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## Correspondence to Elizabeth ("Bessie") McCaw Boggs Taylor, December 11, 1901 - February 5, 1904

Mary Mildred Sullivan

A. B. Taylor

Mary Sophia Boggs

William Robertson Boggs Jr.

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it is already fainter to you.

Please give my kind regards to Mr. Taylor - With much love for Mary the

children and for you.

In deepest sympathy

Wm. H. Harrison

Chattanooga

December 10th 1861

My dear Mrs Taylor -

Words are empty sounds to hearts and ears heavy and aching with grief but I must intrude a few in the attempt to express my heart-felt sympathy for you & yours -

It has not yet been realized I cannot bring myself to believe it & can the more fully understand what it must be to you - The last time I asked

my dear Sunday school class that the  
transition, we called death, the emptying  
of the clay body and leaving it on earth  
while the spirit returns to Him who gave  
it; was Our Father's loving provision to  
purify the body & make it sweet & pure so  
that it might be ready for the spirit, which  
had been made spotted & perfect by Christ's  
blood, to ~~reenter~~ - I do not ~~understand~~ that  
I make my meaning clear to you or did  
to them - but the thought has brought  
me ~~such~~ ~~in~~ ~~ex~~ ~~pressible~~ comfort & I  
share it with others. - Though no doubt

your mother about Miss  
Edith she replied "She is  
perfectly well & better  
looking than I ever saw  
her" And your father  
said "yes she grows hand-  
some and handsome every  
day!" - What a happiness  
now to you and them to  
think of her beauty as she  
stands before the Lamb  
perfect! glorified! With  
His seal, that only His re-  
deemed may wear, on her  
forehead.

And then how beautiful  
to go direct from arduous  
duty faithfully performed to  
His gentle service of love.  
I used to try to tell

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Mrs Wm B Taylor  
West Fourth St  
Winston  
North Carolina

have time to press - & one for your  
 mother - a picture for Mary Taylor  
 of a scene in the French Room  
 which I had painted to give  
 Edith for Xmas - I also put in  
 four shirts for Cornelius - they were  
 made for me & were so tight  
 on hands, that I must have  
 thought you might buy them for  
 Cornelius - Miss Dixon said the  
 type water went off yesterday, crated.  
 Of course you know that Miss Flah  
 will be given up I am very glad  
 Mrs. & Miss H. & Miss Scott are look-  
 ing for another - & I for a while  
 have been in the chase all day,  
 & at two o'clock decided upon  
 one on 43<sup>rd</sup> St. 2.15 West - will  
 write as soon as I move, which  
 I think will be on Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> -  
 So that you can address me then.

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53. East 86<sup>th</sup> St  
 New York  
 Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

Dear Miss  
 I have received this  
 a.m. went down to hospital & saw  
 Miss Dixon - on whom I have been  
 waiting for the accounts - & accepted bills -  
 I asked her what Edith's salary has  
 been for I had never asked before,  
 & she told me \$500 for a month -  
 Miss Rebecca says she was the same  
 thing - & so dear Mrs. & Mrs. Hammon -  
 she - I'm no doubt but that Edith  
 & Mrs. Sullivan has made some  
 arrangement between them, as you  
 say in your letter - & I think you  
 had better write Mrs. Sullivan & in-  
 -quire into things - I looked over  
 her papers in her private desk, as

Made to suit  
 Susan & Tals  
 Dear Miss  
 Jan told me  
 J. J. Hammon  
 Aunt  
 I have

I would have looked over my own  
letters, saw only private letters which  
I destroyed - Saw Ann's papers,  
what was - So if there was any further  
agreement between Mr. S. & herself, it  
was not on her desk. I asked  
Miss Dixson how much was due  
Edith & she said "one month" but  
she had drawn \$20<sup>00</sup> on account.  
There are several small bills on  
her name, so I begged Miss S. to  
to get the cash at once, pay the  
bills & send me receipts & balance.  
Miss Scott says she owes Edith a little  
bill pay for the chamber & expense  
to steamer of trunk & says to - &  
if Miss S. balance will send that.  
Miss Dixson she thinks is all  
right. Miss recently "I guess up"  
but when she comes to town,  
she will do more, I shall ask  
her - The man has been "coming"

