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Letter written in 1873 from  
Cora Coffin Speed to her  
husband J. B. Speed when he  
was in New York

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From our friends & write me  
It was her own offer which  
I appreciate very highly.

Mother took Lucy & Hardy out  
to drive with her while I was  
down Portland they stopped  
to talk with the folks at 8<sup>th</sup>  
& Walnut but Mother did  
not get out all came to the  
carriage to see her. She & Lucy  
said she thought you was  
looking better than she had  
seen you for a long time  
I wish by & by now working  
& must be helping my dear  
friends & thus soon see them  
relatives possible - Mother  
sends much love & Ellen a  
kiss for papa always my  
darling yours devotedly  
Lora -

Louisville May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1873

Mr Swainheart, I did not write  
you yesterday after all, but it  
does not matter much as you will  
find this writing for you when  
you reach New York. - I was  
obliged to go down street  
in the morning to get the frame  
& Ry's plate & other necessary  
orders when I returned I  
devoted the rest of the day  
exclusively to finishing the  
pictures - I took it down this  
morning all were delighted  
with it - Mrs Holmes was  
quite enthusiastic about it  
Mrs H said she the eyes  
were now his finest & much  
better than in the plain  
photo - She said nothing  
I could have given her

would have pleased her  
so much - so I was quite  
happy - I wish you could  
have seen it - perhaps she  
will show it to you - Sky  
said now so glad he  
"got his thing" - the whistle  
with plain ribbon & gold dots  
delighted him - he accepted  
also a red scarf ribbon from  
father - a piece of Luggins  
dress & a watch from Olive  
she sent it in a message  
that he should come & see  
her & he promised he would  
with all his fine ornament  
Willie wrote first to me  
then Sky & lastly Mother  
Willie said as soon as I was  
able to begin my exercises to  
sit regularly as possible  
I should have a light tin horn  
made for them, they hope

will all things favorable to  
expect very soon & for me  
to see them without being  
intruded - He gave me  
assurances of affection & wotch  
ful care - Sky - much to my  
his amusement - Told me to  
keep "sum" all for him! - Willie  
said my lung was much better  
not to be anxious about my health  
they would take care of me - I  
asked how you were & your  
mother said well - when she  
said good bye she said "I am  
going now to Jimmy - Willie will  
go home with you & take little  
Douglas to play with Olive they  
did not like to write much  
because of Mrs H's time being  
very short - she bid me  
good bye with tears & embraced  
me warmly - she also said  
she would send communications

before coming, which was not  
very promising - she is neat  
& tidy like, cooks pretty well  
but seems opposed to work  
& prefers taking life easy. I  
have just discovered that she  
has dressed & gone out <sup>in</sup> immediately  
after washing her dinner dishes.  
It was not because there was  
nothing to do, perhaps dirt  
stained out her too hood & she  
felt uncomfortable so left  
to seek more congenial society.  
Is it possible I will have  
to look after father for the  
night out, I am afraid so -  
Oliver seems quite sick to her  
stomach I will have to close & go  
to her - I am a little anxious  
about her - She says she wants  
salt & water like paper fins - she  
sends you kisses with her Mama  
& Pato, - always yours lovingly Cora

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Louisville May 23<sup>d</sup>/43

My dearest Jim

I wish I had

something really interesting to  
write you but it is not my  
fault if I haven't & you made  
me promise to write to you every  
day which I am quite willing  
to do if I don't, often all, bore you  
I haven't been sleeping with  
any body but Olive so I have  
nothing yet to relate in that  
way - I try to report but this  
morning failed - It was stormy  
& threatening very night which  
interfered I suppose with my  
doing so - Our little girl does not  
sleep so she stayed with her mother  
was quite frantic & fretful  
all night & has complained



James B. Speed Esq  
Astor House  
New York City  
N.Y.

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frequently with pins in her  
towards through the day - I  
had her hair cut yesterday -  
it was so worn & she looks  
so cute - I said, swelling  
with pride how like her head  
is now to her father's - "Yes"  
said my father "it is singular  
bale head" - My indignation  
you can well imagine my  
dear, I need not then or now  
give expression to it - Mother  
& Muggie have both had colds  
Muggie was on her bed most  
of the day yesterday & today  
nothing but a cup of tea, but  
she is a little better today - She  
could not go down to mood  
It's with me yesterday much  
to her disappointment - They  
had some thing from us all  
now & we have given him

the opportunity of doing us  
some good by getting at  
any rate - half sick - Ask Mrs  
Hallie when you see her what  
the Dr thought of his picture  
Mrs H said I took the  
sweat out of that expression  
mouth of his & gave him his  
finest expression - which  
ought to please him - She  
said she would have her  
Dale with her & give you  
some writing in N.Y. so  
you are favored - How you  
made up your mind yet  
to kiss him? you must own  
up to me if you do -  
My new cook came yesterday  
about dinner time instead  
of 8 o'clock so she said  
her apology now that it was  
a holy day & she went to church

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Louisville May 24<sup>th</sup> 1873  
My Own dearest your little  
Sweetheart was quite a much  
delighted to receive your letter  
this morning so soon in the days  
of our first love & courtship  
It was not so much of a sur-  
prise as you imagined, I was  
impressed that I would  
set our firm that Smoky  
town, Pittsburg. The associa-  
tions of the place especially  
the hotel were not pleasant  
I know - at this time I  
thought of them & you with  
with sympathy for yourself  
& for me too - I wish you so  
much darling I could not  
forbear dropping a few upon  
you some of the things of yours  
you left for me to put away &

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James B. Spence Esq  
Astor House  
New York City  
LIOTT ST  
MAY 24 1873  
N.Y.

I got Mrs H. of Aunt Mary about three her & the receipt

I heard of one through Aunt  
Pochy - Miss Helen Cochran's  
Cook who she says is an ex-  
cellent servant - Miss Ellen is  
going to Europe but does not  
wish it known yet fearing  
her servants will leave her  
before the time - I will have  
Aunt P. see about her - she  
says I must not myself  
or Miss E. would think I  
wanted her off to get a cook  
- did not know she was  
so sensitive - did you?

