Morton, Lilith - Letters to, 1901-1902 (MSS 701)

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Letter 25
1 November 1901
Nortonville, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton. My Dear Friend.

From: Will Loven

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Morton, Ky. Postmarked: Nash. & St. Louis, 1 Nov 1901.

Lilith is evidently well acquainted with Will Loven. He seems to be personally more interested in Lilith’s sister, LeVert. Will asks if he might bring a friend that work with him at the depot out to visit. This young man, unnamed at this point, was John William Elliott.
Mortarville, May 11, 1901

Miss Leich Morton

My dear friend,

You will no doubt be surprised to hear from me again, but I am writing this letter not for my keep but more for another reason. There is a young man here who is day operator at the depot and is one of the nicest young men you ever saw. He is quite a favorite of mine and he desires to meet you. If you have no objections I would like to bring him out some Tuesday afternoon and introduce him to you and if I do I will assure you that you will never be sorry of it. You can see your sister and ask her if I can see her and if so he and I will be out some Sunday before lunch will like you know in your letter when we can come.

Please give my return wish and love,

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Miss Lillian Morton

Morton 1914
Letter 26
6 November 1901
Nortonville, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton. Dear Lilith.

From: Will Lovan

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Morton, Ky. “Gap” added and stamped “Missent To Marion, KY Postmarked: Nortonville, Ky, date illegible and then Earlington, Ky, 8 Nov 1901. Back postmarked: Marion, Ky, 7 Nov 1901 and then Mortons Gap, Ky, 9 Nov 1901.

Lilith evidently responded positively to the first letter. Will refers to the young man he will bring as Mr. Elliott. Will plans to see LeVert Morton, Lilith’s sister during the visit. Will mentions that he and Lilith are distant kin. He states that he and Mr. Elliott will visit one week from next Sunday.
Dear Laith,

Your letter was made by a lady who knows you well. She was glad to hear from you, but had the best of it that you were not going to come. However, I am glad you did. I am glad that it was the way it was. Yes, Lewit was the one I meant when I said your sister. I thought you would know who it was. Any way you are a good guesser for Lewit was the one to had reference to.
I received your letter of mine that I was speaking of. His no name but he is Occed Mr. Elliott. You will find he is a nice young man to.

You know I would not associate with him if he was not much less bright. He ran out to see you. I'll learn you will wait until I come over and do
My heart is person-ally
with her. I believe
we did use to clai-m
knew in days gone
by and good days
they was to.

Well as it is Fillings.

I will say bye bye
My self and Mr. Elliott
will be cut one week
from this Sunday
will that be alright?

With best wishes
Salam.

Mrs. Savannah
To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Miss Morton.


The is the first letter written by John Elliott to Lilith Morton after their meeting. He was evidently impressed with her and asks to visit again next Sunday.
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company

Morrison  KY  Station  Nov 18  1901

Miss Lillian Monroe

Morrison Gap Ky

My dear Miss Monroe

Surprised to receive this letter from you. I was hoping you would write soon.

I heard Mr. Long in writing. I have often heard him speak of you and Mr. Monroe. Miss Monroe and Miss Long are now in the city.

I admired Alice as much as I admired you.

I am very sorry to hear of your illness. I hope that you will write soon.

In the many duties, I hope you have no objections.

I am very happy in having this pleasure in asking you.

I am very thankful and am sure that no one could appreciate your company any more than I would.

Write Miss Lillian. I am looking to see you again.
Lox to Think. No Start in spring yet. Ask some people to run over and see you. Am going to cut the 

Junction Line. Am going to run to Poquio. The

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Lumville & Nashille Railroad Company
Miss Lillian Morton
Mortenson Gap
KY
To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: John E. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: Nortonville, KY [date illegible].
Postmarked back: Mortons Gap, KY, 3 Dec 1901.

The couple went for a drive on the past Sunday evening that he found most enjoyable. The letter is filled with expressions of admiration.
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Station

My Dear, I'm: Wrote you & Sued to carry you a

In Louisville on Monday.

Wrote you & Sued you very much, but I was

I'm glad that you & So am I. Come back with my

At 8, 14, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, you. I'm glad.

You last Sunday evening was one of

The most pleasant driven 3, 5, 7, 9, long ago.

In my life. Not the climate was ever to reason,

But the company was 3, 5, 7, 9, in all, and a happy one.

It was yours for me to see you in and

Company who 3, 5, 7, 9, return, as you. And I'm sure

May you one thing and that is that. Also am I

No one said to appreciate your company and

More than 3, 5, 7, 9, you. You deserve in Maryland

Well not all but some. May be.

Also return you 3, 5, 7, 9, and you only a common

Country you. As a wife see you. In the first

Place your expectation. And also your

Says like a good. In Europe de Mars any
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Station 190

Man who wished to go over in a Sissy. Admin. May 1st. I am more than 3 days gone my other friend and relatives. And so for you being a Gunny give only armed No Town. So any thing that ever behind me be any when on me. I am always 1st. I have often wondered cotin 1041.

I was leaving of your Company. I am every leave that you got for you to see it. And I can assume you dear Lieselit 1st on thing and that is than you will always find no one who even dream may wear the highest respect than any one least for abased beauty. As a sit and justice from here and there he leaves roaming green morning sea and shores. I can only join companions. I have thought of you and set down. I think of you and bring as much for me to be and so far may they because to here more son and

For Mo. I wanted to Ever happen.
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Station

Dear [Name],

I have been meaning to write to you for some time now. I hope this letter finds you well.

I often think about the time we spent together. You were always so kind and caring. I wish I could have stayed longer, but my duties called me away. However, I have been thinking about you and all the good times we had together.

I hope you are doing well and that your life is filled with happiness. Please write back soon and let me know how you are.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Station 190

I think so, am well. Miss Smith

If you have any other questions, you may

Keep company with me at any time. Don't think

for one minute that I violate God's laws toward you.

For so sorry. Don't do for my sake. Here is to

and don't. Please come any time. I want to go away

and come. This is the last again. No, don't want

your time wasted. It be your own.

My dear, I was oh so glad to receive

your last news. When you said you would

accept my friendship, and I am prouder you

are than I am. And that is that you know one

true friend who will stand by you no

difference. Better thing. My love. I you use always

kind. No ready to lend you a hand.

And competing. Thing that is in my power to

so, and that is all. Then any one can. So.

I am also glad that you som think of me as a

stranger. My song, and the thing dear sister that

I hope some thing than you will be fortune

even to learn for your deed. Not understanding

that 2 and saying this my dear. Aunt you
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Station

I am with any one from the place near home where your line and this is from to have always Card on Gunshman in every request and always raise. Had a good reason for every reason.

Note to please see you this to show you the receive. Best of every way this to show or ever.

An opportunity afforded than you can be with my brother and say to you every and some soon. No time. Any one for actions desired with much affection and a deed that you are a George society in every respect and that is the reason that you admire you do much. I am in to write a short word and have no doubt duties you our song for this advice. Are not. We raise any more. I wish can you that for you have any trouble to you like. Our story also understand any request to come our. Over you have an engagement. So no same. drunken I will receive a song near from you near down and nothing you then so I have done any thing to keep you to forgive. I beg to remain yours. E.
Miss Silver Morton

Mertona Garie
Letter 29
23 December 1901
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: I am your boy, Jno. [John William Elliott.]


Evidently he has given up other girl friends and probably has asked Lilith to give up her other suitors.
To

Mr. S. W. Morgan

Riverton

To Mr. Morgan:

I would wait until Tuesday or Wednesday to write but the storm caused any delay.

I hope you will write soon and receive from you.

I have been sick but I think you could be happy if you were to join me.

And please enjoy the time you have.

Nothing else that I needed.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

And Dear Rentner, When I was leaving to you

Again on Monday morning, I was at 11 AM.

If you will give my love to 1 will be one of the..

I will think of you and am sure you will be kind.

With all the love you can give me.

Sincerely,

For you if you ever come around.

Nothing but love and that is just

How Strong my love is for you and-

You please to listen on the next few.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my appreciation and gratitude for the kindness and assistance you have shown me. I am most impressed with the efficiency and courtesy of your personnel, and I feel that I have been treated with utmost respect and consideration.

I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel on your railroad, and I am certain that my experience has been made even more enjoyable by the courtesy and consideration of your employees. I would like to express my appreciation for the way in which my needs were met and my requests attended to.

I hope that you will continue to maintain the high standards that you have set for yourselves, and I look forward to the opportunity of traveling on your railroad again in the future.

Sincerely yours,

[Name]

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[Handwritten note:]

I am very pleased with the service provided by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. I have been treated with courtesy and respect, and my needs have been met with efficiency and speed.

[Handwritten note:]

I would like to express my appreciation for the way in which my requests were attended to, and I look forward to the opportunity of traveling on your railroad again in the future.

[Handwritten note:]

I hope that you will continue to maintain the high standards that you have set for yourselves.

[Handwritten note:]

Sincerely yours,

[Name]
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Dear Sir:

I have just learned that you are here. I hope you will soon be able to start.

May God bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

[Handwritten text]

You have two copies of your account and I trust you will write me a letter as soon as you receive this letter. If you cannot write until next Sunday, you will be missed for tea and dinner.

There was no reason not to receive a letter and you were not able to write a letter. That you received it is known. I know you will write me a letter. I trust you will write me a letter.

You are always welcome to come and see me. I am always ready to have you here. You are welcome to come and stay.

