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A Moxley - Offutt Family.

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Personal Correspondence,  
1865-1868.

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dollars a month for men from  
five to seven for women every one  
seems disposed to do with as little  
hiring as possible, send you one of  
Sonny Photographs, and if it  
is convenient to do so send me 2  
of Williams, give my love to your  
dear mother and all enquiring  
friends you must write soon I am a  
poor correspondent having so much  
on my mind and hands it is seldom  
that I find time to write -

yours with much affection

E. W. White

Polesville August 30<sup>th</sup>  
[ca. 1965]

Dear friend Sallie

It has been a long  
time since I heard from any of my  
friends in your State, and I feel  
myself constrained to apply to you  
for information, feeling myself  
better acquainted with you although  
we have never met face to face  
there seems to be a bond of sympathy  
existing around which memory fondly  
clings, which will not allow me  
to regard as a stranger, please tell  
me of Sallie Brown and her family  
Mary Night Eleanor Moretons children  
and your sister Mary who was a great  
favourite of mine also Mollie Hale  
I feel interested in them all and  
would like to know that they were  
doing well in this time of change  
and distress, happily this cruel  
war is over, we have a right to look

for happier times whether our hopes will be realised or not remains to be seen, we certainly have not realised our hopes and wishes in regard to the issue of this matter, but it seems to be the will of Providence that we should be afflicted, therefore it becomes our duty to patiently submit. My dear son Samuel has returned to me his presence seems to have taken a weight of care off my shoulders, I find myself looking up to and depending upon him as of old, still it is a joy chastened by the sad reality that he has returned to me alone that a dear son and brother has been sacrificed, he tells me that in one of his lucid moments he spoke of you and wished to write to you but owing to his extreme weakness and the excitability of his system he dissuaded him from it he says he was in his confidence and that

he remained fondly attached to you, he would have written you, since his return but feared he might be considered intrusive I suppose you have not heard of Lollie's marriage which took place last February it was a great trouble and surprise to me she was so very young, and the gentleman she married at that time promised to be wild but I am happy to say there has been a change for the better they went to Washington with a party of young people and were married at a hotel, the first intimation I had of their design was in missing her from home it nearly killed me I have heard that she was persuaded to take this step by some who professed to be friends I am doing very well at present considering that we have all our labour to hire and wages one very high here from ten to twelve

Woodland Nov 18. 1865 1

My Dear daughter

We have just received a letter from your sister  
Henrie in which she insists very much on us to let you come  
down when you get to Sauveville she says you can just get on  
a boat and go by your self what do you think of the plan  
pa says if you intend to go soon he thinks perhaps it would  
be best to do so then we had a letter from your sister Mary  
she says M<sup>r</sup> Moore says he cannot leave home Mary says that  
if any of our family are going let her know and she will go  
with them now if you conclude to go write immediately to Mary  
and say what day you will be in Sauveville and you must go and  
stay at M<sup>r</sup> Kalphus untill Mary joins you and you and  
her can make her a visit to gether do you think you could  
go by your self if Mary does not go Addie Davie is there and  
you can stay there Mary Baily and George Lindenberger will  
be married on to morrow morning in the Baptist church at ten  
o'clock your friends are all well except Mary Able she has been  
quite sick I spent to day there she is better I hope she will  
soon be up I spent a day with Ann and Harbison she is so nice  
I'll be up good night my dear daughter my best love and good wishes  
to Mable for her happiness I want to see you very much but will  
not interfere with your pleasure M<sup>r</sup> S. Offutt

Dear Sallie. What are you doing in a matrimonial way? Excuse me for asking you such a pointed question, but knowing that your future happiness all depends upon this moment's decision, and as your particular friends are leaving you behind, in a desolate state of single blessedness, I have come to the conclusion, that in a fit of desperation you might be led to make a hasty choice, and thereby stumble upon some fellow, that not only has not good common sense <sup>enough</sup> to make a good support for you, but cannot take good care of himself. Now if there is any such danger, I would give you some good brotherly advice, and suggest that you would sit down, be calm and self-possessed, and remember, that you still have a good home in your father's house, with loving sisters and a still more loving brother to keep you good company. As for my self, there is about five minutes in every twenty four hours, that I feel what a fool I am not to marry, and thereby get in my winterwood, and that is the first five I spend in my lonely bed upon first retiring at night, but after tucking blankets and other covers all around me, and putting my head under the same, and getting up a good steam gradually cooled, that I am not so foolish as I thought I was, and

of questions that I make in the close of my letters and if proper was abstract I would write you a long epistle and thirty come nine yours that you would do just as well to remain with your father and me until longer, as there is said to be great luck in viewing and hoping you will take every step from my suggestions and shake off your melancholy spells and be of good cheer and that you have devoted your companionship to your father and

your companionship - I remain your affectionate brother Ben

my farm, and think I will  
succeed; you must not think  
I am passionate for such is  
not the case, for when I undertake  
a piece of business and find it  
will not pay my idea is to get  
out of it as soon as possible and  
commence something else.

I have had a proposition made me  
to go in business in New Orleans; but  
have not accepted it yet but think  
I shall, if so I will go south by  
the way of Henderson if you are  
there; if not I shall go to Shelbyville  
or where ever you may be at. I  
never wanted to see any one in  
my life as much as I do you; it is  
true that it has been but one long  
long week since you left, but time  
has passed off so slowly that it  
seems much longer than that to  
me; but I suppose the reason is that I never loved  
any one before as I do you.

Newstead Ky Dec 13<sup>th</sup> / 63.

Miss Lallie,

Would that you would  
allow me to discard cold formality  
and say as my heart prompts me;  
Dear Lallie, for dear indeed to me  
you have become. For the first time  
in my life I write to you, how my  
hand trembles; how my cheek flushes;  
a thousand thoughts rush upon me  
and most suffocate me with the va-  
nity and confusion of the emotions  
they awaken. It is you who, when I  
was most weary of existence gifted me  
with new life; you breathed into me  
a part of your own spirit, my soul  
feels that influence and becomes more  
sacred. "I have built a temple in my  
heart; I have set within it a divinity;  
and the vanities of the world shall



not profane the spot which has  
been consecrated to you. I have had  
rather a lonely time since you left;  
when I saw the Stage move off last  
Friday morning with you; there was  
a feeling of loneliness spread over  
me, though surrounded by many  
dear and intimate friends; you  
have no idea; how many; deeply  
regretted your leaving and I more  
than all others. Mrs Glass (Julia's mother)  
said she would have asked you  
to spend the winter <sup>with</sup> her. But was  
afraid you would think she was  
crazy. She says she has never met  
with any one that she was more  
pleased with than yourself. I can  
safely say that no one has ever left  
this County with so many friends  
after so short a stay as yourself.  
Mrs John Glass says if you and I  
will get married he will give you

a fine Silver Tea-Set. I told  
him that the only difficulty about  
the matter, was with you; he says  
he intends writing to you word  
that I love you (which I did not  
deny) and that he was going to send  
me to see you.

