

NOTE: This is an intricate and very small cut work of two hearts, one yellow and one pink, woven together by a green arrow, very possibly made for Amanda's birthday. I have dated as Elizabeth became Mrs. Ingels in July of 1837. She used thin newsprint like paper in the three colors. It is truly amazing that it has survived unbroken for all these years. **Dating 1836 8/1**

Made for Amanda Bruen

by **Elizabeth Bruen**

Yellow heart with two birds:

On birds: from & her

On the heart: Amanda Bruen

Green Arrow: "L" for Love

Pink heart with two birds:

On birds: sis & ter

On the heart: Elizabeth Bruen



NOTE: Calling Cards of Miss Elizabeth Louisa Bruen - **Dating 1837 ???**

Dated before Elizabeth's marriage to Henry Boone Ingels July of 1837

Two are beautifully colored with a wreath of green leaves and pink flowers encircling the engraved Miss E. L. Bruen. The small one is engraved with Miss E. L. Bruen with M. L. Halstead (Maria Leonard) in pencil

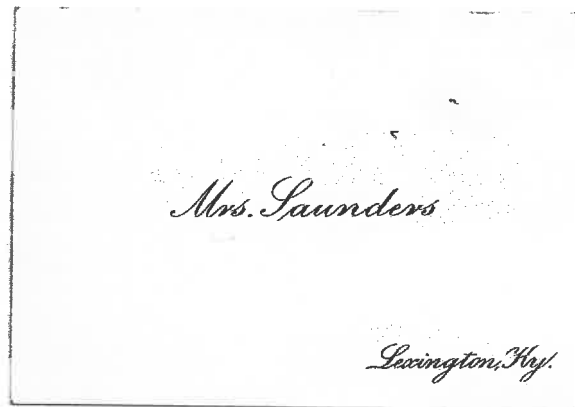
I am including one with similar writing here for **Miss E. L. Bruen** (19).

Also, the twin little calling card For **Miss A. A. Bruen** (Amanda Abigail - 13)



NOTE: Calling cards for Mrs. Saunders and Miss C. L. Saunders found in Amanda Abigail Bruen's items. This would be **Catherine (Aunt Cate) Saunders** and her daughter **Catherin (Cate) Louisa Saunders**, Amanda's cousin. I am dating 1838 ~~79~~.

5/23



NOTE: Elizabeth Bruen Ingels is about to turn 18 and has been married for almost one year. Her writing and drawings are not as fine as Amanda's, however, very readable and delightful to have. This letter has the sketches of two fashionable sleeves in it, drawn by Elizabeth. Mrs. Marian Penny Winthrop died after Marian Juliana's birth on May 2nd. Hon. Thomas M. Hickey married Mrs. Catherine A. Barry, May 20, 1838. I believe Mrs. Huggins to be Catherine, wife of Thomas H.. He was a wholesale/retail grocer and she probably traveled to Louisville to make purchases and seemed adapt at picking up latest gossip. Mrs. Huggins died in the 1849 Cholera epidemic. **Dating 1838 5/23**

No postmark – hand carried

In Haste

Miss Catherine (Cate) Louisa Saunders
Frankfort Kentucky

Mail (crossed out)
Politeness of
Mr. Maurouse

From: Elizabeth Bruen Ingels

Lexington May 23 1838

Dear Cate,

I am very sorry you think it is too much bother for us to write. I am assure you 'tis not so. You have received my letters by this time and I hope that I shall soon receive an answer. I saw Julia's letter yesterday and gave her the things you wrote for. You asked her to go the mantua – makers and get the latest patterns. I have seen several new dresses that have just come out. I wish to describe them to you and send you some patterns. Mrs. McCalaster has just received a fawn coloured embroidered silk or menins, I am not certain which. The sleeves are made full Bishop gathered about half way to the elbow. The gathers run all around the sleeve and are about half an inch apart. I will try and give you an idea how it looks, it is beautiful sleeve. (drawing) The bosoms and bodies are made the same (drawing) as your green figured dress. All are (drawing) bodice or pointed wasted. There is another way to make the sleeve. There are two cuffs that are laced to the elbow and at the hand.

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and plaited with bands and sometimes the cuffs like the top. (drawing) I do not know which sleeve I think the prettiest. (drawing) The ruffled sleeve is worn almost as much as (drawing) and I must now tell you the news that is if you can read this guess who is married? Mrs. Berry to Judge Hickey. They were married on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock in the Catholic Church and there was a splendid dinner party given to them on the same day. well in the next place there has been a trouble between Mrs. Honfleur and miss Rogers. Miss R left both boarding at Col. Dunham's and Mr. H School but she has returned again this week. now can you guess the reason she left it was jealousy. Mrs. H was jealous of Miss R & Mr. Honfleur it was very much talked about but I hope it will soon be hushed. You have heard of Mrs. Winthrope's death by Mrs. Presly. It was very much lamented by her friends. Mr. W. looks like a different man. Your dearly beloved Pop [drew two eyes(pop eyes)] was here yesterday evening and now is here. He commenced a school yesterday and no doubt will have a very fine one. Dear Cate, I am very sorry but it so happened I did not see the letter you wrote with my bonnet - to day I shall not trouble Mrs Huggins but will do all you require with a great deal of pleasure I can assure you.

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We are in the midst of house cleaning but will have finished, I hope by the time you visit here. we shall certainly expect you and Maria and I hope Aunt and all. Your friends inquire after you very often but you have entirely forgotten my trims(?) they are forth coming. I shall write when the frolick takes place. You must not disappoint me but be sure to come as I want you to be chief cook and bottle washer. Do not let any one see this for the world but you may tell all you are disposed to tell we all join in sending our love to you, cousin Elisa, Mr. Maurouse Cousin Maria, Aunt Saunders

Mrs. Little and all inquiring friends.

Cousin Alax was to see us a few moments yesterday evening and promised he would return after supper. Ma bet him a dollar he would not come. So you may tell him Ma expects her dollar. Remember us also to him. You must be sure and pay us a visit. From your affectionate Cousin E.L.I.

