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Correspondence to General William Robertson Boggs, date unknown or unclear

Mary Sophia Boggs

Archibald Boggs

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& able to go about as
 many women at
 6 & 7 weeks. And to
 the wool house is nearly
 if not quite finished.
 you will soon make
 more out there. you
 will not find your
 rumbling so hard. I
 hope as you think
 you know about the
 peaches & apples in
 the farm. have you
 had as many as there
 was promise of.
 I suppose you do not
 hear from Miss Ann
 that you don't have my

letters to read. in his
 last letter he told me
 he had put in an applica^{the}
 cation for a prectian in
 Grants new work in
 Tinnex. he had rec'd a
 sort of intimation that
 an application would
 be favorably considered
 but as yet he does not
 of course know - so do not
 mention it. There has
 been a great deal of
 sickness here & it still
 in cases fatal as yet
 Claudia Mason. Mrs Carver
 nurse is still very sick
 her mother & sister. Mrs Portman

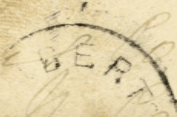


Genl Geo R. Briggs

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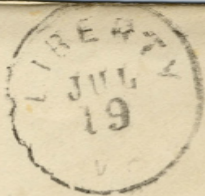
Liberty



great wish is to
"show Latches my baby"
the best old story which
comes over fresh & new
each time. That the
drama of Beth is
enacted. The baby is
very much like Bess
has round & fat, dark
eyes & a head of black
hair long enough to hang
over its blanket. Edith
weighed it today & comes
to nearly 8 lbs. as well
as the nurse & scales
should weigh. Bessie
& baby have both slept

The greatest part of
the time since has
been. Edith was at
Mrs Burwells & she
came home this morn-
ing to see the wonder
& help me a little in
the house keeping
& has gone back there
she will stay to night
also. & I wish to come
home to married. Bessie
was here two nights &
to come every morning
to help me get Bess &
the woman in order &
as both are so well there

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Genl Geo R. Briggs
Berard
Louis, La

Sunday Night

Dear Mr. Briggs

I can't tell you how
I have enjoyed Mary's visit,
And as to Edith, we have
all fallen in love with her.
I wish you could have come
with them, and wouldn't we
have talked over old times
then. Thank you for sparing
them to us. I shall hate to
to say good bye tomorrow.
The next time you go North
don't forget us -

As ever yrs affectionately
Mary O. Janney.

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37. Atlantic St.
Newark N. J.

Dec 5.
[1880]

Dear Father

I wrote Mother to ask you a question for me; but, on second thoughts I write you direct.

I want to get a drawing board and wished to get the address of "Kuffel & Essex." They are in New York and it would be more convenient to go and get one than to send and risk not being suited.

Do you think I could get my materials any cheaper on the strength of your former

correspondence with him? This is the principal reason of my writing for his address.

I have gone through and gotten the gist of "Rankine's Mechanics" since I have been here and am now reading "Heat as a Mode of Motion" by Tyndall. I haven't read it through; but, I am now satisfied that the Glacial epoch in Geology is or may possibly be a fixed fact. You and I had a talk about that once,

Parallel I and working up in algebra and calculus, with just a suspicion of German thrown in. Am reading one of Uncle Will's volumes of "Goethe".

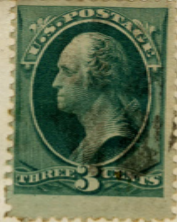
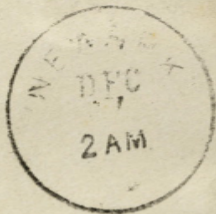
I find every day that my "Mechanical" course

is a great deal more practical than I thought it was when I went over it. I thought it was meant more for the engineer and draughtsman than for the machinist; but I find that, although I might get along without it, it helps like blazes. Many things come easier and many mistakes are corrected ere made.

Good night. Remember me to all as ever

Your affectionate Son
Archib. Boggs

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Gen. Wm R. Boggs
Blacksburg
Virginia

are in the merest outline; where shading is used, colored or otherwise, it is also done with the right-line pen.

Burce will leave New York tonight for the west. Am very sorry that he is going for I will miss my evenings with him very much.

Good bye with love to all from your affectionate son
Archie.

Enclosed is a short note to mother.

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[C. 1890]

38. Atlantic St
Newark N.J.
April 21st

My dear Father

Please pardon my not writing sooner, but, not having anything much to say other than the weather I did not think you would care to read of that.

I am getting a little into the secrets of the machine trade and as far as I have gone I like it first rate.

Commenced, as you know, at the bottom and passed into the drill and lathe. My principle duty now is on the drill, therefore I think that I can call that the second

ring I have had. I am told
a better show than any of the
other apprentices. I think I
can see Mr. Isbell standing be-
hind; but, of course, I can only
conjecture. I like him better
every time that I see him
and if I am going to stay,
I think, if things turn out as
I wish, that I will stay some
time with the "Smith & Dayre
Manufg Co."

Mr. Williams, when he put
me on the lathe, placed me
under the guardianship of
our "toothmaker" Isaac Bently
by name. Friend "Ike" and I
have taken a fancy to each
other and I think I can
see the prospect of some very
nice work ahead. Saturday and
Monday Ike gave me some

bolts to turn up and finish.

They were given me in the
rough, fresh from the blacksmith
and after being shown how to
go at it I was enabled to finish
them creditably. I came very
near using my hand up again.

In gearing up to cut the thro-
threads, I caught my finger
somehow in the spur wheels.

