Cabin Creek August 23th 1859

Dear Children

we are tolerable well except my self. I am not well nor I have not been for four months. I have not been two days at one time out of my bead for three months. I am some better at this time I have been improven for a few days I have not been able to write with a weakness of my heart and nerves. America is well Rivenock is not in as good health as he was last Summer. I heard from William last week They was all well but Pamela She was unwell had been a few days I am able to write Very little we had a Very dry season until a few week. It was the poorest prospect for crops I ever saw. There will be in place scarcely enny corn raised. from Sanders up the east fork I think will not be corn enough raised to bread the people. them that dig not work corn well, or clothes there ground will raise non I thought a month ago I would not raise half to make me bread but we have had some fine rains it will do much better than I expected I had it worked well. I will have better corn than I have had for two year. B Ireland has worked hard has a fine prospect for corn and the finest tobacco there is enny place near here. but this farm is the best prospect for corn of enny on the Creek. there is more taters about the corn on it this year than ever has been in one year

Sunday 12 o'clock it commenced raining last night about 8 o'clock and has been raining ever since we have rain enough now to make our corn with out enny more. I had not a large crop of potatoes but they are better than usual. We are digging and I think the extra rain will do us more good this year than it has for some year. I planted it in the Spring east a good deal out of the Bues some people laugh at me I had reason it but it give me good potatoes. I would like to write a good deal but I cannot. it is with great difficulty I write what I do. it is generally pretty cheap. I suppose William wrote you he had run for the Legislature. I have not said him for several months he knew I was opposed to his running his majority was 409 - I have not heard from you since the 14th of April that is the last letter I got from you I have write two since & Read that one and no answer I hope to hear soon how you all are. I see from the Express. your crops will be good. I hope you may be able to make this out my nerves is shaking and so I will have to stop I have a good many things I could write and would be glad to do it but I cannot at this time Give my Respects to all

Remain your

Father

L. D. Inland

1859: Writ of Mandamus

The Commonwealth of Virginia To A G Eastham. Henderson Miller, Rezin Bumgarner, A B Alexander. and Elijah Kimberling Greeting; Whereas on the Petition of James Barnett & B D Rollings on a Rule to Shew cause why a Writ of Mandamus Should not be awarded against you the aforesaid members of the Board of School Commissioners of Mason County, to compel you to comply with the provisions of the 5th Section of the 82d Chapter of the Code of Virginia, and district the said County of Mason, and more especially your respective School districts; to perform the various other duties required by said Chapter. So that the free School System, contained in the said 82d Chapter of the Code of Virginia be put into operation, was made on the 9th day of February 1869. by the County Court of Mason, returnable on Monday the 14th day of February 1869 which said Rule was duly Served on the members of the the Board of School Commissioners, and they by their Attorney fully heard in defence thereto, and the said Court after due consideration of said matters of defence determined to make the said Rule absolute, and to award the Mandamus, as prayed for by the said Memorialists, returnable here at the next term of this Court, Commanding the said A G Eastham, Henderson Miller. Rezin Bumgarner. A B Alexander & Elijah Kimberling, members of the said Board of School Commissioners to divide the County of Mason, or more especially their respective School districts as required by the 5th Section of the 82d Chapter of the Code of Virginia and to perform the various other duties required of them by said Chapter and necessary to put into Operation the free School System Contained in said 82d Chapter of the Code, or Else that you the said A G Eastham, Henderson Miller, Rezin Bumgarner, A B Alexander & Elijah Kimberling, Shew cause at the next term of said Court, why you have not done so. Therefore you are hereby commanded and enjoined, that immediately after the Receipt of this Writ, without delay you, and each of you, do fully comply with, Obey, and Execute on your part, the aforesaid provisions

of the 82d Chapter of the Code of Virginia by districting or Subdividing the County of Mason, or More Especially your respective School district as required by the 5th Section of Said Chapter, and to perform the Various other duties required of you by Said 82d Chapter, so that the free School System Contained in Said 82d Chapter can be put into Operation in the County of Mason, according to the true intent and Meaning of the Statute so that Complaint be not again made to the County Court of Mason County, and that you Certify perfect obedience to and due Execution of this Writ to Said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, or that you do then and there Shew Cause why you and Each of you, have not so done as commanded returning then and there this our Writ, and this by no means Omit, Witness James H Holloway Clerk of our Said Court, at the Courthouse of Said County this the 18th day of February 1869. and in the 83d Year of the Commonwealth,

James H Holloway Clk.

