owe in this & leave "endless generations" to those who have no other claim to honor.

Excuse this gossiping Letter - Much of it I have written for my own gratification; much of it because I thought you would be pleased with the reminiscence of our Family. - That your Letters may add to the womanly & Christian characteristics of your sex & that your sons may ^{give} additional lustre to your Honored Name is the sincere Prayer of your Uncle John Plomney Henry

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Grandmother resided in Va. and from one of them Roger A. Pryor, so famous as a Duelist, sprang. - Since I composed this Letter, I have seen a Gentleman ^{at my house} who has some Pryor Blood in his veins, who said, that the Pryors were the descendants of a Commissioner or Judge, who came to be ^{the} in George the 1st or 2^d. Whether this family can trace their lineage to Matthew Pryor, the Post and Ambassador of Queen Anne's reign, I do not know; & if they could, as is highly probable, I have some doubts whether the relationship would be very creditable to them. - There is one peculiarity running through the whole Pryor race, that I have seen or heard of - They are all fond of Horse, & more or less addicted to the sports of the turf. - An anecdote of my Grand Mother Plomney may interest you, as it shows ^{her} blood. - In the darkest hour of the Revolution, when Benedict Arnold was overrunning Virginia & exciting the Sons to insurrection & all its horrid atrocities, my Grand Mother learned that her Slaves were about to rebel. - They had appointed a time when all the White Males ^{were} from home. Nothing daunted, she armed herself with a loaded Muskett and marched eight or ten to their gathering. - Told them what she knew & that she would shoot down the first who disobeyed her. - She then ordered the mischief-makers to go to the Cellar, which was the only place she could use as a temporary Prison. He knowing her resolution & fearing that he might be the first victim fallen by, but promptly obeyed. - She then ordered one & another to follow, until she had deprived them of all their Leaders, when she dismissed the disheartened crowd

to their Cabins. She kept guard over her prisoners until relief came, from abroad or until her husband or long returned. She was a true Heroine. - I barely remember her. - But my mother often speaks of her. - She was as gentle & kind in heart as she was brave in war. - A true Christian. She died triumphing in the victory of faith over death.

When I was a student of Medicine, I remember to have seen at my Father's, Dr. David Floumoy of Va. He had travelled extensively in Europe, a greater distinction at that day, than to visit the Great Mogul, or the Empire of Turkey, or to be at the Paris Conference, and among other communications, I remember his telling us, that when in Geneva, he paid a visit to a Mons. Floumoy, who had been made a Prefect by the first Napoleon. He was of course a man of some note. He had descended from a Brother, who remained at home, when the others fled to America. Dr. David Floumoy was very agreeable & highly accomplished. He sang well, and told anecdotes with great gusto. - I presume Thos. S. Floumoy, the Know Nothing Candidate for Governor of Va. is his son.

To sum up. My Grand Father Henry was a man of vigorous mind, somewhat ^{eccentric} rough in his manners; of great piety, but of strong temper and very excitable. He was highly acceptable to the African element & gathered a very large Church of white, & Black, at Cub Creek (the Sunday) when he labored and when he was bound. He was a man of great humor, and as he preached extempore this quality often cropped out in his sermons. From him undoubtedly this propensity, which was & is very striking in some members of our Family was derived. His Hebrew Bible is now in the Library of the Seminary at Princeton, having been presented by his Widow to Dr. Archibald Alexander and by him to the Library referred to. Dr. Alexander was one of his immediate successors at Cub Creek Church. & in his Letters refers to our Grand Father as a Pious & good

man, but rough in his manners & speech. It is remarkable, that as the first Alexander commenced his preaching in the field planted by our Grand Father, to his son Dr. W. Alexander lately dec'd. first put on the Gospel Armour in the same Country Church, & his son Mr. Henry C. Alexander is now preaching to the Grand Children & Great Grand Children of our Grand Father's flock. I had a Letter from Col. Francis F. Gaines of the same Church & Congregation, some five or six years ago, and the tradition of the Congregation still treasures with anecdotes & reminiscences of the Rev. Dr. Henry, now deceased almost a century. If I could select my Grand Father, I would sooner choose the First Pastor of the humble Cub Creek Church, than Old Patrick with all his Revolutionary & oratorical honors, ^{laurels & laurels} blooming on his brow. - Of the Floumoy stock you know something.