I escaped with only a broken
nail and abrasions of the skin,
but, I have learnt one more
lesson. A little amica set my
hand all right again inside
of twelve hours and I am going
to have no more trouble therewith.

Am very well satisfied with
everything thus far. I ought to
be I think.

I find, from what I have
seen of them, that all drawings

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Gentl Mr R. Rogers

V. A. M. C.

Blacksburg

Montgomery Co)

Virginia

Mary was taken to
the Presbyterian Church
"dinner for according
to the Law"

I have been very
much benefited by
my Dec. & so have
Pers & Sarah & divide
a bottle a day between
the three of us so it is
not a very extensive
tipple

God be all send
you love & kisses
Yours Yours loving wife
and my dear boys.

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Liberty
Aug 28

Dear husband
I had
expected to have been
in Friday next for Rich
mond. But a letter rec'd
from Rebecca saying
she would be here early
next week - has caused
me to change my plans
& I shall remain here
now until Thursday
the 7th of Sep when I
start for Fairfax Co
via Norfolk & Bay Line
which makes connection

in Baltimore so that I go
on direct to Aberdeen
on Friday I expect to
go to Baltimore on the 17. &
after that. I do not know
after this make address
Mr Churchville Ma
Care of Mrs H. Sauncey
& after that. 89. Park
St. until I advise you
of my future movements
Miss is getting well
her indifferent servant
has missed her this
part make Isaac her
sister Mrs Edith etc

that. We are not but she
will get. I shall be
glad when I can take
her away for a little
rest. She has grown
in sound policy well
to fear & I do not want
to see her fall back
now. The little baby
was baptized yesterday
Mr Gaybile the gentle
man who married
Fillee's sister Douglas
Taylor came down
Saturday yesterday little

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Send from R. Briggs
Berard
Lans Co
A. Ca

were on Ash's valley
 I hope you did not
 forget it. That was the
 matter with The Ladies
 I should think though
 with two families Miss
 Campbell, Mrs. Allen, the
 daughter of Jones & the
 Gask & the house could
 be comfortable July
 will was well his last
 letter. When you get
 through reading The
 Checkman and you & Henry
 please mail it to me
 here -

All send you love &
 kisses & hope the chickens
 & sheep are growing big
 enough to sell -
 Your Loving
 Wife

Liberty
 July 12th

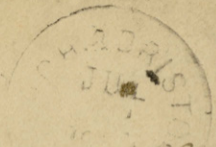
My dear husband
 Yours of 5th
 recd Saty 8th I did not
 answer Monday or Tues-
 day because I hoped
 there might be some thing
 to say about Bessie. But
 there is not.
 I just knew you were
 not returning to me when
 I was talking about
 money matters. Yes, I
 expected you to pay all
 the travelling expenses
 & that Cash 105.00 I've
 paid to keep my travelling
 expenses within the amount
 the board would cost. That
 would be 30 dollars a month

unless I do that. I can
not meet Esch's expenses
at school out of the paper
at my command. I can
not live so has she
if I keep within the
above limit it costs the
farm no more than if
we live with Mr. Howard
& you can send me
the check for 168.00
which will be the balance
less the 134.75 for traveling
expenses & cash. in addi-
tion to the board is the
2.00 per month for wash-
ing for the two.

The peaches here has
been much warmer
yesterday it rained
a little today it is by
my way so. I see has
been heavy cucumbers

for 10 days past. &
sold a sheep. Monday
for 30. & again this morn-
ing 6 Apr 13. I realize
that is need on the
family. I wish you
were here we have
had some things we
need. but as I have not
them perfectly well
shall not indulge again
in them. Every thing
is scarce here. in the
business line. but
business is much
better making stuff
felt still. The grain
has not. I see wheat
has not. It was scarce
but hope this means
not so "contrary"
but you ask to put
the brand when you

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Genl Jm R. Brady
Berard
Sausgrain & Co
S. Ca

enough to replace. I hope
this is my last report. I sup-
pose that it is too late saying
that for I don't think any more
will rest upon I'm dead. but
go rambling about like poor
Father Barry's did. I am quite
sure you could get employment
with in mining work, or some
thing of that sort if you went to
New York. I believe says he has had
several offers. from Co's here in
B. that would not look at him
two years ago. so unless your affairs
get further very much worse
than they seem likely to do I
think I'd quit - give me time
by advice however before you
do so that I can tell you what
to try & what to leave.

Edith is slumbering in her
chair done over by the combined
effects of hard work, hard work
& the stupidity of Mrs B. we went
to see the Mackales this afternoon
they live about three squares from

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Balt. Mo. 15th

Dear husband

My last was
somewhat on the dreiful side
so I'll try & make this more
cheerful. Johnny is quite him-
self again. fever gone & appe-
te returned, then the house
begins to look more habitable,
up stairs it is quite nice, in
the parlors I have now 6 chairs
two rockers & a table so that
there all is done enough in
my room. & Mrs's the curtains
are up at the windows & today
unpacked my clothes, I have
a single bedstead only in my
room. I only got 1 double bed-
stead, & that I have had moved
up to the 3^d story front for Edith
& Bessie the boys sleep in the

little room next mine in
a small bedstead, John & Pers
will to night sleep in the small
bed in my room, Edie & I in Ma's
room. Lots in her wardrobe at
my side. I have received a
bungeo for my room at, 3.50 it
is a small bedstead however
my carpenter came yesterday
& told me he could not make
the bungeo & chair frames. Ma
said as he has young out of town
for several weeks. wasn't that
provoking - I am all at sea
again on that score.