Olivie is fretting again. I think  
is quite foolish I think I  
had best stop & give her a bath  
She says you must  
bring her some thing  
pretty from N.Y. - With love  
from us all - ever  
Your devotedly  
Lora

passing a kiss upon them -  
but then I am glad when  
you go since you are almost  
feeling better for the rest from  
so much business & that is the  
only way at present you can  
take any - I can see no im-  
provement what ever in my  
self - Olivie is still suffering  
in the way I told you of yesterday  
I got her this morning  
Skya's remedy for dysentery  
equal parts of Spiced Rhubarb  
& Castor Oil - I hope it will  
help her - but as yet it has  
not shown its effects - Mother  
is really sick from her cold  
she aches from head to foot  
So you see we are not all as  
our best - but I am trying hard  
to be cheerful & hope full - this  
domestic business is a discourag-  
ing one - my girl is not going to be





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our dear ones on the other side  
which is always a blessed privi-  
ledge - Heble told me to see  
Tuesday & evenings any way - if  
by myself until I leave - they  
woudntly like to keep up a  
regularly of times - Notion herself  
knows periodically which I sup-  
pose has some thing to do with  
it - I will sit tonight woud  
if it is after the next return, in  
my own room - which I suppose  
will be my only opportunity  
I have had such an favorable  
mother for manifestations of late  
thunder & lightning very coming  
since the one you left & stormy  
especially today at noon quite  
severe wind & hail lightning  
very near & vivid - I hope it will  
clear the atmosphere - No the  
you me today a book of Scotch  
songs - mostly Burns, which is quite  
a treat in store for me & you too

I hope when I come home I shall find it much better

F. F.

R. R. B.

Louisville Ky. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1875.

Wm. L. Vance Esq.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Sir = An occurrence <sup>here</sup> yesterday  
leads me to write you for information -

You may perhaps remember meeting me  
at Doctor Wolf's in Cincinnati -

For two years I have taken a great in-  
terest in the Manifestations given thro  
Mrs Hollis, and she tells me that you are  
interested, and that during her last visit  
to Memphis some very phenomena took place  
which are startling and puzzling - I refer  
to the taking of articles from locked  
drawers in your residence and producing  
them in dark circles at a distance -

I had heard of these feats, by which  
all known physical laws are disregarded,  
and but had seen nothing of them,  
and expressed my skepticism as to  
their accomplishment - On Tuesday the  
15<sup>th</sup> inst at a circle at Mrs H's - the  
Voices of Skywaker asked of me whether  
if some article should be brought into  
a circle here, and that article should

Belt & 2 4 inch boxes in Puff-puff

then be identified by you as having been  
in your possession in Memphis immediately  
previous to its production here, whether I  
would then believe it had been brought  
from Memphis by spiritual agency as  
claimed - I stated that if the identi-  
fication was made absolute that I  
would be satisfied -

Now, last night at a circle, two  
articles were brought, and Flyerwick  
stated that he had taken them from your  
room and ~~from~~ one of the articles  
was dropped at my feet and the  
other was thrown in Miss Preisler's lap -

I have thought it well to test the matter as  
well as you can wish to describe the articles  
until I hear from you - One of them was  
found to have come from the night band  
drawer of a desk in your room - the other  
to have been placed <sup>by you</sup> in a bureau drawer  
with a view to such a test as this.

Of course it is now necessary to show  
that these articles were in your possession <sup>in Memphis</sup>  
immediately preceding their delivery here,  
at 8 1/2 o'clock last night (the 23<sup>rd</sup>) -



An receipt of your letter this morning,  
I went at once to my desk drawer, The  
drawer contains such a quantity of  
articles, of such various kinds, the  
little objects of personal interest - which  
have been gathering for a life time, among  
them photographs - trinkets - special  
letters - mementos - gifts, some of which  
are quite trivial - Is your own opinion  
what an achievement it would be to  
discover at once the absence of any one  
thing, and yet have every article has  
been placed there, by my own hand, I  
could have no difficulty in identifying  
any that might be abstracted, if placed  
before me. Such identification would  
present the phenomenon, which you are  
investigating, just as forcibly to me,  
as if I could have named the article of  
which you ask, But of course it can  
not be so satisfactory to you.

As to the article said to have been  
taken from my bureau drawer -  
one placed there for a similar test -  
I can only remember some very  
photographs of myself, with dim  
spirit faces in the background, some  
of them were taken in Boston - some  
in Washington City, I also remember  
a small cotton ball, I placed  
other articles in that drawer and  
asked that they should be brought  
to me by SK, I cannot recall.

Mumfries.  
Feb. 27. 1875.

Mr. J. B. Speed.

Dear Sir

Your very  
interesting letter has just come to hand  
and I return your answer without delay.  
It is unquestionably a fact - however  
much opposed to known physical laws,  
that substantial articles were brought  
to me and to my wife, from locked drawers  
at my residence, near a mile distant,  
on two occasions at Mrs. Hall's' service,  
while she was here recently. One of  
the articles (my mother's miniature) was  
taken from the drawer (referred to in your  
letter) in my desk, in which I keep  
all the cherished mementos - trinkets,  
and personal valuables which are  
handled by myself only, - scarcely ever  
seen by any other eye, The key of which



drawer is of unusual pattern, and never out of my possession. This  
miniature is an exceedingly fine painting, done by Dodge more than  
26 years ago. An easy account highly valued by me. The other articles  
brought to us were - one, a curiously embroidered pin cushion, one my  
mother's, from a drawer in my wife's desk, the other article - at another  
time - was a silver snuff tray, which had belonged to my wife's grandfather  
and which usually lies on my dressing table. - But my old friend  
Ski has several times - at these Seances - achieved feats, which seem to  
me as marvellous, after their fashion, as those just related, for instance,  
while my wife and I were sitting in the dark circle, with closed doors, having  
just come near a mile from our home. Ski would relate to us, in minute  
detail, the various circumstances which had transpired at our house  
during the evening - and since we had left it - which, a half hour  
afterward, we found an accurate return, literally and exactly verified, some  
to the names of visitors in our parlors who were unknown to us - and the  
sports of the children in the nursery - when an older sister had shown them  
how to cut grotesque figures from paper, giving exact description of some  
of the figures - How another child had broken a cup at the water stand,  
the pieces of the cup we found on the floor, the children were in bed, but their  
paper figures <sup>were</sup> pinned to the wall and on the sides of the wardrobe. Besides  
this he told us of the other members of the family - in different parts of a large  
then stored house, how they were engaged, what were their movements &c. In  
every particular the facts were just as stated.

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was what they were, —  
I think without doubt that I shall  
be able to give you a satisfactory  
answer, as to whether the articles  
which purport to have been transported  
from my drawers — have been recently  
in my possession.

I shall soon hear from you, in  
relation to this curious matter,  
In the mean time — with kindest  
remembrances to Mrs. Hallie — I beg  
you to believe me

Very truly &c. &c.

Wm. L. Vance



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Louisville, Ky. March 2 1873.

Wm. V. Vance, Esq.,  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir - your interesting  
letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult has arrived this morning.  
Please accept my thanks for it.

