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BANKERS,

N. W. CORNER OF WOOD AND THIRD STREETS.

Pittsburgh, Pa 13th June 1859

Cousin Margaret

Your esteemed favor of 9th Post marked 10th reached me on the 11th (Saturday) and I assure you was most welcome. I never knew until informed by Cousin John that you had removed from the city. While we had an agreeable surprise from their visit we regretted the shortness thereof and it seemed as if a hundred questions could have been put that were omitted. I hope he received his letter which I mailed a week since to care of Isaac W. Richards No 725 Eighth Street New York as for his letter of 3d to me I wrote him a hasty note on the Old Envelope explaining &c Hoping that the Chills & Fever with all other malarial evils have disappeared from his family & that he will have success in whatever pursuit he engages their visit I trust will make us all more intimate we as a family formed a warm attachment to Cousin John & Eliza no part of your letter was so interesting as that which gives us hope of a visit by your Aunt & yourself. hitherto the season has

been remarkably fine for travelling. What the future will be is hard to predict. But that it will be no warmer here than with you is pretty certain. Let me know when we may expect you if you come now and should you put off for the present Mr McFarland my brother in law will be in New York in September & offer his services to be your conductor. Should come before let me know when you expect to arrive and in case you come I will meet you I am but the Office located as per the heading of this. My house is two doors West of East Commons on Chin Street. We are all in our usual health and write in affectionate regards to all.

In haste truly

& affectionately

Cousin John



How can we say we are so sure but cannot
possibly, when we had early on the
bent of ground a low arched
wall of plaster & painted
imitation of stone, & my side and
arched end is a good for ever is
mean!

Card notes

Ms Margaret M Ford
No 72 South Second Street
Brooklyn E D
N. Y.



Hamden, July 16, 1891

My Dear Mother:

I received
your letter yesterday
and the reason I did not
write as I most always
did was because I was
waiting for a letter from
you. I was very glad hear
that Anna could walk
so good and that she pulls
the Kittys tail. As I was
read ing your letter and
got down to where you
said that Anna pulls
the cats tail I stoped from
read ing right away and
told a boy that the cat
was al ways a play ing
with you when you was



a sewing I looked
on the letter and saw
that it said that Kitty
was a playing with
pen. I do not know who
you mean by boy Liny
Sands. I send my love
to you and father and
to you and father I
send the most love to
Good-bye all at home
Good-bye.

Your affectionate son
Alfred

P.S.

Please answer this
letter soon, because I
always answer yours as
quick as I can, and tell
me who boy Liny^{and} is because
I have got every thing

mixed up in my mind
today. I come to look
at my letter and saw
that I left out a page
so please excuse me
because it will be too
much to write it over
so please excuse me.
I answer soon don't forget
forget.



Mrs. M. M. Tuley,
No. 6, Second St.,
New York,
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Pittsburgh, Pa. 25th July 1859

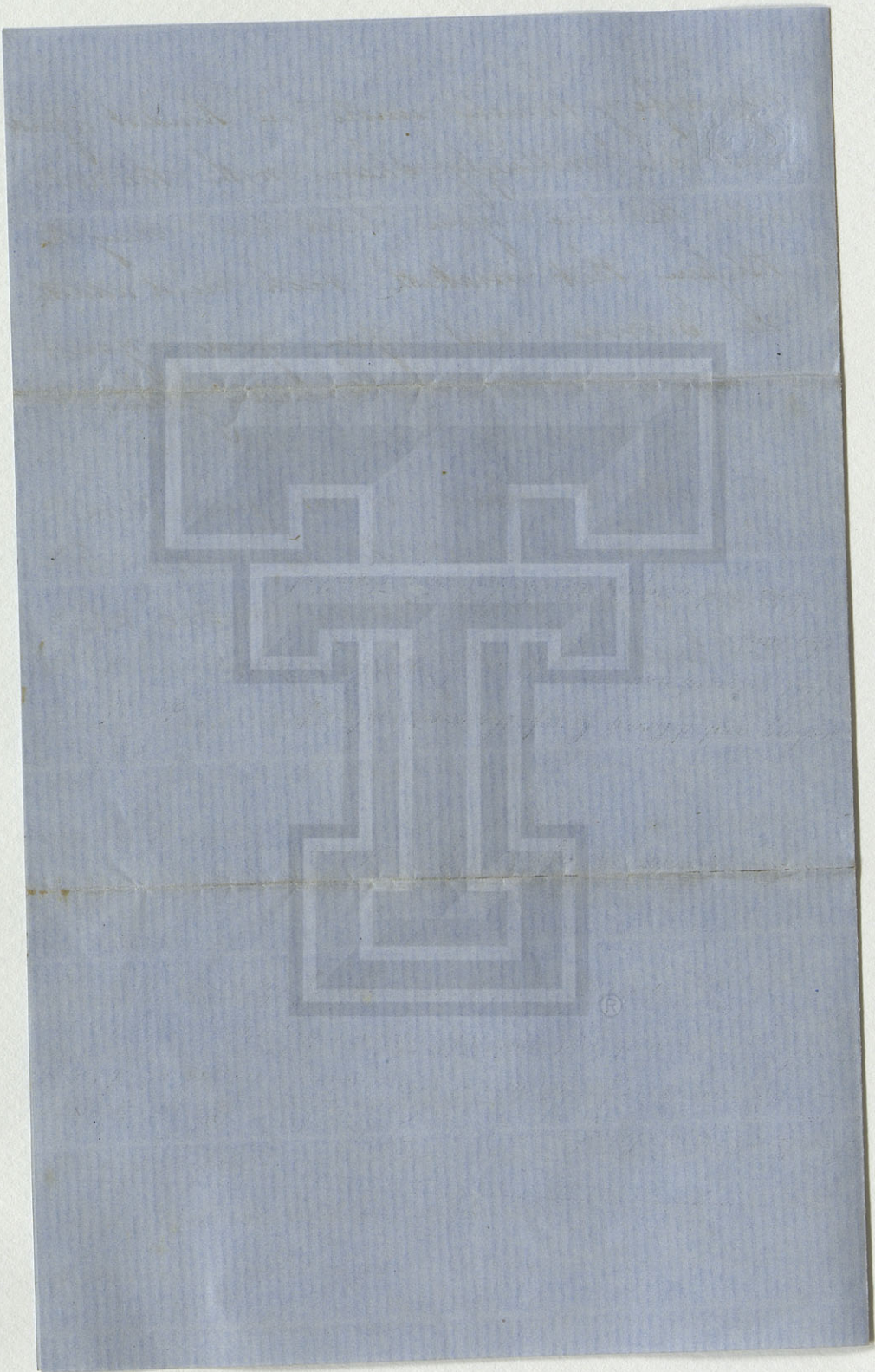
Cousin Margaret

Yours of 14th was duly rec^d
and I almost regret you did not stent
as the weather has been so very pleasant
I fear however you will meet with a sad
disappointment when a personal interview
shall have dissipated the favorable impression
you have formed and my only hope is in
the increased favor you will regard my
dear wife who is so very desirous of your
company and acquaintance. Cannot Richard
come with you I think he would be much
pleased to visit our locality and we will
be pleased to have him accompany you and
Aunt Susan. We sympathize with John & Eliza
and hope that they may speedily recover health
and all the ill effects of their Kansas move
remember us to them & all friends & when you
write to Kansas give our best wishes &c

Mr C P Caughey the junior member
of the firm of Hanna Hart & Co and
my most esteemed friend is now on a
tour to Canada with his sister in company
with a bridal pair and will perhaps
call & see you in the course of say two
or three weeks when he will be in N.Y.
should he do so he can give you some
knowledge of us here as we have been
very intimate for the past ten years
I requested him if he had time to call
and give him your address. but since
his departure I have been thinking it very
probable you may be taking your usual
trip to the Country. We feel that it is
a cause of heartfelt gratitude that you
could write "we are all well" our family
realize a more than usual degree of health
What shall we render to the Lord for all
His benefits. Let us more than ever fully
and unreservedly dedicate ourselves to His
Service The Lord is good, and whosoever
trusteth in Him shall want no good thing

My wife & family unite in kindest regards
and she willingly shares with the writer
all the love you bear her. may the
Blessing that maketh rich and addeth
no sorrow rest upon you & yours
Cousin John

Mr McFarland is at present in
Ohio on a visit to his mother I
will give you timely notice when
he will start for N York



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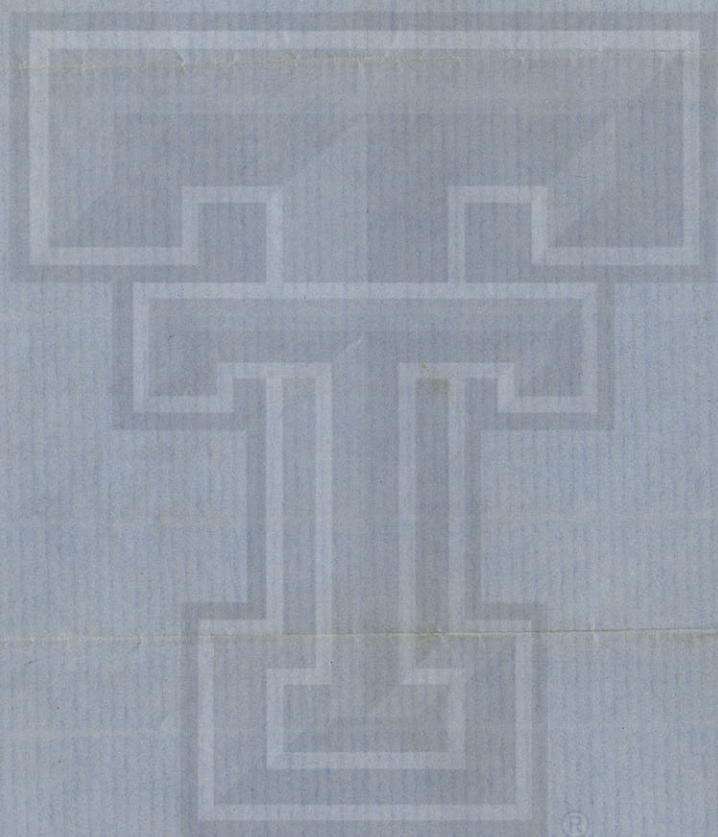
Pittsburgh, Pa. 10th Aug 1859

Dear Cousin Margaret

Much to my regret
and his mortification my friend
Mr. Langhey has returned without
calling on you. His party after going
to Quebec Montreal Niagara Falls &
Boston when they arrived in New York
became so tired out, homesick &c
gave him no opportunity to call on
you, but started for home, I write
my lest you should deprive yourself
of some intended excursion still
expecting him. My wife's sister
I believe has made up her mind
to accompany Mr. McFarland say
about the last of this month in
order to bear you & Cousin Susan
to our City. and when they start
I will inform you. Mrs. Marshall

has never been in New York but
you will have the advantage of
her acquaintance before seeing us
and we cannot but hope it will
be pleasant to all. Hoping you
and all are in the enjoyment
of health & happiness I remain
Cousin John

I should be pleased if Cousin
John's health will permit to have
a letter from love to all



Sunday September 11th 1859

My Dear Mother

I reached home
very safely on Saturday at one
o'clock. The boat started
away from Albany about 8
o'clock Friday evening
we got about a mile or two
from Albany then the steam
boat got stuck on a sand
bar as they called ^{it} that
is a shallow place in
the water. The steamboat
name was the Isaac
Penton she is a very large
boat and requires a good
lot of water to go along.

fast. When the steam
boat got stuck on the
bar. We had not been
traveling hardly ten minutes
then it was between 8 & 9
O'clock at night. We lay
there on the sand bar from
that time till ^{about} 2 O'clock
in the morning just a
little while before two O'clock
the steam boat by the
name of Francis Skiddy
Passed and the Francis
Skiddy got on the side
which was deepest and
went a past us. The rea-
son we got stuck was
because there was 3 or 4 old
barges laying in the way

so that when our boat tried
to get in between them
we ~~got~~ ^{did} not get in strait
and went to back water
^{and} then we got stuck on the
bar. I had a very pleasant
time to Mr. Hutton and I
hope you will have the
same. We brought Mr.
George Hutton ^{home} with us
Isaac Hutton's brother.
4 day or two before we came
away we went to Sharon
springs where we had a
drink of Mineral water
I had a very pleasant
time. Pa told me to tell
you that his hand was
better and he told me to
tell you that you must come

send our love to you from your affectionate son Alfred

home for he cant do
without you. I will tell
you more about Cobleskill
when you come home. I
want you to come home
also. I am going to white
Plains Tuesday to stay till
you come home then I am
going to bring Frank home
I want to see him ^{and} Emma
also. Annie says she wants
her mother to have a
pleasant time to come
home before long. See
her? I have brought home
two nice Peacock feathers
for you and a nice big
apple if it will keep
good till you come home.
I have given Annie one
already she was eating one
when I come home. We all

Heldamden Sept 16 1887.