I forgot to tell you in my last
that Ma went with Alth up to
Harford on Saturday. Alth was
very hot legs at the last, I do
hope he will succeed in getting
practice in St. Louis. & not have
to go farther west. Ma will return
some time next week. and

by that time I shall be
ready for her. The shelf I would
for her room is not done yet
two of the packing boxes I had
made into dressing tables for
E. & my rooms. We want more
chairs, but I am not going
to get any just yet, maybe
you may buy your Old self
& the rest of the furniture
soon & then I'll have plenty
What of the piano - you say
nothing on that subject, & yet
I want it to come & all the
things that are in it, when
cold weather comes I'm think
ing we'll run short of kindling
& I wish I had had my show
chair put on the boat, with the
other two, & I wish I had packed
up my counters, mats, mats, brush
& feather dusters, which you
articles I need much, but not

us here on Fleming's
Dr. Reeves Charles. & what would
be St Pauls Street if carried
over Jones's sales. I shall not
send Willie either to Loyola
College or the Christian Brothers,
I am now in quest
of the agent of the Public
Schools. as I am told they
are very good. Archie goes
to Cousin May. Mrs. Hill writes
Bess - with kind regards so that
two of my three lanchos are
provided for. But Hill is
subject of thoughtful considera-
tion, about that other mat-
ter, I have determined not to
write to Miss Boland but have
sent myself here. I have en-
joyed Dr. McSherry's school
but make up my mind. Whore
Alan Smith he does look so

young & bright, it should
be kind of a trial than I could
stand, Mrs. Hill, spoke to the
Dr. & I said to make her a guaran-
tee sometime in the future
I will try to send Louisa a
lock of the baby's hair some
time soon that was what she
wanted, I am sorry Mrs. H.
did not get her - Nancy she will
have to change her system of
management if she wants her
servants to stay with her -

I have no news here you
all send her - will stop
for a few lines on Sunday
in write from N. Y. W. City -
Genl Graham is married again
God go - & as ever
Love from your loving wife

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Genl. J. M. R. Boggs -

Key box 172.

Savannah

Ga



be much better for
him than here
his profits in the 3 years
here will amount I
think he said to between
5 & 6000. dollars. of course
that is 1/3 of the whole
he has had his living
residence. All here will
do as well. & although
there are slight showers
to cause his good corn
has are withering & dry
but & corn not filling
but at all. Vegetables are
scarce here. but still
we get on -

God give all send you
love & kisses from your
wife

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Sunday
July 30th

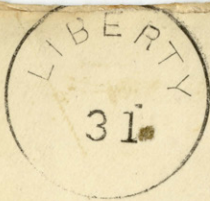
My dear husband
I still chroni-
cle improvement in
Pess. She sat up in
a chair today for the
first time & ate her
dinner of course en-
joying it very much
Dad. has on the
accumbent style of
hitherto. She is strong
& seemingly perfectly
well. but I do not let

her great kindness I
want her to be settled
at home. The baby was
born good & she is
perfectly healthy &
very little trouble being
done - only two inches has
she been perfect & then
she was prepared by me
when Bessie had
taken she grows very
fast. Unlike most babies
has no colic

A change is contempla-
ted here - & I think it
will be to Lynchburg.
The present have made

a name for the
Silver. & a connection
which will not be lost
by moving but would
be by change of name
of course. The silent
partners here do not
look favorably on the
project very naturally
as he has had the best
of it so far & will not be
able to find any one
to do for him. as Willie
Layton has done. I hope
that he will go - as I think
the circumstances will

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Genl, Am R. Briggs
Bevard
Mass Co
N. Ca

from boring and a day.
 long digging & passing & looking
 to feeling, but a bright color on her
 cheeks - Uncle Moses says she
 is a feeling thing, she plays shy
 but firm - however - The wind
 is blowing but my Carpet
 warms the room sufficiently
 without even shutting the
 doors - either into the hall or
 the sliding doors - Major Hill
 has given me 6 tons of coal
 it is delicious & put away all
 under shelter - so I think I shall
 keep warm - I have a good stock
 of kindling wood on hand & some
 hard wood besides - I have only
 used 50,00 of the last 300,00 the
 remainder is in Major Hill's hands
 I shall now that my fuel is so
 much of it laid in get a state
 ment from him so as to see how
 I stand, I gave him 50,00 of the
 money I brought out with me
 so that I think I am not in his

Balto, Nov. 16th

Dear husband -
 Edw. & Alice
 (who came over from Alexandria
 last evening) have gone to Cairns
 to tea, so I am alone with the
 children, I am honestly tired
 & sleepy but will manage to
 scratch a letter by you, as I have
 been intending to do for the
 last two days - Edw. seems
 quite well, again at least
 I hope so, he has been play
 ing out of doors for the last
 two days - today he came in
 & seemed shivery - but had
 no chill & he felt no fever
 I am still giving him Quinine
 according to the Drs directions
 I went yesterday afternoon
 to the christening of Stanzas

July it seemed very cold indeed & I feel quite Grandmotherish in consequence. Little Miss Lynington behind quite well, it was at Carrie's house I did not stay to tea as I only had time for ascent & it is quite a lonely walk from the car terminus to our house I am sure & more pleasant with my mansion. If I had some prospect of seeing you & some furniture in my bare parlors I should be quite content. I have not been able as yet to hunt up another man to make my benches & chairs. I am still with 6 chairs two rockers & a table the curtains are ready up & the floors are oiled so that it does not look as cold as I did. The stove

in the back room so far keeps with comfortable heat all the ~~doors~~ ^{doors} open particularly for me they keep up such steady fires night & day at Major Hill's on every floor. That the halls are all ways warm & the halls are pleasant. Yarns of the 3^d just brought in by Mr Borne. I am very sorry I wrote that letter I was depressed & anxious about Johnny sick with a cold, weary with my specimens in fact wanted some jelling instead of playing things muddled forward. For which I get many direct & indirect compliments, it is weary work tho' still I do not wish to discourage you for your trials are harder than mine for if I have the added care I have the comfort of the little ones & baby is so sweet. She has been