Perhaps you may not admire every thing about it. I do not myself. But they had great energy, great quickness of mind. high temper, not always, I might say not often controlled by reason. Some of them however were the very soul of honor and the residence of high & noble principle. & my Mother. how can I speak of her without remembering all her noble & unselfish conduct. her love & devotion to us, a set of rough rude boys - who without her fostering care might have been cast as wrecks on the shores of time! Coming from a French stock, they excelled in conversational powers, but their pride & envywardness often interfered with, or prevented their acquiring great control over the sympathies of the People. - I think they may be called the Steam Power of our Family. - We are thought to have derived our family derived persons from the Poyor stock, but our six foot propensity came from the Caledonian, from whom also we received whatever of humor we may have. Our first

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situated upon our mill lot, in the rear
of the mill & very convenient to it. The plan
is to have a door in the middle of the end (which
is the front) leading into a storeroom, to the right
of which is an office & back of the office a
closet. This is separated from the kitchen
which is back of the whole. There is no connection
with it except by a door, for the Co's use
in going to meals. From the kitchen stairs
ascend to the second story, which is divided
into 3 rooms the large one above the kitchen
for the cook & snow hired men as we are
compelled to keep. The two front rooms are
for the Co. In the office, or between the office

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guard the diamonds, gold & other valuables
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Our bedsteads will be of home manufacture
& our chairs will be stools, made of pine blocks.
Had we been able to get Army oaks or stools
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they would be very serviceable now. Tho' I
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I have built a smoke stack for our mill that
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Mountain City - Kansas Ty.
Sunday Aug. 19th 1860

Dear Ma

I believe I have written to all at home except perhaps yourself since my arrival in the mountains. I recd. the long letter of yours and Sister's about a week ago. From it I learned much that was going on at home. I wrote to Sister about two weeks ago since which time I have been too busy to wield a pen. Night before last the 1st U.S. Mail arrived. It is tri-weekly to Denver and weekly to this place. I hope it is a permanent institution tho' some doubt it. I will however send this letter by it. Please let me know of its arrival and the time it makes. When I last wrote you, we were just about starting the Mill or had just started it. We ran a week, tho', but 5 or 6 hours a day. Making in all 60 hours and did not pay expenses. On Monday we started again but Tuesday Mor. part of our machinery broke and stopped everything. We had a prospect of a fair run and expected to do something better than the week before. The part of machinery broken was what is termed the Spur Wheel. Not another was to be procured in the mountains and no Foundry nearer than the Mo. River. So we set to work to mend the broken one. Which we were successful in doing tho' it took from Tuesday Mor. to last night. I think it is now stronger than when first turned out by Mr. Hendrie. However we cannot tell and have ordered another. When an accident occurs out here, you have to rely entirely upon your own ingenuity to remedy it, for nothing is to be had outside of your own stock. The Quartz Co. for whom we are crushing think had we not broken down, the yield would have been a good one. We will get fairly to going tomorrow. Water is scarce and we have not been able to secure enough to keep the machine agoing, day and night but are now sinking another well which we think will furnish us with enough. Young, a carpenter from Burlington, Kentuck, and Garland took the contract for our mill building and have now up and partially roofed a very comfortable looking frame, about 25 by 35 in size. I say comfortable, but only prospectively so, for it is not yet enclosed. But any thing that has the shape of a house looks comfortable to us who have lived upon the road, out doors and in wagons for nearly 4 months. We have, too, the prospect of again sleeping indoors. The house we have had build is of logs 22 by 28, two stories high. It is not yet roofed in, nor has it been "chunked and daubed." Nothing further than to build the walls has been done, tho' we hope in two weeks to move in.. It is situated upon our Mill lot, in the rear of the Mill very convenient to it. The plan is to have a door in the middle of the end (which is the front) leading into a store room, to the right of which is an office and back of the office a closet. This is separated from the Kitchen which is back of the whole, and has no connection with it except by a door for the Co's use in going to meals. From the Kitchen, stairs ascend to the second story, which is divided into 3 rooms the larger one above the Kitchen for the cook and such hired men as we are compelled to keep. The front rooms are for the Co. In the office, or between the office and the closet of which I spoke there is to be a bed for the Secy that he may guard the diamonds, and gold and other valuables of the Burlington Crushing Co. - if they ever get any- Our bedstands will be of home manufacture and our chairs will be ~~of~~ stools, made of pine blocks. Had we been able to get Army racks or stools or whatever ^{they} called, as Pa suggested they would be very ^{use}veable now. Tho' I fear they would have been broken up before reaching the Mountains. Our walls will neither be plastered or papered, nor hung with fine engravings. They will be as is everything else out here, of pine.

