

**NOTE:** The 1880 courtship letters begin in June and end with their November wedding. Both his and hers were kept, each set tied up in a ribbon. His letters are most often written on lined tablet paper and hers on stationary. Enclosed is a handmade calling card from: Jno C. Stallcup.

Since Julius Anderson was a lawyer in Ironton. His wife, Juliet Savage was from Maysville Ky and born the same year as Mary Pindell. I believe they were long time friends and that her lawyer husband, through the law, knew John Stallcup and that is how they met. The first Mrs. Anderson went by the name of Jule. She died on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, 1889.

Julius Anderson re-married to Alice Campbell Neal in 1907. Alice was the granddaughter of the founder of Ironton and this wedding is recorded in a letter Mary Pindell wrote to her daughter in 1907. They were wed in London, toured Europe and then returned to Ironton, OH. He had no Children. **Dating 1880 6/21**

Postmarked: Alliance, Ohio **Jun 21 (1880)**

**To: Miss Mary P. Shelby**  
Lexington, Kentucky (crossed out)

Written in upper left corner: (with Lexington Postmark June 26, (1880)  
Care, Julius L. Anderson  
Ironton  
Ohio

**From: John C. Stallcup**  
Alliance Ohio  
June 21st 1880

Miss Mary P. Shelby,

I am visiting here  
would be pleased to see Miss Shelby once  
more – shall I have that pleasure?

I will return to Denver in about  
three or four weeks.

I don't know where you are  
but will guess you are at Lexington and if  
you are there would be pleased to return by that way

Most truly  
Jno. C. Stallcup

P.S. What I could tell you of Colorado  
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Postmarked: Ironton Ohio **Jul 1 (1880)**

**To: John C. Stallcup**  
Alliance  
Ohio

**From: Mary P. Shelby**

Mr. Stallcup;

Your note  
was forwarded me from  
Lexington, & I write to tell  
you I have no idea I will  
be in there as you return  
to Denver – I will return  
only long enough to get ready  
to go to the Springs –

I will be  
here until some time

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next week, probably the  
last.

I am always glad to  
hear about Colorado & could  
listen to the book full, but  
am afraid you will be  
but poorly repaid for a  
visit to me.

My address is care Ju-  
lius L. Anderson Esq.

Very truly yr friend –  
Mary P. Shelby

Ironton Ohio  
July 1st '80

### **How Colorado Springs has branded itself from the 1880s to now**



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-lins L. Anderson Esq.

Very truly yr friend,  
Mary P. Shelby.

Amurton Ohio.  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 50.



Postmarked Alliance Ohio July 3, (1880)

**To: Miss Mary P. Shelby**  
(Care Julius L. Anderson, Esq.  
Ironton Lawrence Co. Ohio

**From: John C. Stallcup**

Alliance O. July 3rd '80

Miss Shelby

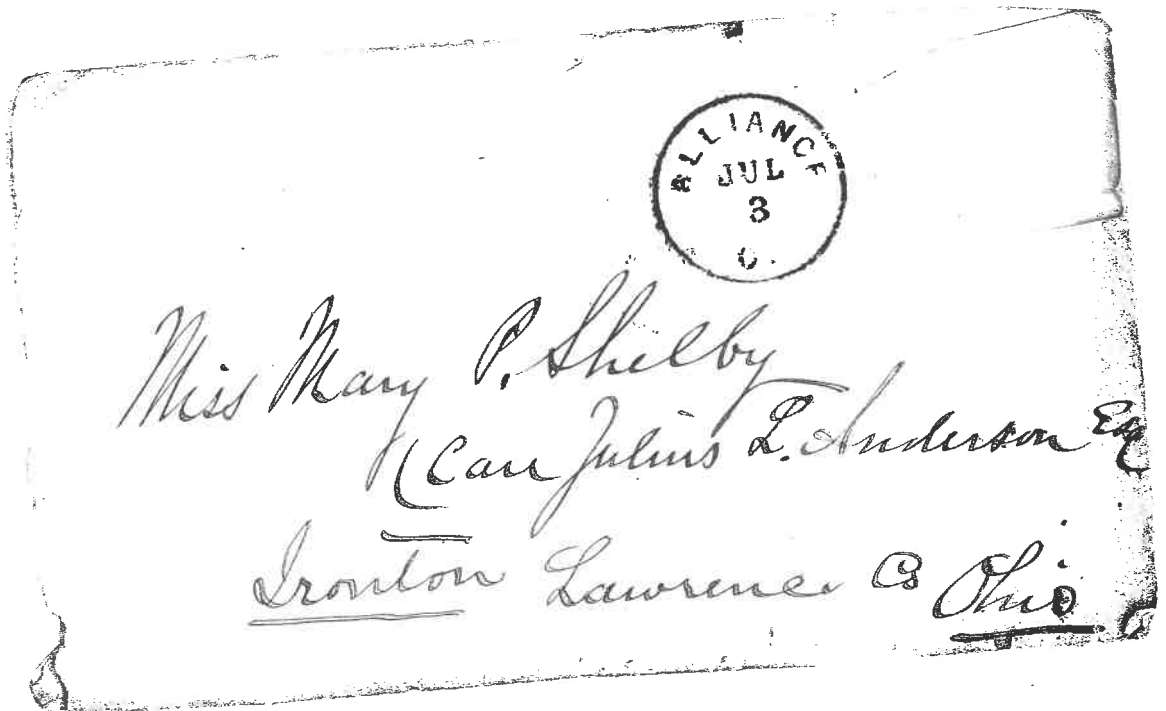
I have yours – kindly answering  
mine – and will start from here on  
Monday or Tuesday morning to see you  
at Ironton

Most Kindly Jno. C. Stallcup

Albany N. Y. July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1850.

