

NOTE: No Address – hand carried bearing Gist’s concern for event with Fayette Shelby. Who lived in Richland? Ike, son of General may be at McClures in Jessamine County and the Governor’s son Isaac, Junior may have been staying there for a time. Lafayette Shelby was charged with the murder of Mr. Horine, but was never convicted. This event happened in early January of 1846. You can read about it in J. Winston Coleman’s “Henry Clay’s Last Criminal Case”. **Dating 1846 1/1**

No Address – hand carried

To: Lafayette Shelby

From: D. R. Gist

L. Shelby Esqr

My Dear Friend

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My present object in writing this hasty note is to say, that any services which I can render you upon this emergency, shall be cheerfully afforded & you may feel yourself at full liberty to command them.

In great haste but most truly
& sincerely
Your Friend
D. R. Gist

Jany 10th 1846

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NOTE: This seems to be for Ike due wording at the end and again is concerning the murder charge against Isaac (Ike) Shelby's (son of Gen. James) brother Lafayette (Fayette) brother. Col. William Grayson Carter is the husband of their only sister, Susan Hart Shelby Carter. There is a little book by J. Winston Coleman, Jr. entitled "Henry Clay's Last Criminal Case, an Interesting Episode of Lexington History in 1846". It reveals the story behind his defense of Gen. James Shelby's son, Lafayette (Fayette) Shelby, son of Gen. James Shelby. I found this copy on the internet through Barnes & Noble out of print books in 2005. It was published in 1950 by the Henry Clay Memorial Foundation in Lexington, Kentucky. It contains pertinent information on what happened and have placed it here. **Dating 1846 1/19**

Postmarked: Grayson CH. 5 (cents)
January 19th

Addressed to: Mr. Isaac Shelby junr
Lexington
Kentucky

From: William Grayson Carter

Wyoming 19 Jan'y 1846

Dear Isaac,

By today's mail I received your father's letter giving me the painful intelligence of the late catastrophe at Lexington. The letter was brought here by the servant and the seal instantly broken by Susan to my great regret. I can hardly describe to you the grief she has manifested. The sorrow she has felt during the day, nor could all I could say, restrain her from weeping constantly – We were most happy at the moment, and since all gloom.

I am indeed most pained in the circumstances, not that I fear any serious result, to Fayette from the Generals candid statement of the transaction, but I greatly fear it will destroy the future happiness of the poor fellow. I am clearly of opinion from the statements that Fayette will be justified, as the law is clear that if a man has reasonable apprehensions of immediate danger he may take life, and there is a case lately in point at New Orleans of Wordsworth who killed Carson, and one from the representation, much of the same character – but will it just by his better reflections. I fear not, yet I hope he may never feel any compensation of conscous. It is a sad affair my dear fellow and none can regret it more than I do. Now is the time to cover your sympathy and to this find that nothing but dishonor can sever the ties that so closely connect you, but I know that you all need no counsel from me in this delicate

subject and that your affection will not be wanting to sustain him in so trying a position – let it also be a lesson, never to carry a weapon unless you know your life is threatened or in jeopardy, for we are too prone to use what is always within our reach –

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I wrote much to assure you, you have my deep sympathy and if I can be of any kind of service you have only to hint it. When the excitement shall be in same measure abated, it would be well to take counsel of your best friends – In the meantime if any representation is made in the papers of a prejudiced character it should be counteracted, as first compassions are hard to be removed – I mention this because I saw in the Yeoman that reached here today a very unfavorable representation of the case, stated “from one sumouri” – this is most ungenerous but nothing less could be expected from so filthy a source as the Yeoman – I have no doubts the Lexington papers if they allude at all to the matter, will do justice to Fayette – do write me immediately and let me know what is the public opinion, and who the unfortunate Horine was and from where he came – Susan intends writing to the General and I hope it will have the effect of relieving her feelings – poor thing she suffers terribly –

Present me in kindest terms to Fayette, James, Amanda and Evan and believe me affectionately yours

Wm. G. Carter

I am expecting my brother Robert soon from Texas – I think it highly possible he will sell out & move there – and if so my location here will not be permanent – When are we to have the pleasure & gratification of seeing any of you – soon I hope –

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 Grayson Ch. 1842
 Nancy W. G.
 edler Isaac Shelby Jun
 Lexington
 Her Family

NOTE: This is very hard to read with many misspelled words and grammatical errors – plus she began every start of a new line with a capital letter. This might lean credence to Lafon Ingels information that the family spoke French. English may well have been Margery's second language. I am sure I have mistakes in this... Mary Pindell was born in Nov. of 1845 and Busy's not married yet. **Dating 1846 3/14**

Postmarked: Lexington

Addressed to: Mrs. E. Shelby (Amanda)
Lexington

From: Margery Parker Bruen

Dearest Amanda

I wrote you two days ago but hoping Henry would be in I set down tell you how much I think I love you and love mine is mothers love pure and tis interested such as you built for you one sweet babe. How happy it is for us my Dear Amanda, that the great creator has implanted so much of his Devine promises in our hearts. How much love and obedience ought to manifest to their parents to repay for all their care and solicitude they pay endure for them in infancy and as young as believe that they never sent to so participate in all their sorrow and joys how evident it appears in the use of a parent towards faith all far more misc conduct is forgotten in the worth of parental love & how careful we aught be to point yourself in anger to do that which may cause us a life of sorrow. Sarah has been and night at regrets how shall I do when she gets married. I shall be broken up unless Joseph (Joe) gets married and brings his wife home to live. I do not suppose the house grand enough for her. I think Mrs. Warfield would be pleased with him. She made so many inquiries about him then so much unnecessary she and me went out to

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to Mrs. & Dr. Warfield(?) had a very pleasant visit, her made a great many inquiries about you and the smart baby. She told me she was a prettier form of Mrs. Shelby. She said she loved her very much. She said she was every thing that is good and admirable. I hope her little name sake will (take) after her. She spoke of faith in kindest manners and appears to feel sorry for the family. She said she always (thought) a great deal of

him, he was noble fellow poor fallen I sincere (?)
him I have no thought he done in state of
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Brands she made a great many kind inquiries about you and
the baby. She appeared to feel very much (for) the
General and the family every one that pleads (?)
of it appears full a great deal of (crossed out)
regret went to Henry Duncan, his green house
looks beautiful. Grace & Nancy Brand are
gone South. She has kept two of their children
with Brand and one with Mr. Macalaster,
the youngest was taken with the croup. She
took our a liniment, be sure you have. Liniment is made
of horts horn, sweet oile put on a flannel or
on chest and arms three weeks it stopped the croup
and the child was quite the next day you have not
answered my letter. I feel very anxious about you poor

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sick do Tell M you pains if you have any. I
I will send for Dr. Whittney and get him to rush
Marme(?) as you need describe to where your pains are
and how long they last. I cannot tell you
how I want to see you and Evan and sweet Mary to give my
love my regards to & tell I may
for him to put in garden.

A du Dear
children
your devoted
Mother
M Bruen

Lots of figures on back of envelope

Also **game scores** with Evan, Busy and Amanda playing.

Dear Aunt

I wrote you two days ago but hoping Henry
 would be in I set down that you know much I think
 I love you and love mine is another Love pure
 and disinterested such as you put for you one sweet
 Made how happy is it for us my dear Aunt that
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 divine principle in our hearts how much Love and
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 The baby she appears to feel very much the
 General and the family every one that speaks
 of it appears feel a grate deal of ~~regret~~
 Regret went to Henry Dunson his good house
 looks beautiful Grace and Nancy Brand are
 gone South she has Regt. two of the children
 with Brand and one with her mother
 The youngest was to him with the crop she
 took ^{over a} ^{closer} ^{bread} ^{you} ^{have} ⁱⁿ ^{ment} ^{is} ^{made}
 Of hearts brown sweet oil put on a flannel and lay
 On chest and wash the neck it stop it cough
 & the child was quite the next day you have not
 Answered my letter I feel very anxious about you fear~~~~~~

Like I. that all your pains if you have any &
 I will send you Dr with me, and get him to wash your
 Mamma's. You need Discharge to wash your ^{pains} over
 and how long they last & cannot tell you
 how I want to see you and sweet Mary for your my
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NOTE: Isaac "Ike" Shelby is Evan's brother and most responsible of unmarried brothers who live at home. Aunt Susan is Susanna Hart Shelby Fishback. Cousin Sarah would be Sarah Irvine, granddaughter of Sarah and Ephraim McDowell – she would marry Addison White in September. Cousin Mary may be Mary Cosby Shelby. Robert R. Stone and Miss Elizabeth Helm Walker were married October 2, 1844. Dick would be Richard Pindell and the Maj. would probably be Major Thomas Hart Shelby. Miss Picket would be Eliza or Sarah Pickett. I do not know who "the Widow" is or Bill Stoke. As to Aunt Mandy – Amanda Bruen was called Mandy by a few including Mr. McMurtry. They are probably all at Whitehall or the Springs to avoid the heat and disease of city life, however, the men travel to and fro to carry on business. I am dating approximately Sunday – Ike expresses interest in Sarah McClure, whom he would marry in 1854 and Mary Pindell the "Baby" whom Ike adored...I am guessing and **Dating 1846 spring**

To: Amanda Bruen Shelby

From: Isaac (Ike) Shelby

Sunday night – Richland

Dear Aunt Mandy

Evan started this morning over the river to look at a lot of mules and so I will just "drop you a few lines" to let you know that all's well & hoping they may find you in the same situation. If it didn't rain millstones here yesterday it most a regular deluge. The mill ponds are certainly all full & the new crop of wheat ready to go to the mill so you & Aunt S. & cousin Sarah may just wade into "that bread" as much as you please without any very serious apprehensions of creating a famine. If the proprietors threaten to charge you an extra price tell them they ought to let cousin Mary off at a reduced one & so make a compromise of it.

I had the pleasure of dining today with a certain young lady from the East formerly known in these parts by the name of Miss McClure. I am sorry to say her health has not improved although she was in very high spirits today.

Miss Walker & Mr. Stone made the trip as far as Richmond quite tolerable and the

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pleasure of getting on the pike once more kept us alive until we got home. Although absent but four days it seemed an age to me.

I sent your letter & cousin Sarah's to town by the driver yesterday but discovered that neither of them were sealed & then even no confess(?) at the toll gate.

I lost one of my shirts & an under silk shirt. Ask the Maj to enquire of Dick for them & please keep them until I come up or you return. What sort of a dress did Miss Picket ask me to tell her Mama to send her? How is her hair? Barring our own party she & Miss Walker were the nicest ladies I saw at the Springs. How is the Widow? If she dresses four times weeky days, how often does she dress Sundays? Tell Bill Stope(?) that she corresponds with Ed Turner who sends her all those beautiful bouquets, she distributed so lavishly among her bevy & know this. How is your Ma? Kiss the baby for me and believe me

Yours Truly

Ike Shelby

NOTE: As Isaiah Pollard died **Nov. 14, 1846** I believe this undated letter to have been written about then. This is the first we see of "Old Fields" as a destination which must have been the Indian Old Fields in Clarke County. **Dating 1846 11/14**

No Postmark or envelope & undated

Addressed to: Evan Shelby
Old Fields

From: Amanda Bruen Shelby
(Most probably from her parents home)

My dearest Husband,

I had just such a ride as I had Sunday before last, but worse in one particular. Esther was galloping along in the rain & getting her fine silk wet. As she was always a good sort of a negro I told her she could leave her horse some where on the road & get in with me. She gladly accepted my offer & soon the carriage was loaded with finery & filled with a strong odor. Ma & Busy are delighted that I have come to stay. Pa is just as he was last I saw. He only gave \$160.00 for the new pair horses. He has kept Polk; it was the vice president Dallas who died. Elizabeth & the children are here. Boon has gone to Paris, I don't know what takes him there. Sarah McClure & her mother were here yesterday. They are staying at Lloyd Warfield's & will as long as they stay in town. She (Sarah Mc) told Busy that Georgia (Combs) Warner was the shabbiest looking woman at Chiles, & had no trunk.

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She had to borrow Mary's bonnet & make the best appearance she can without having anything to wear. Elizabeth saw Miss Hughes at her church. She was highly dressed & came home in the pouring rain locking arms with a young

gentleman. She wouldn't keep
under the umbrella for fear
people would think she kept
too close to her beaux. Tell Ike
she was sweeping up mud and
dirt with her splendid silk
ten dollar a yd. I am afraid
you will be disgusted with such
gossip as this. Pa says Mr.
Pollard is dead. Mrs. Maury,
Mr. Berkley's mother-in-law died
this morning. I am going
to the chapel this afternoon
but scarcely expect Mr. B. to
preach. Busy went to see A. Darby
the other day & didn't expect to

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was not mentioned. G. Store
has opened again. Rebecca
Warfield will be at home this week.
I forgot to tell you W. Warner would
not let his poor wife go to her
father's party. He will start back
to Missouri with her tomorrow.
I can't find anything to send you
to read but Margant(?) Graham
& she looks miserable.

All the folks send their love & are
sorry you did not come in –
Be sure & send Wednesday.
Lewis is up town showing
Esther the lions. I must close &
dress myself to go to church
so farewell my dear Evan.

Yr true & loving wife
Amanda Shelby

Packing Lists on back:

2 petticoats for A S
3 petts for M P
2 nightgowns
2 nightcaps
7 tea cloths
1 apron M P

1 big apron
2 shirts
1 flan petts
4 towels
2 sheets
3 pillow cases
2 chemises
8 diapers

7 tea cloths
12 towels
1 shirt
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2 pr socks
2 pr stocks
1 nightgown for M P
15 napkins
1 big tablecloth

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All the folks send their love & are sorry you did not come in - Mr. Lane & send Wednesday. I don't know if up town showing either the Lord. I must take it that my duty to go to church as far as well my dear Emma.

My love & loving wife,
 Annabruen Shelby

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she was speaking up mind and heart with her splendid pills. Less Holland a year. I am afraid you will be sick instead with small pox as that is said Mrs. Pollard is dead. Mrs. M'Nairy & Mrs. Kendrick's mother in law dead this morning. I am going to the Chapel this afternoon but fearfully expect Mr. B. to preach. They want to see somebody the other day & don't expect to

NOTE: This letter is dated 1846 but should be 1847. Considering that Amanda's brother died of affixation in his bedroom on Christmas Eve of 1846 – I believe that she just dated the year incorrectly. The last letter from Susan that we have is dated July of 1845. Susan has lost the first child if indeed she was pregnant, for it is not mentioned again and would have been due in early 1846. Also they may have traveled to Arkansas to review business prospects, (growing hemp or cotton) during this time break. Some records show that she birthed and buried two infants. I have never confirmed this. Waterside is new home for Col. and Mrs. William Grayson Carter.

Postmarked: Grayson Ky. 5 (cents?)
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Addressed to: Mrs. Amanda Shelby
Lexington (K)

From: Susan Hart Shelby Carter

Waterside Jan 3, 1846 (should be 1847)

My dear Sister

I have just read with sincere regret the announcement of the death of your brother Joseph and knowing how dearly he was beloved by you all, I offer my deepest sympathy in this heart breaking misfortune. I trust that your parents will be sustained in it by that hand which has inflicted it. Truly the blow is hard when it falls upon the young, the promising and the cherished only son of devoted parents, but yet it might have come in a more agonizing shape for he might have arrived at the height of usefulness, he might have reared a family of his own and have been snatched from them making it a double grief to those who now mourn his early death. Will you present me affectionately to your family and say to them that I sincerely mourn with them. You know my dear Sister that the heart which has had sorrows of its own can feel for others and surely we have had those which could scarcely admit of consolation. I cannot think that the thorny path we travel in this life leads not to a home of peace and

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of the duties which devolve upon as they go.
There cannot be any adequate compensation
for all we endure here if there is not.