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You must excuse bad writing and mistakes. I have written with a stale pen and I can not make it go the way I want it tell Maria to write and you both answer my letters if you do not soon I shall feel hurt about it. Alaxander tells me you are very well pleased at any rate you must come and pay us a visit before long. we shall certainly expect you. if Alaxander calls before he leaves I will send the patterns of the dresses by him. Yours Tr
Good Bye
Elizabeth

Lexington May 23^d 1838-

Dear Kate

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 between Mrs Honfleur and Miss Rogers. Miss R
 left with boarding at Col Dunhams and Mr H.
 School but she has returned again this week
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 deal of pleasure I am sure yours

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 takes place you must not do appoint me
 but be sure and come as I want you
 to be chief cook and bottle washer do not
 let any one see this for this world
 but you may tell all you are disposed to
 tell me all yours are sending out
 to your cousin Eliza Mr. Mauney
 Cousin Maria Aunt Saunders
 Mrs. Little and all inquiring friends
 Cousin Alary was to see us a few moments
 yesterday evening and promised he would
 return after supper He bet here a dollar he
 would not be bet a dollar he would he did
 not come so you can say tell him I do
 expect her doll an merranber as also
 to him You must be sure and pray us
 a visit From your affectionate Cousin E. L.

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 D. J. P. Alexander

to the
 D. J. P.

My Mother & Sister
 D. J. P.

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NOTE: Amanda will be 14 years of age in two months, what grand writing. Dating 1838 6/5

Post marked Lexington Jun 6

Addressed to: Miss Catherine Saunders

Frankfort
Ky

From: Amanda Bruen

Lexington, June 5th 1838

Dear Cate,

I have sufficient excuse for not writing to you before this. Since I left school which is but one week we have been cleaning house and I have been making me some dresses and have not had time to write and as to writing while I was at school and learn(ing) my lessons it was utterly impossible. My fine teacher has ran off to my great astonishment. I think if I had been in his place I would have made choice of a prettier companion than old Suk, I think he was undoubtedly the greatest hypocrite I ever saw. I can scarcely believe that it is in the power of any one to feign so much distress he told all the girls Mrs. Honfleur was crazy. A very good way of accounting for his jealousy. It was believed by every one at best all his scholars & found out he drank several days before he ran off & had suspected for some time but was then convinced of it. They are advertised in the Intelligencer for to day. They are at Jeffersonville now. I expect they will be driven from there when they are found out. There has been several parties given her lately, there was one at Dr. Scotts Friday night given to Mrs. Isaac Scott and Mrs. Richardson gave a practicing party last week. I was at one party at Matthew T. Scotts week before last. Elizabeth has been sick for a week. Mary Pilkington told me to send her love to you when I wrote, she and the Crow tribe have been to

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Versailles for a week. A great belle has come to town, Miss Cummins from Maysville. It is reported that she worth half a million dollars and she has many beaus but the fun of it she is not worth five hundred dollars. She is not more than fifteen or sixteen. I suppose she thinks she is admired for herself and not a fortune.

I expect to go to school to Master Winthorp - he has just opened a school here and is going to teach at Colonel Thompson's Pa says. I had better stay home a while and attend to my music. There has been several deaths her lately but none of your friends, Mr. Logan was to see us some time since, it would do you good to see him

and hear him talk. He has a new pair of pantaloons & gloves. I expect he intends to go down to see you. Joe is still going to school to him, MR Crow is teaching a school here. I suppose he could not live so far from Molly any longer.

Tell Maria she must excuse my not getting the silk for her, but I forgot every thing about it. Tell Maria I think she might write to me, I expect you and her have a great many beans. I have not any news to tell you but that we have nearly finished the house and the blinds are done Ma expects you and Maria to come up soon and pay us a visit, we have been expecting you some time Julia said you intended coming up soon. Mrs. Ashton had her frolic some time before you wrote me. I saw Emily Hale Sunday. She looked very well, all the Hunts, Bodleys & Warfields came back to church. They spite the Bishop a great deal. I heard

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that that was their intention in returning to the church – the church quite full, Mr. Ward, Nash & Crow preached for us now. Mr. Winthorp preaches occasionally. Give my best love to aunt and tell her I expect she is a great belle down there. I would be very much pleased to have Liz Selby for a cousin. Mr. Proziminski is going to teach here if he can obtain a class which I think is very doubtful. I hear his school was blown up at Frankfort. Mr. Vangas is also going to open a school here. He came here this evening to get me to write the names of Mr. Honfleur's scholars. It is the general opinion that he will meet with (torn off – approval?) Give my love to, aunt, Maria, Cousin Elisa & Mr. Maurous and all inquiring friends.

I remain your affectionate cousin
Amanda Bruen

P. S. You will oblige me very much to answer this soon – excuse bad writing & – All send their love to you and all the family,
A.B.

Lexington June 5th 1838. 3

Dear Kate,

I have sufficient excuses for not writing to you before this, since I left school which is but one week we have been plowing hours and I have been making me some dresses and have not had time to write and as to writing while I was at school and learn my lessons my lessons it was utterly impossible, my fine teacher had ran off to my great astonishment, I think if I had been in his place I would have made choice of a prettier companion than Mr. Suk, I think he was undoubtedly the greatest hypocrite I ever saw I can scarcely believe that it is up the power of any one to feel so much distress he told all the girls Mrs. ^{and} Houghton was crazy a very good way of accounting for his folly it was believed by every one at least all his scholars I found out he drank several days before he ran off I had suspected him for some time but was then convinced of it, they are advertised in the Intelligencer for to day. they are at Jeffersonville now I expect they will be driven from there when they are found out there has been several parties given here lately, there was one at Dr. Scotts Friday night given to Mrs Isaac Scott, and Mrs Richardson's I gave a protracted party last week, I was at one party at Matthew T. Scotts week before last Elizabeth has been sick for a week, Mary Pilkington told me to send her love to you when I wrote, she and the crew tribe have been to

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That that was their intention in returning to the church.
 The church quite full, Mr. Wood's class of Brown preached for
 us now. Mrs. Winter's preaches occasionally. You may best
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 get me to write the names of Mr. Herford's scholars.
 It is the general opinion that he will meet with a
 good success. Love to, Aunt Maria, Cousin Elizabeth of Mrs. Wood
 and all inquiring friends.

