

**NOTE:** Here is a little needle case Lizzie made for Mary Pindell. This not only shows the long connection of her friendship with Amanda but reveals that Sarah (Busy) Cronly was still boarding. I do not know if she sketched the front and back pictures or if it came with sketches. **Dating 1858 8/13**

**To: Mary Pindell Shelby**

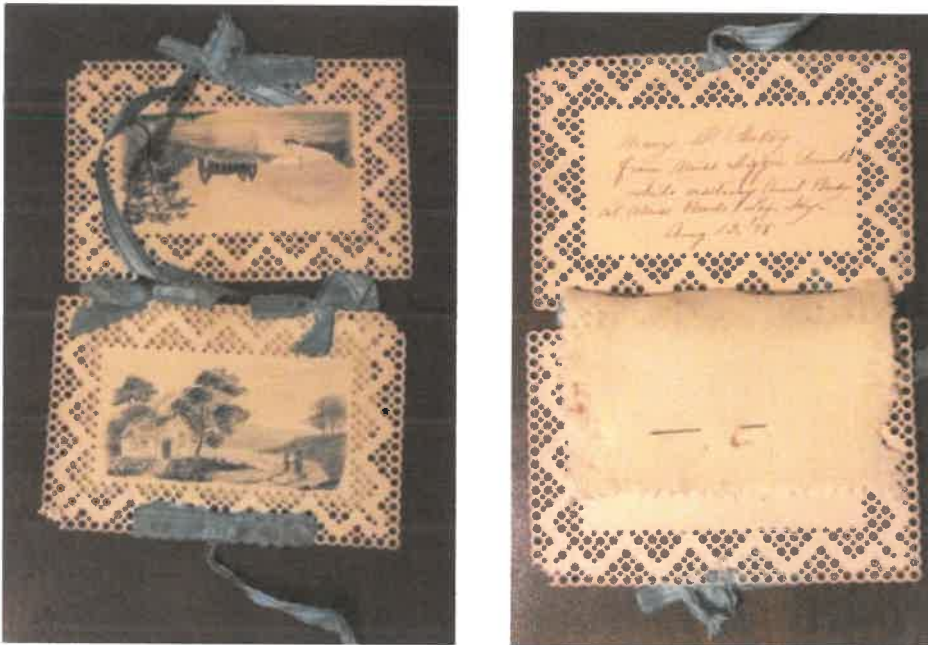
**From: Lizzie Smith**

**Dated: August 13, 1858**

Mary P. Shelby  
from, Miss Lizzie Smith  
while visiting Aunt Busy  
at Miss Reeds – Lex. Ky.

Aug 13, '58

This is a little needle keeper nicely done up with ribbons and bows. A poem has been saved with it.



### **Old Pussy, Gray Pussy**

Old pussy, gray pussy sat by the fire,  
Little Kitty – frisky Kitty came & sat by her.  
Old Pussy – grave Pussy lifted up her paw,  
Little Kitty, saucy Kitty gave it a claw.  
Old pussy, gray pussy shook her wise head,  
Little Kitty, naughty Kitty didn't mind a word she said.  
So old pussy, gray pussy boxed Kitty's ears –  
Little Kitty – sorry Kitty shed many tears –  
Old pussy, gray pussy said "Will you be a good child?"  
Little Kitty – tearful Kitty said, "Mother, I'll be mild!"  
Then Old pussy, gray pussy purred aloud for joy –  
Because little Kitty – pretty Kitty was made a good boy.

Written by Emily Perkins – niece of Henry Ward Beecher. Copied by Lizzie S.

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**NOTE:** This clipping of a poem published in the Observer and Reporter (Lexington, KY) in dated October 14, 1858. Along the side in Mary Pindell Shelby's writing "gleaned from trunk" and the blanks following M \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_ are penciled in Mary Hart. She was the daughter of John Hart and married Robert Brown at Hartland in Fayette County. Florence McDowell Shelby was most probably the daughter of Thomas Hart Shelby who never married. **Dating 1858 10/14**

TO MY DEAR COUSIN M \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_  
UPON HER WEDDING DAY - October 14, 1858

I rejoice with you, Dear Mary,  
On this your bridal morn;  
And hope your married life may be  
As the rose without a thorn.