My Dear Mother,

I arrived
very safely ^{here} as usual. And I am
very well. I dont want to come
here next Term because I dont
like the school at all. I dont
know whether Mr. Everest will
let me leave off Latin or not
because he has not said
anything about it yet.
Coming down in the
cars the boiler of ~~the~~ engine
got so hot that they ^{was}
afraid to put any water
in it so we had to stop
a hour pretty near till they
fixed it so that made ^{us} ~~it~~
behind time but we arriv-
ed very safely. Please
answer as quick as possible

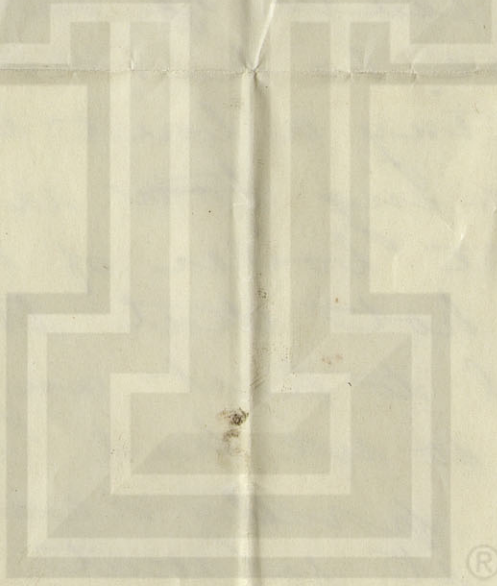
Good-bye all at home. next
letter I write I will write it
better than this one because
I wanted to be around
with the boys and it is most
bed time now so good-bye.

Your affectionate son
Alfred Tweed

Good-bye all at home. m
letter I write I will write
better than this one.

I wanted to tell you
with the boys and
bed-time now so

Love
Affectionately
m





Mrs M. M. Tweed,
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Pittsburgh, Pa. 17th Sept^r 1859

Dear Friends

We miss you, yes indeed we miss you, and yet we now have such an indelible Daguerrotype of you which comes before us we never could have, had you not visited us even Fanny says well I never before could recollect faces after a friend has left us but now I can see Aunt Bonnel's Cousin Margaret I enclose a letter advertised this day by the Post Office for S Mc Bonnel I am this moment in receipt of a letter from Mr Knight stating he saw you on board the 9 O'clock Boat yesterday and that you were not sick as you had anticipated for this we are thankful and yet are very anxious to hear of your safe arrival home and find all well and that

you are neither of you spoiled by any
little attentions that we Pittsburghers have
been enabled to give you and that
we may one and all be so kept
that at last we may meet where
parting shall be no more. I must
close as I did yesterday to Sarah
to have it ready for the Mail.
love to all as ever Cousin

John L. Bonds

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Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Liberty

Mrs Margaret M. Tweed

South Second Street
Brooklyn E D
N. Y.

My dear
Margaret
I have
just
received
your
kind
letter
of the
10th inst
and am
glad to
hear
from
you
again
I am
very
truly
yours
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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Pittsburgh, Pa. 21st Sept 1859

Dear Cousin Margaret

Mr Hanna starts to day for New York will remain a very short time and has kindly consented to take charge of the package which I send by him. I have written to Mr Knight thanking him and his friend Mason for their kind attention as stated in Sarah's letter which I received with yours on Monday. We are all in usual health except myself I have been very unwell & coughed incessantly since Saturday but to day am free from cough. It has rained nearly every day since you left & I am so thankful you arrived safe & before the storm. As Mr Hanna will be much hurried I have agreed with him to leave the package at Atwood & Co Bankers N^o 104 Broadway and if you can get the return package ready in time he will bring it out if left at Atwood

he will not have time to call on you
I am pleased at Susan's idea of
turning round and coming back how was
it with you. not quite so ready I fear
I did not reply before to yours Sarah's
letter as I had written so lately and had
expected a history of your return voyage
On Monday night I dreamed that Susan
was back again and sitting at the table
in the dining room as usual our table
by the way appeared a deserted one and
yet we never sit down to it without you
both becoming the subject of our conversation
I met Dr Page yesterday. who expressed his
regret that sickness had prevented his calling on
you, and his wife could not leave him
he officiated at his church on Sabbath and is
now much improved. all our friends are
well, and unite in love to all every
one. I have finished the Squills & Ipecac
this is a rambling letter from
Cousin

John L. Sands

Should you not get the package
in time for Mr Hanna please request
Nehemiah Woodcock to send it by express
this letter will be your order for
the package when you call for it
or this part of it John L. Sands

I wrote the above before dinner and
took it home with me and was then
for the first time informed by Fanny
that there is no hurry in returning
the package that it can remain with
you until Mr McFarland goes on
the only haste was to secure the right
article that this was an understanding
between you and Mr Marshall
did all our letters written while you
were here go safe. & Was Mr Woods
dated wrong. or was it mis-carried
that is yours to him. how are his sisters
hope they are perfectly healed



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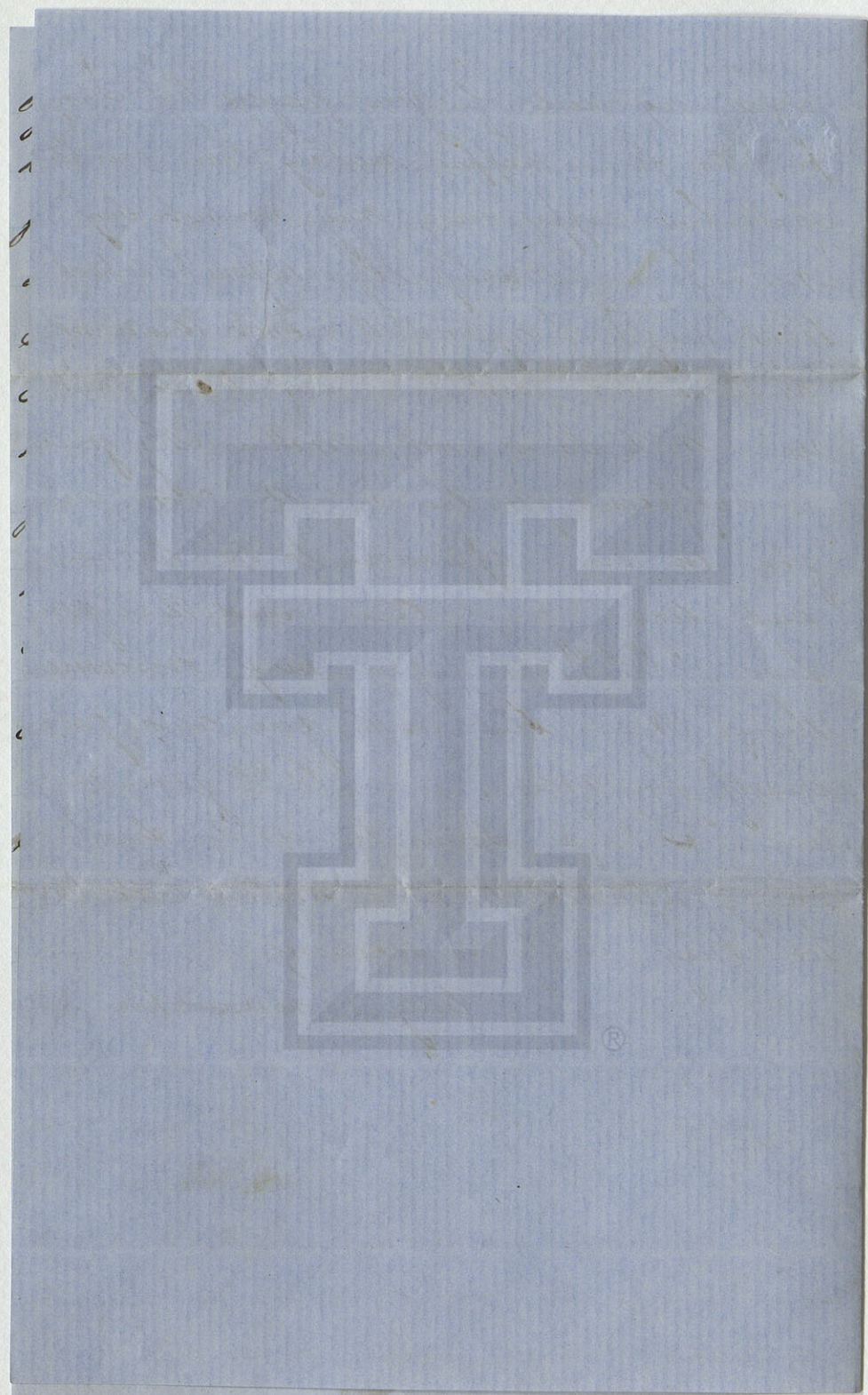
Pittsburgh, Pa. 1st Oct^r 1859

Dear Cousin Margaret

I duly received yours of 24th and intended answering it immediately but was very busy at the Office & have been so everwell a part of the time that I could not. I am now rather better than usual. Eliza went last Tuesday and brought the children home from the Country and they are much disappointed they did not have the pleasure of seeing Cousin Susan & Margaret. They are somewhat improved in health & size. I wrote my thanks to Mr Knight and his friend Morson for their attentions to you. Uncle Archy appeared quite tickled at the good effects of his medicine. I should have been pleased to have seen your little Anna in her joyous tears & hope Richards fingers are now healed under your nursing; that somebodys thumbs have been so busy that they are not even tender, Cousin John is satisfied that no visit has ever been so fully enjoyed.

by him as the visit of his dear Cousin and
He has also the satisfaction of knowing that this
feeling was the same with my wife Fanny as
well as all my friends who enjoyed their company
So that if Richard is right glad you have been to
see Cousin John. I am thankful that I have
to say I am grateful to him for the privilege
you speak of a cough mine was very severe
and a friend advised me to take the "Syrup
of Hypophosphite of Lime Soda. I am much
improved since and perhaps it is the cause
Fanny has no doubt sympathized with you for she
has been similarly engaged since you left and
she would not let Aunt Eliza help her much
I regret to learn by a letter from Cousin Sarah
that I received on Last week that your
Frank from a slight fall had broken his
right arm. "we know not what a day or an
hour may bring forth "be ye also ready"
Who is wise let him consider this Oh! how many
intend to prepare for death and judgement
who put it off a moment too late. "Great God
on what a slender thread hang everlasting things

I feel my need of your prayers that I may
be fitted for a happier meeting than our late
short but happy one. may we not say
"And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet
What height of rapture shall we know when round
his throne we meet. but trials await
us well do it not written. My grace
is sufficient for thee. We ever bear
you in our approach to the throne
and urge your case and those you
love Oh! that you may overcome
through Him that loath you and gave
himself for you. All join in
love I hope soon to write Sarah
Fanny intended to have written but is
too busy Filly is washing.
truly Cousin John



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N. W. CORNER OF WOOD AND THIRD STREETS.

Pittsburgh, Pa. 18th April 1860

Dear Cousin Margaret

I little thought when I received your esteemed Epistle of 22nd Feb that it would remain till now unanswered and yet so it is although I think not a day has passed that you have not been the Subject of my thoughts and prayers. When we had the pleasure of your company a sentence dropped in regard to Tobacco which fastened on my mind led me on the Commencement of the New Year to abandon its use which I did successfully 141 days when Benja Hanna paid us a visit and was showing a very fine specimen of the dirty thing & I was led to taste it. I felt and continued its use until the 1st of March. when I determined upon another trial I am to day your faithful servant And when the Idea of tasting comes which

it frequently does your word dirty so fully
meets my own opinion and unites with a
desire to please Cousin Margaret that I
at once conquer. now I am much the gainer
Can you not also gain Thumb will
not such memorials simple as they are
be better trophies than Foul mouth and
Sore Thumb. well if we can improve in
any way from a kind desire not to
do what we know will annoy another.
Especially one we dearly love. is
not this the idea contained in the
words of the Apostle "The love of
Christ constraineth us". This love
I trust has increased in your heart
through the means which your lent
season has furnished but after all
Jesus is the end of ^{the law} for righteousness
He only is able to save ^{to the uttermost} all that
come unto God by Him. believing in
Him we rejoice with joy unspeakable
and full of glory. I had proceeded
thus far when lo behold another letter from

Cousin Margaret dated Monday April 6th
and thus I am doubly your debtor, now I am
quite well for me and I would I could say
the same for my little Sands but he is reduced
to almost a skeleton & although he is still
able to be about it seems a miracle that
he is so and we have our fears that he
will be taken from us Fanny will have to
be excused for not writing as she has
no heart for any thought but of him
all our friends are well the high water
made the Marshall's move up stairs.
give our united love to all and
say to Sarah I hope to answer hers
of 2nd March but indeed I do not
know when I have found it so
difficult to write. and am sorry
I have not been able to give you
something more interesting still I am
truly

Cousin John
I did the Kissing as requested
Am I indebted to Cousin Sarah for two copies of
the Advocate & Family Guardian they came to

to day had been opened but the address
was on a piece of yellow paper & I
think it was written by her I am much
obliged to the kind one. Hope I am remembered
to the Hansen folks and by them Grandpa
Frederic has our deepest sympathy & in him I
fear you will lose a fast friend should he be taken
Keep yours & Aunt Susan and hers for us all

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Pittsburgh, Pa. 18th Sept 1860

Dear Cousin Margaret

Uncle Archy arrived safely on Saturday he was unwell at Phila I was surprised when he stated on Sunday that you complained of not getting letters and I am a little glad of it as may be now you will write more frequently. I have yours of 23^d July in my pocket and have been desirous of answering it ever since its reception but hot weather, business pressing, and that long ride I took which you may remember our Mr Laughey, invited me to take, all had the effect of keeping this back. Mr C. Eliza Frank and your humble servant started at about 11 O'clock and got back after tea lighting you were not forgotten. we stopped at the Fair and then drove to the Tavern where you recollect we watered the horses, and there took dinner after which we drove on