I remain your affectionate cousin
 Amanda Brum

P.S. If you will oblige me very much to answer the com-
 munication had writing of C. All send their love to you
 and all the family.

AB

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Mr. William Saunders
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Frankfort
Ky

FRANKFORT
KY

Ky

NOTE: In Amanda's writing on one side a referred "Wandering Willie" sent to her from her cousin Cate Saunders (see next letter) and on the back a portion of a poem, quite possibly authored by Amanda during or about her trip to Europe not made until April of 1841. This might have been torn from a journal of her writing or simply her recording poetry.

Amanda Bruen

The little song "Wandering Willie" is referred to in next letter to Cate: **Aug. 1838**

Wandering Willie

Here and there and wandering Willie
Here and there and hand and home
Come to my bosoms my dear only dearie.
And tell me thou bringest my Will the same.
Winter winds blew cold & loud at our parting,
Fear for my Willie brought tears to my 'e
Oh welcome the summer & welcome my Willie
The summer to nature but Willie to me.
(in pencil) repeat repeat

Rest ye wild storms in the caves of your slumbers,
How your dread howling a lover alarms –
Waken (torn off)

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A bark flew over the waters,
When morning crossed the main,
But now who hailed that vessel,
E'er welcomed it again,
Calm as infants slumber,
Were the billows of the deep,
But fleeting as a sunbeam,
Was ocean's faithless sleep.
For tempest clouds were rushing

(rest torn off)

Note on side: off off said the stranger

Handwritten scribbles at the top of the page.

Wandering Willie.

How'd you there now, wandering Willie,

How'd you there now, hand ~~there~~ home,

Come to my bosom my love only dearest.

And tell me thro' bright my Willie the same

Wenten winds flew cold & loud at our parting,

How for my Willie bright tears to my eye

Oh welcome the summer & welcome my Willie,

The summer to nature but Willie to me.

17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22.

But ye wild storm on the eaves of your chamber,

How your dread howling a poor alarm -

Make us be all ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~time~~

Large decorative flourish consisting of overlapping loops and swirls.

A bark flew over the water.

When morning crept the main.

But now who heeded that wail,

To'er welcome of it again.

Calm as infants slumber,

Over the billows of the deep.

But ~~starting~~ as a funbeam,

Was ocean's faithless sleep.

How promptly clouds were rushing.

Amanda
Amanda

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Ab
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NOTE: Amanda has just turned 14 on the 1st of August. Sarah (Busy) Bruen would be 10 years old. Major Shelby would be Major Thomas Hart Shelby, neighbor of James – both sons of the Governor. E. Shelby would be Elizabeth Fontaine Shelby the Major's daughter that was the same age as Amanda

In Lucretia's great granddaughter's journal, it is noted, "Henry Clay, a young lawyer, came to Lexington in 1797. Although penniless and almost friendless in the midst of a distigued Bar, he was full of courage and of hope. Very soon he was a constant and welcome visitor at the hospitable home of Colonel Hart where two charming unmarried daughters and the first piano brought to Lexington, made an attractive social center; and when young people gathered at her home, Lucretia played for them to dance. Two time-stained pieder of music, *The Lexington Grand Waltz* and *The Ashland Quadrilles*, dedicated to Mrs. Henry Clay by **Professor Wilhelm Iucho**, are tributes to her musical ability." (Simpson, *Letter to*)

"Clay surely did not choose Lucretia because of her 'good face, form, or personal appearance' since she, like her husband, lacked physical beauty. Far more important were her amiable disposition and family connections, for the marriage placed Clay among the best and most influential economic and political circles in Kentucky. He now had impeccable connections that allied him to some of the most eminent families in the state. He married as well as his highest expectations could have demanded. Dark-eyed and dark-haired, lively and plain-looking indeed, 'a very plain and unadmired woman' by eastern standards - she nonetheless captured Clay's fancy. In describing her, all observers, even the most sophisticated and cynical in Washington, said she was 'kind,' 'good,' and 'above all discreet.' During the many years she lived in the capital it was reported that she never made a single enemy." (Remini)

Post marked Lexington Aug 25 2 or 6 (cents?)

Addressed to: Miss Catherine Saunders
Frankfort
Ky

From: Amanda Bruen

Lexington, Aug 22, 1838

Dear Cate,

I received both of your letters and had not time to answer them before. I sincerely sympathize with you on having such a disagreeable visitor as a tooth ache, it paid me a quite a long visit lately. I suppose becoming tired of my complaints it left me for more agreeable company. How are you pleased with Mas. Bullock & do you think he is handsome? you do not seem to like the gentlemen of Frankfort. I admire that song very much & think I must get Mr. Iucho to put some music to it. I should like to know what Willy it is that you write so much about. he seems to occupy all your thoughts. do write and inform who he is. Has Liz Selby returned yet. I heard that Isabella and Mr. Thomas were to be married when I was in Frankfort, is Buckly in Frankfort yet? Is he still courting Liz Selby? You promised Pa that you would come up here this week or next. I hope you intend to fulfil your promise, we expect you morning and evening you must be sure to come, for I am

certain that a sight of your old beaus Jimmy – Johnny, Jacob &c would cure you instantly, take my advice and try that remedy – did Maria receive our letters of blots. I don't expect she could read the letter for the blots, did she not think that I was very hasty in answering her letter. Busy is going out to Major

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Shelby's to spent the rest of the summer, perhaps E. Shelby will remain here while Busy is out there. It would be impossible for me to give an idea of the various kinds of dresses, bonnets and veils which are worn. I never saw such a variety in all my life. It would require a wardrobe like Queen Elizabeth's to keep your dresses always in fashion, however I will try to give you some idea of the different fashions. Black and coloured silks are chiefly worn. I suppose the fashion of wearing black lace caps and shawls has reached Frankfort before this. they are very fashionable here – plain straw bonnets are very much worn & black lace veils. You asked me if they wore strings around the waist, that fashion has not yet arrived. I will now answer your inquiries respecting Mrs. Little, she is still at Mrs. Huggins. I have not been to Mrs. Huggins lately, and I don't know whether she received your letter – I don't any thing about the straw Mary Pilkington is turning out. I think Mrs. Crow has assisted her in that. If you do not come up soon you will find her transformed into Mrs. Crow. That would indeed be a change, but you must come up before Elizabeth's frolic, if you should be caught in one it would not be very agreeable. We are waiting very patiently for your arrival. Though I have waited so long that my patience is nearly exhausted. I must bring my letter to a close as I have no news to write. I forgot to tell you that Jimmy Logue has purchased another house and lot. He is repairing the house and fitting it up very nicely. He says he is going to be married, he has given up his

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school and I heard that he intended to open a female school and get a lady to assist him, Mrs. Bishop Smith intends to open a school when she returns. I expect to go to her. I am tired of staying at home. I want to go to school again, all the family send their love and wish very much to see you all, answer this soon.