You who have felt the sustaining power
of this hope must know how utterly
disconsolate are they who have it not. I
have heard persons who were sincere and
honest and whose course in life warranted
our believing them, say that it was all
sufficient for the direst calamity which
ever befall mankind and they would not
exchange it for the 1000 lbs wealth. Since
misfortunes have fallen so fast and so
heavily upon us I have often lamented
that not one of us yourself excepted had
this confidence that we should finally
when the same closes upon us here open our
eyes in a world where neither pain nor
sorrow should ever reach us now. Our dear
father and brothers instead of spending
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part or lot in the mansions provided for
those who fear God and live according
to his holy commandments. May the
power of that religion which you
have long professed now give my
dear Amanda for all that awaits
you and especially for this afflicting
bereavement.

My affectionate remembrance to my
dear Father and brothers and kiss your
sweet little Mary for her aunt and

Your Sister

S. S. Carter

Waterside Jan. 3. 1846

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sweet little Mary for her Aunt and
Your Sister

A. J. Carter

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NOTE: Susan's brother Richard and 2nd wife Rebecca write of birthing a daughter (b 10/21/1846, d 11/13/1846) they named after Susan (Susan Smith Shelby) in Salina, MO. Richard and Rebecca were at Richland in early 1849 where Rebecca died in March, see Amanda's journal for 1849, Their daughter Mary (Pinna) Pindell Shelby grew up and married William Napton. Richard returned to Salina, Mo. and died there in 1862. **Dating 1847 2/2**

Postmarked: Grayson Ky. 5 (cents?)
Feb 1st

Addressed to: Mrs. Amanda Shelby
Lexington
(K)

From: Susan Hart Shelby Carter

Waterside Feb 2, 1847

My dear Sister

As this is probably the last mail which will leave previous to our departure for the South I cannot let the opportunity pass without assuring you of my continued affection for you and the sincere sympathy I feel for your distressing loss. I hope in this that you would so far have recovered your spirits as to write me, but I must wait with patience for you to resume what has afforded me so much pleasure, until time shall have healed the wound which now rankles in your heart. There are few ties indeed dearer than those which bind us to our brothers and I humbly trust that death may close my eyes before I feel as you now do. I received sometime since a letter from Richard's wife which I enclose you & wish when Father returns you would hand it to him. Like the rest of us she has had her trials, but she seems to be blest with a spirit of submission which can enable her to bear them with fortitude. I was not aware of the birth of her daughter until she mentioned its birth and death. It is gratifying to me that my brother and she from his representations should esteem me so highly as to call a child for me and I hope she has gone to a happier country. Richard like most Kentuckians who have migrated to the West, has had bad health, but I hope he will be restored before long. We shall probably have our constitutions tried in another climate provided we shall think after an examination of the truth that it is best for us to remove. Father has made us a liberal offer and brother Alfred (Carter) has been urging us to go for several years, indeed ever since our marriage. He too has tendered

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Samuel
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NOTE: Fayette's trial is postponed as his principle witness, David Kerr, is out of town until September.

Postmarked: Grayson Ky. 5 (cents?)

April 25

Addressed to: Mrs. Amanda Shelby

Lexington

(K)

From: Susan Hart Shelby Carter

Waterside April 18, 1847

My dear Amanda,

As I wrote you a few days previous to going South, I naturally concluded that one so punctual as you would write before looking for another letter from me and therefore concluded the fault was in the P.Ma. or the route and I would write you by return of the mail which has brought me your letter as likewise two from Father of the 8 & 19. I am sorry Fayette's trial did not go on for I greatly fear this recent affair may have an unfavorable bearing upon it. It is impossible I can ever feel as I have done untill he is entirely free, for the dread that it may terminate unhappily comes upon me, when I am otherwise free from care and woes all the enjoyment I should otherwise have but for that. Father says he has not the slightest apprehension that a jury ever can be empanelled who will condemn him, but I fear he trusts too confidentially in the justice of those whose breath is life or death to him. I feel much for Mrs. Morrison who although excentric is devoted to her children. They are now arriving at an age when she will see sorrow enough for them. Thank Heaven if our old age is to be lonely and childless we shall at least be spared the agony which all parents have to suffer for their children.

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teach her servants something. I made for herself and children four dresses and she could give me no more assistance than if she had never seen a needle. I told I supposed she thought my education had been received in the kitchen. She said she wishes she had been raised thus. If they come to spend the summer here as we expect I shall have a time with all her children and servants, but shall give and endure it for Alfred's sake, whom I love as one of my own brothers. Sophia was here this morning with Robert and the children, also Mr. Hood. I was asking her if she would get her carriage home by the time the proud Virginian comes. She said she would and I told she must get living for her servants and come over in great style to see her ladyship. She was inflicted four summers upon Sophia and she despises her like a rattlesnake. Hood and I are anticipating great fun when Greek meets Greek. Will Liz Kinkead accept our invitation? Hood thinks they will only come if we will board them and that we shall never do. Mrs. Crawford's mother has purchased a new house and looks for them to board with her. Our circumstances do not require us to take boarders and we shall not do so until they do. If they

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Graves
April 25

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Mrs. Amanda Shelby
Stamford

(No. 1)

No Date – I believe by events that this was written in **early May of 1847**, as \$5.00 sent in this letter is mentioned in the next.

No Postmark – just folded and addressed.

Addressed to: Mrs. Amanda Shelby

Old Fields

Fayette Co. Ky.

From: Susan Hart Shelby Carter

Dear Amanda

I have looked the village over to find something pretty for dear little Mary Pindell and have not succeeded. I found two pieces of calico which I thought would wash well and make her useful dresses and have sent them by the Judge. One of these I designed for little Margaret but Liz is so stylish that I thought she would not let her wear it and I send then both to M. P. When Father comes home tell him I want you and Evan to come and make me a visit before the house is filled with company which will be about the first of June or perhaps the middle. I can accommodate Liz and Crosby and yourselves very well. You have never made me a visit and I think he cannot refuse to afford you the conveyance and time to do so. In consequence of having these families, Alfred's and the Judges to pass the summer here I shall be entirely confined at home and I do not like to think of such a lapse of time passing without seeing you. If I had been able to bear the fatigue of the ride on horseback I should have gone with the Judge, but my health for many months has not been good and it would be more than I have strength to perform. I am thinner by many pounds than I have been since my residence in the mountains and am a daily almost homely sufferer. It has been a source of regret that the boys either could or would not come to see their only sister who if she knows her own heart, knows that their welfare and happiness are as dear to her as any other consideration of earth. Remember me aff. to them all. Also Aunt Ross & the Harrisons and believe my dear Amanda that I am

As ever yours

S. S. C.

I send \$5. which please pay \$3.75 to Christy & send me a French dripping coffee pot by Liz when she comes.

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MAY 1847

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NOTE: Susan speaks of her brother, James, and his hazardous horse riding. She makes mention Elizabeth Bruen Ingels's daughter, Alice Elizabeth (b 12/16/1845 d 4/25/1847) death, and tells of her brother, Koscuisko's death at age 6.

Postmarked: Grayson Ky. 5 (cents?)
May 24 (1847)

Addressed to: Mrs. Amanda Shelby
Lexington
(K)

From: Susan Hart Shelby Carter

Waterside May 22, 1847

I have just received dear Amanda your long looked for letter and shall answer it by return of mail. The intelligence about poor James gives me no surprise for I have often told the Col. that it would be a miracle if he did not meet some awful accident, riding as he does all sorts of horses. Poor fellow! No day passes over my head that I do not think of him and I often dread to open a letter from home lest I hear that he has come to some terrible death and there in not I fear the smallest probability that there will ever be a reformation for his mind seems an utter wreck. Surely I have enough to sadden every hour of my existence and I do feel as though I ought never to smile. Sometimes, not often, it is here, something like my old habit of cheerfulness comes over me but I flatter myself it will continue, the belief soon vanishes before some such news as your letter contains. My last visit to Richlands was sorrowful from the commencement to the close and until there is some change in James habits I think it will probably be years before I go again. My heart yearns towards those so near, so dear to me and could I see them happy or if I could benefit them in any way I would go at any expense of feeling to myself, but my visits seem to result in no good to any one. Isaac who years ago was gay, light hearted and affectionate to me, never smiles from the time we meet until we separate. Things are so different here in our mountain home that the contrast strikes me most painfully. Here if any cord should flee for a moment harmony is immediately restored and we endeavour to forget as much as possible all that is unpleasant. How gratifying my dear Sister after this distressing information to hear that you are happy and that Evan is all you can desire him to be. May he never cause you a moments pang, is the sincere wish of one who loves him more than any living being and you hardly less than himself. A few moments before your letter came the Col. remembered how much he should like to have you visit us, indeed he said he must see you before the summer was over. I am sorry to see that such a woman as Jinny Pindell can give you

any annoyance. When you meet her behave towards precisely as if you had never spent a thought concerning her and

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she will be disappointed in the object she must have had in mind, in treating you as she has done. I fear if Mrs. Kinhead has detoured visitors from going to your house in consequence of the plain manners in which you live, she will hardly be contented to pass the summer in our camp. She can however make the trial and if she finds the absence of style and luxury too great for endurance she can put up bag and baggage and take herself off. She must certainly have forgotten that for many years of her Father's life he lived in a wretched log cabin, that the elder members of the family were born there and that only in the last five or six years they have lived even comfortably. How often are we reminded that a beggar on a horse will ride to the devil. I shall be so far prudent as not to mention the subject to Liz as she will be my guest, but I should at any other house give her as much of my mind as she has had lately from any one. I feel that I have a right to resent inquires to you and only wish I had it in my power to punish those who take it upon themselves to behave in this manner towards, at the same time as I said before this greatest punishment is to treat them with utter contempt and indifference.

How I wish you were here this lovely day. Never did the mountains look half so lovely. I think I never attempted to describe our location. Imagine then a high elevation containing some five or six acres where the house garden, yard etc. are situated. On the left of the front door is a steep descent at the bottom of which winds the river through a fertile valley beyond which arise a perfect drapery of hills covered with grass, trees of every variety, many of which have but just dropped their bloom and groups of cattle which live the summer through without ever seeing home. Immediately in front is a height entirely shorn of trees, (crossed out word) clothed with richest verdun and affording a pleasant contrast to the wooded hills around. Nothing can exceed the transparent cleanness of the atmosphere, the numberless birds, which make the scene vocal with their music on the elasticity of spirits which in spite of care and sorrow, is produced by the sight of these things and by inhaling this delicious air. Through the valley on the opposite side of the stream is the country road and there is no time of the day that passengers

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are not seen wondering their way to or from the village. which is just a mile. Do you not think that in spite of poverty we might be happy in such a home? If

the Col. were satisfied with his prospects here I could be as contented as the day is long, but he seems to think his labor so poorly requited that he is not and never will be so and I am therefore anxious to sell. Kinkead says he has a perfect passion for mountain scenery and I think if Uncle Tom would purchase it he would be delighted to accept it, but I fear he will not fancy as poor land as this. The Col. offers land, mill, furnace, dwelling and household furniture & farming utensils for the sum of \$10,000. There are I think 6,000 acres in the tract. Those who have children could not make a surer investment, for the mineral and other wealth of these mountains will undoubtedly in the course of five or ten years come into requisition and should a rail road as many suppose pass through this country the value of land will at once be enhanced ten fold. I feel sincerely for your sister in her misfortune and hope that the reflection that her child has gone beyond the reach of earthly ills, will sustain her through it. Beware, Amanda, of suffering your heart to become too much bound up in your child. Nothing can be more natural than that you should love her with the most entire affection but then you should remember that the times by which she holds to her life can be snuft(?) asunder by the slightest cause and unless you accustom yourself to think of this probability, the blow, should it come, would almost destroy you. I should never forget although I was a child myself, the loss of our little brother of whom you have heard Evan speak no doubt. He was be far the loveliest being I ever saw and never failed to win any heart. I can almost see him now as he lay struggling with the grim monster, with his sweet face turned first to one and then another of those who gathered around to sooth his little spirit as it was about to leave its house of clay. Poor Father! He seemed as though it would cost him his life. Our Mother who was mild and meek as Him she followed bowed and let the storm pass over her. For years, indeed

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I do not think his name has ever been mentioned in the family. Now this is an instant which goes to show how far happier it is to die in infancy and how perfectly reconciled parents should be to loosing their children before that have sinned or suffered. Is the lot of the sick or any one of those who were left as happy as we believe this dear little angel is? Let the agony which we all have endured in the last two or three years, if not for our individual selves at least for each other; be the answer. Let the tears

which we have shed over those who have gone astray be a warning not to mourn as one who cannot be comforted, over the grace of infant innocence. But this subject saddens me and I fear you too. Remember me kindly to your dear Mother & sister, and say that I sincerely hope they may find consolation in all which it may be their lot to endure. Love to the boys & dear little Mary. Yr. aff. sister S. S. C.

Bottom

Get at Cochran's on my account a dollars worth wall paper of some solid color which will answer for window blinds. Our house being unfinished, there are no shutters & the windows must be darkened before the heat of summer. If we do not sell out we shall go to Cincinnati or Louisville & furnish from top to bottom.

Side

Ask Isaac to get Fraizer to examine my watch and if not entirely ruined and can be made to keep good time, get him to repair & send it by Liz, if you do not come. Fraizer will trust me & I will send the money at the first opportunity. Did you get the \$5.00 (torn out piece) ? Do not forget the coffee pot.

Waterside May 23. 1847

I have just received dear Amanda your long looked for letter and shall answer it by return of mail. The intelligence about poor James gives me no surprise for I have often told the Col. that it would be a miracle if he did not meet some awful accident, seeing as he does all sorts of hard. Poor fellow! no day passes over my head that I do not think of him and I often stand to open a letter from home but I know that he has come to some terrible death and then is not I fear the smallest probability that there will ever be a reformation for his mind seems utterly sunk. What I have enough to sadden every hour of my existence and I feel as though I ought never to smile. Sometimes, but often, it is true, something like my old habit of cheerfulness comes over me but if I flatter myself it will continue, the belief soon diminishes before some such news as your letter contains. My last visit to Richmond was sorrowful from the commencement to the close and until there is some change in James' habits I think it well probably be years before I go again. My heart yearns towards those so near, so near to me and could I see them happy or if I could benefit them in any way I would go at any expense of feeling to myself, but my visits seem to result in no good to any one. James who years ago was gay light hearted and affectionate to me, now smiles from the time we must until we separate. Things in so dependent here in our mountain home that the contrast strikes me most painfully. How if any could should you for a moment have money is immediately restored and we endeavor to forget as much as possible all that is painful and unpleasant. How gratifying my dear sister after this distressing information to hear that you are happy and that James is all you can desire him to be. May the new cause you & Mountain people, is the sincere wish of one who loves him more than any living being and you hardly less than himself. A few moments before your letter came the Col. remarked how much he should like to have you visit us, indeed he said he must see you before the summer was over. I am sorry to see that such a woman as Jimmy Pindell can give you any annoyance. When you next has become towards present as if you had never spent a thought concerning her and

She will be disappointed in the object she must have had in view, in treating you as she has done. I fear if Mrs. Kirkland has detoured visitors from going to your house in consequence of the plain manner in which you live, she will hardly be contented to pass the summer in our camp. She can however make the trial and if she finds the absence of style and luxury too great for endurance she can put up her bag and baggage and take her self off. She must certainly have forgotten that for many years of her Father's life he lived in a wretched log cabin, that the elder members of the family were born there and that only in the last five or six years they have lived more comfortably. How often are we reminded that a beggar on a horse will ride to the devil. I shall be so far from it as not to mention the subject to Lizy as she will be my guest, but I should at any other house give her as much of my mind as she has had lately from any one. I feel that I have a right to resent injuries to you and only wish I had it in my power to punish those who take it upon themselves to behave in this manner towards, at the same time as I did before the greatest punishment is to treat them with utter contempt and indifference.