I expect to pay for the stores
 with the St Louis money &
 then start fair. The money here
 is much less costly than in
 St. - I spent on Sunday in
 market - 4.86 cents. That got
 me meat for Friday, Sat, Sun
 & Monday - breakfast for six days
 eggs - Cabbage for 3 days dinner
 & a peck of apples for the chicks
 Now can you do as much in St. -
 I think you can't, I think
 I shall write to Beck - this
 evening I have grown baked
 up now - a full like grappling
 with a difficulty I don't
 expect to persuade Beck that
 Augusta is not the most shaw
 any place in the world in
 deed I shall not try - my
 Aphons mi velen, but to be
 in it - & I am contented to be

in Baltimore - I am
glad to find the people are
beginning to appreciate you in
Pa. I am ready to come back
whenever you get my house
ready for me - whether that
be next spring or next fall
although I like Belle get
some how I prefer being with my
husband wherever he is to
being any where else -

Good night, I am going to
write to Beck - as Julia & Edith
have not returned -

Love to all friends - & don't
get so fearfully thin - Don't let peo-
ple worry you with nasty old
journals & inappropriate quota-
tions - I'm & always yours
Your loving wife -

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Genl. John R. Biggs -

Key way 772 -

Savannah

Ga

home is getting tougher -
 slowly Sherry's sickness has
 put me back very much
 I feel now so totally without
 energy for anything & yet there
 no time to sit idle, I must be
 up & busy. I can't decide what
 to do with Millie Loyola is almost
 too expensive. & The Christian
 workers I don't like the association
 Mrs Hill says she knows I would
 not be pleased with it for Millie
 now I am on the lookout for the
 high school. & perhaps I may
 send her there - I will not close
 my letter until I see whether
 Miss Hill brings me a letter
 today or not. so Good bye for the
 present, friend yours ever. Macey -
 Yours of 8th just received glad to
 hear all, no love. Mrs B.

Baltimore Nov. 10th

Dear husband

The mattresses
 came yesterday but, no piano
 so I suppose you did not get
 my letter in time to send it
 by this steamer perhaps it
 is just as well as the room
 is not yet ordered. The floor -
 Edith has succeeded very well
 in picking - the floors look very
 well. She has done four large
 two small, rooms & two halls leaving
 only the front parlors & dining room
 with the small upper & lower
 halls - & two flights of steps, the
 house has not nearly so bare a
 look now. & feels warmer, perhaps
 that may be accounted for by the
 fact of the weather being much
 warmer, too much so in fact for

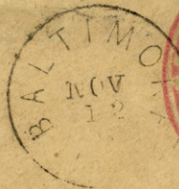
first - Jimmy is quite sick
today with intermittent. he had
a very high fever last night
I undressed & went to bed at
four in the afternoon with violent
sick head ache & fever, but I had
to be up with John who was
wiled with his fever.

Monday - I stopped writing quite
day when Maria, P. S. & Edith came
up from dinner. & did not
resume as I was very tired I
felt somewhat better today
but very sore from the getting
out out of bed with Jimmy. he
was not nearly so restless last
night, fever but so high. today he
has none, but is very weak. &
suffers from constant nausea
& Alan has discontinued the
quinine & is using beef tea. &
milk punch. The child is very
much depressed, & really just

so young one would think
he had nerves. My nursemaid
came about an hour ago - I
hope I shall soon get a chance
to feel rested & do some sewing.
I have had to do so much running
around. that I can't get over
my tire enough to sew. My new
girl can do plain sewing. she
says so I shall test it pretty
soon. What did you do with
the walters, mats, & little feather
dusters, they would not sell
for much, & take but little
room. I did intend putting
them up myself but forget it.
I wish too I had some rag as
not a scrap here I'd wash
up a flood. or wipe out a bucket
with - the servants come. & I
have to send them off again.
as I have nothing. Edith is
busy again at the steps the

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Genl Jm R. Briggs-

Regt 79 L.

Savannah

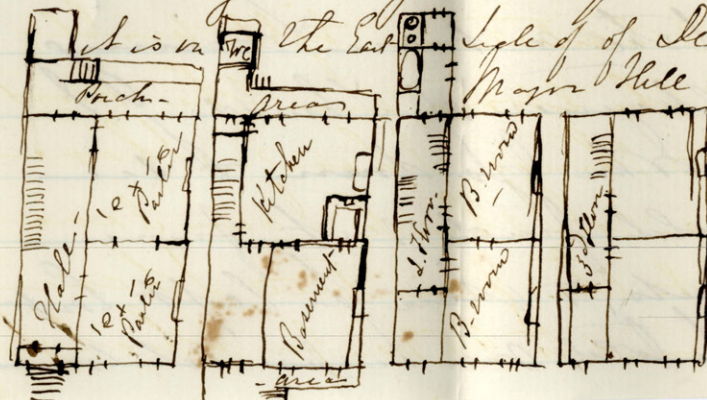
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I pay cash - I gave Mayer three
 50.00 for coal, wood groceries etc
 which are also cash payments
 I have gotten, 5 bedsteads, 4. mattresses
 2 Washstands 1 1/2 dozen chairs -
 center table, dining table, writing
 chair high chair, wood rack - kitchen
 table, servants wood table & 3 looking
 glasses for the 45.00 so I flatter my
 self I have done pretty well - I hope
 you sent on by this steamer the
 two hair mattresses, & feather bed
 & all the pillows - I got no more
 mattresses as I had asked you
 to send them on board when Ma
 came - if you have not sent them
 please send as soon as possible
 the Piano - with the pillows - ^{single} feather
 bed, & the little hair mattress packed
 in our box. I shall need the comforts
 & such things, one pc of Blankets
 will cost more than the freight on
 all these things - freights are very
 low now - no cotton so I presumed the
 other things - I also want the little
 dressing table stand at Anderson's -