I think I see you as you stand  
With your chosen by your side,  
Your young face radiance with hope,  
A fair and happy bride.

May all your hopes be realized -  
Tho brightest you may form;  
And may unkindness never chill  
Your affection true and warm.

Though young, I know you'll always prove  
A devoted, faithful wife,  
One gentle and affectionate  
E'en to the close of life.

You're leaving many faithful friends  
Who sadly will miss you;  
A mother of whom you were the pride,  
A sister fond and true.

But life is bright before you,  
And you'll not be far away  
From those who grieve to give you up  
On this your bridal day.

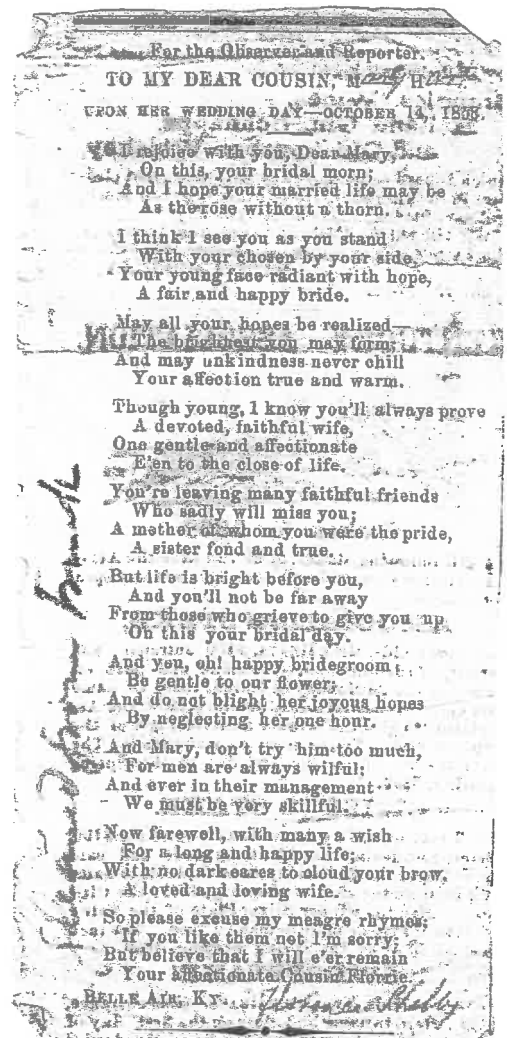
And you, oh! Happy bridegroom  
Be gentle to our flower;  
And do not blight her joyous hopes  
By neglecting her one hour.

And Mary, don't try him too much,  
For men are always willful;  
And ever in their management  
We must be very skillful.

Now farewell, with many a wish  
For a long and happy life;  
With no dark cares to cloud your brow,  
A loved and loving wife.

So please excuse my meager rhymes;  
If you like them not I'm sorry;  
But believe that I will e'er remain  
Your affectionate Cousin Florrie.

Belle Air, Ky Florence Shelby (penciled in)



**NOTE:** This is a copy of **Sallie Madge Cronly's** funeral notice from Duff's collection. She was the second child of Sarah (Busy) Bruen Cronly and Edward Letcher Cronly. She lived for only 3 months, born of May 31, 1864 and dying on **August 30, 1864**. Have never found why named Sally Madge.

## **FUNERAL.**

The Funeral Services of  
**SALLIE MADGE,**

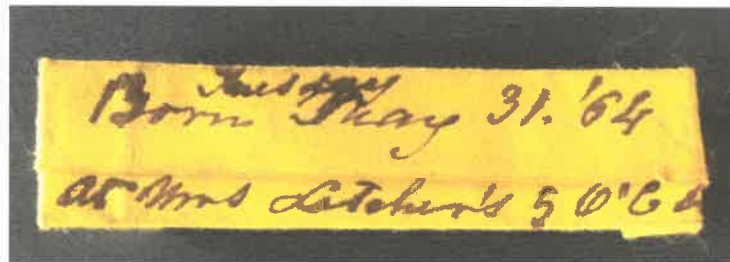
Infant daughter of **Edward** and **Sarah B. Cronly**, will take place at the residence of Mrs. Wilson on South Upper street, tomorrow (Tuesday) at 11 o'clock, A. M. Wednesday, August 31, 1864