It is very gratifying to me that the  
evidence supporting these exploits of  
"Ski" is so strong. To those of us  
who have watched patiently these inter-  
esting developments, and have received  
many convincing proofs of their genuine-  
ness and of the fundamental truth of  
the spiritual theory, it is not so necessary  
that each particular detail of a test like  
this of Ski's should be verified, but for  
the sake of others, who have not been  
so favored, I would like to ~~prove~~ <sup>have</sup> this test  
convincing, so far as the actual proving  
facts require - I mean I would like to  
elicit the facts in the manner that  
will be the most convincing -

I am sorry for this reason that you  
~~could~~ do not miss the articles produced  
in the circle here, and hope that with some

Suggestions of them you may be able to ~~do~~  
know, without an accurate description  
of them, which they are, and to show that  
they were in your possession in Memphis  
on the afternoon of Tuesday Feb. 23.

One of the articles (from Fifth hand drawer  
of your desk) is a memorandum book  
which shows for itself that it is your  
property. The other article from the other  
drawer I will not describe, <sup>yet</sup> the hope that  
a further examination you can say what  
it is. He stated in producing it that  
you had in placing it in the drawer ad-  
dressed a remark to him that he couldn't  
get that in Bob's file he "I got 'em" —

If you can also state whether or not the  
drawers in which these articles were placed  
were always kept locked and kept in your  
possession, and whether or not the medium  
has ever seen the contents of these drawers  
or been in the room containing them.



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Dear Sir - Two articles of the first  
March & Company looked in my desk, have  
disappeared since last evening & they  
are the case for an English 100 S. 100  
Choyut & drop of sailing. I have read long  
since the 3<sup>d</sup> of June in a ramble, & if  
they were safe I have taken numerous  
Copies for the security of the articles.  
I suppose I must have carried a letter which  
had been delivered to me & that today  
with enclosed, I have called upon this  
morning at 9. I had the article last at  
8. A. M. - of which W. L. Price

Louisville Ky. March 2<sup>d</sup> 1875.  
Wm. L. Kane Esq.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir - Your interesting letter  
of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. has arrived this morning.  
Please accept my thanks for it.

It is very gratifying that the evidence supporting  
these exploits of "Ski" is so strong. To those  
of us who have watched patiently these late  
developments, and have received many  
convincing proofs of their genuineness and  
of the fundamental truth of the spiritual  
theory, it is not so necessary that such  
details of a test like this of "Ski's" should be  
verified, but for the sake of those who have  
not been so favored, I would like to fortify  
this test as thoroughly as we can.

To do this I was in hopes that you  
would prize the articles and say which  
they are, subsequently to identify them  
absolutely - also to show, beyond any  
doubt, that the identical articles were  
in your possession in Memphis on the  
afternoon of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of February.

These facts proved, this transmission by

Super. physical laws is demonstrated.

As you do not prize the articles  
I will name one, a memorandum book  
containing your names and sundry personal  
accounts and memoranda. Perhaps you  
will prize it and care further describe it.

The other article I think from the tenor  
of your letter that you may find pleasing  
by a careful examination of the bureau  
drawers.

If you can state further that these  
drawers were always kept locked, with the  
keys in your possession and that the medium  
has never seen the contents of either of  
them or perhaps been in the room, it would  
add strength to the evidence, in case you  
know persons to have seen either  
of the articles on the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult.



Memphis

March 10<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mr. Wallis, I write a line, in haste to get  
in the mail - to inform of your offer, but should have  
not assumed that you think I wrote, in response  
to our former letter, otherwise we would inquire  
of our relation to some persons named thereby  
in it, but, had we known the name of our neighbors,  
I would ask if we were my father & ably  
Yours most truly,  
Geo. L. Weaver,

Mr. J. B. Spauld

Dear Sir

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After writing the above  
I concluded to add, in my inquiry to you under  
reference to Mr. A. - feeling impatient to know how far  
the occurrence, mentioned - going from a fact Mr. Wm. L. Jones,

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DR. N. B. WOLFE,  
Specialist for Treating Diseases of the

Nose, Throat, and Lungs.

CINCINNATI, O., 26<sup>th</sup> day, 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1875

Mr. J. B. Speed

Dear Sir. -

Your favor is to hand,  
for which am much obliged. - I write  
to say, that you may retain the  
Holland letter, until you either get  
a reply to it, or become satisfied  
that further trial would not result  
in success. Should you fail, I will  
then try Mansfield, or some of our  
local Medicines. - The spirits write  
very nicely for a young lady (spirit) medium  
who visits my house once a week,  
and as to talking, they (the spirits) do  
as much of it, as we desire. -

Be pleased to remember me kindly  
to your family; also Grand Ma Martin, and  
Mrs. Coffin, and believe me Yours truly  
N. B. Wolfe



Ms. A. B. Severance -  
Whitewater  
Walworth County  
Wisconsin

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Memphis Tenn.

April 5, 1875

Dear Sir

I answer, at once, yours from Pittsburg  
of the 1<sup>st</sup>. The details given by you of our old friend  
Shir's doings are quite interesting, and to one having  
life experience of these phenomena, - would seem almost  
marvellous. He was right about the pictures  
on porcelain, they were painted in Dresden.

He is also right in his statement, that Mr. Le Jeune  
slept at my house, in the front room over the parlor,  
on the 22<sup>d</sup> of February. We are able to identify the  
day accurately. Le Jeune manages a fruit farm  
for me, ten miles out on the rail road. His next  
neighbor, a well known man, died on the morning of  
the 22<sup>d</sup> - and Le Jeune came in town to get the requisite  
company for the burial, sleeping at my house that night.

And leaving the next morning at 3. to get an  
early train. He also staid at my house the night  
of the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Wrote last Friday the 2<sup>d</sup> inst. no one in my house  
has written to Mrs Hallis - I am quite certain - Since  
the short note which I wrote just previous to your  
visit here, which I started to write to her - but finished,  
and addressed to you. On last Friday my wife  
wrote, to acknowledge one of those wonderful letters  
written by a spirit friend through Mrs Hallis, which come  
sometimes to her - often to me. I appended a  
few lines to Ski, this is the only communication  
from my house - since you left here - to Mrs Hallis,  
and was written the day after the date of the letter  
which I ever saw answering. I did not read the  
lines written by my wife. But on both occasions you, with  
Mrs H-'s permission, to read all that we wrote.

Before your letter came, I prepared five articles,  
labeled them, and placed them in the right



hand drawn of my desk for Skio, asking that  
he would use them as he pleased, in his test  
feats. I find them as yet intact. If I miss any  
of them I will immediately write to you, to know  
if it be the work of the chief,

With kind remembrances to Mrs Hallie, I am

Very truly Yrs. H. H.

Wm L. Tance

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LOUISVILLE, KY,

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GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated Memphis Tenn 8 1875

Received at 9:50 am. Apr. 8.

To J. B. Speed  
49 Main St

Eye-glass case and smoked  
crystal taken last night

Wm L. Vause

8 paid

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21 May 1875

Dear Sir! I am very grateful for your kind letter and enclose hereby what you suggested. - I wish I could do something for you in return for your kindness to a perfect stranger to you or for Dr. Wolfe or Mrs. Hollis. - If ever I can be of any use to you or to them, you will do me a favour by mentioning it. - However, I know that the consciousness of helping a suffering brother is a reward of its own.