Eastwardly and there was some talk
of putting Eliza & myself on the cars for
New York but it was not carried out
so we are still in status quo and I
think you had as well give up
Mr & Mrs Hanna are now in New York
and as her health is not good I doubt
if they will call on you, yet hope they
may. 19th I had to drop this yesterday & now resume
It would indeed be a privilege to be at your side
and yet it is very great privilege to be able
to correspond but greater still to meet at a
Throne of Grace. for you and yours my poor
fable but I trust fervent supplications do ascend
and hope we are not forgotten. Our God is a
prayer hearing and a prayer answering God
and Jesus says "It shall be unto you according
to your faith" and may we not prove the truth
of the Post "Faith lends its realizing light

"The Clouds disperse the shadows fly

"The Invisible appears in sight

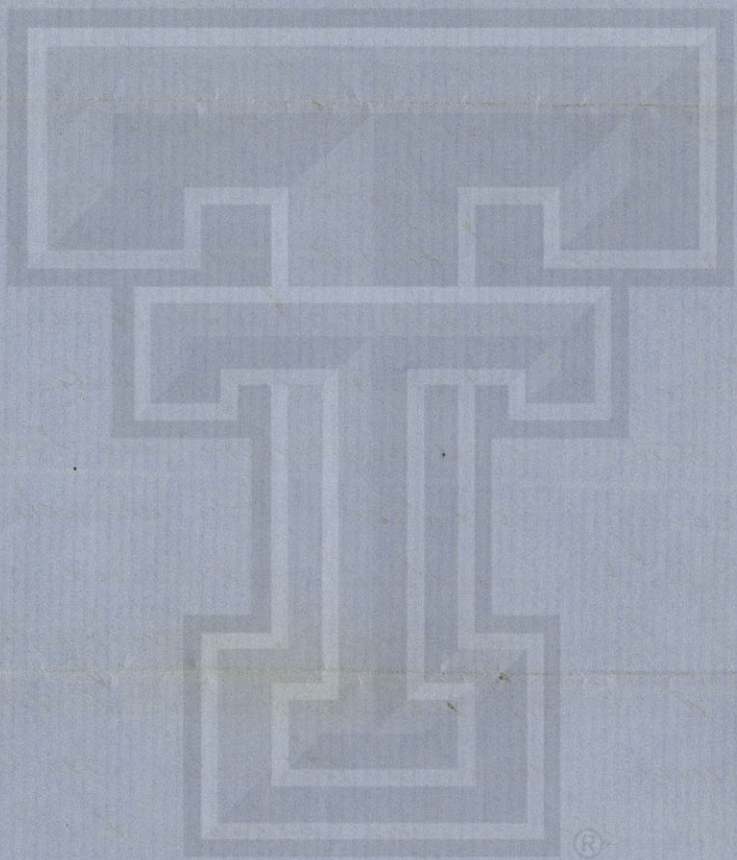
"And God is seen by mortal eye

Uncle Archy says your brother
Charles is with you what is the
prospect for our friends he left
and what is his design for the
future. All our friends are
well here and all unite in love
to all. the papers come safely
and yet I think you had as
well direct me at all times

"Care of Hanna Hart & Co
as there is somewhere in this
vicinity another John Sands whose
letters I sometimes get and he may
get some of mine. Fanny tried
hard to get us to go with Mr & Mrs
Hanna and I told her we would
if she would go along. but she
declined we think she is gradually
overcoming the sad bereavement but
it will take a long time

Ever your

Lousin John



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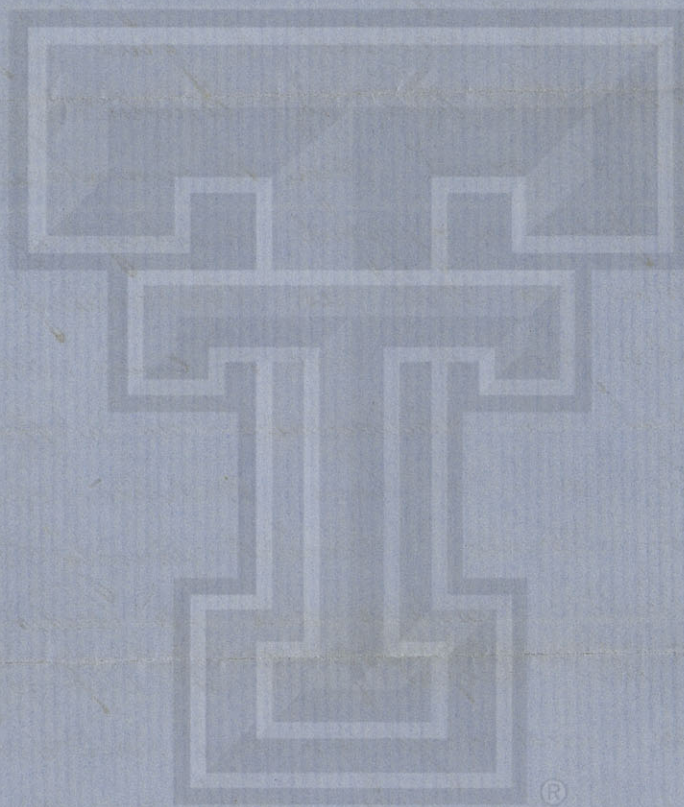
Dear Louisa Margaret

Your note of 2nd Decr was duly received and should have been answered in this time and again have I made an effort but failed to begin. So frequently has our attention been called to the sick & dying. besides those dear ones of our own family circle. we now have our friends Mr Miller. (opposite our house) & Mrs Hart (the eldest of the sisters with whom you sat in the Episcopal Church when here at the Communion) the first died on Tuesday at 1/4 before 6 P.M. the latter this morning at 5 O'clock both have been sick for many weeks

We have our accustomed blessings. and desire gratefully to acknowledge them. Virginia Luthbertson our niece from Newark N.J. is here on a visit Mr Marshall has not been well for a few days just was thought better yesterday. to day is so stormy I am at home

We duly received the notices & cards of
Doctor Clark & Margaretta. who we hope
are home & happy to day and ^{will} have a happy
future, blest in ^{each other} and a blessing to their
friends & the world, and realizing that they
are "fellow heirs of the grace of life &
walking in the "comforts of the Holy Ghost
hoping that you are growing in grace
and abounding in love & rejoicing in hope
and receiving encouragement in regard to
the dear ones who bear upon our minds
& for whom our earnest pleadings are constant
for whom we know one pleads with an
intensity we can never realize. One who gave
himself as their ransom, ever lives for them &
us to intercede & who has said ask & it shall
be given seek & ye shall find. for every one
that asketh receiveth & he that seeketh findeth
He is more willing to give than we are to receive
According to your faith so shall it be done
unto you hitherto have ye asked nothing
now ask and your joy shall be full. all
the promises are yea & Amen in Christ Jesus

Mr Marshall has just left us & is better & unites
in love and best wishes for all among you
among us she & Fanny are the most stricken
by what has occurred we cannot indulge
in conversation of those taken from us as
it causes the wound to gush in passionate
grief. to others there is consolation to be
permitted to recall them to remembrance and
to anticipate a joyful meeting where parting
is unknown as well as consciousness that they
are taken from the evil to come. who can
tell what the continuance in a world
like this would have produced of suffering
now or crime Our Heavenly Father
in infinite wisdom has in tender mercy
made the deepest & bitterest cup to pass
from us. and says ye now have sorrow
but I will see you again, your sorrow shall
be turned to joy & your joy no man taketh
from you. Commending you all to God & the word
of His grace which is able to ^{build you up} give an inheritance
among all them that are sanctified. for which we all
unite truly Calvin John



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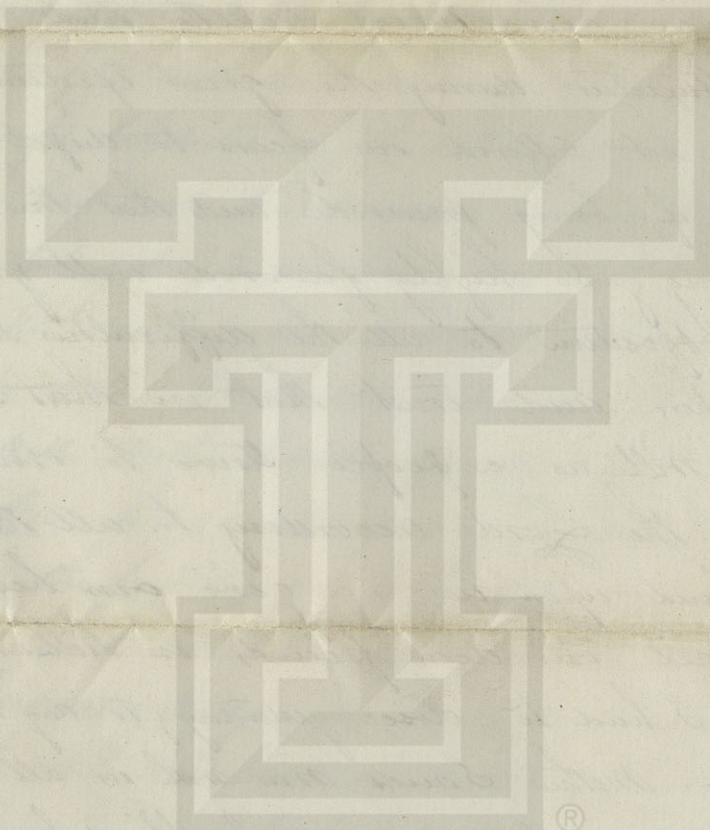
Dear Edwin Margaret

I snatch a few moments in the lull of business to give you some few items first I purposely omitted answering yours of Feb'y in order that Uncle Andy might give you all the sad intelligence on his hasty visit. Since then Mother's youngest brother who went to Texas died on the 15th March after a sickness of some 5 weeks and since then his widow who is still there has given birth to another son (the 3^d) which she has named after the father John White Lenthbertson. we had a letter from her a short time since and she was at a loss to know what to do for a living as she is but scantily supplied with means she thought of teaching which she is acquainted with and quite competent. But the War may present obstacles not to be got over Mrs Dravo's brother-in-law Francis A Dravo last week had the terrible death of two many Rail Road employees by having his legs both crushed which terminated in

a few hours the life of the most endeared of the family. he put his hands on the two bumpers of the cars to spring up when in consequence of the wet from rain at the time one hand slipped and he fell with his legs under the wheel he was freight Conductor on the Pittsburgh & Wayne & Chicago Rail Road this occurred at Enon Valley his mother got to see him & was known by him before his death. Mrs Marshall's family are tolerably well Mrs Dravo's babe is the babe family well Mother Sands & family well.

The War has made many separations & among the first to go from here was our valued friend C. J. Caughy. 4th Sergeant of the Berghusne Corps we here from him almost daily & while we have no doubt of his fearlessness yet it was too much for him to say even to me good bye. he has however to fast a hold on my hearts best affections for the many kindnesses ~~just~~ ever to be forgotten & shall have the earnest prayers of a grateful heart. our City has been a Camp since the call of the Pres

and many companies of Soldiers have had the mortification of returning home again as more afraid than were taken. we are in our usual health and although the Anxieties during the great Excitement we have not suffered our fears to dispel our hope of being preserved. and that this nation so long & so highly favored will yet arise in opposition to all the difficulties surround-
ing her and trust that in that event we will as a people strive to render unto the Lord according to all the benefits conferred upon us. give our best love to all our dear friends in Williamsburgh 9th I had to close yesterday & to day have no time. Mother Sands was with us all night very well. I am so much obliged for the paper you send & Addy is now asking when will the next number for April come. tell Cousin Sarah she is not forgotten. neither are any. the Lord keep you all in his kind & tender mercy. pray for and write soon to Cousin John Miss Cousin Susan & all for each of us Frankie &addy quite in love & Aunt Sands too



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Pittsburgh, Pa. 17th Aug^r 1861

Dear Cousin Margaret

Your very returned favor of 9th inst
duly received and has been the subject of
much pleasure to us and your many enquiring
friends who all unite in the wish that your
visit, sojourn at Whiteplains may fully restore
your bodily strength, that Sister Belle may realize
somewhat to console her for the absence of Charley
and that he may succeed in his efforts to dispose
of his interests in Kansas satisfactory, speedily return
Now I should enjoy the privilege of sitting among
you and listening to your "good old fashioned talk"
I would rather hear of John having something else in
view than a political situation. As you have
spoken of the war I feel at liberty to say
that as I have understood the subject the
Politicians of the South have originated it
and will not permit an honorable peace

even if the United States were to
to agree to any compromise it
would only be until the same
parties could be prepared to carry
out their plans so as to bring the
nation at their feet; then dictate
their own terms. Our Country no
doubt deserves this terrible scourge
& I pray that it may duly humble
itself before the Lord and that in
mercy His wrath may be stayed
and cannot but hope that there
is a glorious future for the nation
humanity will suffer among all
the nations if the Union should
be dissolved and Christianity will
doubtless be thrown back many years
I therefore pray earnestly for the Union
our inseparable. Fanny has been much
frightened by a visit of one of her dear
early friends now a married lady
from Columbus Ohio. We are all well
Our Mr Laughy has been with us

some 3 Weeks in good health and
spirits the duties he had to perform
in the Army were hard but he says
not so much so as he anticipated
when he started. give our best
love to all friends and let
us hear from you soon with
all the family concerns please
say to Aunt Susan her Sarah
that I find it difficult to
write as I have inclination
from various causes which hinder
this was commenced on the 17th
and is now hastily finished or
rather sent unfinished this 23rd
in order that your desire may
be gratified with a letter from me
before you leave White Plains

As ever truly
Larsen
John

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Pittsburgh, Pa. 2nd Decr 1856

Dearest Cousin Margaret

Why is it I am without a line from either you or Sarah since Sept we have been anxiously expecting a letter daily for a month past & this moment Mr Hanna informs me he & Mrs Hanna leave for New York this afternoon. and I shall hope they will see you and Cousin Susan & families I do not know what they they will make in the City but will know as soon as he comes in. We are all in good health the mild weather we have had has no doubt been very beneficial to me I took tea out last Evening and did not Cough once. all our connections are well Mr Marshall has just called & sends their love to all. Uncle Archy is in his usual good health John is at Boarding School in the Country & much pleased Mother Sands and

the two daughters & families are well
Fanny is busy as ever and often talks
of the pleasure she enjoyed while you &
Cousin Susan were here & how much she
loves you. A day Sands frequently ask
questions about you. Sands says I must
tell you he has adopted your practice of
not drinking until he is done eating
Hoping soon to hear from you and
Sarah &c &c

I am truly with love to all
Cousins John & Eliza

Mr. McManua will stop at the National
Hotel Courtland Street and will not
be long in the city I send this by them
I regret I did not know sooner of their
intention but Mr. McManua often does not
know himself where he must go. in my
next I hope to have more time to write

Mrs Margaret M. Tread
White Plains.