Balto Sunday

Dear husband
 I did not dis
 cover until a short time
 since that the letter I wrote
 Thursday last, & which I
 thought you would get to -
 I know sometimes had not been
 mailed. I thought I had given
 it to John - instead of which
 I had gathered it up with
 the letter paper - & I presume
 you have seen something else
 I had a letter from you
 the day after I arrived since
 then I have heard nothing I don't
 know if the rest are coming
 in the steamer of Thursday I
 asked John to go down & see
 if he could find out from
 the Agents, & when he left last
 night - he told me he would come

early & let me know - it is
 1200 no news so far of either
 him or them - I hope to go up
 to the house tomorrow tomorrow
 Jews were kept up and at present
 day John slept there last night
 I could not find a man to go up
 & show it. Thomas has moved
 & can't be come at. I have no
 one who any errands - as John
 up & this time has gone out
 to the blues house every evening
 & had whored - at 3 P. M. we
 walk. The doors are all in
 the house & fixed except the
 one in the sitting room
 I send you a plan of the house



the East side of of Lecker-st
 Major Hill says the
 houses are
 12 x 16 - but
 they seem
 larger than
 that was

The basement I shall use
 as a chimney wood it is filled up
 for wood - transcribed but wood
 about 3 ft - high - I got for that
 an air tight wood stove, as the
 shale but need a constant fire
 there - for which I paid 10.00 -

I shall use the back parlor for
 a sitting room - for that I got a
 coal or wood stove the Carpenters
 at 13.00 - for my room a little
 Fairy, like the one. I had in my
 room in Balto. that was I think
 7.50 - for this room - The back
 was a second hand wood eagle -
 as they call them, & for the 3 day
 front - which will be the nursery
 I got a substantial air tight wood
 st. 3.50 - The doors are the most
 expensive things I have - I have
 90 - days - so I think I can save
 my credit - the furniture I have
 bought - comes to 95.00 - for which I

Monday. Rainy & wet, I can't go out
 today. I am getting very restless I
 don't like to stay here so long - & yet
 I can't keep myself. I have worked
 as hard as I could. Spent much
 yesterday I was quite sick had
 head ache & fever. I feel better this
 morning - my head is sore but
 does not ache & the fever is gone
 it was merely from fatigue

Good by all unite in love
 Bless & pray send you very
 much love. The steamer will
 probably not be in until tomorrow
 Had has been traded for them
 at a trading house as I am
 not quite ready yet for them
 Good by my love. I am sorry
 I could not be all fixed but I
 have done the very best I could
 You Love Molly -

I am almost worn out.
 I have read about, so much that
 I am like a foundered horse
 I am glad I am done running
 now - as I have made all my
 purchases. I have not succeeded
 yet in getting servants. I could
 not, do all things at once - & did
 not like to take steps to get servants
 until I had first secured a house
 Mr Shirk rents me the house
 for one year for 600. Paying
 water rents, open water three months
 he says if I desire I can have
 the house for three years at
 650. which was the original
 price. He allows me to have
 the floors whitened - & I am going
 to take advantage of the permission
 as I have no carpets -

The Chemical works which
 have just been rebuilt - by the
 boys - me for the second time

burned down on Sunday
Monday last about 2 o'clock. A
Mr. The boys think a specimen
there is no doubt that it is
the work of an incendiary -
& Stewart says it is the Heide
books - & that person makes
against either Davison or
themselves - they are quite
cast down - as may be supposed
led Tom has just become
engaged to Miss Emily Spence
notwithstanding Miss Lettie
romance about - Cuthbert

His journey looks very well
& is very cheerful always when
I see him - I have not had
to call on any one for assistance
every body works like a wheel
passed - I don't feel half as
badly off - as I did when first
I was laid - I wish I knew when
my boys were - John has not come

myself so I don't know whether
they are being in the King
deep - or still in the charming
city of Sar - I suppose I shall
see him some time before long tho'
& you hear something there -

My head is aching so very
badly I hardly know what I am
writing - I shall feel better
when I get over my head ache
& am used in my house - even
without servants - I can manage
better there than here - but I will
miss well & good, Bessie is so good
& so helpful it is a real comfort to
have her - she is of much more use
to me than Willie could possibly
have been - tho' I should like
to have him now - for I am
I had a che & Thomas suits
changed for so they have been done
yesterday but I had some to send
for them God be for the present

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Genl. Wm R. Boggs

Regt 772.

