

The Filson Historical Society

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8 Correspondence, 1849.

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Slate Hill Jan 22/1849

Dear Brother:

According to promise I am now about to tell you, what disposal I made of that note. The whole may be summed up in this one word "none". And why? may be your self ask. Well, I will tell. It was unnecessary to change its position just now. Originally so much money &c came into the hands of Graham & Co as Ex<sup>rs</sup> of A Whitley Dec<sup>d</sup>. They were bound by law to account for all this, with six per cent up to the time that they ceased to be Ex<sup>rs</sup>. This they did; and besides made the rise of two thousand usoney, which they might legally have put in their own pockets. This usury money they have concentrated in the three notes on W. W. Farris. And why. About a year since they divided the estate into three parts; separating the money of each heir to itself, henceforth to be kept separate. Well they paid to Ann, and to the guardian of the other two heirs, their portions of the money, (it was in notes) in all the best notes, that is notes on good men. And the usury money, or the drum, which legally they could have kept, of course came out in the Farris notes, the worst of the whole. For these notes the Ex<sup>rs</sup> are not bound, except morally. If there is any loss on any of these notes, it must be lost by the heirs, and not the Ex<sup>rs</sup>. And these notes are secured (not as I expected by a mortgage to Graham for their special debt) by a mortgage made of the Tavern property to Andrew Whitley, some years ago. Farris bought the property under the mortgage. He has no title to it and never will have until every dollar is paid & the mortgage released.

My having the note (which fell to my share) renewed, did not & cannot destroy its interest in the house or in the mortgage. Graham (who holds the other two notes) intends to have them renewed also in his name as guardian for the other two children. Not only this. Graham says that any moment I wish, I may put the note back in his hands, and let it take its course

with the balance

I intend to keep the note as it now stands. It is equally interested in the mortgage with the others. If I could explain the how of the thing more fully I would do so.

Graham says he put the note in my hand for collection. He could not well collect it. He had no excuse. His family is our cousin to Farris's D.D. Farris is hot as usual any how because he has let me have his note.

I went to Farris & told him I wanted the money. He said he ~~did~~ did not have it. I told him I must have the money, or else good personal security. He said he could not give it, and if the money must come, he would sell the house right away. His notice for sale is already written.

The three notes on the first of this month amounted to about \$416.90<sup>cts</sup>. The very day he proposed to sell he was offered \$2,000 for his house. It will be tight squeezing.

But I propose to make sure of my part. Cir Court comes on ~~in~~ Monday in March. I'll sue, and if the house won't pay my part entire, let the sheriff collect enough from some other articles D.D. He has 9 negroes free from mortgage. But he owes a great deal. It will be close work to get all. But possibly it may be saved.

Show this to Father D.D.

Ann is quite sick. Taken in some way of winter March. She is had some enough. I am ill also. Don't know what's the matter.

Plenty of small pox up here. People have a guard to keep off all who have been where it is. Walnut flat is full of it. 14 or 15 little fellows die here with sore arms. My love to all  
Write soon

Your Bro

R. R. Lillard

Capt L. Lillard

P.S. Just I have opened this to say that there were two deaths of small pox last night in the Neighborhood. It has alarmed some. I reckon. Am a little better this morning. I took big dose pills last night D.D.

29 Jan 1849

At Home Jan. 29.

My Dear Father-in-law

We are sending to Danville for Dr. Paulding by this boy Mr. Lillard having a very severe illness of typhoid fever; and though as the mail does not leave P. Orchard until tomorrow evening he had better go on to your house. He is now some little better than he has been, but I wish some of you would come to see him as soon as you possibly can. Do not suffer any unnecessary alarm.

Affectionately

A. W. Lillard

P.S. He has been confined to his bed ~~about~~ three days and has since yesterday morning been vomiting a great deal

Gen. G. Lillard  
Rosewood.

The Filson Historical Society

Crab. Orchard Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 1849.