The books you mention I have read and follow the movement in America with great interest. - I long very much indeed to hear something of her I have lost in this life, but all my efforts in that direction have till now

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been without any Convincing success.  
However it is a great consolation for  
me, to know that a great medium and a  
good woman has taken my case in hand  
and that perhaps sooner or later the be-  
loved one will find the opportunity  
that is opened for her. to Communicate.

And I also feel that you ~~will~~ and your  
wife have sympathy with my great sor-  
row, and that I have, as it were, some  
faithful sentinels in America on the  
look out for what may come.

That is sufficient for my purpose.

I regret to state that the communica-  
tion you received through your wife  
is not correct; really not one fact you  
mention is according to the truth. Never-  
theless. I thank you for sending me the  
same. It will <sup>not</sup> discourage me in the  
least, and I think it the right course

to verify every message received. Other-  
wise you might be inclined to accept the  
unverified communications as truthful  
and thereby be led on a wrong track  
and to wrong convictions.

Yours sincerely

W. A. B. Speed. Esq.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,  
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y, } NEW YORK

Dated Memphis Tenn 10 1875

Received at 138 July 13

To J. R. Speed  
Cement Warehouse

Get ball carrying taken from  
Car at twelve Meridian today

M. L. Vance

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Sent dispatch to  
W. H. Vance 1 5.49. PM July 13.

Rec'd at 1 <sup>40</sup> PM  
July 13 <sup>15</sup>

2:07 P.M.  
Received at 917. Portland Avenue  
at 2.50 P.M. July 13. (Tuesday)

D. B. Jones



Memphis July 16, 1875.

Dear Sir

I avers of the 14<sup>th</sup> just rec<sup>d</sup>.

The special articles mispd from my drawer - as I wrote you - are one ear ring with small gilt ball, and a large ball - half silver & half gilt - pendant. The large ball etched with figures. The paper mispd - is a strip about as long as the width of this page, perhaps. It was fastened to a pair of silver buttons, one of the buttons thrust through it. The buttons remain, the paper is gone. I have ever habitually for many years, to fasten my shirt baser, - thru small gilt buttons. I have usually from three to eight or ten, on hand, that I may not be inconvenienced if I lose one that is in use. These buttons all have the spiral screw, I don't know how many I had on the 13<sup>th</sup> and I cannot - therefore - say whether I have lost one. I wish you would ask Shi Squett when he got the buttons, as I keep these, not in use, in a peculiar receptacle. -

My wife was up stairs - when the ear ring was taken - in the sewing room, with a lady, who visits the house intimately, and with the sewing girl, she was not conscious of the moment at which the ear ring was taken. But she knows

— and knows now, that it was in his ear but a few minutes previous, to the discovery of the leaf.

I do not remember the precise inscription on the paper fastened to the buttons — There are several other small articles specially placed in the drawer, at two different times, and marked "For Ski" two of these remaining, are dated April 3<sup>d</sup> 1875. With my name. — Not 13<sup>th</sup>.

He is perfectly correct — (So the several persons over who were standing by in my office, when my wife announced the occurrence of her loss to me) — that I exclaimed "it is very curious" — "Certainly very curious" — Several times,

Keep the articles — until I see you, I may be in Louisville within a few weeks — When I will find you — and I shall carry with me the fellows to the articles, which you have received. — Until then believe me —

Very sincerely,  
Yr. Servant,

Wm. L. Vance.

I have for some time been looking for one of the private letters — which I got through Mrs. Hollis — the explanation occasioned by her work in St. Louis, I suppose — delays the gratification

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WOOD-BURNT LIME

# J. B. SPEED & Co.

Successors to RHORER & SPEED,

OFFICE 119 WEST MAIN STREET,

Louisville, Ky. July 13<sup>th</sup> 1875.

Wm L. Vance Esq  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir = Your dispatch

that the sailing was missed at 12. Noon today was received by me at 1.40 P.M. By 2. P.M. I started to Mrs Hollis' residence. On arriving there, I said nothing of the matter but requested some plate-writing. The following message was promptly given over my mother's name "Ski is on his way here with the things, but is not here yet." I then waited perhaps 8 or 10 minutes when the sailing was produced on the plate under the table. I testified and will not let it go out of possession till it is done. Ski then wrote that if I would come tonight, he would produce a button which he had on the way.

The sailing was received at 2.45. P.M. today (Tuesday), and I telegraphed you to that effect a little before four P.M. requesting you to keep possession (in your own hands) of the photo of the sailing.

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So that there may be no chance for doubt  
as to the identity of the article.

Only two things now remain to make  
this test conclusive - 1<sup>st</sup> To identify  
the carrying beyond a question - in order  
to do this ~~shall I~~ ~~not~~ ~~letter~~ keep the  
carrying till I see you? or shall I send  
it by express? ~~under~~

2<sup>d</sup> To know from you or Mrs Fance  
where (at what hour today) the carrying  
was last positively seen.

As, as I infer from your telegram, Mrs Fance  
felt it taken from her car at noon, then  
the time in bringing it through was  
2 hours and three fourths - over a hundred  
miles an hour! -

With a proper verification of the identity  
~~and the time at Memphis and here, it~~  
seems to me this test makes our friend  
the champion in physical manifesta-  
tions - I feel much indebted for his  
efforts -

Yours in truth  
J. B. Speed.

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OFFICE 119 WEST MAIN STREET,

Louisville, Ky. July 14<sup>th</sup> 1875

Wm. H. Vance, Esq.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir: As I wrote you in my letter of yesterday, I attended the Deane's desk morning about 8 o'clock in by half past eight. He announced himself and produced two articles which he stated that he had taken from the right hand drawer of your private desk at 12 o'clock <sup>noon</sup> yesterday (at the same time that he took the job carrying from Mrs Vance's room).

These two articles are a bronze carrying with large and small ball pendants, and a small plain gold stick stud with spiral fastening. I have both articles in my pocket since receiving them.

His statements are as follows =

He says that Mrs Vance was up stairs when he took the carrying from her room, and that she felt it at the time (12 o'clock) - He says that he left the two articles (the bronze carrying & stud) in a tray on the tray and brought the job carrying on (received by

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(Mon or 2. 45. P.M.) - After an delivering this <sup>1500</sup> he  
returned for the two and found on reaching  
the spot that the articles, each of which  
was wrapped in a small piece of white  
paper, had fallen from the tree and had  
been taken up by a small boy, and put into  
who had placed them in his pocket - In this  
emergency the indomitable Indian says he  
proceeded to magnetize the youth, and  
succeeded in getting him to sleep, and  
in recovering the little parcels he did not  
get the papers - He said on leaving, <sup>the crystals</sup> that  
he was going after them again -

He said the papers were quite marked  
April 13 / 75 (Nov 1845<sup>th</sup> but / 75) with your  
name - I should have questioned him  
more at length, but he was evidently im-  
patient to look after those papers -

He seemed proud of this achievement and  
I think ~~it was~~ with some reason.