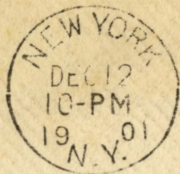
for two days to crate the trunk  
which he packed on Tuesday night  
I ran down up & saw the trunk  
be done at once - So he is here  
now. Hope we'll get trunk &  
bundle in box containing pictures  
& two bags off tomorrow - In the  
trunk is a glass decanter which Miss  
Scott begged me to call Miss (your  
mother) attention to. Edith bought  
a pair for her (Miss) Duthley -  
the servant broken over & Edith will  
not send the other - Miss Scott put  
Miss me in - In the tray you'll find  
a little basket - purple - I bought  
from market to day. The last thing  
she made - only finished it the  
night before - I put in the trunk  
list of trunk & package for the  
children from Aunt Florence. a  
wreath leaf for you, which I didn't

ah my dear Chubai! I know what  
it is to love a dear sister. <sup>1857</sup> Whose  
love can never be replaced. & I  
have felt, do feel for you as well  
as for the poor dear patients -  
I know how much Edith was  
to you all. & I know what a  
void her loss has made in  
your life. Poor dear Edith! I  
had learned to care so much  
for her, & to feel that she had  
learned to care for me, which  
was a source of great pleasure  
to me - It seems strange that  
her young life should have been  
cut short, in the midst of her  
usefulness - I can't realize it.  
I am always expecting to see  
her - & of course I must be  
near to both of you, who are  
so far off. While I remember it,  
I gave Miss Scott a book, also

one to Miss Power. Miss Morgan  
has a "fruit duff" of a blue blanket  
which I told her to keep. Mrs. Ho-  
ughton she'd like two "fine  
pillows" & a lounge cover at  
the hospital. So I begged her to  
keep them, from your Mother -  
The pieces of furniture of which  
I wrote your Mother, I turn-  
-ed over to the ladies; Miss Scott  
& Miss Power. as she desired -  
Excuse so hurried a letter. I want  
to post it tonight - will go to see  
Terence tomorrow - She got back on  
Saturday night - Love to Edith - hope  
she will write me soon -  
& dearest love to Sister Mary & Bro's  
Ann, Ed. & Mrs. Ho. frequently ask after  
you all & send kindest remembrance.  
Love to Mr. Taylor & the children -  
Good night dear child, God comfort yours!



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POST OFFICE

Mr. Wm. Barnet Taylor  
910 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

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WINSTON-SALEM  
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My dear Bessie

I heard that Mr. Roper had attended Edith for some time & would have a bill against her, so I went to ask him for it - & received it a few moments ago, with enclosure it being because May & Henry can take care of you, all about the trouble she suffered from & may be your mother does not know of it - She told me of it when I got here, but made me promise not

to tell - whether this trouble has any thing  
to do with her death, God knows -  
We also enclose bills of lading  
sent over last evening - I wish for  
credit of my acct. sent off on Friday  
night - All that remains is to  
have James Denis Dixon &  
Denis Powers - as soon as I do,  
will make out the account;  
with that, receipts bills, & Balance,  
will send to your Mother -  
I had hoped what was over  
to her she would pay the W's bill,  
but know now that is not  
so - altho' I hope Mr. Sullivan

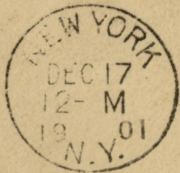
will re-engage the claim for me - one of. I send  
you this balance on 3 bills - Amount to 215. With  
45's 22 - Another my order & bill probably one or  
more - took her to your parents' letter & all - exam-  
ined - I will write again soon - this is the lastest  
I seem in this form - I'll be glad when it is  
all over & done with - Good bye from to day - &  
both her & yours ever -  
for aff'd at Concord

53. East St. N. H.

D. Lawrence

Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

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Mr. Wm. Bennett Taylor

910. West 4<sup>th</sup> St

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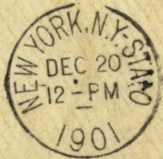
Kindly excuse my hurried  
line - but I am  
greatly occupied - and  
I will write you  
more at length later.

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Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

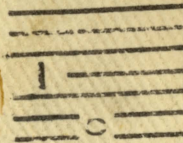
My dear Mrs Taylor,  
Your note with  
reference to dear  
Edith's business is  
received. The arrange-  
ment with her  
as you evidently under-

stand was confidential.  
I will write you  
again after the 26<sup>th</sup>  
the day of the mana-  
gers meeting, in the  
meantime will you  
let me know to whom  
a check for money  
due to Edith should  
be drawn. Is there  
some one appointed

By the Court of N. E. as her  
Executive? I understand so  
write you when the matter  
after the Board meeting of  
the 26<sup>th</sup>, as I had not wish  
to intrude business upon  
you in first days of  
your father's term.  
Believe yours sincerely  
Mary Elvian Thelwell



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Mrs B M<sup>c</sup>C Taylor  
910 West 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Winston  
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NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1901.