Yours affectionately
Amanda

P.S. Give my best love to all, if some of you do not come up soon we will never forgive you excuse the writing as it is with the greatest difficulty that I can make a mark with this pen.

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Yours affectionately
Amanda

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A.B.

see to
write

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Shelby Bruen Saunders
Frankfort
Kentucky

Handwritten scribbles and marks on the right side of the page.

Circular stamp or mark containing the letters 'L' and 'C'.

NOTE: Postmarked: Lexington Jan 19 6 (cents) in corner Interesting comments Bishop's salary, dancing. Rev. Edward F. Berkley married Ann S. Maury, May 2, 1839; Oliver Frazer married Martha Mitchell, December 25, 1838; Charles Crow married Mary Jane Pilkington, October 17 1839. **Dating 1839 1/14**

Postmarked: Lexington Jan 19 2 or 6 (cents) in corner

Addressed to: Miss Catherine Saunders

Frankfort
Kentucky

From: Elizabeth Bruen Ingels

White Hall **Jan 14th 1839**

Dear Cate,

Your letter was received with pleasure by all the family as it has been some time since we heard from Stony point. Maria is so busy she does not think it worth while to answer my letter. I believe it has been a month since I wrote and about six weeks since we have heard from you whether you were dead or alive. I suppose by this time you have heard Mr. Berkley has accepted the call given him to supply the Bishops place as rector he is to receive \$900 from the church and Mr. A. O. Newton is so well pleased with Mr. B that he is giving \$100 a year which will make his salary \$1000. I suppose he will be married immediately to Miss Maury.

Crow & Mary are not married yet. They spent the evening here last week he was all love, she was all fire & toe but I think from appearances it will take place before spring. Oliver Frazer and Miss Martha Mitchell were married about two weeks since and except Crows wedding in prospect there is a perfect stagnation of any such thing as weddings or courting going on but there is plenty of flirting the girls they dance, they float and smile yet the men they wont propose. There is no less than twenty young ladies over twenty and some on the wrong side of thirty years old and what is to become of them. I am sure I cannot tell. Amanda has as

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many beaux as ever but treats them with as much contempt as is imaginable and is determined to be an old maid and live in single blessedness almost all her time is occupied

with her studies and music. & she has not time to entertain any beaux. Your much admired friend and lover Emily is again showing him self in society and galanting the girls about he took his departure last week for the South where it is hoped he will settle to be seen no more again in this world. There is every variety of Beaus here this winter to attend the lectures from five feet to 7 in appearance the town seems filled with them but we have nothing to do with them again many of them call but we give them no encouragement to come again so there is an end of them we will put off our visit till spring if we have to sell then when Amanda will have vacation and it will be much pleasanter then to romp about the hills than it is now, though its like spring weather now. but we cannot tell how many how long it will last. Boon has been absent since on the Liking river I expect him home to morrow or next day. Tell Aunt Saunders here once more and to hear her and Ma talking on their old favorite topic bishop Smith, Dr. Cook &c. Tom McCalla has just called so I will stop until he goes perhaps I can hear some thing new from him he always

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E L Ingels

White Plains Jan. 14th 1839.

Dear Cate

Your letter was received with pleasure by all the family as it has been some time since we heard from Stony Point. Maria is so busy she does not think it worth while to answer my letter. I believe it has been a month since I wrote and about six weeks since we have heard from you whether you were dead or alive. I suppose by this time you have heard Mr. Beekly has accepted the call given him to supply the Broops place as rector he is to receive \$900 from the church and Mr. B. O. Norton is so well pleased with Mr. B. that he is going \$100 a year which will make his salary \$1000. I suppose he will be married immediately to Miss Maury. Crow & Mary are not married yet they spent ~~the~~ evening he last week here was all love she is as at five & ten but I think soon appear as it will take place before spring. Oliver Inager and Miss Martha Mitchell were married about two weeks since and except Crow's wedding in prospect there is a perfect stagnation of any such thing as weddings or courtship going on but there is plenty of flirting the girls they dance they flirt and smile yet the men they wont propose. There is no less than twenty young ladies over twenty and some on the wrong side of thirty years old and what is to become of them I am sure I cannot tell. Amanda has as

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Miss Catherine Saunders
Frankfort
Kentucky

to
Mrs
S. B.

NOTE: This was among undated material found with Amanda's letters and is in her writing. It seems appropriate to place here as a follow up to Elizabeth's comments on dancing and she has most probably been an observer at the parties attended by her older sister!

At the bottom one of the names written is Jane W. Mitchell. Jane's father Dr. Thomas Duche Mitchell is a formidable teaching doctor who come to Transylvania as Dean of the School of Medicine in 1835. They stay for about ten years. Her older sister Susan Budd Mitchell marries Isaac W. Scott in Lexington and remains there after the family returns to Philadelphia. Later she enjoys corresponding with Jane Mitchell.

Amanda Abigail Bruen was a student; she loved learning, writing and composing. Her school books reflect that, however her arithmetic was not always correct. She was also an artist as evidenced by the numerous doodles and drawings on these letters and papers. She was also a musician and played the piano. I believe this to be a rough draft for an assignment during her days of schooling – **Dating 1839 1/14**

A Philosophical Analysis of Dancing. –

Sir, said Mr. J. I have examined this matter with some diligence, but I really scarcely know what to say. Almost any other theme would have furnished me with something to contribute to the discussion, but what can I say on this? After all my labour, the sum and substance of the matter seems to be only this. A party of ladies and gentlemen (who elsewhere pass for intelligent and rational beings, assemble in the ball room. Some may array themselves in opposing lines. Presently, a young lady jumps up from the floor, shakes one foot and comes down, again, again, she springs up and the other foot quivers. Then she turns around in her place springs up and shakes up both feet, her intelligent partner opposite, performs the same operations. Then both rush forward, and siege each others hand, jump up again then shake their feet and stand still. The next lady and and gentleman very rationally and soberly follow their example jumping, shaking, and turning, and so on to the end. And all for no other reason, that I can perceive, than because black coffee sits in the corner yonder, drawing horse-hairs across a catgut!