He also said that you remarked several  
times after missing the carrying "It is very  
curious"

I shall receive your statements in  
regard to this matter with deep interest, and

this man fully believes in the force that defers in the form



I open my letter to say - that  
since writing - I have received your  
letter confirming the amount  
above transaction which has  
just transpired - incredibly, & says  
to those who have had Samr Effman  
in such phenomena, - to most  
in the evening, which I described above,  
that Ski was to deliver you - not a  
button, I miss no button as yet.

Memphis Tenn  
July 14, 1875

Dear Sir

Write this minute,  
- Since receiving your telegram -  
I have been so profusely enjoyed,  
that I could not write you  
the particulars of our part in  
the strange occurrence of yesterday.  
At 12<sup>30</sup> I was writing in my  
office when my wife and a lady  
friend, who had been with her  
most of the morning, came in,  
quite flurried, and announced  
that she was confident her  
earring - a jet ball with facets  
& gold catch, had been taken from  
her ear, about a half hour before,  
I know that she had them the  
day before - she knows that both  
were in her ears but a little before



larger balls - with various settings on both.  
In the drawer, and lying beside the earrings  
was a pair of silver buttons, attached to a paper  
- which paper - I think - was inscribed with  
"For Ski." The paper is now now with the  
buttons, and these things I can see Mrs  
in my drawer the night before they were found  
together with several small trinkets which  
I had placed there to tempt our friend  
Ski. - This feat of Ski's is marvellous  
indeed! Compliment him for Mr, but  
thank him - I beg you also to remember  
most kindly to Mr. ~~Harold~~ to deny John and  
to bid them ~~me~~ - very sincerely &c Wm. L. Warner.

"She discovered the lof - the lady  
friend who was with my wife for  
near an hour previous to the lof &  
who is a skeptic as to such phenomena  
- knows that the two men in her ears,  
the sewing girl - in the room at  
the time of the lof (she is a Catholic)  
also avers the same fact, I  
telegraphed you just before 1. P. M.  
- my wife says that she was not  
aware of the moment at which the  
ring was taken from her ear. The  
lady visitor first observed the  
lof. - - -

I must mention to you that I  
miss from my right hand drawer  
- always locked - one of a pair  
of Earrings, silver gilt - with one  
quite small ball & catch, attached  
to which and pendant is a mark

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OFFICE 119 WEST MAIN STREET,

Louisville, Ky. July 15<sup>th</sup> 1875

Wm. A. Vance, Esq.  
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir - Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup>

is just changed & contents carefully noted.

Your statements concur with Sk's exactly,

except that <sup>you say</sup> "Mrs Vance was not conscious

of losing the parring at the time taken, while

Sk thinks that she felt it - This, however, is

not material <sup>to the fact of its being a transmission</sup> provides the proof that she had

them both in her care during the forenoon

is conclusion - ~~This shows the possession~~

~~of our letter proposed that each by three witnesses.~~

~~There being the forenoon - I certainly~~  
received it here at 2.45 P.M. -

Now in regard to the identity of these articles

I wish to offer <sup>a</sup> suggestion -

I narrated to Mr Fink this morning this

occurrence & showed him the articles brought

me, it had occurred to me to hand him

the articles & request you to send <sup>him</sup> the

notes to them for comparison - On Monday

if he was perfectly willing, so that if

agreeable to you please send by express

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under your private seal if you have one  
these notes of the three articles to Albert  
Hink - I have <sup>those rec'd with him</sup>  
This would give to the fed the ad-  
vantage of another witness here as to the identity  
of the articles - There are several of their Receipts  
In case I should receive the papers  
mentioned in my letter I will promptly  
advise you

Mr. F. will say nothing  
of this in the

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St. Louis  
Aug 25. 1875.

J. B. Speed Esq

Dear Sir.

You rec<sup>d</sup> several days since. Your recommendation of me is flattering & will be of great service, if any vacancy occurs among the acquaintances of your friends to whom you refer me. They have all treated me very kindly & been anxious to help me for the sake of obliging you. I can live here some cheaper than at Louisville. Rents are lower & most marketing somewhat cheaper. The books of the Wabash work are here & any inquiries in regard to the situation of acct. notes &c, I can answer you in writing. I will write to MacKenzie to-day, letting him know of my change of base, and ascertain how he is situated & if he hopes to get to work for himself.

Yours truly  
H. C. Longworth

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1102, N. Prairie St

Bloomington, Ill.

Sept. 30, '84

Mr. J. B. Spauld

Louisville, Ky. Main St.

Mr. Spauld Dear Sir

You will excuse  
me the liberty I take in  
asking you the favor I  
am about to ask but I hope  
and trust you will grant  
it. I have a mortgage of  
600 \$ on my house due  
26 of Oct. with 6 months



interest, I am unable to put  
it and would ask you  
the loan of it for 2 years  
and if you will without  
the 6 months interest until  
it is all due. I can pay  
in 2 years with the house  
rent, or when my 4 shares  
are due in Loan Assn. ~~in~~  
<sup>which will be</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> 2 years. I do  
not want to take a  
mortgage on my house but  
let me give you a note  
that is if you are willing  
to do that way. ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~paid~~ <sup>paid</sup>  
if you will be so kind  
I as to assist me in this  
my great trouble, you may

have every cent back in the  
time I specified. Love's  
being thrown out of Mr  
Gales Office, and former  
Lolay, has been a hinderer  
to me, in providing for  
the emergency. Our removal  
here and having to pay out  
has hindered also, and having  
to keep up those shares, in  
Loan, I have 100.00 in Bank  
in Indianapolis. But my  
taxes are 98.00 and that  
will have to be paid  
Please answer, and favorably  
I await the verdict.  
Yours Respectfully  
Mary Ella Parker

Boston May 9 1885

My Dear Sir

I have your favor  
of May 6 and thank  
you very much for thinking  
of sending me the  
photograph of Mr Lincoln.  
I shall be very glad  
to have it - Dr Green  
(of the W.M.) has recently  
told me some interesting  
anecdotes of Mr Lincoln  
& your uncle, relating  
to Mr L.'s start in life  
as a lawyer - some day  
I sh<sup>d</sup> like to tell you  
about - then if you were  
particulars if you happen  
to know about the circumstances.