Miss Shelby  
I have your kind answer  
mine and will start from here on  
Monday or Tuesday morning to see you  
at Canton

Most kindly  
J. Anderson





Dated **July 7th, 1880**

**To Miss (Mary Pindell) Shelby**

Envelope addressed: Care Julius L. Anderson, Esq.

**From: John C. Stallcup**

Letterhead reads:

Ironton House  
Corner of Front & Rail Road Streets,  
Ironton, Ohio  
J. M. Strobble Proprietor

I have just arrived will be  
pleased to call if you are  
at home.

Truly Jno C. Stallcup

July 7th

ALWAYS OPEN AND NEVER REBORN.  
Shelby BORNED.

Family Papers, Mss./A/S544e, Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY. PLE ROOMS.

# IRONTON HOUSE,

(FORMERLY PARRILL HOUSE.)

**JOHN M. STROBEL, PROPRIETOR.**

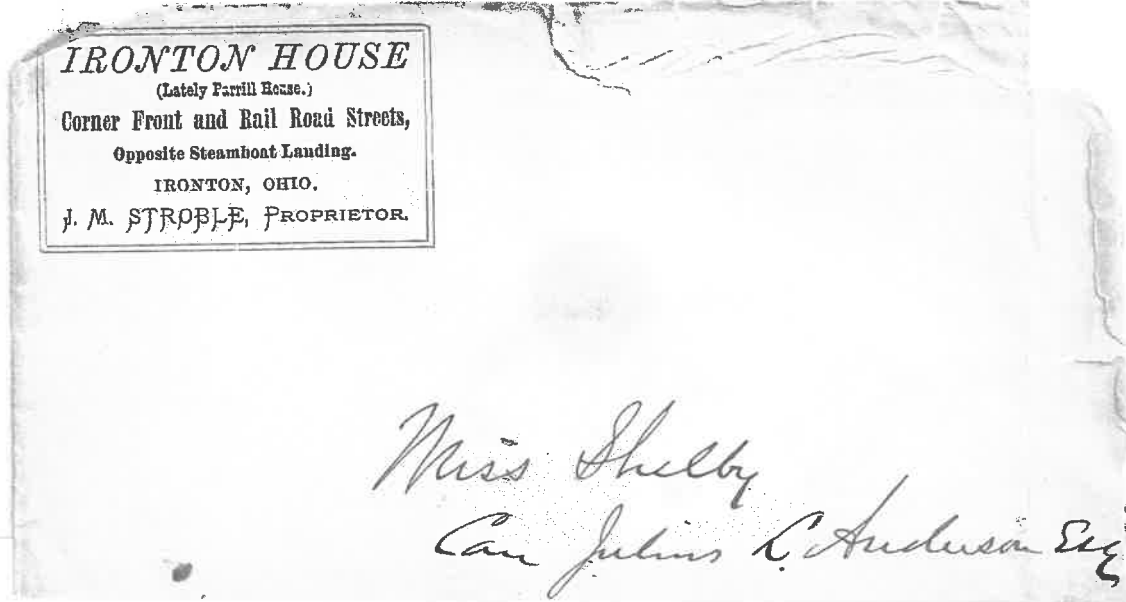
OPPOSITE STEAMBOAT LANDING.

Ironton, Ohio, ..... 188.....

Miss. Shelby

I have just arrived and will be  
pleased to call if you are  
at home  
Love  
John Strobel

July 7<sup>th</sup>



**IRONTON HOUSE**

(Lately Parrill House.)

Corner Front and Rail Road Streets,

Opposite Steamboat Landing.

IRONTON, OHIO.

J. M. STROBEL, PROPRIETOR.

Miss Shelby  
Care Julius C. Anderson Esq.

**NOTE: Sister Eliza**, who first came to Denver in 1871, is first mentioned here. She worked out of a cottage at 1154 Broadway and started a county hospital in a tent with straw beds and gunnysacks. Her mission was known as the Mission of the Holy Comforter, a name which stayed with the parish until 1987. She is recognized as the first Episcopalian Sister, I believe. I have discovered that her last name was Barton, although I have not tied her to Sarah "Barton" McClure Shelby's family. It is evident that Mary Pindell and her Aunt Busy were very familiar with her. Also, is the first mention of John F. Shafroth, law partner of the opposite party of John C. Stallcup. He would later was elected to the House of Representatives in 1894 and again in 1896 and 1898 as a Republican. In 1900 he ran as a Democrat and won. His opponent claimed fraud and Shafroth, rather than hold a seat tainted by fraud, resigned. While fraud was proven on the part both parties alike, Shafroth's reputation remained unscathed. Although he lost the election of 1904, it was this action that caused people to call him "Honest John," (a term coined from thence forth) and helped him be elected as Governor of Colorado and later, U.S. Senator. They were admiring friends and when, in 1885, the Stallcup's second child, Amanda Abigail Stallcup was still born, they purchased adjoining plots in a cemetery. Shafroth would soon bury a 3-year-old daughter  
**Dating 1880 7/25**

Postmarked: Denver Jul 25 (1880)

**To: Miss Mary P. Shelby**  
Lexington  
Kentucky  
**From: John C. Stallcup**

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Denver July 25<sup>th</sup> (1880)

My Dear Miss Shelby,

I write to you that I may hear from you.  
After my charming visit  
to you down there on  
the banks of the pleas-  
ant Ohio – I soon bid  
good bye to my friends  
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returned here and  
find myself again

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tied down to the affairs  
of business. Still the  
charming scenes of my  
visit live fresh in my  
memory sweet – and  
ever will.