A Parody.

Lots of name doodles at bottom of page including: Amanda Bruen, Tho H Shelby, Louisa Smith, Lexington, Jane H. Mitchell and a sketch of a peony.

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Lots of pen scratches and this: Saw upon honour!

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Amanda Quinn
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NOTE: The Saunders are now in Louisville but soon will be in Paducah or possibly Cousin Catherine is at school in Louisville. Elizabeth Ruth Warfield died June 9, 1840, the Darby's were married on Feb. 24th, Mary Ellen Shallcross was a classmate of Amanda's when the Bishop's school was in Lexington – she and her sister Eliza Jane were from Louisville and appear often in these early letters.

Postmarked: Lexington Feb 3 10 (cents?)

Addressed to: Miss Catherine (Louise) Saunders
Louisville, Kentucky

From: Amanda Bruen

Lexington Ky. February 1st, 1840

Dear Cousin,

Owing to several causes and in some measure to laziness, I have deferred fulfilling my promise of writing to you from week to week, from month to month, until as you may well suppose I am almost ashamed to, but "better late than never"! It is true I have been very much engaged with my studies, (do not think I am boasting) preparing for an Examination. It was a few days before Christmas. If you had seen me the week before you would have thought I had been going to be beheaded instead of being questioned a few hours before a few persons. Rosa Vertner and myself had to recite a piece of poetry before the august assembly. It jarred my nerves more than they had ever been before or since. I have had now responsibilities devolving upon me within the last two weeks, those of Aunt and Brides maid. On the nineteenth of January, Elizabeth and Mr. Henry B. Ingels were blessed with a fine daughter. She has called it Maria Louise after yourself and cousin Maria. It is a perfect beauty, the image of its mother with black eyes and hair. Elizabeth is very well. You must come up and see your little namesake. Amanda Richardson is to be married in a short time to Dr. (John) Darby and I am to be her brides maid or a least one of them, the other is to be Miss Catherine Warren

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a cousin of hers. She is a fashionable young lady spending the winter here. I do not wish to wait on her for I do not know enough of such occasions to take such a conspicuous part, but she would not take a refusal. She is only sixteen. Do you not remember her? She was here several times when you paid us a visit. She is too young entirely and Dr. Darby remarkable only for his ugliness, he is almost twice as old as she is. A very unequal match as to age and looks, but in other respects a very good one for he is esteemed very highly here. Perhaps as Aunt Betty said of Mr. and Mrs. Crow, "the match was made in Heaven". Speaking of Crows, Mrs. Crow and Cousin Charles were here last Saturday. They have both improved very much in their looks, and are loving as can be. As

usual they made several inquiries after you. Mrs. Huggins is very well. All your friends at the Seminary are well. Virginia has improved very much in her playing. She has six scholars. There are several girls boarding there from Louisville. The Misses Shallcrosses, Miss M. J. Beard, and Miss I/J. Ormsly an orphan. Are you acquainted with any of them? or is Cousin Eliza? The Misses Shallcrosses are very much admired, indeed the oldest one approached nearer to perfection than any one I ever saw. Mrs. Hale was here yesterday, inquired after you, and said she wished to see you. Mrs. Craig always makes particular inquires after you.

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We never see or hear of Mrs. Little. I have not seen her this winter. Mrs. Swift, Mrs. Wolley (Woolley) and Mrs. Bodley were blessed with fine daughters two weeks ago. Mrs. Hunter (Margaret A. Bruce) had twins, a son and a boy (means daug. I think). Isaac Scott had a fine son the next morning after my niece was born. I cannot think of any more news. Several deaths have occurred here lately. Among them my most intimate friend, Elizabeth Warfield. She died three weeks ago after a very short illness of two weeks. She went to school to the Bishop and was with me constantly. I sincerely regret her death, she died very happy, and was perfectly calm and composed. Mrs. James and old Mr. Sutton died about six weeks ago.

All the family are perfectly well except Elizabeth and (she? torn off) is not very sick for she dined with us today, they all send their love to you & Cousin Eliza. Ma says she would be very happy to have a visit from you and Cousin Eliza next summer, give my love also,

I remain your affectionate cousin
Amanda Bruen

P.S. You must pardon my past negligence, in future I intend to make amends my past faults. Do answer this soon, and tell me all about Louisville, who you have become acquainted with, whether you have the headache now & how you employ yourself, in short all about your ladyship.