How I wish you were here this lovely day. Never did the mountains look half so lovely. I think I never attempted to describe our location. Imagine then a high elevation containing some five or six acres where the house garden ground &c are situated. On the left of the front door is a steep descent ^{at the bottom of which} where the view through a fertile valley beyond which is a perfect drapery of hills covered with grass trees of every variety, many of which have but just dropped their bloom and groups of cattle which live the summer through without ever leaving home. Immediately in front is a height entirely shorn of trees, covered clothed with richest verdure and affording a pleasant contrast to the wooded hills around. Nothing can exceed the transparent cleanness of the atmosphere, the numberless birds which make the scene vocal with their music or the elasticity of spirits which in spite of care and sorrow, is produced by the sight of these things and by inhaling this delicious air. Through the valley on the opposite side of the stream is the country road along and there is no trace of the day. That passages

are not far wending their way to us from the village
 which is just a mile. Do you not think that in spite
 of poverty we might be happy in such a home? If
 the Col. were satisfied with his prospects here I could
 be as contented as the day is long, but he seems to
 think his labor so poorly rewarded that he is not and
 never will be so and I am therefore anxious to sell.
 Kimbrell says he has a perfect passion for mountain
 scenery and I think if Uncle Tom would purchase it
 he would be delighted to accept it, but I fear he
 will not fancy as poor land as this. The Col. offers, land
 mill, furniture, dwelling & household ^{furniture} & farming
 utensils for the sum of \$10,000. There are I think 6
 000 acres in the tract. Those who have children could
 not make a wiser investment, for the mineral and
 other wealth of these mountains will undoubtedly
 in the course of five or ten years come into requisition
 and should a good road as many suppose pass through
 this country the value of land will at once be enhanced
 ten fold.

I feel sincerely for your sister in her
 misfortune and hope that the reflection that her child
 has gone beyond the reach of earthly ill, will sustain
 her through it. Beware, Amanda, of suffering your
 heart to become too much bowed up in your child.

Nothing can be more natural than that you should
 love the most entire affection, but then you re-
 member that the terms by which she holds her
 her by can be smartly remember by the slightest care
 and unless you accustom yourself to think of this pos-
 sibility, the bliss should it come, would almost
 destroy you. I shall never forget although I was a child
 myself the loss of our little brother of whom you have
 heard Sam speak no doubt. He was by far the loveliest
 being I ever saw and never failed to win my heart.

I can almost see him now as he lay struggling with the
 green monster, with his stout face turned first to one
 and then another of those who gathered around to soothe
 his little spirit as it was about to leave its house of clay
 Poor Father! he seemed as though it would cost him his life
 Our mother who was mild and meek as Dove she followed
 bowed low at the storm pass over her. For reasons indeed

I do not think his name has ever been mentioned in the family. Now this is an instance which goes to show how few happiness it is to die in infancy and how perfectly reconciled parents should be to leaving their children before they have lived or suffered. Is the lot of the six or any one of those who were left as happy as this we believe this dear little angel is? Let the agony which we all have endured in the last two or three years, if not for our individual selves at least for each other; be the answer. Let the tears which we have shed over those who have gone astray be warning not to mourn as one who cannot be comforted, over the grave of infant-innocence. But this subject saddens me and I fear you too. Remember me kindly to your dear Mother & Sister. and say that I sincerely hope they may find consolation in all which may be their lot to endure. Love to the boys & dear little Mandy. Aff. aff. Sister J. J. C. 9

Erasmus P. May 24

Miss Annina Shelly

Samuelson

At the time of the death of the mother & father the child was in a state of infancy and was not yet able to walk. It was a very young child and was very much loved by the mother. The child was very much loved by the mother and was very much loved by the mother. The child was very much loved by the mother and was very much loved by the mother.

Go at Coburn's in my account a dollars worth wall paper of some solid color which will answer for window blinds. Our house being unfinished, there are no shutters & the windows must be darkened before the heat of summer. If we do not sell out we shall go to Cincinnati rather than Louisville & furnish ourselves from top to bottom.

NOTE: This is the Col. and Susan's fourth anniversary, married 5/29/1843. Pink lawn means a type of material, cambric.

Postmarked: Grayson Ky. 5 (cents?)
May 31 (1847)

Addressed to: Mrs. Amanda Shelby
Old Fields (near)
Lexington
(K)

From: Susan Hart Shelby Carter

Waterside May 30, 1847

As you will perceive my dear Amanda, this is the anniversary of our wedding. The weather never was finer and the morning in the novelist way, rose in unclouded splendor. The Col. is just recovering from a severe attack of encephalitis and I felt so happy that it was not fatal as we had at one time reason to fear that you may suppose it has been a pleasant return of that most important event of our lives. I intended at first to have spent the day at home as he was not well enough to leave, but Robert, Sophia & Mr. Hood came at 10 and would not hear of my refusing to accompany them to a country meeting the first time I have ever gone to such a place. We were only absent two hours and they returned to dine, with us upon my first mess of peas and chicken. Sue Anna (who by the way is as great a convenience and comfort as she was once an annoyance) came up and said she would get diner in Annie's place who was going to meeting and soon after our return we found every thing in nice order. She having made cake ice cream &c while we were gone. They have left and I shall pass the time while my good husband reads the news in writing to my dear sister.

Mr. Hood is about leaving for home and I shall send by him \$35 which I wish you to spend in carpeting for me. When last in Lexington, March offered me such an article as would answer extremely well for spare chambers at 50 cts. As soon as you get this will you be so good as to go to town and choose 70 yds. of the best you can get at that price. I have such confidence in your taste and judgment that I will give you no further directions. I presume the stage is now running between Lex. & Mt. Sterling, if so please pay carriage to that place, directed to Dr. Hannah to whom I shall write to day to forward it by the salt wagon which will be here in a few weeks. I shall in this way get it sooner than I could from

Cincinnati. Should you not receive the money as soon as the letter Cochran will credit me until it arrives & Mr. Hood will pay it to him.

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As soon as we shall have made up our minds as to our plans, we shall go to Louisville where the Col. has some property by which he has an intends to appropriate to furnishing our house and purchase everything we wish. My views upon the matter are extremely humble and as long as we reside out of the world I shall not go to much expense in such things. Our house shall always be comfortable, genteel and the abode of all that is hospitable and kind, but I have no ambition to have it said that I have the finest furniture in the land. Sophie has Brussels carpet, sofas, divan &c in her parlor and you cannot think how odd it seems after the naked floors or what is worst rag carpets of the other inhabitants, whose ideas of furnishing extend not beyond a bed stand table & split bottom chairs. Mrs. Crawford is building an addition to her house with side lights to her windows and it is expected will cut quite a dash when it is completed But you must come and see how we live before the summer is gone. Richard Harrison wrote me a letter for his mother by to days mail in which he pays me the high compliment to say that Mary Pindell resembles me exceedingly and is a lovely child. He also pays me another compliment by wishing she may be as fine a woman as her Aunt in which case it matters not how she looks. I dressed little Hebe in a sweet gipsy hat, pink lawn &c & took her to see Mrs. Seaton the other day and what do you think Hood had the impertinence to say. In the presence of her aunt who has boasted so much of her he said he thought she would know Miss Mary Pindell in the shade. I am willing however to show her against the world and I think if there is any thing in a fine countenance she will be the delight and pride of all our hearts should she be spared to see womanhood. Her grandfather thinks so and aunt Susan heartily agrees with him. I saw one of my namesakes today which is a pretty child and I must get something tomorrow in a present although the mother assures me she had no such object in view when she named her.

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to the furnace and post office as the Col. is not yet well enough to go out. In spite of my remonstrances he ate for his supper a pint of boiled rice, a pint and a half of cold milk and two large muffins enough to make a well man sick, and the consequence was a night of excessive pain. Untill entirely well I shall give him very short allowance for the future.

I presume from your letter that Mrs. K. &c will be here during the week and I must prepare for her reception. All the Grayson folks are waiting for the fashions and their patience if not wardrobes will be threadbare before she comes.

The Col. again repeats his invitation to you & Evan. Tell Amanda he says, "to come and see my place before I sell it. There is no woman in Ky. except my aunt Grayson whom I should rather see." Then following a eulogy upon your character &c, &c. For myself I must see Mary Pindell before many weeks.

Tell Aunt Ross that we shall if nothing happens be at the Lewis Springs a few days after the election and shall be glad to meet her there. Tell her that the water is the most delightful she can possibly imagine, the place retired and altogether charming. We shall have a little carriage & shall take great pleasure in her having all the benefits of exercising in it. She can get there at little expense it being only 16 or 18 miles from Maysville.

Roberts family, our own, Kinkeads, with Hood & his sister will make a pleasant party & we shall not be humbled about fashion or finery as we intend taking nothing but wrappers, a wise resolution you think on my part.

In closing let me beg that Father knows nothing of the carpets as I fear he will as usual make up any deficiency in funds & I know he has a use for all he has. Kindest love to Evan & all & believe me as ever yr. aff.
sister S. S. Carter

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Arthur J. S. Carter

Amerson
May 21

Mrs. Amanda Shelby

Chas. Smith (man)

Sec. in Ky. (K.)

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NOTE: Amanda sketches of Mary Kinkead & Bob Carr & birds.

Postmarked: Grayson Ky. 5 (cents?)
July 12 (1847)

Addressed to: Mrs. Amanda Shelby

Lexington

Kentucky

From: Susan Hart Shelby Carter

Waterside July 12, 1847

My dear Amanda

Since the arrival of the Judge and his family I have been so much occupied that unless I fatigued myself very much I have not had time to write you. After I have bestowed the requisite attention upon house, kitchen and garden, the morning has passed away and I feel too languid to write after dinner, but I feel so much the want of your agreeable letters, that although I am in any humor more than that of writing still I shall not let another mail go without an attempt at least.

Uncle Tom and Cosby I suppose you have seen. I requested C. particularly to tell you every thing she could think of and I know she could say more by word of mouth than could be contained in the limits of a letter. How unfortunate her beau has been, having arrived on Saturday, she leaving the Wednesday before. She seems never to have understood that he was a lover, but seems to have thought he went to see the Judge on business. For my own part I never took as much interest in any affairs of the heart as I have in this and now I tremble for the consequences. Hood is forty fathoms deep in love and the Col. and I are wholly to blame for he would probably otherwise never have heard of her. Now should she not fancy him, I little think she will it must be a considerable expense of feeling to him and should she marry him & the match be unfortunate in any way we shall greatly blame ourselves. It is therefore the last time I shall ever be the median though which a young couple shall become

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acquainted much less will I talk a gentleman into love with a lady.

We are spending the day for the fifth or sixth time with Sophie & shall go to hear the candidates for Congress speak after dinner. I have not seen Hood. He did not bring his sister as we expected but brought the news thirty some purchasers would be here to look at our property very soon. In case however we should not be able to get off will you be as good as to send by John Taylor the hackman some strawberries from Richland and some from Mr. Harrisons. Tell him that my raspberries are doing well & bearing more fruit than I had expected for the first year. My shrubbery is beautiful, many things bearing bloom. I think of those who were so kind as to send them whenever I look at the group & wish it had been my lot to be nearer them as well as yourselves. There are few persons on earth dearer to me than that excellent couple and their lovely children, none but my Father, yourself & my brothers.

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How delighted I should be to see Mary Pindell. I hope she is as smart & pretty as Margaret whom we consider a prodigy. Lizzy is raising her to be more obedient than I could have dreamed. With Alfred's wild cats she is a perfect queen. They are chattering & fussing around me at such a rate that I hardly know what I write & will conclude this scrawl by wishing you all happiness & prosperity.

Yrs. aff. S. S. Carter

P.S. I commenced this on a deed which the Col. had written & had to tear it off. So you must excuse the half sheet.

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NOTE: Susan is in her thirty-sixth year and has been married a little over 4 years. Aunt Ross is Elizabeth (Eliza) Pindell Ross -- Susan Carter's Aunt who is recorded as having died 9/1848. There is a darling Amanda sketch of mother & child ascending stairs & two repetition of "JOShelby" -- wonder why?

Postmarked: Grayson Ky. 5 (cents?)
Sept 13 (1847)

Addressed to: Mr. Evan Shelby
Lexington
(K)

From: Susan Hart Shelby Carter

Waterside Sept. 13, 1847

I have been a long time my dear Evan hoping to answer a letter from you which I suppose you have forgotten ere this, but I am so much more indebted to Amanda than any other member of the family except father that I find almost without knowing it, Dear Amanda at the commitment of every sheet I attempt to fill. This must be my apology.

Well! the summer is gone, the harvest is ended and it seems hardly three weeks since the beginning of spring. I suppose however that you have not yet arrived at the time of life when years appear so very brief, for they say it is only as we grow old that the feeling comes over us. When a child which you know is a long while ago, I remember well how interminable a period a year appeared to be, indeed the space I thought sufficient for worlds to be created and destroyed, but such is the change which a quarter of a century has made upon me, that when spring first gladdened the earth I now feel as though I should commence preparation for the following winter lest it should find me unfortified against its frosts and vigor. Not with standing this as well as many other things which belongeth to those advancing towards and arrived at middle age, admonish me that I am one of the number it is exceedingly difficult to realize that I am more than twenty. When I read of

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the sayings and doing of your child then indeed am I compelled to believe that more than half my span is gone. A reflection naturally suggest itself, has my time been spent to advantage, am I better prepared for the closing of the scene than when it commenced? Conscience whispers no, the love of the world which still hangs about my heart says no, and the dread of beholding the grim monster when he shall come to summon me, tells me fearfully that I am utterly unfit for the terrible hour

which appalled the Savior himself. How strong a part of our nature it is which makes us forget nearly the whole of our lives a fact than which now can be more certain, the fact that we must all die and die we know not at what moment. I have known but one or two persons in my experience who lived as though they ever expected to leave this world. Those who profess to be awfully impressed with the importance of preparation for death are those whose conduct shows them to be most absorbed in the acquisition of that which they can never enjoy beyond this life. In leaving the subject (badly chosen as you will think) I will only say it is most inexplicable. Is Ellen Reily (Riley) expected to witness the last moments of her mother? I thought I should read the announcement of her death when the Lexington paper came and from her being still alive I hope she may have passed a crisis in her disease and yet recover.

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I tremble for its consequences upon Margaretta should she die at this time.

The Col. is still hoping to sell his hills and leave for the South this fall, but I have little or no hope of his succeeding. Alfred is still in Virginia glad enough to be rid of his Xantippe who is behaving in such a way at Roberts that he threatened to send her to a tavern in the village. She charged William Carter with having demanded a \$12.00 fee for services rendered to Alfred which Robert told her she knew was false, where upon she cut such dido as would astonish any one who ever saw polite society. I am the only member of the concern who has been able to intimidate her. She now heels it to her chamber as duly as she sees me coming. Do you think \$25,000 pr. annum could induce you to take such a wife? Tell Cosby that her Serine Highness has driven off her beau Landon who will probably leave for Washington in the course of the fall. Her other lover of whose movements she probably knows more than we, is expected in two weeks in Carter. He professes in his letter to the Col. to be more in love every time he sees her, but seems to think the prize far beyond his reach.

Is not Sept. the month of court in Lexington? I tremble for Fayette. What do you think will be the issue of the next trial? Kinkead assured us that there was no

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danger, but I cannot help dreading to hear from it.
What counsel will he have? I hope Mr. Clay will not
make a speech for several persons have said that
he was a decided disadvantage to the cause.

Tell Amanda I shall not have it in my power to
visit you all this season and will fix no time
for doing so as our plans are all unsettled.

Remember me to all not forgetting dear little
Mary and accept for yourself assurances of
the warmest affections from

Yr. sister S. S. C.

The Col. often says he would be so delighted to see the boys
and I need not say how much pleasure it would afford
although it is one I have taught myself not to expect.

Large writing across side: The key is under the little
Mug on the mantle piece.

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 one or two persons in my experience who lived as though
 they were expected to leave this world. Those who profess
 to be awfully impressed with the impotence of preparation
 for death are those whose conduct shows them to be most
 absorbed in the acquisition of that which they can move
 away beyond this life. In leaving the subject (badly
 chosen as you will think) I will only say it is most
 inexplicable. As Ellen Reily expected to witness the last
 moments of her mother? I thought I should read the
 announcement of her death when the Lexington paper
 came and from her being still alive I hope she may
 have passed a crisis in her disease and yet recover.