This is certainly a "wooden county" don't you think so. Jno. White has built a smoke stack for our Mill that would do him credit had it been in his shop at home. Here he had nothing but a pine log to give it shape. Geo. Rand left this mor. for the Valley near Denver, where he will remain for a few weeks to try and regain his health, if not successful he will return to Burlington. I think you will hear of him there very shortly. He had better have "left well enough alone" and remained at what he was doing. I know had I been making anything more than a living there I would never have seen Pikes Peak as it is called in the States tho' Pikes Peak is a hundred miles from here. I however am satisfied to remain if we make money, and make it we will I think. It can be made here and others do it. Why not we? My report of our next clean up will be somewhat more satisfactory and encouraging, I have no doubt. I saved a little of our first earnings to distribute among the folks at home. But until the mail is more regular I do not deem it safe to send it. We have never recd. a HawkEye or paper of any kind. Send if you please a Gazette, that I may see if the H, Eye is sent or whether it is delivered here and sold by the P.M. to news Dealers, which I expect is the case as we hear of HawkEyes in the mines, but get none ourselves. This week we have missed our regular letter from home, which is a privation for which there is no substitute, which as I said in my last, the less you put upon the envelope the better. I wrote to Flora last Sunday in reply to the letter I recd. from her at Reamey(?) We will not send a train back this fall. As to the pockets etc. Sister asked about all right. I wish instead of check I had gotten all flannel shirts, nothing but thick clothing is useful here where we are now in the middle of August sleep under more cover than we do at home in mid winter. As to linen shirts I have not worn one since I left home and do not expect to till I leave the mountains. How is the health of Pa and yourself? Where has Pa his office now? Did Ridgely Graham come in time? Where is Mr. Robertson's office? Give my love to Belle and ask her if she is ready to go to "Pikes Peak". Tell her she must get her wagon ready, hitch in the old cow and when I come home I will show her how to drive here. Our old cow followed all the way and we did not have any trouble in driving etc. Give love to sister, Sister Kate, Lucy, George and all and believe me affectionately your son J.F.H. Jr.

I do not suppose any of the little ones will forget me unless it be Nellie. How to make her remember me I don't know.

Tell sister I would have written her a birthday letter had I not been engaged all the week. The Sunday before I did write to her.

Mountain City Sunday Aug 30th 1860

Dear Pa.

The letters from home of 8th inst were recd yesterday mor. They the first we had recd for two or three weeks. At the same time we got a Hann & Ryer The only paper we have recd since we left the Mt. River. I wrote to Ma, last week by the U.S. Mail. Your letters of the 8th came by it. I have now no further information to convey than in my last. You say you "have no doubt the gold is here but it may cost more than it comes to to get it." This may be the case. I am not yet able to say it does or does not. Certain it is it cost ~~some~~ ~~by~~ all it ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~. We have not yet cleaned up last weeks work. I think nearly all our teamsters will go home. Bro Martin Garland, Bro May, Hudley Hutchinson & Tho. Henderson. The latter starts next Tuesday the 28th. He says he will be in Burlington. I send by him some specimens of Gold & Quartz. The first is a demure package. The latter makes a larger bundle, still of less value. In it there is also a Larriette which I got of an Indian on the Plains, which I wish preserved. Also a pet which I caught & bottled.

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that below. The light is the Quartz
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have claims upon this lead. It is 5"

miles from here, on Iron Hill, Hart Edge
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quickfilver will not take it up when
crushed. Tho' very rich it is useless
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the gold from the quartz. This is a
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we call "Old Windy". I send on
my individual acct. The balance
is a joint collection of Mr. H. H. myself

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yields from \$200 to \$400 to Cord.
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any of the quartz to assay. So much
iron with it that it is almost impossible
to save the gold. The iron forming a coating
over the mercury, so that the gold will
not amalgamate. Still it can be done.

H Specimen, not rich, from Sucker Lead
just above as

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upon her gravel wash

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this give to Mr. Leary with my
respects, &c,

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& deliver the package & also to take
possession of my old room while
he remained in Burlington. He
can & will answer all questions
you may be found. He expects
to go through to the River in 20 days.
Please, show the specimens to Mr.
& give him those marked for him.
This is all the gold I have washed
or panned, \$200 of that being from
the mill. I would be glad I could
say when we will see you all again.
Tell Sister now that the U.S. mail is running.
If I can stand it & the fare is reduced
from \$50 to 25 by winter, I intend
to take at Christmas & New Year dinner
with her & be back in a week then
after. This cannot be done unless
matters brighten up very considerably.
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to Sister Kate but "Capt. H." has some
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households. Part of the Quartz does
belong to her. Mr. White also sends
some to his wife which may be left
with you. It was a mistake about
his going with Ray & Co. I know that
Mrs. Remick's brother - Si Cameron - will return
in a few days. I had not seen him, tho he has been here

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 the mill or in digging - I have fed the
 stamps for two weeks & my hands are now
 as hard as if I had been a quarryman
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 out & my hands get chattered & hardened but
 I think of the reward that ought to be,
 if it is not in store I prefer none.
 There is sometimes a little jarring among
 all hands but I believe "Capt H." & myself
 get along better with one another & with
 each member of the Co. than any other
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 of it is they are not all quite of the
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 they formed the opinion that a Quartz
 Mill was a Locomotive. Mr. White
 is a first rate trimmer, can't be beat
 But a Quartz Mill is not a Finshop.
 Mr. Rand is not worth the fodder
 he ate coming out & thro' for a time
 he was in poor health, when he was
 well he amounted to nothing.
 Suppose he is at the mill
 by this time. If he is not I hope
 he will be soon. You may say