I met Dr Richardson and Mollie last  
Saturday morning going home from  
Julia and both told me it was  
no use in my going to see you as  
Mrs Moxley had expressed all of your  
affections; of course I said nothing  
but thought that was all they  
knew about it. John and Julia  
think Mrs Ed Richardson will address  
you before parting with you this  
time; but do not think you will  
accept him; which piece of infor-  
mation I could have given them  
but did not. I have been very  
busy this week trying to recruit

13 Dec 1865

In regard to appointing a day for  
our wedding I shall leave that to  
you, and hope you will not put  
it off very long. Be sure to send  
your Photograph soon, but think  
not that it requires that for me  
to be reminded of you; when I first  
asked you for your picture it was  
because I liked you as a friend  
but now friendship has ripened  
into love; and at some future  
day (and not far distant if you are will-  
ing) I hope to claim you as my  
own. Let me know when you will  
go to Shelbyville. Write often for your  
letters will do much towards  
alleviating the pangs of separation.  
May a propitious heaven smile upon you is the  
prayer of one whose highest ambition is and  
to whom a yielding providence could grant no greater  
blessing than the happiness of subscribing himself  
"of his own" D. Weller



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Newstead N.Y. Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 65.

Miss Sallie,

Dr Richardson received a letter from Mrs Ed- yesterday stating you had gone to Shelbyville. I wrote you a long letter at Henderson which I suppose will be forwarded immediately. I went to the Post Office four times to hear from you but could not; so concluded to write to you at Henderson at a venture and now find you have gone home. I will wait very impatiently for an answer to my letter, which I suppose you will receive in a day or so. Write soon for your letter will do much to dispel the gloom that now hangs around me.

Very truly

P. D. Williams

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Father & Mother  
one of them since  
had tried talking  
and made such a  
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of them.  
Yours truly S B Moxley

Shelbyville Ky  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - 65

Miss Sallie.

The "Waverly"  
letter has been arrested in <sup>its</sup> career  
and returned to me, none the less  
interesting because of its long ~~delay~~.

I wish I had received it before  
you left in order that you might  
have seen what Dr. Young had to  
say of you. He likes you (he says)  
"mightily" and would have "set up"  
to you, had it not been for fear of  
"interfering." He apologizes for his  
Photograph, by saying his "accustomed  
engines would not take" He also gave  
a very amusing account of an acci-  
dent which befell him immediately in  
front of the house where you were stopping.  
— would have pretended severe injuries  
had he known you were coming & his

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assistance, it would have been  
so delightful to have endured  
such nursing — Noble Swanhoe, loved  
by Rebecca. I wish very much  
that we could have had more time  
together, I must say alone, whilst you  
were here, that I could have learnt  
more about my old friend. But your  
stay was so short, and so many friends  
were claiming your attention, that I  
did not feel privileged to monopolize  
your time. Well I can't write this  
morning — it rained all day yesterday  
last night and is at it yet, and my  
spirits are scrubbed, in sympathy with  
the eternal world. Have been sick  
since Sunday and am compelled to  
stay in the house during these inclement  
days. Sue went to Barry's Monday &  
is still there. Magt Will started to  
Louisville yesterday, so that Mother  
the Children & myself are here alone

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yourself are here alone

(What do you think of such loneliness  
as that) could you endure it?)  
- The isolation of the company of four.  
I received a letter from Sallie  
Payne Monday written last Thursday, in  
which <sup>she</sup> stated that "Mrs Hanna and  
herself would leave H on the  
first boat, as she had despaired  
of Ben's coming. - She thought he  
would be prevented by your going  
home. I hope that if she had started  
before you reached there, that Ben  
will not be offended and think  
she intended a violation of an  
arrangement.

The Ladies of this place are pre-  
paring to give a Supper during the  
holidays for the benefit of the  
poor of the South (better have said, for  
all the South except the rich) It  
will continue two nights. How much  
more I could enjoy it if all my

Lady friends were at Home  
Really I cannot now conceive  
how I will enjoy it at all.

The young men have postponed  
their Party until the subsequent  
week, in order to accommodate the  
ladies. I saw Miss Matt at  
Church Sunday, was well, as  
also were your Father & Mother.

Have seen none of them since  
Miss Sallie, I had tried talking  
to Ladies (you) and made such a  
failure that I supposed my feet  
must lie in letter writing, - but this  
effort proves the error again, - what  
shall I do? How can I interest you?  
(and a still small voice stole upon  
my ear "do nothing, - let me sleep")

Proscribed etiquette, written four pages  
and said nothing that I wanted  
to say. I am still concerned about  
your "spiritual welfare" sufficiently  
to urge you come home as soon as pos-  
sible to your Sunday school class.  
You say "Don't forget me." There are some  
things I may forget (probably would like to)  
but you are not one of them.  
Write to me Miss Sallie  
Yours truly S. B. Wesley

tioned it in your letter; I am  
willing to trade fair, that is, by sending  
mine in return, I have bought  
the Wallace farm and am waiting  
to hear from Mr Bancroft before  
starting to New Orleans to live,  
which I hope will be in a few days.  
How do you think you would like  
to live in that City? I intend going  
by Henderson (if you are there) and  
then we can set sometime for our  
wedding day if that proposition suits  
you, if not, anything you may suggest  
or think about it will be perfectly  
agreeable to me, I shall not mention  
our engagement to any one for that  
is a matter that concerns us alone.  
Mollie got a letter from Shelbyville  
a few days since stating that you had  
gone home to make your arrange-  
ments for marrying Mr Ed Richardson  
Dr R says Ed never courted a girl in his life  
of ignorance is bliss - is what I thought.

Newstead Ky Jan 5<sup>th</sup> /66.

