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Stanford Jan, 8<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Dec. 24 came duly to hand. I was really pained to hear of Lizzy's illness, and more especially so, since you believe it was contracted upon her return home from Stanford. Eveline & I both insisted she should remain until her Father came for her; and when I found we could not prevail upon her to do so, I urged that she should take some extra wrapping the weather being so damp, but this she also declined. I felt quite uneasy about her at the time, however I hope ere this she is restored to health.

I am sorry you could not have informed me definitely, what my father-in-law has concluded to do in reference to his sons note, however from the tenor of your letter I infer he is unwilling to exchange it for Mr. Waller's assignment. When this assignment was made it was left optional with me whether I would receive it or not, as a settlement in full between Mr. Waller & myself.

But my object was to satisfy Gen. C. Lillard, provided my beloved husband's estate before marriage & the proceeds from the Review could do it. Therefore I sent him a copy of said assignment; & if he thought proper to exchange his sons note for that, I would be content. At the time Mr. Waller made this assignment he said, if it did not satisfy me, it could be returned and a settlement made by reference to the books, which show that Mr. Waller has drawn some \$500. & Mr. Lillard about \$100. The most of the money collected by the agents recently employed, I understand was paid over to Hooges.

So you see, the assignment can be done away with. Now, to my Father-in-law I would propound this question, Will you obtain the note on R. R. Lillard and exchange it for my relinquishment of all the interest I hold on the Review? Please answer immediately.

I regret exceedingly that there is a misunderstanding in reference to the \$450 being an advancement to R. R. Lillard by his father as a part of his inheritance; for I can prove my beloved husband so considered it, and if necessary I can prove more. Indeed one would suppose from the conversation I have heard in his immediate family, it is considered in no other light by them. During my stay at my Father-in-law's house last fall while conversing with him and his wife upon the subject of the Review, and the amount of money invested in

it by R. R. Lillard my mother-in-law remarked that, that  
(alluding to the money so invested), would all come out of the  
Gen's pocket, I replied, my little Robert would be the loser,  
That of course his grandfather would charge it to him. More  
than a year ago, my father-in-law gave Mr. Graham & myself  
plainly to understand that if the Review, & the possessions of  
my husband before marriage did not amount to the sum  
of money called for by the note, he would charge the remainder  
to my little Robert. If this money is paid otherwise than  
in the way which I have proposed, and which I understand  
my father-in-law to assent to long ago I cannot look  
forward to any period of time, when it will not "ultimately  
be my loss." I know Roberts grandfather has said at various  
times, and to various persons he intended giving Robert an  
equal share with his children at his death; for that very reason  
I cannot comprehend why he has changed his mind upon the  
subject of charging Robert with the amount under consideration.

The Lincoln Co. circuit court at its March Term decreed a  
division of my husband's & my estate. In that division all the  
real estate fell to my share as entailed property. Robert received  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  of the money which amounted to \$3,144.78, therefore  
he must bear  $\frac{2}{3}$  of all the losses on the estate. I merely state  
the above to show precisely how the matter stands.

Since the death of my most excellent husband, I have

striven to perform my duty, nay more than merely  
my duty. I proposed giving up all my husband's possessions  
and all ~~that~~ might be realized from the Review, I asked  
not that one cent might be reserved for the fatherless  
infant. All this I did to avoid any family contention - Is not  
this enough?

Present my love to all my friends

Most Respectfully

A. W. Gillard

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28 Jan 1852

I Minerva of Sellar's state that the negro woman Winney in Kentucky was given to me by my father previous to the year 1842 and when Mr Colman of Ferrisburgh and his wife Martha Ferrisburgh went to house keeping in the month of May or June 1842 I loaned Mrs Martha Ferrisburgh the negro woman Winney to wait on her and suffered her to remain there on loan until some time in the month of February 1847 at that time I ~~after~~ agreed with General Sellar my husband that he might give Winney to Mrs Martha Ferrisburgh and General Sellar my husband and the father of Mrs Martha Ferrisburgh did then give the negro woman Winney and the following <sup>negro</sup> children named

to Mrs Martha Ferrisburgh  
the negro woman has had the following children since that time namely - ~~the father of Mrs~~  
~~Martha~~

I further state that my husband had no hand in loaning his daughter Mrs Ferrisburgh said negro woman and did not give her nor any of the children to Mrs Ferrisburgh until the General let me have another slave in place of Winney which was in February 1847 and the negro woman & children remained in the possession of Mr & Mrs Ferrisburgh until Mr Ferrisburgh's death and has remained in the possession of Mrs Ferrisburgh ever since. Minerva of Sellar's

