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Correspondence, 1864-1869

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Mr. Drums!
Feb 28th 1864

Dear Jack

I send by Mr
Bourse invoices & receipts
for the horse, saddle and
bridle, which I deliver to
him, for Wilks to sign.

I also send five quires
of letter paper to have No 22
pointed upon. I wish you
would give it your particular
attention and have it done
right. At one of Capt Thornton's
modd. There can be no
good reason for your staying
in town after Wilks leaves,
therefore I will expect you
out here.

Yours aff. relative

C. J. Drums

in Ray moates, at ~~Misses~~ or ~~father~~ Dept. You know
Bob Flournoy, son of Jack Flournoy, who I
met in Memphis once. Well, he lives here, has
just ret'd. from the South in good health.
He has been in the Rebel Army. He says Uncle
Gus & Pat. & both their families are well.
Neither one in the Army, the former in the
Rebel Senate & the latter quietly attending
to his business in Brandon Miss. I thought
our troops had taken Brandon but he
says not. I will spend the summer here
or in Mexico the next winter. See you all
I hope. Rather than Brother & our R. should
be conscripted, if I even then I would get
into the Life Insurance Dept. as I have done the
former might get a Position from Pres. Lincoln should
his abilities in his profession might be advantageous
to him. I wish I had gone in when the
war first broke out. Tell Brother to
remember me to my friends when they ask
about me, not unless it may be months
before I write again. Feel no uneasiness
on my acct. Be cheerful & hopeful
happy as you can be, & believe as I
do, firmly, just as firmly as I ever believed
any thing in my life, that Peace will soon
reign over our desolated Country, & that
God is guiding & directing events. Why
trouble ourselves & make life miserable about
what we cannot help. "He that tempers the
wind to the Shorn Lamb" will watch over us all.
All we have to do, is to trust Him & in His own
good time & way the storm that now threatens our
country will be dissipated, & our
+ ever devotedly yours & sons,

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no doubt
Washington Iowa
✓ mrscom

A hand full of love for my friends

May 9th 1864

My dear, dear one -

It has been almost a year since, I seated myself to write to you. How long it seems. Through how many dangerous scenes you have passed. Our last acct, are that all the boys, were well Mar 29th. Have you been to Uncle Pat's desolate home? Our prayer is, that God, will comfort the widow and the fatherless. You need never try to conceal any thing from us, for we learn things much quicker now than we did a year ago. Have you entirely recovered from your wound - God shield you from every danger physical and moral. The weather is just beginning to feel like Spring & Pa & Mr R, are busy gardening. Pa looks well. Was B, is much distressed, by Uncle Pat's death. Ma is well. Brother had an attack of Membranous Croup, in Feb^{ry} which left him with a disease of the Throat, which has been very troublesome. Last week the weather was fine & he was much better, but the last three cloudy days, have been unfavorable. As soon as the weather is settled, he will be better I think. I have frequent letters, from Thos. D. H. - he is very impatient, to be exchanged. We have written many letters by Fley of Loure, but never have heard from them. A prisoner at Rock Island, writes me, it is for want of Confederate Stamps & kindly sent me four - I hope this will reach you. Cars of May 17th & Feb 10th & 15th reached us safely. Every thing, is moving on in the same old style. The horses have returned, from their winter visit to the country, in fine order. & we enjoy riding, very much. We long to see you, but do not regret the course you have taken, unless you do. We pray for a speedy reunion, but do not desire it under present circumstances. Love to all from all. You are never out of our thoughts. Belle talks a great deal about you. Would I could express half my love for you. Well, I can do is to pray for your safety. Yours affly Mary B. Robertson.

Rec. Jan'y 24th 1865

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My Dear John.

Richmond

June 13. 64

Your letter on the subject
of some change of position was
duly received and the subject
of it has not been out of my
mind since, but as yet I have
not been able to do anything
for you, all the places you
would accept are filled
to overflowing, but vacancies
are of daily occurrence and
I don't despair, nor must
you. Be assured my dear
John I will have you promo-
ted if it be possible & would with
as much pleasure, as if you were
my own son advance you further
; yes, I will soon be out in your
+ when I get there I may have

a better chance to serve you
than ever here. I have sym-
patized with you in camp
a thousand times, & hope to
be able to have you advan-
ced soon. In the mean time
be as cordial to all around
you as possible. Vacancies
occur in Companies & you
could take a start over low
down, & make it a stepping stone
to some more elevated position.

You have a great deal of mind
& cultivation, bring those
things to bear up on those with
whom you are thrown in contact.
Use them as ladders where
you may climb to more ele-
vated positions. Don't for a
moment suppose those gifts are

useful ^{to} jewels in Camp. Use them
and keep them bright.

I am glad to learn you
is doing well. He writes me
he saw you & that you are
well of your wound. I pray
God you the may receive no
other mementos from the Yankees.
Patrick is in the service with
the leaders, & has been in one
hard fight in the valley.
He is only 17, but is stout & is
freely given him to the cause.
I pray it may not be new to the
sacrifice of his blood.

Your affectionate uncle

G. A. Henry

Delma also
Dec. 1864
Capt. J. B. Barry

London, Ky. Sept. 17th 1864

Mr. Barry

May I presume, on your
acquaintance, with a Cousin of Miss Powell,
so far as to write you a note? I can imagine your
surprise on receiving a letter from a lady
whose name you do not even know; but hoping
you will pardon me if I am too presumptuous
I will attempt it.

My object in writing was to give you perhaps
later information than you had had from your
Washington friends; but in the first place I should
explain myself: when my Brother, Thomas
Grinstead, was wounded at Garrettsville last October,
I at the same time heard you were also wounded,
and when you were found, and unthoughtfully
mentioned it to a Cousin and a correspondent of
mine residing near Burlington; it seems an
unfortunate affair, since I have learned your
were opposed they should be informed of your

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whereabouts; but feeling a kindred sympathy, and a
sacred reverence to all who had made such sacrifices
I could not withhold from them what I would
have regarded as so cruel treatment to one, and
I mentioned to Miss Sewell, that you were
wounded, but not sufficiently recovered to go further
South with friends, which is the latest information
your relatives have had respecting you, though
they have repeatedly made many inquiries, and in
fact "Dr. Henry Purvis" wrote to my Pa last winter
for all the information at his disposal, which was
promptly responded to. Fully appreciating a Sister's
anxiety for an absent "Soldier Brother" and knowing
your Sisters very limited opportunities of hearing
from you it has given pleasure to make all
inquiries possible, and through Miss Nellie Sewell, of
communicating them to your Sisters, but at the
same time, with studied secrecy. This feeling of
sympathy, together with the knowledge of the warm
friendships now existing between your relatives and
mine, besides our opinion, I have entertained, that
losing your letter as many others have done from
Pa's pen was a "Change in a Stranger's hand"

has indeed, one to receive my sister's and writes
to you; but I am happy to tell you, that in August
your friends were all well; and in turn I shall be
proud to inform them, at my earliest convenience,
that you are also well, and with your command,
making out only a jovial and agreeable comrade,
but a noble brave soldier. My Brother has survived
his wound, which he present; but he is merely an
wreck of his former self. All Sewell is still a
prisoner, at "Fort Delaware".

Mr. Henry, at any time you can convey a letter
to me - I will with pleasure re-mail it to your
friends, or by a messenger, whenever I can, being at
the same time, it is a small compensation for
your sacrifices to our cause.

Very respectfully,
Mary Grinstead

Recd Feb 11th 65

Ans Feb 21st

Jan 27: 65

My Dear Nephew. Richmond

Your two letters - lately written, the first giving a graphic account of your Campaign from Athens Ga all through Tennessee & Va. back to Georgia & the second suggesting a post to be transferred to the West of the Mississippi river both recd within the last three days I must confess you have had a hard time of it, and I rejoice you have been able to stand it. I wrote to Genl Proctor some three months ago that I wanted him to hunt you up & give you a place on his staff, if he had a vacancy. I have not heard from him at all on the subject, On yesterday I wrote to Genl Pro Williams, & enclosed to him your letter, & requested him to give you a position on his staff - a new staff

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Pile which allow the units to a
Bengalun guns into be passed in a
few days & I have strong hopes
he will hunt you up & do as I
requested, I have urged him very
earnestly to gratify me & you
in this respect & hope you will
not forget to do it.

As for your last request
to go over the River, dont think
of it, It will be impossible just
now, when every effort is being made
to bring the troops from that side
to this, to get a transfer from this
to that side of the River. I hope you
will not think of it, I know it will
be utterly impossible to get this
request granted, a rule of the
War department requires that
you should first have the con-
sent of your Captain & all
the officers above him concur

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ing to the transfer + then the requ
est of the Capt + Col + Genl, of the
army to which you desire to
go. Before the application
will be entertained, all which
is impossible to be obtained now

We know now Tom + Gus + Patrick
Henry are all safe back from
Tennessee. Tom was wounded
but he reports himself nearly well
again. Our son Patrick is here
at the Military Institute + is
very well, & is quite grown up.
He is not as tall as you, but
much stouter than either of
his brothers; Your aunt is
with me and is quite well
and sends a great deal
of love to you.

I have not heard from
your father for six months
all were well then in Burlington

I will send you a pamphlet
Copy of my speech in a day
or so to the Post Office in
Augusta. It will give you my
mature views of our status
& what we are fighting for,
Independence. That we ought
not to think of a union on any
terms. I will never consent
to it on any terms & greatly
^{prefer} death to so degrading a
termination of a glorious
war. If the people stand
fast we will win the fight
as surely as that the Sun
rises to the East. Never
lower your standard
or strike for any thing less,
as unquestionably I will
not. Ever your affec-
tionate Uncle

92 X 21

J. A. Henry

- We have not seen a morning Paper
and do not know what may have
transpired since yesterday - You get the
news as soon almost as they do in
places nearer the scene of action. We
are, of course, very anxious as the Armies
are so near each other; but we must
wait & trust.

We hope all is going on comfort-
ably, into our homes. - & better de-
sires are sent to all.

Many God bless & keep you
all.

Yours truly
J. J. Henry

Mrs. Lucy S. Henry
Purdysville
Iowa

Mansfield Ohio
March 3rd '65

Here we are stranded
like a Gun Boat on a sand bar

I will tell you how it came
to pass. - We had come on, very
well on yesterday, after I wrote
a short note at Plymouth Indiana
making rather slow time the after
part of the day; but as night came
on, our Car filled with Soldiers, &
as it was impossible to obtain a
sleeping car, altho' advertised,
and as both of us were very tired,
and in very bad company, we
determined to tarry here during the
night, and take morning train
to Pittsburgh 175 miles off. The morning
train has come & gone and we are still here.
It had but two ^{passenger} cars, and they were
chuck full - nothing but standing room
left. - We neither of us felt like be-

enjoying that kind of seat, so we brought our baggage back to the Hotel, which fortunately is just across the Railroad, and is a very comfortable and very cheap concern. Here we are to remain until half past one this P.M. - It is now 10 A.M. and I improve the time by writing you a few hurried lines - But why hurried? When I have 3 1/2 hours in which I have nothing else to do? It is the stereotyped mode of expression & a man's excuse for idleness, and so, I will go on at a steady gallop.

The character of R.R. travelers seems to me to deteriorate from one trip to another - It is becoming more & more vulgar, and soon it will be impossible for decent people to indulge in it. - Whilst in the sleeping car, we had quite a good time, not at all crowded. The expense keeping off strangers, & altho' I noticed one or two negro soldiers on the boat, I never saw them afterwards - Among the crowd of soldiers who invaded us yesterday afternoon I noticed two or three, but they kept by themselves & were very quiet indeed so, than the Federals, who kept up a good deal of chaffing & loud talking. We of course kept our mouths shut

and thought it best to evacuate "Carrying off all our baggage and ammunition" - We got a comfortable room, with two beds, and I do not know, which was most in need of rest, Greenbury or myself. Neither had been able to perform any obligations the day we left Chicago, but we had found some daughters had made - I could not sleep very well on account of a great thick comfort, the only covering, except the sheet - It seemed to me to be 2 1/2 inches thick, and was too hot for my comfort, but I could not throw it off as the sheet would have been quite too cool. -

We still hope to reach N.Y. by tomorrow night, tho' it is not unlikely, that we will conclude to stop at Altoona when we reach it & remain until Monday morning. I think Greenbury is rather inclined to this, as he seems to prefer not getting to N.Y. on Saturday night. He stands the travelling very well, not showing more fatigue than I do, if so much.

he was looking very well
he went out to Western Virginia
to join his command
Pat is at the Military Institute
at Puchmond the last I heard
of him, he was out with the
corps in search of Yankee
raiders they are held in
reserve at Puchmond and
no doubt will go into active
service this spring

Give my love to Patricia when
you see him and tell him
to write to us and come to
see us if possible

May God preserve you
and shield you in the
hour of danger is the
sincere prayer

of your affectionate
Aunt
M. Henry

1864-

Livingston N. Co. March 21st

My dear John

Eliza Maester
stayed with us last night
on his way to your command
and to join your regiment
and I write you a few lines
by him it is the first time
I have had an opportunity
of writing to you as you
have been moving about so
much it has been impossible
to know your whereabouts
Mr Henry received several
letters from you this winter
in Puchmond whilst I was
there and answered them
but I doubt if you ever got
them He received a letter
from your father just before
I left which was three weeks
ago they were all well
he says his own health is

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excellent for a man seventy
years old. We hear nothing
from our home for the
longest time - only that the
town is garrisoned by about
two thousand negroes
I have been looking for Gus
and Tom for the last weeks
but they have not passed
yet - and I have been on the
look out for you - as many
of Wheeler's cavalry have passed
here and I went to the depot
for a week whilst the army
of Tom was passing hoping to
see Trent Patrick Henry but
could not see him. I do not
remember who he is with
we had a letter from your
aunt pretty not long since
she and the family were very
well and doing as well as
could be expected.