Washington, Ky., February 1st 1848

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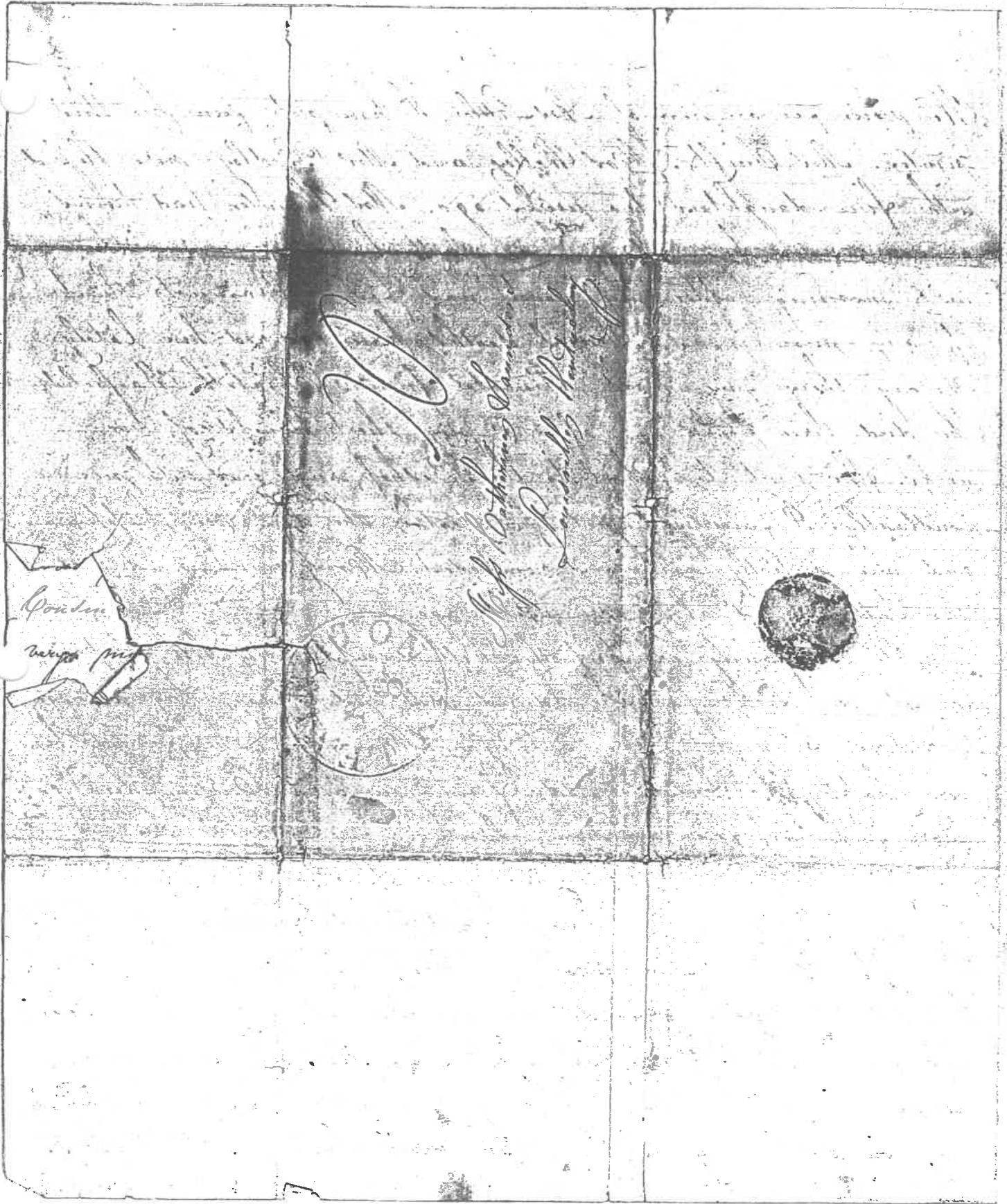
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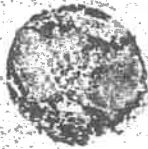
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St. Catherine's Church
Louisville, Kentucky

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NOTE: Mrs. Huggins seems to travel back and forth between Lexington and Louisville. **Dating 1840 2/9**

Postmarked: Louisville KY Feb 17 (rec'd date?)

Addressed to: Miss Catherine Saunders
Louisville
Kentucky

From: Elizabeth Bruen Ingels and Amanda Bruen

Lexington Feb. 9th 1840

Dear Cate,

At the risk of losing eye sight I must not let slip so good an opportunity of telling you how we are getting along and the news. I expect you have received by this time Amanda's letter and know that I am at last a mother and you have a namesake. I shall call my gal Maria Louise after your self and cousin Maria. You must come and see your namesake. She is the greatest little beauty you ever saw. She has black eyes & hair and will have a very fair skin and you know that is not often met with. Of course I would say she is pretty but you must come and indulge for yourself. But about the news, for the last six or seven Sabbaths there has been a birth sometimes & sometimes two on one day. And contemplated weddings. Amanda will be bridesmaid for Amanda Richardson in about two weeks. Mrs. Huggins will tell you every thing worth mentioning. You must excuse haste bad writing, mistakes & etc. The family all send their love to you, Cousin Eliza & family

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I am as well as ever. I have not been out yet, you know I must stay at home a month for decency sake. Do write me an answer by Mrs. H. and tell what is going on in Louisville. I wish you could see us over

your new niece such another talking, kissing, hugging & so that I am afraid we frighten away her senses. But I must close. Accept my best wishes and love

E L Ingels

P.S. Do not shew this to any one if you please.

Dear Cate,

You cannot with any justness complain of any negligence on my part lately, for this is the second letter I have written you within the last two weeks. Good opportunities are not to be neglected, so I take the present one of informing you of the health of myself and niece. Your little namesake has improved very much in looks since I wrote to you. She is a perfect beauty and every one says so. We are all very proud of her, how could we be otherwise? There is a great deal of sickness in Lexington at present. Your old beau William Shackelford has returned, but alas! his blue eyed Cate has fled and left her Bill to mourn. You ought to come and comfort him. Mr. Christy has moved his Auction room in one of the new houses. Mrs. James McKinney has a fine son. Mrs. Ashton's brother paid her

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from your ever affectionate cousin
Amanda Bruen

P.S. Answer this and my other letter by Mrs. Huggins. I should like to hear from your ladyship respecting your health, etc. Give my love to all and accept it yourself. All the family send their love. Once more adieu

Dobbin (Perhaps a childhood nickname?)

Lexington Feb 9th 1840

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Handwritten text, possibly an address or recipient name, including the word "London" at the bottom.

et A Bruen

Handwritten signature or initials in the bottom right corner.

Because this states Miss Bruen & Saturday May 25th – by calendar it has to be 1840

To Amanda Bruen

From Mr. & Mrs. Anderson

Mr. & Mrs. Anderson request
the pleasure of Miss Bruen's
company on Tuesday evening
next at 8 o'clock.

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Saturday May 25th

NOTE: I believe this to be Harriet Staples Douglass Smith, 2nd wife of Bishop Benjamin Bosworth Smith. They ran a school along with his church duties. A few years later in Louisville, his daughters Elizabeth and Virginia from his first marriage, helped to run a school. This letter was written a few days after Amanda had turned 16.

Probably handcarried –

Addressed to: Mrs. H. D. Smith (Mrs. Bishop B. B. Smith)
Lexington, Ky.