Savannah
Ga

Bath Sept 24

My dear husband
 Your last letter made me
 feel very much better
 you seemed to have
 cleared up like the
 weather & I hope that
 you have been enabled
 to finish the cottage
 As Miss Cullen was
 to get a new work done
 I went with her & look
 at Saylor's saw there a
 nice range. price £5.00
 size large enough for

Mrs Currier wrote me
 all over the house
 & it is certainly very
 complete. & so home
 like looking. Mrs
 Mrs A. with enquiries
 very particularly for
 you

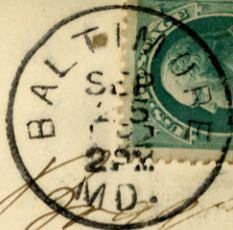
Hope all goes on
 well & comfortably
 All here send love
 from - James was
 in today to see me &
 made many enquiries
 about you -

God by - love to the
 boys & kisses by all
 Ever your loving wife

but we - good castings
& James days. That
it proves very salisfac
ing in trial is made
for both oral & word
I did not look anywhere
else - I recd a telegram
from Mr. S. Friday
saying if I could wait
Edith S. would come on
on Tuesday morning
then as his mother was
detained. I was to have
gone out to James &
Mason. delay until
Friday. & then on Saty
to the Austens until

Tuesday. but now
my plans are all
upset. I hope to start
for Richmond on the
4th of Oct. & on the 12 or
13. to go to Perasco
I left Edith at Mrs
McCulloch's on Thursday
of course the parting
was a hard one
I shall see her again
before I leave. I think
she is going to be very
happy & contented. it
is a lovely country home
& the girls seem very
nice & Mrs McCulloch charming

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Genl Geo R. [unclear]
Berard
Hans Co
G. Ca

I went to church I
did not like to leave
Bess alone. as her ser-
vant is a young girl &
very flighty.

I shall not write again
until next Sunday
unless. Mrs. M. requires
me to do so. So don't

you get uneasy & anxious
Good bye all send
you much love & say I love
Grandpa a kiss.

Ever your loving
wife

Liberty
July 23rd
Dear husband
Mrs. C. M.
Bess came yesterday
your account of Henry's
bewilderment amused
us all excessively. I can
see the puzzled look in
his face. I fancy his
capers & antics. They
are equalled by those
of the facher here who
had almost begun to
think his quiver was
never to be filled at all
as he says. My little boy.

Come at last - very much
in the state of your last
Be quiet. Pers continues
to improve in fact she
has not had an ache or
pain beyond what was
necessarily the accompani-
ment of her therapy. Severe
labor no head-ache no
fever. I have not been
away from her at all
except to go up stairs to
my own room to take
my bath & dress every
morning & address at
night. As she has been
well nursed I put her

through this time &
I am sure she will know how
the night to be attended
to. The baby thrives & is
very good. She is getting
by God her first visit
today was by Dr. When
there is a young gentle
man nearly three weeks
older than she is
I have no news from
you just now. I kissed
everything but baby & Pers
I have not been away
from the house for
two weeks to-day & then

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Paul Wm. H. Briggs
Berard
Lans. Co
N. Ca

I read your proposal
+ others letter. I am
curious how to hear what
you think of the baby as
John says in his letter
in a short time father
will see - the baby - will
fall here now as out of
your problem -

Henry had a family
man to dinner one Pla
Cook - drummer for a
Richmond to know how

Good by - Each
Henry send love.

Don't you come home be
soul-bant - you. See!
Your loving (ascending to two
you when yourself.) Wife

Winston

July 28th

My Dear Husband

I told Henry
to wait about writing
until Sunday - he
expects to go off - on Mon
day - but there is no
need for you to come
back on that account
you never had any
hesitation in going
away either in Lexington
St Louis. So. in any
where else + I assure

you to feel perfectly
competent to take
care of myself. I am
not-Insurmountable. What
ever you may think
if I go away from
home again I expect
I had better have a police
man to keep an eye on
you. Seriously I shall
be very much annoyed
if you return before you
have finished your
visit

Sen Daugh's baby was
buried Wed. Died of
dysentery. It is genuine

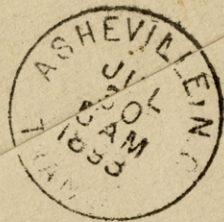
a great blow when
it was only sick 4
days - taken sick on
its second birthday

Young Mrs. who used
to be in Benson Rogers
Co. left by N. Y. returned
& was married in Jan'y
last. died yesterday
was buried this morn-
ing. There is a great
deal of sickness in
town. all keep well
at present. I feel
fine now. I have
fallen over my fatigue
& feel the benefit of
my trip

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Genl Jm R. Boggs
& Jm Wm S. Boggs
Bell.
H. Ca



a chance to see something
 of her cousins. You must
 understand my letter about the
 counts the schedule you sent
 was all right. I have all those
 books here. but last winter in
 your war my house hold came
 for the last year in Blacks
 pug - you bought me a balance
 of 60.00. & that is where the
 mistake I think came in
 50.00, of that was the Church
 money that I sent to Dr. E.
 I knew the money has not
 been lost. & you had nothing
 to do with it except not under-
 standing that my balance
 included that Church 50.00
 & I thinking the 60. was over
 & above well at for paying
 any other purposes that
 I should have gotten the
 money from you for otherwise
 also please can you tell
 when the collage will be
 completed as I have made
 no provision for myself after
 the 1st of Feb. - Are there any

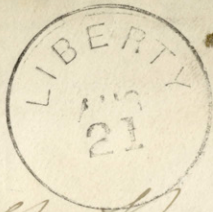
I had not got
 the money
 from you
 for the
 church
 money
 I had
 sent
 to Dr. E.
 I had
 not
 got
 the
 money
 from
 you
 for
 the
 church
 money
 I had
 sent
 to
 Dr. E.
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 money
 from
 you
 for
 the
 church
 money
 I had
 sent
 to
 Dr. E.