**NOTE:** Found tucked into Amanda Bruen Shelby's 1850 diary, a little cutting of hair tied with a little thread and a bit darker shade of chestnut brown than Amanda's, in a little yellow folded piece of paper marked in Sarah (Busy) Bruen Cronly's hand:

Sallie Madge Cronly  
June 13, '64

Tuesday  
Born May 31, '64  
at Mrs. Letcher's 5 O'C AM

This was most probably Mrs. Gov. Robert Letcher – who raised Busy's husband Edward Letcher Cronly.



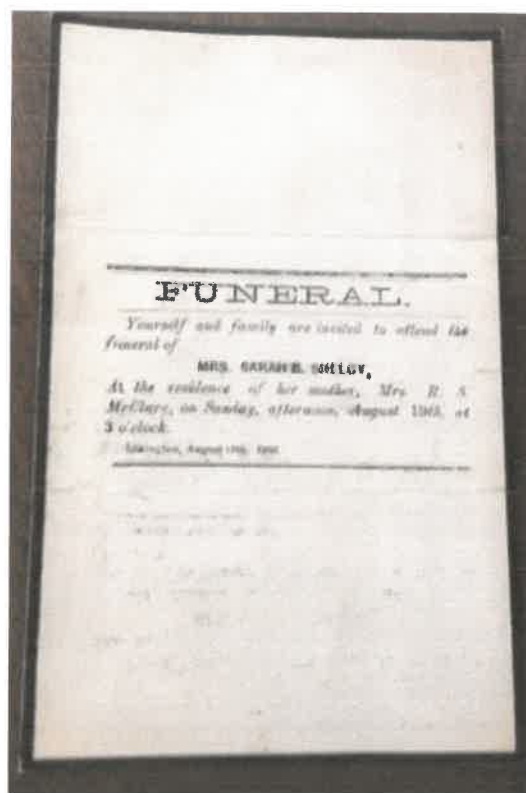
**NOTE:** This original funeral notice was found in Mary Pindell Shelby Stallcup's papers. It is for Mrs. **Sarah Barton McClure Shelby**, wife of Isaac (Ike, son of James) Shelby. She died **August 18, 1866**. Their son James (Jemmie) born in July of 1861, died in June of 1862. They have only one child that she left behind, Sarah "Barton" Shelby, born in September of 1859, who is about to turn 7 years of age. Seven years later Ike would pass away and Mary Pindell Shelby would accept his death bed wish for her to raise Barton.

## FUNERAL

*Yourself and family are invited to attend the funeral of*

**MRS. SARAH B. SHELBY,**

At the residence of her mother, Mrs. R. S. McClure, on Sunday, afternoon, August 19<sup>th</sup>, at  
3 o'clock      Lexington, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1866



**NOTE:** Letter from the husband of the Governor's daughter, Letitia Shelby, a Great Uncle by marriage to Mary Pindell. He died in 1871 in Louisiana. Letitia Shelby Todd was General James Shelby's sister. This letter included a hand made copy of Gen. James Shelby's newspaper obituary which Charles Stewart Todd wrote. Gov. Shelby started the Kentucky Colonels and made his son-in-law, Charles Stewart Todd this first Kentucky Colonel.