Dear Father-in-law

Mr. Lillard has been anxiously expecting a letter from you ever since his return from your house, and we have sincerely hoped that the first intelligence would be favorable, that the sick were recovering, or entirely well. You will write immediately if you please, and relieve our anxiety. But you will wonder why your son does not write. He is recovering from a slight attack of bilious fever, and will we think in a few days be entirely restored. I do not know that he receives so much good nursing as when at your house, but we are doing to the best of our ability. You must come very soon provided your family at home are well, and done for yourself, and do bring Lizzie, I should be so happy to have her spend several weeks with us.

My love to the family.

Respectfully

Wm. Lillard.

6 June 1849

Wednesday Morning 8<sup>o</sup>

Dear Father.

When William wrote to you Monday, we had no idea that Robert would live through the day; his bowels had been running off, since 1<sup>o</sup> Sunday, and all efforts to check them proved unavailing, until about midnight Monday night. Yesterday Morning when Bro John left we thought that Robert was some better, but it lasted but a short time. had a very high fever through the day, last night, & still has this morning, with a high & hard pulse. Yesterday from the time his fever rose, was out of his head all day, but this morning, is again perfectly at himself. since his bowels were checked, they have gradually increased in size until they are as large if not larger, than when he is in good health. there is no secretion in the bladder. last night his Physicians, introduced a pipe into his bladder thinking that, that was what produced his fullness of bowels, but, without any effect, his bowels are very much inflamed has the hiccups this morning nearly all the time. and suffers as much, as it appears possible for mortal to suffer.

He prays continually to be released from his sufferings and appears to desire but one thing, & that is to see "his dear Father". as he calls you. If you feel able to come when you receive this note, I hardly <sup>know</sup> whether you would find him alive. all his friends say that he must die, without a speedy change for the better for my part I still hope, although it appears like hoping against hope. Tell Bro John, Martha, Mary, & Lizzy to come up, if they will start as soon as you receive this. they can reach here by ten o'clock to morrow night. Should he die to day or to night we will not bury him until Friday, hoping to see some of you here to morrow night. the pike is good except a few miles between Harrodsburg & Valeria. Marion.

9. O'Clock. A.M.

Dear Mother.

Another hour. Had.

Brought a change. but for the worse. the inwar. fever increased. which affects his head very much. Wrote. it seems that it is Gods will to end his earthly career. When he is relieved of one pain another presents itself in a worse form should that I could encourage you. But all that I can say is to resign yourself to the will of God.

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June 6 1849

Genl C. L. Hard

Lawrenceburg

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The Filson Historical Society

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Sept 31st

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A. C. Lillard

Glen B. Lillard

Lawrenceburg

Kentucky

The Wilson Historical Society

Crabochana Ky June 1<sup>st</sup> 1849

Dear Father

On my arrival here I found Robert in a perilous condition - he was a breathing and that was about all, not able to help himself in any way - and whenever he is raised in bed, he either faints or becomes heart sick. So soon as he seen me he took me by the hand and made out to get his arms around my neck and pressed me to him - remarking in a low tone, that he was glad to see me - and said that I must not leave him until he either got better or died.

He is a little better this morning - The Drs think his case doubtful - he is neither worse nor mending but about at a stand, if any thing he is weakening away. Robert appears very anxious to see you, and if you are able you had better come to see him.

He is not willing for me to leave him until some of you comes up, I shall either look for you or Marion up on Sunday, on that day I must leave. If I were at home I could tell you more than I possibly can write.