Miss Lullie,

It is with the great-  
est pleasure I announce the reception  
of your most welcome and interesting  
letter; there is but one thing that  
would have given me more pleasure  
and that is to have seen you; I  
had been to the Office every mail  
day for more than a week; when  
lo! on yesterday the long looked  
for missive came to hand. It was  
very gratifying to know you were  
well and found your Father's fam-  
ily enjoying good health. I am sorry  
your sister (Mrs Barrett) is in bad  
health but hope she has recovered  
before this. you speak of keeping  
house for your sister, I know



you are an excellent hand for  
any one with your industry and good  
taste could not fail to be,

The Christmas was a very dull one  
to me. I wish more so than any I have  
ever spent before, and as George Rotcliffe  
says I have spent at least fifty, I drank  
one glass of Egg-nogg Christmas morning  
and one Thursday, so you see I have  
been very temperate; if you had have  
been here I would have had a  
very pleasant time; for one hour  
with you, would have been worth  
all the Christmas week to me,  
you say "you must think of me  
while enjoying yourself", to this I  
can only say from the fullness of my  
heart I certainly will, you are too  
fondly remembered and each look  
you wear, each word you speak and  
every line you have written serve  
as so many ties to bind you close

close to my heart; and from  
the influence of which I could not  
free myself if I desired it, and as  
the influence it exerts over me is of  
so pleasant a kind I will certainly  
not attempt to throw it off, and  
since the veil has been lifted from  
my own heart I am startled to  
know that so much affection lay  
dormant in this clayey casket up  
to the time of our acquaintance,  
the remembrance of which brings  
a strange spell over me when I  
retrospect it all, you also say "and  
know I would be with you did not  
my duty call you here", Ah! how I  
prize that one sentence; it affords  
me joy inexpressible to know, that one,  
whom I look upon as the "day star  
of my existence" would be glad to  
see me. I know you forgot that pic-  
-ture for you neither sent or men-

5 Jan. 1866

Let me know when you  
will start home. The hours drag  
slowly on now but I look forward  
with pleasure to the time when  
I shall see you again. There is  
no news of importance, John, Julia  
and the children are very well.  
Write immediately upon the reception  
of this. I am sorry I can not be  
more interesting but hope you will  
make the proper allowance as  
I write a very poor letter at best.  
Hoping to hear from you very  
soon I am your  
true friend &c.  
W. D. Wilcomb.

Miss Gatter S. L. L. L.

I am sorry not 2 for  
of Bents going to the P office  
Expecting my early name the  
the promised photographs but as  
get money however to day I have  
in your price case will see  
them in the Service they before  
I disperse

I am now a good  
boy my wife & Babine & turned a  
few days since "Bobby for that"  
& all are well.

I have spent 4 weeks  
with us here a good time since  
a Negro Mountains July is now  
low down the house intends  
to leave here.

Now to the important  
part I have a "good friend" that  
is very sturdy "Not skin deep  
but 5 ft 10 inches across more if  
he is taller. He is one of the  
Best and truest men I know  
rather inclined to Backlog ways  
and rather I wish I give you  
the initials St. Dun McLeomb.

is then very  
"Hope for him he does not know that  
I write this but I think so much  
if I see & Love you so much

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Went if ever aggressive to  
entered into our travel  
to help us.

I do know  
that he is in Europe.  
Can you  
in Confidence to me give  
some recognition.

He should  
of reputation and reputation  
future reputation.

"Please consider  
me one of your Best  
Friends."

Let me hear from  
you soon.

John P. Glass

"Frances 'of the' speaks of her  
and knows that she is  
in love — "With you"  
+ Mr  
W.S. is one of her best friends

Hopkinsville Ky Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 66

Miss Lattie,

My Trip to New Orleans this morning was very sudden. I came to Hopkinsville yesterday and received a letter from Mr. Banculin saying I must be in New Orleans by Monday evening, I will be gone about three weeks and on my return will pay you that long talked of visit. I had hoped to see you by the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, but know you will appreciate my good intentions, and when I come then you will know that I am honest. Write to me at Newstead and believe me your best

F.S.

friend to  
W.D.W. Cornb.

I wrote to you a few days since. The stage is waiting for me at the door, excuse haste.

as ever yours

W.D.W.

all - and your dear mother  
remember me kindly to her  
Father also - dear Sallie please  
send me your Photograph  
to put in my album I am  
afraid you will scarcely be able  
to read this scroll my eyesight  
is becoming so much impaired  
that I find great difficulty in  
reading or sewing at night in  
particular write soon do not follow  
my example and believe me very  
dear your true friend

Elizabeth White

Poolsville January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Dear Sallie

I presume you  
think me a very lazy or neglect  
correspondent by this time but  
hope to be forgiven, when I ex-  
plain the many causes of my neglect  
in not sooner answering your  
welcome letter - to begin I will tell  
you that Sallie is living with  
me and has been confined with  
a cough I have been installed as chief  
nurse - not only for daughter  
but babe also - and you know  
that in addition to household  
concerns is no light affair, to say  
nothing of the preparation of  
business - being entirely alone  
at night, I know of no more  
agreeable way of spending my  
time than in chatting with  
you a little - It was quite a

surprise to hear of Lollie  
Brouns marriage - but she should  
have proved true to her early  
love, I am quite an advocate  
for constancy. We are having  
a number of weddings with us  
this winter. Tell Lollie that  
her Cousin Abeline Abbott is  
married to a returned Rebel  
my Nephew Lieut Chriswell  
her Cousin Rachel White is  
married also to Benjamin Col  
nutt - I mean her Uncle Ben White  
daughter. Tell Mollie Hall Davis  
that I have been looking anxiously  
for that promised letter - and  
that her Old friend Elijah  
is well, that he distinguished  
himself in the rebel service -  
he was dangerously wounded several  
at times - he went in as Capt and  
left Lieut Colonel - she is right  
in supposing the likeness between

him and my son Sam - in fact  
there is a family likeness but not  
in person. Elijah being tall and  
spare - and Sam not very tall  
but inclined to flesh - he has  
relieved me of the farming business  
and, I feel quite like another  
person. I think I should enjoy that  
long promised visit from you now  
try and come this summer I should  
try and make your visit pleasant  
my little boys are out enjoying  
themselves at a surprise party  
to night - they are becoming very  
fashionable here - almost every week  
we have an entertainment of  
that description - they are quite  
as well attended by grown persons  
as children - but as I am not an  
advocate for dancing parties I now  
attend - have you seen Cousin  
Mary Stone and Mary Knight  
 lately give my love to all