**To: Miss Mary Shelby** (Mary Pindell Shelby Stallcup)  
Granddaughter of the late Gen. James Shelby  
Lexington, Ky.

**From : C. S. (Charles Stewart) Todd**

Envelope postmarked: Owensboro, Ky. Aug 11 (Due 3)

Owensboro, Ky.  
10th August 1867

My dear Niece,

In conformity to my promise I enclose herewith, a copy of the Obituary of your Grandfather which published in the National Intelligencer in Sept. 1848 – I am aware it falls far short of his merits but I loved him so dearly in life that I could not fail to offer this tribute, feeble as it is, to his uncommon character – I hope it may be acceptable to you as a portion of the history of your family and that you realize in life all that your most sanguine wishes may have anticipated. Only a few moments in your presence, I was most happily impressed with your good qualities both of person and mind.-

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know that this letter reaches you –  
Your Aunt unites in affectionate regards

Your attached Uncle

C. S. Todd

No marking on back of the envelope

Windsor - Ky  
16<sup>th</sup> August 1867

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- Granddaughter of the late Gen James Shelby -

- Lexington Ky -

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P. Todd



**NOTE:** This is a calling card found in **Mary Pindell Shelby's** items with the names of Mrs. or Mr. J. M. Elliott and Miss Elliott written on it. I believe that this would be **James M. Elliott** and Julia LeGrande Elliott and their daughter. He ran a dry goods business in Lexington, Ky. Will date about **1870**

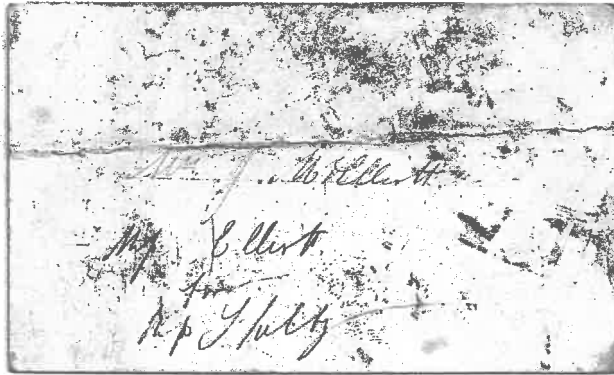
It reads:

Mrs/Mr J M Elliott

Miss Elliott

for

M P Shelby



NOTE: These are the 3 newspaper clipping of obituaries for **Edward Letcher Cronly**, husband of Sarah (Busy) Bruen Cronly found in Mary Pindell Shelby's items. He died **July 19, 1871**. The funeral card copy was located in Duff's collection pg 77.

*46 yr old*

## FUNERAL.

### *The Funeral Services of*

#### **EDWARD CRONLY**

Will take place from Christ Church to-morrow, Thursday afternoon, at 4 ½ o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

Lexington, Ky., July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1871

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## IN MEMORIAM.

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WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the great Comptroller of the universe, to call from our midst our friend and associate, EDWARD CRONLY, late cashier of this bank, for a final settlement above, be it

*Resolved*, That in him this bank loses a faithful, efficient and competent officer, the community a good citizen, a man in the fullest sense of the word "without fear and without reproach," and his afflicted wife a kind and faithful husband. We deeply deplore his loss, and tender to his bereaved widow our heartfelt sympathies, hoping that she will find partial consolation in the universally expressed verdict, that in him a good and true man has gone to his last and best home.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing be properly engrossed and presented to Mrs. Cronly, and that the same be published in the city papers.