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or think that a Quartz Mill is not
a Doctors Shop or Lawyers Office,
I maybe it ain't. I think likely-
Young, Falls, Grotter or Husband
of the Miss Youngs, in Mrs Kealley's
Building will start for the States
Monday week. A great many are
leaving. Some to return in the Spring
& some never. Tell Sister I don't
know what I want in the clothing
line or whether I want any thing,
It's prices are very high, freight
from the States is 12 1/2¢, making
it cheaper to buy here than to have
it bro't out. We are as old folks
located in a much lower domain
we could be, Mountains all around,
Have not seen the sun set since
we got within 75 miles of Denver &
have not seen it rise since we
came into the mountains. The
location of the mill is a bad
one & shows the poor judgment
of Backus & Whitney. The former
has that reputation at home but
we were not disposed to believe
in there. It is certainly the most
dreary & gloomy region I was ever in. If
money can be got I could stand it

I saw Mr Berry yesterday, he looks
badly, says he will stay all
winter, James is on the Arkansas
& so is Charlie who tho' he knows
his father is here has not been
to see him. Mr. McDonald from the
"Crystal Palace Mine" is out here.
J. P. Reed is about a 1/2 mile down
the gulch, surface mining. He says
it pays, Morrison who used to team
in Burlington is teaming here, there
has been a lead of old Man Hendricks.

There has been a man deceiving near
St. Lawrence, said to be of astonishing
richness, can't say. Charlie Berry
note you remember that when a
man passed the Mt. Pine he never
again told the truth, such a story
seems to be the case, He lied &
almost every one else does out
here, There are 23 Mills above us
in the Gulch, Another went up a
day or two ago, There are five below
us, to the mouth of the Gifford's & adjoining
Gulches, the first of which this runs into,
there are about 75 or 100.

I saw some Tomatoes bro't from
the Valley yesterday selling at \$1 for 100.
Potatoes 75¢ per lb., Cucumbers 10¢ apiece

Full sister I have no stone, as
Mr Blakeley reports, I wish
I had I never knew till your
last letter that the colts were
lost, How did it occur.
You perhaps have an idea how great
our trouble is with Mercury. In the
first place it is not entirely true,
& then if a particle of grease be
upon ~~a~~ hair, or on your fingers, or
on the fingers of some one near by
who does not know about it like a
Cunning sticks his fingers in, or
if the lantern drops a little or the
machinery spatters it, every thing
is ruined & must be again
purified. I receive a B.C.C.
letter in the Star & Eye we get
our do not see Mr Blakeley's.
Welch Gold is worth \$2 for \$3
more than Retorted Gold here
ours is said to be the finest retorted
gold yet seen here, Equal to Coin &
we are offered more at the Bank
than any one else, The King of the Bank
The firm is Turner & Hobbs, a brother of
Mr Hobbs, of B. looking to. With great
love to all I am affly your son Mr. F. A. H.

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I plan to drive to Central City soon & try to locate these places - The Gregory place is still there also Quartz Hill -

The Filson Historical Society

Sturminster Nov 1. 1860.

My dear Sir.

Altho' I think you are in my debt for a very long, but I fear, not a very pleasant or encouraging letter, some six or eight months ago, I have concluded to address you on a subject of great interest to me, in which I would have the hope, that you can assist me effectively.

My son John, after graduating at the Tennessee Law school, some 18 months ago, determined that he would not go to the Bar, in consequence of his invincible diffidence, constituting, as he thought, an insuperable obstacle to his success in the Law.

This, tho' an apprehended state of things, created in my mind, a great disappointment: and I know not what to do with any certainty. After cogitating many schemes of life, I yielded to his desire to go to Pike's Peak, from which he has just returned, disappointed & dejected; but anxious to engage in any honest pursuit, which would afford

present support and a reasonable prospect of future
comfort & respectability.

The dream of his life has been the Mercantile
business, for which he seems to think he has a fitnes.
But he has no knowledge & no experience of trade,
and even if I were able to start him in that
line of business, it would be extremely unsafe
for him to embark in it, without a proper training.
Now the great favour I have to ask of you is to get
him a situation in some office in Louisville, of high
repute for honesty & integrity, in which he could thor-
oughly learn the business. He writes a fine business
hand, is a good accountant & Book Keeper & has
a fondness for such matters. He is scrupulously
truthful & honest, & has no bad habits, except a
fondness for the Cigar. - He is industrious and capa-
ble of undergoing any amount of labour. I feel a
confidence, that he would satisfy the demands of
any reasonable employer, & that he would soon be-
come a valuable assistant to any such.

Or if a clerkship in a Bank could
be obtained, where he could rise, according
to his merit, it would be adaptable both to him & myself.

Let me know what you still think about Gay -
What of Pike Peak + more of yourself. With
great love to your father & sister Kate I am
affectionately yours
J. H. Amory Jr.

Granby 14th Apr. 1861.