From: Amanda Bruen

Lexington August 4th 1840

My Kind Teacher,

When I last wrote to you it was under the pleasing influence of change, but now the novelty of the change has worn off and what I a week or two ago called delightful now appears under the form of a hated composition. The task is allotted to me and I must hasten to perform it.

Vacation is again approaching, promising us ease, and recreation, exemption from study, and to some of my companions giving an opportunity for visiting “home” and again filling their places in the domestic circle. It indeed flatters you my teacher, and in your pupils, with prospects of ease and recreation. To you it will be a pleasant respite and to us one no less so. We will arise each morning with the happy fact ever present in our minds, “no books today”! – this freedom will soon end and we will again resort to our constant companions our school books, then almost dusty with neglect. Our very cessation from study, will strengthen our love for it, and prepare us to renew it again with alacrity. It will afford to many the privilege of returning to their homes, to meet fond parents, brothers, sisters, and friends, to recount to them their joys and trials.

But this same joyfully anticipated vacation may be mixed in another light as it may bring separation; our number may be broken, and some of those who now form part of our classes for recitation and join with us in listening to your kind instructions may leave and form other friends, forgetting school with its delightful associations. This anticipated time of pleasure and ease may be one of disease and pain. Or death,

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may intervene and snatch from our circle one or more leaving in their places a blank, filled in the gay portions, an hour of study only by sad remembrance. Like one dear lost companion we may pass it on a sick bed, and end it in eternity. It was her unexpected lot, and may it not be ours? May we all prepare for such a change, then when our voice is missed in the merry laugh, and hour of recitation, its absence

will be cheered by the sweet assurance that in another land it is employed in praise to God.

That the ensuing vacation may pass pleasantly to you, and us, that it may prove beneficial to us in invigorating our minds with new strength to study, and anxiety to excel in it, and that in all may meet again in health and in hope of,

Your pupil Amanda.

Shelby, August 2nd 1840

My kind regards,

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Mrs. M. D. Smith
Sept 11

Poem by Miss Rosa Griffith – shopping list on the back (possibly Elizabeth's)

Written out by Sarah Bruen: She would be just 12 years of age on this date.

August 4, 1840, Coronation of Bishop Smith's school

Farewell Song

Bright hour of summer lilies,
Floating so swiftly by,
Like painted ripples on a stream,
Ye are born and glisten but to die.

We cull from scented garden flowers,
And for our young queen twine,
To bind on her fair smiling brow,
Those last sweet flowers of thine.

E're thou art grown glad summer,
Our friends at home to greet,
With thine to spend thy last bright hours,
When Autumn comes again to meet.

Oh! dear to us all is this fun spot,
Where we meet our minds to stow,
With useful knowledge that shall last,
Then fleeting youth is ours no more.

Beloved instructors now farewell!
Your tenderest care to us is given,
Be every blessing your reward on earth,
And a happy home in Heaven.

Adieu! oh gladsome summer,
May we meet ere long to dwell,
In friendship happiness and peace,
We go: farewell! farewell!

Composed by Miss Rosa (Vertner) Griffith, August 4th 1840
Coronation of Bishop Smith's school

Sarah Bruen

NOTE: Grocery(?) List on the back

Old Middling's	Salt	Potatoes for seed
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Summer Song.
Bright hours of summer days,
Passing so swiftly by,
Delighted ripples on a stream
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We will from beautiful garden flowers,
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To kind on in fair smiling bow,
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One throw out gone of last summer,
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When Autumn comes again to meet.

Oh! dear to us all is this fair spot,
Where we meet our friends to show,
With useful knowledge that shall last,
Then flitting youth is ours no more,

Beloved instructors now farewell!
Your tenderest care to us is given
Be every blessing your reward on earth,
And a happy home in Heaven.

Adieu! Oh glad some summer,
May we meet ere long to dwell,
In peaceful life, happiness, and peace,
We go farewell! farewell!

Composed by Miss Rosa Griffith August 4th 1840
Evacuation of Bishop Smith's school.

Sarah Bruen

Old missing

Salt

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Commission

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NOTE: Crowe should be spelled Crow, O'Bannion should be O'Bannon. Seal blocks a few words. Bilious fever was an early name for yellow fever, mosquito transmitted virus that could run from a mild case to being fatal. Paducah information follows.

Postmarked: Lexington Sep 19 large 28 in upper right hand corner (cents?)

Addressed to: Mrs. Philip Maurous
Paducah Kentucky

Care of Philip Maurous, Esq.

From: Amanda Bruen

Lexington, Sept. 16th 1840

Dear Cousin, (Eliza Maurous)

Although it is long since I received your letter, and have not yet answered it, you must not attribute my silence to forgetfulness for I assure it is not owing to it, but entirely to the indulgence of my old habit – procrastination. I have deferred writing from month to month, week to week, day to day, hour to hour, until now six months have passed away, yet I have no apology to offer, and all I can do or say, is to beg your forgiveness. –

I will commence with family affairs, Pa is well and looks the same, with the exception of a slight increase of corpulency. Ma has been very sick for four weeks with an attack of the bilious fever, but has now recovered. Elizabeth and Boon are perfectly well. They have given up all idea of going to Missouri and intend to remain living with us. And, Maria! – how shall I commence about her? it would be vain to attempt to find words to express my love for her, or her unrivalled beauty and sweetness. She is two feet, six inches in length, for I have just measured, her weight is twenty pounds. She has dark brown silken hair, (I cannot tell whether it will be glossy or not.) Her skin is smooth and fair, she has dark blue eyes, and long black lashes; a pretty nose, full mouth, and coral lips.

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Her neck is perfect, fat and white, her arm is faultless; her hands are dimpled. in short she has not one defect. She can stand alone, sit alone, laugh loud, and almost talk. She is now sitting by me laughing, and with a box in her hand beating most unmercifully on her little knees. Busy and me are still going to school to the Bishops. I am studying french with Mr. Montegrier, he is an excellent teacher, very strict, always an accompanying quality of one! I am still taking music lessons of Mr. Iucho. I had the extreme pleasure yesterday afternoon of seeing Miss Catherine Eliza Crowe,

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Crowe aged two months. She is considered quite a pretty baby, she has blue eyes, and red hair, is about one fifth as large as Maria. Mary Crowe has been dangerously ill for four months, she is not yet able to walk. Mrs. Huggins, and Miss Matilda are well. Mrs. Cane has been here a month under Dr. Dudley's care, it was thought several times that she was dying, but she has now returned to Louisville. The last time we heard from her she was no better, she has the Dropsy; it is the opinion of all the physicians that she will never recover.