Answered Oct 7/17

N. Y.

Hamford Sept. 3rd 1861.
My Dear friend

You can scarcely form an adequate idea of the pleasure given by your letter of the thirteenth ultimo. You had frequently been the subject of our conversation before, & we had been talking of you but a few hours prior to its reception.

We had heard nothing of you for a long long time, though we had inquired of all whom we thought likely would have knowledge concerning you.

The older I grow, the nearer do the friends of my childhood appear, & in regard to them, I feel the full force of those beautiful lines of Goldsmith—

"Where'er I roam, whatever realms to see,
My heart untravell'd fondly turns to thee;

Still to my brother turns, with ceaseless pain,
And drags at each remove a lengthening ^{chain}.

And do you know why
I have ~~not~~ deferred answering your
letter until now? It is, that you might
have the promise of your visit fresher in
your memory as the time for its ful-
-fillment drew nigh.

Tilly Pond (Tilly Money that was)
& Sarah Pond, Mrs. Hepburn now, have been
making us a short visit, & left for Mil-
-ford on Saturday, & I am expecting to follow
them on Wednesday & remain a few days
to endeavor to recruit my appetite &
strength. It is not probable that

I shall stay much over a week if as long,
& your Tilly has promised to return with
me & perhaps, make us a long visit. If not
immediately on my return, I hope to see
you very soon after, & we all desire that
you will come prepared to make your
visit a long one.

Grandmother was taken sick last fall

& had a very uncomfortable winter; we
thought many times that she would not
get up again, but she has been surprisingly
smart all summer until a few days since,
& I fear that when the weather comes on cold,
she will relapse into her old complaint.

Aunt Mary & Mrs. Barrile sailed for
Europe, in May. We have received two
letters from aunt M., one written on the
day of her arrival in Liverpool, the
other in London after her return from
Paris. She had been to the Crystal Palace,
walked up three long flights of stairs,
& was carried up the fourth. We had no
idea that she would endure her jour-
-ney so well in her feeble state of health.

Mother is about as usual; as much
confined at home as ever, & I do not know
but that she always will be.

Dear friend, do you know that it is
a candidate for the halter that address-
-es you? Because I have loved my
whole country, better than a part, & will

not join in the Union Cry of Abolition—
of whose bitter fruits, the Lord knows,
we have seen enough— I am denounce=
=ed as a Secessionist &c. To me, the
calamities that have overtaken us have
not come unexpected; I have always
considered them as the inevitable re=
=sults of the wicked agitation that
has been going on for years, & now that
it has become a fact it has added
heavily to my grief, but not to my
surprise. What a spectacle
have we long presented; our pulpits
prostituted into a war propaganda,
& their professed ministers of the Gospel
of Peace, into priests of Moloch!

We should be pleased to see Miss
Emma with you, & hope that you will
not fail to come. We send you a great
deal of love, & many thanks for your
letter. With our respects to your
family, believe ^{me} truly your friend
George

Stanford February 17th 1862

My dear friend;

I was at the point of saying my dear old friend, when it occurred that you might consider me as reflecting too far on the mel-
-low autumn of life; a period you would be more willing to antic-
-ipate than myself, for, though unscathed in form or feature by the Vandal touch of time, better than all, you appear to me as young in heart as in the happier days of our first acquaintance, & if I love to think of you as an old friend it is because I believe that, like wine, our friendship has improved by age, while there has been no

defection to detract from all that is pleasing in the reminiscence of the past. Heaven knows that there is enough that is painful, & perhaps, it is among the hardest efforts of my life in keeping down reflection; I know that, sooner or later, come it must. Though the heart may have often rebounded, so that they have marvelled at your stoicism, & you almost thank them too, for pride, more than fortitude, mounts to the rescue, yet it awaits but accumulated ills to crush out its elasticity, & under what trifles may it snap when strained to its utmost tension.

Though far from disparaging social pleasures, it seems to me there is an antithesis in the phrase—new acquaintance; they know little of each other's history, nor would it be likely to interest either; if

disappointments & broken hopes have made them distrustful of the future, they will make no adventure but with the same caution of the trader inspecting his merchandise. What is sadder than when all the naivete of youth has given place to the world's cold wisdom?

Admonished by my third page, I must cease from penning these desultory thoughts & take refuge in bad company, for I am not the first writer who has spoiled an excellent text by a miserable discourse.

Don't let Emma read one word of it; she never forgave me for casting a blight on her "great expectations," & I am far from ambitious in the furtherance of forfeiting her grace.

Hoping, however, that, as we are approaching the season of Lent, she will

become less immoderate in her use
of pepper & all other caloric condi-
=ments, substituting therefore - not
Attic salt - of which she already has
more than a modicum - but I mean
the Arab's pledge of peace - common
salt - chlorid of sodium - & by its
cooling & conservative influence be
enabled to view ^{with} pacific regard the
weak erring mortals who have incur-
=red her displeasure.

You don't know how I have missed
her; for a very pleasant visit ^{it} has it
been to me, & ^{our} which I am very grateful
to you as well as herself.

Let me hear from you soon. We are
all as usual here, ^{excepting} ~~excepting~~ myself, not
having been very well for a week
past. With respects to your family,
& I am your true friend
George M. H.

Dear Cousin Margaret

Your request has been
I will I trust continue to be complied
with May our merciful Lord hear &
answer our united petitions

May Mr Hanna expect to see Cousin John
visit your (city) City this
week

- gotten I can assure you, he talks of you & may almost safely say every day of me may know you are often in our thoughts, when he and Eliza along the streets together, we try to see in my & say every good looking, and pleasant lady, or something like you, it made us feel both happy, and disappointed to think you had almost come to visit us, such a glad surprise as it would have been, but remember we do not give up hopes of seeing you in Pittsburgh again, we look back with as much pleasure to that visit as you possibly can, & have given up all hopes of Uncle ever going to see you, I think he has been as well if not better than usual this summer, he is thin but I cannot see any change in him since you were here, but is larger than when you saw her, she weighs one hundred and seventy three pounds, Uncle not a hundred, he is a miracle to us all some nights, he will cough enough to kill a well person, get up in the morning, eat his breakfast go to the office, and be as well as usual, Uncle Roberts family are all well, they don't talk of going to England this summer but that

Addams fear kept them from doing so, Mary has just graduated she did very well she has been a close student for the last year, Eliza baby grows finely, it is walking and talking now, I am not if I call Uncle Auchs wife Aunt, & do not, we all call her M^{rs}, it seems so formal but I cannot think of doing so when she always calls her sister who lives with her M^{rs}, I should love her as much again if I could call her Aunt, I like her very much she is very pleasant and friendly he is we think more happy and contented than ever, she seems to love him and try to please him, & knows but little of his second wife but he was not happy then, & do hope she will continue her love to him as he deserves a good wife, my love in return to Emma, I should love to pay you a visit, but do not know whether I can or not, Sister Ada is in country, so we are quite alone, how it wish Emma could come see us could she not now her vacation, she would be as welcome as her mother, do let her come if you can it would give us great pleasure, I shall consider it a favor for you to write when you can you I must close over

O'd love from all to Aunt Susan and family.
The dear pleasant face from of love to remember
it. All the for us we suppose she is still young
enough to mind us so we did not find her
so old so we expected you remember and a
few years ago and would very much differ
at hope little Anna is better, but for no
all with love and a kindest wish of you ever
have I must say good night?
Yours
Young

July 16th 1862

Very Dear Friend,

Can I thank you sufficiently
for your kind remembrance of me, I think Uncle
letters do, but not mine deserve an answer, he
urged me to write at once, as he has been so
unusually busy he has not had time to answer
your last, every day he thought he would have
time, but he is at the office all day and
when he comes home at night he is too tired,
I write this apology but not this letter he will
have time some time soon to do so I hope, if
he does not write, Cousin Margaret is not for -

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Pittsburgh, Pa. 12th Nov 1860

Dear Cousin Margaret

Your very esteemed favor of 3d is before me and I hasten this morning to reply in hope of thereby obtaining a visit from Cousin Lizzie on her return to Kansas. how did she pass us. I am sure it will be a great pleasure to have her rest awhile with us & hope she can arrange to do so. I regret that she will have to travel in this usually stormy month. I hope you will not overtask yourself and that your Henry's place will soon be well filled. I congratulate Bro Charles & family on their safe return to Whit Plains and hope Lizzie may also return safely in the Spring & settle down among you & yet I am far more anxious that we may all fulfil the duties of life so as to make a part of the innumerable Company which no man can number that shall stand before the throne

with their robes washed & made white in
the blood of the Lamb. Ah! yes it is the
blood of the Lamb that alone can fit us
for that innumerable Company. and it is
His grace that alone can fit us for the duties
of life & especially its trials. You do not
say whether Uncle John is in business. our
love to them & Aunt Susan and family
We are all in our usual health. I have
succeeded in tipping Eliza & Frank two or three
times for you but I do not think they value the
proof. The Japers come & meet a hearty welcome
My sister Mrs Hays is in very delicate
health and has been induced to write to a
Rev^d Edward A. Wilson N^o 165 South Second St
Williamsburgh Ny on the subject she is desirous
of having some information from you if you can
obtain it as to his standing he says he is
a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church who
was Consumptive & was cured by Dr J F Churchill
of Paris and now wishes to benefit fellow Sufferers
& yet there is a disavowal of any mercenary object

there is money asked in a modest way
to be sure with a promise to send the
medicines prescribed as such medicines
cannot be easily obtained at the Apothecary
shops in this country. If as you are on the
spot you can ascertain his responsibility &
& will write me the result you will much
oblige her. I think my case must differ from
that of most invalids I eschew medicine
& they hanker constantly for it.
I must close in order to go by this mail
when you answer hope to give you a
more welcome epistle. Our united
love to all As ever truly but hastily
Cousin John

I do not know whether
I am in debt to Sarah or
she to me but a letter from her
will meet a hearty welcome



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Pittsburgh, Pa. 8th Sept 1863

Dear Cousin Margaret

As I suppose Fanny has given you all necessary information as to matters & things in general I shall only say I have not forgotten your request & have united my feeble petition in behalf of you and yours and would say the promises still stands "Be not weary in well doing for "in due time you shall reap if you faint "not & whatsoever ye shall ask ⁱⁿ my name "believing ye shall receive. only believe "all things are possible to him that believeth "said I not unto thee if thou only canst believe "thou shalt behold the glory of God. may He increase our faith & earnestness & show unto us that He also hath become our Salvation. Our united and affectionate regard to all our loved ones. God is good & loves to answer prayer truly Cousin John



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Added her father
left us on

Wednesday to

visit some relatives

in Ohio she is

now a tall

woman. we

now have a

very Robt. C. Smith

son of a half

Sister of

mine going to

school here

having had little

education in

15 years old

Wilmington, N.C. Jan 1864

Dear Cousin Margaret

Ever since the reception of
your esteemed Epistle of 30th Sept I have
been purposing to reply and supposed I
certainly would accomplish it on
Christmas but on that day I was too
unwell having been at the office until
dinner time when I got home I had to go
to bed. I have been more than usually
busy as our labors are much increased
our Mr Hanna being Government Agent for
the sale of the 20 Bords the sales
amounting to about 12 Millions at our
office to the present time. we were deeply
grieved to hear of your Aunt Mary's death, its
suddenness & the deeply afflictive case of Sarah
Bennell. The Lord graciously sanctify to all these
severe dispensations & hope the latter recovering so that
I am pleased to learn that Cousin John has obtained
a situation which will I hope not only benefit

himself and family but our beloved Country
the time will come when the distinction between
the truly loyal & the sympathisers with Treason
will be so marked as to put a brand on
the one that time will not efface a terrible
legacy to their descendants such as has been
realized by those of our revolutionary struggle
whose names have been a reproach in all
past generations. whilst the noble true loyal
will be had in honor & esteem for all future
time. I recognise the hand of an all wise
& beneficent Ruler in the past struggle & the
deeply afflictive scenes through which we
have past as a fulfilment of that word
"He maketh even the wrath of man to praise Him"
& so soon as we duly humble ourselves
before Him a brighter future will cause ours
to be a nation whose praise shall be in
all the earth. in the meantime let us as
individuals cleave to the Lord with full purpose
of heart. Oct 3rd last I was 65 years old. I
am a wonder to myself & all my friends God's

amazing loving kindness is a source of constant
gratitude Oh that I could praise Him as I ought
& render unto Him according to all His benefits
I cease not to remember your request
Oh that His Salvation might this day come
to your house. faint not for in due time
you shall receive a full reward
He has said be it unto the according to
your faith. Eliza & Fanny unite with me
in wishing you all a Happy New Year
one in which all clouds shall be cleared
and a brighter sky & a clearer faith
and a hope that shall be as an
Anchor to the soul cast within the Veil
Whether the forerunner for us is sent
He who said let not your heart be troubled
ye believe in God believe also in me
in my fathers house are many mansions
if it were not so I would have told you
I go away to prepare a place for you & if
I go away I will doubtless come again to
receive you to myself that where I am ye may be
also I all will Louisin John