Hopkinsville Ky, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> / 66

Miss Sallie,

I got home on the 7<sup>th</sup> of this month and your letter was handed me on the 10<sup>th</sup> and I can assure you there is but one thing could have given me more pleasure and that was to have seen you. I was sorry to hear your Mother is in bad health but hope she has recovered before this. I suppose you left Henderson with many regrets, for no doubt, you had a very pleasant time, aside from the pleasure you had with your sister and her family. I had a very disagreeable trip to and from New Orleans and but little pleasure while there for I was constantly thinking of friends far away and wishing to be with them. I have been hard at work ever since getting back here; drumming for our house. Mr. Canfield and myself have opened a Commission house in New Orleans; it is rather late for this season but want to get established by next Fall, and let the people see our manner of doing business. I send you our Card. I have something

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more noble to work for now, than a mere  
living and do not intend to spare either  
excitation or trouble to accomplish it. I would  
prefer to live here but think I can do better  
in New Orleans, it was a sacrifice to leave  
my friends but hope to be able to come to see  
them frequently; it is true I have but few friends  
but some as good and true as ever were. I never  
tried to make friends of every one but tried to gain  
the good will of all. A thousand thanks for your  
good wishes for I know they came from a noble  
and true heart. I intend to <sup>try to</sup> live such a life that  
your prayers may be answered.

You wish to know something of my past life.  
I am afraid it will not be interesting for it  
has not been a very adventurous one, but shall  
attempt in my next to give you a few sketches,  
but you must first promise not to judge  
too harshly or condemn me too soon for I have  
been a very bad boy and unlike Bourbon  
Whisky age has not improved me as you can  
testify. Mr John Glass saw your letter to me (only  
the back) and wanted to know who it was in  
Henderson I was corresponding with; and I had to  
tell him the truth, I told him it was a very  
dear friend; but nothing more. he told me you  
had gone to Shelbyville. Jule and the children  
are in Hopkinstonville and very well; she could not

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wrote you underscored "kiss little Dudley"  
for you. Critton Sant is speaking of going to  
Louisville next week and says he is going to see  
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ment (from the Farmers) in this and the ad-  
joining Counties, a great many have promised  
to ship their crops to us. I am going to start to  
Paducah in a day or so (not to see Miss (Contract)  
but for the purpose of getting consignments  
to our house, will be gone for about two weeks  
I expect to spend the summer in New Orleans  
if it does not get too sickly. Write very soon  
and a long letter for they are very interesting.  
you must make the proper allowance  
for I write a poor letter and a bad hand,  
I wrote to you from New Orleans. Write very  
soon for I will be exceedingly anxious to  
hear from you.

I am your true friend &c  
W. D. Wilcomb.

Quostead Ok, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

Miss Sallie, I have been on a  
very tiresome trip through the  
Purchase, but after many unpleasant  
days it was soon forgotten when I  
returned and your letter was han-  
-dled me, you are right in sup-  
-posing I would be interested in your  
thoughts, yes! any little incident  
connected with yourself will be inter-  
-esting to me, you are my thoughts  
by day and my dreams by night.  
Whenever I am alone tis to think of  
you and wish to be with you, I have  
no thought, act or part, unless thy happiness  
is foremost in my mind, Oh that I could  
be with you to night and we could  
be alone, friendships and attachments  
may grow cold, but a devoted heart

Knows no change, obstructions may be set  
before it, friends may attempt to smother  
or eradicate it, but "like the Lilly  
of the valley which bows its pliant  
head to the passing breeze, when the  
angry commotions of the elements have  
ceased stands erect more beautiful  
than ever," For me, take all that  
wealth can give, deprive me of all  
the pleasures society affords, all the  
joy friends can impart, but let me  
know that I possess the lasting  
affection of one, whose love I do re-  
turn. Let me in my hours of dis-  
pondency and gloom, when the dark  
clouds of adversity hover over me,  
and sadness broods heavily upon me,  
let me be consoled and cheered by  
the happy reflection that I am  
truly loved. When my subjects  
more worthy of stud, aspirations more  
lofty, pursuits more ennobling.

or a better path to distinction and  
fame, but the high-way to your  
affection has and ever shall be  
my Study.

Julia is very anxious to  
know who I am writing to, shall  
I tell her of our engagement?  
You ask me to tell you something  
of my past life. Well! I could  
not tell you anything particularly  
interesting, but will promise  
you to do nothing in the future  
that your happiness and pleasure  
is not first consulted.  
Direct your letters to Newstead  
not Hopkinstown, Write my  
Love and a long long letter to  
yours devotedly,  
Dudley.

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Miss Sallie "a" Offutt,  
Melbourne  
Kentucky

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The Filson Historical Society

New Orleans La  
April 27<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Miss Lillie,

you can not imagine how much disappointed I was in not being able to go to see you. I was compelled to go by the way of Paducah and intended to go from there to Shelby to see you; but the day before I was to start I was taken sick with a very high fever. Sent for a Physician and he unhesitatingly said I had the Small-pox and that he would send me either to the Hospital or ship me off on a Boat and I preferred the latter so he had me sent on board of a Boat and put in the charge of a Confederate Surgeon that was on board. I was very well attended to and the Surgeon says he thinks it a little doubtful whether I had Vesivoid and if so it was a very slight case. I have entirely recovered and have gone regularly to business to try to make a living, which I have not a doubt of being able to do. by close application, we (Mr. VanCulin (my partner) and myself) are doing very well and have the promise of a very fair business next year.

The City presents a very lively appearance and there is a great many beautiful Ladies here, but they have no attraction for me as my affections are fixed in Id. It seems as if the States were against my getting to see you, but come what will I am going next Summer.



you can better imagine than I can describe how  
lonely I am; so far from all that I hold dear to me,  
but hope this will not be the case another year, if so  
the fault will not be mine.

There has been one or two cases of Cholera reported  
in the City, but I think and hope it is a mistake, I am  
not afraid of yellow Fever, but am somewhat uneasy about  
the Cholera, The City is in a very healthy condition now,  
I was passing along Canal Street yesterday and met an  
old gentleman that was dressed in janes clothes, he had  
an old pair of Saddle-bags hung across his arm,  
he put me in mind of old times. Nettie is here now  
and in very good health, he will, start for N<sup>y</sup> soon, he  
thinks this Town is too warm, you must write very  
soon for I am very anxious to hear from you I will  
write again in a few days, Polly is going to Shelly  
in a few days from New York. I am very much ashamed  
of the way she treated you when in your Town, but  
hope you will make the proper allowance, as she had just  
been married, but I think she ought to have known better  
if the marriage ceremony had just been performed,  
This is strictly confidential for neither she nor the Dr. would  
like me again, if they were to find out what I have said,  
Write very soon for I am very anxious to hear from you  
Direct to Care (Van Culin W. Combs H<sup>o</sup>), I will write  
again soon.