Yours sincerely

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J. B. Spedden  
Lancaster  
W. H. Forbes

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C. J. K. JONES,  
CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH,  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

December 24<sup>th</sup> 1885

J. B. Speed Esq  
Louisville Ky.

My dear Mr Speed: Yours of the  
23<sup>rd</sup> inst with enclosure of check on  
National Bank. Thanks! You will  
remember that you paid me for  
this quarter some time since. I will  
let this go on the day of the New Year.  
Reciprocating your wish for a Merry  
Christmas, I trust also that the New  
Year may bring you more perfect health  
and deliver you from the misery of  
having an illly behaving stomach.  
Cordially Yours  
C. J. K. Jones.





L. LEONARD, PRESIDENT.

R. P. CANE, SECRETARY.

Louisville, Ky., April 27 1886

James B Speed Esq  
City

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of the "photograph" of Mr Lincoln sent by you; and for which I desire to express my thanks.

As one of the original admirers of that great man; and as one of the few in this City who voted for him in 1860 - I highly appreciate this likeness of him.

Pardon me if I add - that to one who entertained the views that I did twenty five years & more ago; it is very gratifying to observe the high esteem in which the name of Lincoln is now held in this Community, as compared with what it was at that time.

If I remember rightly there were

less than 100 votes cast for Mr  
Lincoln in this City in 1860.

Of these voters I can remember  
but few - among them were the  
late Edgar Needham - and the Rev  
John H Heywood. No doubt a  
few others are still living among  
us.

I well remember the  
surprise - and I might say the  
disgust that showed itself in the  
faces of the by-standers at the polls  
when I cast my vote at that time.

But that was "long ago" - and  
we can rejoice that now all is  
changed! While I have never  
felt that I needed any "vindication",  
yet it is gratifying at this time  
to know & realize that now; not  
only this community; but the whole  
country and the world can  
and does appreciate and admire  
that great & good man  
"Abraham Lincoln".

Again thinking you I am  
very truly yours  
J Leonard

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Shallcross family material  
prepared in 1886  
by (it appears) Stephen Shallcross

also letter to J. B. Speed from "Aunt Jennie Shallcross"  
dated 1890



Louisville June 9th 1886.

Saml P. Blane Esq

There is a tradition in our family, that we are heirs to large real estate in England. I will give you the grounds for the faith that is in some of us, and will begin with the family history as far back as is known to me.

John Thomas, an only son, married Mary Haynes an only daughter, about the year 1751. They had 3 children, John, William & Mary. On or about the 25th October 1770. John Thomas the father of the 3 children made his will leaving all his real Estate (as described in the paper I send you) (his wife being dead), to his son John Thomas, who also died leaving no children, William Thomas inherited - (By entail?) and married & died in Manchester, leaving no children - Mary Thomas married Stephen Shallerons, they left 5 children John, Stephen, William, Mary & Elizabeth - Stephen & Mary died in Manchester, John William & Elizabeth died in Louisville Ky.

Our branch is from Stephen Shallerons - William Shallerons also left heirs, one Joseph Shallerons, first cousin to my father is now in Louisville - John Shallerons died without heirs - Mary Shallerons married a Spencer & had one daughter Anne - Elizabeth Shallerons married an Edgerton but died in Louisville, leaving 2 daughters - Thus much of the family history.

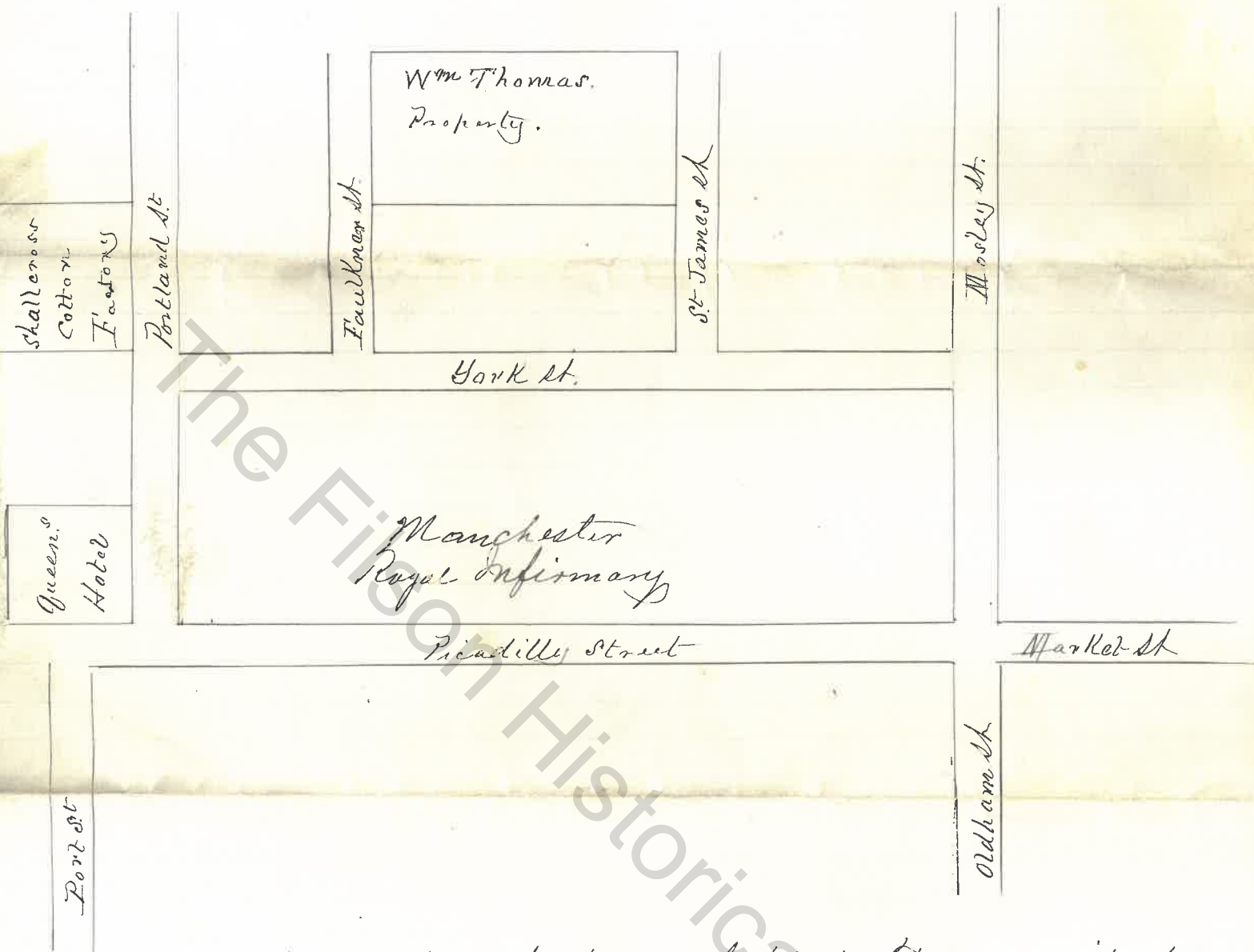
The papers I send you throw all the light on hand on the facts in the case, which I will endeavor to summarize as well as I can, giving you the suggestions of Joseph Shallerons -

That search be made for the marriage settlement made Oct 20th 1851. A copy of which I send you was made at Chester by Wm Shallerons, father of Joseph, & brought by him to Louisville, about the year 1839. In 1840 Joseph Shallerons went to Manchester & learned the following facts - That William Thomas (leomb manufacturer) died in Manchester leaving no children. His widow Mary Thomas his sister, (wife of Stephen Shallerons) the sole heir to his interest in the property described in the marriage settlement.