There is always room for anyone.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Dear Sir:

It is the custom of the company to give me notice of any changes in the time of arrival of the trains. However, I have not received such a notice for the past few days. I am concerned about the possibility of my work being affected. Could you please provide me with the schedule for the next few days?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
To

___________________________________________________________________________

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

___________________________________________________________________________

it is now 10 o'clock AM and they is men

A single bed around do you am

Imagine Row Soneson = Free Rene

All Ail my sor although 3 Rane Pena

Of love love love 3 all love 3 all love

Post the line away. Don't Run Rene

Vine this soon as you can and write me

A Song Guy. David you Mt Xmas and

a Happy New Year enjoy 3 wish 3 wish

and love of love

3am you Ever 3na
Letter 30
23 December 1901
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. Dear Lilith.

From: Jno. [John William Elliott.]


This references a gift sent to Lilith.
To Miss Lilian Norton

Monona May

Dear Sis:

I am so glad you were born. But it is
the something called me and the
man one. 2 got air and away fare
as in sequence in 20. Don't you think
it's funny?

[Signature]

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Grafton, May 1907
Letter 31
24 December 1901
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. Dear Lilith.

From: Yours, John. [John William Elliott.]


There is an express package to be picked up at the Express Office.
To [Name of Recipient]

[Address]

Dear [Name of Recipient],

Please come at your earliest convenience for an important matter.

Yours,
[Your Name]
Letter 32
26 December 1901
Mortons Gap, Ky

To: Mr. John Elliott. Dear Mr. Elliott.

From: I am as ever your little love, Lilith.

No envelope. Thanked him for gifts and stated that she never grew tired of his letters. She attended a wedding on 25 December 1901 of Miss Annie Wilkerson and Mr. Jim Todd but was too sick to go the supper. She answered “yes” to his question probably asking her not to see anyone else. She stated that she was making doll dresses because all the little girls in the country who got a doll would come to her for a dress. She and her Aunt [Huldah] were at home alone and a Great Uncle had come to visit. She excused herself to entertain him.
Marston Dec 5. 1911

To John Elliott

Dear Mr. Elliott,

As Thursday is my day for any letters, I'll endeavor to answer yours of the 2nd. I thank you for sending the pictures. I think they are both very pretty, but I believe I like the one that has the darkest hair the best as I think it is the prettiest of the two and I also thank you for sending the meat. I think it is real nice & just beautiful and
I appreciate your kindness very much in sending it and will return the invitation to you Sunday that is if you do not wish me to keep it and if you don't know as you never said whether I was to or not and oh lots to many thanks to you for the other present it is appreciated very much by myself as I think you could of sent another simply whatever you have sent all on that subject that I could say except in favor of you and I certainly do that favor but I suppose that that would be something that you would not like to
and so I will say no more only to say that I long to be with you. I believe you are better in one of your letters that when I got tired of you as your letters to let you know well nor I don't see why you should think that I would tire of you as your letters. I want and I hope that I have never given you cause to think so far. I am sure that I should never tire of your nice intelligent letters not even though I would receive 2 a day everyone would be at least nice.
interent to me and so I am already looking forward to your visit. I hope you will come when I shall see you again.

I hope you enjoyed your time at the wedding party although it was the last to go to the supper last night. The couple that wore a marathon was Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buck. Did you see our picture yesterday that was in the newspaper that you mailed to the gang. Gentleman. The first thing when I got in the house yesterday morning and the little boys wanted to see us and we had some
Of Abaro pictures and he was asked by her to see if the last woman who was there that sent it at all if I am sure that she could not tell any thing from my books and after he left that night he said to me well I got a present yesterday and it was one of my own pictures and I don't know who sent it but I never let my friends have pictures things and
looked at it and told him that I didn't have the least idea who sent it, and I couldn't recognize the handwriting.

I write in such a hurry, Tuesday morning when I write to you, that I never write half what I intended to. As I guess I had better write it now, yes, I meant all that I didn’t want.

Sunday as I would rather tell you an untruth you must know and I am sorry that I have kept you waiting so long for an answer to your question. I had
Thought that I would wait until Sunday night and but I will not keep you in suspense any longer but will ans by saying yes but as I am really tired I won't say any more so you must believe my word and I thought just one little word yes would be sufficient well as one of my great uncles is here this evening and he is not at home yet and no one was except auntie and she is lying I will try
This is a close and I was never quite sure what I meant to tell you about what I had been doing today. I guess it will be of great interest to you though I well I have been making doll dresses all day and as ever little child out here in the county that fits a doll comes to me to make it a new dress and I must depend it to day as well as I guess.

Uncle is getting very serious by this time as I have heard him say I will go and see if I can get him to buy a way to me.

Just as ever your

Little /love /Faith
Letter 33  
6 January 1902  
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Darling one.

From: Your boy, Jno. [John William Elliott.]


Letter written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 105, Telegram. Apparently from the wording of this letter, John and Lilith had been speaking of more than just only seeing each other in the previous few letters. This letter speaks of asking “Pappa” [her father] for his consent. John discusses Lilith’s belief that her Pappa would not give consent. Apparently John is already discussing a date that he wants to elope with her. She is still delaying at this point but he agrees to wait.
Form 105.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Messages which are apparently unnecessary, or that could be sent by Train Mail, will be transmitted and delivered promptly, but copies thereof will be forwarded to Superintendent of Transportation for attention. See rule 465 and General Manager’s Circular No. 101.

TELEGRAM.

Received at: Cunningham, Ky. 1902

Sent from: M. T. [illegible]

To: Miss Susan Kosca

Monroeville, Ky.

My dear family,

Kiss loving to my dear little one. I am very much pleased in hearing to you. How are you doing? I can do nothing. I can do nothing. I will write you.

And knowing I am missing you. I am so happy and any one could be happy. I will tell you my love. Sweetheart. I am waiting. I want to come to see you. And there is some away without you, those you know. I will keep me waiting. Very much longer until you will see me. Please come with me.

Kiss you if you know, love and I hated to come away.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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Received at: ___________________________ 190

Sent from: ___________________________ 190

To: __________________________________

[Handwritten text]

[Handwritten text]

[Handwritten text]

[Handwritten text]

[Handwritten text]
Received at

Sent from

To:

Dear [Name],

I love as dear as I do you. How May know dear love you and I can say there is no one here can help me from loving you; for I know you break up my happiness on account of some old idea although it is hard to go against the wishes or friends as I well know. But I look at it this way clear if he thought copy in [Name] gave me excuse for do being for any as that the Besedir gave any excuse of doing as I was not prepared of taking you and taking one of you knew it would be difficult and the [Name] gave a nice warning love you I knew I am and that
Received at M. 190

Sent from 190

To:

You always make me happy and there for the last have any excuse. I do know you need get ready on the date mentioned but of course if you can't come over I want you to do it. I am so and 2 weeks and 3 years.

Our lovely Mentor I have to come to see you, please write a letter to me. And if you can't get ready for the time I said answer you can be there when you can. And you answer I enjoy my sleep to hear from you yesterday. Again and then she said how some when I had to move my living again.
Dear [Name],

When you [see the] next Sunday to I [Kiss] you to know where to come. Must be soon. Write me a long letter.

Tell [her name] again this [her name] please and soon as you can.

[Signature]

[Name]
To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your loving boy, Jno. [John William Elliott.]


Letter written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 30. John is still discussing the idea of eloping but does not want to clue in her father in fear of her father not allowing him to see her. States that he will come to see her Sunday.
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Station       Jan 4 1902

Miss Lena Monroe

Monroe, N.

My dear Lina:

I received your letter last week and I was glad to hear from you. I don't know how important I was going to write you, but now that I have been in Monroe since I heard from you, I am very glad to hear from you again. I am going to study up some more and I am very anxious to know what you have been doing. I am going to study up some more and to learn what you have been doing and I am going to be ready to learn it here as I have been doing.

My dear Lina: And therefore, I am going to learn it here to you and do the very best. Now say with me, "We have the best." And now we have the best to do and we have the best to do. And now we have the best to do and we have the best to do. And now we have the best to do. And now we have the best to do. And now we have the best to do. And now we have the best to do.
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Dear [Name],

I am writing to ask you to remember me and to keep me in your thoughts. It is difficult for me to express the love I feel for you, but I hope that you can understand the depth of my feeling.

I understand that you have moved on with your life, but I cannot help thinking of you. You were the love of my life, and I miss you deeply.

I hope that you will always be happy and that you will find peace in your new life. I know that you will find it difficult to move on, but I believe that time will heal your heart.

Please remember me in your thoughts and may I be with you in spirit.

Yours truly,

[Your Name]
Miss Selina Morton
Morton Gap
To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your loving boy, Jno. [John William Elliott.]


Letter written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., Form 133. Evidently the couple has now set the time to elope for two months in the future. [This would be when Lilith would turn 18 years old.] John asked if she had a particular place that she would like to get married. He told her that the ring would arrive one day this week and he wished to place it on her finger.
To

Miss Lillian Mason

Mason Gap Rd

My dear Lillian:

As it has been so long since I have seen you, I wish to express my hearty wishes for your welfare. I hope you are well and happy. I have nothing to say except that I am always looking forward to the time when I can see you again.

Yours sincerely,

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

L. W. Stein

Champaign, Ill.

May 13, 1910
But it would be a long wait. But then the 2 months is a long time. But I am good
forward and think of the happiness again.
The time arrives and pass the time away.
Put you down knowing how happy I will be
when the time comes that I am home.
You enjoy me all the time, and I will always
love you and you always give it the happiest memory
of my life when I can dwell. You and being I
always you one thing and that is your love. I
can all times always give the pleasant and kind.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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I have never been able to reach your

idea is a good one in regard to

saving anything about it to anyone.

As you should know, I reckon people

don't think it clear to pay any

money out of their own and

without arrangements yesterday I was

sitting around having a meeting about

in regard to any thing.
Please do not hesitate one moment to answer it and I will gladly answer it to the best of my knowledge.