Dear Pa

Your kind & affectionate letter of
Apr. 1st was welcomed on the 9th. I was
glad to hear from you all & of your con-
tinued good health. It is needless to
say that I was greatly disappointed that
you did not agree with me in my prefer-
ence for the situation at Gay's to this one.
I had settled down to the belief that
you would think as I did about it, hence
the disappointment was greater. For had
your letter conveyed a contrary opinion
I would start to morrow for Burlington.
I am however willing to conform to the
opinion you have expressed, if you still
retain it, & remain here. I wrote "Dorc" as
soon as I rec'd his letter saying I was
willing to undertake the P.P. trip if it was
necessary, tho' I had much rather he would
go. I prefer that he should because I
expect the mill is sold or mortgaged & there
will be difficulty & expense about it which
difficultly he can manage better than I & which
expense I am not able to meet. For that matter

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The country is in a prostrate condition & it may be 1821. I have no means to prepare an outfit.

Please advise me about this.

My position here is an unpleasant one in many respects & time as yet has not made it any less so. My relations & associations are so too with the exception of Taylor, who is a very clever young man & as good a companion as I could expect to find in any fellow-clerk. It is not necessary to go over the unpleasant occurrences at Guds house. I am compelled through policy to board there for a short time at least, but I have it positively understood that I pay board at the same prices paid by others, & tomorrow is pay day. I have just been in Berneys employ 1 month & have at least got enough to do that I enclose to you the \$5. which I promised to, of the \$15, which you ~~first~~ furnished me at starting, with the same kindness & generosity you have always manifested to me, even tho. it was your last cent & deprived you of necessaries or conveniences which your comfort demanded, much that you have given me has been foolishly or needlessly wasted, & had it but added to your comfort or my worldly advancement I would not now give over it. I thank you for it, & for this, you shall have all as soon as I can earn it.

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 know. I suppose he came to the terminus of the R.R.
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 300 miles in a little less than 3 days. This is pretty
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 as Chief of Blom Co's. How long Mr. Blom will be gone
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 in Freds. Moore is not the key man. ~~He~~ spoke of
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 to fill is a cell in some Insane Asylum.
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^{free} away from the air of Franby in somebody's
 society. But I doubt whether she would like
 Mr. Mo, & I do not think you or Ma would
 If I was located more pleasantly or in a
 more pleasant place I would ask for
 nothing more than to have you & Ma
 & Flora with me. & Sister Kate & Sister
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 If the fates, which you always bear against me
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 will you be time to talk of this. What decision
 has Mr. Robert made arrived at? Has he heard
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This note died in the mail before I could get it to you. I have not been able to go

detain most much longer in St Louis
than he expected. Troubles seem
not to come singly & soon follow
to having his full share
now. The blockade at Cairo
has exhausted the Coffee market
almost of St Louis. There
will soon be out of
sells here at 25¢ per lb
Powder \$100, shot 50¢ being
strong else in proportion.

Internal war & domestic
strife are carried on ~~often~~
these premises with a vigor
which Mr Lincoln & his cabinet
might envy. I hope to get
out of the way soon &
then tho I may know
that it is going on I will
not be a witness of it
which is worse than if I could
take part for it is all I
can do to keep the war spirit
from infecting me occasionally.
When I see an injustice done,
I hope Pa is well & well in
good health. Give my love
to Sister Sister Kate & Flora

Belle & George
I'll send I took
off this letter to lighten it. I also I took
to save I sent it to you, I send the envelope
next time, I explained in my last letter how
I came by it. I read on to the Union or at
Grand St. I wish the future is my holy name

I am sorry Aunt has left you
she must be visited, with great
love I am off to you in St. Louis
Granby Ind. 26th May 1861

Dear Ma
I have written home several
times recently but still I hope I
do not force too many letters upon
you. I stated the report in my last that
we were to have no more mail facilities
but my disbelief of the same, as it has
proved there has been no stoppage now
will there be, Uncle W. sent in a note
by one of his hands last night saying he
could not come in till Tuesday. My
last night's mail Fred got a letter
addressed to him from you, so tho
I have home news as near as
I am not allowed to know what
it is, till it goes out to Uncle W
& returns, Fred says he has a letter
from you to Uncle W. I have not
seen it, it may be from some
other member of the family.
I am still improving tho I
have not yet been able to go
into my reveals. I will try to do so

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tomorrow. I have now been confined to
my room & must remain unable to be with
any longer than I can help so I must
make great efforts to resume my place
at the store by the last of this week.
I refered in my last to seizure of Geo
Kenneth's lead. This further seizure
will or is now put a stop to by
a conference held in St Louis
during the last week or 10 days
between Gen. Price commanding the State
Militia & Gen. Harney commanding
the U.S. Troops. They were each
authorized by their respective governments
to act as they have done. They agreed
that no aggressions shall take place
on either side, that all restrictions
shall be removed upon the passage
of goods &c. That the state shall
be protected from invasion
from any source. Although
this is ~~nothing~~ ^{more} than a sale of
Mo. & her citizens to the old
Union it insures us peace so
long as we behave ourselves
according to the rules laid down
by our military chiefs —

I have become so sick tired &
degraded with the martial rule
that has controlled us & the
careful course of secession
& secession influence that has
been exerted over us that I am
glad to get free on any terms.
This whole SW has been in a
perfect fever for 2 months
Secession flags ~~are~~ ^{have been} unfurled
every where & the U.S. Government
not acknowledged or recognized
as having any authority over us
a Secession flag has been & is
still flying in this place, but
I think now will be taken
down as ~~the~~ matter is
smoothed over for a time.