I tremble for its consequences upon Margaretta should she die at this time.

The Col. is still hoping to sell his bill and leave for the South this fall, but I have little or no hope of his succeeding. Alfred is still in Virginia glad enough to be out of his Kentucky who is behaving in such a way at Roberts that he threatened to send her to a house in the village. She charged William Carter with having demanded a \$1200 fee for services rendered to Alfred which Robert told her she knew was false, whereupon she cut such a doer as would wish any one who was in her joint society. I am the only member of the concern who has been able to intimidate her. She now heels it to her chamber as early as she sees me. Can you think \$25,000 pr. annum could induce you to take such a wife. Tell Cosby that his friend Highmore has drawn off her beam Gandon who will probably leave for Washington in the course of the fall. Her other lover of whose movements she probably knows more than we, is expected in two weeks in Centu. He professes in his ~~attention~~ to the Col. to be more in love every time he sees her, but seems to think the prize far beyond his reach.

Is not Sept. the month of court in Lexington? I tremble for Fayette. What do you think will be the issue of the next trial? Kinkead assured us that there was no

danger, but I cannot help dreading to hear from it.
What counsel will he have? I hope Mr. Clay will not
make a speech for several persons here, since that
he was so decided an advantage to the cause.
I'll answer all this season and will find no time
for doing so as our plans are all unsettled.
Remember me to all not forgetting dear little
Mary, and accept for your self assurances of
the warmest affection from

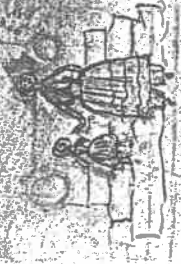
Your Father S J C

The Col often says he would be so delighted to see the boys
and would say how much pleasure it would afford
with it - it was I have thought might not to repeat.

The 1839 is written the little
Mary on the Annals the piece

Sept 13
Sally

The Epist. Shelby
Leaving for



NOTE: This is one of the last letters I transcribed and by far one of the hardest!. Mr. Ambrose Dudley Mann worked for James Buchanan when he was Secretary of State for President Polk. Ten years later Polk became President. He married Col. William Grayson Carter's youngest sister, Jane.

I believe this letter to be written to **Col. William Grayson Carter** who was trying to sell his farm and who had brothers Robert and Landon close by. By the time this reached his brother-in-law from Germany, the farm had sold and William Grayson and his wife Susan Hart Shelby Carter had gone to Arkansas, near Helena to oversee Shelby cotton and or hemp crops. **Dating 1847 10/18**

No envelop or postmark

From: A. D. (Dudley) Mann

To: (Col. William Grayson Carter)

Hanover(Germany?) **October 18, 1847**

My Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter, dated in July, at B _____, upon my arrival there a few weeks since.

In relation to the notes which I hold on Mr. Booton – 2 of 1000 each – I forwarded one of them to you two or three years since with directions to surrender it to him upon condition that he would retire my name from the McKnight paper – or rather relieve me from my liabilities to Mr. McKnight. This you have been at all times authorized to do, - and are still authorized to do. If you have mislaid the note, you may give him a certificate in my name that it shall be cancelled if ever it be found. The other note, as I recollect distinctly having written to you, I deposited with Hamilton Smith about ten years ago as collateral security for some small debts. Part of which I afterwards paid, and I have no doubt that he can get it by obligating himself to pay a small amount. I will relieve Mr. Booton from his entire indebtedness to myself, if he will arrange with Mr. McKnight so that I will held harmless; and take up my notes which Mr. Smith holds and settle the Hallide debt, for which a judg-

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he can readily do – and remove my liability to McKnight and Morris. If you will turn to my letters, which you have probably preserved, you will see that this was the proposition which I made long ago. I should like to hear of Mr. Booton's getting into a successful business again and if I could, I would not, though he owed me ten times as much, throw the slightest obstacle in his way. I lost tremendously by the concern – but by-gones with me are by-gones.

The Rice case is a hopeless one. He had the ability but not the will to pay. Have you succeeded in realizing from the lots? You know not how anxious I am about Mr. Sargent. He was sincerely my friend, and opened his purse to me, when others would give me no assistance. At least I asked none others for any – nor would he if his generous kindness suffered me to have done so. He has now a family and has to rely on his own exertions for its support. Best you not force after so long a period the collection of that debt.

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Since I separated with you, I have had just as much as I could do to provide means for Willie's education, and keep my head above water. Ask Robert if he has ever realized the debt at Rockville, and if so, enclose the amount to Sargent at Cincinnati with that you may have collected from the sale of the lots.

I cannot even conjecture, when I shall return to the United States. When I do however, I shall endeavor to wend my way to your domicile, and enjoy its quite with the society of Mrs. C and yourself, for a time. I am delighted to hear good accounts of Landon and that Robert has lost none of his energy of character. Willie tells his own tale to you by this conveyance. He is acting as my secretary, and in the whole world, I am certain I could not get a better.

Since the 1st of July I have crossed the Atlantic, made an extensive tour through England, Scotland, and Ireland; passed over to the Continent and journeyed through France, Belgium and Holland, and I am now tr____sing geou____ly. In the faithful discharge of my duties, I find constant and most agreeable occupation.

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In the archives of the nation I shall leave after I am gone, a name that my son and his latest posterity will take pleasure in mentioning. This has been my ambition – my object. For my success to whom am I indebted? To Mr. Buchanan, who unsought, gave me the position – because he knew that I had the capacity to serve my country. A purer man than he, never lived. The President too, was a brother to me, though a stranger to him. He conceived that he had wronged me, and generously did he repair the wrong. I am through well, or through woe, his first friend forever.

I have no idea that you will dispose of your estate now, after you have been so long endeavouring to do so. You ought to be contented, particularly as you have, but a small family to provide for. I know not when I will write to you again, but trust you will find time to write occasionally to Willie or myself. I shall leave here tomorrow for Schwit(?) and from thence about the 1st of November, I shall proceed by the way of B ___ to Munich. Believe me as ever,

Faithfully Your Friend
A. D. Mann

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Faithfully your friend
 A. S. Mason

NOTE: The Col. left two weeks ago for Arkansas and Susan if following in Dec. There is sadly much discussion concerning behavior of slaves and election to go to Arkansas rather than run away to Ohio. Court week with the Kinkeads is described. **Dating 1847 11/15**

Postmarked: Grayson Ky. 5 (cents?)
Nov. 15 (1847)

Addressed to: Mrs. Amanda Shelby
Old Fields (near)
Lexington
Kentucky

From: Susan Hart Shelby Carter

Wyoming Nov. 15, 1847

My dear Amanda

I have been so much engrossed in our preparations for removing that I have failed in writing you more from want of time than any other cause. The Col. left for Arkansas ten or twelve days ago and I am staying with Sophia until his return. He took our servants with the exception of three or four, who will go with us in Dec. Before going South Sophia and children will probably accompany me on a visit to Fayette. Thursday next is the day appointed but the weather at this season is altogether too uncertain not to make the matter very doubtful. Should winter set in it would not be prudent to leave and we shall defer the trip to some other time. Mr. Hood is to be our escort and seems to look forward with some pleasure to going. Alfred Carter mentions going down with Father and the boys in his letter of today. A letter from the Col. also, announcing his arrival in safety at Louisville last Sunday.

It is so long since we heard from any of you that I hardly know at what point I left off telling of our plans. We shall freight a boat with lumber for building a house and commence as soon as possible to make ourselves a home in the wild woods of Arkansas. We shall take also furniture, household and kitchen, farming utensils etc. etc. Heaven only knows how the enterprise will eventuate, but I know what my duties are and shall discharge them faithfully as long as my faculties remain. We have been accustomed

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to the practice of strict economy ever since our marriage and it will not cause any regret when we shall have before us the prospect of bettering our fortunes.

Tell Isaac that I promised to send him to see Miss Balch a niece of Mrs. Alfred Carter, but as different as the day from the night. She has every possible requisite he could desire, except fortune, which he may not consider indispensable. She is amiable, well educated, agreeable and comes nearer in character to Margaretta Harrison than any one I ever saw. Her father is a learned Divine in Virginia and has wasted a handsome estate by mismanaging. He has sixty slaves and six children six into sixty, ten times. She is passing the winter at Alfred's and he can go or not as he likes. I told her that in personal appearance he was my counterpart, a thousand times smarter and better every way and she was most pleased at the idea.

We had during court week a dinner party each day. The pastry was charming, the cake delightful and the custard and float unsurpassable. When the puddings came puffed out of all expectation I wished you were here to enjoy them. The Judge dined with us once or twice. He is the same amiable man that he has been ever fond of popularity and dreading more than any man I ever saw any thing approaching popular displeasure. By the way did I tell you what Mrs. Judge thought of your joining the country Church because she said "you would be so much more popular." I could not but think what a faithful echo she was of her husbands sentiments. Through servants she obtained

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for starting although they had known for weeks they were to go and might in one night have been in Ohio beyond our reach. The cause of Ann's misbehavior has come to light since she left. It seems she was the favorite of the richest young man in the county, George Ward and no doubt felt herself as good quite as her owners. She has a fearful account to answer for when I go to Arkansas and will sigh for the privileg-

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Do write me by return of mail if we are not there by that time. I miss so much when Sunday comes your agreeable and entertaining others, that I do not get over the disappointment during the day. If one had not come from the Col. and another from Tennessee containing some bank notes I should have been inconsolable.

Remember me kindly and aff. to the boys and dear little Mary Pindell and accept for yourself the best wishes of

Yrs. sister

S. S. C.

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We shall drive straight to Old Fields and you must make no stranger of Sophia. We can occupy one chamber and take any thing you have. If you are in town before we arrive engage some mantra makers to make us each a dress as we are not in reach of any fashionable goods for the purpose –

Side

Tell Sim Christy there will be two Northern women there soon who will have about \$150.00 to spend and will give him the preference if he would like to see an old customer. I want some sort of a shawl and perhaps he can lay by one for me.

Wilmington Nov. 15. 1847

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Yr. sister
A. J. C.

The dear charity that will be your mother
I hope she has been told will have about
\$150 to spare and will give him the
preference if he wants it. He has some
other out town. I would have sent you
about one hundred if he can buy by me
for me.

Yr. brother
John

Washington

Old friends (any)

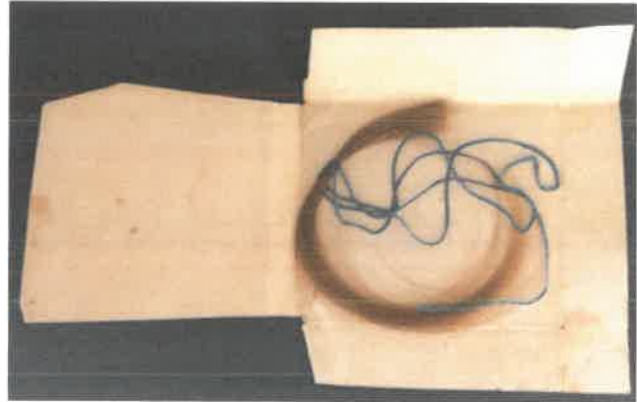
Mrs. Amanda Shelby

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Nov 13
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The shall drive away it to old friends and you must make
no stronger of defence. He can occupy in chamber and
take any thing your favor. If you can be better before we can
make some more time making to make in each a drop a
not in each of any questionable goods for the purpose

NOTE: This is a little cutting of **Mary Pindell Shelby's** hair tied with a blue thread. I believe Amanda gave this to **Susan Hart Shelby Carter** when she moved with the Col. to Helena, Arkansas to oversee the making of a cotton plantation in **December of 1847**. "Aunt Susan was her only Shelby aunt and the one who named her (before her birth in memory of her mother Mary Pindell Shelby (Mrs/Gen. James Shelby & daughter of Dr. Richard Pindell). It is too long to have been cut when she was a babe. **Dating 1847 12/?**



No address or envelope

Addressed to: Amanda Shelby

From: Susan Hart Shelby Carter

Mouth Big Sandy (Ohio River)

Dec '47

Monday Morning

My dear Amanda

We arrived here yesterday 10 o'clock A.M. and have been waiting for a wagon to take children and baggage which not having come the Col. has gone to get one belonging to the place. He was joyfully surprised to find us here last evening and but for Sophia's' encumbrances we should now be far on towards home.

Tell the boys that our place has been sold that is, farm, salt work & dwelling for \$6,000 leaving property to the amount of \$4,000 unsold. The payments are \$2,000 the first January \$4,000 in twelve months. Tell Kinkead that Apperson's proposition was laughed utterly to scorn.

I intended writing to Mrs. Harrison from this place but will not have time and I will thank you to tell her that we are thus far on our way without detriment to life or limb. We have had a toilsome journey take it altogether and may have much trouble yet, but we are amply spared for all we have as many suffer, in the kindness and affection which we received from our friends.

Kiss Mary Pindell for me and tell she must make up her mind to let me into her affections when we meet again for I am determined to plant myself there.

Best love to the boys and believe me as ever
Yrs. aff. Susan S. Carter

My dear Amanda.

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Dec 4th

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I intended writing to Mrs. Garrison from this place but will not have time and I will thank you to tell her that we are thus far on our way without detriment to life or limb. We have had a tail some farming like it at the place and many have much trouble yet, but we are amply repaid for all we have or may suffer, in the kinships and affection which we receive from our friends.

Keep Mary Dindall for me and tell her must make up her mind to let me into her affections when we meet again for I am determined to plant myself there.

Best love to the boys and believe me as ever

Yrs. aff. Susan S. Carter.

NOTE: This is from James (Jim) Shelby and he states that he has “flown the track” – meaning given up horses. He has probably been sent away by his father, Gen. James Shelby, for his reckless horse riding habits and thus he refers to the Gen. as “your father” to his brother Evan. James (Jim) died in 1852 at age 35, unmarried – cause unknown. Information on Fort Barrancas follows this letter. Company M, 2nd Regiment of Artillery was formed here in March of 1847. Cosby is a Shelby family name as in Mary Crosby Shelby, their first cousin. There was a Fort Cosby in 1755 and an Adm. Phillips Cosby. M. - a possible love interest, and M.P. is Mary Pindell Shelby, Evan and Amanda’s daughter. The shells are mentioned in another letter by Amanda.

Postmarked: Pensacola, Florida **Dec. 28 (1847)**

Addressed to **Mr. Evan Shelby**
Lexington Ky.

From: **James Shelby** – Evan’s brother

Fort Barrancas (W Flor?)
Dec 27th /47

Dr (Dear) Evan,

I have seen all that this part of the world can boast, Pensacola, star of gaiety is in its youth, and shines with meridian splendor upon the scarcely less dazzling eyes of our Creole and Spanish girls. Either bally dinner parties or society comes off nightly, at the Navy Yd. Pensacola contains(?) forts-forts, for there are three, situated at the apexes of an equilateral-triangle, mounting 300 guns each, so that for six to eight hundred guns may bear upon a fleet coming in from the gulf. The fishing and sailing upon the gulf are novel and very interesting to me, whilst the mirage and sun set are grand beyond conception due to high latitude, I suppose. In one week, all these fetes and phenomena may be seen and enjoyed by one not in love! How strangely we are constituted! When a single passion reigning to

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the exclusion of the faculties, the being is come lately changed; the relation in which he stands to persons and things around him, are changed; he becomes indifferent to the ties of kindred and of friendship, is utterly regardless of danger, and when it governs too long, the imagination gets the better of reason and judgment, and the mind ever afterwards sees this a false medium.

This may be the origin of eccentric characters,

since our passions and opportunities are unusually stronger than our faculties. I've flown the track. Until I left Lexington, I did not know that my penchant for it was so sensory; but d ___ me if I can, by either plain truth or sophistry, convince my fellow officers that I am well and have not lost all my relations. At dinner table, I offer spacious arguments and high sounding theories (bah!) in favor of the transmigration of souls; at parties, engage to dance with all and dance with none, and on duty the officers laugh at me & I swear at them.