I need to show you to read last line and not quit to learn to you are a wise person before you write down 2 words or 2 words due to the circumstances. Have you any particular place you desire to go? Above reason to all married.

If so let me know where and that to where we will go and if you have any on you desire to go either you will know and
I will arrange for same. Now first don't want you to be backward in asking me my thing then you desire to know or wish to ask me. For I wish not consider you one of your class in doing since we have come to the understanding that we have. I desire you to wear one pair this week. I desire to wear this ring on your first two fingers with the same and honor that to wear for you. With the wishes of ever lasting happiness to you.
Dear Sir, I am not going to ask you to let me come this Sunday. But I wish you would not
nothing incurred unless you believe that to come now. If you have any thing to do or
my pleasure, I will be glad to come and 
people to Rome. The ring for you. But then
have requested them to mail the order to I am going by lens. Here come asking you to
Regard please at a long letter. Even then
soon. With all good wishes,

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.
Letter 36
20 January 1902
Earlington, Ky

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear One.

From: Your loving boy, Johnie. [John William Elliott.]


Letter written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., Form 133. Marked 1 a.m. The ring was to arrive Wednesday.
To Miss Julia Moore

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

My dear one:

Just now-write-Me. it is one of the
American pleasures. Have your cup, 1 do so deserve it.

My dear Miss one. You to Southern are now having
dinner. Dreams of Go blessing that Rene can quiet
you. I am writing to my dear one.

You are a a My neighbor from time to time and want
I am down to second. Here is packing a say
and what of always dream of you. A morning of
A Somehow moment has passed. Our the moment of Rene
in all my life feel of somehow or From tonight.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

And long since I said you had enning and
when I think of the two months it seems
awfully long. But it is not so long now.
And I am sure I shall pass a many of
a Roising Home. Our beloved now and
that time. And here will never be any more loneliness
for me. When you are writ. I will send you says
in your own letter. That you believed come me to
I have been loving you. Here is no danger of
my home doing. I will love you forever.
No disguise if you were to decide to come me up.
For another 2 months love you just in time
Next you come do then will you put
Running if you decide to go. Were you could
Another of going next Sunday Suppose
Our Grand for doing you one Sunday.
But in will see our Queen Consom de Me.
Can go ahead if you want it. And you
Will have my best wishes and love while
How may go? So ring will go her Wednesday.
Next 3 days it to you and wait until some
And bring it to you know will keep you
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To

Waiting frequently long to sent come
Until Sunday came and I write to you
Now I turn to span my window
Engraved on it bar will do some
Other time, if I dont come back Sunday
Next and you will let me know
Mail it to you by registered letter
Pass and time so can get it by Wednesday
If you can. So I give it when convenient or soon to
My cabin Sunday, I will write you again
One day this week and will write then
Mr. Linn am to sleep. I can hardly write this and they are again on my back with the officers. Do you know how to say "pets and friends and Sons of Sons?"

Yours ever,

James
Miss Lilian Morton

Munro Gap 164
Letter 37
23 January 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, John. [John William Elliott.]

No envelope. Typed on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. stationery. He mentions the possibility of another, better job outside of Earlington. Apologized for the typed letter. Stated that he did not have time to write with a pen.
Earlington, Ky. 1/23/02.

Miss Lilith Morton,
Mortons, Ky.

My Dear Lilith:-

Will now answer your dear sweet letter received to-day.

I feel so lonesome to-night that I can hardly write this letter. I don't know what makes me feel so bad unless it is thinking so much of you. I think of you all the time, I'm longing for the time to come when you can be with me all the time, and it seems to me like the time is awfully far off. Darling I use to wonder if I ever would see any body that I would love, and I can say that I have seen one that I do dearly love, and that is you. I could never love another, if should never get you I would never want any one. For there is no one else that I love, and if I can't get the one that I love I dont want any one at all. I am not the only one that loves you, but I am glad to know and feel it an honor to my self, to know, that you love me dearer than any one else. Darling one I want you to enjoy your self Sunday, and don't worry one bit on my acct, although you know I will miss you, I don't want you to make your visit an unpleasant one just on my account, I will pass the day away as best I can. I thought once I would go and see my uncle, but I have decided not to go and will stay here. And you will have my best wishes and love where ever you may go or be. I hope the ring will suit you alright, Say dear one in case I was to leave Earlington, and take another job would you go with me? I have a much better position offered me than this one and want to have your advice about taking it, for I would not do any thing without asking you before I done it, I will always ask for your consent in every case, so you let me know what you think about it and that is what I will do. I believe it would be the best thing for me to do but will not do so unless you say so, but where ever I go I want you to understand that you are to go with me the date we mentioned. And if you don't want me to go will not. Now dear one I will have to close and go to work if you get this in time write me again this week if not be sure and write me Monday. And I wish you all the pleasures on earth Sunday, and don't forget your boy at Earlington, I will often think of my little darling one, and Sunday week, will seem awfully long but I suppose I can wait, alright with best wishes and lots of love. I am as ever.

Your Boy,

[Signature]

PS Excuse me for writing with a pen in such a hurry did not have time to write with a pen. Ask lots your Johnie.
Letter 38
31 January 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Johnie. [John William Elliott.]


Written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 105, telegram.
Form 105.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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See rule 405 and General Manager's Circular No. 101.

TELEGRAM.

Received at

Sent from

To

Lavina J. Boston, Boston, MA

My dear Lavina,

Feb 10, 1911, 11:55 AM

And kiss Xris. You seem a fine girl as a
come to see my Mamie. But not without
Then I will write to you. Kiss to my little.

Please excuse me.

Your love,

[Signature]
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

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Received at ___________________________ M. 190

Sent from ___________________________ 190

To ___________________________

Dear Mr. Brown,

Your letter was received on the 20th of last month. The message was read by the clerk and then forwarded to the proper department. It was received by the proper department on the 25th of last month. The message was then forwarded to the proper subordinate department.

I am sorry to hear that you are ill. I hope you will recover soon.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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To,

You are all my Knights here and now.

My boys and girls I am now with you and leaving I am so glad then when done to love and am sure then you

Love my love you will see in the return for I love you more than all the rest.

The love of your love as I do these I will have to close as I am...
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Telegram.

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Received at .......................................................... M. 190

Sent from ............................................................ 190

To .................................................................

Hurry about this week and have your all this week so do excuse this news. What are you doing now? Remember everybody and all my love and

My going on Sunday.

Your Ben Schmee
Miss Sallie M. Mason

Mountains Gap
Letter 39
6 February 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, John. [John William Elliott.]


Written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 105, telegram. Stated that the work had been very busy; so busy that his right arm had given out and he had to use his left. Will come to see her on Sunday.
Telegram

Received at Cincinnati  My  

Sent from  

To  

My dear Felice,

Read Your letter and See Your letter and it is very hard

One and only one - With the same person as I was first year

Love and Your  Yes I go to visit you and can also this

Put this year  And have a nice spring but I have not had

Much Engagement for the very for 10 Nights now the

work has been so heavy hope it won't continue this

way Very Much longer My arm give out on me
Telegram.

Received at

Sent from

To

Dear Mother, and Dad so use my left hand so

You can imagine how much I had to do last

It has not been so hard recently.

Yes, I'll be on Sunday. I sent them it will

Get me out for the home to see you. So you-

Look for me and I will be there. Don't get

On that. Nothing much keeps me away from my

Sister, Patsy. Unless it was sickness or something

That could not be avoided.

Miss Rachel Morton
Morton's Gap
Letter 40
7 February 1902
Jackson, Miss.

To: Miss Lilith A. Morton, Morton’s Gap, Ky. Dearest one.

From: Your devoted lover, Bishop. [Bishop Morton Kelly.]

Envelope addressed to Miss Lilith A. Morton, Morton’s Gap, Kentucky. Hopkins Co. written at the bottom left of the envelope. Return address listed as 114 W. Cap. [Capitol Street was written out in the body of the letter.] St., Jackson, Miss. Postmarked 7 Feb 1902, Jackson Miss.

Bishop stated that he still loved her. He regretted that he was 700 miles away and asked if she still loved him. He stated that he was sending a little button pin with his picture. There was a small button pin photograph of a young man in Lilith’s keepsakes which is most likely the button pin mentioned in the letter. Bishop reminded her of how she had begged him not to leave on the last night he saw her.

Probably the button pin mentioned in the letter from Bishop M. Kelly to Lilith Morton dated 7 February 1902. The pin was found in the same box as the letters belonging to Lilith Morton.
Jackson, Miss.

February 7th, 1902.

Miss Ethel Wright

Dear Ethel,

I have this yet.

It has been a long time since I last saw you or even wrote to you. I have not been about 700 miles away from you, dear, but that never forget your maternal home far away. I pray for you and pray that you may be well and happy. Every dear,

Ole how Pilate

I love you.
I could be with you this Sunday doesn't have to be an issue, it seems.

Sweetheart do you love me and care as much as you once did. Do you do any way I am going to send you a little letter photo of your old grandmother. I guess she is looking just as it has been a long time since you last saw him.

Do you remember the last night I was with you and how you hugged me and how not to hear? I hope when I see you again.
things will have chang
ed

and what they
make them, don't you.
James coming out to see
them as soon as I come
home.

Do you remember the
night we sat on the front
drapes together, when
Lockwood called in, and you
must driving with him.

Why are you going with your
new girl? Hope you'll
not forget what I said
about those certain plans
will you?

I wish I could see
you this day. I love

you.
what a great pleasure it would be to me. I have away from home now going on 16 months and I supp I'll be away until the last Nov. I hope you will not forget your darl old church while I is so far away from you.