Congress has adjourned and
I have been looking for Mr
Henry for several days but the
road is so occupied with the
transportation of troops civilians
can hardly travel at all
I have been spending some
weeks with Mr Holt's family
in this place and a most
hospitable and kind family
it is - we expect to spend the
summer at Staebenville about
thirty miles from this place
our army is encamped
rapidly at Halesport or in
that part of the country
May God grant us a good
victory it would do more
for us just now - than a dozen
victories. If you can get a
pass over in this summer I hope
you will come to see us
Thomas & Henry has been exchanged
Mr H saw him in Richmond

Augusta Feb. 10th May 1865

My very dear Mother & Father
Sister & Brother }

For the first time in many long & weary months I am permitted to write you something in the way of a letter. Tho' nothing like an idea of all I could say can be conveyed upon paper. Nothing but a flood of Encl's notes have heretofore been allowed me & they could not be directed to you hence affording me but little satisfaction. It is supposed within a few weeks all barriers to mail communication between the South & North will be removed. Then I hope the privilege of writing to loved friends & absent ones & of renewing the affectionate intercourse which for years, horrid years of separation has been broken off, will be allowed us by our proud conquerors. To see you all again, embrace each one of you thrust my arms around my mother, grasp the hand of my dear Father, wrap my loved Sister to snugg her all once more around the family board & at the fire side circle, have been bright & pleasing visions in my dreams of peace. Harry helped to secure the Independance of a great & glorious nation & gained the right to a home upon the soil of a free country. I sometimes felt the proud disdain I would actually experience in walking the streets of Burlington when the strife & conflict was over. I the son of Freedom & the rattle of musketry had ceased. In all my thoughts of the future I never for a moment had an idea of defeat; I confided all my plans with the future of the Confederate States. & this unaccountable for the best two years

I was sure that finally right would triumph over might
because a just God governed our destinies.
Never for a moment ~~did~~ ^{did} I doubt the justice of our cause
for which I endeavored manfully to fight. I espoused it
from a conscientious feeling of duty up to the last moment
but I gave it the hearty support of a strong arm & willing
heart. Now a lost, it must be an obvious cause I have
shared its glory, I will bear its ignominy. Nothing do I claim
in extenuation, & tho' my liberty is deprived me, never will
I gild my manhood.

But, to see you all under my
Father's roof, beneath which my younger days were spent
& around which cluster many cherished memories & recollections
of bygone days, is forbidden me & often this every void
of separation my only comfort, the only consolation allowed
me, is the barren one of sitting down twenty five hundred
miles from those I love & writing a few lines, inexpressive
of what I feel & think to my Parents.

"At whose holy Presence
Within my breast there's a guest
Of feeling which no time can tame
A feeling which for years of years
I would not, could not cease."

I don't know how to say I know not when to commence, shortly
after the fall of Richmond, the Brigade to which I belonged, stationed
at the Kentucky Brigade & Cavalry then near Raleigh, N.C.

was selected by the President as a personal escort. He came
on to Greensboro N.C. where I went ahead to Lexington
hoping to see Uncle Gns & family. Reaching there I found
my Uncle had gone further west. Aunt Marion & Pat were
there & I spent several hours with them. She had concluded
to await Federal occupation & then return to Charlotte.
When Mr Davis's Escort came up I again fell in at
D. Hollis where Aunt M. was living. I met & had some
conversation with the President, in which he expressed much
hope & great confidence that all would be well. But his
looks told more to me than words. I knew tho he had
been he was no longer the deluded man of the past.
We passed on to Charlotte & were there stopped by the
armistice & the impending negotiations for peace when
I heard of the discontinuance of the armistice I knew that
Johnston would have to surrender. But I did not suppose
he would include his Cavalry. He however embraced the
whole department including even women & children occupying
hundreds of miles of territory over which he had no more
actual control than the man in the moon. Thus cutting off
all hope of escape from those who, not liking his terms
being on horseback could have gotten out of the way.
We continued in company with President Davis
to the Savannah River, where we were halted one arm
started & our surrender completed. Mr Davis with his
personal staff went on, till as you have learned he was

surprised & captured at Dorchester in this State.
He & his family are now prisoners on one of
our own gunboats just below the City.
I would not surrender when the Brigade
did & endeavored to make my way to the Trans-
-Mississippi but was captured & robbed & sent
back here to be paroled. I am now a paroled
prisoner. I neglected to mention in his place
that this side of Charlotte I fell in with Mell
Lyon & we were together several days till our
routes diverged. He is well & tho' disappointed
not deserted. I think it probable he is
now with his family.

Our cause is utterly & hope-
lessly lost I cannot here attempt to give the
"why" or "wherefore." They are apparent to men
to one who has seen & heard all who has
witnessed the corruption & demoralization
of Citizens & Soldiers. We have fallen "as
Deauce fell."

"Whose soul no foreign foe could quell
Till of itself it fell
Then self-abacement found the way
To villain bond & deepest slavery."

It is almost impossible to realize that not one
month ago was a proud & godlike nation
with every branch of Civil & Military Government
in full & successful operation, the boast
of every Southern & the admiration of the world,
is now blotted from existence. In one short
day this glorious edifice, raised upon the bleaching
bones of a hundred & fifty thousand confederates
& cemented with the patriotic blood of as
many more, tottered, & fell, crushing
the hopes, blasting the expectations & confident

Millions & destruction in one fell swoop
to cherish but baseless visions of Confederate
Independence, so gallantly fought for, upon
a thousand blood red fields of battle.

What the future will reveal no one can tell.
In the dark vista of futurity which hangs like
a pall upon the hearts of Southern manhood,
nothing hopeful, nothing cheering is to be
seen. The conquerors may pursue such a
policy of conciliation as to reunite the dis-
-cordant elements. This cannot however
be expected. Taking their past course as
a criterion of their future intentions. Or
they may wield the rod of tyranny in such
manner & bind the iron heel of despotism
so deep as again to kindle the smouldering
& only smothered fires of liberty & patriotism
till they burn with a thousand fold more
brightness & with an unquenchable flame
which will know no ending but in liberty
or death.

For Freedom's battle once begun
Bequeathed from bleeding sire to son
Tho' crippled oft, is ever on -

What I will eventually
do I know not my intention now is to
start in a few days for the Mississippi River
Will stop either at Vicksburg or Memphis
It is not worth while to attempt to com-
-municate with me till you again hear
from me. It is impossible for us to meet
now. I hope the time is not far distant
when we will. But, in the mean time give

yourself not increasing on my account
The same hand that has guided me in
battle in camp & on the snows will still
protect me. I have met with a third or
fourth Cousin in Augusta Mrs Carter she
is Pa's 2^d Cousin I think. She has two sons
Thomas Carter & the other name I have forgotten,
also a grand daughter & daughter Miss Sophie
Of course I claim kin with her & Cousin her
upon every occasion. Graham Ridgely
this family are staying about 6 miles
from town at Mrs W. Schley's. Mrs S is
I believe a distant relative of Cons. Sebbie
He is in Europe. What Graham is going
to do I know not & I don't think he
does I enjoyed him the other day & go
to his father's place in Maryland where
stay quite till things ^{settled} quieted down &
he could do something. Mrs Schley is a
very amiable & kind lady. Indeed I cousin
her & a good many more who I never
saw or heard of till recently. I find
the more friends a poor wretched exile
has the better he gets along. Really I
have never wanted for friends since
I have been in the South. During six months
of suffering from a fever around just
below the right thigh I was in the best
of hands & for three months of the time
while confined to a bed I had all the
ladies young & old in the county for
ten miles around either doing or wanting
to do something for me. This was in

North Alabama Subsequently I went
to Brandon Miss & there met with the kindest
treatment While sick in hospital at
Atlanta last summer friends were about
me when I most needed & least expected
them & do it has ever been & I feel
no fears but that I will find more
as time goes on. Pa has often told
me to make & secure friends I can spare
him that I have not an enemy inside the
Confederate States but many friends

Give your love to all the little folks
I have no idea how many or how few
there may be. Tell each grand & tip
their parents for me & the big children
my own dear father & mother.

Truly & as ever affectionately
Jack S. Henry

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But enough, when did you hear
from Burlington & do you
keep up a regular correspondence
with them there? I have written

several times since our
separation but have not heard
a word. I don't remember when
I last did hear it has been so
long ago, in fact I think there
is a flood of time letters from you.

Why don't you write to Con. Sebbel
she is at Augusta with her
relatives. Or Mr. Geo. Schley is
her address. I wish I knew
when to tell you to write to
me, but I do not will post
you when I get a post office.

Remember me, if you are in
correspondence to Mrs. Judd &
to others who may inquire &
believe me as ever

Very truly & affly yr
Cousin Jack.

Charleston S.C. July 1st 1865.

Cousin Mary
(Nedgely)

Really it has
been so long since you heard
from your rebel cousin
that I fear you have forgotten
him but I am disposed to
put all the blame on you.
For before the collapse
of the Confederacy I wrote
you very frequently but
seldom send your replies
I immediately after the fight
at Bentonville I wrote to
let you know I had
not been fortunate enough
to be killed in that our lost
battle I wish I had when
a bullet struck my horse

wiping me about two inches I poured the
Yankee Scoundrel might bleed & take better aim
next time. Would to God the last bullet
find on that day had pierced my heart for
ten thousand times more preferable would
death have been on that field where was
made our last struggle for independence
than to live till now witnessing our degrada-
-tion. You can form no conception of
the condition of the Southern people. Homes
are desolate or destroyed. Family circles are
broken. Cherished attachments severed. Loved
ones wandering in the grass or their bones
bleaching under some unknown grave.
Occupations gone, all business destroyed. Tens
of thousands of men old & young thrown loose
upon the world, with homes blasted, no home
to go to, & every energy destroyed. All our rights
taken from us by our villainous masters.
Why I can't even receive a letter, nor could
I sell a peck of apples. They don't intend
we shall do business. They could not stone
us out during the war & they propose to do it
now. I hate the very soil they tread upon & really
think seriously sometimes of going to Mexico & again
becoming a soldier much as I dislike such a life.

All my bright dreams have flitted away. I never
had a doubt of our final triumph till the fall
of Atlanta & since then I have been preparing
myself for the end but such an end I never
imagined. It never occurred to me that I would
be a conquered, disgraced, subjugated, & impoverished
at the footstool of Yankee tyranny.

Richmond Hill near Augusta, Georgia, July 16th 1865

My dear Mother

I have long wanted to write you a full & explicit letter of these things that I know would interest you, tho' perhaps no one else but the espionage of the P. Offices together with the feeling of total inability to devote myself abiduously to the penning of a letter, or indeed any thing else, have made me hesitate, postpone & delay till now I stand not where how or when to commence. During the war not an hour passed that did not bring with it some event of heart-felt interest to some one or no day closed without its bloody records vividly depicted upon the memories of each participant in its horrors. Then I could not for your personal comfort, these to paper & now there is nothing of interest to me taking place I must sit down by your side to tell the minutiae of a rebel soldier's life. Pen & paper cannot adequately convey an idea of it. From the fall of Atlanta I felt the doom of the Confederacy was sealed, but with as light a heart as could be forced, I fought on to the surrender of Lee, hoping against hope. All was then over, the capitulation of Johnston & surrender of Diet & Taylor converted a glorious revolution into a base rebellion & Kirby Smith's sale of the Trans-Mississippi Dept. secured

to a proud & strong people the
position of conquered & degraded sub-
-pliant at the throne of Yankee tyranny.
My course had long been determined
upon & when all was lost, I started for
the Mississippi hoping to reach Texas
& then work my way into, property or position
or at least into the enjoyment of peaceful
rights & privileges. I had before written you
how I was prevented. Restrictions upon
travel as well as the want of money
& other difficulties have since made
it impossible to execute my plans.

I have been trying to secure employ-
-ment which would give me means of
transportation to Texas & sustain me
here for the time but without a very
great degree of success attending my
efforts. Tho' every day now I expect
permanent employment & when I get
it will sit down quietly & write you a letter
not so disconnected & wandering as
this.

Mrs Wm Schley, the hospitable hostess of
"Richmond Hill" leans tomorrow for my &
kindly promise to see this mailed. I wish
she could deliver it in person & have
tried to prevail upon her to take Burling-
-ton in her route, but I fear the potency
of my solicitation has not been of avail.
I would like you & Sister & Sturo to see her. She
reminds me of Sister frequently. To her you
are no strangers for I have talked
about you till she says she knows you
very well. To me she has been most kind.

