

To: Mrs. Samuel
Brown Hayes

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Greenville, Kentucky
October 11, 1932

Dear Friend:

Your letter was received. I am sorry that I can not send you the scrap-book as you request, but, you see, it does not belong to me. It belongs to Miss Sue Barkley. I have only borrowed it to make copies of Col. Hays's poems and some others by Kentuckians.

However, I am making a list of the poems and articles in the scrap book which were written by or about Col Hays. Also I am sending you a copy of the clipping which tells something of Mr. Hays visit to Greenville. I do not know when this took place. It was probably after 1904 as the scrap book was started in that year.

My only reason for gathering such material is the fact that I am interested in Kentucky writers. I have gathered quite a bit about other writers. You ask if this is a business proposition or a favor. If I were able, I would be glad to pay for the information that I asked, but I only graduated from high school in May and have as yet no way to earn any money.

As you know, Mr. Rothert wrote a History of Muhlenberg County. That is the county in which I live. In school this year, we were required to write a thesis on some subject in which we were interested. I was interested in the writers of my home county. I began gathering material. When I was ready to hand in my paper, it was impossible to hand in all the material, so I made an outline of it. the outline covered some 59 pages. A copy of this paper is in the Filson Club Archives. Mr. Rothert helped me considerably, and when the time for the graduation exercises came he sent me a copy of his "Madison Cavein." He had previously sent copies of three of his other books.

After school was out, I began to look into the writers of Kentucky, and gather what I could about their lives and works. I have something about a number of the writers and it was to learn more of Col. Hays that I wrote you. I thought that it would be fun to have more about Kentucky than anyone else in town.

You say that you have helped people with geneological research. I helped a woman from Paducah, A Mrs. Ruth Curd, for some time this summer. She was tracing the Rice family tree back to England, or back to make connection with a family tree that had already been compiled.

If you cannot help me, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Gayle R. Carver

Jess -- Starts: "D'ye see that girl with smiling face,"
 Who Cares? -- "When I am sick and sad at heart, Who cares?"
 (I have the original of this)
 Sweet Violets -- "His face was pale, his form was weak,"
 Love Versus Lucre -- "Link by link the chain is broken,"

WAY DOWN SOUTH
 IN "DIXIE LAND."

How the Famous Southern
 War Song Was
 Written.

DAN EMMETT CLAIMED IT,

But Will S. Hays, of Louis-
 ville, was really
 the Author.

(The story of the famous song --
 an article written for the Courier-
 Journal.)

Huckleberry Hawkins Preaches to Women Only. -- A poem.

WILL S. HAYS AND HIS SONGS. -- An article written for
~~the~~ a Louisville paper. There are some snapshots
 of Col. Hays pasted along the side of this
 story.

Old Master -- A poem in honor of the Reunion of the U.C.V.
 Now and Then -- To Frances. A short poem,
 Insured. -- A poem.

To Jess -- A poem in manuscript. (around the edge of this
 poem are little clippings of his verse in which
 he describes the country around Greenville.

A Goose Creek Love Story. -- a short story.
 The Poor Boy Hero -- A poem.

A Sunday in November. -- A poem written to Col.
 Hays.

The Grip. -- A poem.
 My Girl -- A poem.
 Tired And Lonely. -- A poem.
 Huckleberry Hawkins. -- A poem.

Col. Will Hays was not kidnaped, as was supposed, when he disappeared mysteriously this week.. He went of his own free will to gladden the hearts of the people of Greenville, Ky., or, as some call it, Judge Yost-ville, for this is the home of the popular jurist. Col. Hays has returned delighted with all he saw. He says the women there are the greatest bouquet of beauties he ever saw on the footstool, and what you see most of after the girls is the mud. The girls were kind to the Colonel--he says they took him driving all over the country and made him sit in the middle with a beauty on each side. Then they drove in all the ruts, and the gallant Colonel, of course, had to hold them on. It was a good arrangement, satisfactory all around, and anybody who has leisure and would like to hear more about it can call on the Colonel and listen to the praise of Greenville. The Colonel also says they feed well down there.

(this clipping, or rather a copy of a clipping, was taken from one of the Louisville dailies. If one can go by the type they used it must have been the Louisville Times.)