This is a pretty correct sketch, and really Evan, it corroborates my speculation above, for in spite of

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my high acting to the contrary, the whole regiment ascerts that my eccentricity is hard to beat. By chance I had command of the post for one day & night, and no one could enter the garrison without giving the countersign Cosby; this gave rise to much discussion as to who or what Cosby was, the conclusion being that there were not any such man or place! You must know that it is customary & even required to make the watch word some remarkable place or eminent person.

Among other things, I send you a specimen of my genius for replying; the three stanzas were concocted on the morning of my departure, to which I have suited a (torn off – verse/song?)

Oh, sadly sweet was the summer horn
 And the whips and the rattling too
Of the old stage coach when it came that morn
 To bear me away from you.
And oh, as it drove through that silent street (limestone)
 Where once I walked with you
My heart for a while refused to beat
 But it still beats on as true!
Each tearing of the whip, each sound of that horn,
 And the rumbling noise of the wheels
Of the old stage coach when it came that morn
 Still thru my memory steals!

(Amen)

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The General officers have paid great attention &c – made me judge advocate of courts martial for this post & for the first

time I presided over one yesterday; and Leut. Montgomery by this moment informed me that I am to be made Adjutant of the post in a few days. But I would rather be in Lexington five days, than to be generalissimo of the Army – conferring Regimental honors upon me, is like dressing the dead in stately costume. When I sat down to write, I intend to enclose a few lines to M; but my cursed diffidence prevents my asking for permission when I took leave.

Bottom

After strong winds from the south, I take a barge with some doz. men, and repair to the “wind-ward shoals”, to collect shells and curious fish, which I will send to M. some day – and also some to your wife. I wrote to your father from Mobile, but the agent stood by hurrying me, the stage waiting; so if the letter was not satisfactory, let me know that I rewrite. To the girls, Isaac, Fayette, and especially M.P. Shelby, make my devotions ---- James

Across page 1

P.S. Ask your father to present my respects Mr. & Mrs. Harrison, and write instantly

Fort Barrancas

Fort Barrancas stands on a site which has been the home for harbor fortifications since 1763, when the British built a fort. The Spanish captured Pensacola from the British in 1781, and constructed their own fortification, called San Carlos de Barranca on the site. The Spanish word barranca means bluff, which is an excellent description of the location of the fort.

The United States began constructing fortifications at Pensacola in the 1820's, when Pensacola Bay was chosen as the site for a navy yard. Fort Barrancas is one of four fortifications constructed to defend the navy yard. The others fortifications were Fort Pickens and Fort McRee, both located on islands at the entrance to the bay (the Third System Fort McRee has been completely destroyed by the shifting location of the barrier island it was located on). This Civil War era map shows the location of these forts. The Advance Redoubt is the other Third System fortification at Pensacola, located near Fort Barrancas. It acted as an infantry fort, designed to stop overland movement of enemy troops toward the naval yard.

Fort Barrancas was designed with two roles. It acts as a harbor defense fort, forming a rough triangle at the entrance to the bay with Fort McRee and Fort Pickens. It also acted together with the Advance Redoubt to prevent troop movement to the navy yard from the mainland side. It was designed by Joseph Totten, who designed many of the Third System fortification, and constructed from 1839-1843. It also incorporates a Spanish-built water battery as part of the fort.

Fort Barrancas, N. Sloe,
Dec. 27th / 1811

St. Eneas,

I have seen all that
this part of the world can boast—Pensacola
star of glory is in its zenith, and shines
with meridian splendor upon the scarcely
less dazzled eyes of our Creole and Spanish
girls. Either balls, dinner parties or soirees
come off mightily, at the Navy yard, Pensacola
contains forts-forts, for there are three, situ-
ated at the apices of an equi-lateral-triangle,
mounting 300 guns each, so that from six to
eight hundred guns may bear upon a fleet
coming in from the gulf. The fishing and
trailing upon the gulf are novel and very
interesting to me, whilst the mirage and
sun-sets are grand beyond conception due to high
latitude, I suppose. In one week, all these pêtes
and phœnomena may be seen and enjoyed
by one not in love! How strangely we are
constituted! When a single passion reigns to

P.S. Ask your father to present my respects Mr. & Mrs. Harrison, & to write me instantly—

Written

the exclusion of the faculties, the being is com-
 pletely changed: the relations in which he stands
 to persons and things around him, are changed; he
 becomes indifferent to the ties of kinship and of
 friendship, is utterly regardless of danger, and
 when it governs too long, the imagination gets
 the better of reason and judgment, and the mind
 ever afterwards ~~remains~~ thro. a false medium -

This may ^{be} the origin of eccentric characters,
 since our passions and appetites are usually
 stronger than our faculties - I've flown
 the track. Until I left Lexington, I did not
 know that my prevalent for sb. was so serious,
 but do - me if I can, by either plain truth or
 sophistry, convince my fellow officers that
 I am well and have ^{not} lost all my relations. At
 dinner table, I offer specious arguments and
 high-sounding theories (bah!) in favor of the
 transmigration of souls; at parties, engage to
 dance with all and dance with none, and our
 duty the officers laugh at me & I sneer at them.

This is a pretty correct sketch, and really true, it
 corroborates my speculation above, for in spite of

any thing acting to the contrary, the whole Regiment
 apart to that my recentist is hard to beat. By chance
 I had command of the post for one day & night, and
~~the~~ ~~order~~ ~~could~~ ~~enter~~ the garrison without
 giving the countersign Cosby; this gave rise to much
 discussion as to ^{what} ~~what~~ Cosby was, the conclusion being that
 there never was any such man or place! - You must
 know that it is customary & even required to make the
 watch word some remarkable place, or eminent person.
 Among other things, I send you a specimen of my genius
 for rhyming; the three stanzas were conceived on the
 morning of my departure, & to which I have united a sixth -

Oh! sadly sweet was the summons horn
 And the rattle and the rattling too
 Of the old stage coach when it came that morn-
 To bear me away from you -
 And ah, ^{when} it drove thro. that silent street (Limestone)
 Where once I walk'd with you
 My heart for a while refused to beat -
 But it still beats ever true!
 Each ^{twang} ~~twang~~ of that rattle, each ~~throb~~ of that horn,
 And the rumbling noise of the wheels
 Of the old stage coach when it came that morn
 Still thro. my memory steal! (Amen)

The general officers have paid great attention to - made a judge advocate of courts martial for this post, & for the first time I presided ^{at one} yesterday; and Lieut. Montgomery by this morning informed me that I am to be made Adjutant of the post in a few days. But I would rather be in Lexington five days, than to be generalissime of the Army - conferring Regimental honors upon me, in like sleeping the dead in stately costumes. When I sat down to write, I intended to send a few lines to Mr. [?], but my usual difficulties prevented my asking the permission when I leave -

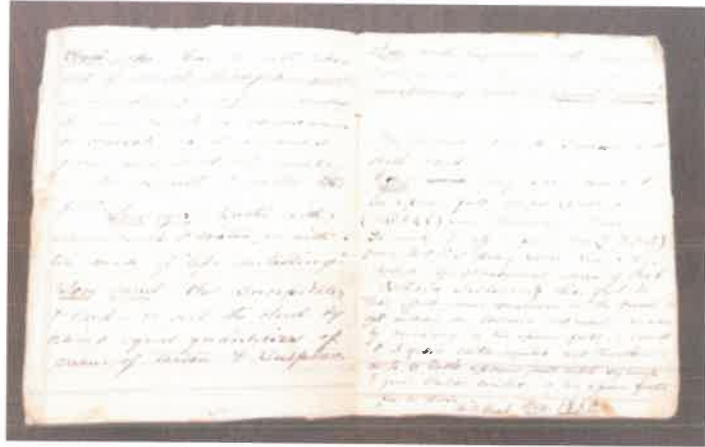
Mr. Euan Shelby
Lexington Ky.

Mrs. [?]
Miss [?]
Spencer [?]
Shelby [?]
Miss [?]
Mrs. [?]
Miss [?]
Miss [?]



After strong winds from the south, I take a barge with some day men, and repair to the "wind-ward shoals," to collect shells and curious fish, which I will send to Mr. [?] some day - and also some to your wife. I wrote to you father from Mobile; but the agent stood by humping me, the stage waiting; so if the letter was not satisfactory, let me know, that I re-write it. To the girls, I send ^{especially} a few shells, with my devotion -

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Prescriptions 1852

Hoarseness – gargle of vinegar & salt, or horseradish stewed with loaf of sugar to a thick syrup.

Salivation or Sore Mouth Burnt alum applied to the ulcers – or a wash composed of borax, sage tea, salt & honey –

For Sore Throat use the same; & if there is a rising a poultice of roasted omons – also frequent emetics –

Costiveness – rhubarb & a salt & water siss bath.

Diarrhea – When slight, blackberry root stewed down to a thick syrup sweetened with loaf sugar & brandy in the proportion of a pint to a quart of tea. If that fails to check it take white or red oak bark & make a strong concoction – To a

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wine glass full, put a table spoon full of camphor, tea spoon of laudanum. Cholera – The above dose with 10 drops of laudanum, 10 grn's calomel, hot salt water baths & frequent rubbing with hot whiskey & red pepper –

Grams?

Cramp Colic – Mustard plaster & a hot bath of soap suds or salt & water. & if the pulse is not too low blood letting –

Bilious – Warm applications strong toddy, & blue mass

or opium. Bag of hot bran
moistened with whiskey –

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Measles – Give an emetic, Keep
the patient warm, & give plenty
of warm drinks (to keep out the
eruption) such as saffron, catnip,
lemonade &c – There is no dan-
ger while the breaking our contin-
ues – Keep the bowels open - - -

Burn – Alcohol & , ran cotton
scraped potato (raw), fat meat
on any thing that will exclude
the air & above all use if you
can get it salve made by R.
Bush & to be had by Calling
for prescription No – 4053 at
J. S. Wilson's drug store Lex-
It is unfailing –

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Tooth-ache. Have the tooth taken
out if much decayed – if not
use something powerful to deaden
the nerve such as laudanum
or creosol. If it proceeds
from cold hold hot whiskey
in the mouth & bathe the
feet.

Sore eyes – Bathe with
warm milk of “life everlasting”.

Sore head Red precipitate
& lard – or cool the blood by
taking equal quantities of
cream of tartar & sulphur.

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Piles – Bath frequently with warm
castile suds & anointed with a
mixture of lard # “sweet & bitter”

Scarlet-fever – Rub the patient well
with lard –

Cough – Every 4 or 6 hours 1

tea spoon full drops – (prescription
(No 2548) from Holloway & Wesson's
to work it off a pill No (7332)
from H & W's drug store Lex., Ky.
aided by occasional doses of Crab
Orchard salts – If these fail to
take effect, raise pustules on the breast,
by rubbing on tartaric ointment – made
be mixing a tea spoon full rich syrup
2 grn's tartar – emetic – a tea spoon full
for a does –

R. W Bush Nov. 1852

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R. W. B.

For the swelling on Tom's neck
prescription No 2874 from
Dr. Saunders drug store Lex. Ky
1849

Strengthening drops – prescription
(No. 2548) 1/2 a wine glass before
each meal. To be bought at
Holloway & Wesson's Lex Ky

R. W. Bush 1852

(Eyes)

For too great a flow of water or
for whites – a table spoon full
of medicine (prepared J. S. Wilson
Lex. Ky. – prescription (6276) in
a tea cup of lukewarm water
& syringe 3 or 4 times a day –
R. W. Bush 1851 –

Pain in the womb or lower part of the
stomach a tea spoon full before every meal
(R. W. Bush To be had at J. S. Wilson's)
of Tincture Quiacum No 0000000

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An emetic – for adult

3 grains tartar emetic in 8 table
spoons full lukewarm water – or
full ipecac in same quantity of

water – Swallow all the ipecac at
once if possible or ½ at first &
if it does not act the remain-
der in ½ an hour – Of the
tartar take a tea spoon full
every 10 minutes till it vom-
its – For a child a tea
spoon even full ipecac in
6 or 8 spoon fulls of warm
water – May 1850 –

Another excellent preparation for a
cough – prescription no 3017 – from
Holloway & Wesson’s drug store Lex Ky
R. W. Bush –

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For a burn

Cover completely the burnt part in
flour ----- 1853 –

Or Spread a cloth with magnetic
ointment -----

Erysipelas – A poultice of mashed (St. Anthony’s Fire)
cranberries – in a raw state -----

Jan 16, 1853

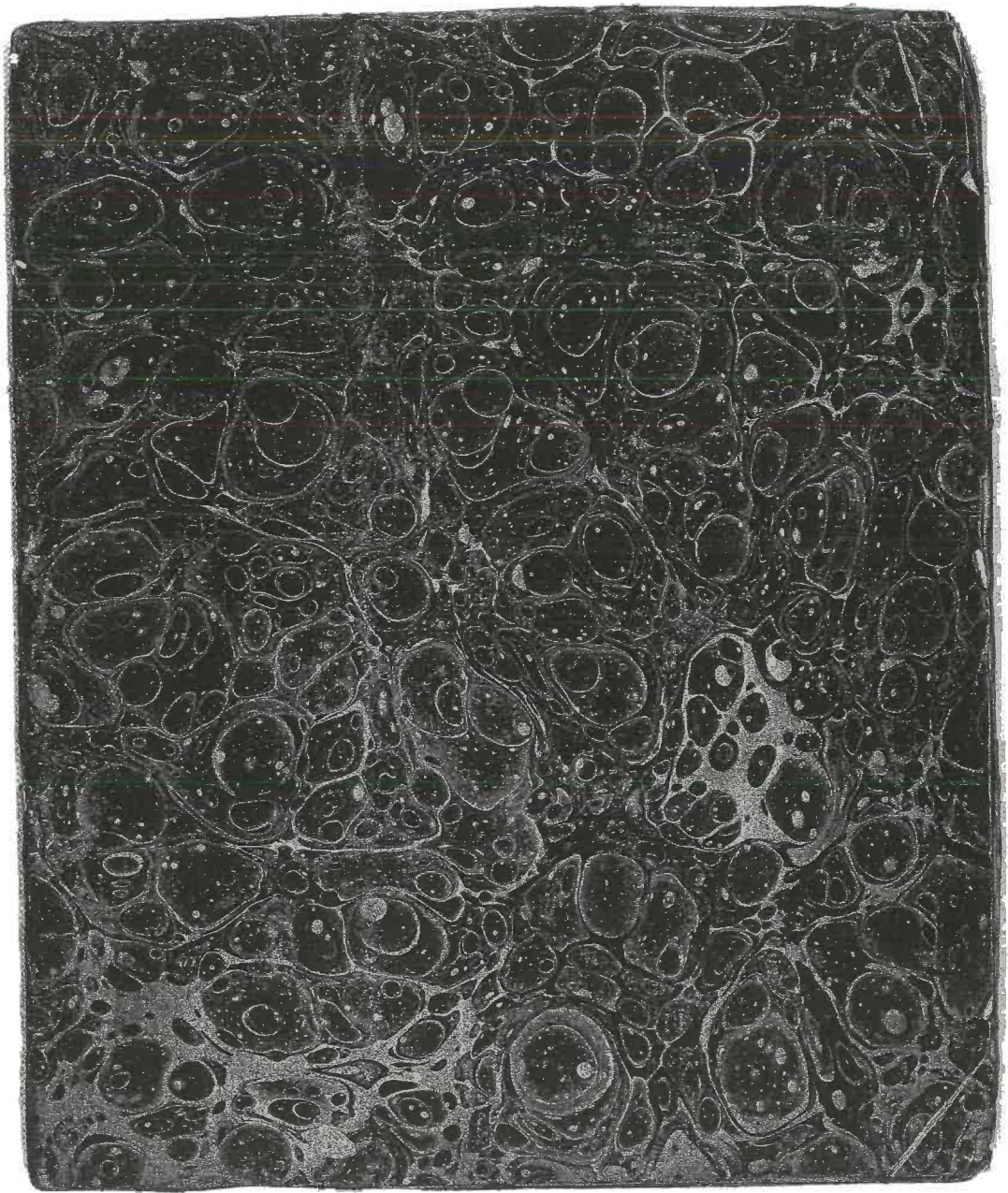
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Near Gttc '52 (crossed out) E. Shelby – all in Evan’s writing

On the last page:

Number of my watch 18.623- in Amanda’s writing



Prescriptions 1853.

