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FAMILY LETTERS

Brooklyn Jan 18 1866

Dear Lou.

Yours of Dec 20th just received. Sister and family were at my house on a visit. was happy to hear of your health. I am very sorry to learn that the Scarlet fever prevails, it is a most fearful scourge, I am glad your little ones, have been preserved from it with my other grand children, so far. I would indeed be pleased to see Stanley. I hope I shall see you with him, when I do see him. Sorry that your daughter, has been ill. I presume the are pretty sensible offsprings. I am happy that you still retain your situation, likewise that your pay will be increased I cannot say what your views may be but you had better improve all "shining hours" but you still keep in the same strain be it advantageous or not, as Thom says you have made more than all put together, but if you spend it you must be without it but my advice is not important to you, or you might have returned home long ago. You may well say you have had good luck, but if people are fortunate and not care fully what avail, you must be your own adviser old enough. The lots in B way rents for $ Co get but little of that. Forgive this year mean $ 90 I wish Lou would rent them from me, but I have a mind to say he wanted them, for some Catholic Institution, or he never would have given $50,000 at the expiration of 10 year. but should a heavy assessment be on them I cannot pay it, as I tell J. H. H. Therefore it will have to be raised in some way. I want all done for the best

You may well say you are negligent, to write but I am not, I shall expect one, next Steamer, as you promise. Yes the Lot is purchased in your name. 25 feet front, 100 deep for $900 - ~~$1,00~~ I have paid $400 — on bond and mortgage at seven per cent int, John said he had written to you but intended to write again soon. the Lot is next to Thoms. I think you will like it much. I am pleased to think it is in my power to relinquish $2,000; so that you can have $5-00 a piece a little help, though each one gives me a mortgage, at 6 per cent to comply with Fathers will. — I could tell you that, H. would not answer a word about Page & Bacions, draft, I am anxious to throw as his wife, told it was not paid, why not ask the House, in San F. as I have always told you, It grieves me to think that he will leave San F. and not inform me, only think, but I will interogate Mr. Franklin, unless I hear from him pretty soon, poor fellow I hope he is doing well. I have put his $500. in the Saving Bank at 5 per cent until he shall say what I must pay for him, so I will inform him, I wish he would only listen to my good advice, as I presume, at least. I beg you will inform me how he is progressing. John is working any hard for his living, I often scold him for taking hold to lift. I think he deserves all he gets with my aid, I had a mind to give Lucina a tour to benefit his health, he rather choose he looks thin San F., but he is to busy at present, I consider he looks more like pether than any of you, I hope you are all able to help yourselves, as it is a comfort to me, tis sad to depend on others, I believe I have answered your letter fully not wait till next Steamer. I have written a good letter to H. telling him what I would do for him was he only there but he cannot do but as the directs. I think more of the poor Pitty. Now My Dear child, I will close with all joining me in our, Xmas, congratulations to you and family with my blessing

Your Mother R Whaley

I may tire you ~~out~~ with long stories.

San Francisco, January 21st 18[illegible]

My Dear Grandma,

I have received your many ~~kind letters~~ kind letters, I am always glad to hear from you. We are very sorry to hear of your delicate ~~health~~ health this Winter, and hope when Spring sets in you will feel better. Papa has written a letter to my Cousin Jane Amelia. How does Central Park look this Winter, all covered with Snow. Every body says it is a beautiful spot. I hope that all my Uncles, Aunts, and Cousins, are well. How I should like to see them all, but you the most! Do you like to read my letters? I hope so. Papa says he thinks he will go to New York pretty soon and will take me with him, and perhaps George too, it will only be on a visit to you. We are all well at home now, the Whooping-cough has all disappeared. Nannie says that she wishes she could go to New York to play with her little Cousins. If I were in New York now I would buy a sledge and ride down hill with it, I should love to see the boys skate on Central Park. We have no skating here it is too warm. Every evening after dinner Mama plays on the Piano and we go march

ing and dancing around the room and have with a
a good time. The little baby marches with
us. My Mama made me begin French a
Year ago and I cannot begin Music until
Mama thinks that Papa can afford it.
Yes Grandma, Georg is a nice little boy. and
loves to play, he sings himself to sleep
every night. Mama has taught him to
sing. He sings with her always. Col. Ring
gold, three days before he died made Mama
a present of a beautiful Canary Bird. It sings
beautifully. Nannie takes charge of it, nicely.
Since Papa has gone into the Produce business
he goes down town early, and returns late
at night, than when he was in the Commissary
there fore we see very little of him. except on
sundays, then he stays home with us most
all day. Miss Desmuyfourg comes to see Mama very
often, and plays a little on the Piano. The rain
has all cleared off and to-day is a most bea-
utiful day, so pleasant that we have not
any fire about the house. The children are out
playing in the lot back of our house and I
shall go down to Papa's store to day, being
Saturday, as soon as I have finished my letter
to you. Papa is pretty well at present, although
he has to work pretty hard he thinks that he
will do very well in the business he is in. Papa sends
his love to you. The children all send you their

I have with a kiss. Accept much love from

Your Affectionate
Grandson,
Frank H. Wheeley.