The original clipping is in the scrap book.

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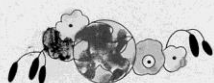
*Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah Holbert
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Winifred
to*

*Dr. Samuel Brown Hays
on Saturday afternoon, the first of August
at four o'clock
at 60 Crary Avenue, Mount Vernon
New York*



I CAN NOT SAY, AND I WILL NOT SAY
 THAT SHE IS DEAD—SHE IS JUST AWAY!
 WITH A CHEERY SMILE, AND A WAVE OF THE HAND,
 SHE HAS WANDERED INTO AN UNKNOWN LAND,
 AND LEFT US DREAMING HOW VERY FAIR
 IT NEEDS MUST BE, SINCE SHE LINGERS THERE.
 AND YOU—O YOU, WHO THE WILDEST YEARN
 FOR THE OLD-TIME STEP AND THE GLAD RETURN,
 THINK OF HER FARING ON, AS DEAR
 IN THE LOVE OF THERE AS THE LOVE OF HERE;
 THINK OF HER STILL AS THE SAME, I SAY:
 SHE IS NOT DEAD—SHE IS JUST AWAY!

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This is a copy of the
 card sent me by
 The McKiely School
 in memory of our
 lovely daughter -
 I hope it will comfort
 you as it has me -

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Sear Family

Leonard Sear married Lucy (was her name Holt?)
 their children:

When Born Where Born When married When married

Rebecca Sear

Mrs. Parsons

Elvie⁴ Sear

Feb. 14, 1838

Richmond Va.

Janatue Woods Aug. 14, 1855

Oct. 4

Virginia Sear

Dec. 11-1838

Culpeper Co. Va. George Munson

Nov. 22, 1857

Jan. 27

Wick Sear

Leonard Sear

Victoria Sear

Searcy Family

married Lucy (was her name, Holt?)

Children:

When Born Where Born When married When died

1. Searcy

2. Searcy

3. Searcy

4. Searcy

5. Searcy

6. Searcy

Feb. 14, 1838

Richmond Va.