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Pittsburgh, Pa. 28 Jan'y 1862

Dear Cousin Margaret

Time has flown rapidly since the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 17th Oct but it has also borne many to Eternity he who daily stood on the opposite side of my desk who had never known sickness was on Christmas Eve suddenly without warning called away our Robt C Caughey brother of our esteemed C Ploughy and our Book Keeper, you perhaps saw the account in the papers, a fire occurred in a new building on the next lot to his fathers, and at which time Robt was not at home (Manchester adjoining the City of Allegheny) he having come to Pittsburgh to select some Christmas presents for his mother & and hearing of the fire hurried home arrived after the fire was extinguished, and as the chimney of the burnt house was observed to be in a falling condition he with his brother in law were standing on their own yard warning others to avoid the

danger it suddenly fell striking him on the back of the head and causing instant death our Christmas was sad solemn, full of grief To one ~~the~~ constantly ^{the} solemn words of the Saviour has been sounding "The one shall be taken the other left." & since our Office has been to us a solemn place. his place has not been filled. his brother & myself doing the duties this will in some measure account for my delay in writing we are in our usual health and would desire to manifest corresponding gratitude we thank you for your interesting family affairs and shall always return a kind remembrance from any member and shall never fear but to be kindly spoken of when you make one of the number. Uncle Archy report says is about to lead to the Sycamoral Altar a rich widow with Four Sons. Whether there is truth in this I cannot say. we do not personally know her. Mrs Marshall has been twice flooded out of the lower part of her home within a short time and the indication to day is that she will be again, snow on the ground and

raining so constant that I have not gone to the office & therefore am writing you this Epistle. all our family commissions are well and if they knew I was writing would doubtless send their kindest regards Ella Davis's big baby occupies all her time & affection Mary Marshall & Ada are diligently attending the Female College. while our Ada is making rapid progress at the more humble Public School having been kindly permitted to enter this session the School opposite our house although not her ward School, and so far has secured to favorable attention of the Superintendent who is her teacher, in her former instructors she had females with whom she has not that good opinion she seems to entertain for the other sex and we think her present opportunity will be of much benefit to her. Fanny is still the Captain and although she has help in a German girl the hardest parts she does herself. Aunt has been knitting some for the Soldiers and constantly wishing the War was over. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." and yet we must trust in Him & lean not to our own understanding "His

"Way is perfect and His promise is that all things
shall work together for good to them that love God
what we know not now we shall know hereafter
let us then not live by sight. but by faith for after
all this is the Victory that overcometh the world
even our faith you note the Poet we say
"Faith lends its realizing light
The clouds disperse the shadows fly
The invisible appears in sight

And God is seen by mortal eye

May you dear Cousin realize its mighty power
and confidently trust in Him who says "I will
"never leave thee or forsake thee and find that
"underneath and around thee are the everlasting arms
we are anxious to know all about. And Susan
and family Uncle John & Sister Belle & Charles & Eliza
& Lezzie & Emma & Frank & Anna & Susan & Delia &
Richard and all that interests you (and would now
close (although I have not written all I would desire.)

with "Give to the winds thy fears
"Hopes be undimmed
"God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears
"God shall lift up thy head
"What though thou reelst not
"Yet heaven & earth & hell
"Proclaim God sitteth on the throne
"And ruleth all things well

Cousin
John

Mrs Margaret McIvrie

N^o 72 South Second Street

Brooklyn C. D.
N. Y.

Answered

March 24th

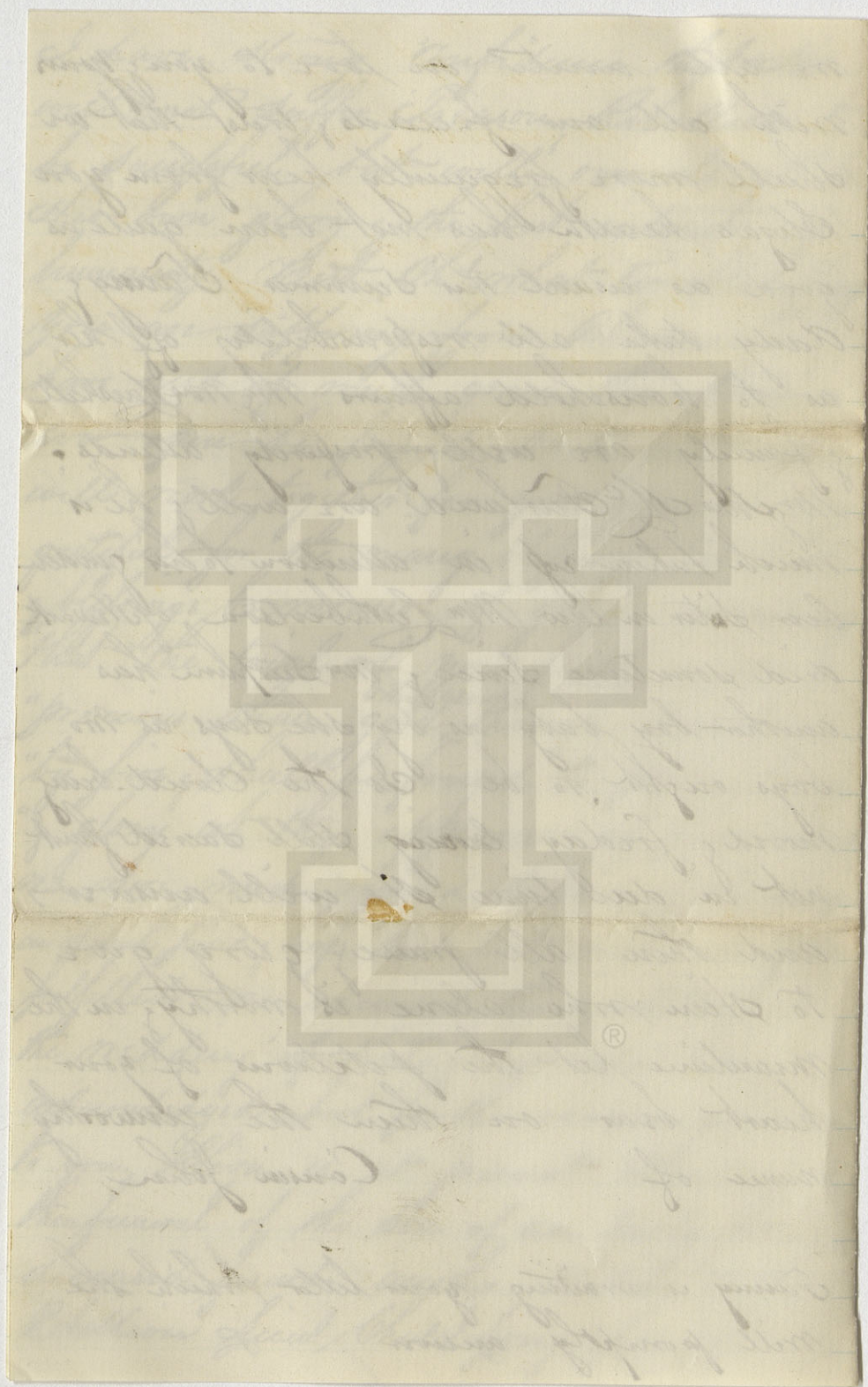
Allegheny City ^{3rd} 29th Aug 1864
Dear Louise Margaret

Your esteemed favor of 4th July
was received amid the excitement of
the Rebel raid into our State; I did not
reply as I wished to wait its result
thru the extremely warm weather, my
physical prostration has prevented. I have been
unable to attend to business for the past
six months having broken down with the
constant labors at the office; do not
expect to be able ever again to resume
I have no sickness, or pain, but debility
I can occasionally get to the church
& city. I agree with you that it becomes
us as a nation to humble ourselves in
the deepest abasement & call earnestly on
our Father in Heaven to be merciful
unto us & forgive our sins & transgressions
& lead us to acknowledge His authority
that He may restore peace unto us

I have strong confidence that He
will not suffer Treason, Rebellion to
be successful but will overrule all to
His own glory & the best interests of
humanity. ~~But~~ Oh! what terrible suffering
you are suffering from Rheumatism &
how need of much grace. The throne is
ever open be found at its foot; all
will work together for your good. be very
grateful for the many blessings; let trials
& blessings be means of grace remembering
that the trial of your faith is more
"precious than ^{than money} gold though it be tried
"by fire & shall be found to praise & honor
& glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ
we were much rejoiced to hear of the change
in Sarah Jane & hope their best wishes may be
fulfilled. we received the invitations to
the wedding of Kate; I should have
acknowledged but for the reasons given
to you. Eliza is at present attending
the funeral of the son of an early & dear
deceased friend another victim to the
Rebellion Lieut Chase Long! Campfiver

we all unite in love to you & yours
with all our friends; trust that we
shall more frequently hear from you
Eliza's health has not been quite as
good as usual this summer Fanny
rady take all responsibility off her
as to household affairs Mr Marshall
& family are well & prosperity attends.
Mrs McFarland are well & he is
much taken up in attention to his garden
Our sister in law Mrs Luthbertson of Newark
died sometime since & Mrs Saffron has
another boy baby as big she says as two
boys ought to be Is the Cloud-berry
moved; Friday Evening still sacred shant
not in due time He will answer
and then all praise & glory give
to Him who alone is worthy; in the
meantime let the petitions of your
heart bear on them the comely
name of - Cousin John

Fanny is waiting your letter which she
will promptly answer



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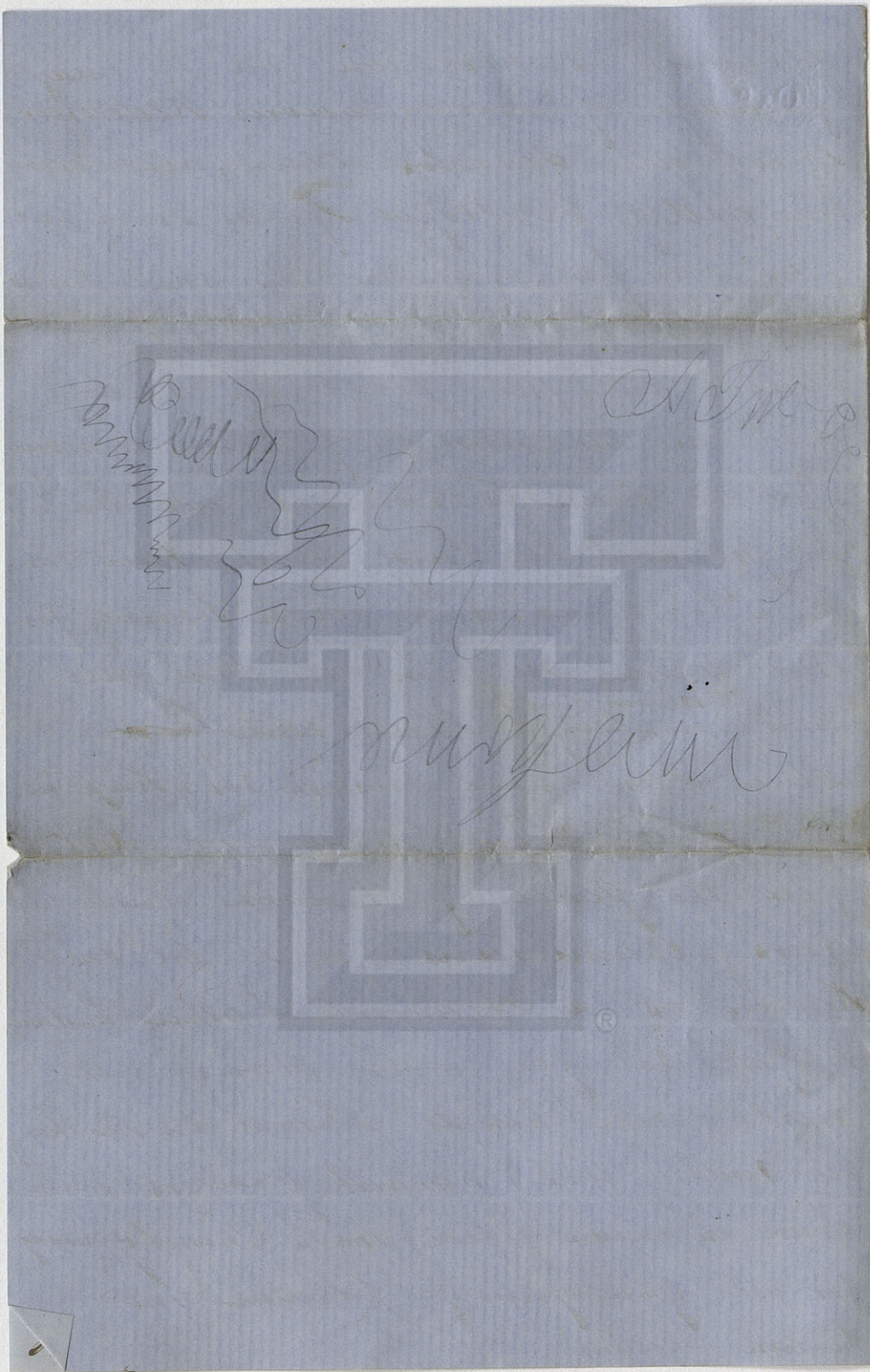
Dear Cousin Margaret

I am at last seated
at a table in my own room, and
writing to your own dear self, about
two hours since, Eliza got all ready
for me to commence when Mr. McNeill
(Adda) Marshall drove up to the door,
and of course the writing was put
off, the time past pleasantly, and you
occupied a share at least, of our
conversations. Is the Friday evening
still kept sacred, and has faith increased
the promise is, be it unto you according to
your faith. all things are possible to
him that believeth. said I not unto thee
"If thou wilt believe thou shalt see the
glory of God. The word has gone
forth & it is for ever sure so
that we may adopt the language of

the poet "Faith, mighty faith the promise sees
And looks to that alone
Laughs at impossibilities.