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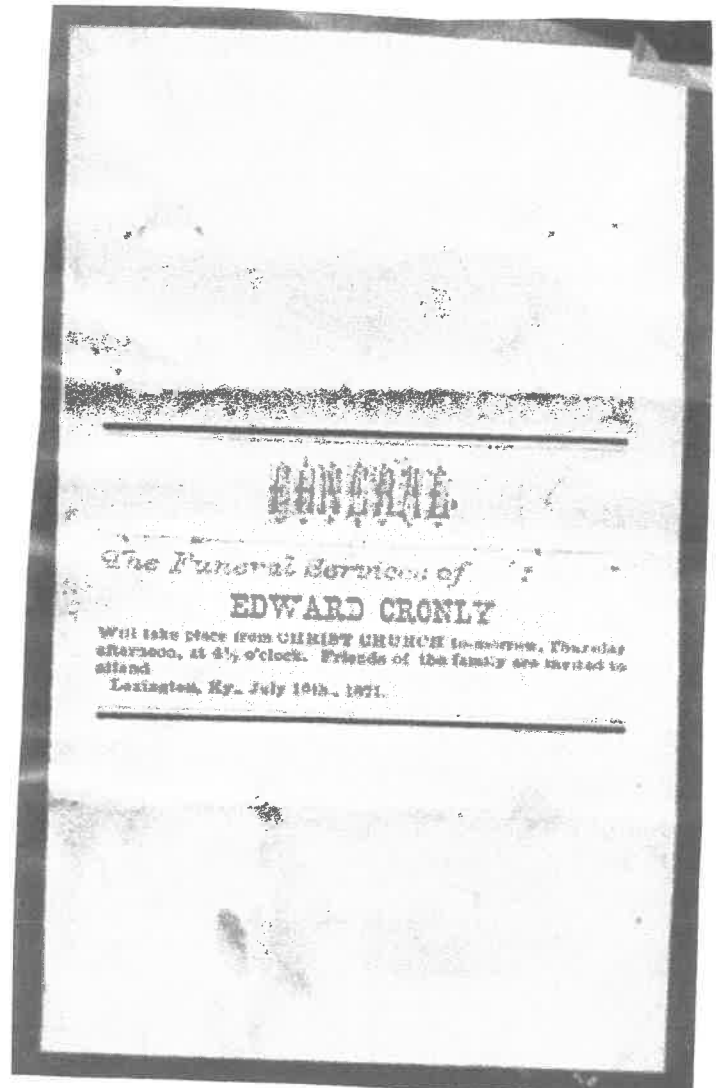
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**NOTE:** This is the obituary for Ashby (Robertson) McKee who died November 17, 1872 in Louisville, KY of typhoid fever, at the age of 27. This was found in Mary Pindell Shelby's papers. Born in the same year, they were contemporaries and quite possibly good friends or maybe even more. For whatever the reason, she kept this all of her years.

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**NOTE:** This is a poem that was read to **Elizabeth Bruen Ingels** on the day, **February 1, 1874**, that she died and later sent to Mary Pindell Shelby Stallcup by her daughter, **Florence Lamartine Ingels** who married a distant cousin, Edward Tunis Bruen at Mary Pindell's home in Lexington, on Jan 14, 1875. She died in childbirth on November 20, 1875 – her son Henry Tunis Bruen survived. Mary Pindell had copied this poem and placed with copies of other poems she collected.

Read to Aunt Elizabeth, the day of her death – sent by Mrs. Bruen (I found many slight variations)

I am kneeling at the threshold,  
so weary, faint & sore.  
Waiting for the dawning, fir the  
opening of the door.  
Waiting till the Master  
shall bid me rise and come.  
To the glory of His presence,  
to the gladness of His home.

A weary path I've traveled,  
mid darkness, storm & night,  
Bearing many a burden,  
struggling for the strife:  
But now the morn is breaking,  
my toil will soon be o'er –  
I'm kneeling at the threshold,  
my hand is on the door.