Mr Blow's partner Geo Kenneth
is dead, he died two days after
- Mr B got to St Louis I don't
know whether he saw him
or not, but his will has been
made for many years & Mr B
is one of the principal executor
& financial manager of his ~~business~~
& estate. This will I expect

Basking Green Ky

July 31st/62.

My dear Uncle

Mr Underwood has been appointed unexpectedly to himself through the kindness of his friends General to Glasgow Scotland.

All we know & feel now is, that it is an honorable exile from our miserable, unhappy country. Mr Underwood was crushed by the Southern Army, who took possession of this place last fall, for his loyalty.

They destroyed our forest, tore down houses, cut ~~one~~ down ^{one} orchard to build a fortification, took our corn, oats, hay, straw, wood, fruit. Tobacco, burnt up all our fencing, heaping all the time abuse upon us as "Lincolns", & as winter came on, took possession of our house, ordering us to leave immediately. The day after that order. The General sent an armed force to take possession & prep into their service our negroes. When they came to the gate, (we knew them, as the same squad had been known as licensed negro stealers) the negroes fled in every direction, except the old women & children. The wintered in a cabin among the hills, & when they fled from here, on the approach of the Union Army they left our

Home a heap of ashes, destroying ~~my~~ every thing
They could not take away. Our feelings are & have
always been Southern, & are still under the Constitution
& in the Union. One Southerner is in the Southern
army, another is ~~Colonel~~ of the 9th Ky Volunteers
under Buell. Our oldest boy was elected 1st Lieut
of a Co. before he was 16 year old, Commanded during
the absence of his Capt. at Shiloh, he fought bravely, was
wounded in his right arm, whilst cheering his Co.
in charging upon a battery they had taken & lost
5 times, the 6th Charge they took it, after being shot
he fought on for three hours. His Gen. rode up to
his Col. & enquired who that Lad was & remarked
'If he lives through this fight. - send him to me.'
Mr Underwood, was ordered by the Gov of Ky to
charter a boat & go down to Pittsburg Landing for
The Ky wounded. I went with him, we brought
Warner home. After his recovery his General offered
him promotion in the army, or a Military education.
He, preferred the first, but took the latter. & is now at
West Point New York. So you see we can never
be able to express our sorrow that the South threw
away her birth right, that those we love are now
fighting against terrible odds for that which their
children will require at their hands. Their rights
in the Union. If South Carolina & the Abolitionist
could have had the fight, I would not have cared
which whiped since they are cowards in the abolition & misery of
the negroes.

I used to hear a long time ago a story after
this fashion. . . Our Grandfather Henry, had a
brother Thomas, who went to Scotland to prove
a will case, by which you all expected to inherit
a fortune. After getting there, some one of the relatives
on the other side asked to see his papers &c. He
like a gentleman as he was, & showing a mean action
himself, did not suspect others. After looking over
the papers. They were handed back to uncle Tom -
When he had use for them. He found the important ones
missing -

Is all this a myth, or not -
If there is truth in it, write to Mr Underwood what
you know. & if there is a thread left to weave a web
who knows but that you as the oldest representative
may yet enjoy some of your long deferred rights.

My sincerest love to Aunt Lucy & family
your affectionate niece

Lucy Underwood.

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Mrs. Lucy Underwood

July 31, 1862

answered in a way

long letter

re Henry

Dr. John F. Henry
Burlington
Iowa

The Filson Historical Society

Burlington Aug 1st 1862.

My dear Sir
Carey & Underwood

You favor of the _____ has been recd
and I have no time in responding to the business part
of it, as I know not how soon you will
take you leave of our distracted & unhappy country.

Some time about the year 1780
your grand uncle Daniel went to Scotland to
recover an estate to which fell heir by right of
primogeniture, his eldest brother Samuel having
died in 1783 without issue. When he got there
whether from want of business qualifications, or from
the comparative worthlessness of the estate, or from
the expense of litigation & his impatience to return to
his Tobacco fields in Virginia, I know not; but he
accepted, according to ^{one} tradition a very small stipend
& relinquished his claim. According to another he
placed his papers in the hands of a business man from
whom he never was able to get any report. Returning to
Green County Ky. he married the widow Carey & afterward
removed to Christian Co. where he died in 1823. -
His widow still survives here & is married to _____