As ever your friend &c  
W. D. W. Combs

-enlarged if your pleasure - of testing it.

Doubt on all questions troubles  
me - doubt on some torments ones.

I am gratified to learn that  
Mr Barrett is so much improved, as to  
permit of your speedy return. I have  
but few friends Miss Sallie and those  
I cherish most fondly. Some of them  
I "grapple" as old Polivonus instructs "with  
hooks of steel" some, perchance, I may  
desire to "grapple" with "other hooks" not  
mentioned by the aforesaid.

I was out to night attending a meeting of  
the Y. M. C. A., and did not commence  
to write <sup>until</sup> nearly twelve it is now past that  
hour since but and time, all honest folks  
were in bed. I should apologise for the  
blotted appearance of this sheet, but it is like  
the writer "the nurse for the nurse". I received  
your note touching the letter Ben carried in his  
pocket to Henderson, ~~it~~ was a little surprised you  
said nothing, <sup>about</sup> having received my note the night  
you were here. Hoping to be married again soon,  
I shall close. Believe me truly, your friend J. B. Hoyle

Shelbyville  
Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> / 1864

Miss Sallie.

In the midst  
of vexations incident to the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> anniversary day  
and greatly brightened this year by the crowd  
of our condition came your most wel-  
come letter. And how comforting was  
the thought with which to begin a New  
Year, that I, unperceiving sinful I had  
been, ~~through~~ <sup>through</sup> the hands of Providence, made  
the humble instrument, to stir one of  
Gods "wandering" children to search &  
find out her duty, from his words and  
~~the~~ comments of the learned pious ones  
on. How often are we reminded that  
"An arrow at random sent,  
A word at random spoken,  
Finds a mark the Archer little meant."

I believe  
that's the correct quotation, I have not seen it for  
years

The old Year is gone, Miss Sallie, gone with its long record of sin and misery, of outrage and intolerable wrong, of loss of tear starting sympathy, of noble ambition and blighted or brightening hopes to be docketed in the Eternal Court and labeled 1865. But you don't want a sermon or an essay either, and you're a respondent is incompetent to both.

Christmas passed quite gaily here. There were more festival occasions than usual. We, of this house, were at Harry Harbison's on Tuesday evening, where we had a gay time with the little folks, and Miss Bonliat & Wilson pulling candy &c. On Wednesday night the Stuart party came off — of which you have doubtless had a full account, as Ben was there and is a close observer. The two nights following were devoted to enjoying ourselves for the benefit of the "Poor of the South". I am sorry to say that neither Pres nor your self were there. If you <sup>and group</sup> had have

been there ~~and~~ done your duty, the "Poor of the South" would have had more occasion for joy and I would not have had so poor a time. The net proceeds of the supper were about \$400, which did very well.

On Sunday last we took up a collection in our church for the benefit of Presbyterian Ministers <sup>in the South</sup>, and their families, which with some contributions made before, we raised about \$440. I will here state that the supper was principally patronized by Presbyterians. ~~with the two~~ I think make a very liberal donation.

As to your promise not to weary me again with "so long" a letter, I have to say the evening was most delightful — the reading produced ~~so~~ pleasing & grateful sensations so unlike fatigue I would not have recognized it had you not told me. I am not yet satisfied as to its nature, and must request that you give me another opportunity

New Orleans La  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Miss Sallie,

"The beautiful Sabbath  
Sun is sinking to rest, and reminds me,"  
that my hopes for future happiness in this  
world is numbered with the past,  
your letter was received a few days since  
and I must acknowledge I was surprised  
at its contents, but will be obliged to abide  
by your decision, I had hoped it would be  
otherwise, but.

"I was ever thus from childhood's hour.

I've seen my fondest hopes decay."

you ask that I do not censure you for  
the step you have taken, now while I wish  
it had been different, think you did exactly  
right, and am of the same opinion now as  
when you left Hopkinsville last Fall, that is,  
that you are the purest and most noble  
woman I ever saw, let me assure you

that I will never think any less of  
you, and my friends that know you  
as I do, will commend you for being  
honest. I will be in New Orleans until  
the 10<sup>th</sup> of July, after which time I will return  
to Kentucky and spend about three months.  
May your every wish be gratified is the  
sincere hope of

your true friend,

W. S. W. Comb,

The Filson Historical Society

Shelbyville Ky July 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Rev'd H. C. Matthews. D. D.

You have pronounced me no longer an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville - I have been served with no process. I have not received a copy of any charge. I have not been tried. You have refused me the rights of an elder -

You refused to give notice of my desire to let our members hear my explanation, and when I gave notice myself, you advised them not to come and hear me. I demand a copy of all the proceedings against me, and I hereby appeal to the Louisville Presbytery, against or from your unconstitutional, unchristian proceedings against me.

Henry C. Matt

Rev. H. Matthews

The Filson Historical Society



Shelbyville  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Miss Sallie

Accompanying  
this note you will find the Photographs  
you did me the honor to request.

It is always gratifying to a Parents pride  
to know that his children are cherished  
by others; especially by his most highly esteemed  
friends. Consequently it yields me un-  
alloyed pleasure to send you this card  
particularly so, since I believe you really  
feel an interest in the "dear little ones".

Hoping that your interest and love for  
them may never abate one jot or tittle.

I am, with many thanks for all your  
acts of kindness,

Your true friend  
J. B. May Jr.

I am so depressed in spirits  
to night, from some  
unknown cause  
- that I could not  
be company for  
even so beloved  
a friend as you  
self. I thank you  
for your kindness  
S B M

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Shelbyville  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 66

Miss Sallie

Disappointed in  
the accomplishment of what was to  
me a cherished intention, I shall now  
spend the close of this evening in writing  
you a few apologetic lines, when it was  
my purpose to have spent the whole of it socially  
with you.

Mr<sup>s</sup> Payne received a note from her nephew  
John B Payne stating that himself and  
wife would be here to night on their way  
to Louisville, and I thought it would be dis-  
courteous in me to leave ~~them~~ they did not  
come however and you may readily sur-  
mise that increased my disappointment.