Joseph Shallerons also learned the following facts. William Thomas also owned in Manchester a valuable piece of improved property. (I enclose you also a plan showing its location. The widow of Wm Thomas (having no issue by him) married a man named Foeter - Auctioneer - in Manchester. He induced her to mortgage the property for £900.

That William Thomas made no will in his wives favor, nor any will at all - is evidenced by the following facts. When Joseph went to Manchester in 1840, for the purpose of looking after this property, Mrs Foeter (formerly Mrs Wm Thomas) had just died. leaving no children - Foeter had 2 sons by a first wife, and these sons told Joseph Shallerons that the Manchester property belonged to the Shallerons heirs - they made no claim whatever. Joseph returned to Louisville to find that his father Wm Shallerons was dead. Mrs Foeter lived at the head of King street. Wm Shallerons brought with him a leafy of a will, but would not let any one see it - We suppose his sister Mrs Edgerton destroyed it, after his death, as it could not be found.

The following diagram shows the location of the Property of William Thomas - in Manchester



As shown above the property left by Wm Thomas is situated on the lower end of Faulkner St on one side + St James St, on the other. At the time Joseph Shallers was in Manchester he learned that the rents of this property were collected by agents, but does not now remember their names.

- ✓ When Queen's Hotel now stands, my father was born.
- ✓ Stephen Shallers Sr. and his sons John, William + Stephen owned + ran the Cotton Factory.

I state these facts as they might lead to some information from old persons now in Manchester. The daughters of Mary Spencer, or the Foster boys might be found, who could give much information.



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Whereas by virtue of certain Indentures of Lease & Release, bearing date respectively, the Lease the 20th, and the Release the 20th of October 1751. the release being quodoupartille, and made, or mentioned to be made between William Haynes of Chidlow in the County of Chester, and Margaret his wife - and Mary Haynes Spinster daughter and only child of the said William Haynes & Margaret his wife of the first part - John Henshaw of Wern, in the County of Salop, Gentleman - John Hoddens the elder, of the city of Chester, Gentleman, of the second part - Arthur Wright the younger, of Mletock Park in the County of Salop, Gentleman, and Mrs Dickin, of Acton Reynold, in the said County of Salop, Gentleman of the third part - and John Thomas the Elder, of Edetaston in the Parish of Wern, in the said County of Salop, Yeoman, and John Thomas the younger of Edetaston aforesaid, Yeoman, only son of John Thomas the elder, of the fourth part, being a settlement made previous to the marriage of the said John Thomas the younger with the said Mary Haynes.

All that Messuage or Tenement, situate, lying and being in Chidlow aforesaid, and all the several closes, inclosures, pieces or parcels of land, meadow to pasture-ground therein, and hereafter more particularly mentioned and described - that is to say Canesfield, the higher Madgfield, the lower Madgfield, the Carmescroft, Merridsfield, the further Gooseycroft, the nearer Gooseycroft, the Soisteyofield, the Brick Hillcroft, the little Croft, the Ditch Bank, and the Broad Hayorley, what name or names the several closes, inclosures, pieces or parcels of land, where or was commonly called, known or better distinguished, which were lying or being in Chidlow aforesaid, and Wigland, in the said County of Chester, or one of them - together with all & singular the appurtenances therunto belonging (amongst other uses & trusts) therein particularly mentioned and expressed - stand limited to the said Arthur Wright & John Dickin the executors, administrators, and assigns for & during & unto the full term of 500 years from thence next ensuing, and fully to be complete and ended. Upon Trust and to the interest and purpose that they said Arthur Wright and John Dickin the survivor of them, his executors, administrators and assigns, should & might from and after the death of the survivor of them the said John Thomas the younger & Mary his then intended wife, (but not sooner & not impeaching, or hindering the payment of annuities, or yearly rent-charges, therein mentioned) by & out of the Rents, Issues, & Profits of said premises, after the commencement of said Term, and until such Lease, Sale, or Mortgage - raise and levy such sum or sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of £ 200. for the Portion & Portions of the younger child or children of the said John Thomas the younger & Mary his wife, the same to be paid & distributed to & amongst such younger child or children, at such time or times and in such parts or shares & proportions, as the said John Thomas the younger (or Mary his <sup>then</sup> intended wife in case she should happen to survive him) should by any Deed or Writing, under his or her hand & seal, to be by him or her signed & sealed in presence of two or more creditable Witnesses, by his or her Last Will and Testament, well & truly executed, direct, limit, & appoint, and for want of such direction, limitation & appointment, the same to be paid and divided to & amongst child or children equally, share & share alike, as they

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should severally & respectively attain the age of 21 years, or at their respective marriages; which should first happen, as in and by the said in part recited indenture of release, reference being thereunto had will more fully and at large appear—

and whereas the marriage between the said John Thomas the younger and Mary Haynes was soon afterwards had & solemnized, and whereas the said Mary Haynes afterwards Mary Thomas, departed this life in the lifetime of said John Thomas, her husband, and whereas the said John Thomas, duly made and published his Last Will and Testament in writing, bearing date on or about the 20th of October, 1770. and after taking notice that his eldest son John Thomas, after his decease, entitled to his real estate, lying & being in the Parish of Malpas as would appear, by marriage articles, subject only to pay £100. to his brother William Thomas, & his sister Mary Thomas— The said Testator did thereby exclude him from receiving any part or share of his the said Testator's personal estate, and did bequeath his said personal estate to the said William Thomas, & Mary his sister, in such manner as is therein mentioned, as in & by the said in part recited Will, reference being thereunto had, will more fully & at large appear— And whereas the said John Thomas departed this life on or about November 8th 1770. without revoking his Will— leaving three children viz. the said John, William & Mary Thomas, living at the time of his decease,— and whereas the said John Thomas departed this life an infant under the age of 21 years & unmarried, whereby the said William Thomas became entitled to the said premises in Chiddloe & Wigland aforesaid— And whereas the said Mary Thomas, some years ago, intermarried with, and is now the wife of Stephen Shallcross of Manchester in the County of Palentine of Lancaster, Cotton Manufacturer, whereby he in right of the said Mary his wife, became entitled to have & receive the sum of £50. being one moiety of the sum of £100. so by the said Will of said Testator John Thomas (the elder), said to be payable to the said William Thomas & his sister Mary Thomas, as would appear by marriage articles— And whereas the said sum of £50. together with all interest for same, hath on the day of the date of these presents, been paid & discharged by the said William Thomas, the son of said Testator, unto the said Stephen Shallcross & Mary his wife. Now know all men by these presents, that they the said Stephen Shallcross & Mary his wife, do & each of them doth hereby confess & acknowledge that the said Stephen Shallcross hath this day had & received from the said William Thomas, the said sum of £50. being the part share of his wife of the said sum of £100.— the part of said sum of £100. which is by the Will of said Testator John Thomas (the elder) said to be payable by virtue of said indenture of Release or settlement as aforesaid, and all interest now due the same, the said Stephen Shallcross & Mary his wife do, and each of them do, hereby for themselves, <sup>severally</sup> their & each of their executors & administrators, acquit release & forever discharge the said William Thomas, his heirs & executors, and also the said Arthur Wright & John Dickin, a survivor of them, as executors, and administrators and assigns, and each and every of them, of & from the payment of said £50. being the part & share of Mary Shallcross, of & in the sum of £100. mentioned in & by the said