Well something as I have to go to dinner I must bring this to a close.

OK say when did you all (loopy, Harry and how is the world) go a paper blossom? Do you all speak yet?
I think I shall write to you this very
way, if I have time, when you see him,
just give him your word you heard
from me.

What is all the girls got
happening there at the T.

Remember you to
write me a long time like
and tell me all about
everything, address me
at 114 West Capitol St,
Jackson.

Your devoted lover.
Bishop
Letter 41
17 February 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Johnie. [John William Elliott.]


Written on Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company Form 105, telegram. Stated that he was anxious to see her. Mentioned a quarrel at their last meeting.
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TELEGRAM.

Received at Washington, N.W.

Sent from

To

Mr. S. A. Horton

Mr. D. J. Graham

Dear Sir:

I am happy to know that you have arrived and that you are well. I am sorry to hear that you have been ill. I am glad to hear that you are improving.

I hope that you will soon be well and back in charge. I look forward to seeing you again. I trust that you will have a long and prosperous career.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
To:

I know she came very much sooner

to arrive. But I don't know how when I write.

I'll do the best I can before a great life. Though,

for I am going to be away from you very much longer. Are you going to be the same.

Sunday or not. During this I live it, have been a mental since last time you and we went home and quarreled this time.

Here can't stuff to see you Sunday with 3 am.
Received at

Sent from

To: [Handwritten text]

'You need to go downtown to see you. Then come over at 3 PM to arrive in time. 5313 Coming New and go down Grand Street. Do you still need a taxi? I will write enough money. So pay up for the one going to town. Let's do it! Love you. You will get it. With best wishes and love, [Handwritten text]'
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Telegram.

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Received at_________________________M.____________________190.

Sent from___________________________190.

To______________________________

She's Day Bye Bye纠正 me
Song Blues and see me all
The Susie.

From your boy,

Johnny.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.

Form 1.

Miss Silvia Morrison

Morrison Gap Ky
Letter 42
22 February 1902
Invitation to Tacky Ball
Mortons Gap, Ky.

To: Miss LaVert Morton and Sister
YOU ARE RESPECTFULLY INVITED TO ATTEND A
TACKY BALL, TO BE GIVEN AT
DAVIS' HALL, MORTONS GAP,
SATURDAY NIGHT, FEB. 22.

MANAGERS.

CLEVE MEDLOCK. WILL PHILLIPS.
To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]


Evidently Lilith has told John that she could not elope in March. John then pushed for an elopement date of June 4th. He mentions a potential job transfer to Illinois.
To Dear Sister

Nosey Friend

Sister, Sister, so Mr. Seelye knows one as a promise.

You, Seely, and Kris like it much to meet as a writer.

Impatiently, dear Mom on how telling Mr. Seely for so.

Just learn to participate my hair one more to can sleep in.

I again came that you are present. Since reading your letter.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

And had to come away, without you and I Burns of Rome Song

It is April June and Kar Moxie the New Some Cam Raw Ever Butt

Price of Oil. You I wanted you to be ready and to know

Know you know? All perfect, Kissing to thank you. Eaten

Sayan Kar. You feel like to do the thing that

Where that some comes from you know to ready to come back.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To end their keep the waiting and Sonaria for you they longer.

I then think that then long wait No I would be one of the Peppermint family and love to have you proud of some ticket in another. Just think I named your steamer today.

Sonar so show her layer. My dear Belle dear.
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

To

[Handwritten text]

- Question, am not going to buy any more ocealin and thir
  and you got a white in and line and knee for some to come again
  Kie from line thing to the rice twin and pass the time
  again thank you and hoping in want be to visit you. Pet.

J. Kier down shore be Miss coming. Home fresh face good pet.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Say during one I am going to see you what I want May I do.

and that is this go to the drug store please pay the fine and

have some pictures made of your book I now love you up to

that can one and I will get out of bed as soon as I can.

Mary Baker an get the money and make it.

May

Mary.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

From Mr. R. New Kent, your I am going to good June 1st.

Do you mean to have him and come on your house coming here?

We saw some horses in the garden, and I leave here tomorrow.

Now and then I see you can go to write the weather. So

Thank you if I knew some I knew not away to leave.

My dear sister give yours here. The reason I went here.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Dear [Name],

I am [Name] from [Company]. I am writing to inform you of the urgent nature of the situation at [Location].

We have encountered a [Issue] that requires immediate attention. The [Issue] is affecting [Aspect], and it is crucial that we address it promptly.

The [Issue] has led to a [Impact], and we are working to mitigate this impact as quickly as possible. We are taking all necessary steps to ensure that the situation is resolved in a timely manner.

I would like to express our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We are committed to ensuring that the [Issue] is resolved as efficiently as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Contact Information].

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Position]
[Your Contact Information]
Letter 44
2 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Yours, Jack. [John William Elliott.]


The letter mostly deals with his apology for not being able to see her because of the bad weather.
To Miss Lilianerson.

Monroe Georgia

My dear Lilian I am sure you will be disappointed

This evening and I am so sorry of it & I feared

our time and got just one line from Earlington. The

loads are so bad near Carllon I am greatly

before I close this and I desire knowing of

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Sunday Arrived 2:30 p.m.

Company: 3/2

190
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Cared of go in bus at 8, I worked harder and

up to thing or ever since 10 am and you disappointed.

This Evening we are going to some nights have fun

Forgive this for you know I want to do you

We had no thing on cared as it was no fun.

Miss Lees. Not Miss the Red of the
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

[Handwritten text]

Dear Sir,

I have been here for some time and I hope you will find me in good health.

The opinion of Mr. Jones is that I am able to work again.

I am sure you will agree with me.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Address]

P.S. Please send me your answer and be prompt. And may every day bring you health and success.

[Signature]
To Louisvile & Nashville Railroad Co.

Memories Streaming Having have to accept you. For I have no other to think of other than you. Mean no other sweet heart and never want another. For I know when I think of you that am knowing of my dear loving other try to find and say and to often wonder how ever be so.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Lemony as I be Mr. You are not to be seen to be Mr. For you are dearer do to stand all the rest of the horses. I know you can I suppose you are prepared after I have been from the very first time I ever knew you. Ever Mr. Mr. Mr. [illegible]
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

I am giving than in year 190
My name and adress 0 this give you a wanted
To me yes for when 0 me now I me the a
And the money and I your loved and I know that 0
Never before learn to love American or to you
Dear one I gave spar forgiven once and you
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

I have been news from the war and have just mail from the

As soon as you can and hope for news

and I'm as I heard in some other way although

I had to give you up and news of giving

Up the Popular one on favor to N. and Lewis

Care

Sarah you no longer a song
To [Blank]

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

[Signature]

Date: [Blank]

[Handwritten text]

[illegible text]
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Specia thing for you came for me knew
when in 15 and you write sooner and in
I have now seen your boy to you and go back Rome
and go to feed as a child not quite to see you

Just to write to Dear soon 18. You get this and try

Get to meet the unhappy want to hear from you.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD CO.

Miss Cicily Morrison
Morrison Gap
To: Lilith Dear. [Lilith Morton.]

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]


Jack would not be able to come to see her on Sunday early in the day. He explains the circumstances.
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Carrington Mill Station 215th 1892

Dear Sir,

I know you say Sunday is not for prayer.

You no longer allow it in time for me to arise from

you again this week. I write you in another

North room and when you answer I write you a long letter.

This is to my dear one which I hope you will answer.

On Tuesday I say her tomorrow and for that reason

I wish you quit to write on Sunday afternoon

even if you are going to the old home and have no

objections. I means live the purpose as well as

the honor of calling Sunday. Even though you

were leaving 10 o'clock and 130 I'll try and get

off.
The Right Hon. To receive me at 6 o'clock and I might do to there. My letter was 11:30.

Thir a you have no objections. As I come in at eight thirty of the evening and I hope you can for. You know I would not give over her you and you know I could not brand that for you can no idea how bad I heard about disappointing you. Sunday was but I mean you one thing existing there you was not nearly disappointed than I was and I moved a move on one for this reason. I guess I could not get there after so longer with.
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company:

Station

I am going to meet of John Murphy 1 o'clock Ao.
From here and then to I was now said 5 o'clock
hear of Man Day Plan Arrive Aft Sunday Eno 3.
will be here as I will have the night So get
here in bed on Last Sunday the 29th Man
wanted to get off at 11 o'clock Ao and then
was the reason I launch Aft a few minutes knowing
I feared not from out here and then by Morn.
So I will be company May I will
not disappoint you unless I would be
Leek and then I will send you a message.
Let someone please tell me when from you in and to and you can quit in this week. I saw you saw and the law and I knew there will be alright for me to come in the evening instead.

The afternoon with best wishes and all the love to you and always your boy.

Jack
Letter 46
6 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Lilith Dear. [Lilith Morton.]

From: I am still your loving boy, Johnie. [John William Elliott.]


John had not been able to see her on Sunday and he was afraid she would be angry. He apologized and said he would be there Sunday.
Telegram.

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

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March 6, 1902

Received at: 

Sent from: 190.

To: Lilac

Dear Lilac,

Hive now and your dear. dea dear...

Love Reed Last night and was Do glad

To receive Than one letter and No

Having one in was now that c.

Heard your love that event.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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Received at

Sent from

To

Can you be mad at me for knowing you do

done me and {reason} I know it is because

you. See me you did. But for this reason

I thought you would be mad. And that

was because I disappointed you. I know I
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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See rule 409 and General Manager's Circular No. 101.

Received at

Sent from

To

Would be angry with you. Deaf. If I showed
be disappointed until I found our the house
but I didn't think you would
be angry with me after I took you

The reason I didn't hurry and
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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See rule 408 and General Manager's Circular No. 101.