Robert has quit vomiting, and can take a few pills, but no other kind of medicine - he looks more like a dead man than any thing else. If you have any desire to see you son come up immediately - send some person so that I can return in haste to your son  
Genl Lillard

John H Lillard

[ 8 June 1849 ]

Saw. - Friday Morning

Dear Lou:

Wineb. arrived last night about an hour after Bob died. Poor fellow But why pity him he is happy should to God, I could die as he did At half past ten last night he died He was sensible to the last moment. We will bury him here. Look for us to morrow evening We can then give you the particulars of his death. Send word to Harry to meet. The carriage in Town to drive it out here Cousin Ann is very sick Mr. Jennings wishes to write

Your Cousin  
W. W. Tiltan

My Dear Martha

We arrived here last night about 12 o'clock but Robert had died about 1 1/2 hours before we arrived the shock was very severe on father and us all. Father has met it with a great deal of fortitude and you must try and do so also it seems as though we could not give him up but it is the will of the Lord and we must bear it with resignation

Owing to Ann's delicate state of health and Robert's extreme debility when he died Father has become reconciled to bury him here with the anticipation of bringing him down this next winter if Ann is willing

My feelings are too much affected to write any more but do not let these lines affect to much we shall be down about sundown

Yours Affectionately  
C. Jennings

Brother John

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Lawrenceburg  
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Crab Orchard Ky  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 1847

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Gen G Sillars.

Lawrenceburg

Kentucky

The Filson Historical Society

4 June 1849

Monday morn 9. A.M.

Dear Uncle.

It falls to me to inform  
you that Bob must die; ere this  
reaches you he will be in eternity.  
We are looking for him to die  
every moment. Excuse the shortness  
of my note. My feelings will permit  
me to say more.

Your Nephew  
W. W. Lillard

Gen C Lillard

The Filson Historical Society

Received of  
Mr. W. W. Lillard  
June 16 1849

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Gen C Lillard  
Lawrenceburg  
Kentucky

The Wilson Historical Society

- Great Orchard June 10, 1849.

My dear Father-in-law:

Grief ever seeks a sympathizing spirit to whom it can disburden a sinking heart. Though surrounded by affectionate friends, yet how lonely; how desolate am I this Sabbath evening! No husband to sit beside me and study with me the Holy Bible! Sometimes I can scarcely realize that he has forever forsaken this lower world of sorrows; and again, I check myself wondering why one so much beloved, and promised to be so useful in defending the faith once delivered by the saints; in warning sinners to flee the wrath to come; and disseminating so much happiness among all with whom he was thrown should be called away. But is not this selfishness? Let us rather contemplate "the exceeding, and eternal weight of glory" which has been wrought out for his freed spirit! He died in the triumph of faith. God forsake him not as he walked through "the dark valley of the shadow of death." Now we have one less tie on earth, and one more in Heaven. Oh that the remainder of this fleeting life may be entirely devoted to the "delightful service of God" that as my dearest beloved died so may I. Often when I felt that I was growing too worldly minded, my prayer has been, remove O God, every thing that does to rival Thee in my affection. I fondly believed my good husband would assist me in the performance of every christian duty; that I might be

led by his lovely and christian disposition to become more amiable myself. The ways of Providence, are to no frail beings incomprehensible and mysterious. It may be, our hearts were clinging to, and loving the dear one that has been called any more than our God. I know my sweetest happiness consisted in pleasing my husband. And I know of no woman ever possessed a dearer, and affectionate one I did. But alas, 9 months have not yet elapsed since I became his wife and now I am left a mourning widow!! That God may grant unto me resignation to every dispensation of his providence, however severe they may seem.

I had many things to say to you when you were here, concerning your dear son, but I could not trust my feelings to speak of him; the physicians having warned me to avoid amputations would excite and endanger my life. Now I am sufficiently composed to write; a settled melancholy rests upon my spirits. Your beloved son loved you very tenderly. I never knew one to be more devotedly attached to a parent.