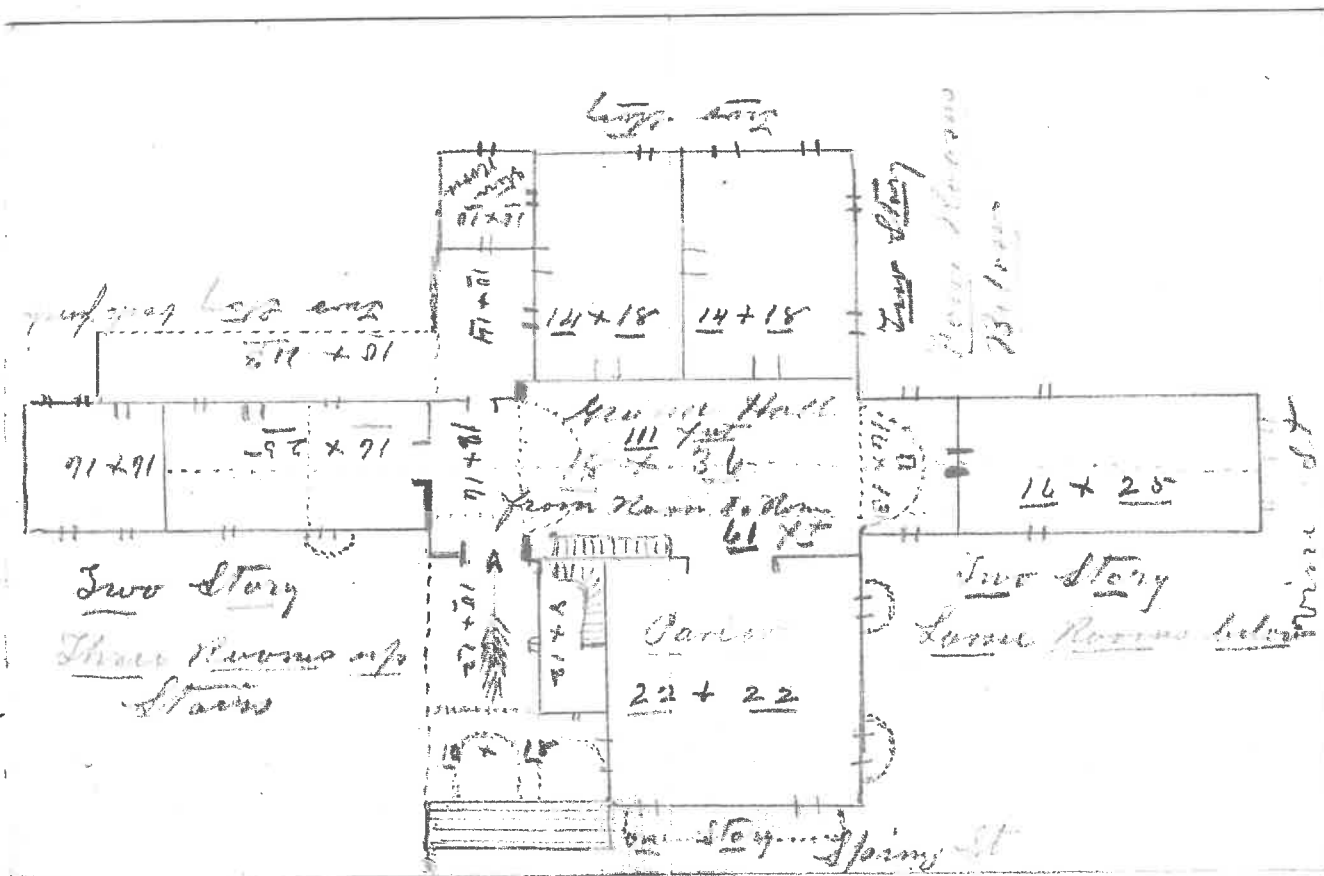
Me thinks I hear the voices  
of the blessed as they stand,  
Lingering in the sunshine  
of that far off happy land!  
O'would that I were with them  
amidst the shinning throng,  
Mingling in their worship,  
joining in their song.

The friends that started with me,  
have entered long ago –  
One by one they left me  
struggling with the foe:  
Their pilgrimage was shorter,  
their triumph sooner won;  
How lovingly they'll hail me,  
when all my toil is done.

With them the blessed Angels  
that know no grief nor sin –  
I see them by the portals  
prepared to let me in.  
O! Lord I wait thy pleasure,  
thy time & way are best.  
But I am wasted, worn & weary,  
O! Father bid me rest-

**NOTE:** There are two drawing of floor plans that were found folded together in Mary Pindell Shelby Stallcup's papers. One is unsigned and dated Sep. '75 and the other done that is noted; **Mrs. S. B. Cronley** (Cronly, Compliments of by **J. Q. A. Hayman**, Lex. **Oct 18<sup>th</sup> '75**. Mr. Hayman notes it facing Spring St. and sided by Vine St. and the other states: grounds are fraction less than one acre. Dr. Jim Birchfield confirms by assumption that this is indeed a drawing of the **floor plan for White Hall** which stood at the corner of Vine and Spring.