Am so glad you mean to and dear

Am sure you mean just as true head than

I don't love you dearer than everybody

Es for I do and I have no other

Sweet heart and don't want any other
TO
I am like you I think on it 

Enough in my wish that I am sure
There is no one else than I want to

To write and let I want you to be
Sure and I want you to be
To

Can our Sunday Ena. I will try and get there ear.

I seein En at May pp that I won't get there.

Sister 030 this is very happy and

This makes the 3rd time I have wrote you.
TO:

Mr. Wm. Quinn for you will you have got tired of reading them and hoping that you ever did read any of them about me getting tired of reading your letters for I never heard or wish I think you ought to of said me dear wife than love
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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See rule 406 and General Manager's Circular No. 101.

Received at

Sent from

To

Dear Mr. Duncan: This is to say, you are Miss A.

May have hoped I will be back on Sunday.

With best wishes, I am, etc.,Your truly,

Jamie
Miss Sieur Merwin

Monona Gap

KY
Letter 47
10 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Dear Lilith.

From: Jack.


Railroad paper and envelope. The letter is full of “fun” references to getting married. He will see Lilith on Sunday.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at

Sent from

To

Dear Silvia:"

...
TELEGRAM.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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Received at: ____________________________________________ 190.

Sent from: ____________________________________________ 190.

To: ____________________________________________ 190.

Joe, I see you lost your mission in the occupation. You are to be a doctor instead of a preacher. And do you by the way are you going to let him come? He is the same nurse of you will tell me you want to do just again to come in your house. I see him and then I will introduce you to him. We will have more fun and you live. I am a great boy for fun and I am such a great boy. Someone else takes care.
To:

My husband and I were so happy when you told them to come and they not let me or the boys stay and not me. Our friends were waiting for us according to that and they also spoke about Mr. Lucas. Oh, you soon see him.

My old thing and I sent your letter. You do live him well.

Your name you let me come to. Don't you know I am a lot more. You see I am going to stay.

This way I also got a letter this morning from a young lady during the week. I was going to get married.
To:

From:

[Handwritten text not legible]
To,

I am told she will not answer the question. I believe she will not answer it. I never saw the ring last night. I was one of the boys who went out and see if he can find it. I tried at the same place I always have and I saw the ring at the back fence. If you can have it in.

As I have been away for any length of time you will know if any moves to stay any day. If I can come I will know in your name. With much love I can come.

Thank you ever to the lady and get their career.
To:

Hi there,

Can you get there by 10 a.m. with your bags of corn, jam, and morn. \[Signature\]
Letter 48
15 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Lilith Dear.

From: Johnie. [John William Elliott].


Railroad paper and envelope. John has heard gossip which he does not believe that he wants to discuss in person. Evidently they will not see each other on Sunday. He wants to get tickets for a show.
Telegram

Received at Carlinxiill M

Sent from

To

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 7th inst. and I came in in time to know of your illness sooner than perhaps you knew I was. I have not seen you since, but I wish you all the best wishes.

In the heart of my best regards, I hope you are well.

Regards,

[Signature]
To

I'll be home in a few days and in face of that I am at home in
Now I mean that see the is a friend of mine, but they can't
Come in on The and for that reason I suppose
He see the is thinking the home away you and I do
Quite and not much with me. I have learned
Song for kids not to be seeing every thing I here.

Dear Sir, Not yet from here, but you was speaking of any vice the is no danger of.
To:

Mo forgiving you for the 19th coming & Menu to trip on Thur or tomorrow night as that is the best place. I was up to go. Kiss Miss Min. I'm going to be review you can write to Rep. Min. have a nice time. 

Dear and fam. Being pleased but no I didn't know all your mishaps. Whether you are coming to the show or not. So I can get friends before all of the results.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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Received at ___________________________ M. ______________

Sent from ___________________________ 190

To: __________________________________________

Please write as soon as you can. Have dinner and send Misses X and Misses Y. More than dinner with best wishes and love of June 3. Am your boy in Louisville June

Jamie
Letter 49  
24 March 1902  
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Lilith Dear.

From: John. [John William Elliott].


Railroad paper and envelope. He evidently has not seen her. She did not attend the play with him. He wants to see her on Sunday.
Telegram.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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Received at Cincinnati, Ky. 21-24-1902.

Sent from Miss Lelia Norton

To Miss Lelia Norton

My Dear Sister:

I hope you received the note I wrote you. I do not remember if I have told you what I did last night. I went to the circus with some friends last night and I miss them very much. I wish I had a chance to come to Rome and you could have come, too. I heard that you were coming and I was so happy. I was so happy yesterday, too. I was so happy yesterday.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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Received at

Sent from

To

I wish you was going with me, but then I can wait until June for you. Write you soon at once. I hope you want. We'll see you come & come to the play tomorrow night. I want you to come & come.

Please do write to dear you and then if you come will you come quick? Please say that he has done all he can do. When you come next time I will say by my sleep, you know.
You I waited here but with no luck. Was here.

Pined with you for so long and to have any one see with me. I hope you can go. Don't want you only with me. I can go with the men. Ask you. Luminous. Please say in your
time to have come on Sunday and visit me quicker.

And a long long and time until to you again.

This week and will be looking.

Bye bye yours

John
Letter 50
27 March 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy John. [John William Elliott].


Railroad paper and envelope. Lilith evidently did not sufficiently discourage Bishop Kelly after his letter of 7 February 1902. John tells her that he is glad she is not going to allow “Mr. Kelley” to come to her house. John went to the play to which he had invited Lilith. He said it was one of the best that had ever come to Earlington. She did not attend the play with him. He invited her to another play the next Monday and said she could let him know when he came to see her on Sunday. John says he is going home next Wednesday and stay until Saturday. He would like her to go.
Received at: Louisville, Ky.

Sent from:

To:

Miss Edna Morrison

Morrison, Jar. Ky.

Dear Miss M.

Please your letter this morning and nice New yo.

Was glad to hear from you in your letter again as it is always a pleasure for

me to hear from you. Miss Edna. I am sorry you are not as well as you were.

Wish you were here. Don't think but hope you are alright by now.

And you said probably some day it would be a dream

Meeting. I wish I could talk to you some day.

Remember that I care for you in my

Dream and that I am doing you in my
To:

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Sent from:

Received at:

Telegram.

Telegram which must be transmitted according to rule 80 and General Manager's Circular No. 106.
To

But I did not enjoy it as well as I expected that you could enjoy it. And indeed I did not like it. I wish we could have gone out with you. Oh, I wish we could have gone out with you. I wish we could have another play here on the 20th. I don't know how good it will be but it is said to be a good play. If you will go to twice come out after you. That will be my night. Monday night. You can let me know Sunday after you will
To

Gladly will be our alarm for the Monday.

I am going home now. Wednesday will be

each Saturday morning. Papa and Mamma are

going to go visit you and I go

are you and &

please be of any interest to you. And expect to

be you Sunday. I will say, endure with our wishes

the Lord be one am as ever.

Man Ben Jan
Miss Eliza Morton
Merrimac Gap
Kyu
Letter 51  
17 April 1902  
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Postmark on back: 18 April 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad envelope and paper.
To Miss Silva Moore

Morton Gap

Dear Silva:

Please your son Aunt Lucy Sarah was
The de here from you again as always am glad to here from my writing one. May must ney be looking to you
Believe was de much for if you do I will get fixing

Again. During one I wish know you and the little
Angel and I know now from you. I was him. He has been a

shadow hanging over me for some time and away
it has been I could not tell. As I said you begin

in was more than I could express guarantee
from your loving speedy. Her was 2 or 3 weeks
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

That sold me thing you said me better than any one else. My Brym's here and I wish to speak with you. Yore dog is not here. I have been to prison for one that you did. 

Me better than any one else and I wish to speak with you. Yore dog is not here. I have been to prison for one that you did. 

My dog is for you. Done you clear. Them are the worst. Ours Lee and I will always see you. Because you have said you would work for me and help my always be dear and good. See you.
I don't think you will be so backward as you
would hate to ask your own papa. He would
not my self and you know how busy I am.
And how awkward I am but when you see
me to ask him just wait and see if I want
you and him want I need you and I want him.
He would suspect any thing by that. Then
you and me know what to say. Again I am
shot for pulling the peppers in the greenhouse.
I wish you all about 530 to be here.
Sunday evening please and good evening.
For the time do come when I shine as queen
My queen calling again. Make new thy Bue
as it is getting colder time to Queen.
Some woe see our queen fare away too well but
Write me one a day I am at every hour.

Bea 

[Signature: Bea]
Miss Silvia Merton
Merton Gap
Letter 52
21 April 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Dear Lilith.

From: Yours, Jack. [John William Elliott.]


Railroad envelope and paper. John discussed going to Illinois on a trip after they married with a stop in Evansville on the way back. He has not yet asked Lilith’s father to marry her. John says that if her father does not give permission then they can go to Illinois to get married.
March 9th, 1898

Dear Sir,

I am very glad to hear from you. I am looking forward to seeing you soon. There is nothing that I enjoy more than writing to you or being with you. I hope that you are well and that you are happy.

Yours sincerely,

E. W. Detroit
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.
Dept.
I never knew what was to become of me until I met you

And the device of love was found again. You and I knew, laugh

In another hour. 

You and I knew that no one knew

That you and I knew. 

We knew that you and I knew.

And your wishes have always been in agreement with those of

Your heart, happy as they are, they are yours.
Please come when you write & I have come out right.