I came here when I knew not what
to do or where to go Tho. a stranger
I was welcomed to her house & every
kindness & attention ~~at my arrival~~ that
could be given me have been mine.
So unexpected yet so freely bestowed
has been her kindness that I can hardly
realize when with her household, that
they are but friends of a few weeks
I feel as tho. I had known her
for years & the name of Cousin Belle
is as familiar as that of any cousin
I have indeed more so than most of them.

Her husband Col. W. Schley is in Europe
an agent of the State of Georgia, when
he went eighteen months ago for the
purchase of vessels & army stores.

Cousin Belle will go to N. York & perhaps
to Europe or Mr. Schley will return to N.Y.
& meet her, whether they will come
back to Georgia or to Canada or return
to England is as yet undecided. I
have promised that upon the receipt of
this you or sister will write her at N.Y.
to Care Geo. W. Smythe No. 81 Beaver Street.

I will be glad if you will, as evidence
of your appreciation of her kindness to
me as well as my own remembrance
of it I ask it as a special favor
if you cannot will not Sister give
her every morning for a little exercise
in my behalf. Her kindness has been the
most disinterested for she knows well
enough I can neither remunerate or
reciprocate now. She promises to write you

for me from N.Y. I have written several
letters home one about the 8th of June &
Pa asking him to deposit some money
to my credit in N.Y. & another sub-
-sequently to Sister in which I requested
Pa to exprep the money to Gen Schley Esq.
Augusta Geo. for me, instead of sending
it to N York, matter of which I have heard
from, I was very fond of it that time
I am not much better off now, but unless
it is very convenient for Pa to send
it, I hope he will not. But if he is so
circumstanced as to be able to spare
a small amt, it will be very acceptable
to the subscriber. I would have telegraphed
you this & a number of the well to do of all
but without taking the oath I cannot
do it, & I cannot take the oath because
I am a political prisoner. I will get some
body else to do it for me if I do not
hear from you home. I wrote about
a week ago by Express hoping it was
more reliable than the mails. If you
have not supposed you may that means
of communicating with me. Enclosed to Gen
Schley Esq. Do not adresp to me except under
inclosure for my master will not let me
receive a letter.

Concord Hill

August 4th 1865

My Henry I am sorry I
cant at this moment comply
with your request, expecting
you over soon, I neglected
mentioning the matter to
Mrs Rice & in packing up
last night, she threw the
Bonds with the rest of the
rubbish in her trunk, which
is now unfortunately in
town, But when I go to
town in the morning & if
they can be gotten at handy
will leave the Bonds at
Mr Fry's where our trunks
are.

Very Respect
James D. B.

My Love to Henry
from
James D. B.

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Re. read
Hamburg S. Carolina 4th Aug. 65

My Dear Father

Your patriotic letter was rec^d yesterday. I call it patriotic because it was indited on the glorious Fourth just one month ago today. How much I enjoy your letters I cannot tell, they are always so kind so affectionate so full of good advice, that I find myself cogitating upon & re-reading their valued sentences very often. This is the first mark of your pen I have seen since receiving the kindest of letters from you when I was in Phil^a before becoming a Confederate. That, with other letters was captured from me in 1863 just after the battle of Chickamauga. But its source was never known, for from all papers that I kept I had cut all names & places of residence. At that time I lost every thing I had & was left with only the ragged shirt I had on my back, I felt God stir up but ^{mean} before I had snatched every thing was again lost by capture & I learned to consider myself fortunate in escaping myself. The letter & enclosure to D. J. M. Schley of Savannah have not reached me I am daily expecting them & may await their inception before closing this but desire to have it ready. Your notes to D. Schley & Mr. Geo. Schley will do me the benefit of proving to them that I have a Father. But so far as obligations are concerned I am under none in the world to either of them, not in the least.

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I only make use of them to get letters, because they
have taken the oath, I could & would much
more freely call upon others for assistance & aid
I need it, Hon. E. M. Bruce C.S. Congressman from Ky -
to other gentlemen I had much rather ask ~~that~~ aid
from & therefore beyond a certain degree of
politeness there is no necessity for any thanks
being given to any of the Schleys, Except to Mrs
Wm Schley, of whom I have written she is now in
N York City & my obligations to her are not increasing.

Tho we could not gain our independence as a
nation, I have been & still am entirely at myself &
have put many more persons under obligations to
me than have rendered me so to them, As soon
as I learned that evidences of deposit were in the
hands of W. Schley for me, I telegraphed in name of
a good loyal man for the letter to be sent up
immediately & in a day or two look confidently
for it, I want to go into business & am only trying
to find the best investment before making an effort.
This part of the Country does not suit me & would
not you & ma, It is miserably poor 10 bu of corn
being a good crop to the acre, but very little
of the Country East of the Miss River is better I am
very anxious to see your suggestions about
business in Alabama that point suits me much
better, The probabilities as I think that the U.S.
will get into a war with Mexico, in which
case a residence in Texas might not be
pleasant or profitable, As to Brazil I am
very much inclined to go out & see what

can be done there. Indeed I have made several
efforts to ship on commercial vessels sailing
to that coast. Per D^r Palmer I expect is going
I wish you would write to him I intend to do
so myself as soon as I get certain other points
about the Enterprise. Gen. Wade Hampton is one
of the head movers in the project. He also
lives at Columbia & I think more than probable
that D^r Palmer is interested with him. The Colony
is to consist of about 100 families. First rate
stock. Each one is independent of the balance
but they settle in one neighborhood. The Brazil-
ian Emperor has had a standing offer out
for years of 1000 acres of land to each head of
a family. Transportation from our seaboard to any
point in Brazil & six months provisions for each
emigrant. But D^r Dearing who is the head
mover in this part of the State residing at Augusta
informs me that better terms still are offered
to this Colony & to the one which has already
gone consisting of about the same number of
families. Mrs gentlemen connected with this
Enterprise are now examining the country
bordering on the Amazon & will select a
location, when they return & the necessary
preparations are made the Colony will go out,
perhaps by Dec^r or January. I have
just obtained copies of Herndon's Expedition
up the Amazon & will send his report when
I can rely on as being a truthful statement.

which will give me a better idea of the climate
products people & country generally, than
any one can tell me who has not been there,
I don't intend to go into it blindly & will be
better posted up before I make a venture than
I was when I risked all in the glittering prospect
at Pike's Peak to which distance lent so much
enchantment, I want to get out of this country
& a residence among a consensual community
in a colony of our own getting established
has great attractions for me. But in the mean
time I do not intend to be idle but will try
to maintain myself in any honest way that
presents itself, while I am informing myself
of the advantages or disadvantages of a migration
to S. America. The movement of Cotton which
is just now commencing will afford occupation
to many & I hope to be among the fortunate
in obtaining employment at least for a few
months. Do not feel that I am depending
on any one. I am not there not for a
single hour since I left your roof. I give
value n.c. for all I get. I have no doubt
that before Christmas I will see you all &
perhaps eat the Christmas dinner with you
that I have promised for two years. I
can now send letters by mail, but not
receive them. Continue to Enclose to Geo. Schley
with further advice but put the letter in an
envelope addressed to me as I do not like
my correspondence to undergo the espionage
of even the Schleys, & they are very "sly" -

Augusta, Saturday Aug. 12th 65

My dear Father, Since writing the enclosed I have been gratified by the reception of yours of July 26th Sister of 28th & Brother of 31st I first show of the notorious Savannah letter of June 26th I am very glad to get it tho' I am in no straits I could get along without the money. I may need it if able to come near enough to you to see you all certainly will. It contained (\$209²⁵) in Quarters yours of 26th & your information from Boston. I thought tho' another they had sent (\$209²⁵) - Tho' dollars have disappeared & owing to the value of a bird in the hand &c, & the small amt short, I will pocket what I have rec^d & say nothing about the bal. Why it was so long delayed I know not. Letters by mail to Geo. Ashley reach Augusta much sooner than by any other mode of communication & than to any other addep. But in writing please let there be an outer & an inside Envelope, I have not time to answer each of the letters I have rec^d in detail, for tomorrow mor I will go to E. N. Geo. on a Cotton trip that is to purchase Cotton & ship it to the Seaboard, for a Housie firm I may be gone a week or a month, my prospects are very good now of having something to do for several months, I will keep you duly posted as to my movements, for three weeks I have been at Richmond Hill. Mrs Belle Ashley's place, 6 mile from

Wacon. 200 74th Regt. Mass. 1862
Augusta that is this has been my Hdqrs
The establishment is nominally carried on
by Graham Ridgeley. It is however a
sort of mutual stock affair. I am
not placing myself under any obligations
to him or any body else. He has nothing
it is really worse off than I am
It is only a temporary affair & I expect
Con. Debbie will avail herself of
your kind offer of a refuge for a
few weeks. I communicated this
invitation to her & I suppose she will
reply. As to pardon I have fully exposed
myself before I am very grateful to you &
my brother for your kind efforts on my
behalf. Tho. I have been "only a private soldier"
I am not now I have no orders to obey
& whether Robt. E. Lee & G. A. Steyer hold
before the footstool of Andrew Johnson
or not is matter not to me. You know
there is a property clause in the Amnity
proclamation. To see the pocket many
mules are metamorphosed into patriots,
I have no such inducement to sacrifice
honor & principle. I claim no credit for
anything if I had I could be corrupted.
I am glad the test is not mine & I

Second of good sense. Now, if I am laid out
I should not you don't communicate any thing I have said
I can truly say I am bound by no oath
that I cannot & will not keep. To be sure
if I cannot transact business without taking
a certain oath just such as I took when
I was paroled I will be compelled to do it
There is no use foolishly holding out against
a contingency that cannot be helped & I
will do the best I can before I humble myself
before the Washington dynasty. That Judge
& Mr. Mason may get the pardon I think
probable but I will never ask it & in receiving
it having gotten ^{myself} I feel humbled & depressed.
"Mr. Stanton places me under obligation for
his permit" to visit my father's family. I will
give him permission to visit Augusta if he
will make application in proper form.
As to when I can I intend to visit you
whether Mr. Stanton permits or not, & now that
I have some prospect of doing a little business
I will devote myself to it none the less fearing
the deprivation & inconvenience of staying away
from you & other loved ones. Don't think I
am ungrateful I am not, I fully appreciate all
the efforts of you & Brother I will write him
again in a few days. Remember me most aff-
ly to him & his family. I hope that youthful Jack
has nothing but rebel blood in him, I don't

Know that I will be at Brandon soon but
will visit them when I can Not a word from
them, I did not receive Mrs. Shot's letter, It has
not reached this P.O. - "Hemond's Expedition" is
no secret, but Gibbons his operational work
a very lucid narrative of his journeyings it
is contained in the 2^d vol. of Hemond Report
Com. Maury has just returned from Brazil
It's expected that in a few days I will hear
further on that subject when I return
Mrs. Carter & her family are well, our other
relations she told me of, but I don't know
what she said she talks so fast & says so
much I can't keep up with her, I give me
no chance to get to my Cousin Sophy, who
is really a pretty & intelligent girl about 18,
as to the "private purse" in fact & please keep
its metallic qualities intact, I think just as I
did four years ago that gold is the best invest-
ment for Capital what disposition to make
of it, get I know not please keep it in coin
I wish I could write more fully, but after filling
up a sheet I find I have said nothing, I must
all talk with you, I could write a man of
paper but I then not say half I have to say -
I am very sorry to hear of ma's disability -
I am very anxious to see her & you all believe me
my dear father I am I am will be your
ever
I hope you will be your
I hope you will be your

Your letter was so full of kind & interesting to me please write often
I will be glad to hear from you & write when they can

Hennau Oct. 24th Aug. 1865

W. W. Henry

Hopkissville Ky. }

Sir

Your very kind letter without date
was handed me a few days since in
August by Mr. Selley. I was glad
indeed to hear from you & your relatives
in Christiana. Accept my thanks for
the offer of your house as a refuge.
At this time I am unable to go south-
wards, that is to say when I can still
I have it in view for the earliest summer
I intend visiting my father's family. It
will give me great pleasure to take your
home in my route. Please remember
me to Cinc Bell & Darwin & my Pray, Bessie
Buckner & Charlie & others of my
Confidante associates. We under
many obligations for the offer to refund
any money I might borrow. I am so
fortunate as to be engaged in business
which will supply my wants & to the
necessity of borrowing, I am

however much obliged to you to appreciate
your kindness. I wrote to Tom
just before the surrender in S. Va.
but I suppose he did not receive my
letter, am glad to learn he has
marched home in safety. Give
much love to Aunt Cornelia, my
Cousins & Jim among them your
wife who tho. I never met as a Cousin
I never before had learned to admire
respect. You see she is partly hood
to be tho. so many an every day
becoming good Union folks by taking
the oath that our few straight out
out rebels will be left soon. I
can however be counted as one
former. I have not swallowed their
hated oath, nor humbled myself before
the throne of Andrew Johnson seeking
for pardon nor do I intend to tho
I have before me the illustrious examples
of Robt. E. Lee & Gustavus D. Henry
accept for yourself my kindest
regards & remembrance & believe me
as ever

Truly Yrs Cousin
Jas. B. Henry

Macon Ga. Aug. 31st Thursday, 1865.