On Tuesday, the day I sent the boy to inform you of his illness he said to me, "I feel my dear that aid must come from a higher power. Earthly physicians can do some no good." And after a little while he exclaimed "oh that I could see my dear old Father, but I never shall. Tell him I go before him." The next morning we felt much encouraged, and I hoped he might recover and see you many many times. But God in his wisdom refused to grant our earnest desires and prayers. After brother Marion arrived he called on the boy, and assured me, you would be to me an affectionate father, and charged his brother to tell you to receive him upon infant in his place as your child; that though he was taken another would be given in his place. He commended also

to my Mother care the little one about whom he was so deeply  
interested. Religion, and the glories of Heaven were his usual themes  
The one remarked to me I am growing more ecstatic; I have  
given up the world. I have no strong ties to bind me here as  
if any man, but I resign them all for Jesus' sake." What rich  
consolation have we amid our deep affliction! Brother Martin was  
with him more than I could be, and will tell you the precious  
words of consolation that flowed from his lips.

I know my father you desire your dear Robert's image.  
When my brother comes down to Lawrenceburg, (which will be when  
Mr. Vaughan preaches) I will send it by him, and you can have  
one taken in Frankfurt, and return same.

I am very anxious to hear how you get home, and how  
very your health is now; get some one if you are not able to write  
very soon and let me know. Let me insist that you all visit me.  
It will be a comfort to know that although your dear child is  
dead, I am not entirely forgotten. My love to all the family  
May a merciful God restore you to perfect health, and grant  
you fortitude and resignation under all afflictions is  
my prayer

A. W. Lillard

Gen C. Lillard

P.S. I suppose some of you have written to Brother Walls before  
this about writing my deceased husband's obituary.

Georgetown College Ky  
June 13. 1849

Dear Sir

I was shocked to learn by  
your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> that our dear  
friend & brother W. W. L. Truly the Lord's  
ways are in the deep, & his paths past finding  
out!

His dying request that I should  
improve his death in Georgetown by a  
discourse will be complied with to the  
best of my ability - May the God of  
all grace bless the solemn providence.

Yours truly

Howard Matcom

C. M. Lillard Esq.

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C. M. Tillman Esq  
Lawrenceburg  
Kentucky

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The Filson Historical Society

Lawrenceburg June 21<sup>st</sup> 1849

At a regular meeting of Wilkey Lodge No 40 I. O. O. F. on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1849 the following Preamble and resolutions were adopted

Whereas by a mysterious dispensation of Providence our beloved Brother Rev. R. P. Lillard has been suddenly summoned from this life this summons has most unfortunately taken from the Order one of rare promise fast ripening into maturity, from society a courteous and polished gentleman and from us his brothers and friends one endeared to us by his many golden qualities of head and heart, by his constant urbanity of manners and his unflinching amiability of heart one full of high-toned honor and warmest sentiment, but now when in the vigor of life he has suddenly sunk in the darkness of death, for this we mourn because this Order and society have lost an ornament of increasing value, because the grave has swallowed up so much promise and deprived this Lodge of one whose deportment and character brought it additional dignity and respect. But still more we feel the loss of a brother and friend ever frank and modest and gentlemanly and in his social intercourse beloved wherever known.

Resolved that we deeply sympathize with the widow and relatives of our deceased brother. We know full well the inadequacy of language to express the greatness of our loss and that we therefore tender our condolences to the relatives and friends of the deceased, not in the vain hope of allaying a grief which time alone can heal but only as a customary mark of respect <sup>to</sup> the memory of our departed brother, that as a further mark of respect for the departed we will wear the usual badge of mourning for the period of thirty days.

On motion resolved that the foregoing be published in the Kentucky  
Geoman and the Secretary requested to forward copies thereof to the  
wife and Parents of the deceased.

Genl. Christopher Lillard  
his wife & family

James A. McGray Secy. Pro. Lem. of  
Wilden Lodge No 40 I. O. O. F.