Sundays and after dinner, and I'll soon let you know
out some man to send in to the office as I and
always waiting for you from you with kindest
thoughts of you. I am always yours,
Miss Silva Morton
Morton's Gap
Letter 53
24 April 1902. No date in the heading. Date at the end of the letter. Providence, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton. Dear one.

From: Yours with love, Amy Fugate.

No envelope. Amy had written to Levert, Lilith’s sister, and she had a letter for Lilith but her brother, George, had forgotten to mail it. Amy was still in school. The school also met on Saturdays so she was very busy. She spoke of dancing a two step and a cake walk. They seemed to dance at recess with the permission of Mr. Brown since it was a normal school with no "little ones" attending.

Sallie [This would be Sallie Fern Williams who married Mr. Kennedy or Cannady] visited and brought her baby, Anna Murel. Amy asked about Lilith’s "operator" and spoke of other friends.
Providence Ky.
Miss Lilith Morton:

Dear Miss, with pleasure I write you a short letter as I have not written you in sometime, must excuse my neglect for I never meant it for that, when I wrote last I had a letter for you and Yes forgot to put it in and have been intending to write you ever since but I am still going to school and it keeps very busy having to go on Saturdays but forgive me this once and will be more prompt in the future.

I know you will this time will you not? when any one asks forgiveness so nice I am very sentiment. I am always doing something to ask forgiveness for. I two stepped
the other day at school with Mr. Cleaveland Kennedy while his sister played the organ, and the girls and boys watched for the Paroffs and my Willie for he never wanted me to two-step with boys but I told him just as soon as he came and I'll tell you he never smiled at all but I know if I did not tell him the rest would so I beat them but I have not two-steps any more with a boy. Nala Kennedy and myself can walk through while she played the harp the other day and where I got home and told mother I had a most enjoyable time took a ride on the brooms, but I told her that made me feel only better that I thought I could keep the step better the next and died Mr. Brown told us he did not care so we have a jubilee at recess he never allowed it when little ones was going but there
is no small ones attending the normal. We have to study like white heads we have examinations every Saturday and have some very difficult questions and almost causes our brains to ache. I am writing here writing now and there is four lessons I have not looked at as it is after 10 o'clock but I will tell you I had a pain in my heel and could not study. Well Sally spent last week with all of us and she has one of the sweeter and little babies. Her name is Anna Murch. Tell Bud Charlie Co. girl run off with all other men and left him his Neale, and that is a scandal to the Crickets. Yes, loves his Rose and Annie don't know which he loves best now what have you done with your operator had better hold on tight I lost hold of mine and fell away back Oh he is just right with me now he was alright to bus for reasons I could not let him conseguem.
who is Verl & Emma making eyes at these days. E did not like Indiana very much did she, well as my lamp is getting low and my lights late I will close. O I am so sleep so good night.

May the angels around your bed side honor and keep you from kicking off the cover.

Yours With Love

Amy Fugate

P.S.
Tell Verl I'll fix her if she don't answer my letter so you had better ans real soon by return mail and tell me once near. Give my love to all.

Apr. 24 - 1902

Good by dear write to me
Letter 54
1 May 1902
Mortons Gap, Ky.

From: Lilith Morton.

To: John Elliott.

Envelope: Only the envelope has survived. Addressed to Mr. John Elliott, Earlington, Kentucky. Postmarked: May 1, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky. The handwriting seems to be that of Lilith Morton.
Letter 55  
2 May 1902  
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Post marked back: May 2, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John stated that he would ask “Pappa,” her father, the next time he came to her house. He stated that he has never told anyone of their engagement but says there are several who seem to know. The Chief Dispatcher had asked when he wanted to be off, for how long, and where he wanted a pass to travel. The dispatcher wanted plenty of time to get someone to cover John’s job while he was gone. John referenced a piece in The Bee put in by “Old Fawcett” that had gossip about their engagement and marriage.
To

Miss Silvia Mason

Monroe

Dear Miss Silvia,

Receiving your letter about Levin and planning to thank you so much

Dear one, you have done for me.

May you have a happy New Year and may your wish come true.

May you be happy every day.

What you have done is enough to make me feel good.

The other thing that pleased me was the kind letter.

There is nothing that I want to add.

May you be very much longer

[Handwritten: 190]
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

Date

Dear Sir,

I have been trying to get a copy of the

A Russian, in February, to

Me Anson to let you again see O

Suppose I am waiting. An Anon

No 3 June Train here is my name or any pro

bring no one else, Bob for the holiday


At that time their pleasure is along one and in each
be a great pleasure to me to hear my son
having given me all the time. At high
altitude on their grounds thought. I hope we
not run into it the season will go great
the same time. You said you would go
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

With No. 3 Train never seen any one of our
Engaged Crew but in some like there is
A few who know all about Supposes
They are very guessing though. The Their
Dispatcher was going to about it yesterday
To give Dear Sis and asked me
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

I wanted a pass to New Song. I wanted to go off. And said for me to come and give him 50c or 10c. Do you know that a man for heaven. May 3. Got back. I asked him what his name. He said you are going.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

To get married right away. You not

J. Doe

To his or her a chance to

was. J. Doe

To her friend knew

of time and what wanted

paid for. I suppose it was just

buying so see what he ever seen
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

Old Sam was put a price on the Bell.

This is about the way it read when Eliott

It is generally believed as soon after

Making this trip to Marion at the

Young Fairy was to transferred to

Engineroom. I went up and asked him.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co

When Roger This Information
To Said a Little Beer Come From
This Year Are Passed Learn From Him. Am

New Close With Best Wishes And

Your Always Your

To Please And Soon As You Get This Write To A Song Seen

I Have Expected To See You Again Sunday
Miss S. Morton
Morton's Gap K.
To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: As ever, your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Railroad paper and envelope. John mentioned that a man [Probably Harrie mentioned later in the letter.] came into the station and told him that Bishop [Kelly] had been to see Lilith. John did not let the man know that this angered him. However, he was really upset by the information. Lilith had evidently not allowed John to come to see her but he thought she had let Bishop [Kelly] come. He then received a letter from Lilith which explained the situation and he was relieved. John had been going to Church every night for the last five nights. Brother Cox was holding a meeting there. John does not believe that Harrie is a friend. John will arrive at her house on Sunday between 5 and 6 o’clock.
To Miss Silvia Morrow

Morrow Depot

My dear Silvia:

Miss Mary and your dear lens

Red Miss Mo and Max and Max and to freen

My free on again. Miss Lee up you just four

Jane Green "ruling" juice - Glittering Moving


About 1 o'clock a fellow came in & we'll not

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.
Mention the name as you can guess and see.

Mr. Bar Bishop some two days ago Wednesday.

I have him no no and at all and never

Looked up from my room I suppose the

Thinking I see her here repeated it again

As I was very curious coming figures I stood min
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

That he deemed me greatly interested in the matter,

not that in view not knowing me and others it

was not coming. He said he did not intend to make

me mad but asked me to state as a friend I asked him.

I appreciated the information and was not mad.

But I had other business now. He then left but

repeated to convey not even and Frew not stay

in as peace I left Mr. Perkins and went one

as I acquired seek and stayed there for at

least an hour. I guessed not sit there so 5 then

laughed and we will save a trip to here up again.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

We ask the Dispatcher if he could receive me for a few days. He said the Court was not Met Met twice any one in the Court and here. I was going somewhere and did not know where I should go or when to leave. Drop out of Court not fair. He wanted me not to bring me into Court. He asked me if I knew the child say you not coming me. Come and then bring him home. I want to dinner but could not eat. I did not feel like eating. There was a man who asked me what read the matter about me. He read them nothing. The act was one who asked no. I never felt as bad in my life.
About any thing. But your letter this morning
expresses it all as no and instead of you
saying to keep me from finding it out upon
Lee's me your step or that i thank you
saving a thousand times and that one thing
proved so the that you were true to me
for if you had or tried to keeps it from me
when it moves of hammer that you was so
Gain and would no doubt been a little angry
But since you sent me about it i have
Nothing to claim you for only i can say
That it was you the one i can see.
To__________________________  

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

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As I have so far and above the same reason to 
repair lamps upon for that you and everyone that may 
are true and good and able not so any further 
and as for my duty I am sure 
that I must not let her and anything that you do not want me to do. Here's my 
advise to you in this one particular thing May 
not deny hardly fair to you dear you ever 
that you tell me that in ever see for the best 
I have been going to church every night 
for the last five or six months ever
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

ID knowin' Mr. Maling for and a Luke de her.

Mr. Parno. And I're now holding to ferar. Harrie see ya. I know nothin' about Bishop. Do not know other kind of a boy he is and do not know any, much about Harrie only. I don't see no need to be Mr. Green's when with the one and my own. Freeen, when at Mr. Evening that I do not the best present. To be and I knew not quite a drop of Mr. Green's for that kind of freenhip and so I'm want it. But as for me and Bishop or Harrie.
I would refer you to all of Burlington at the other end. The work is for me or Harris. My regret is that I may be the reason he acts against me. I know not and are not fair. No one or take my word for any thing. My record proves what I am and what I am always been. Therefore, I ask you as any one else and will punish the very best of men. So refer to all. So my record. The American
To:

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

No one. That is the reason I took the ground. I go when you are a boy. Always talking about another one and trying to run. Try to run you can just put in there that the box never amount to much. Think deep. Think the way I always see it. I am good now. Not before. When the box men and I are sure you will not stay. We will be our Sunday about 5:30 or any way between 5 and 6 o'clock. Come ready want for you. Jimmie do come until write. Will do a letter. My dear
Again I wish you happiness of you family and wish you to be with you.
I was not keeping you in mind as much as you are.

You are all the time in my mind and wish the best wishes and love to come true.

Say bye bye to you and see you soon as you can.