Jonathan Woods

Aug. 14, 1855

Oct. 4, 1884

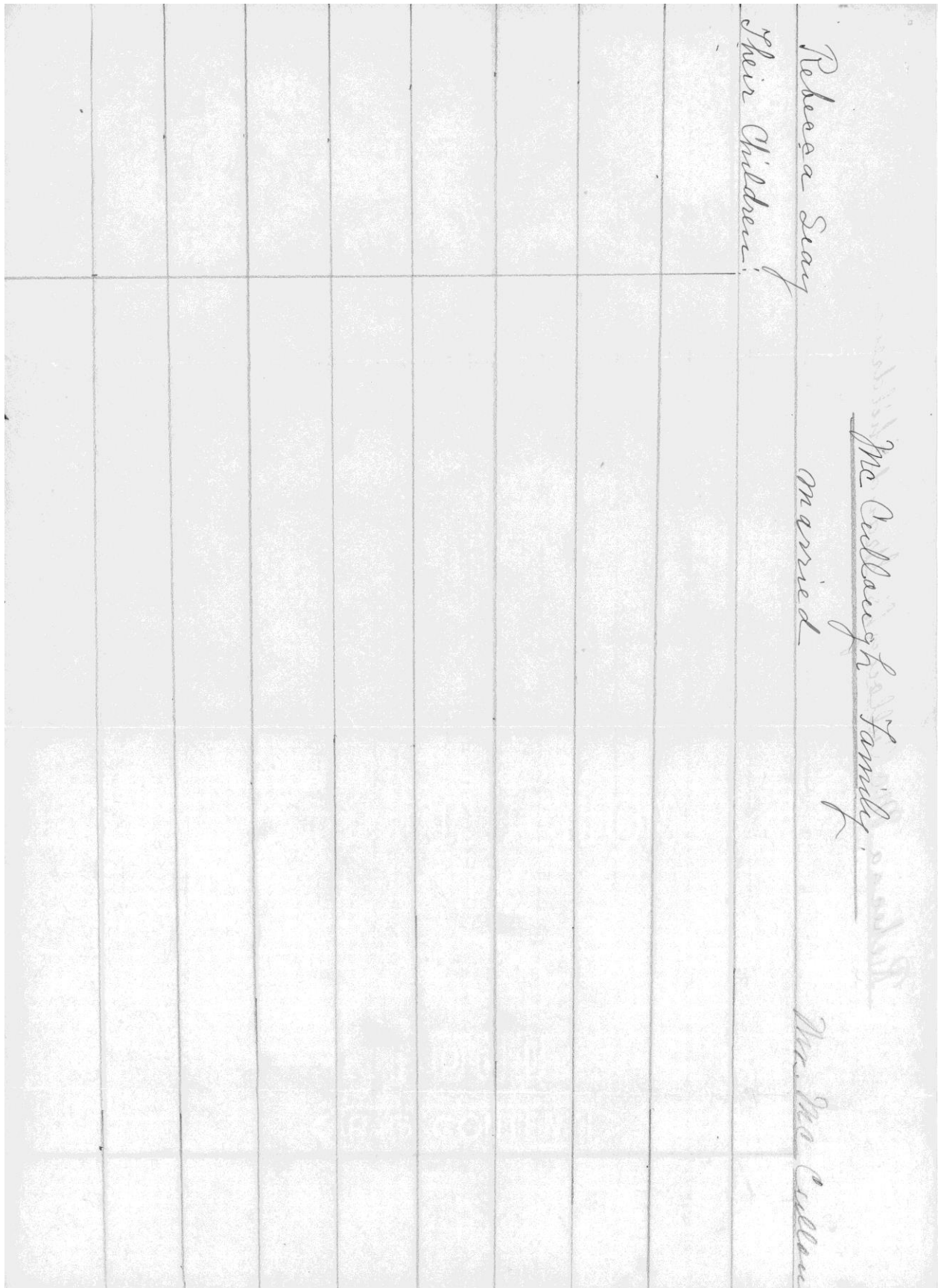
Dec. 11, 1838

Culpeper Co. Va.

John Moore

Dec. 22, 1857

Jan. 27, 1887



THE LOUISVILLE TIMES

November 14, 1933

DR. SAMUEL HAYS IS HEART VICTIM

Will S. Hays' Son, Who
Headed Lakeland Staff,
Had Retired to Farm.

Dr. Samuel Brown Hays, 55 years old, former prominent physician of Louisville, died of heart disease early Tuesday at his farm in Hancock County, near Cloverport, where he moved in the summer in an effort to improve his health.

A native of Louisville, Dr. Hays was a son of the late Will S. Hays, poet, song writer and river editor of The

Courier-Journal. After graduation from the Louisville School of Medicine he studied abroad and became an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. During the World War he was an officer in the Medical Corps.

Dr Hays was appointed assistant physician at the Central State Hospital at Lakeland in 1926 and two years later was made senior physician at the Western State Hospital at Hopkinsville. In 1932 he returned to Lakeland as senior physician and resigned July 1 on account of ill health.

Surviving are a son, Sam Hays, of New York; his mother and a sister, Mrs. Mattie Belle Samuels.

SIX-WEEK FIGHT FOR LIFE FAILS

Dr. Samuel B. Hays Dies
on Cloverport Farm.

Dr. Samuel Browne Hays, for many years an eye, ear and nose specialist in Louisville, died at 12:30 o'clock this morning in his farm home in Cloverport, Ky., where he had been living for the past six weeks trying to regain his health. He was 55 and a native of Louisville.

Doctor Hays, son of the late Will S. Hays, song composer and newspaper writer, was a graduate of the Louisville Male High School and the Louisville Medical School. In the World War he served overseas with the United States Army Medical Corps.

Doctor Hays, whose health began to fail about two years ago, is survived by a son, Samuel Hays of New York; his mother, with whom he stayed in Cloverport, and a sister, Mrs. Mattie Belle Samuels, Louisville.

For many years he was connected with the hospital for the insane in Hopkinsville and later was a member of the staff of the Central State Hospital in Lakeland, Ky.

Arrangements for return of the body to Louisville for funeral services and burial were being made today.