Since my return  
our offices have been thron-  
ed more than ever  
with clients. "Troops of friends  
and clients attend us  
and the future seems full

of labor. With this and these  
I ought to be content. Yet I  
am not –

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I presume you are enjoy-  
ing yourself at the springs  
and planning the building  
of your house at Lexington  
into which you purpose  
to make your retreat from  
the outer world.

A world  
which has too little of good  
in it to be attractive to you.  
However I believe that if I  
had the opportunity, I could  
show you many enabling things  
even in the sorted struggles  
of life for there is much in them  
to swell the heart with the good and great.

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Lexington may be a pleasant  
cozy old town, but it is a  
thing of the past fit for the  
old – the helpless – there to  
stay – meditate – like a widow  
in her weeds – and to dream  
of the sweet and sad things  
of the past –

You are yet too  
young and full of promise  
for this. You know it is  
said, “put not new wine  
into old bottles”.  
Denver is the place for the  
young the hopeful the active.

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Here we have all that is  
grand in nature and  
in man such that appeals  
to charity – to the Christians  
fortitude and energy and  
sympathy all in all  
much – to stimulate  
every virtue –  
Since my return – now nearly

two weeks -- the weather here  
has been delightful fre-  
quent showers which have  
kept the air cool and  
the streets without dust.  
You have seen Denver.  
Imagine it in its bea-

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tiful verdure in its full  
foliage -- the air pure sweet  
and cool streets pleasant  
and bountiful as  
lovers walks -- and this  
in July can any other  
place here on earth  
compare with it?  
I was at our little church  
on 26th St. today. My friend  
Shafroth was with me --  
the little church was full  
I had hoped to see "Sister  
Eliza" as she is called --  
but she was not there.  
The service and sermon

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were impressive --  
in the service Paul's  
defense before King  
Agrippa occurred.  
Paul is the most remarkable  
character of all the earliest  
followers of the faith.  
So I think.

My friend Shaf-  
roth agreed with me that  
there was more of the  
simple and true devotion  
in that church than  
in any other in the city.  
But I must close

**Page 4B**

Write me -- will you not?  
Tell me how you are  
getting through the hot  
weather -- when you  
will visit your friends

in Missouri – Every  
thing – any thing –  
for I know I will  
read a letter from  
you with more pleasure  
than you do this.

Most kindly and  
(page cut off)

Nov. July 25<sup>th</sup>

My Dear Miss. Shelby  
F. Smith Toym

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 will visit your friends  
 in Missouri - any  
 thing - any thing -  
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 read a letter from  
 you with more pleasure  
 than you do this  
 Most sincerely and

No Envelope or Postmark

To: Mr. John. C. Stallcup

From: Mary P. Shelby

Cumberland Falls  
August 11th, 1880

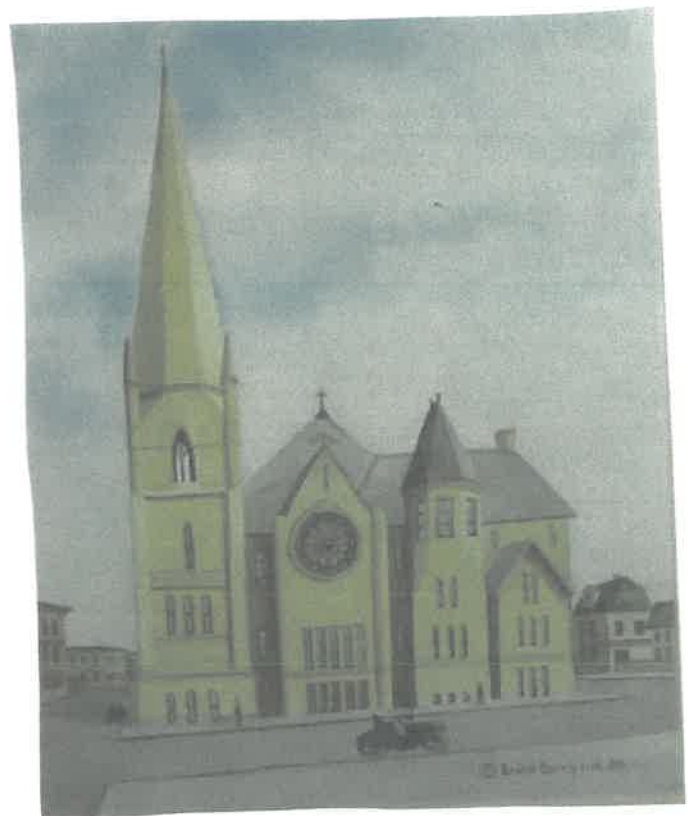
Your letter was received, Mr. Stallcup, several days before I left Lexington & I put it by with all my other unanswered letters, thinking that here time would be the one thing I'd have the most of, but I found myself mistaken, & until yesterday was busy doing the lovely walks & excursions that are expected of you – but this is the second day we've staid in doors on account of the rain. I wrote your letter for Sister Eliza yesterday but had already written two or three long letters & my ideas were exhausted, to say nothing of my eyes – Sister Eliza to me is delightful, & I hope you will find her so, but don't be surprised if she makes use of you, & if she should worry you, have patience

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she is upwards of sixty & her whole life is in doing for others & she sometimes expects others to help. I wouldn't be surprised some time to hear of your reading service in the Hospital. I hope I won't frighten you into not presenting the letter, for if it should ever be in her power to do anything for you she would, so willingly – I think now she goes to West Denver(?) to Church, the little stone church, so if you & your friends should get tired of going to Trinity every Sunday you might vary it a little, & indeed Emanuel is really a Mission Church & you would be more appreciated there than at Trinity. No one I am sure could say anything to give me a better

CUMBERLAND FALLS – "Little Niagra" on  
Cumberland River, Whitley County, KY.