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of Truj County; the same who has become famous, by furnish-
ing to a travelling Lecturer, some new letters & memorials of
The Jeffersons, of whom he was formerly an overseer & man-
ager - My uncle David had two children, a daughter
who married The Deaynes Esq & had several children, one
of whom is married to a son of John D. Campbell of Hills
Kensville & the son Thomas also married a daughter
yet very small, who resides with her cousin Mr Campbell if I
mistake not. - Who knows but Mr Osborn or he has so carefully
preserved fugitive memorials of Tom Jefferson ^{here succeeded to and} may have also
kept some memorials of my uncle's visit to the old world
as he has illustrated the memorabilia of Long Tom, he
may be able to throw light on the travels of Long Tom ^{as my father was sometimes called}
not of his Father, but of ^{his} Grand Father Woodcock, or Nathl Tom
Horton? - I throw out this suggestion, without having seen
or heard of a scrap of paper, indicating his wandering in
^{so many an} foreign land: - I know he went to Scotland - whether to Glas-
gow, Edinburgh - or Campbellton, the reported birth place of his
Father - or to all three & many more unnamed places, I know
not. Perhaps if you could get access to the Hotel Register
of those days, you might find his name "David Norton, Chenutee
county Va U.S.A." in a small book bound - I wonder, I never inquired
of him about his trip across the Ocean, but he was very reticent
& I was very incivious & thus the golden opportunities were
suffered to pass by unimproved. I do retain not in my memory
a single reminiscence of any thing he ever told me on the subject.
- I will only add, that as he was, "Nin at Law", the estate if we
could, would probably descend to his ^{grand} children. - If to our branch,
in the absence of surviving male descendants, it would probably go to
the eldest grand son of my Brother Robert, now living about 40 miles

Ent of this & recently married to a young ^{girl} lady who has some property,
he is very poor, & as you know, a cripple. - I should perhaps also add,
that I have a recollection of having heard, I suppose from my Father, that
a portion at least of the estate was in Dublin, & that there were some
large shipping interests involved. - What adds plausibility to this, is
that I met with an Irishman, who said he knew some wealthy man
by the name of Henry, who lived some 20 miles north of Dublin, & that I
looked "hard like them". - Who knows but there may be the descendant
of the cunning thief, who robbed Lord Cairn of his Brillington &
who are now luxuriating on their ill-gotten wealth? -

I sympathize with you in your sufferings from this dreadful
Civil War, - when the history of it is written the suffering in loss of
life & property will be found to be enormous & unprecedented. - I cannot
enter into the discussion of the Cause, which led to this dreadful scene,
we would differ altogether on those points. - I have never approved of
the doctrine of secession & deeply regret that our Southern friends took
that mode of redressing their real or imaginary grievances. - At the same
time, I have never for one moment doubted, that the real object of the
Republican Party was to abolish slavery & I know, that nothing but
will now satisfy them. Subjugation of the South is the reprobation
& banishment of the Whites & the freedom of the Negro, or rather his
apprenticeship to Yankee tent masters are the great objects of the
worthless man, that is being waged by Pagabond Yankees & half
civilized Hebrons. - There is prevailing in the North a moral epidemic
on the Negro business, & ^{as take place in} all the Universities, every thing is made to
bend to its influence. - On this topic I send you an extract from Masson's
History of Europe, which ^{is} very ^{to me} ^{interesting}. - And as Abner is a warm friend of Glasgow
I hope you will make his acquaintance. - There is another libelous
character of Glasgow. - The Rev. D. Wardlaw, whom I hope you will
never see - I am sure I would - but don't let him ever suspect that
you are a slave owner. - for his hatred of this class is so great
that he transfers to them, the love which St. Paul reflected on Herod
& Consigned them out ^{to} ^{eternity} in this world only, but to eternal

servitude to Satan in the next.

I have noticed that when a man gets on the Philanthropic
Horse, he loses all charity & all ^{real} Philanthropy & begins a sordidly
sentimentality towards some worthless objects & then it is that our
States would sacrifice the liberties of the White race, under the vain
pretense of elevating the Black. A Satirist has written a bitter & truthful
Epitaph on our Country: "He lies a nation that sacrifices its
own liberties to give freedom to a People that was unworthy
of it" - How pungent - how true those words! The dearest
rights of freedom are not merely despoiled; but taken away - Habeas
Corpus, which the bold Barons of England wrested from King John
500 years ago is gone - freedom from arrest without warrant
is gone - Liberty of Speech & of the Press is gone - The supremacy
of the Civil to the Military authority is a mockery & a delu-
sion - our ^{Speakers} House is no longer free from ^{unlawful} search in many parts
of the Country the right to own ^{keep} arms is no longer allowed
and even the freedom to worship God according to the dictates
of our own consciences is denied & prayers ordered to suit the pride
of Majesty. - That all these invasions of the chartered liberties
of the people should take place in less than two years of Repub-
lican rule almost exceeds all our powers of belief - & then the
attempt on the part of Congress to stir up insurrection & domestic
violence among the Blacks is so diabolical, that the recording
angel when he gives it in will declare that the
humanity of the world will revolt at it & hide its head in shame
& confusion. - You may say Mr Lincoln refuses to receive Polk's
requisites. - This is only to save appearances & to save the Elections. - When
you are gone, then they may come in - but even now his Generals receive
& organize them (vide General Sherman at Hilton Head, &c) - & he has not ordered
them to be disbanded. - There is a grand drama, but they are the opening scenes of
the Drama itself, while the People gaze in their midst & have their own secret