My dear Ma. I wrote you some days since from
Newnan but whether in reply to letter for'd by Mrs.
Schley I do not know. Indeed I have not more
than half as much sense as is necessary to make one
pop for a sane man. Since writing that I have
been to Augusta remaining but one day & from there
to this place, reaching here last night tho' I am
very glad to have something to do this is not
very pleasant constant change, popping from
one place to another seeing new faces, meeting
new people having business in S.C. then in
S.G. then in North Ga. & then again in the
S.W. is not what I like. After this awful
war after traversing the Southern States from
one side to the other hardly ever meeting I
want quiet just to be settled down in matter
where then to remain forever is all I seek.
But I ought to be thankful that I
can get any thing to do while thousands
are homeless penniless & helpless in our C.S.A.
I am very anxious to see you all but know
it would not now be safe, & even if it were
while I can get something to do all the time
making business acquaintances forming
business relations that may be of good

henceforth I feel it my duty to stick to
it & do what I can. Now I at home
now I could get nothing to do, besides I
could never live among those people, our
ambitions are too great, I never could
succeed among them & further I never
want to I don't waste much love upon
the north & still am politic enough to
do what ever is necessary to get along
with the Yanks, In this cotton business
I have to arm them around talk to suit
them & all for a purpose I often
thus get favors of them have them mail letters
or do some little thing that I want & if staid
out here I must get employment in
the north or somewhere else I wish I
was in Guarnep in Canada but I know
no one there & as to the Brazil project
it takes a great deal of money, then if
I get a grant of 500 or a 1000 acres of
land from the emperor, he can annul
it in a day, most of those going are
men of family, I could stand a poor
chance among them, for I don't know a
single one except as I have met them
casually, as regards Texas, I don't
know whether to try it or not, every thing
is & must be unsettled there while there
is a prospect of trouble with Mexico
if I could go into business in Helena

to as Pa suggests I would like it but
me any of them towns is overrun with men
our trying to make a living without work, there
is no place where there are not more
than half too many stores. The Yankees & Jews
are just overrunning this country. The pop-
ulation is poor the negroes the free are
only sustaining themselves by selling apples, peaches,
papers, watermelons &c at RR depots, other
of winter comes will be in a starving state
to Atlanta the best point in Geo. is just in
the inflated condition the N.V. was in 1853
there will be an awful condition then this
winter or next spring & houses, cabins & may say
red that are now renting for \$250 per month will
not bring half of that for year. I want to
see Pa & the very first spare
time I get will telegraph him to meet me
at Nashville or Louisville where
we can "compare notes". But for the
trouble & expense I would go to R. Island
where I could meet you all. I told
Con & Debbie in August the other
day I would take her as far as Nashville
to meet Pa. & turn her over to him
but whether she is going or not I
do not know. She is anxious to do
so but Graham is unsettled.
I suppose you will write him a letter. Ma
I think it would do him good for
her to see a great deal of you &
his father & other relatives who will

of the favor him, Dinner as you do to
me at Augusta. Tho' my letters go there
I am not there much but get them
when ever I am. Or he can do. He is
born in N. H. about a hundred miles
below this. I have a horse for you ma,
just the one you have been looking for ever
since Jack's death, I rode him 16 months
in the army. He has been wounded twice &
I now have a ball cut out of him just
as gentle as a lamb. I have slept on &
under him & play with & pet him as a child.
He eats apples, bread sugar or any thing out
of my hand. Has even drunk out of my
canteen. He is the best found I ever had
& to me his value cannot be counted
in Greenbacks. I have not told you of
him before because I wanted to surprise you
but I do not know how to get him to you &
tho' I have been able to provide for him since
the winter. I do not know how long I can
he has as much sense as I have & just follows
me around like a dog. Does whatever I tell him
Is a splendid saddle horse & the best kind of
gentle bucking horse I ever saw. I paid my
horse saddle & bridle wish I could get them to
you. The saddle is I think the best in the world. It
reputedly cost a thousand dollars for it. I would
not give it up. Rufie or Rufie my horse was the
pride of the whole Regt. known over the whole
brigade. A fellow offered me \$5000 for him
last spring. Once he was stolen & was re-
covered by admirals & I recovered him by
a purchase of Gen. S. D. Lee. I know how

Louisville 24th Nov. 65

My very dear Pa,

Your welcome letter of 21st reached me last night. The letters that get here at night make the trip 12 hours sooner than those in the morning, how is this? You must put them in your office at a better hour than those that get here in the day. I was very glad to rec. ma's enclosure tho. it was brief, & rejoiced to hear of her improved health. Her literary commissions I will attend to with pleasure. I have paid Dr. Miller the acct. & intend to send next to Mrs. Lucy W. Moore but have heard nothing in reply. Mrs. Short did not know exact amt. of ma's bill but will inform me next time I see her, & I will make her take it. As soon as I get fairly settled I intend to devote my evenings to reading. Just now it is quite impossible to do much in that way. I expect about the time I begin to feel settled I will have to go down to Pa. It would not surprise me if my long anticipated Christmas visit was broken up by a trip Southward. There is some talk of sending me down to stay - that would be pleasant if I can only see you all first, or I may just make a flying trip or may not go at all. I wrote Cousin Debbie both that I might go & that I would not. She must make no calculations on me for I am "mightily unsteady" - I wish tho. that she had an escort for the trip is a hard one for any body, & would be particularly so to her. I am glad Rufus has arrived & is trying to harmonize

tho. he hasnt taken the oath, neither is he "Subjorgated"
or "humiliated" "nany time". Has him shod
all round, he hasnt had a pair of shoes on since
his Confederate ones. Came off, + he will get
tenderfooted on the rocky streets of Burlington
with out he is shod as well behind as before,
I think you told me you had planted vines
below the terrace, I often wished last summer
that you had "Richmond Hill" with its large
vineyard, just going to ruin for want of the
attention, which would have made it yield
longly - Coming from the P.O. the other night
some body tapped me on the shoulder +
sd "Why Jack Henry how are you". I turned +
found it was Capt Biggs, who was in
Command of the 2. Ky. at the time I left
it. I was very glad to meet him - Yesterday
on my way from dinner I happened to
see the name of Dr. J. B. Edelin on an
office door, I stepped in + then found the
veritable individual - I saw him once in the
army on retreat from Dalton, His family are
here he told me + he has been ever since
the surrender. He remembers with grateful feelings
some kindness you did him in Burlington of
which he spoke, but did not tell me what.
He regretted very much not knowing you had
been in the City. The day has been lowering +
cloudy for a week + it is now very foggy -
I hope Cousin Debbie has recovered + Cousin
Lizzie continues well I'm them both great love
Remember me affly to all + believe me my dear father
with gratitude + affection your son Jack

24th Nov 1865

Union C. H. Dec 17 1865

Mr Jack F Henry

Dear Sir

yours of the 24th Nov
has just reached me, & I regret to say
that with all the care given to the
mare alluded to, she died in about
three weeks after she was left
with me. She took distemper & in her
weak condition could not survive
it. Mr Gist says she still thinks
well of "wheelmen" and only
regrets that there were not more
of them in the Army. It seems that
the Radicals intend to not let the
sebel states "so called" be represented
in Congres. So far as I am concerned
I dont care a farthing. States rights
is a thing of the past, and I would
as soon be held as a conquered
Province as be miscalled a
sovereign state. Respectfully yours

W. H. Gist

[1861-1865]

My Dear John

Charlotte 25 April

Stand to your arms & this is my
advice to all, we must fight it out,
Death is better than dishonour. & on that
account I hope you will all stand fast
to our flag & die under it. Rather than it
shall be trailed in the dust.

I send you \$20. Twenty dollars in gold
Take care of it, it may prove you a
valuable end some day. I wish I could
do more. Dont use it till you feel
to do so. Ever & affectionately
yours
A. L. Perry

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The Filson Historical Society

Louisville Ky 17th Jan^y 1866

My Beloved Father,

I wish it were in my power to send you an acceptable and valuable souvenir of my remembrance and affection on this the seventy third anniversary of your birth. A more tangible evidence of their existence than the expression here of my sincere regard, veneration and love, cannot just now be my pleasure to convey.

That these emotions are true and heartfelt it is not necessary here to tell you, should I could show otherwise than by words, how deeply so.

Devoutly do I thank God for His preservation of your life and the bestowal of such a blessing upon your children and their dear Mother, for so long a period. That He may continue to protect you and be thus merciful to them, and permit us all to witness many returns of this day, with it, bringing to you health and happiness and ladened with His richest blessings, is the earnest prayer of one who cannot live so many years as would suffice to thank you for the goodness, tenderness and kindness of which he has ever been the recipient, from helpless infancy

through tasty boyhood and impatient youth to the present hour.

You have been the most considerate of Parents, the best and gentlest of counsellors and the firmest of friends. Setting me the most lofty example, to manhood you guided my steps, nor then forsook your unworthy child in his inexperience. In perplexity or trouble never did he ask advice in vain, always given with manifestations of interest and solicitude, and Oh! how often, to his after sorrow, disregarded. Never was I lonesome, without finding company and companionship the most congenial in your society, always elevating and improving, always pleasant and instructive. Often now in hours ten times more lonely, I dwell upon the privileges then unappreciated, and wish that as of old I could go and unburden my heart to that loved Parent, who then listened to my story without irritation and without chiding, or seek from him that counsel which I so much want, when doubts or fears disturb, and uncertainties darken my pathway.

Every hasty or unkind word ever said to you, Dear Father, now burns my conscience, like a coal of fire. Never was such uttered, but that moment, followed by a prayer that the "Recording Angel" would look as charitably upon my impatience as on Uncle Toby, and "as he wrote it down, drop a tear upon the sword and blot it out forever."

Thou you, certainly, no one can look more calmly upon the past without regret or upon the future without apprehension, for as nearly as is permitted that mortals should, you have done "unto others as you would they should do unto you".

Words essay so fruitlessly to express my gratitude to you, and my admiration, reverence and respect for the nobleness of your character, that simply with a reiteration of what's already said I will despatch this feeble tribute, begging your acceptance of the grateful remembrance and sincere devotion and love, of your

Affectionate & obliged Son, Jack

The Filson Historical Society

From my dear son
Jack on my Birth-
day Jan 17th 1886
a very affectionate letter

The Filson Historical Society

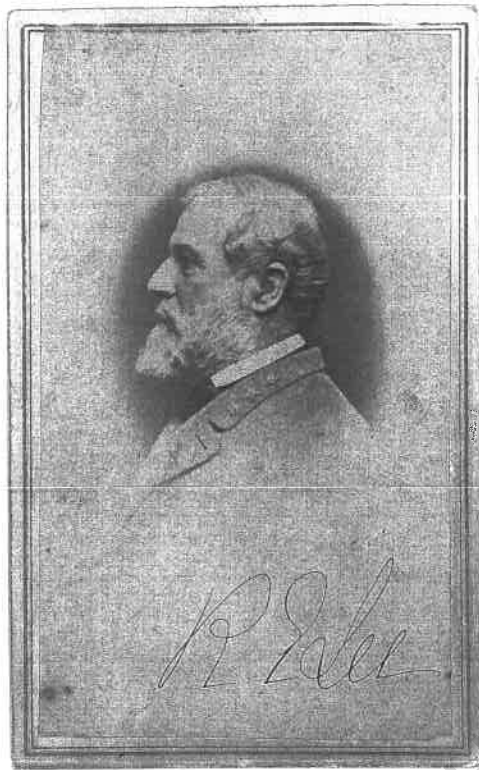
Seabrook N.H. 18 May '66

My dear Sir

In reply to your
letter of the 11 Inst. I regret to
state, that I possess no autographs
written previous to April 1865;
nor have I any better mementos
of that period, than the en-
closed photograph, which
was taken during the war
by artist

Yours obtlly

R. E. Dea,



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transferred to
autograph collection

August 15th 1866.

Cousin Eliza,

I am happy to express my acknowledgments for the view of your beautiful home, although the beauty was marred by the too faintly delineated photo of the chief joy of "Joywood." Why did you not have a schedule appended so that I could distinguish you?

I neglected to call for the photographs when in. Please thank Cousin Allen for his kindness, and again thank you, Cousin Eliza, for your kind remembrance, I claim the happy privilege of signing myself

Your cousin

J. Lewis Allen

to obtain it - It is a matter of expediency only. - If the Elections go favorably for the President, I am hoping for a general Amnesty, under which I will rather come, if I were a Reb. than under a Special Pardon.

We are all glad that you have plenty to do & will to do it.

Affectionately Your Father
J. H. A.

P.S. I am expecting to sell 15 Acres of land - embracing my Vineyard - If I do I am thinking of investing something like \$1000 in Tennessee Stocks - They are quoted at 69 1/2 - but must rise to Par if the State pays its interest gradually what do you know or think about it? The Int. will be a \$100. & is equal to almost 9 Per Cent on 69 1/2. J. H. A.