Socrates Owens constructed a hotel at the falls.  
They began building handmade furniture filling  
the rooms of the hotel. Those things that could  
not be made on site were brought from Cincinnati



opinion of Denver than I have but  
since my lot has been cast some

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where else, I expect to find more  
than enough. to exercise all my charity on, it  
isn't as broad & deep as I wish it was.  
My house is building & I hope to be  
in it before the cold weather – all  
my plans and ideas are for that –  
I wish I could describe to you half  
how lovely our country is around  
Lexington. Great willing fields of  
soft restful greenery – it seems a fore-  
taste of the “green fields beyond the  
swelling flood” – Then here a short  
day from home is a lovely a spot,  
not even in Colorado have I seen  
any thing lovelier – a beautiful fall,  
a swift river full of boulders, & cliffs  
high & steep, full of foliage in possi-  
ble & impossible places then there  
are smooth places for mowing, a pond  
for bathing with little falls com-  
ing into it, that would defy any At-  
lantic surf – the mineral springs  
are plentiful, the ferns & mosses

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of great variety & the laurels & the  
rhododendrons must have been gor-  
geous a little while ago. Then a short  
walk brings you a view of the river  
& the distant mountains. Not more  
than twenty miles from here is a  
natural bridge that almost awed  
me, so surprised was I when we came  
to it rather suddenly. Have you  
more variety in Colorado?

I agree  
with you that there is much enno-  
bling in any earnest struggle, but  
you men of the world lose more  
than half of the beauty of your ear-  
nestness when you leave Christ  
out, for what is it all worth without  
Him – I not only think, but know  
this is so – Still when you mount  
your sublime height, a guberna-

torial chair, or a seat in the senate,  
I will send you a word of cheer  
from the quiet valley, & a word of

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warning from the green field.  
“What doth it profit a man, if  
he gain the whole world & lose  
his own soul?” Sister Eliza will  
tell you just this – she has gone  
deeper into the “beauty of holiness”  
than almost any one I know – if  
I could only find the letter she wrote  
me after she had recovered from  
a dangerous illness I would send  
it to you.

Mrs. Garner called on  
us just as we were getting in  
the bus to come here, so I had very  
little time to talk to her – She  
looked very well, but as I believe  
going to Denver in the Fall, when  
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He has two or three lots on South  
Fifteenth St. Miss Underhill wrote  
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the Summer, returns to New York  
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any interest about Colorado –

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definite plans – we can't tell  
when we will go to Missouri – I  
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depends on how soon our house  
will be done. We came here  
to stay as long as it was pleasant  
but I think we will be satisfied  
with two weeks. The people are  
very pleasant, all Kentuckians –  
we have a young lady with us  
who corresponds with several pa-  
pers, indeed every body it seems  
to me is writing for some  
thing, but I haven't the courage.  
We have some artist here too,

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one who likes this country better  
than Colorado, but of him I know  
you'll have no opinion –

Now Mr. Stallcup, haven't I  
redelivered my promise & written  
you a sufficiently long post script.  
You know I only promised  
this – Wishing you an easy &  
successful race this Fall. I am  
always

Sincerely your friend  
Mary P. Shelby

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duction a grand success, but you  
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**NOTE:** John Calhoun Stallcup was on the Democratic Ticket, nominated to run for Attorney General of Colorado Post marked: Denver Aug 22 (1880)

**To: Miss Mary P. Shelby**  
Lexington  
Kentucky

**From: John C. Stallcup**

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Denver Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> (1880)

My Dear Miss Shelby

Allow me the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your kind letters. I have just returned from our little church and there met "Sister Eliza" and gave her the letter – she invited me to call on her at the Bishop's – which I shall surely do.

I assure you it will afford me pleasure to render her some aid in her work of charity and only hope she will call my attention a little in that way for in the general

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bustle of business we are liable to neglect such matters if we have no one to remind us of them.

Yours to me I have read with pleasure and interest. It is like yourself and if you call it a post script I trust you will favor me with another.

I was away nearly all of the last week at Leadville attending the Democratic Convention there. We went

by the Grand Canyon route.  
You have seen that Canyon  
as I remember – but from  
where you viewed it you  
looked down into it. We  
looked up at its grandeur.  
The rail road runs through

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that gorge now – on up the  
Canyon – up the valley of the  
Arkansas to Leadville.  
The scenery of that route  
is without an equal for  
real grandeur. I think  
our Convention was in  
session three days.  
There was much excitement  
and heavy thunder generally.

I will send you a paper  
showing the ticket nomi-  
nated – If I could get  
all the dailys for the  
time I would send you  
them that you might  
see full reports but I  
presume it would  
not interest you much.

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We have before us a campaign  
of much glory and excite-  
ment. The struggle will  
have its grandeur whether  
we triumph or not.

You kindly call my atten-  
tion to the precepts of  
Christ. This is well – and  
let me assure you there  
is not so much difference  
between us upon that sub-  
ject as you may imagine.  
Allow me to remind you  
that Christ came of Heaven  
to earth – We of earth  
aspire to Heaven. To us  
He is as a beacon light  
upon the shore of a tempes-

tuous sea –

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We are the toilers in that  
sea. There is no manly  
way to avoid the waves  
and storms there.

The struggles there are  
what call forth and de-  
velope the higher virtues –  
at least that opportunity  
is afforded them. It seems  
to me that the true Christian  
should glory in these struggles  
and should carry with  
him there the armor  
of the Christian faith.  
Since you have said to me  
you know it, I can never  
doubt it.