The Filson Historical Society

Genl Christopher Lillard  
Lawrenceburg  
Ky

The Filson Historical Society

Woodford Co, June 16, 1849

Dear Bro. Lillard: Permit <sup>me</sup> to condole with you on the death of your dear son Robert. I know it has fallen to the lot of few fathers to have such a son - so promising, so amiable, so gifted & so good. I know the pangs that wring your heart, that one so beloved & who in the course of nature you had a right to expect would follow you, has gone before you. I can in part sympathize with you. Had he been my own brother I could not have loved him more, or felt his loss more severely!

But he has gone. His heavenly Father in mercy has taken him from a world of sin & sorrow. And he was ready to go. He knew in whom he believed. No young man ever led a more exemplary life - none ever gave brighter manifestations of being a child of God. Why should we mourn then? We shall soon follow him. We know where he has gone & the way he has gone. In the Kingdom of our heavenly Father, let us hope them, that we shall sit down with him never to part more.

I propose preaching his funeral at Glen's Creek Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, if that will suit you & the family generally. Please let me hear from you on this point.

In the meantime, I want you to send me an account of his age - his department as a child - when he started to school - when to College - when he professed religion - when he joined the church - his exercises about preaching - when licensed - when ordained - and ~~every~~ every thing else bearing upon his character & history. I want to use it in my sermon, & I want to publish it in The Review. I will also write to Dr. Malcom & others respecting him.

I have an infant child that I have been expecting to die for three weeks; and another <sup>my</sup> children is sick.

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For this reason, I cannot come to see you as  
I could wish.

May the Lord sustain you by his grace, my  
dear brother. We must not be selfish in our sorrows.  
If dear Robert had been suddenly elevated to great  
honor & wealth in this world, our hearts would have  
leaped with joy: why then do we mourn when  
we feel sure that he now sits on a throne of light  
in the heavenly world? I know nature bids us  
weep, & I cannot if I would restrain my tears;  
but religion bids us rejoice in the prospect of  
meeting Robert again in the glorious rest that  
remains for the people of God.

Yours affectionately

John L. Muller

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Gen. C. Lillard

Lawrenceburg

Kentucky

The Filson Historical Society

Shepherdsville June 20- 1849

Very dear Brother Lillard on my way  
to this place I received your letter containing  
the melancholly intelligence of your Sons death.  
How mysterious are the ways of providence.  
What distress in the family circle. what  
anguish in the bosom of the amiable young  
wife. What a loss to society in general  
and to the denomination in particular. How  
much learning and talent gone. But it becomes  
w<sup>is</sup>te to be still and know that the Lord is God  
and that what he does is best. The righteous are  
taken from the evil to come. Robert is  
infinitely happier any of his surviving  
friends. and though he cannot come to you.  
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on the fifth Sabbath in next month I  
will if the Lord permit attend to your request  
if that time suit you. I expect to beat  
your house some time next week, either  
as I go <sup>to</sup> or return from Georgetown.

Give my love to your god truly

yours affectionately

Wm. C. Lillard

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Gen. C. Lillard  
Laurensburg  
Anderson County  
Ky

The Filson Historical Society

Wednesday Morning July 18, -49.

My Dear Father-in-law

Your kind letter would have been answered sometime since but for the illness of my Mother she has been sick 3 weeks, and I believe the Physicians have almost despaired of her recovery. Yet I will hope and pray that God will spare her until she gets much worse. If any of my sisters in law can come up I should be so glad to see them. Several of my uncles family are very low with fever also, and of course they cannot be with me. My prayer is that I may feel like Job "Though the Lord slay me yet will I trust in him." If any of you can come now is the time I need consolation from some feeling friend. I sometimes think my sojourn on earth will not be of long continuance, so this may be the last time you will ever receive from me. Pray for me that we may be prepared for every dispensation of Providence