The Carpet sack is not wanted here. If you can make any use of it do so. - If of no use to you, send it back by Mr. Nevell, if he calls as he comes back - or whenever it can come free of expense. It is not worth Express Charges. -

Burlington Iowa

Sept 8th 66

My dear Son

Your letter of the 2nd to your Mother and Sister & myself jointly, has just been rec^d. You must have rec^d. mine of the 1st (I think) about the next day, and as that gave all the family news up to that date, I will not go back of it. Your Sister has gone on steadily, but slowly, to improve. She came into the Parlor to see Callie yesterday, for the first time, & to day, hopes to ride out - She intends writing to day if she can; but for fear she may not be able to do so, I write you a short letter. - In my last I answered every question but that about D. Lakeley. - He is an old friend & Pastor - a very worthy, true hearted man, in whom I have great confidence. He is the Brother of the old Gentleman to whom you referred. I notice that he has recently married Mr. Richards for. Step Mother to W. A. R.

I was told he had 7 sons & stepsons in the
Confederate ranks, one of whom fell a sacrifice
so he was O.K.

It is happened, that yesterday P.M.
Mr. Albert Howell - father of the young man,
who died at Fort Delaware, came to my house
on his way to Ten, thro' Louisville - I hastily
gathered up a few Books, packed them in a
carpet sack and put his name on it. I sent
it checked to Chicago, & if it meets with
no accident, it will get to Louisville tomorrow
morning about 5 o'clock. Mr. Howell promised
to deliver it to you, or at your Manhouse.
This he will undoubtedly do, if he can. - & if
he cannot, from his hurry in passing through,
that he would take means to have it done -
It costs nothing as it goes ^{thru of you see, when you can walk.} as his baggage -
Should you not receive it, you can write to
him at Clarksville Ten. & he will inform
you on the subject. Sent to the care of
Thomas Pettis Providence, near Clarksville.
The Books are, Byron, Moore, McCauley &
Vol. Johnson's Dictionary sent especially on

on account of its fine quotations, constituting really
a "Dictionary of Quotations," and the Books presented
to you by Mr. Davis, which W. Robertson said,
contained a vast amount of useful knowledge.

Your Mother has been indisposed but is
now better - She expects to be down to dinner
to day - I wish you could be here for a
few weeks to enjoy the fine Sackel Peas
and Grapes, which are just getting ripe -
It would be my pleasure to see to pay you
a visit this Fall, but I cannot now promise
as I have so many schemes on hand, that I can
not encumber myself with a promise of
any kind, until I dismiss some of them.

I got a letter from your uncle
a day or two ago - He is impatient for
his Pardon - and I am pondering on
the subject, to devise how I can help
him. It is very humiliating to beg a Pardon
when you feel that you have done right
but there are so many inconveniences &
annoyances resulting from the worst of it,
that I do not blame any one for trying

September 6, 1862

Dear Son

Mr Albert Newell has kindly consented to take you a few books. Myself & my wife are not able to go to the library to make a selection. But your wife

Mr Newell is father to Al Newell who died a prisoner at Fort Dila. was Uncle to young Grindstead who was wounded when you were. He is truly a good man. I hope you'll be able to pay him some attention. A copy of Byron can't be found. It is to be sent down stairs for the first time for several weeks. Affectionately
M. M.

Burlington Sept. 24. 1866

My dear Son,

I really don't know whether I
have replied to your last letter or not. Nor can I
just now lay my hands on it; but I write the
short note to you now lest you may think
we have forgotten you. - For the last week the
State Fair has been going on in the midst of
rain & mud, that would have put a stop to
any really good enterprise, but which has scarcely
interfered with the Cattle show. - I never
knew such patriotic devotion to the great
art of cultivating the earth, without labor. -
Machines do every thing, except Housemaid's
work, and the Superintendent of the Cook Shop -
a friend in Blackwood suggests that the great
invention of the age would be a Steam
Woman, for house work &c. I wouldn't be
surprised if the Yankee men to meet the de-
mand. - I went out the last day with the
children & had a pretty good time. - I heard
the politics, tho' there was speaking on several
evenings in front of Court House -

I am trying to wind up my farming operations for the season, having had my man to cut up the corn, today. - My crop is a very small one - my sweet Potatoes, Cabbages & Turnips will do pretty well. - I am still expecting to sell, and am by no means determined what to do with the money. The Galveston project has great attractions for me; but I don't know whether I will go to visit or not. It is certainly to be the largest Gulf City, unless I am altogether mistaken in my views. -

I am much obliged to you for the Pamphlet about the burning of Columbia - It is very damaging to Sherman; that is, it would be, if there was any moral sense left but the love of truth is so low & the pride of opinion is so exalted, that nobody ^{or man} in the North cares one fig, whether he tells a falsehood or not. They are glad it was burnt and the Emperor punished with its very throne. I am heartily sick of living among such people but can't exactly see how to get away, or where to go. - I am truly yours, affectionately, G. A. Brown

Your Pa talks Ironton a great deal about it remove from here I often tell him that I do not wish to leave this house till you can get a home somewhere between Louisville & Atlanta. It matters not how small the house, on the town, so that the dwelling is large enough for our present family & you when you can tarry with us. It is situated near a Presby. church with a good devoted preacher & pious members. In your travels, if you meet with such, we will see out here & welcome.

If you ~~send~~ send the carpet sack back, fill it with such garments as you would like to have repaired. Your sister & myself wish to be given pleasure in making them "almost as good as new."

I enclose a clipping from a Radical paper which I presume was published to injure both Mr. Johnson & Mr. Uncle Gus. Perhaps his very anecdote may strengthen the attacks on the Eagle note. I filled out some blanks in a letter to you Pa a few days since but as I did not know what to do I

Mrs. M. Dick
 Ironton is my
 second son
 Jim your
 child cousin
 the children
 yr 4th cousin
 I wish you
 would tell me
 the names
 of the two
 young
 of fully
 yr no
 Sept 26th 1866
 3 Block P. O.

My dear Son
 This is the hour & anniversary of my meeting with you last year. My heart & thoughts have been with you all day & as I am alone am prompted to remind you, of to me the most delightful of earthly meetings, after ~~after~~ years fraught with anxiety & care, when my soul poured out its thanks to our heavenly Father ^{because} that he had preserved you from so much danger, & enabled us in our old age to see trace our Benjamin under so many pleasant circumstances (Monday morning 25th yr Pa & my self left home & he returned by hope, tho' I was led by ear & met our darling Monday 3 o'clock in Louisville. This day is but windy but tho' the 26th I think of these

Oh will how many blessing
the intervening year has
been crowned! You have
had an agreeable situation, an
ample support, & free from
all the annoyances arising
from want of occupations,
which has tried the souls of
so many of your young country
men Oh! my son, give
thanks to God for his many
mercies, give your heart to
Him see it becomes hardened
under his great goodness.

Dedicate yourself & all that
you possess to His service
Make the vow on your knees
in your room, that you will
live for His honor & glory. Do
not postpone this one moment
& with you in the most solemn
manner dedicate one tenth
of your income, whether small or
great ^{so long as you live} to His service, to promote
the cause of your Great Redeemer
Do this & He will bless you in

"your pocket & your stores, in your
body & in your soul. Read the
28th chapter of Deuteronomy & may
God grant you the attentive mind,
the retentive memory & the be-
lieving heart.

My heart yearns to see you
& I wait now to ask you to ap-
point a time, when you will
come to see us. Will it be this fall
or not till winter? Say when will
you come, so that I may mark the
day, & look forward to it with hope.

For the first time in several weeks
you will be sick & the little trio
are out riding. When they return
you & I myself are going to the
Cemetery where loved ones are
sleeping in Jesus, till the Lord urector

Tomorrow Kate & the children
will return from Jacksonville
George was quite ill while they
were broken sick here, however
you can do writes to your brother &
give him much pleasure & gratify
me He was greatly disappointed that
you did not acknowledge a letter he
addressed to you when last at Atlanta

[26 September 1866]

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My dear son Reginald your
Pa has written a letter so influen-
ced by the dark day. It pains
me to hear any one complain of the
weather as it seems to be the only
earthly thing, unaffected by the de-
pravity of man, beyond his power
& regulated by "Him who doeth all
things well. I should be glad if
you could become acquainted with
Rev. Robt. Dapley. He was a dear friend
of your Pa's & I looked upon as almost
any one who knew him did as one of
the most devoted Christians ever ready
to speak a word in season for His master
& the salvation of souls. He married Mr. Rich-
ardson I think the very day that Callie & the
children were lost on the Mississippi & you
were then about from Louisville. He baptis-
ed your brother when one year old in the
Pres-Ch in Hopkinsville. Oh! that the pray-
er then uttered may still be heard for him
& for us. I wrote to Mr. Robt. Richardson

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inviting her to visit us. There is no one
excepting her mother who I should be
more delighted to see. I've loved her
since her childhood & she is one of
my own heart. We would do all we
could to make her enjoy a visit to our
little domicile. Your sister read
the first half of a letter she com-
menced to you. It's usual was pre-
vented from finishing.

Willie Hellingwell repeatedly asked
me to ask you for yr photographs &
begged for the book you sent yr sister
& expressed great friendship & interest in you.
I send a clipping about mesmerism.
Have you selected a seat in either
church? I am anxious that you should
go where you will be strong enough to
pursue the way that leads to eternal life.
But my darling don't be influenced by
any one to go to the Catholic Ch. At
this time they is stretching out its arms
to enclose all they can find pro-
testant families who are not con-
nected with a church. We have some
Catholic friends who are kind as can be
& I appreciate them highly. But their Ch.
instruments lead astray. Affectionately yr
mother

October 13th 1866

Dear Ann

I have been trying for the last
10 days to reply to yr last offer to letter
Since then I have rec^d a kind letter
from Mr R declining my invita-
tion to visit us, offering sufficient
reasons. Previous to its receipt I
wrote to Cousin Mary J but have
rec^d no reply & know not what she
& Alice have positively decided not
to come. It is pleasant weather &
I think the trip will do her good. I
feel anxious about her health. She
has ever been to me as a sister, & I will
be greatly disappointed if she does
not come.

We have been trying to procure
you thin socks but in vain. If the
enclosed will do, I can easily send
you 1/2 doz pair of these "thread half hose"
As Pa sister & the children have gone

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to visit a willow thicket, intend-
ing to transplant some to the
newly acquired estate which Pa
has named "The Willows," The name
anticipating the article to be
transferred to the lowlands, this side
of the "Rock ridge."

You ask "why in the world did you
write me about the Catholics? Because
I had been reading about them, & of
their extending influence, over South-
ern sympathizers the cause of the
Radicals in Protestant churches &
also because of conversations with
one who doubtless will acquire al-
most priestly influence over some
of the junior members of our friend
family in Rock Island.

The children are highly amused at the
idea of Uncle Jack's artificial wife, are
anxious to know if she looks like the large
dolls that have cloaks & bonnets put on them
to exhibit at the store doors
Affectionately yr ma

sion. Remember the curse of Rember, "unstable as water, thou
 shalt not exceed". - The great error of my life has been a restless &
 unsettled disposition - 38²³ years ago I purged this Louisville
 seeking a home in the then wilds of the West - Had I settled
 down then in Louisville, I might have occupied a high rank
 in my Profession, and enjoyed the companionship of congenial
 souls; but my destiny led me on & on - and at every stage
 I have found my anticipations delusive. But a kind
 Providence has not left me dejected and discontented -
 My domestic happiness has been full & complete, and in the
 companionship of "wise children & friends", I have felt amply
 compensated for any disappointments which have befallen
 me. I am anxious however, to guard my children from
 the dangers, which result from impetuosity of present desires &
 a too high anticipation of the advantages of change. - But
 whenever you can find a locality, where you can be successful
 in business and where W. R. can obtain a remunerative
 employment, I will very speedily join you - My recent
 purchase will, I am convinced, be no obstacle to my doing
 so. as the improvements, which will afford me pleasure to make,
 will make it so attractive to some person, that I will find no
 difficulty in disposing of it to advantage. - It is only 1/2
 mile from the Corporation line - and is very convenient to my
 present residence, which will be our permanent abode, whilst
 we remain in this region. We all indulge the hope, that you
 can come here in the coming Winter & remain with us somewhat
 longer than the usual. with great love I am Yr affec^t

Father John F. Henry

P.S. The Rail Road will probably pass by land sometime
 this Winter, & I will as soon as possible as I can make
 sale of, possible to advantage - The migration to this region
 the Spring

This was commenced
 on its date, and the
 first two lines only
 written. - It has been
 finished this night,
 16th. & will be sent
 to-morrow morning
 but will not leave
 until evening -
 Sent Extra - Copy of your letter
 you - P. M. of so late in the day
 sent me & Mr. Astor, about the
 Why you will receive -
 I am - sorry to see that you
 are - troubled about the Elec
 tion - have - the - friends - of
 the coming Election will
 April & I'll remain in
 the same spot, I could say
 very short & fully dispense
 with them altogether
 We shall see. - J. F. H.