Yet it seems to  
me that to avoid the struggles  
of men in the affairs of this life

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would be cowardly. It is true  
however to engage in them  
using vices instead  
of the virtues as our  
weapons would be worse  
than cowardly.

Is it not the manly struggle  
of life after all that  
makes a soul great  
and good?

Not the toys and  
tinsel we may gain of men  
but the real strength which  
we gain by the struggle  
like the forest oak or the  
Lebanon Cedar that has  
withstood the storms of a  
hundred winters.

Let us not avoid them.

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The passions are the latent  
fires which ought to  
warm the soul to  
life Eternal.

Let them be kindled  
for this purpose are the  
struggles of life here –  
Did you never feel like  
going out into the storm  
to take a friend by the  
hand?

Did your heart  
never beat in sympathy  
with one in the battle  
of life? But enough now  
may be too much, but  
some time my Dear  
Miss Mary I will ask

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you more unless you  
deny me the pleasure  
of seeing you again.  
Life is short, and I  
never got in earnest  
until it was too late –

I am glad to know you are  
having a pleasant time  
at the springs.

You are  
excellent in your descriptions  
of Lexington and its  
surroundings. It shows  
your attachment for  
that old place.

When I return to the school  
boy scenes and view the places  
of my boyhood my heart  
is filled with feelings

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indescribably sweet and  
sad, so that I never care  
to linger long there.

But I must close this

letter for I see I am  
seathing too much,  
but it is because I  
have a thousand  
things in mind  
and our campaign  
opens now soon  
so do our Courts and  
the "times are big with  
enterprises of pith and  
moment" generally, but after these  
are over

**Page 3B**

I shall hope to take  
a little recreation –

Now do me the favor of  
a letter for you will  
want to know the news.  
I have not given you  
much in this and  
then you will want  
to know how much  
I am assisting "Sister  
Eliza". I am going to  
take my friend Shafroth  
along with me and get  
him enlisted also.  
He is in reality a better  
fellow than I am.

**Page 4A**

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and must close  
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for a letter from you

Yours Truly  
Jno. C. Stallcup



D  
Senon Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>

My dear Miss Shelby

Allow me the  
pleasure of acknowledging the  
receipt of your kind letters  
I have just returned from our  
little Church, and there  
met "Sister Elyja" and gave  
her the letter - she invited  
me to call on her at  
the Bishops - which I  
shall surely do.

I assure you  
it will afford me pleasure  
to render her some aid  
in her work of charity  
and only hope she will  
Call my attention a little  
in that way for in the future



birth of business we are liable  
to neglect such matters if  
we have no one to re-  
mind us of them.

Yours to me I have read with  
pleasure and interest it  
is like yourself and if you  
call it a post script - I  
trust you will join me with  
another

I was away nearly  
all of the last week at dead  
bill attendants the Democratic  
Convention there we went  
by the Grand Cañon route  
You have seen that Cañon  
as I remember - but from  
within you viewed it you  
looked down into it or  
looked up at its grandeur  
the rail road runs through

that gorge now on up the  
Cañon up the valley of the  
Arkansas to Leadville  
the scenery of that route  
is without an equal for  
real grandeur. I think  
the Convention was in  
session three days  
there was much excitement  
and heavy thunder generally

I will send you a paper  
showing the ticket I con-  
sidered if I could get  
all the details for the  
trip I would send you  
them that you might  
see full reports but I  
presume it would  
not interest you much

We have before us a campaign  
of much glory and exultation  
ment the struggle will  
have its grandline whether  
we triumph or not.  
You kindly call my atten-  
tion to the precept of  
Christ. - this is well and  
let me assure you there  
is not so much difference  
between us upon that sub-  
ject as you may imagine.  
Allow me to remind you  
that Christ came of heaven  
to earth - We of earth  
aspire to heaven. So no  
he is as a beam light  
upon the shore of a tempest  
tuous sea -

2) We are the tailors in that  
sea. There is no merry  
way to avoid the waters  
and storms there.  
The struggles there are  
what call forth and de-  
velop the higher virtues  
at least that opportunity  
is afforded them - It seems  
to me that the true Christian  
should glory in these struggles  
and should carry with  
him thru theannon  
of the Christian faith.  
Since you have said to me  
you know it I can never  
doubt it. Yet it seems to  
me that to avoid the struggle  
of a man in the affairs of this life

would be cowardly it is true  
however, to suffer in their  
using the bees instead  
of the virtues as our  
ragons would be worse  
than cowardly.  
So it not the manly struggle  
of life after all that  
makes a soul great  
and good? Not the toys and  
trifles we may gain if men  
but the real strength which  
we gain by the struggle. Go  
like the forest oak or the  
deodar cedar that has  
withstood the storms of a  
hundred winters  
let us not avoid them.

The passions are the latent  
fires which ~~are~~ ought to  
warm the soul to ~~the~~  
~~and~~ life eternal  
let them be kindled  
for this purpose are the  
struggles of life here -  
did you never feel like  
spring out into the storm  
to take a friend by the  
hand? Did your heart  
never beat in sympathy  
with one in the battle  
of life? but enough now  
may be too much, but  
some time my dear  
Miss Mary I will ask

You more unless you  
deny me the pleasure  
of seeing you again  
Life is short, and I  
never got in earnest  
until it was late.

I am glad to know you are  
having a pleasant time  
at the Spring. You are  
excellent in your descriptions  
of Lexington and its  
surroundings. It shows  
your attachment for  
the old place.

When I return to the school  
boy, seems and sees the place  
of my boyhood. My heart  
is filled with feelings

indiscritibly sweet and  
dear, so that I never can  
to linger long there.