Will, and Testator John Thomas (the elder) to be payable to said Mary Shallcross, as aforesaid, & being in full of the part & share of her the said Mary Shallcross of the said £ 200. directed to be raised for the portions of the younger children of the said John Thomas (the elder) & Mary his wife, and by the said in part recited indenture of release or settlement as aforesaid, and also of & from all claims & demands, whatsoever, which they the said Stephen Shallcross & Mary his wife, or either of them, or the executors, or administrators of either of them, can or may have claim, challenge, or demand of or against the said William Thomas his heirs or assigns, or for or against them the said Arthur Wright & John Dickin, or survivor of them, his executors or administrators, or against the representatives, or estate, in the real or personal of the said John Thomas the father of the son John Thomas, both deceased - or the said William Thomas, or any of them, for or in respect of the sum of £ 50, the share of of the said Mary Shallcross of the said sum of £ 100. the part of the said sum of £ 200 said to be payable as aforesaid, or any interest due for the same - In witness whereof the said Stephen Shallcross and Mary his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the 18th of June 1787

Sealed & delivered  
being duly stamped  
in the presence of

Joseph Brown

Signed Stephen Shallcross  
Mary Shallcross

Historical Society

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Mr. Saml. J. Blanc  
65 Carondelet St.  
New Orleans  
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and kind - & try to make me  
happy - and I will not mar  
the happiness of their home  
by my sadness - I accept  
this terrible terrible blow -  
as the one thing I needed -  
God knew what was best -  
- give our best love to  
all - once more I thank  
you - devotedly your  
Aunt Jennie Shalcraft

St. Louis Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Jennie

Your letter  
of 24<sup>th</sup> with check enclosed  
was received to day - I cannot  
express to you how much I was  
touched by your thoughtful  
kindness & it has given  
me double pleasure - to know  
that you have thought of me  
- it is needless to say  
how very acceptable it is -  
we are very comfortable  
in our little home here  
Etta & John Byatt and

though Ferguson ~~travels~~  
with us - so we are all  
together and live in perfect  
harmony - Etta does the marketing  
but I am the housekeeper -  
Should you Cora - Allie  
or your son (although I don't  
know him) ever come to St. Louis.  
Come right to our house - we  
can make you very comfortable

Etta and Wyatt have so  
many friends here - who have  
been so lovely to us - that  
we don't feel such strangers  
and as we can't live in  
Louisville - St. Louis is my  
next choice - Etta Wyatt  
Kate and Alice each

appreciate as much as I do  
your generous Christmas gift  
- we all keep well - I am  
so sorry to hear that Cora  
is not in good health - I  
have always regretted not  
seeing more of her - as I had  
a great admiration for her

I was as poor a visitor as she  
was - but that is just the  
way - we never, know - until  
it is too late - my life would  
be very gloomy and sad - if  
it were not - that I have a hope  
beyond the grave, & that I am  
trying to live - so that I may be  
truly - but I need all of you  
to pray for me for added strength  
my children are so good



- I think it is natural that I should be uneasy and not without warrant from your attachment to Austin I believe you will be glad that I have laid the matter before you and that you will kindly and efficiently help in lifting the burden -

I have not seen you since you were quite a youth but I have heard of you so much through Austin that I feel that I know you and your Cora too - Being here up to see us wont you? - With best love to you both I am

Affectionately  
Your Cousin - Margaret Apple

Bar do Town Tuesday ~~14~~ March 11<sup>th</sup>

Dear Cousin Linn

Austin spent last Sabbath with us and during his visit I became so alarmed about his nervous condition that I have had no peace of mind since until now I think to enlist you in the matter - and in you I feel confident of efficient aid - He looks well and in good spirits but his shaking hand arrested my attention as soon as he sat down to the table - afterward his general nervousness of aspect and feeling that some thing in his manner of life was wrong I abruptly investigated without his suspicion until of his habits this much was elicited

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that for a long time - since Christ himself to the utmost that overstrain  
- was - may longer ago than that nerves can support and the hot  
his habit has not been to leave the weather will relax beyond control  
office on 5<sup>th</sup> Street for his room - He is ambitious for your interest  
on main before 11 o'clock at night - ambitious for himself - It is an  
- sometimes 12 - sometimes 1 o'clock - dent temperament you must  
before he would leave - We are by this time know and you can  
a nervous family and I have had see that it would be difficult  
in my own life several experien - entirely impossible for me to  
- ces of sudden nervous prostra arouse him to the danger which  
- tion - coming on me when feeling I and you with our experience  
never before so strong - so capable of life can be to be imminent  
of exertion and so proud of my to such a degree of nervous ten  
ability to achieve in the line of - sion to one so constituted -  
effort that circumstances seemed Do not tell Austin that I have  
to urge upon me - He says he has written to you about this - It  
felt well and felt that he could would worry him - make him  
make the unusual effort for awhile feel that I did not look upon  
to get things in proper train and get him as a man - But as I said  
such help as was <sup>most</sup> desirable in the no one but yourself can overrule  
office and that naturally as the spring this efficiently - I know you have not  
advanced the strain would be less known the loss of rest and the  
upon him - but I fear he will still tax night labour he is going through with

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Dear Sir - July 15<sup>th</sup>  
In the few  
lines appended to  
my letter - yesterday -  
after receipt of yours  
I forgot to beg that  
you would keep  
the article received  
by you <sup>in</sup> a satisfactory  
comparison could  
be made with the  
one which I keep.  
Original then in two  
exactly as the one which you  
have, the one in my possession  
is an exact copy but I suspect  
our late flaw on one of the  
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Mr Mundy is holding up much better than I dared hope for. I know you loved Offutt almost as your own son, and he loved and looked up to you more than you knew

Sincerely yours

Will H. Mundy

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