I deem it incumbent on me to  
make this statement as I had told you  
I would probably be out to night.

I am one of those claps which

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which desires the good-will of  
all and asks of the <sup>real</sup> friendships  
of but a few. It would be sheer  
hypocrisy for me to say I had  
not laid the "flatteringunction  
to my soul" that you were my  
friend, and one in whose com-  
pany the hours glide so softly by  
as to give no warning their departure.

I desire ~~a~~ very much to see  
you again before you leave for H  
as it is quite probable many months  
may intervene before your return.

Birds, flowers, yourself, and other  
lovely creations will, I opine, not  
be seen again until next spring.

I want to see you to-morrow  
evening, and fear that by so doing  
I will trespass upon time you  
would prefer bestowing exclusively on  
your family as it will be your last  
at home. That is one reason why I so  
much desired to see you to-night—the

other reason was I thought  
you would probably have  
no other company, and that  
would just suit me.

Miss Sallie if you come  
into prayer-meeting to-morrow  
evening, suppose you let me  
take you out home. I will not  
come to town in time for church  
but soon enough to take you out  
before night. If such an ar-  
rangement suits you come down  
with me. Hoping to see you soon

I remain as ever  
Your Friend  
H B Moxley

[1867]

Memphis March the 4<sup>th</sup> / 1867

Dear Cousin.

As you will see by the caption of this I am in the City of Memphis.

I have been to Louisiana to see my Sweet-Heart - She proved unkind and I started back for Ky, but am not able to get farther than Memphis.

I am sick at heart - though I think I might overcome my sickness enough to travel, were I not ashamed to come back among my friends, after my disappointment, my defeat, my failure - The loss I consider nothing, but "My Lord!" the mortification. When I say no loss, you will think it "sour grapes" with me - Well, think whatever you please. I am determined now to get married in spite.

Have you a girl in Shelby it would do to marry? If so just let me know and I will send her my ~~dear~~ <sup>dear</sup> and you send me hers, we will immediately open a correspondence and if we can agree upon terms (one of which is, that she must come to Memphis to live as I am permanently located here now) I will just come up and marry her at once - Wouldn't that be so romantic? I know you are good at matchmaking, and you must try and marry off your disappointed Cousin

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To advantage: and thus be the means of driving  
him from being a trifling good-for-nothing fellow  
on the face of the Lord's good earth. My weal  
or woe, my whole future depends upon the  
Guardian Care of some sweet Angel in the form  
of a woman (though I don't believe Angels often  
take that form) — some one to watch, to exert  
a moral & heavenly influence over me and  
to lead me out of temptation that I may be  
delivered from evil. Are you married yet,  
or under Contract? If not may be you will  
condescend to fill that office agreeable to a promise  
made last summer (a remembrance of which  
you will find enclosed): If so, let us exchange  
degaras, and let me know when to come up after  
you, or I will make that long intended visit to  
Shelby. Send me your degar anyhow — just  
have it taken on leather and inclose it in a letter  
— as I have a very nice young friend here who is very  
marriageable, and who swears he will never marry  
any but a Ky girl, — I admire his taste —  
Coward found Louisiana girls, and all but  
Ky girls. Send me your dog-type that I may  
show it him — He is a young lawyer here of much  
promise. Give my love to Miss Mary  
Hall and ask her how she would like to come  
and live in Memphis. I fell in love with her

When I met her with you in Frankfort. I would  
advise you not to go round much with her as  
she sorter eclipses you

But enough of this foolery. I am now  
permanently located in Memphis. From  
Baton Rouge I came up the river, stopping at  
the different places but had set my heart on none  
so much as Helena - and was man ever so  
much disappointed! (Yes once, but let us say nothing  
about that) Helena is the last place, out of Galv;  
Crowded with lawyers and not with business  
Memphis is also crowded with lawyers, but the  
competition in proportion to the business is not  
near so great. We have no decided talent at the  
bar here - no lawyers who stand head and shou-  
lders above their fellow men - none of whom  
a body need stand in awe. Memphis is a grow-  
-ing business place and is destined to be the  
city of the South. Its population a few years  
ago was only a few thousand, it is now 40000  
and it is now growing faster than it has  
ever done before. There is more business done  
here than in any city of its size in the U States  
Memphis is the place. And after all, I think  
I will go down to Louisiana next fall and  
bring my girl up here - but we don't know  
what a day may bring forth, much less six months

The weather is very uncertain now-a-days, and women  
more so. If I thought you would send it  
back to me (for I value it very highly) I would send  
you a scrap of a Baton Rouge Paper, giving an  
account of them 8<sup>th</sup> of January Celebrations, in  
which my girls played a part, much to her  
honor. I'm mighty proud, I will loose her - the  
whole State is in love with - she has twenty offers  
for wealth. Pray that she may prove faithful to the  
end!!

If any of the good folks of your County want  
any information from here I will take great  
pleasure in giving it - if they want any business  
done in my line, in the words of the prophet  
"Here am I".

How does Cousin May flourish - give her my  
love & her husband my respects. My love to  
Aunt, Uncle, Cousin Anna & all the family  
- my respects to all who may enquire after your  
humble servant. I must go to supper -  
So good-bye till I hear from you which I  
hope will be soon. Now as ever

Your affectionate Cousin  
Edward

P.S. Direct your letters Memphis

Tennessee

Box 36

Be certain to direct Box 36  
Care of B. M. Estes



Shelbyville Ky Nov 11 1864

Miss Sallie

Florence and myself  
will be down on Friday Evening  
and if agreeable to yourself I  
would be very much pleased if  
you will remain and come up  
with me Monday Morning, let me  
know by returns mail whether the  
above proposition meets with your  
approbation I hope you are having  
a nice time, some of your friends  
are looking very Blue on account of  
your absence,

Your Friend  
R. A. Smith

P.S.

Miss Motley says you can stay

Shelbyville  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1867

Miss Sallie.

As our  
mutual friend Mr E S D. has  
in his characteristic generos-  
ity proffered to convey a note  
for me to you, I write this.  
Be very kind and gracious  
to our disconsolate friend,  
do not burden his heart with  
the assurance that you love  
him, it might seriously in-  
terfere with his contentment  
in his adopted land. Tell  
him to wait until warmer  
weather and then you'll hear  
him. As to Mr Smith, and his  
buggy, tell him you'll see

him at home first.