Throat gargle of sugar & salt, or
honey-salad steeped with leaf sugar to
a thick syrup.

Salivation or Sore "Mouth" Burnt alum
applied to the ulcers, or a wash composed
of borax, sage tea, salt & honey.

For Sore throat use the same; if
there is a rising a poultice of heat-
ed omond - also frequent smites

Doctored - husband, & a salt &
water slip bath.

Shinhead - When slight blackberry
root steeped down to a thick syrup
sweetened with leaf sugar & brandy
in the proportion of a pint to a
quart of the tea. If that fails to

check - it takes white or red oak bark
to make a strong decoction. To a

wine glass full, put a table spoon
full of Campbell's tea Spoon full
essence of ginger, & 5 drops of
landanum. Cholera - The above
dose with 10 drops of landanum,
10 grains Calomel hot salt water
baths & frequent rubbing with
hot whiskey & red pepper -

Cramp Colic - Mustard plaster
to a hot bath of soap suds or
salt & water. If the pulse
is not too low blood letting -

Bilious - Warm applications
strong today, & blue mass
or opium. Bag of hot bran
or corned with whiskey -

Travel. Give an emetic, keep
the patient warm, & give plenty
of warm drinks (to keep out the
symptoms) such as saffron, catnip
lemonade &c. - There is no dan-
ger while the breaking out contin-
ues - Keep the bowels open -

Burn - Alcohol & raw cotton,
scraped potato (raw), fat meat
or any thing that will exclude
the air. Above all use if you
can get it salve made by Dr.
Quack, & to be had by Cabling
for "prescription No. 4053" at
J. S. Wilson's Drug Store No
It is unfailing.

Pur. - Bathe frequently with warm castile soaps & anoint with a mixture of lard & "Sweet Trites"

part. fever. But the patient, with lard -

Sough ~~rough~~ Every 4 or 6 hours 1 tea spoon full drops - (Prescription - Ord. 2.5 4 8) from Holloway & Wasson's.

To make it off a pill No. (4 5 5 2) from H & W's drug store Dec, 1852. Aided by occasional doses of Cast

Richard Lallo - If these fail to take effect, raise fistules on the breast by rubbing on tartaric ointment made by mixing a tea spoon-full of lard & 3 grains tartar. emetic. will together - or to 6 table spoons full rich syrup 2 grains tartar. emetic - a tea spoon full for a dose. A. B. Bruen Nov. 1852.

tooth-ache. Have the tooth taken out if much decayed - if not use something powerful to deaden the nerve such as laudanum or creosote. If it proceeds from cold hot whiskey in the mouth & bathe the feet. Sore eyes - Bathe with warm milk & water, or with tea made of "life everlasting".

Sore head Best precipitate & lard - or cool the blood by taking equal quantities of Cream of tartar & Sulphur.

For the Swelling on Louis neck,
prescription No 2874 from
Dr Sam and drug store Dec 1849

Strengthening prep. prescription
(No 2548) 1/2 a wine glass before
each meal. To be bought at
Hollownay & Wasson's Sea Bay
A. N. B. 1852.

For too great a flow of water or
for whites - a table spoon full
of medicine (prepared by Dr. S. Wilson
Dec 14. prescription 'O. 2. 70) in
a tea cup of luke warm water
& sprints 3 or 4 times a day -
A. W. Buech 1851.

Pain in the mouth or lower part of the
stomach - a tea spoon full of ~~any~~ meat
(A. W. Buech To be had at J. W. Wilson)
of Tincture Quiccum No 000000

An emetic - for an adult
3 grains tartar emetic in 8 table
spoons full lukewarm water - or
a ~~table~~ dessert spoon heaping
full ipecac in same quantity of
water - Swallow all the ipecac at
once if possible or 1/2 at first
if it does not act the remain-
der in 1/2 an hour - Of the
tartar take a tea spoon full
every 10 minutes till it vom-
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spoon even full ipecac in
10 or 8 spoon & juice of warm
water - May 1850.

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cough - prescription no 3017 - from
Hollownay & Wasson's drug store Dec 14
A. W. Buech

For a burn.

Cover completely the burnt part in
flour - - - - -

1858.

Or spread a cloth with magnetic
ointment - - - - -

Crysiopelal - A powder of washed
cranberries in a new State - - -

Jan 16. 1858

~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ E. Shelby

Number of my watch 18.623.

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Amanda's 1850 & January of 1851 Accounts by Month:

JANUARY

Account at Harrison's 1850

Jan		
17	Nutmeg & Ink	.25
	Candlewick & broom	.25
18	½ doz tumblers	.60
	1 bushel of beans	1.00
26	Mace	.12 ½

Cash paid out 1850

Jan	10 th Wooden tray	.37 ½
11	Soap	.25
12	Rabbit	.10
14	Keg of soap	4.87 ½
"	Pills & liniment	.37 ½
"	Bread & crackers	.10
28	Crenels & pencil	.15
"	Pew rent	5.25
"	Confectionary	.27 ½
"	Beef	.65
"	China ware	1.00
31	Quills	.05

Amanda's Account Book

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Account at Harrison's 1850

Jan		\$
17	Nutmeg & Ink	.25
	Candlewick & broom	.25
18	½ doz tumblers	.60
	1 bushel of beans	1.00
26	Mace	.12 ½
Apl	Collar & hank'f	1.50
6	Pitcher & molasses jug	.65
"	Buttons & took brush	.50
"	5 yds gingham	1.00
"	2 ½ cotton	1.00
"	6 pr stockings	1.25
"	1 pr garters & pens	.25
"	1 box pens & needles	.20
	& (Other things	Amounting to
		7.18
17	Domestic goods	20.95
May		
8	½ yd linen	.18 ¾
7	1 ½ cotton	.37 ½

Groceries for 1850 Franklins

Jan 14	1 box raisins	2.50
"	" almonds	2.50
"	" figs	2.00
"	" cheese	3.00
"	" salt	.50

Amount at Cochran's for 1850

Jan.		
14	Combs	.85
28	1 pr blankets	\$8.00
"	11 yds sheeting	4.95
"	4 " crash & needles	.75
"	Combs	.62 ½
"	slk & thread	1.20
"	12 yds cotton	2.00

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June

10	3 yds riband & slk lace	1.87 ½
"	1 " lining for dress & crape	.55
"	8 " cotton	1.50
"	2 " calico (moved 2 from date column)	.50

July

7	Candlewick, tacks & pitcher	.75
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1.00	144.21
.88	2.75
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1.35
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Cash pail out 1850

Jan	10 th Wooden tray	.37 ½
11	Soap	.25
12	Rabbit	.10
14	Keg of soap	4.87 ½
“	Pills & liniment	.37 ½
“	Bread & crackers	.10
28	Crenels & pencil	.15
“	Pew rent	5.25
“	Confectionary	.27 ½
“	Beef	.65
“	China ware	1.00
31	Quills	.05
Feb		
3	Collection	.31
4	Bread crackers & yeast	.25
	Indelible ink & J rubber	.50
5	Shawl	1.00
“	Battle doors books & pencils	1.80
“	Riband	.25
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		17.50

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Feb		\$
5	Mending candlestick	.23
"	Carpet & mat	4.15
	For(?) night gown	.50
15	Martins driver	.25
	Sal Bruen	.30 (Sarah (Busy) Bruen, her sister)
17	In plate	.15
"	Sundries	.75
25	slk apron (crossed out)	1.50
"	Riband (crossed out)	.37 ½
"	Linings for dress (crossed out)	.60
28	For National Monument	2.00 (George Washington?)
March		
3	In the plate morn. & evening	.55
4	Mantua maker for dress	2.00
	Gingham apron	.20
Mar.	Butter Knife	2.25
11	Combs & pins	.57 ½
"	Paregoric & vanilla	.55
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		15.27

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Mar 11

"	Mending umbrella & tins	.45
"	Seed at Huggins	.10
"	Thread	.10

Amount at Doneleys 18.00 (crossed out)

	Seed, bread, indelible ink & tollage	.40
26	confectionary	.25
29	In the plate	.50
April 10	Flax seed & cake	.20
"	Bobbin & thread	.15
"	Sewing	1.47 ½
"	Ring, coffee pot & fork	.65
16	Tablet	.75 (wonder if this could be the blue lined
"	Tish (?)	.35 paper that she began using about then?)
"	Irish moss & corks	.70
"	Edging & negro boy	.20
"	Mould & bucket	.80
21	Support of Bishop	1.50
"	Boy for driving	.25
25	Small cork screw & seeds	.40
		<hr/> 9.22

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April 28

"	Vinegar	.25
"	Seed	.15
May	Squ___l's	.30
9	1 duck	.15
	seed & Whiskey	.15 (this figure might be erased)
21	Lucy & Peter & chine set	.85
"	Hair & Ice cream	.35
"	Mrs. George & poor lady	.65
"	Cologne & garters	.62 ½
"	M. P.'s candy	.15
"	Tape & buttons	.15
"	Marketing	.60
June	1 st medicine & lime(?)	.70
"	2 nd Church & mutton	.65
"	3 rd Whitewashing	4.80
"	4 th Vanilla bean	.20
9	Refreshments & radishes	.20
10	3 yds calico	.37 ½
"	Basket	1.37 ½
	Beef	.75
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		16.67 ½

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Groceries for 1850 Franklins

Jan 14	1 box raisins	2.50
"	" almonds	2.50
"	" figs	2.00
"	" cheese	3.00
"	" salt	.50
Feb	Blacking	1.00
March 6 th	Cayenne pepper & cinnamon	(no amount recorded)
"	11 th Cigars & gloves	.45
"	Hearth broom & garden seeds	1.05
April	Candles & pearl ash	.60
11	Powdered ginger	.12 1/2
"	Indigo	.12 1/2
16	Cranberries & mace	.20
"	Bottle Lemonade	.62 1/2
May		
21	Box star candles	2.40
		<hr/> 17.92 1/2

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May 21 st	1 PT Brandy Pearl ash	.25	
"	1.00 common cigars	.25	
June 3 rd	6 lbs crushed sugar	.60	
" 10	Keg crushed "	6.50	
26	6 lbs starch	.60	
July			
6	1 gal. Brandy	2.00	
9	1 ham smoked beef & cinnamon		(no amount given)
"	cinnamon (crossed out)	.50	
	1 oz cinnamon & do nutmeg	.25	
October	Sifter 1oz cinnamon	.60	
Aug (crossed out)			
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		11.53	
		17.92 1/2	
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		29.47 1/2	

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Amount at Cochran's for 1850

Jan.		
14	Combs	.85
28	1 pr blankets	\$8.00
"	11 yds sheeting	4.95
"	4 " crash & needles	.75
"	Combs	.62 ½
"	slk & thread	1.20
"	12 yds cotton	2.00
Feb	4 th roll green paper	.75
"	bolt narrow riband	1.00
"	bobbin, sewing slk & ½ yd muslin	.49 ¾
"	10 yds ticking @ 25 per yd	2.50
25	slk apron	1.50
"	Riband	.37 ½
"	Trimmings for dress	.60
26	2 yds cotton	1.34 ½
Mar	11 th 1 pr Kid gloves & 1 pr slk do	1.25
23	10 yds shilling cotton 4 needles	2.27 ½

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26	Combs	.37 ½	
28	Inserting & riband	.62 ½	
"	paper needles	.25	
April			
10	4 yds cotton & ribbon	1.00	
"	3 doz buttons, collar & needles	1.02	
16	6 yds diaper	.75	
25 th	9 " gingham	3.00	
"	13 " berage	10.22	
"	Flollan d(?) & bones	.62 ½	
"	H & eyes & cord	.20	
"	Bonnet from Ferguson's	1.75	wiggle lines square
"	crape & riband	1.18 ½	these two items
May			
23	½ blk slk & edging	.68 ¾	
"	2 pr shoes from Elly's	1.50	
"	Riband & whalebones	.60	
"	Fringe	1.80	
"	Sewing slk & riband	.50	
"	Slk from Reeds for carriage	6.30	

 Whole \$62.44

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Ac.	at	Cochran's	Continued	
				\$ 85.21 $\frac{3}{4}$ (?)
June				
24		7 yds of $\frac{1}{2}$ riband		1.30
July				
5		Inserting & muslin		(no figure given)
July				
12		slk, needles, thread, vail		1.00
"		Cotton, stockings, Maria		2.80
"		Shoes, toweling Ingels 1840		.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
"		Hooks, Eyes & pins		.25
"		gingham		.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Edgings & cotton		2.50
Aug.				
20		Muslin & edging & ribands		4.50
		stockings & gloves		1.05 (?) 1.25
Sept.				
2		8 yds calico & belt		1.50
"		2 doz & $\frac{1}{2}$ napkins		5.25
9		3 yds riband & tarlton(?)	.95	
"		Calico for comfort, needles & thread		.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
				<hr/> 35.02 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Sept	Pr. shoes M. P. & self	2.25
26	Gloves, calico, buttons &c	2.00
Oct	Riband, Lace	.50
4	Musslin de lane	.50
12	Trimmings	1.00
16	sewing slk, thread & cambrie	1.00
29	Belt buckle, riband	1.12 ½
"	Clock & trimmings	10.12 ½

29.50

Whole Amount \$ 126.76

Nov.		
22	slk & flannel	2.12 ½

Dec		
23	Aprons & shoes	2.75
28	Muslin	62.1/2
		5.50

126.96

5.50

Whole amount \$ 132.46

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Childish scribble quite possibly by Mary Pindell

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Donley's 1850

2 bushels beans

April	18 yds	cotton	2.70
"	12 "	" "	2.40
"	4 ½ "	blue "	.90
17	3 "	linen	1.20
"	2 ½ "	" "	.95
"		Tumblers & spittoon	1.87 ½
June		Brush varnish	.20
16	2 yds & ½	edging	.25
	½ gal.	turpentine	.50
26	1 qt	turpentine	.12 ½
29	½ doz	tumblers & sundries	.70
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			11.79 1/2

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Cochran's Jan 7 1851

Jan	Cotton & muslin	.57 ½
1	Bird's Eye diaper	.40
"	Combs & wadding	.31 ¼
"	Dress & flan cambric	1.37 ½
"	Cloak & braid	1.98 ¾
"	Flannel	1.87 ½
7	1 yds cotton	.20

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Cash – 1851

Jan	Book's Children	.20 (perhaps "The Butterfly's Ball")
1	Mouse traps & bucket	.25
"	Towards spoons	2.65
"	Celery, bow & tin plates	.75
"	Foot stool or stove	1.00
4	Braid, crackers & cheese	.10
"	Chickens	.20
7	B. steak, celery & flour	1.25
"	Sticking plaster, & court do	-
	& rotten stone	.25
	Account book & screws	.20
		<hr/> 6.85

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Page filled with figures (perhaps a place to double check her figures.)