Mrs. Hale was here some time since, she was very well, and also both of her children. Several wedding have taken place lately, Julia Warfield has been married to Mr. Frank Hunt, Jane LeGrande to Mr. Richard Higgins, Dr. Pinckard to Miss Lyle, Mr. Nash to Miss Maury, Mary Rhodes to Mr. Wilson,

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The citizens of

Lexington are in great excitement about the celebrated singer Mr. H. Russell, who has given a number of concerts. He sings admirably, very loud, and distinctly. We have been twice, the songs which he sings are generally of his own composition, he has made a thousand dollars since he has been here, he always has a crowded house. Mr. Rainy has failed, and is selling out his goods at cost, he has resigned his house, furniture, store and carriage into the hands of his creditors. Ruth Theobalds and Mary E. Warfield were here last week, Ruth looks the same, and is as wild and rattling as ever. Mary Ellen looks very badly; fashion and dissipation seem to have broken down her spirits and looks. Now Cousin Eliza pay attention to what I am going to say. We will expect you to pay us a visit this fall with Mr. Maurous, and Mr. and Mrs. O'Bannion. Mr. Ingels said that Cousin Maria told him that she and Mr. O'Bannion would certainly visit us this month, and we have been expecting them in every car and stage. Do come, we are so anxious to see you. All the family send their love to you. Give my love to Cousin Maria and tell

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her Elizabeth says that she is very much surprised that she has not answered her letter, and to Mr. Maurous and tell him he must certainly come, to Aunt and tell her that Busy is going to

write this week, to Cousin Cate and tell her that she must write to me that I wrote to her last.. Give my respects to Mr. O'Bannon

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and tell him that I and all the family are extremely anxious to see him, and would be very happy to have him pay us a visit very soon. Now Cousin Eliza after you have delivered all these messages for me I have one request to make of you and that is that you will answer this letter immediately, do and tell me every thing about Paducah and all the family. I assure you if you will that I will not be so long answering

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it again. Ma says give her best to Aunt and tell her that she would be very happy to see her and that all her friends inquire about her very often.

farewell – Your affectionate Cousin
Amanda Bruen

Write! write! I _____nts thee write soon!
We will be so disappointed if you do not come, I will look for you every day and hour.

Princeton, Sept. 16th 1840.

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NOTES: David Yandell was obviously a good family friend, possibly an admirer (see doodles) of Amanda's. He was the son of Dr. & Mrs. (Louise Elliston) Lunsford Pitts Yandell of Louisville. Possibly known from retreats to Springs...or boarding school, David became a doctor, married Frances Crutcher in 1851 and had 4 daughters. Mrs. Elizabeth would be her sister Mrs. Elizabeth Bruen Ingels. There is a calling card of Henry Pindell's in this collection. Sally Long may be Susan A. Long from Scott County.

Postmarked: Louisville, Ky. Dec 2 1840

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Addressed to: Miss Amanda Bruen

Lexington

Ky.

From: David W. Yandell

Louisville Ky. Nov. 29th 1840

Miss Amanda my love,

I now sit down to blot out a page or so to you to let you know; that I am still among the land of the living (although, that is not very interesting news.) I would like to open a correspondence, between us, if for nothing else, than just to know how all the folks are, as there are not many very pretty girls down here at best, and there are several in your place vis Miss Ward and several others. I received a letter the other day from our old acquaintance, Letitia Thompson, who was in Lexington some days ago, she says there were three parties given her. Who gave them to her? Who gave her the emerald ring? and especially who gave her a box of lip salve? She has joined the church, I suppose you all belong to the church, if you don't you must all join, for you know I joined several years ago, when I was young. What in the world, is Joe doing, I suppose he is dead in love with Miss Rosae. Where is Miss Rosae?

Tell him he must write to me. What is Miss Busy doing etc and where is Mrs. Elizabeth, (I forget her name)? I suppose you are ready to be a Mrs., invite me to your --- Maybe I will come 'let me know when

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tell you, riding in the morning & Evening and playing
Dice or something of the kind at night.

I suppose Henry Pindell and John McKinney are
the great beaus.

How many students are there in the Lexington Medical
School?

Give my best respects to your
Mother, Father, Busy and Joe
and ever believe me to be
Yours
the same till death shale
part us, David W. Yandell

an answer I expect soon
and a letter from
Joe and
Busy

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Amanda Doodles:

Mr. David..... A Yandell, Lexington, My old friend,
so I will when you come, Sally Long, Latitia, Jane

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And ever believe me to be
Yours
David Mc Sandell

The same full death shall
part us, David Mc Sandell

an answer I expect soon
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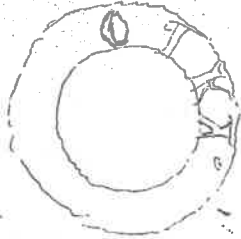
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Lexington

Lexington

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you dance.



Mr. Davis
Mr. Davis

Mr. G.

Sally Long

Letitia

Jane

James

My old friend

My old friend

My old friend

Shelby-Bruen

Shelby-Bruen



Mrs. Amanda Bruen

*Deputy Clerk
of the Court*



NOTE: This is a little piece of ribbon found among old family papers that was marked "Busy Bruen & ribbon in (bonnet) face lining as a young lady". **Sarah (Busy) Maria Bruen** who would have been 13 years old when her father and sisters returned from Europe in August 23, 1841 and it is easy to think that this ribbon might have been purchased for her during that time. This vibrant rose and black ribbon would make a beautiful statement used as a bonnet that was closest to the face giving a rosy glow to her youth. Her married name of Cronly is written beneath the words of face lining and I believe the "L" of lining incorrectly crossed as though a "T". Can't think of another reason this little piece was saved.

In 2012, Mother sent me a beautiful patchwork pillow which includes a piece of a dress Amanda purchased in Paris and this fabric made by Margery Bruen Stallcup. See pictures. **Dating 1841 8/23**