Affectionately your daughter  
A. W. Gelland

Crab Orchard July 25<sup>th</sup> 1849

Dear Father

And must I write you again of the death of another loved <sup>one!</sup> ~~one!~~ <sup>one!</sup> ~~one!~~ too true my beloved mother is no more! On last Friday morning she calmly breathed her last trusting in the blood of Jesus for salvation. Almost from the beginning of her sickness she thought she would not recover, and frequently assured us death had no terrors for her, and she became entirely resigned to leave her three children, for said she God has promised to be a Father to the fatherless, and I know he will take care of you. She expressed great sympathy for me and begged that I would not grieve for her. But I feel I would sink under this perfect affliction unless God was my supporter. I cannot accept your kind invitation to leave home; it would be improper <sup>at this time</sup> to leave home; we have a clever old lady staying with us for the present but her company cannot compensate for the absence of free relatives. I shall not request any of you to cleave home before Mr. Vaughan preaches; but I shall expect some of you here next Tuesday. If you cannot come then, let me know. Aunt Whitley is very low, but little hope is entertained of her recovery. We are sorely afflicted. But I pray for my grant in submission.

Your bereaved daughter

A. V. Sillard

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John W. Sillard according to him some of you spend several weeks with me - You is just the proper season for drinking the medicinal water

Coral Gables Fla  
July 25th

Gen. C. Lillard  
Lawrenceburg  
Kentucky

Jackson Co Mo November 20th 1849

Dear Father

According to promise I ought  
to have written to you before this time, but  
hadnt an opportunity to. We were twenty  
one days getting out here, - and find places  
or rather houses very difficult to get.  
I have rented for the winter, and have to  
haul my wood two miles. We have been  
housekeeping two weeks today, and I think  
we get along tolerably well for new beginners.  
I am five miles from the river, and the  
same distance from any post office.  
I understand that Mr Hamilton has  
purchased a farm some six miles off  
whether this is so or not I cant tell. You  
I have not seen any of them for better  
than a week. Its my intention to  
locate my self in the Spring. Land  
sells well, there are some good lands  
to enter yet in this county. We sent  
our teams through from Soudersville and they  
got here three days after we did. The weather  
is getting quite cool. Good land can be got here  
from four to ten dollars per acre. Answer this and  
I will give you a longer letter. Yours in haste  
Geo C Lillard } John H Lillard

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Nov 30

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Gen C. S. P. Ma

Lawrenceburg

Kentucky

The Filson Historical Society

Candl. W. Shepard Dec. 2, 1849

Dear Father

An apology is due you for my delay in answering your letter, I have expected you would scarcely make us a visit before this time, as you promised: I therefore deferred writing with the anticipation of seeing you and conversing face to face: But the good weather has passed and your promise unfulfilled. Now I really thought my little Robert would attract you here. If you only knew how playful, and lovely he has grown you would wish very much to see him. Oh he can perform many little amusing tricks. It is truly interesting to watch the rapid progress with which he is gaining ideas, I think he is the most sprightly, and intelligent child I ever saw at the age of 4 months. He is also growing finely; weighs 16 lbs. and is so healthy now that he scarcely ever cries any. He is pure all I desire. Oh that when he attains the years of manhood he may then be ~~may~~ the pious christian, and zealous minister of the gospel I desire. My earnest prayer is that he may fill his fathers place. But how awfully incompetent do I feel to perform my duty in rearing this child up in the way he should go. However I often feel that this task will devolve upon another, that my earthly course

is nearly spent, and then I commit the precious charge  
to Gods keeping.

My Brother is in Cincinnati - went over with a  
drove of cattle - He speaks of going to Georgetown College  
next year. if he does I will board over there with him.  
This place is rented out for \$200 - Eudine anticipates  
making a visit to Penn. after christmas. and says you  
must be certain to come soon and bring Fizzie, as she is  
anxious to see her. Mr. Lind also promised to come, tell him  
we all will be happy to see him.

I intended to send you a long letter, but my little  
boy has occupied so much of my attention this morning  
I must content myself with this, so that I can have  
it mailed to day - My best love to all - Write or come  
very soon.

Affectionately

A. W. Lillard

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Dec 30 1848 ✓

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