16.37	.62	44.69	
1.00	6.77	44.21	
.85	2.35		
18.81	4.92	<u>91.90</u>	
1.25	7.61		
4.43	.56		
.75	.77		
2.75	1.50		
3.18	6.50	221	
.33	1.61		37
1.25	2.87	92	
2.25	17.68		
.60	7.23	<u>3</u>	
4.09	6.30		
.63	1.25	91.90	
.75	.38	129.37 1/2	
15.45	1.13	14.30	
.35	2.71		
6.96	11.75	<u>235.57 1/2</u>	
1.58	.94	90.50	
2.25	144.21		
4.19	.31	<u>328.07 1/2</u>	
.38	1.10	144.21	
1.25			
<u>44.69</u>	<u>221.87</u>	<u>184.26 1/2</u>	
	92.50		
	<u>129.37</u>		

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Butter to Mrs. Bullock

June	1 st	9 lbs	“
	8 th	11 “	“
	15 th	13 “	“
	22 nd	8 “	“
	26 th	4 “	“
	29 th	9 “	“
July	8 th	11 “	“
	12 th	6 “	“
	16 th	10 “	“
	23 rd	9 ½ “	“
Sept	7 th	14 “	“
	14 th	10 “	Per Peter
Oct	3 rd	8	
	11 th	9	Received
12/ 1.39 ½			\$28.75 for butter
11.76 ¼			

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Cash Paid Out 1850

June

14	Ink & yeast	.10
"	Ben(?) Cob for ducks	1.37 ½
"	Radish seed	.10
22	Miss D for lining	2.12 ½
24	M Sykes for painting	16.58
25	George for bread & crackers	.25
27	M. sykes for painting	22.00
"	Chadburne for church	1.00
	Bread & gum arabic & plate	.45

July

11	Chickens	1.50
12	Oil cloth, & hooks & eyes	.65
15	Fly brush & knobs	3.25
"	Currants, bread x	.35
"	Pew rent & ging.	5.25
"	Essence ginger & Fly brush	2.50
	Bread & sundries	.50

Aug.	Plate & sundries	1.00
20	Bread &c &c	.75

Sept	Mantua maker & stationary	2.85
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Amount brought over \$ 94.15 ½

Sept

2	Mantua maker & Stationary	2.85
"	Ice cream, fruit & pepper	.60
"	Chickens	1.00
"	Ribands & brush	.67 ½

Sep 7th ___ Total 117.35

"	Tomatoes & peaches	.37 ½
9	Hood for M. P. & from Frazers (?)	.85
"	Egg beater, tomatoes, & bread	.80
10	peaches & Tomatoes	.40
18	Mantau maker & sundries	5.00

Oct

4	Milliners, &c	4.00
	Eggs	1.00
6	Hooks for mess or men	3.25
12	11 yds _____ (crossed out)	
10	Candlesticks	1.25
	Market - & pickles	.34
		<hr/> 17.47 ½

Nov

6	Oysters Marketing &c &c	4.00
23	Comforter, Gloves, Marketing	1.00
"	Mantua maker	3.00
"	Silk for cloak	3.00

Dec

18	Mrs. Klinger for clock & Mrs Ludger(?)	10.50
	Parish	.10

39.07 ½

117.35
39.07 ½

156/42 ½

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Visits Dr. Harrison 1850

1 st April	to see Sarah's child
1 st May	to see Charity's "
"	Plaster for Winny(?) & Blue Mass
June 3rd	To see Winny's(?) child
June 21st	To see Winny
"	" " "
July 4th	" " Berry
5th	Dr. Annan " " "
6th	" " " " "
"	" Harrison " " "
7th & 8th	" Annan 25 - 00
11th	" Harrison 60 - 00
15th	" " "
12 & 13 Nov	(Evan)
24th	" Winny
28th	Milton
8 visits	Jimmy
Sep 12th	Sarah
Oct 12	Charity

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Franklin	\$39.47 ½
Doneley	11.79 ½
Cochran	126.96
	<hr/>
	58.00
	<hr/>
	\$226.23
Cash paid out	134.82 ½
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	361.05 ½

42
 10.50
 5.00 NOTE: These are figures in bottom left corner ?
212.50
 380.00

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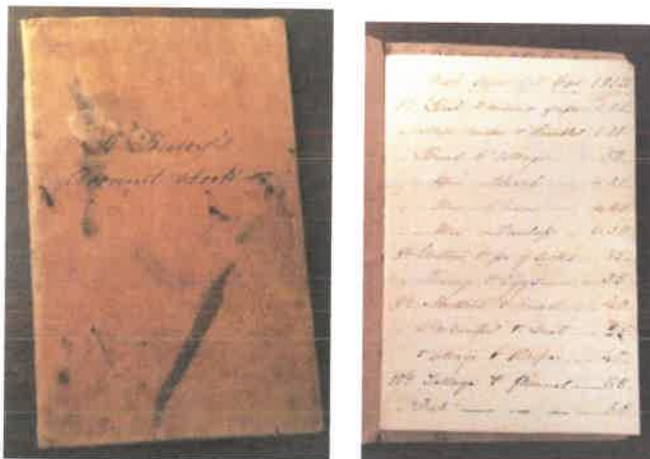
Dear Susan
lent I. 35 cts

And doodles with Mary Pindell's name

Lots of pen scratches

Amanda's Account Book 1852 Jan-Dec & Jan. of 1853

NOTE: I copied these as nearly as possible. Many times Amanda put the "st" by 1st etc. after day which I did not include and I put a 0 in front of .5 for 5cents. I also placed a space before each new month mentioned. It is interesting to see what household expenditures consisted of in those days and the items considered necessities are in many instances unique to us



On Cover: A. Shelby's Account Book – 1852

Inside cover:

Bush 62.70 lots of figures and written across the bottom:

Mrs. D.	14.00
Winnie	25 --
Selina	10 --
B. Box	50 --

Frank 1.20

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Cash paid out Jan 1852

5	Book & writing paper	1.50
"	Paper cutter & thimbles	1.10
"	Bread & tollage	.50
"	Mrs. Beach	4.00
"	Mrs. Chism	4.00
"	Mrs. Dunlap	6.50
8	Cotton & pr of socks	.85
"	Honey & eggs	.55
9	Mutton & bread	.40
"	Parsnips & suet	.25
"	& tollage & Harper	.40
10	Tollage & flannel	.65
"	Fish	.55

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Jan

16	Oil cloth & collection	1.35
17	Bread & perforated paper	.15
28	Eggs	.25
"	Marketing	.75
"	Bread	.30
29	Vegetables & liver	.25
"	Alpacca & neck riband	1.40
"	Pink calico for E	.50
"	Sewing slk & __ & Eyes	.25

Feb

3	Ripping slk & doll head	.30
6	Vines basket & shrubbery	1.50
"	Bows & soap	.25
"	Indigo & candy	.15
"	Confectionary	.20

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Feb

12	Hank'fs bread & pins	.75
"	Subscription for paper	1.00
"	Shoeing horse & cake for M.P.	.35
"	Beef, mutton & vegetables	1.35
"	Bread & spelling book	.20
"	Soap	.90
16	Bread & cheese & coffee pot	.35
"	8 hank'fs & crackers	1.00
24	Mrs. Webb for sewing	3.70
"	Dying silk dress	1.25
"	Lantern & check(?)	1.50
"	Riband cards & bread	.60
"	Mutton, sausage & beef	.55
"	Glue trimstone & camphor	.20

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March

1	Harper	.25
8	Antimonial vine &c	.25
15	Mutton, chicken & beef	.60
20	Cakes, crackers &	.35
21	Old man for corn	2.00
23	Bread, fish, & crackers	.60
"	Rusk & books	.80
26	Mutton & onion sets	.35
30	Crackers, candy &c	.30

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8	Oranges, rusk & candy	.25
12	Mending jewelry	.50

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12	Difference on beareau(?)	.50
"	Marketing & seed	.50
"	Bread & crackers	.10
24	Trimming bonnet & cap	1.00
"	Bread & sundries	.20

May

8	M. P.'s bracelet	2.25
"	Marketing &c	1.00
	Clasps, beer & candy	.35
13	Potatoes & bread	1.50
15	Milward	5.00
"	Mrs. Fox & sundries	2.37 ½
24	Strawberries & marketing	1.30
"	Bread, crackers, &c	.40

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May		
30	Chickens	1.00
June		
4	Collection	.50
10	Animal contribution	1.50
"	Harper, wafers &c	.30
	Ma's b. pin & glass at Wilson's & b & crackers	1.10
19	Whitewashing	1.50
25	Ducks, bread & crackers	1.20
"	Currents	.75
"	Braid & mutton	.50
"	Sarah Wilson for sewing	1.50
July	" " " "	1.25
	Contribution for Mr. B	2.50
8	I. Wilson	.50
9	For marketing &c	1.00
"	Bolt for carriage &c	.50
14	Bread & crackers &c	.25
Aug		
3	Trip to Estill & washing	45.00
11	Sewing bill at Mrs. Webb's	13.90

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11	To Miss Polly McKnosky	
"	for making 4 shirts	1.00
17	Grapes, Bread &c &c	.50
28	2nd trip to Estill, tollage	
"	& expenses on the way	36.50
29	Mrs. Ferger(?) for M. P.'s bonnet trim	7.50
"	Perry of ducks & bread	1.15
"	Apples &c at market	.40
"	Cuff buckles, pictures, &c	.10
"	soap, eggs	.30
Sept	Soap	1.00
5	Mutton, beef & egg plant	.60
"	Bread & sweet potatoes	.35
"	Guber peas & w melon	.15
"	Mrs Hughes for 2 dresses	3.50
"	25 lbs of soap	1.00
14	Bread, Crackers, & Charity	.25
"	Fish & music	.35
28	Music book & paper	.70
"	book's & beeswax	.20
29	Tomatoes to put up & mutton	.35
"	Bread, yeast & egg plant	.25
"	Sweet potatoes	.40
Oct	1st 10 doz eggs of Dennis	1.00
6	7 Poland ducks	1.10
"	Harper for October	.25
14	Eggs	.50

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Oct

28	Book M. P. bread & yeast	.35
"	Mrs Chism by Busy	3.20
"	Mrs Hughes	3.75

Nov

6	Missionary money	2.50	
"	Collection, bread &c	.50	
11	Perry for chickens	1.00	
15	Bread & eggs	.25	
"	Winnie for " & Jennie(?) for turkeys	1.20	
21	Eliza Bullock to buy boa	25.00	This is written about in a letter
"	Jenny for a turkey & Perry eggs	.40	
23	Celery bread & crackers	.50	
27	Perry for ducks & eggs	1.25	

Dec

11	Bread, little album, crackers &c	.70
20	Ducks & chickens	.75
22	Doll head & toys at Hollenkamps	1.80
"	Paid for ear rings	1.00
24	Eggs & concert	1.45
27	Eggs & chickens	.50
"	Harper, celery & bread	.45

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Jan	1st Harper again celery & bread	.45
"	Pew rent	15.75

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May 23

Drawers	9	6	4	6	
Petts	4	4	4	5	
Dresses	3	2	2	4	
Chemise	4	6	6	6	
N caps	2	2	2	3	
N gowns	3	3	2	3	
Hank'fs	7	7	6	7	
Stockings	6	6	5	5	7
Bonnets	2		2	2	
Aprons	3	4	3	4	
Bodies	1	1	1	1	
Napkins	5	1			

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Ac with Cochran's & Co.

Jan	18 silk hank'f	1.25
30	2 ½ yds conton flannel	.37 1/2
"	1 yd tarlatan	.70
"	1/3 yd book mussel &	
"	3 yds linsey	1.65
"	3 cotton bats	.25
Feb		
4	3 yds muslin de lane	2.50
12	Check for aprons – 6 yds	1.00
18	Buttons & calico	.55
24	Needles pins & buttons	.45
"	Shoes at Logans & cambrie	1.53
March		
1	Lining slk & cotton	.30
April		
2	Shawl from C & Elliott	6.50

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April	from C & Elliotts	
12	Bonnet & riband	1.37 ½
13	Braid for dress	.60
"	Trimmings "	.55
"	Linen & edging caps	.57 ½
"	Lining & white crape	.62 ½
24	Hank'f & 4 spools	1.20
"	Riband	.37 ½
May		
8	Gimp, muslin button & rings	.80
15	jacone & cambrie	1.78
"	Lawn & berage	2.40
"	Sewing cotton & buttons	.35
"	Gingham & muslin	.40
"	Lace & edgings	.85

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May		
15	35 yds col'd cotton	5.00
"	10 " unbleached "	1.00
"	5 " coloured "	.73
"	10 " striped " men	1.50
"	12 " " children	1.20
"	Dimity for M. P.	.37 ½
"	Stockings self	.87 ½
June		
10	Col'd cotton for Hacks	.56 ¼
"	Stockings M. P. & self	1.00
"	Thread sewing slk & berage	.65
"	Blue cambrie & inserting	1.00
"	Calico for women	2.00
"	Hank'fs & calico for sack	1.25
"	Bonnet at Shevlin's	3.75

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June

14	dress fir Lily & Charity	2.12 ½
25	Spools – white cotton	.25
“	Combrie & riband	.65
“	Gloves M. P. & self	1.00
“	4 yds blk lace	2.40
“	½ yd book muslin & shoes	2.25
“	Buttons, sewing slk &c	.40

July

10	3 yds jaconet & steel buttons	1.30
“	2 pr shoes at L. & Yates	1.85
14	½ muslin, bag, blackmits	2.00
“	Shoes at Yates	.75

Aug

	Evan's cravat	1.00
29	13 yds blue barrage & trimmings	6.87 ½
“	Cape, riband & velvet cuffs	5.00
“	1 yd muslin inserting &c &c	1.00

Sep

5	4 yds Jaconet & trimmings	3.00
“	1 pr. kid gloves & 1 pr. shoes	2.40
15	Collar, inside Hank'f & cotton	3.20
“	5 ½ yds linsey	2.92 ½
“	Buttons & flannel	1.05
“	Shoes M. P. & self	2.15
“	Knife at Goodloe's & buttons	1.00
28	2 yds cotton & collar	1.18 ½
“	12 “ blk silk	24.00
“	Trimmings & Gimp	1.55
“	2 yds paper cambrie	.47 ½
“	¾ “ Florinci silk	.75
“	1 ¼ “ Book Muslin	.75
“	3 “ red flannel	1.20

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Sep

28	1 ½ yd Marine damask	.50
"	1/3 " twilled cotton	.10
"	1 " brown Holland	.37 ½
"	Buttons, braid &c	.30
"	4 head hank's	.80

Oct

6	spools & buttons	.20
12	Cloak to my shame, be it said(?)	40.00
27	9 pr stockings for women	
"	& 16 pr socks for men	8.50
"	thread	.20
"	Flannel for M. P.	2.25
"	Gloves & riband	2.27 ½

Nov

	lining for bonnet & cape	1.50
8	Muslin de lane for M. P.	.62 ½
"	Cambrie for shirt	.50
"	Flannel, pins & silk	.37 ½
11	Strings M. P.'s hood	.15
15	Merino " " Cloak	1.87 ½
"	5 yds braid, sewing silk	.75
"	Cambrie & wadding	.55
"	Hook & eyes & 1/3 yd riband	.40
23	8 skein sewing silk	.75

Dec

11	Braid, riband & stockings	1.00
23	Head hank'f & 1/3 yds calico	.50
28	Red satin riband	.10

1853

Jan

6	Common shawl & Lucy's dress	3.75
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Feb – I think she meant Jan.

4	riband & steel pins	.20
7	calico dress linings	
	Perry & alpaca	1.90
8	½ yd calico & thimble	.50
10	Breast pin & Frank	.30
11	Gloves M. P. & self	.52 ½
"	Shoes " " "	2.25
"	1 doz buttons & paper	.20
"	Wadding, spool & thread	.45
12	Bonnet for winter & har'ing(?)	6.42 ½
"	Straw bonnet dyed	2.40
	& black veil & George	1.00
"	Panorama	.25
14	Bombazine dress	12.00
	M. P. hooks & eyes & Perry	.15
15	Black veil 50 bill of things	
	at Daby's & black shawl	10.40
	Mrs. Wigert & Mrs. Webb	34.47 ½
	Pimmy's shoes	32.92
	blk Kid gloves	3.00
	Coffee, bread & crackers	.30
	Veil lining & bones	3.90
Feb	Washing stockings	2.00
	Frank apples &c	.50
	Veil & sundries	2.00

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a few figures:

4) 150	80	45	10.40
37 ½	<u>62 ½</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>3.50</u>
<u>+150</u>	1.42 ½	80	8.90
1.87 ½			