Lena your boy.

Jack
Miss Silver Morten

Mortons Gap Ky.
To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My Dear Lilith.

From: Boy but yours, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: May 9, 1902, Earlington, Ky. Postmarked back: May 9, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky. There is a note from Lula on the back of the envelope that says she is sick with a pain in her side.

Railroad paper and envelope. John states that he cannot understand how anyone knows they are getting married. He has only told his own folks. He stated that perhaps people guessed because of the piece that Faucett had put in The Bee.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Dear Miss Mason,

I am glad to hear that you are doing well.

Greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stewarts. Much as I am very anxious to get to New York, I am glad to see you again. We will be in Mr. Simmons office about 10:00 this morning. I hope to see you in my other suit. After much consideration, I am sure that it is the best thing to do. In fact, I don't think that any one

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

May 9, 1907
You did in course and you and
We're having trouble with our present
Furnace again. We can get a new one
You may go as usual. The Envelope
So glad to know we've said. How
But I'm sure you'll get along as well. You.
To
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD Co.
FORM 138
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Our trip is not very much longer until our
arrive. I am hoping to see you once in a while. My
sister and I will not worry. May your life be
happy and successful. Be a good girl and always
think of your family. And I will Be no solono

Bay but you
To: Mr. John Elliott. Dear Jack.

From: Your true and loving, Lil. [Lilith Morton.]

Envelope: Mr. John Elliott, Earlington, Ky. Postmarked: May 13, 1902, Barnsley, Ky.
Postmarked back: May 15, 1902, Earlington, Ky.

Evidently, the couple has not yet asked her father for permission to marry. Lilith was struggling with leaving her family to elope and get married. She needed time to think and plan and may not be ready to leave on June 4. However, she promised to be ready by the 15th, 17th, or 18th of June. She stated that she had not told anyone of their plans but would tell [her sister] LeVert and involve LeVert in telling her father. She develops a scenario for how the rest of the family will be told.
Mar 14th 1917

Mr. John Elliott

Dear Jack

Just a short letter to let you know I received last letter and was very much pleased

with the short account you sent. I was very much surprised to hear that you had

sent me a letter as a thank you for your kindness.

I am glad to hear that you are doing well and to

hope that you have not forgotten


I am far away and in a long train which was not able to reach the place.

As though it were winter and the wind like your wife:

I will argue.

Clean up. If I stay, but I will struggle.

You should have time as nothing morning and

yes dash by I forget that if it wasn't

hope for ever
many more times and sent me after I have been so clearly that was one evening had said to be its part with you which you will and clearly you said that the end of summer in in August this if will be of many to millions dear you must love you and want to
Still I related to
learn people and
have and again
I wanted to hear
trier to think
about learning
and will it was
call 10 middle
thoughts and long
you know that first
moment was ever
first and you
know clear that
that is a learning
thing to think
of to write of leaving home and
parents, brothers
and sisters all far
away. But I think
you are not
nearly ready to give
up all your youth.
Sure, but I wanted
to have time to
think over all
this as not
to be hurried.
The first weeks
was with my
and care. I don't
I know exactly what day I will go with you. I couldn't say as to whether I would be ready on the 4th. We met the way 3 or 4 months. I want you to ask before you come and tell me how far you can go and then I would tell you when I would be ready. I don't believe that he
would take but  
daily if you  
not ready by 
The fourth of July  
I will go on the  
16th and 18th of  
have what dog  
that what  
the middle of the 
month 5 and  
Tell you sunday  
would say  
go and perhaps  
it will be the
4th and 3th it will be fun just as soon as I have time up courage to tell you of them as other news starts up and of this yet and I don't want to go with out tell you of this and you know I told you that
Era angle of a
month & ah day
Darling I want
self He can\t
see you back
you help me
Do tell them
Tell you we
with tell Lorentz
and the ear
Tell the rest of
then 3 will
Tell your husband
will do the rest
true you Earm
If you choose not then here. That would be you telling it wouldn't it wouldn't be me and I shall talk of as though it weren't and then I will see about telling you see tell first and see what she says and then
I well know, we can't always expect a quiet life as a general, but your days go by with peace, and you're currently in England. Last week, the oldest who generally takes such a place, was there by chance but again, older than him. Whenever I...
papa not may do anything
the scenery also go see what just
say what it as if I want to go somewhere
and she won't let me go I always get her to go and ask him to let me go somewhere else but
my mending to
about whom it would be the
Some feat of strength I should naturally suppose it would yes darling since expect you not in day. I am to tell you last week that you will not find to wait two weeks any mare before you see it and you want unless you want to and have occasion.
in your next letter of what trial I had respect, if you always like to swim and do you forget to tell you short letter was perfectly enjoyable this I forgot to write about the most important I write and of seeing your letter.
as I don't mean recent letters
as are received
by you daily.
I have many times
as my mind in which
I think of you,
but must write
this without
until some future
time in which
I may be to see
always your
true and loving

Lil
Letter 59  
19 May 1902  
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. Dear One.

From: I am nobody’s boy but yours, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Postmarked back: May 19, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John has felt badly since he left Lilith last night. He did not state the reason. He stated that he needed to know specifics on the when they would leave to marry in order to get a replacement for work. Lilith still has not spoken with her father. John appears to be troubled by the delay.
Received at
CINCINNATI OH
MAY 190

Sent from
MADISON
MAY 190

To

Dear Mr.

Will arrive you at Very morning.

Passed out in the woods alone this morning.

Gerard has passed since I saw you last.

MAY 190
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at

Sent from

To: Someone in Sunday knowing going to be having thought

Nothing about you interested getting let's.

Don't miss clouds let them My thoughts too.

You do all the same asking and again you are

My thoughts and love feeling happy. 
I don't feel like going today. I'm done with my homework. I don't know when or if I will go. I hope you are doing better.

Please let me know if there's anything you need.

Love you so much.

[Signature]

From: [Name]

To: [Name]
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FORM 105.

TELEGRAM.

Received at

Sent from

To

For Jaung June say you will go on No 4th &

You permission can & just as we will go

That way at Aug 30th. If you can get ready

by that time and I think you can.

You very Cordially.

Yours

[Handwritten notes on the page, difficult to transcribe accurately.]
To do all you can to get ready on that day and be sure and let me know in time. If I am unable to get there in time, I am arranging to go by plane and be at your transportation. I'll see you in the train. I'll be sure to write you.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at __________________________ M. __________________________ 190

Sent from ____________________________ 190

To ____________________________ 190

You sent injures to day A. T. Jonh to reply about I sent for any kind of

Making any inquiry and direct to see you

What the sick I sent shink there wore

See any man do say they thing to somue
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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Received at

Sent from

To

No one would be known but I want to be fair and give you all the chance I want in any way and

You know I want some time

To first time I wish you
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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TELEGRAM.

received at ___________________________ M. 190 ___________________________

sent from _____________________________ M. 190 ___________________________

[Handwritten text]

When I meet you that is long enough. I want you to come whenever you want to and not until you are ready although it seems far. Please write me a long letter without you. Write me a long
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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TELEGRAM.

Received at_________________________ M._________________________ 190

Sent from_________________________ 190

To_________________________

[Handwritten text]

Dear Mr. [Name],

I am sorry to hear you are not well. I hope you will go on the A.R.H and S.O. Train where I know there will be no trouble. You can see Mr. King, Sunday. Don't be late and
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

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TELEGRAM.

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To ________________________________

Mo in May not. Say you will go and come again. Ask you.

Do get ready by the 11th or possible. Keep winter and save of some e.

No energy boy. End yours ever.
Letter 60  
21 May 1902  
Mortons Gap, Ky.

To: Mr. John Elliott. Dear Jack. [John William Elliott.]

From: Your little love, Bill. [Lilith Morton.]


Lilith complained from lack of sleep. Lilith stated that she had just read his letter. She had tried to pick it up at the post office but Mr. Williams had told her he had sent it to the country by Tommy Wilkerson.

Lilith stated that she could not be ready to leave to get married until the 18th [June] on a Wednesday. Lilith told Lula [Edwards] about their plans last night. Lula will not tell her mother because her mother may then tell “Pappa,” Lilith’s father. Lilith stated that on the day of June 18, she would go to Lula’s house in Mortons Gap and that she and Lula would pretend that they were going to Earlington to stay a week with Lula’s grandmother, Aunt Laurie Sisk. Lula would stay with her grandmother and Lilith would go with John. Evidently Lilith had been away from home the previous night, in the company of Lula, but did not go to a dance. During the next week, Lilith will go to preaching instead of a dance. She expects John on Sunday.
By John Elliott

Dearest John,

I hope this letter finds you well. I have been thinking about you often lately and I just had to write you a note to let you know how much I love you. Your letters always make my heart skip a beat and I can't wait to hear from you again.

Take care of yourself and always be happy. I miss you so much.

Love,
[Signature]

[Handwritten date and location]
I told you this morning that I had been too busy to write because I didn't have time to explain all these things. But the reason was because I had never read your letters. I was a little late in going to the office and when I got there, Mr. Williams said that he had just sent our mail out to the country. As I was at home, I waited until this evening, and it is true. I had intended to write to you last night if I had read your letters as soon as you had written them. But I was too busy to write last night and then...
The text is not legible due to the handwriting style and condition of the page.
We told your friend last night and I will let you know of it. I told her and we fixed it all up. She is the only person that I really told anything about it. She said she knew the boy and of course she felt sorry because the news tell paper but as I started to say we fixed it all up and she would go out if I will go over there and see you. I will pretend like we are going to Carolina to stay a week with.
Just tomorrow Mr. Smith that is Lula's grandmother and Lula will be up at Easton today, but I will go on Friday that is the way we had it planned and I do think you will love it. That plane would be just perfect. I will be really sad if I must close for you up late last night and didn't get to visit Uncle and Aunt Lulu and I went just talk about no worries.
I got up this plan to get off as decently as I could to preach where I was going next Sunday, but I might have gone to preaching now instead that more of me to go to preach for 2 hours, having been out too. I cannot grasp it also but will go to much to preach instead of delay and this is not as I am always your friend to receive letters from you. Dear, I will expect you out Sunday about the usual time to expect at your house 2.00 or even doing very well, little love. B. E.
Letter 61
22 May 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]


Railroad paper and envelope. John has agreed with the 18th as the day to elope and says that “the 3rd time is The Charm.” He hopes she will not change her mind again.