And cries it shall be done
Oh! Lord increase our faith and
Speak as of old, and say, I will, be
it unto thee according to thy faith
5th Other friends called after I had
written the above and I had by some
cause contracted so severe a cold as
to put me to bed with a rattling
cough that prevented sleep until
Saturday. yesterday I was better, to
day feel somewhat like myself. Eliza
has gone to Mother Sarah's. her daughter
Eliza Patterson has lost her youngest
son Chas Hays Patterson aged 14 years 2 mos
With that scourge to children scarlet fever
How many Oh! how many young
middle aged & aged have passed
away. who next shall be summoned
away. Oh! that to us the future may
be bright with the prospect of a

glorious resurrection in the image
& likeness of our gracious Redeemer
there all sorrows cease, and every
tear shall be wiped from every eye,
& in our fathers house we shall know
even as we are known. let us
struggle on, the prize in view
and in the name of Jesus "coming
off more than conquerors. we shall
be prepared to sing "unto Him who
hath loved us, and given himself for
us and washed us from our sins and
"made us, ^{unto our God} Kings & Priests unto God
May His grace sustain us & keep us
till round His Throne we meet
& in the peace of Heaven Earth's
wars & commotions will be only
known as a Heavenly Father Christening
to fit us for our House not
made with hands eternal in the Heavens
our united love, earnest prayers with
yours in return filled with Thanksgiving
for all you yours & Cousin John
& Cousin Susans



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Pittsburgh, Pa. 23^d Aug 1859

Dear Cousin Margaret

Mr McFarland and Mrs
Marshall leave by the 4 O'clock
train this afternoon and will be
in New York on Friday or Saturday
I have requested them to call on
your Brother Alfred in Water Street
to ascertain all about you before
they call on you. I did not expect
them to go so soon but they are
ready & wish to be off. Hoping you
and they with Aunt Susan will have
a pleasant & safe arrival to our
home and that all will be well
in your absence I am truly

Cousin John

I did expect a letter from you before
they started & therefore delayed writing

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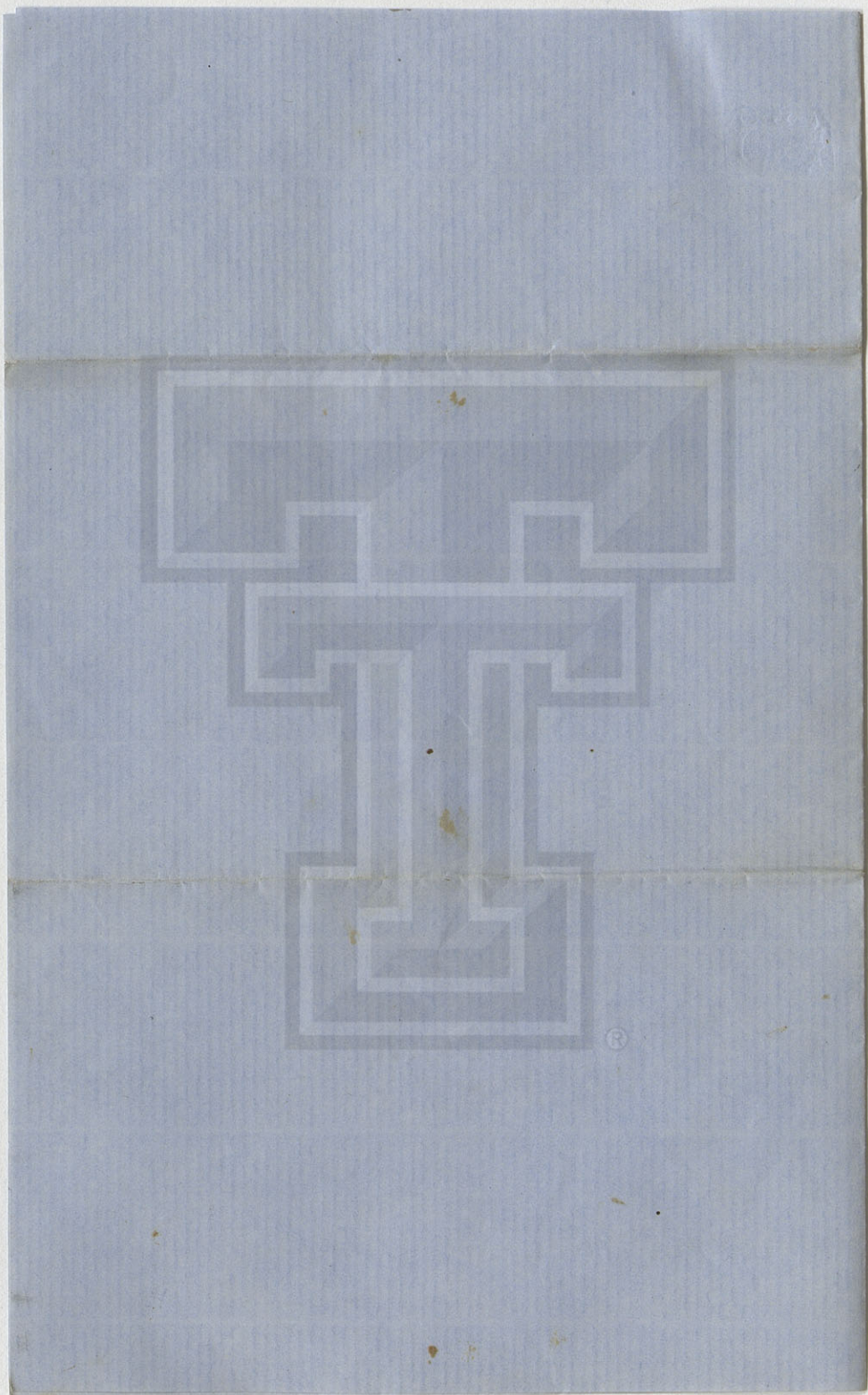
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answered Dec 27th ..



Mrs Margaret M. Freed
No 76 South Second Street
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direct all communications to 91 Ohio Street
Allegheny City Pa. they will reach us sooner
than formerly the Post Office send them as soon as they
arrive

Allegheny City Pa. Aug 7. 1865

Dear Cousin Margaret

Your welcome Epistle of
24th ult did not reach me until several
days owing to the communication with
my old office being now very difficult
Since my confinement at home which
has now been one year & two days
I am thankful that you are still able
to attend to household duties & while I
heartily forgive I must insist still that
you write often if not so long a letter
I do not know that I am worse than
^{what} first confined I suffer no sickness or
pain except my throat & spasms of severe
coughing but my weakness is constant
I am more anxious for spiritual than
for physical strength & to realise the sanctified
benefit of my situation & do not suffer any
from low spirits. trusting in the promise
"as thy day so shall thy strength be." we
have been mercifully dealt with as a
family. Ada Morrow has not enjoyed
good health for sometime but hope she

will improve she is still attending school
Fanny is a wonder doing all the work
washing Ironing Baking cooking cleaning
&c &c &c will not have any help. all our
family connections are well. hope your dear
friend's visit to you will prove a permanent
improvement & that your dear mother in law
may be fully restored & find it good to
have been afflicted we rejoice with gratitude
that Sarah Jane is improving. we saw in the
Tribune the sad death of Philip E. Sands
and sympathize in the bereavement. hope
Isaac Richards will be fully recovered &
spared to his family & friends & that your brother
Charles will find Kansas a desirable &
profitable home. "Godliness with contentment
is great gain." & if he seeks first the
Kingdom of God & His righteousness all else
will be added. Friday ^{morning} is remembered with
its special reference. praise Him for all that
is past & trust Him for all that's to come
the past has been all mercy & if we praise Him
the future will increase our cause for praise
only believe all things are possible to Him that
believeth nothing is too hard for God. the Lord
hear thee. in the day of trouble the Lord succor thee
even the same Lesson John

I left this page for Fanny but
she is so busy I can't be obliged to fill it
she sends her best wishes heartfelt love
to you your Aunt Susan &c
On the 11th inst was our 43^d Anniversary
Wedding day how amazing the
mercies that have through these years
been granted us. Surely the Lord is
good and yet He is able to do
exceedingly abundantly above all
we can ask or think. all this
through Jesus. my dear wife when
I read to her of "Friday Evening
with much feeling said I pray for
her daily. yes & as prayer with us is
more frequent than daily you are
just so often present. may we be
fellow helpers of one another's joys &
at last in the home circle of
Heaven unite with all the
bloodwashed in suffering unto
Him who hath loved & washed us from
our sins in His own blood to Himself be
glory there we shall meet to part
no more "Be thou faithful unto death & I will
give a Crown of life Amen LJS

Departed this life
May 3rd 1863-

91 Ohio St

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Mrs Margaret McCreed
N 76 South Second Street
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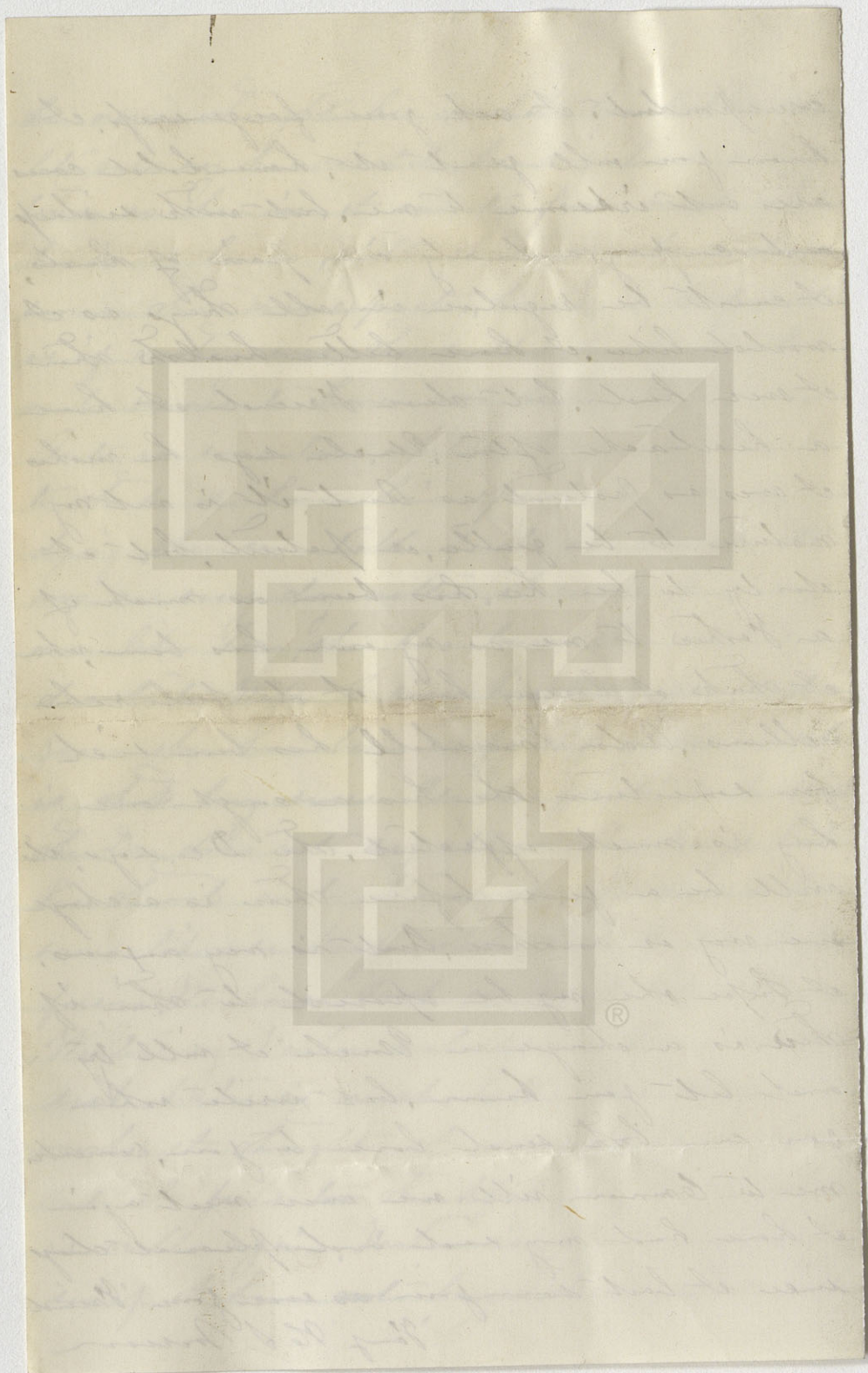
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Dear Friend,

I would have written to you sooner, but it wasted every day and week for a change in Uncle he only grows weaker, now he is confined to bed almost all the time, I never saw any one sick as he is, he has been home more than a year, but has never complained of any thing but his limbs being weak, he does not cough as much as he did when he was out, in general sleeps well, and has a good regular appetite, he was so thin we did not think he could get any thinner, but we see he has

he never thought he would be better, nor
let one say he would, he may live a long
time as he is, it cannot fear much while
he is as he is, still this may be a change
somewhat more expected, he is as composed
as if nothing was the matter, he is ready
and seems to have no desire to live,
Aunt is so calm, while it cannot bear
to think or have him speak to me of
dying, she can talk of it as though it
was an every day matter, I never saw any
one like her, she has been the most
devoted Wife I ever knew of, for sixteen
years she has been a faithful nurse, it
is short long since Uncle first took sick
the Dr does not say it is his lungs, but
his throat and stomach, it does not
seem like sickness when there is no suf-
fering, We have had a Hospital all
Winter, my Father and sister have been
sick, sister is much better, for some
weeks it thought it would leave her,
but I feel too thankful to think she
is well again, Father is still complaining,
so if I have not been a regular

correspondent, I ask your forgiveness, I
know you will grant it, household cares
are not irksome to me, but with sickness
and company, and only one pair of hands,
I cannot be regular in all things as I
would like, I have better health than
I ever had, but dear Friend I have
a headache often, Uncle says he wishes
I was as patient as Aunt, it is not my
nature to be gentle, or patient, but I
do try to be, he has been as much of
a Father to me as my own has been, when
I think of losing him it do feel re-
bellious, Aden Marshall has been sick
for some time, she has a cough one
day is much affected, the Dr says it
will be a year before there is a change
one way or another, Aunt is very anxious,
I hope she may be spared to them, if
there is a change in Uncle I will try
and let you know, but write when
you can both send love to you, remem-
ber me to Emma till we ever meet again
I have had very sad and pleasant days
since I last saw you as ever your Friend
Mary H. S. Brown





Mrs. Margaret M. Tweed.
No 76 South 2nd St.
Brooklyn C. D.
New York.