The deposition of Christopher Sellar taken at the same time and for the same purpose and to the same effect as mentioned in the ~~deposition~~ of Christopher Sellar state that I have heard the deposition of my wife Minerva Sellar was and came in the month of the

statements she has made in her deposition and  
adopt the same so far as she has stated as a  
part of my deposition And I further state  
that after Calman J Jennings Marusa my  
daughter Martha and went to house keeping I  
frequently loaned him some of my other  
negros to aid him in his business and told  
him upon several occasions that he must pay  
the taxes on the slaves I loaned him I am satisfied  
I never gave my daughter the slaves Martha Jennings  
the negro woman Winney & children until some  
time in February 1847 and then I gave them  
to my daughter for her own separate use to be  
her own property. Christopher Lillard

Warradbury July 28th 1852

General Lillard  
Dear Sir

I am so afflicted with Rheumatism  
that I am unable to come down on Thursday - It is useless  
and would be unparly expense for me to come if I were able -  
I am satisfied from the statements of your wife and your  
concurrence with her in relation to the negros that dly  
Jennings can hold the negros - you did not  
mention the negro children - I have culled the  
statements of your wife which you will see on the  
other side. Let her state ~~down~~ Copy what I have written  
for her deposition on an other piece of paper  
if what I have written for her is true if not true let her  
change it to make it so you Copy your  
deposition just below in like manner Sign your  
name to them fill up the blanks for the negro  
children and hand them to the County Court clerk  
at the 30th inst in person they are your depositions

You had better take the depositions on Saturday or Sunday of at the County Court clerk  
being on the 30th

You had better take the deposition on Saturday 31 or on the 1st of August before you leave for the 3rd

and let him swear your wife to her deposition  
and you to your and then he will copy them  
between the caption and the certificate which I  
have left blank for that purpose. In other you  
and your wife can sign them after the  
enclosure. Copies them I think the County  
Court Judge is one of the examiners He will  
take the deposition in his office. your wife  
will be in town early on Saturday morning which  
will be the 31st of July and your deposition can  
be taken in a few moments. I have no  
idea the County Judge will decide the verities  
are subject <sup>to be solved by the jury</sup> after he hears the proof. If he  
does pray an appeal at that branch to the  
County Court and if I do not succeed for  
your daughter I will not charge her any  
thing. I have wrote a note which  
you must cut off and either get Phil  
to accept it or give it to an officer and let  
him serve it on him him by giving him  
a copy and return the note to you <sup>and your</sup> and you  
hand it to the examiner who takes the deposition  
at the same time you hand the other papers have you filled  
up the blanks of Mrs Jennings answer and filed it before  
the County Judge if you have not do it immediately  
James DeWard

Jennings vs. Thiel

Copy Deposition

1852

Harry Bam Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1847

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Sibley Mo May 21st 1852

Dear Father

I have been waiting for some length of time to hear from you by letter, but it appears that you wont write, and for what cause I cant tell. I have written you the two last letters and expected an answer to them. There was so many tails purpoiting to have come from you and Mother that I concluded not to write until the present time. but I am in hopes that these tails are untrue, at the same <sup>time</sup> I did not think that my friends in Ky would try to disgrace me, for I didnt think that I had done any thing to merit a disgrace. No news of interest in this part of the country. I have had a great deal of sickness since my return, mostly chills and fever. I have some thirty acres of corn up, and it looks fine, my wheat looks well. I am living on a rented farm some four miles from the river. I intend to work hard this summer and try and purchase some thirty or forty acres of land this fall. Got a part of my money from Gilpen, - havent received any thing from Hickman as yet and dont expect to. I have written to you and told <sup>you</sup> how I bought suit &c. You will please answer this and give me all the news. My respects to one and all

Gen C Lillard

Your son  
John C Lillard

Mary sends her respects to you & family  
Fine is as fat as a pig

Sibley Mo }  
May 21 }

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Gen C Lillard  
Lawrenceburg  
Kentucky

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Sibley Mo Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Dear Brother

Yours of Sept 20<sup>th</sup> is before <sup>me</sup> and  
I hasten to answer it. I am truly sorry to  
hear of your misfortune, but I suppose it  
cant be helped. As to you coming to  
this country, I wouldnt advise you by any  
means, - from the fact that it is so very  
unhealthy, - I mean the chills and fevers.  
If you intend to move here with the  
calculation of getting land cheap you will  
be sadly mistaken, for land in this country  
generally brings from ten to fifteen dollar  
per acre. You wish to know how I like the  
well in answer to that question, I can only  
say that there is but one Kentucky, and  
if you can manage by any means to get  
a home where you are do it. I have had the  
chills about one fifth of the time since I have  
been here, and now you can judge of the  
health of the country. I wrote to Father last  
month and havent as yet received an answer.  
I understand from Jo Willis and how he got his  
information I know not - that you and one  
Tom Lillara have had an awful flu - but  
what about I cant learn. We are all well  
at present, when I say well I dont count  
the chills any thing. Give my respects to Fathers  
family & sisters & yourself. Answer this letter  
your brother John B Lillara

Villeysville  
Oct 13

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C. M. Lillan  
Lawrenceburg  
Ky

The Lebanon Historical Society