Very Best  
Yours Friend

S B Moxley

Smiths Store

Miss Sallie L. Offutt

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Answer  
I have to answer her & say much  
more than will be good for you  
but I will see you soon & that  
last night I was very  
I am sure of my deep feelings

Wheatville  
Nov-13<sup>th</sup> 67

Dear Lillie,

I was at Ma's  
at supper & night, when I heard  
there was a letter here for me from  
Lancaster, and I came immediately  
to get it. Dear Lillie, most precious  
one, I was pleased to hear from  
you. How could it be otherwise  
with me. I have missed your  
love letters and the prompting  
of my own heart a long time.  
I have sought far and wide to  
see if another could awake  
the same delightful emotions in  
my heart - have to id much  
with those whom the world calls  
fair & worthy but to night as all  
along this vexed course I must

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To answer you Monday night  
and see your tree which I  
promised to do. But after thinking  
over the matter concluded to wait  
until your return, as such a  
visit soon would elicit com-  
ment. Please explain to your Pa.

If you come up Saturday I  
will probably not go out until  
Sunday night. I don't know  
that I can Rush away Saturday  
night or not but will if  
possible. I want to see you  
so very much. I am gratified  
that you have consented to "leave  
me!" But through and come  
home to one who is happy  
to subscribe himself

Yours in truth

If you don't come I B M  
will Saturday with me a letter on  
that day would to stay my heart  
until your do come

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confer you beside the most  
valued person of my affection.  
I rejoice to night that I did  
drink such deep & long among  
at the point of society. For it  
has enabled me to see how  
good & pure you are when com-  
pared with others who are pe-  
red good & pure by the world.  
It is to that fact also I attribute  
that heavenly serenity which has  
been spread like a spacious  
canopy over head & heart since  
our engagement. Oh how fair  
and beautiful & promising life  
now seems! It reminds one of  
a bright May morning with its  
blossoms, at which here among the  
earth decorates herself with flowers  
like a bride on the altar, and  
perfect realization of the Poet's  
dream "the bridal of the earth & sky."

But why should you  
always be "timid" in writing to me,  
if I was a critic, as you think and  
as I know I <sup>am</sup> not, - don't criticise soft.  
find beauties to praise as <sup>well as</sup> defects  
to censure. Speak & write without  
restraint to him who wants you  
just as you are;

I gave E. D. a note, in fact, to  
give you, as R. & I had given him  
one. He thought it contained an  
unmistakable revelation (I allowed  
him to read it.) It is to be hoped that  
he will not be upon his impetuous. I  
like him very much and would  
be glad that he should place himself  
in a position to be "mortified," He  
was then so very frank and candid  
with me that I almost regret not  
having told him what my feelings  
you have were.  
Your father told me on Sunday,

It is twelve o'clock - Your thoughts  
are at rest - there I your dream's?

Dream on dearest. Pleasant  
dreams of him whose most  
pleasant thoughts are of you.

Come over  
J. B. W.

Shelbyville  
Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 67

My Dear Sallie.

Sitting  
here to night all alone, bridging  
the space that separates us with  
my thoughts, I can't but feel  
that my visit last night was a  
great blunder. How very much  
better it would have been to be  
with <sup>you</sup> to night - even now. I wish I  
could see you <sup>you</sup> every evening, if it  
were only for a little while, that I  
might fill life's cup with joyous  
thoughts.

Robert & I had a long talk this morn-  
ing and all about you. It was so  
grateful to my feelings to hear you  
praised and at the same time know  
that your heart was mine. "mine



With life to keep  
With death only to resign.

The public are so well assured of the fact of our approaching marriage that it is scarcely worth our while to attempt any secrecy about it. All say it is to be, and I hope they will prove to be true prophets. It was my purpose to see you Thursday night, but time travels with such leaden wings, I cannot brook his tardiness, and unless something intervenes or he mends his pace I'll be out Wednesday night.

My Darling: you have no conception how dear you are to me, - how inseparably you are interwoven with all my thoughts. Oh that I had given utterance to all my thoughts long months ago, - what anxiety, what care, what harrowing doubts, and acts of folly

with their long train of regrets it would have saved us.

We have been led by strange paths to our present position, - an elevated & most happy stand-point from which we can survey the past with its "windings in and windings out" and the future with its bow of promise, its altar, its domestic hearth, where you will "be a light

shining within when all without is night"

Thanks be to God His ways are not as our ways. To night when I make retrospect of the last two years and walk in memory by those haunts into which I so nearly fell, I cannot help repeating the lines "What have I done that he should bow from heaven to choose a wife for me? And what deserved, he should endow my home with thee?"

give our best love to Aunt & Uncle - Cousin  
Alex & Mary - Cousin Linn Mackolds & Linda  
& all the rest of our friends & relations who  
are present on the wedding occasion. I shall  
expect letters from you frequently after you  
become a married lady. Now dear Cousin  
once more wishing you great prosperity and  
happiness. I will close

Your Affect Cousin  
Sallie D. Rosworth.

Cousin Sallie

As Sallie has left a little space, I do  
not think it would be inappropriate for me to add  
a line or two, and congratulate you upon your en-  
trance into that state, which seems to be the fate  
of all the pretty girls. Amongst all of your nu-  
merous relatives and friends, there is not one  
who more sincerely wishes you a long, prosperous and  
happy voyage, air the "matrimonial sea" - than your  
friend Felix. After the "honey moon" subsides a little, we  
would be very much delighted to have you & your  
husband, pay us a social visit. Our kindest regards  
to him, and all him, if his little companion proves to be  
such a wife as her Cousin Sallie is, that he has a true  
- untold worth. - Yours Truly Felix Rosworth.

Pretty Plain Cottage Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 67

Dear Cousin Sallie

I will hasten to  
respond to your kind letter which is at  
hand & has been read with great pleasure  
Nothing could afford me more happiness  
than to pay a visit to you all, especially to  
attend your wedding. Which would be an  
occasion of great interest to me - as well  
as yourself, but on account of its now being  
the winter season & my having such an ex-  
tensive little family I shall have to beg you  
to excuse my absence upon that eventful eve-  
ning. However Cousin Sallie my heart will  
be with you & my best wishes attend you through  
life. May your matrimonial career be  
bright & prosperous - unmingled with care or  
sadness - May your most sanguine hopes of hap-  
piness be fully realized - May your three  
beautiful children be kind dutiful and

obedient— And may their father prove  
the fondest best & most affectionate hus-  
band in existence—and appreciate his charm-  
ing little wife as she fully deserves.