On the 18th, Lilith is to get on the 52 at the Gap and he will join her in Earlington. He states that they will go on to Illinois and will get off at Carmi and get married. Then they will go up from there to Norris City. He has a cousin there who is almost the same as a sister. From there they will go to McLeansboro where an uncle lives. Then they will visit his folks. John says he will ask off from work on the 18th and will arrange for transportation.
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TELEGRAM

Received at

Sent from

To

My Dear Fierina:

Krista and your letter received this morning was good to hear from you again. The trip was short and I’m very near all alone. But have been breaking up the large Wright. Dear the Krista change the date to the 18th. This is the 31st time that he is longing to be home. So to the Krista guess that is not. Krista came to change it in any more. Krista will be back when the 18th comes. For 9th do someone here without you. We also do know Ollie that you are going to church.
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To: ____________________________________________

Instead of Re: James. While there might not be any great harm
in moving to some reason of them it might be best because I
can laugh now. I'm the real one. Any man I never knew
when were you going to church? But I never know.

The Kay you have arranged is alright. May get on 52 at
the depot and 2 will join you there. I'll just got on 52
here as we'll go on into Illinois and stop off at

there and get married there then up from there to

Norridgie. I have a cousin living there. He is always same
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To

And I know that there's a good Christian Time among negroes and kind to every body now they run and going to ask the Chief Superintendent to arrange to let the officer on the 14th to go out for transportation. Do some fly to be ready at hour time will be our Sunday about the same time as Raine boys coming right in our Sunday school for a ball. Have seen friends from one Sunday to another to give to live Mr. Paine and you. See your own home. Been sent to go to church and visit you Saturday night. For you know Jack Knows what like that ain't know.
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To ____________________________________________________________

[Handwritten text in cursive]

[Signature]

[Handwritten note]
To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]


Railroad paper and envelope. John asked her about a possible switch in jobs.
To Miss Julia Marion

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

My dear Miss Mulcher:

Kiss Joe & Kissie you from Your boy Ann write Miss Ann
Kiss Joe & Kissie you a song Louis if I write John I write John I wrote this poem
and spare my feelings with it and because love from 30 yrs. since leaving you Dear Anna
Dear to know you much song kiss 2 yrs. and am songing for the time to turn up
and come again then I write the happy of coming I am happy to think and to know
that a dear friend knows you and realized my happiness by laying
You know the Mine as I am sorry that I am a person of the
Upon seeing I never kine & my thing ever any more because of you on me &
Always think of you and Song for Sunday & note when I can be with

You.
To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Dear Sir,

I am going to ask you one question. Have you ever been to any place near the area you come from? I will know what I think. I think you know the name of the place you come from. I would like to see it.

The last time I was there, I saw the city of Louisville. It was a beautiful place. I would like to visit it again.

I remember the old days when we used to travel by train. It was a different way of life. I would like to see it again.

I hope you will have a good trip. I am sorry I cannot see you.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Postmark: June 1907
Miss Eleina Morten

Mona Graue
To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]


Railroad paper and envelope. John has decided not to take the night job but will stay on days. He does not want to leave her alone at night after they marry. He stated he would see her on Sunday.
To: Mrs. Silvia Morgan
Montana, N.Y.

My dear Silvia:

I am aware how pleasant and kind you are and how much you did to see from you again. I hope you are well and forever kind. I love you very much because you have not gone away from me. Your name Ann Marie is so sweet and sounds so sweet. I am glad to hear from you often again. I am sure you are always there to keep your love and share it with Millie. You are so good to me.

Love always, Ann Marie.

With love,

Mrs. Silvia Morgan

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Glenwood, Ky. May 1918

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To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

I don't want you to stay on your trip if you don't like it. I've got a plan for you. My plan is not all you have. I want you to stay on the job. I know I can't be with you. I want you to be with your family. I want you to be happy and know that you are not.

Therefore, I'm going to do all I can to always make your life a happy one even if you go to New York. I want to go to Mississippi on Monday. This week.

Don't lie down and say you're not. I'm going to let you know. I have been in New York for a long time. I have been in New York for a long time. I have been in New York for a long time.

Mywish is that you come home. I have not seen you for a long time. I have not seen you for a long time. I have not seen you for a long time.
May I come and see you. May I see the crew please as I wish to be on the train when I am with you. Mr. Smith is the gentleman. He is a dear man. He is a dear man. Let us all be happy for ever never. Kiss me our Sunday. Good-bye to Manual. Kiss again and 1000. You are the best woman and I am very glad you are working up on the new station. I intend to write you soon. P.K. is to write you.

Best wishes from Bob. I am always

Yours truly,
Bob

Jack
Miss Silvia Morton
Montana Gap
To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. My dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]


Railroad paper and envelope. John stated that they must ask her “Pappa” on Sunday since there would only be one more Sunday after that before they planned to marry. He wants Lilith to make up her mind about whether to ask her father or not. If her father says “no,” John wants her to be prepared to leave on the 18th anyway.
Miss S. Morton

My dear Sis:}

Wish you all good health, receiving you now. Did not hear from you since I heard of it, or heard from you in such a way as to allow you to go to mine. I am now at home. We must and shall meet. Dear Sis:

For three years we may be on now Sunday again this one and that will be away. Their letters to him you know be just and up your. And that we miss and him Sunday.
Form 105.
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.
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TO:

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Form 106.

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To

My Dear Brother,

I am very glad to hear from you. I have not been well in health and have been very busy. I am writing to you now to let you know that I am well.

I hope you are in good health and that you are doing well. I have been thinking about you often.

Please write soon and let me know how you are.

Yours truly,

John Brown

Louisville, Ky.

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Delivered promptly.

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To

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company

Sent from

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Form 106.

Matters which are promptly unnecessary be that could be sent by Train Mail will be transmitted as
See this No. 390 and General Manager's Circular No. 10.


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This occasion et sent

You do as you go to do some

About go years ago you could again.

You are in it.

You are in it.

May Ben

Shannan
Miss Eileen Morton
Morton's Gap, KY
Letter 65
12 June 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Dear Lilith. [Lilith Morton.]

From: Your boy, John. [John William Elliott.]

Envelope: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons Gap, Ky. Postmarked: June 12, 1902, Earlington, Ky.
Postmarked back: June 12, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. John tells her to have whatever she wants to take with her ready on Sunday when he comes. He will put her things in his dress suit case.
To Lillian Dear:

I intended to tell you this in my other letter and forgot it. I wish you knew that I do. I have been so busy with my books and I will get it Sunday night. I hope you will put it in your Iowa Smith and I will send it to you as soon as you want. I am busy with you and I have been trying to save letters. I am glad you came in them letters so I can get it.

Yours

[Signature]
Miss Lillian Morton
Montana Gap
To: Lilith Dear. [Lilith Morton.]

From: But Yours, Jack. [John William Elliott.]


Railroad paper and envelope. Evidently the couple did not get permission from her father to marry. John tells her that he understands that it is hard to leave home against the wishes of your parents. He tells her to be on the 52 on Wednesday morning and expect him on Wednesday evening at about 7:00. He says if they do not go on the 18th that he believes they never will.
To: [Name]

Dear [Name],

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

[Signature]

Date: 190[?]

Kin. Now write you soon. Love and hope this will go the S.S. 

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To

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Dear Mom and Dad,

It's been ages since I wrote to you. I've been busy preparing for exams and working part-time. I hope you're doing well.

I want to tell you about my new job. I'm working at a local bookstore, and I love it. The customers are friendly, and I get to read all day.

I've also been thinking about going to Europe next year. I was considering visiting France, Italy, and Spain. What do you think?

I miss you both. I can't wait to see you soon.

Love,
[Signature]

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.
Letter 67
17 June 1902
Earlington, Ky.

To: Miss Lilith Morton, Mortons, Ky. My dear Lilith.

From: Your boy, Jack. [John William Elliott.]

Postmarked back: June 17, 1902, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Railroad paper and envelope. Last letter before their marriage. John says he will be out at 7 o’clock and that they can leave at 9:30 for the train. He does not believe there will be any trouble.
My dear Eliza,

This year saw Louis leave New York for some time. You and I will be happy to have him back. Kiss me again tomorrow evening about 9 o'clock. We can leave at 9:30 and get here on Monday evening to catch the train. And we don't want to get here very long before the train goes. So we will leave then about 9:30. Mrs. Jane will come. rain or shine at 7:30. So no hurry leaving. 2 more come for you through.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Sent from: [Signature]

Received at: [Signature]
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My king I hope I'll arrive home no trouble in getting away no hope of arrive home no trouble after we get away

Son I sent much believe it's right. I know leaving you saw me and I am afraid you for my son for. You is

Saw you as strong. You be prepared to come down. Me and as you said in your letter we will stay in house that is saw that is sent for to go

Put and hope I'll write back after you and to say you as a good wife and send love. I'll be you again written I hope will be tomorrow.

Yours ever, Jean.