My dear Son,

I have been trying ever since the arrival of
 your letters to your mother & myself to get some one to
 write to you: but household cares have prevented us
 heavily on your Mother & Sister, that they have not
 had time to do so, and then our kind - woman, of the Ebony
 hue, has been and is very sick, and every thing seems to drag
 heavily in consequence; for since the departure of the married
 Darkey, he has been our dining room servant, and man of
 all work. - These things have prevented our regular inter
 change of trifles of love. As to myself you know, I
 have always been extremely irregular, sometimes writing
 every day and then holding off until I almost lose the
 art of correspondence altogether. Since my last letter
 to you, I have been trying to sell the Vineyard, for which
 I never had much affection, and which I am not compe
 tent to manage to advantage. I thought, at our time about
 the sale was made; but the man, who wanted it badly,
 did not come to time. He is still nibbling at it; but
 my very great & I should hope early sale of land will be broken over.

as I have added another hundred dollars to the price, I do not expect to sell to him. As I wanted pasture land, and something to amuse me nearer home, I have purchased the 95 ac. this side of the Red-Bridge. It is almost entirely unimproved, and will require \$500. worth of fencing to make it available; but then, if I do not take out, it will be worth at the least \$5000. The land is very fine, but most of it is ^{about once in six years} subject to overflow from the Mississippi; - I have named it "The Willows", altho' there is but one tree of that species on the whole tract, and that I observed on yesterday was dead; but I intend in the Spring, to stick in many thousand slips of every variety found in this country, and ultimately of every known variety. The first thing is to throw a fence around it, and in this I intend to avail myself of the Muscle of Africa's saddle horn, ^{and as he reports himself better this M^y 17th I may get the so.} I have only owned it one week, and have as yet done nothing; but every day or two, I ride out to view it, and endeavor to learn all about the overflow, and to devise & digest the best plan of improvement. In the mean time, the house & enclosed Land is wanted for about the interest of the money I am to pay for it. The price was only \$850. - \$200 in hand, the balance in 12 mos with 6% interest. - Having sold a good deal of property here, & in Pontiac, I felt that if I did not buy some, I would soon sell out ^{and find at not necessary to purchase more for so long a}

and come to the ground metaphorically, but literally to no ground at all. The improvement of Burlington has never been so rapid, and apparently so healthy, as at present. The work of brains would astonish you. Rents are very high in Jefferson; and altho' very low on 3^d, I will get for the coming year, upwards of \$1000. for the store houses. - This with my other rents will reach to about \$1600 per annum - a pretty sum to those who deal in hundreds of thousands, but really very comfortable to persons of humble habits & aspirations. I do not see the way clear to go South to live. - In the first place, I do not know where to go. - & in the next, I could not now sell to advantage. Property is just on the eve of a very great advance, as I think, & a sale now, at the highest rate, may be ruinously low, even before the payments are made. - I do not wish to go South, unless a place can be found, where you & Mr. Robertson would both do well; and this is hard to find. As to yourself, I hope you will not lightly exchange a certainty for an uncertainty, however tempting - a life of steady & unobscured industry cannot fail to confer on you an abundance of the means of support; and then you will have around you persons, who appreciate your worth & friendship qualities, and not those who are envious or detractive in their disposition

I enjoy them very much
She can be stimulated to
great exertions by the promise
of a ride on Rufus.

Mr James Pearsley is on his ~~bride~~
ding town, having married Mr
Mex Green's only sister. Mr Kelger
married Miss Clements of Helena Ark
Charles Hendrie Jr., married out
west Miss Adams (the daughter of
the Episcopal minister) who use to
visit Stone sometimes. She was related
to the Crocker. Frank East or West
has left Mr Rodes & has a grocery
of his own at the Nealey corner
Mr Warner Miller & family have gone to
"Virginia" It is reported never to return.
Had I should partner with Whitman's
some time ago

I have given you all the news
that I have heard for many weeks.

"Aunt Mary's husband is our cook
when ~~he~~ ^{she} went as nurse to R.D. you
see his little white girl, hired as nurse is
charitable maid & waiter in general

you know not my darling how
often I wish that you could be with
us, once more by affection
Ma

October 22^d 1866

My dear son

Yours of the 15th directed
me Friday morning 19th. Many
thanks for length & contents.

You set out with Julia & little
Flora & nurse were waiting for
an upriver boat, to accompany
Charles Buford to Rock Island
He had staid at home so long in
bad health that it seemed impossi-
ble to move her, but at the last mo-
ment I believe she would have re-
fused to go, if little Belle with
womanly self command ^{had not} suppressed
her feelings at the separation. She
will probably be absent 10 or 14
days & I trust will be benefitted in health
& spirits. Your letter also advised her
that Cousin Mary Short wd not come
during her absence.

We were all pained at hearing

Ms. A. 9. 26

of Mr Chetard's bad health His
loss will be very great to his
friends tho' I have never seen him
I have learned to love him, because
of his kind attentions to my boys

I regret that his illness & yours at
same time may influence Cousin Mary
to postpone her visit indefinitely

I admit fully, with due appreci-
ation ^{what my say} of the Catholics, and did not know
that any one, but especially the friends
in your neighbourhood, had ever allu-
ded to them, & was not aware that
either they or myself "had pitched
into the Catholics,"

I hope the socks suit & that you will
let me send the Y^d for. There are
no thin ones to be had. These were
80 cts because of their superior qual-
ity of thread.

Of course the subject of our
relations will not be alluded to
in any way except to yourself

But my dear son I must think
that you ought to have called on
your aunt & let the manner of your
reception regulate future calls, she
is an old lady now, her conduct in her
feelings towards all & I think very
unselfish. Mrs Charlotte is the only
Mrs B of R. I. in Ky. The Bible you
wrote to you sister to send you, she
gave to R. I. prison. I wish you would
let me send you Scotts Bible & some
mercery. I may find an opportu-
nity to send at least one vol
at a time like the Box sent

Ruffin is very fat, with glossy
coat. I had ^{as much} more enjoyed riding
since Old Jack's day, as since Ruffin's
arrival. This afternoon your Pa &
Billy & Belle or Rufus have gone
to "the Willows," Felt Rufus come Belle
never had a horseback ride, I hope she
will become a good Equestrian, until last
week your Pa led him, she has had a
few rides under her own guidance

All of us are now belated
with our usual health. The
children wishing for Christmas
that they may hang up their
stockings. I say and to Richmond
Hill my heart leaps about it still.
If we were forced there doubtless it
would be a delightful residence
& having 5/8 miles to go to the water
not to mention objectionable having Puff
& Breezy to take us there, if the road
was like our former road on
Caroline Co. road, but Debbie
described it as a bed of sand & I
could not make a change it on
a hot summer morning. I do not
know now any where but in the
path of your wandering & close by a better
chance where I shall have the people prepared

Mr Pa seems to think we will find it
more difficult to obtain competent ser-
vants in Ga^a than elsewhere. We sometimes
hear of an orange grove in Florida. But
it seems nothing less than full of
insects of a verminous sort on trees & plants
which fully & immediately to go about
me

Your Pa
wrote you
a long letter
about "Red
mond Hill"
directed to
Atlanta

Dec = 18th 1866

My Darling Boy,

I write now not knowing
when this may reach you. But my
heart is full & I wanted to tell you
that I cannot give up your New Year
visit. You have never promised
me this gratification but I have
thought of it all through the year
& have "set my heart on it." That is
if you can come consistent with
the duties of your station I would
not have one of these neglected even
to trespass my child at New Year

As to a meeting in Pa. it can
never take place. Not one of us will go
there with the hope of seeing anything of
you, & of having a private interview for
five minutes. I would look for
you ~~even~~ if you do not say that you
will come.

Charles, Basil, Sue Remondet & Blanche came last Monday evening. All wished you were here. Tuesday 12th about 9 o'clock. All went to St. Rose's, where the ceremony was performed by Father Donohoe according to Catholic rites. I was told that the bride & her bridesmaid Sue were beautiful. She was not told the same off Miss Annie Clark 2nd bridesmaid. All started in carriages for the cars the river was too full of ice. They returned about 10 o'clock. Day morning a crossing was made & we have not seen the same. Skating & teaming have been on the river for several days. The men & boys are constantly popping. There has been a fine fall of snow. & all who seek amusement ^{away} ~~out~~ find the fun in enjoying it very much. Your brotherly friend
Louis Paul Dodge & the Misses Stairs

with about 30 single gentlemen were present at the wedding & partook of the handsomely prepared breakfast. Charles & his bride spend the winter with his mother. Mr. & Mrs. W. will wash & contribute a little to the entertainment of the young people.

I am indebted to you & Frank & also to Mrs. Ketchum each for very pleasant letters which I hope to answer soon. They both express their regrets that they cannot induce you to be more so visible.

Enclosed I send you the drawing of the Headstone placed in October at the grave of our darling. You & I myself think it beautifully sculptured plain, simple free from defects in getting & of the purest marble. The base is of Brownstone & the foot stone Gothic in form, has F.H. on it. He appeared to have this last sad tribute lest it might be imperfect & be painful for us to see it there. We are thankful that it is otherwise

Personal.

"Peace hath her victories as well as war," and one of these our city has recently been a witness. We allude to the visit just paid by Major Moses Foote, (late of the Confederate Army,) to his brothers and sisters residing in Burlington.

Of this family there were at the commencement of our fratricidal war four brothers, all we believe, natives of Vermont. Two in this city, and two in Alabama. Each was true to the State in which his interests and affection lie. "Enemies in war in peace they are friends."

The brothers South proved the sincerity of their convictions by boldly taking up arms and periling life, liberty, and property in defense of what they believed were their rights. To the bitter end they were loyal to the lost cause."

The brothers North did not manifest their patriotism in the same way, but their loyalty was never questioned. When in our Legislature no member was more zealous in voting men and money than the Hon. John G. Foote.

While in Burlington Major Moses Foote was the guest of his brother-in-law, Ex-Mayor Gear—a fact which our enterprising neighbor of the *Hawk-Eye* has failed to notice.

We wish the gallant Major good health and with his family a safe return to Mobile. We cordially endorse Gen. Grant's wish for more friendly intercourse between the Northern and Southern people. 72x21

The Filson History

We took dinner at Mr. Erwin's on Christmas Day; that is I, your Sister & Mr. Robertson. Your Mother staying at home to take care of the juveniles - On New Year's Day, your Brother & Kate took dinner with us & remained until evening - The ridiculous custom of 'New Year's Calls' was not indulged in, that I heard of. - We intended to lend Rufie & Billy to the country, but in hopes of a snow, we have had the sleigh repaired and are keeping the horses in for that purpose. They will go to the country early in March. - They are in prime condition & Rufie seems to stand the cold very well. -

Wishing to hear from you either directly or indirectly very often and with best wishes for your success in life I am as ever your affectionate Father J. F. Henry

and R. in. I have thought over the Richmond Hill scheme & on reading what I wrote last night, my judgment confirms the decision I then made. - The attractions are very great and if every thing should go right the profits might be very great, if the market is good. - but the proverbial timidity of age renders me apprehensive of change. - But as I appreciate very highly Mrs. Schley's friendship for you, which has led her to offer the place to me, I hope you will write her a letter declining her offer in the kindest & most grateful manner. I need say no more: indeed I need not have added this P.S. but for the fear that she would be disappointed & hurt by my not taking her place. - Your Mother wants to add a line or two & I have nothing more to say. J. F. H. Decided. Please thank Mrs. S. for her kind feelings towards your family & tell her they are fully appreciated. My taste, fancy & feelings lead me to Richmond Hill. But judgment & prudence is in Burlington for we are too old to manage such an establishment.

This letter was very full on the subject of Richmond Hill and written within an hour after the receipt of your first letter on the subject. I am enclosing Mr. & Mrs. S. many thanks for your effort to add to our comfort & we give up the project with regret. I hope Mrs. S. will not think us ungrateful for not writing to Mrs. S. with our love.

My dear Son,
 Your letter from Louisville to your Mother was rec'd. this morning, and gave us great pleasure, although it confirmed our disappointment at not seeing you this Winter. Still it is pleasant to know that you are so near that we can with facility see each other in an emergency. Your engagements seem very engaging; but this should be a source of rejoicing to you as well as us. - This is your sad-time; and in due season, I doubt not, you will reap abundantly. The loss of Mr. Chatur's friendly and confidential intercourse must be seriously felt; but you must try to find some compensation in cultivating kindly relations with those around you.