My dear Mrs Taylor,

In reply to your note of enquire, and that you might not think me unimpartial of Edgett's affairs, I wrote you on the 21<sup>st</sup>. On the same date I was able to have ~~the~~ enclosed check drawn, and held it for information from you as to whom it should be endorsed -  
Your letter received yesterday

gives the desired instruction -  
It is a comfort to me to  
be able to send the check  
for six hundred dollars, the  
amount which would  
have been due her,  
had Edith been left to  
us till Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup>. I do  
hope there will be  
enough from this to  
carry out her desire  
to have her father have  
his eyes treated.

With reference to the  
indisposition of which you  
were ignorant, I can't  
recall just when it  
began, but I think soon

## NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

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New York, ..... 1901.

after your children  
left. As I understood Edith  
it was the result of blood  
poisoning of finger which  
effected the arm. The  
eruption compelled her  
to wear a netting instead  
of dress waist and  
to be careful in using  
the arm. She made  
light of it. Said it was  
not painful, or dangerous  
but slow in being cured.  
I tried to persuade her  
to go away for a time

but she insisted she was  
not ill - and better off  
at N & C H under the  
circumstances than  
else where - Finally told  
her I would not go away,  
for a three weeks visit,  
unless she promised to  
obey her physicians  
orders and go to bed  
and lie quiet if he  
so prescribed. When I  
returned she seemed well  
and bright and  
laughingly said to me  
she regretted having made  
me the above promise,  
because Dr Rogers kept

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Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

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New York, ..... 1901.

her in bed when she  
 was quite well enough  
 and impatient to be  
 out. She talked with  
 pleasure of her antic-  
 ipated visit home in  
 March. About one week  
 or ten days before her  
 being taken away  
 she dined with us, and  
 impressed every one  
 by her vigorous and  
 charming personality.  
 She was sweet and lively  
 in her talk with my sister  
 and

me. and told my sister  
she was so well. she  
was astonished at herself.  
Miss Morgan - a while  
later said to me she  
thought her not well,  
I must immediately go  
to N & C H - to see her and  
talked with her, and  
said to her I felt so  
anxious that she  
should keep well, that  
I felt in a measure  
responsible to her father  
and mother - she again  
said she had gotten  
over her trouble with  
the blood poison wonder  
fully - and I must

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## NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, ..... 1901.

not be anxious about  
 her — I truly think  
 she was not apprehensive  
 of a fatal illness. For  
 she had such a sense  
 of loving duty, responsi-  
bility and devotion  
 to her parents, I am  
 sure she would have  
 used every care to  
 preserve her health.  
 The two strangers who  
 met her at dinner  
 here about ten days  
 before her death, were



impressed by her  
appearance of health.  
They have both been  
since, to see me  
to speak of their sym-  
ptoms and also  
of her appearance of  
vigor.

Even <sup>now</sup> one of the physicians  
resident at the N. C. H.  
has spoken of her good  
spirits and fine looks  
that fatal Tuesday.  
I am writing you all  
this because I wish  
you not to think of  
Guth as dragging  
through these last weeks

## NURSERY AND CHILD'S HOSPITAL,

Fifty-First St. and Lexington Ave.

New York, ..... 1901.

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I felt and ill, she  
seemed just the opportunity.  
I can't understand her  
being fatally ill, and  
appearing so vigorous.  
I am grieved for  
you - her family - and  
I am grieved for my  
self over the loss of  
this dear noble child.  
I am yours sincerely  
Mary Mares Sullivan

P.S. I send a formal  
receipt - which please  
ask Genl-Bojgs to sign  
and return to me, as  
I must have the receipt  
put it on file, it being  
her voucher, which she  
must present to the  
auditing Committee.

M.M.Y.

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NEW YORK, N.Y. - STA. O.  
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Mrs. B. McL Taylor  
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JOSEPH C. ROPER, M.D.  
204 WEST 70TH STREET,  
NEW YORK.

Dec 30th 1901

My dear Mrs Taylor

This is the first opportunity  
I have had to answer your letter of 18th  
inst. I trust you will pardon the delay.

Mrs Brogg's illness began while in Buffalo  
early in the summer, at the Exposition. I saw her  
shortly after her return. She had an infection

or pruritus of the glands in her left axilla  
her health generally was not good.

As to her going home or taking a vaca-  
-tion was without avail. She explained that

she wanted to go home in February for the  
purpose of taking her father to Baltimore  
for an operation on his eyes. The infection spread  
in her axilla one gland breaking down after  
the other & having to be incised. She refused to  
have them taken out altogether, fearing trouble with

Her breast. It was only after she  
had been compelled to spend ten days  
in bed that, <sup>with Mrs Sullivan's help,</sup> she was induced to spend  
the nights at the apartment in 86<sup>th</sup> St  
in the hope that going & coming she  
would at least get a little fresh air.