Moore, Wilstach, Keys & Overend, Prs., Cin.

Ireland Samuel D. 1856.

To the Sheriff of Lewis County, Ky., Dr.

Revenue Tax on	$ 2350 *at 20 per cent.*	$ 3.06
"	$ *at 30 per cent.*	$
1	*County Levy at* $1 25 *per Levy,*	$ 1.25
		$ 6.31

Received Payment in full,

J. R. Gorman & W

Fox Springs Dec 18th 1859

Dear Cousin

I received your letter a few days ago and was very glad to hear from you, We are all well at present and hope you are enjoying the same health. Mary & Emma are as smart and pretty as they can be, they are always talking about what Santa Claus is going to bring them, I have never seen Willie and I dont know how pretty he is but I dont think that he can be any prettier than they are Hellen went home last september I went as far as cousin Will Robbys with her and I went to the fair from there I liked it very well Mrs "Platt" has moved away from here Heber has got a new tea set and

is a going to have a tea party Christmas
the children are looking forward to Christmas
with a great deal of happiness
I am not going to school now, I tell
Anna that I should like to receive
a letter from her very much, and Lucy
also, give my love to them both,
there was two little girls from Flemings
burg spent two weeks here this summer
Ellen Sadler and Mary Harbeson
Miss Rebecca Ashton was my teacher when
I went to school, Well I believe I have
told you all that I can think of and
must come to a close, Give my love
to your Ma and Pa and all my relations
in Greenup, and kiss Sallie and Willie
for me, No more at present from
your cousin
Ella
P.S. excuse all mistakes and bad writing
as I have not practiced any for a long time
E.P.

Greeny Ky Feb 21st 1886

Dear Sister

I sit down to write a few lines to you as I have not time to write much I thought I would help Ella fill up her sheet we are all very well at this time Mr Fountain went to Lewis last week I intended writing by him thinking that he would see some one from greeny to send a letter to you but as we killed our hogs a few days before he started I exposed myself to the weather as it was very cold and wet the consequence was I had a severe spell of toothache, and did not feel much like writing at that time I was very glad indeed to hear from you as I was very uneasy about Willie from what his Pa said about him in his letter keep his little heart I am glad to hear that he is well again, I need not ask you if you are not lonely now that Will is away for I know you are, I wish you could have spent the time with us that he is away, give him our love when you write to him I have not heard from Decatur for three or four weeks they were all well at that time, We got a letter from Mother a few weeks ago she says that she has bought land down there and has some thought of going to

housekeeping with Albert and his wife she speaks very well of Alberts wife as being very industrious and smart Mary Procter has another boy I suppose it is about two months old she did not say what they called it. I suppose you begin to think your sewing machine is quite an invention from the quantity of work you do I still think of getting one but now I hardly know which to get from what you say about yours Mr Fountain is greatly in favor of it for he says we know that we may rely on what you say about it but the trouble with me will be to get some one to learn me how to use it, if I should get one like yours, there is an agent for grover and bakers in this county whose wife will go and learn any one that gets the machine all about them I still like grover & bakers I have never heard Mrs Fleming find any fault of hers except that it takes a great deal of thread Mr Fountain was anxious that I should wait and see how you liked yours as he wants me to have one of the best Mrs Fleming & Peggie are in town the members of the methodist church had a supper and fair there last wednesday evening the proceeds were to buy a bell for their new church I suppose Brother Robert has returned from his trip tell him I would like to know what he thinks of Arkansas and how him fell of some of his adventures give our love to him and family and to Jo I have been wanting to write to him ever since I was there but I hardly know how to go about it I shall look anxiously for that long letter you promised me do not let me wait long for it kiss all of the children for me your affectionate sister Lute