

business with him. Mr. Tully, is one of my
early friends, always manifesting, and I
believe sincerely, great friendship for me. Was
one of the first to urge me to read law,
and when I urged my poverty, inability
to buy books, he generously offered to buy
them for me, & board me for any little service
I could render him in his store. To his
advice, solicitations & encouragements, I ^{now} owe
a little of what of success I have had
in the world. I trust I shall now
feel anything but friendship & gratitude to
him. But my success is so modest,
& in some measure scattered, that it has
been my desire for some time past to
bring things within a more narrow circle.
For this new proof ~~of~~ Mr. Tully's friendship
& confidence I thank him kindly, and
only regret that I cannot do as he wishes.
But often,
Yours affectionately
W. C. Ireland.



Mr. S. J. Ireland,
Cashier Bank,
Lewis County,
Ky.

Fox Springs Ky Feb 17 1858

Dear Sister

It has been so long since since there has been any correspondence between us, that I almost forget who wrote the last, but I think I did, notwithstanding that, I have concluded to write again. I have for a long time felt anxious to get a letter from you, and would have written sometime ago, but as Mr Fountain and Will have been corresponding frequently I have put it off, as I have a very poor chance to write as you may judge having two babes to attend to is just double trouble, I wish you could just see me worrying with them sometimes, but I would rather you should see them, for they are very pretty sweet and smart & they are crawling and pulling up by chairs. I have not made them short dresses yet, I think they would walk soon if there was any pains taken with the every person thinks that one of them is very much like Rock, I think my self that she is something like him, Emma is very much like Andrew, they are not at all alike except their hair. they grow very fast for twins Mrs Fleming and several others think they are the largest twins they ever saw to their age, they can do a good many funny things to amuse us sometimes, how does your little boy get along. I dont think Will is very proud of him self he scarcely ever alludes to him in his letters I feel smartly provoked sometimes when he writes, to think that he says so little about you all, sometimes he will say Pamela and the children are well, or not well as the case may be, to be sure I am glad to hear that much but I would like ^{him} to tell us a great deal more what you are doing and saying and what the children say and a great many things I often tell Mr Fountain things to say for me when he writes to you sometimes he forgets and sometimes he is in a hurry, has little Nellie got entirely over her spell of sickness and does Betty go to school I want to hear all about them, Ella is at home this winter she is studying Geography grammar and arithmetic we board the school teacher for the sake of having him hear her lessons at night she is learning

as fast as if she was at school. the boys are all going to school and learning very fast,
bobbie has been going 6 or 7 weeks he is spelling very well in two syllables he goes
all sorts of weather not willing to stay at home a day. Joseph is studying
mental arithmetic 2nd part he has studied as far as federal money he will
commence studying geography next week Andrew has read through his second rea-
der has been writing a little he will commence studying arithmetic in a few
days, they were very anxious that I should tell you what they were learning,
bobbie says he wants his uncle Robert to know that he is going to school and
learning very fast he talks more about his uncle Robert than any one else, Ella
has been a great deal of company and help to me this winter she does the most
of my common sewing, for I have a poor chance to sew. Uncle Robertland has moved
down into season, living on part of uncle Alex Stubblefield's old farm. Aunt
Nelly has cousin Matt Stubblefield's two youngest children, and cousin Sate has the
two oldest, the babe died, cousin Matt still lives at the mill he has a family
keeping house for him, I miss uncle Robertland's family very much. I went to uncle
carpenters last fall to see Mary Gooding she had a daughter about two months
ago, she calls it Anne Bell her oldest is a very pretty little boy. she has promised
to come to see me before she goes back to missouri. How does brother's family get alon-
ing and how do they like greenup and how does Jo and family get along I wrote to Lucy
while she was in mayville, but I don't expect she got the letter. Mr. Fountain got some one
to put it in the office in mayville, when he found she was not there, but did not direct
it to greenup thinking she would be back there, give my love to them all and tell them
I would like them all to write to me tell Brother Robert if he has left Linn he must
not forget the foxes Mr. Fountain says tell Will the he received a letter from him
dated the 21st december inclosing a note of Seth Parker that he forgot to mention in
his letter to him he also received one the 1st of Feb and would be glad to hear from him
again, as soon as it is convenient he wishes to be remembered to you and all of our
friends give my love to Will and kiss the children, tell Sallie Hester has not forgotten
her yet our children often talk about Sallie and Sallie be sure and write to me soon and
do let us try and write to each other often I must stop for the present your sister L. A. Hunt
D. D. Ireland

Greensburg, Ky. March 14th 1858,

Dear Father,

I was absent from home on Friday when your letter came, and did not get home until this (Sunday) morning. I am sorry to hear of your continued illness from Palpitation, and tho' I deeply regret to believe it, I am of your opinion that it is not likely Mother will ever be able to walk again.