Liberty Aug 20
 Then I had
 the attack of
 the illness I had last week
 was pretty well made up
 when I wrote to you I
 was suffering very much
 had a bilious chill & fever
 it succeeded in curing
 myself. Although I could
 not go to Church to day -
 I see has been out walking
 since. The first time she
 went two blocks & stop for
 to see a friend & another
 brought her home in
 her carriage. yesterday
 she went about six blocks
 she is so well & strong
 that each new effort does
 not produce any season

of her. When she gets home
she is as fresh as when
she starts. Baby too grows
& thrives & does so enjoying her
bath she kicks & gambols
with satisfaction. The Kruwiny
ones shake their heads & say
"Pay for all this some time"
but I think not. So you
want some receipts for
waffles & things. Two eggs
yolks & whites beaten separately
mix in yolks one pint sifted
flour & enough milk to make
a thin batter last add whites
& bake. Salt of course. if you
are short of eggs take one &
use a little yeast powder if
you wish flour. or butter milk
with soda. which also softens
flour. as well as salt. These
last must be a stiffer batter
rather than the two first I
ought to say a heaping teaspoon
ful of lard in each. Melt
& put in before adding

The Whites. The same
batters will do for griddle
cakes. The feather bed
you enquire about is at
present in Mrs. J. B. Taylor's
bed. & will be sent home
with the other & fellows
this fall. I have a Plymouth
Rock cock. & a rooster & pullet
of Bessie's raising. You might
& Plymouth rock. Now shall
I have them sent, by express
to Asheville. to Mr. Kessler's care
please answer as soon as
as you get this. I expect to
leave here on the first of Sept
go to Richmond & the next
Thursday start for Harp
Co. had a letter from Carey
saying she would be delight
ful to have a visit from
Edith & me. so that will give
us almost two weeks there
before the school opens
for Edith who will thus have

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Genl Jm R. Gregg
Berard
Haus Co
N. Ca

Whares Mond on Saturday
 It is too dark to see so good
 by night after tea -
 I have been in next door to make
 a visit they look quite spacious
 with carpets & furs. I had seen
 them on this floor - as the marble
 piece falling into the chimney
 has a hole shield shaped instead
 of round. & the stone can't be
 put in without cutting the
 hole where the pipe is yet I have
 not suffered from the lack of
 fire - but if it gets colder I am
 afraid I shall, unless the means
 can be had - tomorrow - all our
 friends here are well - Nothing
 new of any kind tho' to tell you
 I am glad you have the prospect
 of your work - & hope it is a big job
 & not a kitchen this time Best
 love to the Hardens Boyden & all
 other friends Believe me very
 truly & warmly your friend
 Wm. Bayly

Good night
 I am
 very
 anxious
 to
 hear
 from
 you
 soon
 I
 shall
 feel
 anxious
 until
 they
 arrive
 I
 moved
 up
 to
 the
 house
 yesterday
 I
 am
 literally
 comforted
 He
 would
 be
 quite
 so
 if
 I
 were
 well
 enough
 to
 go
 about
 &
 do
 for
 myself
 but
 I
 am
 so
 wearied
 that
 I
 must
 rest
 it
 is
 stormy
 &
 hard
 today
 that
 I
 cannot
 go
 out
 &
 I
 have
 no
 one
 to
 send
 there
 is
 still
 here
 waiting
 anxiously
 for
 Mr
 &
 Miss
 will
 be
 over
 on
 Saturday
 I
 am
 sure
 I
 must
 the
 folks
 would
 come
 as
 I
 can't
 tell
 what
 else

to get; until I see what they
bring me. I have paid all my
bills, but the stores & have 50,00
(fifty) dollars on hand. I will need
a good many little things to make
me comfortable but I don't
like to peck on on that 50,000
til I see the prospect of more -
it seems long I have found that
now than I had when I left
Savannah, matters seem to accu-
mulate, I have a nice tidy girl
who agrees to cook, attend to factors
& dressy work, for 8,00 a month.
I have not engaged another as
yet for I must see what Ma-
ry is going to do with Martha, I
shall only keep two, I put
out the washing my part at
10, a month, so I shall no out-
lay for tubs etc, one or two I
must have for the girls to do
their clothes, but now for a

regular set to family wash.
The wind is blowing landly
as each night comes on. I
feel very anxious because
I think of my dear little boys
I don't know where, & my heart
sinks within me. I suppose
it is all right my coming
away, but it is weary enough
even with all the help I have
had, & when I think of the
country, plain. I don't think
I should have had to get
fixed. The children keep
well which is a great comfort
I wish sometimes I had Louis,
but on the whole it was much
better to have her. I had to
stay so much longer at Cousin
Maj's than I thought I should
I had not get away until yes-
terday Wednesday & I expected

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Genl. Jm R. Gregg -

Key by 772 -

Savannah
Ga

her comfort - so I hope
you I shall soon hear when
she is coming -

Magn & Mrs Hill, & Mr & Mrs Stone
were in & spent the evening.
Magn H. bringing me your letter
of Saturday & Sunday. I am glad
you are getting something to
do - but don't know what I shall
be so if the prospects are that
you are to keep on hunting up
work indefinitely. Your letters
make me feel very sad & dis-
pirited, you seem to be so terribly
cast down & so gloomy it is not
a healthy state of feeling to be
in - I am trying to content my-
self here as well as I can & thing
in the present, not looking forward
& trying not to look back - I have
not sent Alice to school yet, have
not had an answer yet to my
applications to the High School
where only the classics are taught
& it is here in Old Town - so I fear