But I must close this  
letter for I see I am  
senting too much  
but it is because I  
love; a thousand  
things in mind  
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**NOTE:** "Figs & Thistles" was written by Albion W. Tourgee and is a Civil War romance of the Western Reserve. I can see Mary Pindell's interest in this book for upon reading it I found the hero Markham Churr – very much like the Judge himself – most able to stand on the side of truth even at personal loss and always willing to help and stand by the less fortunate. She may not have recognized the depths of these qualities in him – but would as the years unfolded.

Postmarked: Lexington, Ky. Sep 15 (1880)

**To: Mr. John. C. Stallcup**  
Denver  
Colorado

**From: Mary P. Shelby**

Lexington  
**September 14 (1880)**

Your letter came Mr. Stallcup soon after our return from the Falls, about three weeks since, & I scarcely expected to write again, but the promise of "news" was too tempting for the feminine mind, particularly I wanted to hear the result of your acquaintance with Sister Eliza. She wrote me a long letter a few days since & in it said you would be such an acquisition to the guild, & I was afraid she would worry you about

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such things & I am sure unless our sister's into them from an entire convictions that they had best be left alone. I don't mean always to preach when I have occasion to send you a line but I was afraid my dear old friend's zeal would run ahead of her discretion, she can never understand that there is too much possible of such things – She is old but you may really find her delight-

ful, with some grains of allowance – you should hear too of some of her work – I didn't mean in writing you before, to intimate even remotely that your respect for her Christian religion wasn't the highest.

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I should never had written you at all, otherwise, but it seems a pity that with so much you should not grasp the whole, & use all the means of grace he may find & to feel some sort of responsibility for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom on earth – I have a little book I will send you some time that will give you a better idea of these things than I can.

It was written by a Monk long years ago & some of his views are too extreme, but for that you can make allowance. - You have doubtless thought me negligent in not acknowledging the receipt of the little book

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of Colorado flowers. The first one is like an old friend, it comes so abundantly in the early Spring, you remember it doubtless I think you are mistaken about not enjoying the scenery about Denver – Don't you look first every morning for the mountains, & all day long too? How can any one help it? I saw your old friend Mrs. Garny last week, she wasn't very well. She had expected to go West this Winter, but Mrs. Lyles



had concluded to stay at  
Leadville & she asked  
if you had not been to see  
me – said she thought you

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would be elected, you were  
so popular. Do you feel as  
sanguine now as before you  
began the campaign? I  
received several papers & was  
getting quite interested in  
Colorado politics. Will you let  
me know the result? Mr.  
Beckurt's daughter is visiting  
here. I saw her at a hop. I  
have been very gay for an an-  
cient maiden – have been to  
theaters & entertainments of  
various sort – you see I don't  
dispise the gay world en-  
tirely – Barton & I expect  
some time during the Winter  
to get our house, but it  
goes up slowly – Next week  
we hope to go to Missouri,  
but will only stay two weeks.  
The college here has been

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opened for young ladies at  
least the Normal School & Bar-  
ton is coming back to stu-  
dy Literature and French – I  
am almost getting reconciled  
to the old town – things are pleas-  
anter on closer acquaintance.

I have felt for a week as  
if letters were the last things  
I could accomplish & I am sure  
you will on getting this – but  
I really wanted to say what  
I had about Sister Eliza & thank  
you for the flowers, & thought I'd  
probably never feel brighter –  
I started a young friend to Den-  
ver on yesterday – she is going  
to her brothers, one of them has

gotten her a place – She was starting alone, but after we got to the depot found another lady going the same way alone – Do you call that Providence or Luck?

I began writing you last week, but was interrupted, so didn't finish.

**Across Front page:**

Denver couldn't be better than this for weather, it is perfect.

Very sincerely your friend,  
Mary P. Shelby

Did you read Figs and Thistles? I think I'll vote for Garfield after reading that – Didn't he come from near your old home?



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 of these things than I can  
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 if it are too advanced, but  
 I think that you can find it  
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 in - I don't acknowledge the  
 receipt of the letter book

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Cecil's politics - you will let  
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John C. Bruen  
 87  
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**NOTE:** Susan Hart Shelby Carter Magoffin is Mary Pindell Shelby's only Shelby aunt, who helped raise her until she was twelve. She lived in Lexington after Col. William Carter died of Cholera in 1849. In 1857 she married Samuel Magoffin and moved to his home in Missouri. She was 43 years old and took on the raising of his three living children; James, Jane (Janie) and Susan (Ludie), aged about 8, 6 & 2. James died when he was 10 and Janie (30) married George Taylor in 1881. Ludie (45) married after 1900.

Postmarked: Denver Colo. Sep 19 (1880)

**To: Miss Mary P. Shelby**

Lexington

Kentucky

Forwarded to Manchester, MO Care S. Magoffin Sep 22 (1880)

**From: John C. Stallcup**

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Denver 19th Sept. (1880)

My Dear Miss Shelby,

I have your  
letter – am happy to hear from  
you.

I did not get around in  
time for church to day and  
thus is the second Sunday  
I have missed. I fear our friend  
Eliza will feel disappointed in her  
hopes – but her and her cause  
will not be forgotten by me.  
I will read with pleasure the  
little book you speak of sending.  
I read the two papers and  
read the articles marked  
by you. I am not much of  
an admirer of Tallmadge

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notwithstanding he is a fine  
talker. I have often observed that  
the minister generally gives our  
profession a respectable word  
– in this regard they are  
different from most any  
other class of people.  
The article in the "Churchman"  
comparing the Mississippi River  
with the church shows much

genius in the writer.

Accept my thanks for these  
evidences of your regard.