Charley has gone
to feel not
feeling any
well I
four weeks
to feel
yesterday
he does
not know
that I
am writing
you -
he would
have seen
thing to
say but
I will
give his
love to all
Ella grows
fast her
head her
hair cut
short and
runs wild
no school
I am sorry for that

Chimela May 21st 1865

My Dear Sister Maggie

I have thought

many times about writing to you
but you know I am not in the
way of writing as much as yourself
beside I have so little time that I can
call my own, I often say hardly time
to think, for when my daily work is
done and I think I will write, why
baby interferes, and now he has woked
up and I must attend to his wants,
well he has gone to sleep again and all
the rest of the family have followed
suit, Maggie I am in Kansas but
my thoughts are elsewhere very often
and I long to see many of the dear
ones I have left behind me, but I
shall try to make the best of it,
Ella has wished many times she
had stayed with Aunt Maggie

but she says she will go home with
you, when you come here, so you
see she is not waiting for an invitation.
We have our garden all planted and
some things are growing nicely,
the weather has been unfavourable
too wet and cold, with the exception
of the last three days which have been
very warm and you can almost
see them grow. We have twenty four
young chickens and five old hens
setting, so you will see there is some
prospect for a pot pie by and by,
high prices have reached as far as Flaxen
butter is selling forty cents a pound,
Eggs thirty cents a dozen, as for fresh
meat there has not been any around
since we have been here, we shall
try to raise our own living, of course
that will take time, as well as every
thing else does, Maggie to morrow is
the anniversary of my wedding day,
twenty years married, Oh how

many changes there has been, who
would have thought then that I
would have been so many hundred
miles away from my native place,
when I think over the past I can
hardly realize the truth of it all,
it really makes one feel sad and
my eyes fill with tears in spite
of all endeavours to keep them back,
as the saying is nothing gained by
looking behind, I shall hope for
a brighter future, I received your
very kind letter and have read
and reread it - I had begun to
think you were waiting for me
to write first, I hope you have
succeeded in getting a good girl
one that will relieve you from
so many cares, See Auntie intended
to stay in Brooklyn give my love
to her, tell her her picture hangs in
the most conspicuous place in
my little Kansas parlour, and

I have thought many times if she
could only see and speak what
she would say, but I have to gaze at
her in silence, I expect you and
Mrs Young have every time together,
do the children enjoy it?
I received a letter from Liz on Tuesday
wrote from Lerabes she told me of
Uncles discharge, what will he do
now I guess it is fortunate that Mary
got home as she did, or it may be she
might have had to make a longer visit
here, What is Lizgie going to do, she
did not say any thing about herself,
I fancy she feels badly about her situation
I feel real sorry for her what a pity she
could not get a good situation as compared
to travel I think she would like it, and
it would be beneficial to her, I am
interested in your blanket write me
if you can find it, Tell Frank Bennie
received his letter and will answer soon
he does not have much time tell it off
to write, Give my love to Emma tell her
I was sorry I did not see her before I came
away, remember me to Richard, tell
Anna that Ella talks about her every day and
wishes she could see her, accept much love
for yourself, write often, to Sister Belle

of her head, she suffered very much looks
very badly yet, but it is almost well now,
Uncle received your letter and will answer
it as soon as he has time. he is kept quite
busy as they have taken no one yet in Mr
Langhys place, I shall consider it a favor
to have you write when ever it is convenient
for I prize your letters very highly, kiss dear
little Anna Lards for me my love to Emma
and the rest. Uncle and Aunt are not here
to send their love but I will do it for
them. Loving

April 14 1862

Dear Friend

I did not intend that your kind
letter should remain unanswered so long.
I am much obliged to you for being so
prompt, I always think it a kindness for
my friends to answer my letters at all much,
less so speedily, I have been forming my
opinion of my new Aunt, but I can hardly
tell you what I ^{think} of her yet, I have seen her
three times, Aunt and I called the morning

after they come home, we were the first ones
to call, they had a very large reception, they
kindly wished me to stay all day, & come back
the next, but I thought it would make my
next visit with Uncle when they were more
alone, Uncle and she were here a little time
on Monday evening, and on yesterday they were
here for tea, she is not handsome, but looked
better yesterday than I have seen her look before, as he feels, they were very sorry they did not
she has very pleasant manners, but it should
not think she was an educated lady, she
has a sister who lives with her, who seems to
take charge of the house. I saw two of their
boys they are very pleasant good children
every one says she has a very elegant house.
Uncle seems delighted, he seems to think
a great deal of her, and any one can see how
very much she thinks of him, I am sure he
will do his part, and she seems like a very
good disposition, and I do hope will

make him a good wife, he seems quite at
home, he has been helping to make garden
we tell him he has improved very much,
he gets up at six o'clock, goes to church
twice on Sunday, and looks so contented,
he tells me it looks so serious not at all
bright, but I suppose he feels so happy
himself he thinks every one else should look
better yesterday than I have seen her look before, as he feels, they were very sorry they did not
get to your house, but she was having a
little filled and did not get it done, but
she says she is going East every time Uncle
does, so I suppose you will have an oppor-
tunity of seeing her again. We all call her
Mrs. Mrs. Farland, Uncle has not asked us to
call her Aunt, it seems so formal when we
call by Uncle to him, but she calls her sister
Miss and brother Mr. so I suppose she
wishes us to do the same with her, I tell
Aunt it could love her better if it could

say Aunt to her, I certainly will give Emma's
Photograph a place in my Album and glad
am I to have it, we all think she looks so
much like you, how we should like to have
her come see us, could you not let her it
will not be so pleasant for her since Uncle
Archy is married as it would have been
before, for he was such a good Gollant, but
we will make it as pleasant as we can for
her, tell her Fanny is a plain little body, with
no beaus or much company, but it know she
will like Uncle and Aunt, it is so glad
to have you by you hope to come see us
again, I look back to when you were here as
one of the bright spots in my life. give my love
to Aunt Susan and her Daughters when I love
for her sake and would for theirs I am sure
if it could see them, if some of them and Emma
could only come we would be glad to have
them Uncle and Aunt have gone to a funeral
of a very old friend this afternoon, it is very
seldom ~~she~~ goes any place, but to the office, We
have such beautiful weather it is so much
better for him than the cold wet weather
we have had the past winter, Aunt Marshall
and family are well she has been sorely
afflicted with a carbuncle on the back

answered July 14th

Mrs Margaret M. Meeds
N^o 76 South Second Street
Brooklyn C^D
N. Y.

February 5th / 1867

Dear Mrs Reeves

I thought I would write, to tell you how much I am obliged to you for my slippers, I find them very useful to put on in the evenings. I was sick one day, and they were just what I wanted for comfort.

How does Rachel get along, I guess she saves you a great many steps, or Mama says little folks can be very useful. I wish I could come out again to see her, and go with you to see Anna's baby. Does he grow nicely, I expect he will come soon and spend the day with you, kiss him for me next time you see him, and give my love to all, and to yourself especially.

This is the first letter that I ever wrote, so you must not expect it to be perfect.

I am invited to ^a surprise party Tuesday
evening, and I am to take kisses. I am to
wear my white marseilles dress, and have
my hair frizzed.

Please answer my letter
soon and make happy

your little friend

Anna Sands Creed



To Emma

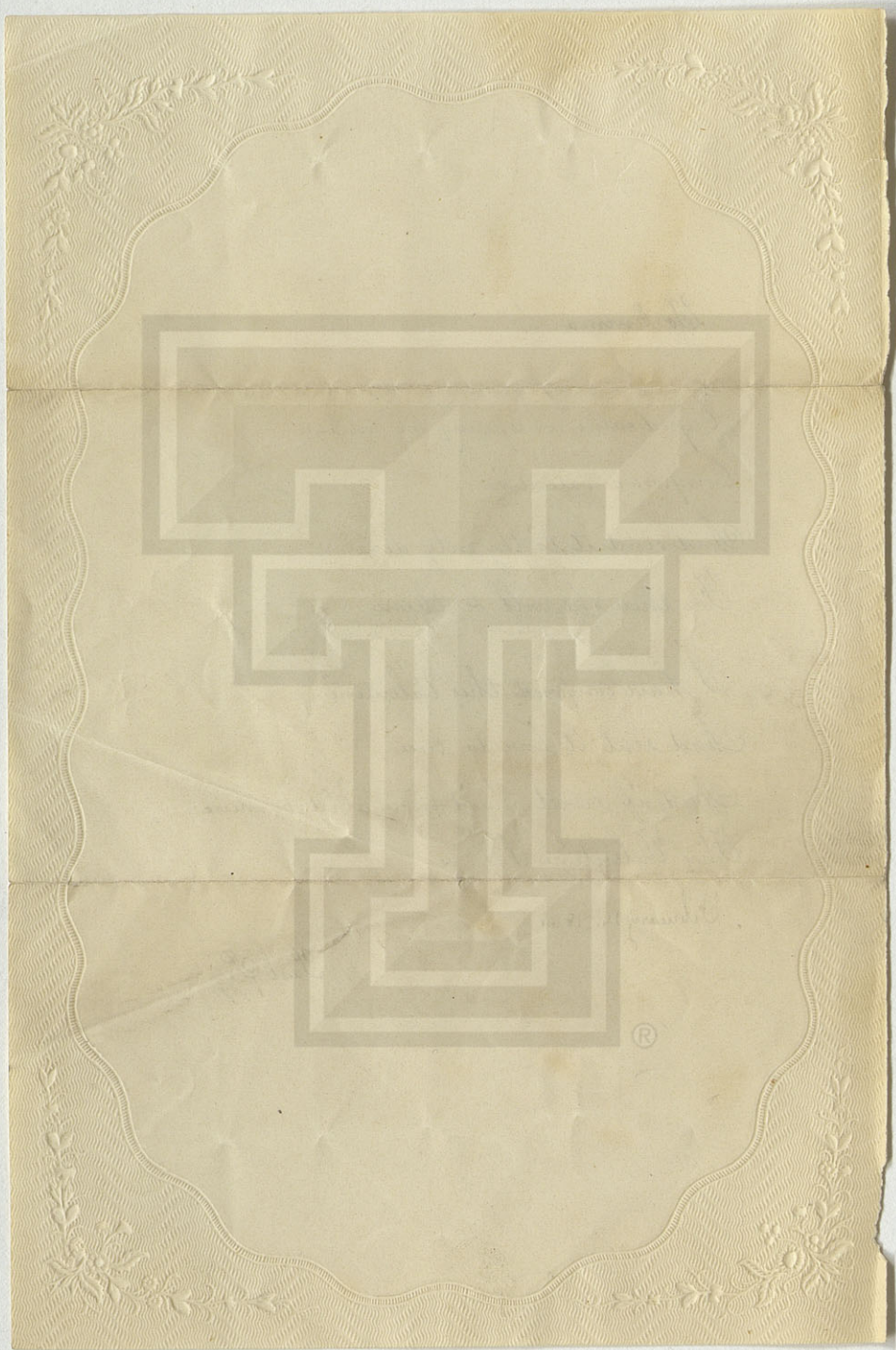
Cupid came whispering in my ear
Compose a valentine

And send it to thy only dear
For then she will be thine

I have composed this Valentine
And sent it love to thee
And if sweet maid thou wilt be mine
Thy Valentine I'll be

February 14, 1848

Paul Pry



Newark, N.J. Nov^r 26th 1848

My dear Friend

I have only just time to
write you a line to say that
dear Carry was taken ill
during the night & was confined
this morning about 10 Clock.
The baby was born dead. Susan
begs me to say that she will
not therefore be able to
accommodate you at present
& that she will call and
see

See you soon. With kind re-
membrances to Mr Tweed

Believe me, ever

Yours sincerely
Stephen Pritchard

Mrs Tweed

Mr. Richard Lueders, Esq.