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Aug 28th

	Paid Ned Williams	\$	4.25	
Sep 2	Paid him		2.00	
" 17	Joe		3.25	
"	Scott		5.00	
"	Ned		2.00	
"	Ben Cole		.10	
18	Ned		30.00	
"	Hale			
"	by order of Donely's Adm.		5.75	
"	Clinton Aubrey & 1 pr Goats		2.50	
"	Ben Cole 1/2 barrel of corn		.75	
Oct				
7	Hale for boots		3.00	
13	Credit Heal by on calf at		1.50	Winny sale
"	Ned Williams		.25	
15	Joe		1.50	crossed out
"	Hale		1.50	
"	Hale		5.00	
18	Hale Dr to amount of G. Howe's account unrendered			
	Joe began to cut corn 14th October			
28	Ben Cole a calf for		11.40	
	Hale for calico in Athens		1.50	
Nov				
9	Ike Shelby for cattle		69.00	
"				
Aug	Howes a half (crossed out) cow		25.00	1852
Nov 11	Hale Cash		1.00	
12	" 1 load wood		1.00	
	Credit Ben Cole for beef		3.25	
	3 cart & 1 wagon load of corn			

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Bought of Cohen 15th July 1852
62 mules at 63 dollars a head
at 6 percent \$4013.18

Of Allen Aug 26th 1852 – 23
mules at 50 dollars per head
payable in 4 months at 0 pr. ct.
\$1406.40

Carriage horse of A, Thompson
Aug 1 “ \$ 150.00 at 6
pr ct. payable in 12 months

Of Childes th 18th day
of Aug, 59 hogs at \$4.50
pr hundred weight – averaging
229 lbs – the sale amount-
ing to 639.00 & payable
4 months from date
without interest

\$ 4013.18
1406.40
150.00
639.00
\$ 6208.58

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Ac with Lilly 1852

Jan		
1	molasses jug	.35
March	Sugar dish & Spittoon	1.12 ½
“	Tea pot	.50
May		
15	8 plates	.40
Sep		
28	2 plates & 2 dishes	.90

Figures: 62
63
186
372
3906
6
234.36

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Ac with H. B. Franklin		
Jan		
19	Gal. molasses	.50
"	Fish & cheese	.45
30	Hearth broom	.25
Feb		
18	Madeira	.25
March		
1	Crushed sugar	.25
"	Banel brown sugar	
15	Bosin & Bosin soap	.35
19	Cloves & allspice & b wax	.30
20	6 lbs crushed sugar	1.00
Apl		
8	Candles	.50
12	Box moulded candles	
May		
13	Pearl ash	.25
28	Crushed & clarified sugar	5.00

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May

28	3 brooms, & Surrp	.80
"	6 jars & macaroni	1.40
"	Vanilla & rice	1.00
"	Ginger & tacks	.40

June

10	Okra & Venetian red	.15
"	Tobacco & indigo	.70
"	Soap	.25

July

8	Barrel of flour	5.00
"	From Franklins	1.30

Sep

5	Sugar & blacking	1.75
	Arsenic, flax-seed	.25

Oct

6	Candles, sugar & tea	3.50
"	Brandy	.87 ½
26	Box of candles	2.00
29	½ barrel brown sugar	3.50
"	Box crushed sugar	4.00
"	Soap & Vinegar	1.00

Nov

5	Flour & jars	3.00
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Nov

23	1 gal. golden syrup	.75
"	pearlash & cinnamon	.25
"	Mackeral	.20
"	Maccaroni & cheese	.75

Dec

11	Hearth broom	.25
28	Box candles	6.00

Jan

2	1853 Vessels & potash	.90
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Ac with Ingels & Co.

Feb

4	1 pr flat irons	.25
"	tin bucket	.75
24	Candlesticks & snuffers	1.25
"	Slop bucket from Butlers	1.75
"	Carving Knife & fork	2.25

April Bucket-top and scissors

*	& tacks	.80
14	Tin Bucket	.75

Sep

14	Stew pan & oven lid	1.50
28	Knives & forks & pepper box	1.50
"	Pepper Mill & coffee mill	1.20

Nov

8	Butcher Knives	1.80
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Dec

16	Kitchen lamps	.40
22	Knives & forks	.75

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Ac with Holloway & Wasson		
Jan		
8	Box yeast powders	.50
29	“ “ “	.25
Feb		
4	Cook's pills	.10
“	Vanilla & Pain Killers	.55
11	Weights, Rhubarb & Pect	.65
“	Irish moss	.25
“	Vanilla & Ess of lemon	.65
March		
1	Liverwort, & flax seed	1.05
“	Hartshorn & snuff	.15
15	Saffron, tapers & oil	1.00
23	Ipepac & Cream Tartar	.20
May		
15	Olive oil	.75
28	Sundries & fine brandy	1.59

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June

10	Hair oil & cologne	.55
"	Envelopes wafers & ginger	.30
"	Gelatine & fine comb	.65
15	Syrup of ipecac	.15
25	Brandy Superfine	1.25

July

10	Hale's Balsam of Life	1.00
"	Gouley Bitters	1.00
"	Aloe & Cooks pills	.30
"	Pectoral & Buckskin	.95

Aug

19	Copal varnish, brush & oil	1.15
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Sep

5	Venetian red & turpentine	.35
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Oct

6	Madicine & lamp black	.87 ½
"	Hartshorn, & marking fluid	.30
"	Turpentine & Castile soap	.35

Nov

8	Santinine powders, alcohol	.75
	& guanine	.10
15	Tooth brush & morphia	.35

Jan

1853		
	Magnetic ointment	.20

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Our Busy 2.75	May 27th
Susan gave Mrs. H.	28th
C Dunlap an order on	"
Cochran for \$12.25	"

NOTE: Paid written through this

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Hired Hornton 9th March
1852

April 25th paid 20.00

To horse Dr.
June 9th ^ paid 10.00

Aug 1st at Estill 20.00
Ma's share of Expenses to Estill
paid by Evan to Ike 5.25

Sept 18th 1 pr. winter boots 3.00

Nov Monkey jacket & pants 2.37 1/2

\$60.52

Aug 9th, Court day sold Ma's
carriage & horses \$128.00

Note on side: C. 53.00 Horse 75..

At Drake & Wells July 14th
15 3/4 jars 7.87 1/2
Sundre dry goods - 5.00

Bought a mare of C. Thompson at 6 pr.ct.
17th August at \$150.00
payable in 12 months from date.

Seal E. Shelby

Inside back cover:

52 mules at 63 pr head

Silver in
Truck

7 tea spoons
3 table spoons
1 cream
1 large ladle
1 pr sugar tongs
7 tumblers
Oct 19th '52

Also some figures

NOTE: Amanda's Account Book 1853 Jan-July See January in her Account Book for 1852
 Until the middle of May all seemed fine...something happen to cause her next moves.

On page 23 she notes: Moved to Mrs. Dunham's (Boarding House) April 2nd. On same page - Moved to Bruce's (Phoenix) Hotel 31st May. She died two months later on July 31, 1853. From June 1st on writing is very small and not her own. Dating 1853 2/1

Amanda Shelby's Passbook - 1853



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Feb	Cash paid out 1853	
7	Riband, steel pen, calico	
"	dress lining & Remf	3.10
8	½ yd calico, thimble	
10	Breast pin & Frank	1.42 ½
11	& Gloves M. P. & self	
	Shoes " " "	
	buttons, 1 doz. for dress	
	paper wading & thread	2.80
12	Winter bonnet for lining	
	& trimming - & for	
	dying & lining same	
	Black cambrie, pen	
	handle, black veil,	
	George & Banorama	2.40
14	Bombarine dress	10.00
	M. P. hook & eyes &	
15	Perry & bill of things	8.90
"	shawl at Hlab's(?)	3.50
"	Mrs. Wigert for dress	1.00
		<hr/>
		\$36.37 ½

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Feb	24th Mrs. Well for sewing Jimmy's shoes & 1 pr black Kid gloves	3.00
	coffee bread & crackers	2.20
	Veil, lining & bones	3.90
March	2 Month's washing	2.00
	dying stockings	.60
8	Veil & sundries	2.00
"	8 yds gingham, en- velopes, wafers & c	2.65
"	Mousslin de lane dress & trimmings	5.25
12	Harper & red yarn	.50
14	1 gold locket & hankf's	10.50
18	Luna caustic, salts tartar, indelible ink, cake sugar, apples, stamps &c	1.00
20	Mrs. Duck & collec- tions	9.80
		<hr/> \$43.60

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March		
29	Perry & collection & sundries	.80
30	Stamps 25 ac at Bodley 50, hanspor- tion(?) on boxes to L 75 Borax, apples, tobacco, drayage, Winny	.55
April	5th M. P. shoes, & sand	.85
6	Frank & men for helping	1.80
"	Toll	.40
7	Woods for altering repairing, & varnishing	
"	bedstead & lounges	
"	& upholstering chairs	5.75
"	screwing up bedstead	
"	new screen, putting 5 shelves in wardrobe	
"	locks & knobs	2.60
9	1 1/3 yd blk gingham 50	.70
"	small glass	
"	& shoes M. P. & self	1.75
		<hr/> \$16.70

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April

10	Collection Bible society	1.00
15	Port money	1.25
"	Braid 10, berage 25,	.35
"	Furniture car paid	3.00
6	Smith for repairing	
"	mattress 5.50	
"	Furnishing 20 lbs hair	13.50
"	(In presence Mrs. Cronly)	
15	Candy, cake, & Frank	.25
18	¾ senshan sildk	.45
21	Paid Mrs. Dunham	75.00
22	Bread, cake &c	.15
26	Mr. Woods for repairing	
	lock, & prayer Book	2.25
28	Mrs. Duck for 1 dress	
"	& two mantillas	5.60
"	Sassafrass & salts	.15
May	2nd to Ruby for advancing pew	
"	rent in January	5.25
"	Collection stamps, & sundries	.70

 \$48.90
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May	2nd M. P. gloves	.50
"	Collection & lock	.50
"	Milward for furniture	
"	car one day in Jan.	3.00
"	Sarah Matilda ol'K.onan(?)	14.00
5	Mrs. Dunhams	
	Frank & candy for children	.50
7	Mrs. White for sewing	1.00
9	Washerwoman an	2.00
12	Harper, Geography	
	pencil & bread	.90
	Lovings(?) blk slate(?)	(crossed out .57 ½))
13	Mama's caps, bread, Aunt	
	Mary 25 buttons 15	.55
14	Pr. of shoes for M. P.	.75
15	Mr. Verable	1.00
16	Perry & Barry	1.25
"	M. P. for candy & for	
	a ice cream threat	.65
19	Expenses at house	
	Sale 5th May – my share	4.45

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May	Mrs. White	.50
19	To Mrs. Dunham	14.00
20	3 pr of shoes pr self	3.75
"	Candy Bob &c	.25
20	Clothes horse & cap &	
21	breast pin	1.30
"	Mrs. Dunlap M. P. bonnet	1.25
"	Lasanna & M. P. candy	.30
25	Mrs. Duck	2.25
26	Sarah, M. Jane, & Milton	.35
"	Carpet for pen	.75
27	Washerwoman	2.00
29	Paid Busy	2.75
"	Mrs Dunlap	12.25
31	Washington 25, comb	
31	tucking, 2.00 Side " .40	2.65
"	M.P.10, Cologne 20 nail brush	.50
"	Drayage moving to Bruce's	.50
June	1st Winny, Salina, M.P.	.40
1st	To Mrs. Dunham	14.00
3	Frank for bale box	
4	for bed clothes	1.20

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4	Man for moving furniture	.10
7	6 yds linen & riband	3.25
"	of Susan & paid her the	
"	money I borrowed June 1st	20.00
"	Also what she advanced	
"	for Mrs. D. May 29	12.25
8	Mrs. White for sewing	1.00
13	Frank & waiter at Bruces	1.15
"	Tooth brush 25 paid	.25
"	Ned Marshall for tester	2.00
16	To Morton, Julia M.P.'s	
"	rope, Joe & M. P.	.55
17	To Ann 25 M. P. 5	
21	Morton for going for Dr.	.55
22	Selina for ironing	
"	going for nurse &c 25	
"	Drayman for bring	
"	bedstead &c & Frank	.55
"	Nerve and bone linament	.25
"	Lemons .10 Perry .50	
24	Riband 10 Teidlets	1.15
	pondins(?)	

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Writing on this page very small -- either sick Amanda or someone else. She died Aug. 2.

June Paid Washerwoman 3.00
 29 Church 1.50 Myres 1.50
 5.00 in purse & 4.75 (from
 July Yeisers) spent while sick,
 (Myres and some things that are down
 paid for
 went out of this)
 July 7th muslin .37 ½ Buttons .30 (all this crossed out)
 11 pd. Jane for washing 2 wks 50c

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Ac with J. W. Cochran & Co.

Mar. 15th	2 yds Calico, tape,	
"	½ doz linen hank'f	1.05
"	11 yds black berage	6.87 ½
"	8 " " gingham	3.00
"	1 " holland, & 3 ½	
"	calico	1.25
"	Paper cambrie, 1	
	hank red yarn	
	1 linen cambrie	
	hank'f & 1 spool	1.91
17	1 mourning hank'f	1.50
29	spool, needles, stock-	
	ings & parasol	3.40
30	Hank yarn, 2 doz	
	buttons & 2 yds	
	gingham flannel	.85
31	2 spools 5	.10
April 4th	sewing slk, tape	
	piping silk, tarltan	1.55
		<hr/>
		\$21.48 ½

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April 15th	8 yds laross(?) at 35 pr yd	2.80
	Blue crape 30, cord 10,	
	flannel 25	.50
9	linen edging & inserting	.25
14	½ yd blk book muslin	.25
"	2 ½ " alpaca, & sewing	

“	slk & cambric	3.62 ½
“	2 yds calico, & 3 yds	
“	bonnet riband	.85
25	Fan per Frank	.75
26	31 yds blue cotton	6.10 ½
“	17 “ brown “	1.70
“	2 “ White flannel	1.25
“	4 “ Edging	.45
“	1 pr silk gloves	.75
“	1 “ Misses Mits	.75
“	½ doz spools	.30
“	1 fan	.10
“	1/3 dy alpaca 33 1/3	
28	1 blk berage	.93 1/3
May	2 prs. stock's braid & buttons	1.00
10	Linings blk & slate cambrie	.57 ½

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May		
13	2 ½ yds black sen- shaw silk	2.50
“	berage 30 cord 5	.35
21	on(?) stockings, 25, 3 yds	
“	braid	.55
27	Berage veil by Susan	.50
29	1 yd blk lushing riband	
	2 ½ satin do & 5 yds narrow blk lushing	.90
31	Cross barred muslin 3 yds	1.50
“	3 “ “	1.12 ½
“	1 ½ “ dotted muslin	.10
June		
4	1 doz thread buttons	.10
15	3 “ pearl “ .30, 2 pa- pers needles .20, 1 pr gloves .20	
	2 prs stockings .40 ½ yd. crape 37 ½ & 2 ¼ blk lawn	1.72 ½
24	7 ½ yds calico @ 25	1.87 ½
	1 tidy	.37 1/3

Writing from this date down, very small – either sick Amanda or someone else. She died Aug. 2.

July 11

Muslin 37 ½ Buttons .30
edging .20, Stock

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July 11

M's stockings 50c

From July 1 to July 16 for
 Cologne, Harts horn, Alcohol, Lernous(?),
 Camphor, Tea, Negroes &c, &c 5.00

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Cash received 1853

March 10th	from the Branch Bank by Ike's order	100.00
April 19th	My 3rd of Factory rent from Wm. L. Ingels	28.93
May 2nd	My 3rd of Daly's rent In purse January	23.91 43.00
June 1st	Of Susan (borrowed	20.00
		<hr/> \$215.84
June 7th	Of Isaac of Cronly my 3rd of	100.00
Collected by Milton	Cash proceeds of Sale at White Hall	48.25

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Moved to Mrs. Dunham's April
 7 (Thursday) 1853

21	For 2 weeks board	14.00
May		
5	" " " "	14.00
19	" " " "	14.00
31	" " " "	14.00

Moved to Bruce's (Phoenix) Hotel 31st May

Mr. Bruce bought at Mrs. Carter's
 sale, my carpet at 70 cts pr. yd.

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Memorandum
 See about big brass Kettle