You say you will not preach  
every time you send me a  
line. I fear when you stop  
preaching as you call it you  
will stop writing so don't  
stop either for I assure you  
they are sweet messages though  
they do remind me of the tomb

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and take much of the attraction  
from the flitting scenes of life.

I do indeed enjoy the scenery  
about Denver, the pure air –  
its general grandeur all  
but I noticed it more than  
usual last night. I had  
just rec'd your letter and  
then drove over to Golden.

Mr. Macon and myself with  
a two horse turn out  
to deal out democratic  
doctrine there. We had a  
fine meeting notwithstanding  
the Tribune account of it.

Macon was going on to  
Frogtown so I came back  
alone starting at 12 o'clock.  
The moon was full bright –  
the sky was clear

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the foot hills plains and mountains  
with the moon and stars all  
looking at one in the stillness  
of the night are pleasant  
indeed but on Wednesday  
night I was a 2 mousier(?)

with a Col. Grigsby from  
Lexington he says. We spoke  
in the pavilion a beautiful  
little arrangement just on  
that lively brook that runs  
down the center there.

Were you ever there? A beau-  
tiful place indeed. Well



Col. Grigsby remained down  
there in (the moon light  
till 12 o'clock at night  
with that brook there  
in the still moon light.  
And after he came up to the

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hotel, he talked about  
the poetry of the air and  
elements there until  
after I had gone to  
sleep. So you see I am  
not as much carried  
away with the beauties  
of nature as other people  
are but to have no appreci-  
ation of these beauties of our  
country would argue much  
against the harmony and  
goodness of the soul so dull  
and stupid.

If you see Mrs. Garner again  
remember me to her kindly  
as I was pleased with her  
the times I met her here.

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I think she thinks I like  
you and kind old creature  
she was trying to make you  
feel some "dint of pity"  
is the reason she spoke of  
me in such hopeful and  
glowing terms.

As for politics, the two parties  
are so evenly balanced in power  
that it is fearfully uncertain  
as to results, more uncertain  
for the Democracy in this state  
than for the Democracy in  
the contest for the presidency  
but the glory of the contest is  
with us even if the spoils do  
for a while longer go to the  
Republicans.

In my judgment Hancock  
will be the next president

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if the state of Indiana gives  
us a Democratic majority at  
its state election Oct. 12th  
then Hancock's election  
is assured beyond doubt  
and if the majority is large  
say 10,000 it almost assumes  
Colorado for us too.

As for my candidacy  
I have reason to be grateful  
with the genteel consideration  
I receive from both parties  
I will run some ahead of  
my ticket here however –  
I shall make an effort in  
that regard as I feel that  
I would rather be with the party  
at least be true to the party and  
all its candidates and all rejoiced  
with triumph or bear defeat to-  
gether

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I think our cause is right  
and I think the disgusting  
arrogance, hate and cant  
of the republican party together  
with the crime of 76-7  
upon it ought to be  
rebuked by the whole  
American people if so –  
it will be rebuked sooner  
or later.

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to Republicans and in that  
respect very pleasing to  
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no very reliable index to  
the increased or decreased  
strength of the respective  
parties in the other states.  
Nothing yet has transpired  
to decrease my hopes since the  
opening of the campaign.

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And nothing will until  
the Indiana and Ohio  
Elections occur – Oct 12 –  
Then I will be able to  
see that which will  
buoy or depress our hopes  
of success.

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victory in Colorado appeared  
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appears so. Others are  
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campaign generally has  
this effect upon many.

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He was here a while  
a sort of a religion/politics  
mendicant – however I may  
be prejudicial against  
him and his book as I  
have never read his books.

Garfield was reared  
about thirty miles from  
where I was reared.  
He was within the Western  
Reserve, a Yankee cheese  
making people. I have often  
seen him and heard him  
speak. He never impressed  
me with form, he is  
and always was a most  
violent partisan and never  
rose to the standard(crossed out) plain  
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 rose to the ~~height~~ plane  
 of a statesman. And all  
 of his ability learning and

reading have been used  
 to coin violent and forcible  
 expressions against  
 men of greater and larger  
 souls than he has ever  
 shown he possessed  
 And when it was necessary  
 to fight crime, steep to  
 perpetrate the form of his  
 party he was ready to go  
 down into the dirt - to  
 accomplish the deed  
 and did in the name  
 of a worthy statesman  
 do those things which should  
 for our Conscience - him  
 in the estimation of all who  
 love truth and respect the  
 right

but I am making a ~~thing~~  
 which, so will no longer  
 tire you with politics ~~that~~  
 You say you met Mrs  
 Beckwith. I remember  
 meeting her once at  
 Fort Knips here on a New  
 Year's Calling

I am pleased to know  
 you are enjoying yourself  
 at hospitable entertainment  
 Secaucus. Mrs. Brown is now  
 playing here I-ho not had  
 time to get out to see her  
 yet and it is not likely  
 that I will which she is her  
 Kansas politics about me  
 You say you and Barton will

4  
 Got Mission's next week  
 for a visit of two weeks  
 if you knew the relief  
 the rest and pleasure  
 a visit to you there would  
 afford me I know you  
 would grant me the favor  
 My friend Shaftoth says  
 that Emil, Sr. Shelby lives  
 in the County adjoining  
 old Newcomer, and I  
 think there is where you  
 visit I would like to  
 see that old Emil I  
 the last course I learn  
 he is an interesting character  
 I need not say that you are  
 interesting - though different from  
 the Federal

(it will take me but about  
four days and five nights  
to make the round trip)  
All (and) shall (I come)  
and when and where I

may find you

Wm. H. H. H. H. H.