I am extremely sorry you did not get my Letter directed to J. F. Henry Atlanta Geo. with the direction on the end in the usual & authorized way, to send to Louisville unless called for by Dr. Deo. Hoping that you may yet receive it, I must refer you to it, for a full answer to the Richmond Hill project and content myself with the following expression of our views on the subject. The Letter of Mrs. Schley makes

a very tempting exhibit of the availability of the house
and surroundings. The amount of Fruit trees, vines &c
overwhelms me, with ~~the~~ abundance & variety; but at the same
time appeals me with the difficulty and expense of cultivating
& marketing the product. I feel my inability, at my age
to engage in so extensive & onerous & costly an operation.
The rent seems low enough for so much House room &
furnishing and so much fruit; but I have neither the
ready money; nor the energy to manage such a concern &
without good management, the fruits would rot on my hands.
As a general rule, I have observed, that all who have gone
South and attempted to do a large business, have failed. This
is indeed almost inevitable, and the reason is very plain.
The expenses are greater than is expected, for the reason, that
we have no means of knowing what they will be; then there are
peculiarities of Climate & culture, which can only be learned
by experience; & there are ten thousand difficulties and annoyances
which can neither be anticipated nor prevented; such as
sickness, failure of crops, from insect depredations or
other blights. If I and your Mother were young we might
undertake any thing, which promised a fair remuneration,
and at the same time, the enjoyment of a more genial Climate
and the society of a more congenial people; but with the

weight of 90 many years pressing upon us, it would, I
think, be wrong to jump right into a hazardous business
the first year of our residence South. I do not despair
of finding a suitable residence South, where we could
enjoy your Company a part of each year, if not altogether.
but if we were to go to Richmond Hill, we could only hope
to see you once a year or a year and then on brief business
visits. I hope you will write to Mrs. Sebley declining
on account of our age her very generous offer.

The cold weather is here very intense, and both your
Mother & myself are suffering more than usual from it.
We are in very good health; but still we suffer with
all our care, from this source. In my letter to At-
lanta, I told you, that I had sold the 15 acres on
which I attempted a Vineyard, for \$3000 - ^{for five yrs} all on credit,
and on 8. Per cent Int. payable annually. This I did, that
I might have that much additional income & also be-
cause, I felt my inability to carry on a Vineyard. My
land north is a good purchase & will turn out well.
It is thought the Town will grow largely next year
but there is no talking - a Rail Road to Nashville & Iron
City is projected & may be built, if the Provision, all
are looking for, should not come soon.

Burlington Jan 5. 1867

My dear Son

When I wrote you a somewhat long letter on the 2nd Inst, I intended to have acknowledged the reception of your letter of 17th Dec^r from Atlanta with its enclosure; but my mind was so much on other matters, that I omitted to do so. I now do so & thank you for the enclosure, which has been duly endorsed on your note. I have nothing further to write - all are now well or getting well. Your Ma sends you a sock, which I hope will meet its fellows before long. For two or three days the weather has been delightful but no snow that is available

Yrs affctly J. P. Henry

Burlington Jan 11. 1867

Dr. G. R. Henry

Mrs M. P. Robinson

Dr. J. M. F. Henry

My dear Children,

I have received, with great pleasure, your present of Colton's Atlas. It is of great value in itself, but I prize it chiefly as a Testimonial of affection on the part of the Donors. As such it is invaluable, and I can never consult its Maps, without thinking of you with that Parental love, which has ever burned brightly in my bosom. May each of you have the felicity of exciting in those dependent on you, the same confidence & tender regard, which has ever marked your conduct to me & which has been my grateful to my heart!

With fervent prayers for your prosperity here and happiness hereafter I am your affectionate Father

John F. Henry

I enclose you a sheet from our morning
 Paper about the Murrells Pastoral
 power of a Valley in S. America, which
 you can send to W. C. if you choose.
 It this be a reality, the Valley will
 soon be full of consumptives. My old
 friend H. W. White has had a severe
 attack of Pneumonia, from which, under
 your Father's care, he is slowly recovering.
 I called to see him yesterday, when I
 had the pleasure of seeing Miss Julia &
 Miss Helen, both gentle young ladies.
 We are now all of us in pretty good
 health - tho' worn out with the
 protracted winter, which keeps us
 within doors, and threatens to be very
 "tedious," as the Yankees say.

With great love and ardent
 prayers for your health, happiness
 & prosperity in which we all join
 I am as always your affectionate
 Father

Lucy G. Henry
 done with thy -

J. P. Henry

Ps. From
 K. to A. d. w.
 Robert is made
 it must go
 on the East
 border of the
 Willows & the
 creek in bank
 of the
 water -

Washington Iowa March 21

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Your letter of the 3rd Inst was
 duly recd. and would have been acknowledged
 sooner, if I had found any thing to write you
 of interest. Your Father & Sister have taken up
 the pen in your earnest, and have left nothing
 for me to write about. It is always pleasant
 to get letters from you, and to know, that you
 are well and fully employed and comfortable
 in your surroundings; & that you are not dis-
 posed, readily, to change. A course of steady
 devotion to any business, I am disposed to think,
 must result in competence, if not in wealth.
 It is the order of Providence, and we may as
 surely expect it, as that seed-time & harvest
 should return in their seasons. The proverb
 says "The hand of the diligent, it maketh
 rich." - We are just now under-
 going a change in our "West Room" - One
 family of Freedmen have left, my intention

because of certain conditions, which rendered them unable to do our work, and another has come in. We get along better with the colored folks, than with Germans, Irish or Swedes; and one standing with them is so good that they are anxious to come - -

The Willows have been under water, for a day, from the overflow of Flint, and a part from back water from the gorge of Ice in the River - you are to know, that the Willows are only one mile, by the meandering of Flint, from the Trip. point, and only a little more than a quarter in a direct line - the overflow did us damage - but the great flood, which we expect in May or June, may be a much more serious affair. As yet I have no fears when the water can touch them, but before the flood that we look for, I hope to have from 500 to 700 Paces, in the low ground. I intend anchoring every post, & hope to make them stand - I intend fencing only 50 acres this Spring, and if successful, I will enclose

all next year - I have topped my Willow tree in the old cow lot, and have many thousand slips ready for use, when the time comes. I am also making preparations for an Orchard, and hope to have at least 100 trees set this Spring. - I know something about orcharding - a thing about trees, and this was why, I was so ready to get out of the Vineyard operation. On the whole, putting expenses into the calculation, an orchard is at least as remunerative as a Vineyard.

I cannot probably see you in Louisiana until the latter part of May, if at all - Whether you rather can accompany me or not I cannot say at this time. It will be very pleasant for me to do so. Time & circumstances must determine the matter - Your brother has shown me Mr. Chubb's Letter, which I have read with great interest, and with a feeling of melancholy. He writes like a Friend & I deeply deplore his ill health.

ahead. The people of the South ought to have known that their struggle was one for life or death & if they had been united, so that a common counsel could have prevailed the result might have been different, but it is much easier to be wise after the event, than before its occurrence. The negro suffrage will be enforced and will complete their ruin. - & this it is, which makes me pause, whenever I think of going South. - It is not that the neg-ers, are free but that they can control the Elections & Legislation of the country. - I am extremely sorry to learn that my Brother's place has been overthrown. - Misfortune it is said never come singly - and they seem to have come to him in shoals. - From being a man of great wealth he is now almost a poor as when he began life, and is compelled to labor at his Profession at a time when the energy & hope of youth have fled. It is hard to be poor; and doubly hard when it succeeds abounding wealth. This is a time, when we should show our affection & confidence by tender sol-icitude and the kindest construction of their conduct. - Especially we should not scorn them, as like the lame deer, because they cannot keep up ^{with} the herd.

Charles & wife are in Town on a short visit. They dined here to day. Your Mother & Sister think they are getting along finely. He is all in comfortable health at this time - All write in love to you. Even the Baby when pointed to your Photograph jibbers away, as if she had some thing to say to or about you. I have often wondered what deep thoughts dwelt in the Chambers of these undeveloped Persons. - With great love I am
kissly your affectionate Father John F. Deary

Amherst Apr. 25. 1867

My dear son,

Your letter of the 21st inst. was rec^d. this noon. I had been, as you conjectured, very much engaged in my Garden and at the Mill on B. but I could have stolen time to write, if I had any thing intended to communicate. All domestic occurrences are regularly reported to you by your Mother & Sister; and I had really nothing to write about. I acknowledge very thankfully the arrival of the Ampelopsis & also the Beech Trees; all of which I hope will flourish. The spilling of the former wood is as given above according to Gen Hill's magazine: - I had one from the seed, very carefully covered during the winter & which I find in good condition this Spring - others will doubtless come up, as I am told the seeds frequently remain two-years before sprouting. I have also Beech seed in the ground, which may come up but it must be many years before they attain

the size of those you seek. A large part of the Willows has been & is got under water. but of the bottom Land I suppose Ten or fifteen acres are on above the surface & are fairly fit in the ground & of the second Bottom, there are at least 15 acres some 15 feet above the highest flood. say 3 or 4 after 95 are out of the water - The Land is very fine and I have no fears of losing any thing by the purchase - Owing to the high water, & late set of the season when the freeze left the ground (15th or 20th) I have made small progress in fencing - and so soon as I may not have it finished before mid-Summer, but I am doing the best I can with the Darkies, who are engaged to do it. My Cranberry planting is deferred for want of a fence, but my situation is so good, that, if I can I will still try the experiment this season. I have just this day finished planting at least 20,000 Willow Sticks - some of which I hope, will escape the dangers & mischances of infection & come to be ornamental & useful trees. I am in a quiet sort of way, trying to make arrangements to spend a week or two with you the latter part of May. - I cannot probably come sooner if that.

My Taxes have been so heavy & the improvement of the house last year, and of the Willows this year have been so exhaustive, that I cannot command the means before the time mentioned, if that, you another will come with me, if I come at all. But for a few weeks I can make no appointments. - There is a general apprehension on the subject of money matters; and yet prices continue to advance out of all proportion to the advance in Gold. My Main Street houses are rented for \$40. per mo. for better higher by \$5.00 or \$6.00 than ever before. & so my four houses are rented for almost as much as when first built. By the bye, I was offered for the Main Street house & lot \$6000. - which I was tempted to decline, by the extensive improvements the R.R. is making on Market square almost opposite to it & which will render ^{it necessary that} this Depot should open on the corner of Main Street & Division & must make my lots as valuable for business as any in the City I think they will be worth \$10,000 apiece at the end of 6 or 8 years. The dissolution & subjection of the South is distressing & deplorable indeed & I confess I see but little hope of any thing better

Burlington May 27-1867
Night 9 o'clock

My dear Son

I wrote you a better-skil-
ter Letter this P.M. & now I send you
an amended copy, to say that we expect to
start on Wednesday 29th via St. Louis -
where we intend taking the Cars to Jeffersonville
If at St. Louis we change our destination I will
inform you by Telegraph. - As we cannot know
what time we will get to St. Louis, I cannot say
when we will reach our journey's end. - So I
had better Telegraph from St. Louis any how -

I understand from Mr. Robulph
that the National is near your business place
and is a very good ^{at least by letter} Hotel. If you cannot get
us comfortable quarters at your Boarding House
how would the National do? Belle can occupy
the same room with us, if it is large enough for
two beds - well ventilated & having a pleasant

prospect, that it does not look down on a
pig sty or stable yard. Of course says all
these specifications mean, you must do as you
think best, as we have every confidence in your
executive abilities.

As I have nothing more to say
I bid you good night

Your affec^ted

Father
J. P. Henry

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Dear Son, Your kind letter
with the button hole measures
arrived after the chairs I think
were sent. My sister fears
they were too small for you.

~~If~~ I go to Louisville I cannot
think of staying with our relatives
for I know it will put them
to inconvenience for instance
Cousin Mary & Alice gave
me their room to me. I
want to stay here & can

see the most of my son

Dear Jack
I think you
ought to get a certificate
with the name of the
order sent is "Thank
you" but neither
"Thank you so"
"Thank you so"
"Thank you so"

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Wilmington Iowa
May 27. 1867

My dear Son
Your letter of the 18th with
its enclosure came duly to hand; &
I am much obliged for your con-
siderate kindness. - for to say truth, I was
not newly short, but in debt for bor-
rowed accommodations.

I expected on this day to have
been able to give you a positive assurance
on the subject of our visit. But I cannot do
so until I hear from a 'collection' in Chicago
which should have been made on 25th - but
of which I can gain no information until
tomorrow - probably not till the next day
should it be made, of which I entertain
no reasonable doubt, we will take boat
to St. Louis some time on Wednesday &
hope to be there ^{in time} for the morning train on

on the Ohio & Mississippi RR: Your Mother
thinks she can stand a ride of one day - but
not of the whole trip. Whether we will
go to New Albany or Jeffersonville
cannot be known until we get to St Louis
of which I will inform you by telegraph.

Inasmuch as we cannot now know
whether we will reach St Louis in time
for the morning train on Friday, we can-
not say, when we will reach our destination.
Both will come along.

Can you provide us comfortable
quarters either at the Louisville or Willard
or at your boarding house for two weeks -
which will be the length of our stay?
We want to be with you at our meals,
and in the evenings, and so convenient to
your business place & to Mr Kinkead
& to Dr Robinson's & the Church, that
every thing will be easy - If in the second
story is much the better. We prefer
private quarters to the bustle of so busy
a place as the Louisville.