Present.



The birdseye picture
five Belle paid 2
shillings and 10 pence
for what she brought
and it was very
nice something
always that price
will do

Sunday we
and because the
whom I loved wish
ed me to stay
house is very anxious
to be with God to die
that she may go
to him - Maggie
that at the judgment
the saddest cases will
be those who have de-
ceived themselves
with me their is yet
life and therefore hope
Oh that I may not be
among the self deceived
Maggie will you
write me to Aunt Sarah
and to Mr. & Mrs.
dear sister for me I
fear she will be disapprov-
ed not getting a note from
me and don't forget to write for me

for the things received today the cotton
I needed very much, and the veil really
was needed too; once more thank you
for thinking of the sewing silk and
string, and then the note last but by
no means least. - Maggie I wrote
to you on Thursday last, immediately
on receiving your note, but as it
went by post you may not get it
yet awhile. - Oh how
much I wish I could have been with
you on Thursday, to have stood beside
the inanimat^{ed} form, to have gazed once
more on those well known features although
they were, cold, calm, and still. I can
not tell you what feelings crept over me
as I read ⁱⁿ your note the sad tidings of
death; my every thought seemed a prayer
for the dead, and before the impiety of such
a prayer could be fully thought of as it should
another would be formed in my mind; was
then the Romish doctrine seemed most
consoling and when this vain hope was
crushed Universalism whispered her consoling
belief alas not consoling to me for reason

had me rather pray for those yet remaining and to seek to do for others while yet with them. Today that which for this esteemed friend had perchance been left undone. — Maggie please when next you write tell me all the particulars of this sad sorrowful sudden death.

Last Tuesday evening after we had returned from the lecture I had not the slightest inclination to prepare for bed and really sat about in my own room thinking over what we had listened to and even at a quite late hour read some in Shakespeare's plays had I then known that our friend was passing or had already passed through the agonies of death how different — widely different — would have been my feelings and actions.

"There are but few persons upon whose foreheads every man can read the sentence of death written in the lines of a lingering sickness; but they sometimes hear the bell ring for stronger men, even long before their own knell calls at the house of their mother to open her womb, and make a bed for them."

"No man is surer of tomorrow than the weakest of his brethren; and there is no age of man but it hath proper to itself, some foreshadowings and intimations for death, besides those infinite and open ports out of which myriads of men and women every day pass into the dark, and the land of forgetfulness."

'Tis very late and I must say good night. You are all nicely tucked in bed I suppose and I too must hasten to repose. Adieu. Will you please ask Anne to write me by giving the former address, as his earliest remembrance as to a matter of interest.

'Tis now Sunday evening calm beautiful and bright. Oh could you but sit with me in this lit. the room to night and we both in hold sweet converse in this clear moonlight without ought to disturb our chat methinks we could not weary until the moon had left us which you know will not be very soon. What are you doing now I wonder. Maybe putting little Anna to sleep if so I hope she may very soon be fast asleep and take a good long nap. — Have you been to church today? Was not the morning cold? and has not the afternoon been milder more agreeable? I attended Sunday school this morning. Have attended church twice. Since afternoon service walked with Miss Margaret & and Miss Milnor down to see Anne Wood. The latter part of our walk home was by moonlight. One of my feet was not in walking trim and I in consequence did not enjoy the walk as much as usual but the call was as usual beneficial I trust. But Maggie I feel this evening the fearfullest the assurance that I do not love God. 'Tis true I try to serve him try to keep his commandments but I fear 'tis from a sense of duty not of love. When we converse with those we love we give our whole attention to the subject select with care such words as may

prove our affection Just now
I have made the discovery that al-
though like the Pharisee I might
recount my good deeds or like
the humble Publican pray God to
be merciful to me a sinner and
in either case fear and duty may
be the motive which prompts and
for proof every act of worship wheth-
er public or private is marked with
many vain and wandering thoughts
awful thoughts To be a castaway
at last! For the past few days I have
been moaning over ^{the} sad case of
our late friend, wishing for some
token however slight to prove that
he had sometimes thoughts of another
life: and even today our lessons
our sermons and even Keble's poetry
have almost taken away all hope
except for those who by their lives
shew what their future expectations are
and all these seemed to forbid
a single hope entertained for
our friend. To night another view
is taken myself the subject - surely
I have loved creatures better than the
Creator Surely I do not from my
heart desire to quit this earthly tenement
and be with God. If I loved as I ought
would I not now pant to be gone from
earth and its scenes would I not only sub-
mit to stay because 'tis duty to submit

White Plains Jan 18/63

Dear Margaret

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your most welcome and unexpected letter, it was handed me while in bed undergoing the penance of a severe headache, it quite roused me up, Kate was obliged to read it for the edification of the family, as Randy was anxious to hear what Mrs Tweed had to say. It forcibly reminds me of 'bye gone days' to see your familiar hand writing once more, I have selected myself to write without being ready or in plainer words having sufficient time to expatiate on the contents

of yours, but I take the liberty of
judging you by myself that you had
rather have a short answer be it ever
so poor, than be treated with neglect,
the undeniable fact is of late I have
had but very little time for letter
writing, I make it a standing rule
to write to Tom every Sunday I feel
that to be a duty as well as pleasure
You ask me if Brother Tom sent
you any word I will answer
by enclosing his "Round Robin"
together with his last, which will
give you a better idea than I
can in this short space of his
doings and whereabouts, You
will see that he has some bright
spots in his chequered life,
The first Sunday of our New Year

I wrote him a very doleful letter, I
got in just such a moralizing strain
about the war and its consequences
as you did, but his answer was so
cheerful, that I have concluded they
won't see the dark side and that the
Soldiers mean to enjoy themselves while
they can, Margaret I wish you could
find time to write to Tom I know
it would please him so much, and
tell Cousin Lizzie to write him he
would like to hear from her, please
give or send my best love and kindest
wishes for her welfare Kate met
Mrs Larmer in the Cars, she told
her Lizzie was spending the Holidays
with you, Kate made a flying call
at Bloomingdale on the Bride's Mat
she was then and there informed

of your remissness, in not calling on
the Bride. You had better take care or
you will be beyond the pale of forgive-
ness. I will reserve all comments
until I see you, but I must tell
you of the last excitement "Spurge
I was going to say" she is taking riding
lessons at Randolph's Establishment.
I presume you have heard of the
Death of Mrs Child we feel as though
we had lost an old and valued friend.
As I have not time to copy this, I must
make a correction, it was Amanda told
Kate that you had not made the Bridal Call.
I shall have to reserve all local news
until I see you face to face, at this present
time I cant say when, but I hope soon.
Kate may possibly leave here this week.
Give my regards to your husband, love to
Emma, answer this if you have any spare

Isabel
Yours affectionately
- Yours remembered -
Moments, Kate wishes to be remembered -



Fort Mc Henry May 6th 1863

Dear Sister

I suppose you must think it strange I have not written before but the fact is I have been so busy the last two weeks that I could not hardly get my company accounts ready for the first of the month. Capt Andrews left the Company about two weeks ago and took an appointment on Genl Morris staff as assistant adjutant Genl so I had all the company acc^t to look over with him before he could transfer the Company over to me as Lieut Comdg, I also had the pay and muster rolls to make out and have to go on guard about every four days. if you dont consider the above apology sufficient you shoud come down here and take command of 90 men. Keeping an infant school or being superintendant of a society of indignant females isnt a comparison to it

Col Morris with six Companies left for Harpers ferry about ten days ago and the rest of us start this afternoon we are all packed up, tents struck

and are only waiting for 5 companies of the 5th artillery to relieve us to start.

I am officer of the guard inside of the fort and am writing this in my ^{guard} tent it is now raining quite fast and I don't expect a very pleasant trip as we will be all night on the road.

Your Boy came safely to hand and we had on Christmas morning just in time for us to have a splendid Christmas Dinner Ben had shot some Canvas Back Ducks which with the contents of the Boy made us a glorious feast we postponed dinner until after dress parade and then took our time at it. you must know Horton, Shonward, Ben and myself keep quite a Hotel we have 3 tents together making about 30 feet in length all floored with boards. in the front room we have a large Brick fire place and chimney. The next is our dining room and the last is our kitchen which if you could see you would not be ~~papa~~ afraid to show to your most fastidious friends we have a splendid cooking stove and apparatus which I purchased in Baltimore for \$10. and have since been offered \$20. for it, every body says I stole it

it was so cheap one of my Company who has been Steward on board ship and his wife who is a first rate cook and good looking woman cook for us.

Your nut cake was eaten on Saturday evening in our chetang as we call it by two of the prettiest women in Baltimore Mrs Dr Richardson and her friend who I think was the handsomest girl I ever saw. They came over to the fort in Carriages, to hear Capt Andrews deliver a lecture in the Chapel on that evening, but as he slipped and sprained his ankle slightly the night before, they came over to his tent to see him, and then adjourned to our mess room they pronounced the nut cake the best and the first they had ever eaten, and I judge it was, for they managed with the help of a couple of bottles of champagne to eat it all up. one of the ladies was the wife of the cashier of the Bank of Commerce in Baltimore, who was not present. I called at the bank on some business a few days after to get a check of one of my men cashed, on seeing my name he asked me if I was the same gentl. that entertained the party his wife was with. he said his wife told him they had a delightful time the best they ever had in the fort.

I am going to move

our mess room to Harpers ferry, all except
the chimney, on which I have put up a
notice to let. We have had summer weather
almost to warm for comfort. I received
Randy's letter and think he can bear us all
at letter writing I sat down to answer him
and wrote about ten page but was interrupted
so continually that I gave up in despair, but
will try again as soon as I get settled once more,
for I certainly think he deserves an answer, and
give a new collar, for his exploit in rescuing
Catherine from the well. I think I can bear
him barking now. Give Randy my love and a
kiss for me tell him when I write it will be
directed to Randolph Merritt Jr and no body
must open it before him. I must stop for
I hear the drums of the relief coming and must
get my guard ready for a start, give all love
to Father, Kate, and Randolph, tell them they
must write as they have more opportunities than
I do. Uncle Sam has not yet come down
with the Spondolicks but promises to pay about
the 15th of this month John Jenkins and Ham Lockwood
spent Saturday and Sunday with us at our hotel
we had a great spread for our Sunday dinner, you
may guess they left on Sunday night for Washington.
Give my regards to Mr Mills and Penning, Sam
Enoch and Tim, Eliza Cornell, and Mrs. Lewis,
and all who ask after me, write soon, direct
6th N. Y. V. A. Care Wm H. Morris Harpers ferry. If I
don't write often you must acknowledge I write a good
long one. ~~Capt~~ Andrews does not go with us the United
field has no chance for him notwithstanding Court house
speeches, write soon

Yours affectional Brother Tom

Camp Millington

Baltimore Oct 27. 1862

Dear Sister

I have just received your "Round Robin" and as we are under orders to be reviewed by Genl Wool to morrow and then move to Fort Mc Henry on the next day I take this - chance to write fearing I might be so much engaged for the next few days that I might not have time to write to you and thus lay myself open to the charge that I have forgotten you all at home but believe me there is not a day ~~but~~ that goes over my head but what I think of you all and sometimes wish I was with you.

I suppose about the time that Mag Tweed and Eliza Cornell and yourself ~~was~~ ^{were} writing to me last Sunday, I was cooped in my tent with a very sore foot with Sicut Platt on one side of the tent, myself on the other, - raining like ~~hazes~~ ^{hazes} all around us and an intelligent contraband under shelter of a shelter tent with axe in hand ready at a moments warning

to drive in the tent pins and thus
secure us from all danger of Tent
wreck (Goatkin aside as Artemus Ward would
say) It rained and blew for about
36 hours right smart down here and
that is about as good a description of
the storm as I can give you

I have been skimming
my foot for the last week in hops
and Poppys and Thrups, and am
getting tired of travelling around on one
foot and have made up my mind
to put on the boots to morrow if it
is possible

As your letter is signed by
nobody in general and one or two
in particular you must use this as
my answer to them all

Tell Lizzie Corne
that an American Buzzard has been
roosting on the top of a barn within
good rifle shot distance and that I have
often been tempted to draw a bead on him
but have refrained on account of my
religious scruples so you see she can
have some hopes of me yet I would put
in some poetry here but the Librarian
has stepped out for some Lager

and the quotation is not in my mind
Eys Horatio (That's Shakespeare anyhow)

"As for Mag's Cousin May,
Dear Mag, Respectful Missus. (Recollect
this is for friend Mag) say to her for
me that the old adage better late than
never - never came in better season than
the way she has applied it on the occasion
when she narrated those few remarks
to her Cousin Tom Tell her that I have
just been presented with a copy of
the Church Service Simplified by
our Chaplain (who by the by lingered in
my tent until I asked him if he
would - and he said he would - and
after bestowing his blessing on me took
his leave after getting outside of about
a Bottle of my best milk (a. goat)
but "goatkin" aside Mag says it rained
some up at White Plains last Sunday
that's nothing; it rained so hard here
that I was compelled to lay on my bunk
all day reading Victor Hugo's "Misérables"
and thinking what lucky "Misérables"
they were compared to me under the
circumstances. as I was home Sunday
you must not expect any more

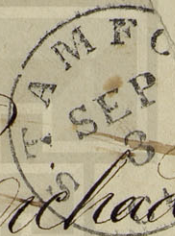
from me now Give my love to
Kate and Rana Little Rana Father
and all the rest of my friends
Tell May and Lizzie I would
like to hear from them when we
get settled at Fort Ma Henry I
will have more time to write and
will improve it

Affectionately
Your Brother
Jim



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