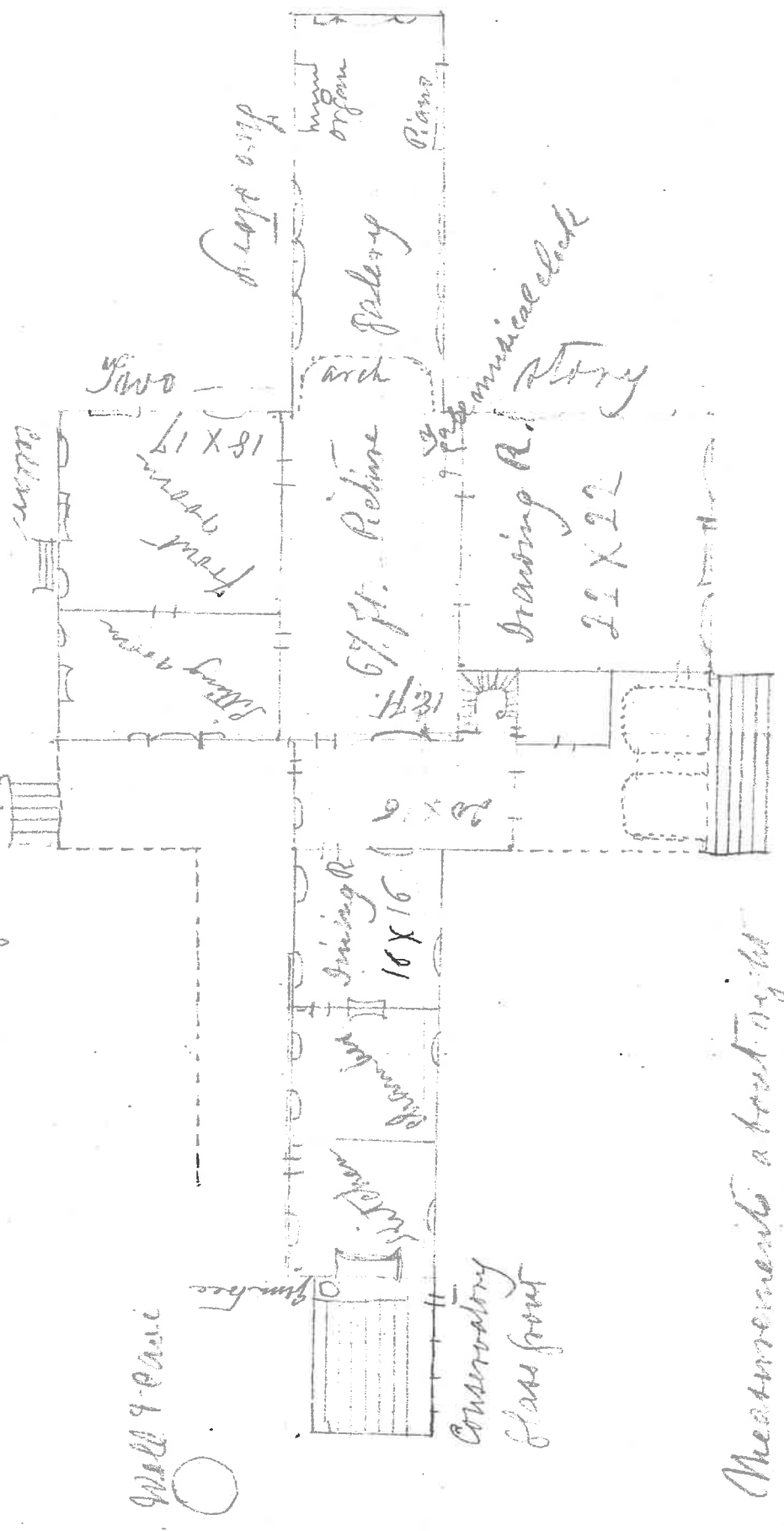
Mrs J. B. Crowley  
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 Sat Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 75-





Stables

Almost 9 ft. wide  
but farther from house



Measurements about right  
but proportions not  
grounds, fraction less than one line  
Sep. 75