I wish I could come down. You can form no idea, unless you were here to witness it, how I am compelled to work; it has got to such a state that I am now as much pressed usually, as I was formerly during the sittings of Court. But this will not hinder me from coming down whenever you shall write to me to do so. I will try to go to see Sparks this week, it is not far, and will not require much time. I have no idea that he will see you. I do not wish you to give yourself any uneasiness about the matter, nor think for a moment that your home is in danger, it is not so, it shall not be so. If he should press the matter I could, I feel confident raise the money sooner than the time I have spoken of, but unless Times should improve it would be attended with some difficulty. I am going to Ashland, on tomorrow, shall start early in the morning, and hence I write today. The Citizens of Ashland employed me to prosecute a Dr. Barker, who they have under arrest, I charged with

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passing Counterfeit money. from what I gather
of the evidence he is clearly guilty.

I am sorry to hear of Quaw's death, I
suppose he leaves some little children.

We are all well as usual. Willie is
now cutting teeth, and is sometimes a little
fretful. Sally is fat, & very well.
Virginia is going to school.

If at any time you should need anything
for yourself or the family, which you
cannot procure yourself, do not hesitate in
letting me know; it will always afford me
pleasure to do any thing I can for you.

I shall expect your letter to be packed by
the Mail tomorrow. Your writing is a considerable
tax on time & labor, but of course. I have considerable
of stamps on hand and send you some.

Yours aff. son
W. C. Ireland

Columbiana Lewis County Kentucky
Knowing that all the living must
die soon or later for reasons known
to myself I give David M. Sumner
Charge of my Boddy at my death for
him to inter it as near like my wife
was as he can my Coffin to be made by the
same man and out of Black Walnut black
and maid large white flannel for shroud
a small ~~bird~~ feather to lie on a pillow
under my head but the Sumner knows how
she was buried and that I want to lie by her
May 12th 1868
S. D. Helms

Cabin Creek Lewis County Kentucky
I desire that William C. Ireland shall
have full power to settle all my business
as if I was living to do it myself. And
apply what I may have to the support
of America & Previous B. Ireland. As we
think best. I leave him sole guardian for
them both. I wish Mr David W. Spunkin
to take charge of my body and burial
in the same manner my wife was
and a long side of hers. The same man
to make my coffin that made hers and out
of Black Walnut plank if it can be got
that is all I have to say respecting my body
no benevolent heart can refuse that
I should live in this world to myself in torment
it is trouble of mind that has brought me
to this cancellation. I cannot live here

May 15. 1858

S. A. Ireland

Fox Springs Ky May 30th 1858

Dear Sister

I at last sit down to answer your letter, I have tried several times to do so but there is always something to hinder me. I thought if I did not write ~~soon~~ you might think my promises did not go for much, I think I ~~promised~~ in my last letter to you that I would answer your letters punctually, but it has been near two months since I received yours but dear Sister you must make every allowance for my seeming neglect for you have never had two babies at once and don't know the trouble they are, I will say more about the babies by and by, I must first tell you what uneasiness I have had the last week on your account. some of Mrs Flemings family came out yesterday was a week, and said they heard that you were very ill and Rock had gone to see you, Mr Fountain went to town on Monday in hopes of getting a letter or hearing from you, when he found there was no letter he enquired of all the lawyers that he knew had been to Greensburg but none of them had heard anything about your being sick. so I heard no more until yesterday I heard that Rock wanted to attend a picnic somewhere and that was his excuse for leaving the boat, he wanted to go to see you as you were not well I don't know how the news got to Fleming.

Our family are only tolerable well they have all had very bad colds. I have had the worst I have had this winter for my babies have not been well for a week or more. I think they are teething; they are very fretful and feverish. they are so bad after me I can scarcely move for them. I have left