Balto Nov. 21st

My dear husband

I looked for
a letter from you this evening
but it seems I am disappointed
again I hoped for one yesterday
& that did not come - I finished
making a cotton flannel suit
yesterday, & put it on here this
morning - another one was put
away this evening for her so
that I don't feel so anxious now
at the approach of cold weather
but but neither inside or out
side clothes, I was afraid the
young child would have to stay
in bed, Mrs Hammond is making
trousers of pants for him, a suit
apiece for Archie & Fuller of good
stout cloth, & a great coat each
for them, & a. of good military coat

& safe I expect it will
cost something to get them up
but they had nothing at least
the two younger ones. & I'll
take the pair of winter pants. I must
get a coat of some kind for
Bessie as she has nothing
warm. Then I am doing
my final retirement futurally
for and comes at a convenient
period, & I need not get any
thing. I had to get a trunk
but, by getting the materials &
making it, it only cost me
£. 40. ^{cost} ce. I got the materials
for a hat for Bessie which
Miss Sherbald made for her so
you see, I am making use of
all my friends. I hope to begin
your chances tonight, & send
them to you by next ^{call} ^{the}
steamer, I reckon you must
begin to need them right much

by this time judging from
the condition you are in when
I left. & I suppose time has
not improved them.
It has been foggy & disagreeable
all day I have not been out
although it was market day
at Richmond market. But
Mr Brown kindly offered to
market for me so I accepted
his offer, & staid in the house
& did lots of work. I am so
anxious to get at my work some
things I need very much. & took
sewing machines and entirely
amiable. Ma is well in Har-
ford. I don't know when she
will return in her only letter
she wrote in her usual strain
of not being wanted etc. to which
I made no reply - only
telling her when I did write that
I was sufficiently fixed to make

his daughter at school as a
pupil not a teacher. I
hope you will see him as
I shall try & send the things
for you by the North Post
which will I presume go
next week. You have not
yet answered me about
the piano we are all looking
out for its Magn. There is all
the store which Ma brought
in rockness stands in the
corner. The checks are
all in bed as it is open
10 o'clock so you must fancy
all the time they would send
of an ache. Edna is up tho' working
by days - going to Carrys day she
is quite affected with pleas. I have
just hunted one off myself.
Good night, do cheer up & don't
make me feel as I do. go down
best thing in my mind
many wishes -

I shall have to send him to
the Churchman brokers despite
the associations, he is not so
impassioned as Archer & may
get on there. I must see
you when I live as you
say you don't know. On
Decker St, just a square beyond
where the Stearns live, & where
you went Aunt Edith to see
Aunt Cass here my house
is the centre of five new houses
on the opposite side from the
Stearns, & farther out by a square
& a half as I said in the middle
of the second square - they being
at the corner of Decker & Brown
& I think don't want of Shirk
St - so now when you come to
B - you can get in the Charles
St cars side out to the terminus

walk up in front of the
two brown cottages, to Decker
St. which is parallel to Charles
then come right straight to your
road door.

I think I shall certainly
get your drawers finished
in time to go by next Thursday
steamer. I did not begin them
yesterday as I had company
but shall do so tomorrow &
cut them up out of Wiley's
patterns making them a little
longer in the legs. I shall try
& put down them as long
on the waistband as the
old ones were made of the
Texas homespun -

Mr. Bond got me a turkey
today for \$1.25 just think
of that I wish you were
young & he here to carve it

& help eat it on Sunday as
I shall have it cooked on
Saturday for Sunday's dinner
I got very nice corn beef from
the butcher at 12 1/2 cents
& a lb. & he has right well
on good & wholesome food
& not expensive - it does not
cost nearly so much as it
does in Mass. & so much more
comfort in it - I have a nice
girl up stairs, just 13 or 14
is a woman near so I reckon
very is very fond of her when
she comes in in the morning
she says - Bridget come & get
your money - come dress money
Bridget kiss good money -
she says her name is Elsie
Barron - she is just as sweet
as honey, & better than gold.
Mr. Ridgely wishes to place

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

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Genl. J. M. B. Bagg -

Key box 972 -

Savannah

Ga

meeting the King
Louis's little Lena is
mine I suspect it is
the end with her &
your little thing
it will be a happy day
for her

Well it is a fine
& I will say good
night. I could not
write yesterday -

Love from my boys - & a
good night kiss from
them all here to you
as well as -

Your loving wife
Tell Miss Jean I got the
neglected letter -

Baltimore

My dear husband
I have
just come in this eve
my dear sister
where I had a very
pleasant visit to the
Austen's & found Mr
A. as pleasant as
you & Mr. Dr. I found
your letter of 18th here
in my return & answer
from - Cecilia & her boy -

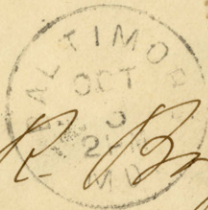
but when the time
came little Madam
would not let the boy
come to Edith came
alone on Sunday
last. & on Saturday
we went to Glenore

Edith seems to have
made friends not
only among the young
but old ones too the
last I saw of her she
was in the carriage
with Mrs Gilbert & Mr

Austen's sister being
taken down to Enniscree
her for my coming
away. I start on

Thursday for Rich
mond will meet you
from there. I had
a very pleasant two
days visit to James
& here they have a
nice family of chil
dren & all were glad
to see me. I have
had an exceedingly
pleasant time

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Genl Jm R. Briggs
Beverly
Mass. Co
H. Pa