Amery Young  
J. B. D. Talbot

**NOTE:** I believe "Woodside" to be the home of Samuel Magoffin & (Mary Pindell's favored aunt, Susan Hart Shelby Carter Magoffin) in Barrett's Station. She was her father's only sister. I do not believe that the Col. Grigsby that Mary Pindell knows is the same one that he met – I think the one he met was Col. Andrew Jackson Grigsby.

Postmarked: St. Louis & ATCH Sep 29 (1880)

**To: John C. Stallcup**

Denver

Colorado

**From: Mary Pindell Shelby**

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Woodside Mo.

**September 28th '80**

Your letter was forwarded me yesterday Mr. Stallcup, was one of five, among them a volume from Sister Eliza – five sheets of foolscap & nearly two of commercial note – it took a long while to read it. It was actually harder to get through than your stump speech – I don't mean I didn't appreciate her writing as she did, for I am glad the dear soul thinks of me as she does – She is going to have a little home of her own & it was about that she was writing principally – you Denver people will have to help her. Her needs are few for herself, but I suppose she could spend no end of money on her sick & poor. I am afraid

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if you don't go to Church more regularly you wont be convicted to take part in the Hospital service sooner. I feel quite like giving you another sermon, but I'll desist, perhaps if you listen to Mr. Marshall he will do better than I – I could give a short stump speech myself. You know I am not a democrat, nearly all my family were old time Whigs – but I'll leave the rest for another time. If you want to see Joe Shelby

because of your fondness for  
the lost cause he will do very  
well, but if you think him a  
fair specimen of the Shelby's you  
are mistaken, not that many of  
them have been famous of late  
years, but they are sometimes  
sober – but it isn't good taste

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to abuse your own kin, but  
any where out of Kentucky, we  
would long since have ceased  
to remember there was any of  
the same blood left in our veins –  
I think now he lives in or near  
Sedalia – my cousin lives in  
Salina (Co.), thirteen miles on the  
prairies, but before you have  
gotten one prairies & through  
forest you would conclude  
Missouri people had no more  
idea of distance that they  
do in your beloved Colorado,  
besides I don't think we will  
have time to go – it takes a  
good while, & we must hurry  
home for the school I wrote  
you Barton was going – she is  
past 21 years a whole week,  
& feels already ancient, & en-  
titled to much respect. I think

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she would be glad to be Miss  
Shelby, but that there are a doz-  
en of us more or less, & some  
thing more definite is needed.

We are now about sixteen  
miles from St. Louis on the  
Missouri Pacific, & although  
it is near, is quite inaccessible.  
We have only two trains that stop  
one at 8 A.M. o'clock or half past &  
another at 5 P.M. – I mean from  
St. Louis - The Kansas City  
accommodation stops here on  
the way to town – so that any  
way you might come you would

either have to stay in St. Louis  
all day or night unless you come  
on the slow train & stay here  
all night, which they would be  
very glad to have you do – but  
how can you leave your  
work & make so much time  
just for a short time? & then

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for so little.

Will you think  
me very foolish when I say  
I have not been able to de-  
cide whether I ought to let  
you come or not? I felt so  
when I wrote you from Ironton  
but felt I had no right to  
keep you away. I thought you  
understood then just how I  
felt, & so I feel now - & if you  
are willing to waste your  
time, & what I am afraid is  
more value than your time,  
on the most fickle & unre-  
liable old maid – East or West  
of the Mississippi, I cannot say  
even now don't come – but will  
leave it with you, feeling that  
if you don't come you have at  
least found out how little I  
am worth, & if you do that

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you must take all unpleasant  
consequences as the result of your  
own persistence – remember-  
ing however that whatever  
my faults may be of fickle-  
ness, I have always meant  
to be true to you as I have  
felt sure you always were to me.  
The family here consist of my  
Aunt & her husband, she is  
67 nearly & he 80, & there are  
two young ladies – The address  
is care Sam'l Magoffin –  
Manchester, Missouri – We  
expect now to be here until

the 8 or 9 of October, it is possible we may stay a day or two longer. Mr. & Mrs. Anderson will probably meet us in Cincinnati –

Sister Eliza wrote me

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she had seen Miss Underhill on the cars & told her I had given you a letter of introduction to her at which she smiled –

I could not forebear a smile myself when I read of your being with Col. Grigsby – You wouldn't tell him you know me – I know his wife, but they are not my sort of people. I certainly wouldn't let a man of his proportions out do me in sentiment – you see I am a spiteful old maid as well as other things –

I forgot to say if you should come, you can come as far as Kirkwood in the cars, & then drive one, four mile from there – remember however I scarcely expect you. It is further than you thought & remember my warning.

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Isn't it always a good plan to stop when you've said enough & soon? As I have done so much more than I expected I must stop & go & entertain my old Aunt – She used to have the reputation of being the smartest woman in Kentucky & has lost very little of her old fire.

Very sincerely yours,  
Mary P. Shelby

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Sep 28 1877  
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than your stamp collection - I don't  
mean I didn't appreciate her  
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a little town of her own, &  
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 of your name, then was any of

the same kind left in our hands -  
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as far as my cousin lives in  
 the same thirty miles in the  
 same, but before you have

given me names of things  
 which you would conclude

whether people had or more  
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 My emergency yours,  
 Mary B. Shelby.

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 more money & if you do that

Postmarked: St. Louis & ATCH Sep 29 (1880)

**Dated: September 28 (1880)**

**To: John C. Stallcup**  
Denver  
Colorado

**From: Mary Pindell Shelby**

You will I am afraid Mr.  
Stallcup, think my long  
letter a farce if I don't send  
a supplement telling you what  
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is Manchester, but the station is  
Barrett's, between two tunnels –  
I found a way to send my  
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Sep 28th      M. P. Shelby

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