The axillary glands gradually improved  
& although at times they inflammated looked  
serious, they finally closed up about a  
week before her death. Through all this work  
the <sup>recovery</sup> of the <sup>axillary</sup> glands <sup>was</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>main</sup> <sup>factor</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>her</sup> <sup>recovery</sup>  
had continued her regular work although  
not in condition for it. She had been greatly  
depressed at times but never gave up.

Her work at the Nursery was of a trying  
& exacting nature with practically no  
relaxation & left her in no condition to battle  
with the axillary infection which in itself  
was not necessarily a serious matter.

The combination <sup>known</sup> was too much for her

JOSEPH C. ROPER, M.D.  
204 WEST 70TH STREET,  
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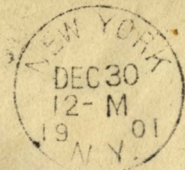
Heart which of late years had not been in the best condition.

As is often the case she seemed to improve greatly during the few days before the end & was in unusually good spirits. She died as

she always wished to. Her work in the Nursery was of a noble, self-sacrificing kind & the same unselfishness seemed to mark her outside life. My wife & I thank you for your good wishes & send the compliments of the season. The baby is thriving but has not the color of your country babies. You know in our small homes we miss the sunshine. Sincerely yours  
Joseph Roper



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Ms B. Mc Taylor

910 W 4th St

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WILMINGTON-DELAWARE  
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Winston N. C. [initials]

May 4th 1904.

My dear sister Bess

All of us are  
so happy 'cause Aunt Bessie  
& Mary are coming home  
so we have missed you  
so much. When Archie &  
Bart were talking of  
getting you something  
your other little boy,  
William, said he wanted  
to take some of his  
very own money & buy  
Aunt Bessie something  
too so he did.

We do hope many will keep real  
well & you won't have to go away  
again!

With much love from "all the bodies"  
Your affectionate sister  
Susie.

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Mrs. Wm. B. Taylor

At Home.

Winston-Salem  
N.C.  
95 West Fourth  
Street  
Mrs. W. Taylor

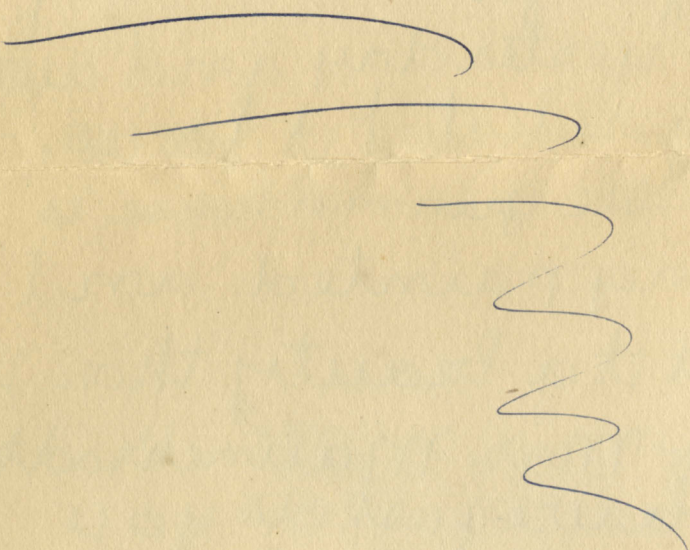
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May 4 1904

Dear Mother,  
I am so glad you have returned and that Mary is well we got you this pretty bowl yesterday and Aunt Susy selected it for us. You see Grammas house is being painted and isnt it a beauty though Mr & Mrs. Malinbrodt will leave just as you get here for Charlotte It is about dinner time I must say good bye

Your loving son  
W. B. Taylor

P. S. Cornelia has gone  
to the park with miss  
Joline



Welcome home  
Marry Mary  
times. all so  
glad to have  
you back after  
your long absence

Mother

May 4th  
1904



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Mrs J. P. Taylor  
at H O M E

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5 Feb 1907

My dear Bess

Yours of 24th Jan just received. Do not understand why it was so long a coming.

Perhaps you had best not send me the Stock Certificates until every thing is settled. You mentioned in your letter of no date - probably Friday 18 Jan - that you would send them next day but you very evidently have not done so.

John and Henry have their money by this time as I sent orders to pay out their shares on 23rd ult. both to Mr Manly and the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co.

As long as you have not sent the Certificates, hold them until further notice from me.

Love to all

Yours affectionately  
 Wm R. Baggs, Jr

W. B. A. Dingwall, M. E.

P.O. BOX 113

Matichuala, T.L.P.  
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Mrs. W. B. Taylor

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