I have forwarded your letter to brother  
Rod who is at present in Philadelphia ~~at~~  
~~present~~ attending the lectures. He writes  
that he is very much pleased with city life  
but gets quite homesick at times he says  
his Yankee landlady wants to kill him with  
kindness by feeding him on cornbread be-  
cause he is from Ky. get out with ~~landlady~~  
his objection he has a delightful boarding  
house, paying 7 dollars per week.

Tell Aunt Mary that Father has sold  
his house & lot in town for four thousand  
dollars cash. will give possession the first of  
Jan. — He has rented a couple of rooms down  
in town. One an office & the other a bedcham-  
ber he will take his meals at the hotel; I  
was pleased with the arrangement because  
it will relieve him of the care of house-keeping.  
His health is rather poor this winter, he  
complains of his heart more or less all

the time & I did not like for him to be alone  
at night. Roger will room with him when  
he comes home. — Father intends taking him into  
partnership, as he is now doing a very extensive  
practice much more than his health admits  
of attending to alone, Give my most  
hearty congratulations to Cousin Mary Peak  
and tell her that I too am off the race  
track, & will give the business over to <sup>some of</sup> you  
who are just about to take charge of the in-  
fantay I would like to see her three little Peaks  
and see what kind of a show they would make  
by mine. — Ask her to send me word if they  
have Roman noses as she used to have a  
great dread that such would be the case  
when she & Abilt were courting. Give my  
love to Anna & Mattie, say to them that I  
think they ought not to be so proud to visit  
their Mountain relatives once in a lifetime  
anyhow. What has become of George & Sam-  
Nickolds — have they left for parts unknown.  
remember us in love to them. — Tell them we  
would like to see them very much. They  
might write to us sometimes. Also

Georgetown, December 18, 1854.

My dear Sallie.

As it will be impossible for me to be present, on the occasion, which makes you the "happiest of women," I write to assure you that of all the things who will congratulate you at that time, not one will wish you a happier and clouded future, rather than your heart-them I. You are eminently qualified to fill the position you are about to assume, and I really think Mrs. Mayly deserves to be congratulated upon his good taste and judgement, as well as success. Give him my compliments, and tell him I cordially welcome him as a Cousin. I have always esteemed him as a friend. I hope you both will visit us - just as soon as practicable. My best love to Mother & Aunt and Family, and a thousand golden wishes for you my dear Cousin.

Affectionately Yours Cousin

Samuel H. Hall.

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Louisville, Ky.

Dec 19. 1867

Will Mrs Sallie O. Moxley

please accept the accompanying  
volume - The Shadow of the Rock -  
as a Bridal present; and  
that she may live to enjoy  
many an anniversary  
of this happy day  
and have God's best  
blessing all the while  
is the sincere wish

of  
Very Respectfully  
Your friend

Robert Morrison

Winchester - N.Y. - Dec 21 - 1867 -

Mr & Mrs Henry Offet -  
I will please  
accept the Compliments and  
regrets of I. M. Moore and  
Sister, for Thursday Evening  
last, Dec 19 1867.

Mr & Mrs Mosley -  
Last summer  
while on a very pleasant party  
was at the camp, I predicted that  
several weddings would result from  
the many tender & loving speeches  
made during that trip - and had  
it not been that I was so old &  
roughly, and all the Ladies so young  
and beautiful, I wish believe I  
should have tried to take some

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of them by the "Soft-hand of  
affection and breathe into their  
listening ear the tender passion,"

Allow me old Bachelor  
as I am to say I wish to be remembered  
kindly to them all, and if it is  
not too much trouble let me know  
how all are doing & get them, and  
if any more <sup>are</sup> to come off.  
Soon seeing them? What is that  
charming & fascinating Swiss girl?

Nothing could have afforded  
me much more pleasure than to have  
been present at your marriage, but  
delicate health & other causes prevented.

Accept my kindest regards, and  
very best wishes for a long happy  
useful and pious life

Very respectfully  
John W. Brown



[c.a. 1869]

Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sallie.

Before it was too late to go to your house to night I thought it was too inclement for such a ride, and ever since I have been getting that I did not go any more.

I fear, Darling, that you have been reproaching me for disappointing you, & then reproaching yourself for caring whether I came or not.

Oh how I wish the long weary days between this and the 14<sup>th</sup> could be papered with a bound so that distance and social formalities could no longer separate us. When our hands are joined

one in the other and our  
hearts beat close together  
night will have no gloom  
and winter will not be  
cold. But 'till then; 'till  
then, "what alternate hopes, what  
alternate fears"!

While we are compelled to  
to tarry on this side of the  
~~stream~~ we must amuse our  
selves by thinking of the flowers  
that are blooming ~~across~~ across  
the stream. Cheer up, I  
am suffering more disappoint-  
ment than you,  
I will be out to morrow  
night Good night dearest

Harrisburg Stock Yards Hotel.

LEVI WOLFINGER,  
Sup't of Stock Yards.

M. M. GROVE, Proprietor,  
POST OFFICE BOX 358.

WILLIAM FOLTZ,  
Stock Yards Manager.

Quillville  
Feb 4 4 PM

Harrisburg, Feb 4 1868  
Dear Sallie.

We landed at  
this place this morning at 12<sup>30</sup>  
There was but little stock here until  
we came, - ours and the others arriv-  
ed today amounted to 240. One  
man M. G. E. sold this morn-  
ing 30 of his best (about 15 bands &  
others) at \$120. - another lot. Glenn  
of Canal-ton head sold for \$119.  
These amounted 14, \$12 to 14, \$11.  
No other sales today though there  
was several buyers in the pens.  
He will doubtless be back to-  
morrow - said they would  
John & I were offered \$120 per  
head for an whole lot. This  
is an unsatisfactory way of settling  
as it would be difficult to settle  
the difference. I would give a

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long after from the  
Wanderer's feet on the  
high valley to get the  
of Thursday. I hope  
appreciate all the  
degree you have to do with me  
and hope ere many days to  
clash you again to my  
leaving heart. It don't look  
for me tell you know I am com-  
ing. I still think you 20 of  
the best & heartiest miles  
of your Father's would sell  
withy well here. The remain-  
der of mine are too thin yet  
for this market. I don't think  
you Father would lose  
anything by not getting here  
I shall here to if the cards  
and them for this week yet  
I see a place for  
I shall see a place for  
I shall see a place for  
I shall see a place for

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