This is a very vague letter, but
I cannot make it more definite, until
I get my ammunition - -

We have had some anxiety to be
in Louisville in time for the inauguration
as it is called of Mr Clays Statue; not
for that, but in order to see the great
men of the State, some of whom I might
possibly know, and in the hope, that
I might meet your Uncle, or some of
our Relations - I am very anxious to see my
Mother & late to think of coming home, without
doing so; but unless I should meet her in
Louisville, I fear I cannot do so. - I
could not think of "going the rounds"
especially in this rainy season.

I may drop you a line before I
start; if I should start. -

Your sister has just got my
letter, containing two pictures of
short collars, which your Mother says she
understands - I do not

Yrs affly J. T. Henry

My Beloved Son,

He felt very sad after parting with ~~you~~ & it required quite an effort for me to compare my feelings, or seeing the flitting of the Car containing my love one. But I feel very thankful that we could see you under such favorable circumstances. It is very true that you are not well as. There is every appearance of improvement of circumstances upon them since in old furniture & other deceptions that seem to be repaired without money. Good in detaching Home, sent to Robert Filson is true. It is delicate health days, he bro the & his bride are boarding at Mr Bennett's at \$600 per annum whereas Mr Wolf changed them ~~1200~~ for similar accommodations. It is true that he is in Edmunds to come & expect him to ^{Mr} Martin and at the same time 12 miles from the best road in the territory. Little Maria Martin of 8 years is playing with Belle but George has no companion & seems quite lost for society. This is almost as beautiful as Hope Hill & the inhabitants as affectionate & hospitable. Give much love to friends at Longwood & at Mr Kinheads & accept of a
Heart full from yr Affectionate Ma

Clarksville Tenn
June 20. '67

My dear Son

We left Hope Hill at the appointed time and as the rain of the previous day had cooled the air and laid the dust we had a comparatively comfortable ride. The company, I must say, was of the most sunny and unassuming kind I ever encountered.

The Car was not half full, and yet it was with difficulty we obtained seats, and then only on demand. This shows a considerable infusion of Yankee exclusiveness, which I was sorry to see. - Your uncle met us at the Depot, and in due time we arrived safely at Emerald Hill - a most beautiful site -

This River is in good condition
and Boats are running regularly. - A
good Boat will pass here on next
Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock A.M.
and in this respect to go to Cairo
where we expect to meet the Memphis
Packet. We hope to make good &
immediate connection with the St. Louis
Boat, at that point. This will save
us all trouble of Rail River travel
which you Mother is extremely anxious
to avoid. We have had a most
delightful visit throughout, and are
under great obligations to our kind
friends for their many attentions. - So
them especially we are indebted for
the opportunity of seeing to meet of you
- This was the prime object of our visit &
our only regret was that we could
not see you at every meal, and every
night. But under the circumstances
the best was done, that could be
and we were highly gratified by

seeing to meet of you. You can hardly
conceive how glad & happy we have
been made by seeing & hearing how
highly esteemed you are by those,
with whom you have business or social
relations. We knew it ought to be so.
but the realization of the fact was an
assurance of happiness that was very
gratifying. We know too that you
have friends who will stand by you in
sickness, should you have the mis-
fortune to be afflicted. And altho
we hope for your success in life rests prin-
cipally on your own merit, under
the benignant smiles of Providence
yet it is a great advantage to have
friends who are ready to help one
who is able to help himself. -

We are all in comfortable con-
dition. The children miss greatly
the company of children of their own
age. but this is inevitable.

With great Love from all
I am your Father J. H.

Athens Georgia
August 9th 1867.

Genl Robert T. Scurth.

Washington D.C.

My dear Genl.

I write to give you
some information. Recently I have been in the
Company for some days of Genl Beadans the
secretary, and confidential friend of Genl Grant.
Voluntarily he asked me if I knew you, upon
stating to him we were old friends, he expressed
pleasure at meeting me, and immediately said
he was "extremely" sorry you had ^{written} a letter recently
published. That you were not paroled, and your
situation might be made very unpleasant through
that letter. - I inquired if he was apprehensive of
your arrest. This question he evaded, by asking
of me if I knew that you did write that letter.
I assured him, that I did not, but I was
very sure if you had, you had not authorized
its publication - and that I was equally sure, your
meaning, in the expression, that you were ready to

fight again, for what You had fought for in the
recent conflicts, ~~was~~ was simply for the principles
of the Government. In other words for the true
principles of democratic representative Government
as established by the Constitution. He then sum-
-arked that Your interpretation of the Constitution is
could not be tolerated, it had long been the
interpretation of Southern Statesmen, that they now
had determined against it, and the interpretation
now placed upon it, must in all the future be
that of the Government, that the Government
had the power, and assuredly would sustain
this interpretation, and to pretend to any other
would tend to unsettle this, and would be treasonably

I expressed a hope, that You would not on
account of this letter be brought to trouble

He expressed a similar wish, and after a
pause, said rather emphatically, Mr. Brown is
a dangerous man. Is eminently talented of great
influence, and every thing coming from him
was closely scrutinized, and he was known to
exercise great influence upon the Southern mind

From the tenor of his repeated conversations
I am sure Your letter, has been the subject

of conversation in Grant's head quarters, and I
am equally sure, no action has been taken upon
it. but I am not so sure, there will not be.

I wish I could see How, and converse with him
I am afraid to write what I would say. For there
is no knowing whether they would ever reach
How.

Sheridan has driven me from my office
as How see he had nearly every one in New York
I refused to surrender the books locked in my
iron chest. and am away from Louisiana
apprehensive, to remain would be dangerous to
my liberty. Johnson has promised us to restore us
and to remove Sheridan. I have no confidence
in his promises, he has no nerve, the threat of
impachment, is sufficient, to frighten him from
any determination. In the meantime, Sheridan, opp
him and marches on as an irresponsible Congress.
overwhelming every thing in his way. I shall remain
here a month or so. and then to some other point
awaiting the issue of war. write me, and do
not fear publication or exposure. My good wife is
with me in perfect health. She sends kind regards.
present me to your lady and believe me your friend
W. A. Spauldy

at Home August
13th

My Dear Husband

I received your letter from August
- to this afternoon (Tuesday) glad you are off
I hope you will not return - I received this
letter this afternoon, which I think may be
very important to you, & which I send off in
the morning's mail - I want you to get a home
in Canada or some safe place, & write me
word, & I will go to you, this Country is
not fit to live in - I am not alarmed at
all, but disgusted - we are all well, I will write
to you tomorrow I only send this letter

I say that we are well - I received a letter
from Linton Stephens to know if you received
his letter asking you to bring his Mother in
law - you will get yourself in business.
I miss you very much - but am glad
you have left & hope you will stay
I can't write - mine to night - I hope to
hear from you every day or two -
Your devoted wife
Julia

Birmingham
June 1st 69

Mr Henry
Sir

I will procure
the Orange blossoms if
possible here, and preserve
them for you, as we enamel
the flowers, in our art, for
bridal and burial bouquets,
with the leaves and stems
as you desire, at the price
stated, which is a very
low figure, forty dollars.

It will require from two
to three weeks, the process
being long and tedious.

Respectfully
Mrs Smith.

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my great grandmother Richardson
to my great grandmother Henry
about marriage
of my grandmother and
grandfather Henry

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The Filson Historical Society

in speaking of her death,
that she left Alice to
John and Mary, and so
desired to have a talk
with him on the subject,
but she feared he was
too diffident to have the
subject of his proposed union
mentioned. She oftens speaks
of visiting you, but her
health is too feeble now
to go so far from home.

Give my best love to
the Dr, and all the other
members of your family.
I owe Mary Belle a letter,
and when I get over the
wedding will have time
to answer it.

Affectionately Yours
M. C. Richardson

Written to Mrs Lucy Henry at
Burlington Iowa by my
Mother -

1827. M. C. Henry

1869

Jaywood Sept 17th
Dear Cousin.

For a long time
I have intended to write
to you about the union of
our two children, but in
the first place both of
them were so very squeamish
about having it spoken of,
and then you and I know
that in this uncertain
world, nothing can be
counted on as ~~sure~~, and
on that account I have
been deterred. But now
as the time grows so near
at hand I feel that I

may have a talk with you about them. I think their prospects for happiness are about as fair, as fall to the lot of mortals - both amiable, and lovely characters, without any ambition for worldly parade or show, and so far as I can judge with undoubted affection for each other. I think we both have done well in the choice they have made. I suppose that John has told you the wedding has been fixed for the 30th of this month. In looking into the matter lately, I find that the 30th comes in the darkest part of the moon, and as there was no getting them to

change the day, we have decided to have it in the afternoon, and they expect to leave that night for Burlington. We would be very much pleased to see Dr Henry and yourself, but as we cannot positively hope for you, we shall certainly expect some, or all of the younger members of the family.

Ma's health still continues very feeble. She is now at Williams on a visit and is quite well, at this time, but the attacks she has, and the fear of them, has very much lessened her vitality within the last year. She told me the other day

Mary C. Richardson

John F. Henry.

Mrs. Wm. Robertson

MARY G. RICHARDSON.

Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Richardson
request your presence
at the Marriage of their Daughter
Thursday Sept 30th 1869,
at 4 o'clock P. M.

Forswood,
Jefferson County

Louisville 30th Sept 09

My Dear Pa.

At 11.30 tonight we will leave for St Louis & expect to reach there in time to take the Exp. North. Side Boat for Burlington tomorrow & if nothing unforeseen occurs, will probably reach your house on Saturday Evening night. If a change should be made in our plans, at St. Louis you will be kind. I am greatly troubled at not receiving a line from home written since I returned from Georgia, except by Express a kind letter from Bob, which I have not had time to answer. As Sister recently told me Ma had been sick & cannot be far away. It is now nearly 1 O'clock I will leave for Cleveland in an hour.

Please Pardon Owing to the time & believe me ever affly yours son I shun

Will you ask Mr Robertson,
to do me the favor of having
a carriage at the Saturday night
back unless I should notify
you of a change of route - &
should I say we will thank
you by said I will thank
him to do the same. That is
have a carriage at the time. &
My old friend Pat or Dennis or
someone else to take our trunks
still I am greatly disappointed
that none of you have come
yet I know you could not.
It is likely the wedding will
be a large one. The day is as
bright & beautiful as a clear
wild day in autumn can be.

Yours
This letter was
written by J. F. H. on his wedding
day -

[ca. 1868]

I send you "the infallible watch game"
 the advertisement says the pick pocket
 if successful must take the watch as well
 as the watch. I have fastened it on a piece
 of silk wh you must imagine to be the
 watch packet. If you hold the silk in the left
 hand & pull the chain with the right you will
 find it tighter on the silk. Reverse the operation
 & you loosen the silk from the clasp. I dont
 know what it will be of any use but perhaps it
 may make you watch more secure when traveling

I will write soon to my relatives in Longville
 They all express a great desire that you will be more
 sociable with them. Up sister children & brother's youngest
 two have been quite sick with croupy cold. Belle has
 been very ill is now convalescent though she has
 sickness been patient is a comb affords you more

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I think Mr. P. & your sister could man-
age such a place if we did not inter-
fere but yr Pa. & I have his peculiar me-
tods & I shall have mine & of course there
would be a difference of opinion & a failure
must ensue. Yr Pa. thinks we suffer
more than usual with the cold. The fact
is "we have arrived at an age" when the
great effort is a burden. The vicissitudes
of the season a fitting ~~des~~ ~~at~~ ~~perhaps~~
the weather be cold or hot

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North 4th St. Burlington Iowa

Valuable letters of J. F. Henry
written after death of C. S. A.

Mrs. J. F. Henry

Brevard

North Carolina



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[1860's]

Dear Cousin Jack

I wrote you a note
this morning, requesting you to answer Mr Standy's
telegraphic despatch, saying, that he could get Louisa,
and, will be again, thinking, probably you did not
get the note, as it was given to Will and he is so
forgetful. If you did not get it, will you be
so kind, as to attend to it for me this morning;
I shall be much obliged to you indeed. With
kindest regards to you all I remain

Sincerely Your friend

Geo D Henry

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Mr. John J. Henry

Brandon

Miss

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[1860.]

H. B. Esq. Clerk of the
William B. Fuller

Wanton, Dec. 13th

Dear Cousin Jacob.

Your letter of the
10th inst. was recd this evening and
I hasten to reply, fearing that you
might leave before I can get off.

I will make a provision for a
short leave, to-morrow, and will
probably be at home on Christ-
mas, when I hope to see you.

I was surprised to learn that
you had reached my home,
which I now will share with you.
I had often thought of you, but
never knew that you too were
at "Litchfield" - I welcome you a-
mong us. Hope your wounds
are nothing serious.

I thank you for writing the

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occurrences for Ma, for though
it is a very great pleasure to
see a letter from her, she seldom
gratifies me. I am surprised
that she refuses to deliver my
messages, for there was very little
of love in them. I do though
fear that I will marry some
gay, & festive young lady, before
I arrive at the age of maturity,
which by the way, is not, now,
far in the future. — Jack, I am
obliged to you, for your kindness
in proposing to deliver them
for me, but I believe will
wait till opportunity brings us
face to face, then probably I
can arrange matters more to
the satisfaction of all parties.
Brandon is very gay & under
stand. — Hope you can enjoy it