Hu Juan Cheatham's Office
Chalarraga Augt 12 1863
Col. W. W. W. W.
Sir

allow
me to introduce to you Mr
John Murray a Nephew of
the Hon. Gus A. Murray, he con-
templates joining your com-
mand. Mr Murray is recently

The Filson Historical Society

Summit City, California

Dec 1st 1863

My Dear Brother

It has been a long time & indeed since I have been able to write home & it seems much longer since I heard from that loved spot. I have an opportunity today to send a communication by an acquaintance going to the States & avail myself of the chance to tell you all that I am well. I never was in better health, able to stand all kinds of exposure, & am making a living. I have a sort of an offer of a position in an establishment as bookkeeper by which I can get a good salary, but I also am thinking of going to Mexico.

As soon as I find out just what kind of a government the French establish & the prospects of it I will be determined, I am kind of Uncle Sam if I can find a penible home in Mexico I think I would prefer it. This however depends upon the prospects in the spring of which I will inform you in due time if possible, but you need not expect to hear from me very often as I have no mail facilities very near, I have not been back to San Francisco since I wrote & have not therefore rec'd a single number of the paper from home. I wish I could spend Christmas with you but that is impossible, I will however promise to be with you Christmas 1864, Perhaps sooner probably not. I would like to go home next

My Dear John

Richmond Va
Dec 11. 1863

Your letter from Brandon
of Dec. 11th was recd on yesterday

It would be impossible to express
my surprise and gratification on its
reception, I had heard you were wounded
& were some where in Alabama, now I
feel assured you are in safety and
at your uncles house where you can
remain quite till you are well enough
to go on duty again. I wish you had
been a little more in detail about your wound
but I suppose you described it to me in the
other letter to which you referred, & which
I suppose reached your aunt Marion in
Lexington, where she is yet, but which I
have not yet seen, I was in Bragg's
14th Ars. about 4 days before the last
fight, where I saw my sons. They
were both preserved from all inju-
ry in that terrible disaster. We lost
but few men but the loss of Cannon and
small arms was very great.

It is strange that we lost that battle, we

ought to have gained the most decided
victory of the war, or rather he ought to
have repulsed the enemy all day with
frightful slaughter, the whole thing was
badly managed, Longstreet ought not
to have been sent away when our army
was so inferior to the enemy, thus weaken-
ing us still further. If he had been
there, we would have had near 100
thousand men & could not have been
driven from the ridges, it was a terrible
disaster, our army however suffers but
little in the loss of men, if the defeat has
not demoralized it, it will soon be ready
to meet the enemy again, and to make
the matter worse Longstreet failed in his
attack on Knoxville, now all Tenn.
has gone under, Longstreet is slowly
making his way back to Virginia.

Bragg is removed, or relieved of his
command, I dont know who will suc-
ceed him, but I think Jos. E. Johnston
should be put in command, while Bragg
was lying in front of the enemy, at Chatter-
go. I begged the President to order Johnston
to march with his entire force to Corinth
and to cross the Tenn. River near Savannah

ad = nab & fall in behind Grant at New
to = freestone, & thus cut off his supplies
with & force him to fall back, with Bragg
pursuing him. He replied it could
not be done, & I said Stone Wall Jackson
could do it & I did not see why Johnston
could not. The truth is he have no
enterprise, no high & noble dar-
ing, no surmounting apparent
impossibilities, no grand strategy
by which victory is won & wrenched
from the jaws of defeat, nothing
of this sort, has been achieved except
by Stone Wall Jackson & he is lost
to us. He had more military genius
than any man in America, & in a
few years now a hand, that will
last when our mountains fade away.

While I do not despair, by no
means. We will have only to fight
a little harder, with more determination
& learn some lessons from our defeats.

We will put the whole military force
of the Confederacy in the field, repeal
all substitute laws & exemptions
& meet the enemy with an army
stronger than he can bring against us.

Recd March 9th 64
I got letters from Tom & his every
few days they are very full & very hope-
ful. Your Aunt will be down from
Leicester in a few days. She writes
she and Patrick are very well

Tell your Uncle I will write him
in a day or so. I am now very
busy in preparation of some busi-
ness for legislation, but will soon
be able to give him a long letter.

Give him and all my love
and accept for yourself, not only
my high admiration for your
wisdom, courage, & perseverance,
but my sincere love and affection

Your Uncle

G. A. Henry

I will write to your father a short
letter by flag of Truce, stating in
general terms you are well, though
not naming you by name