I have received your many

kiss kiss

San Francisco Jan 21st

My Dear Grandmother

I have received your last letter I am very much pleased with it. Papa has written a letter to my cousin Jane Amelia Wheeler. How did the east river look last Winter and how did Central Park look to I hope that all my cousins in New York are well and how are you also I hope that my Uncles and Aunts are well and I hope that you like to read my letters. Papa says that he thinks that he will come to New York and I wish I was there also. And in San Francisco we had a great deal of rain We are all well home to and little George is very happy also and the little baby has had a very sore finge. Violet slamed it in between the door. Nannie says that she wishes that she could come to New York and play with her cousins and then I could by a little sledge and ride down hill and go some times to see the boys skate on Central Park. Papa says perhaps he will bring your little singing bird George along with us also. And we go marching around the room and the little baby goes marching on behind the other children. Nannie 7. June 27. 1865.

Georg 5 November 5-1865. Violet 3 October 14 1865
Lillie 1. 16 months born September 4. Frank 11 Dec 28, 1866
Nannie says that she likes you very much, ~~and says that she likes you very much and says that she~~ My mother has always been anxious for me to learn french and music. I shall begin music as soon as my mama thinks that papa can afford it. Yes Grandma Georgie is a nice little boy, and loves to play he sings himself to sleep every night Nannie has taught him to sing and he sings with her very often. Col. Ringgold three days before he died made mama a present of a beautiful Candy Bird it sings beautifully and Nannie takes care of it. Since papa has gone into the produce business he goes down-town earlier in the mornings and returns later at night than where he was in the Commissary ~~and~~ there for we see very little of him except on Sundays then he stays home with us most all day. Miss Desnaplous comes to see mama very often and plays a little on the piano. The rain has all cleared off and today is a most beautiful day so pleasant that we have not any fire about the house. The children are out playing out in the lot back of our house and I shall go down to Papa's store to-day being Saturday as soon as I have finished my letter to you. Papa is pretty well at present although he has to work pretty hard he thinks that he will

do very well in the business he is in.

Recd March 28

Dear Son Thomas

My writing of Jan 10th has been
delayed the first time since Oct 8th 1865 - I have had no
letters going written you since Oct 8th 1865 - I have not
of any dear Sister Nancy Jarvis Jarvis died
lamented & exceedingly only fourteen months years we had
spent together I am sorrowing. Poor Jarvis
when my old long looked for letter came I was
not a word of consolation about her
you could not have rec'd my letters
that you was ill you should not
so long make excuse I am glad you
perfectly in business So Bulldog will
I have not kept anything
they do you not acknowledge the receipt
Mary How strange or has Olivia
hope and Aunt Mons has wrote Olivia
name him I hope he
Catch and written it is a
Poor Mary cannot scarcely write
I poor truly bad I told her to ask her father
should send the $100 to him by the way of
but she does not mention in her second letter
that pa and Mary has been gone to
load to Owens River I think of what
is I cant say. I think Ned might have
himself - might father than let him
I wish he was where I could send him
Mary is anxious to go to school I
the expense I will pay it
to think my nice boy could not write

I do not see how Ren can live in such a poor way
tis awefull, H says Lou Berdine is a poor plow
she says business in Los Angeles is dull. says here
husband is a good man. I tell her to inform
me without delay what her father's decides to
do. Eunice, and John Thomas are going to school
that is well, I trust they will remain I am at a
great loss to know what can be the reason H does
not have his $700 his strange I think he will
keep it to come home with, but he is [illegible]
I should say his wife would be [illegible]
had such a dull monotonous life
with Elot. I have had a sad cold
cold air affects me very much my lungs
weak. I was not well at the time
[illegible] to express on that account
out but little since she died very suddenly
presume you have my letters on this with full
information I now feel the loss of a brother or
sister so severely she being the eldest, I am
sorry you did not inform me [illegible] your dear
children are of the hooping cough to had my
dear George. I hope he is well and good as ever
Jennie thinks Uncle Thomas might answer
her letter if he has forgot the present, I hope
you will enclose her a line one of these days
she is a smart girl I tell you learns
you write much of coming home I begin to think I
I may see you again but it is quite uncertain
as death is a great destroyer. I hope you will visit
us at least as you propose to do, if not come
to remain I feel more composed now that I know you
are not sick. my love to all Your Mother R. [illegible]

I wrote
[illegible]
I wish to send I send a large for my dear Thomas Cafe, his cousin
one like it do not fail to let him see [illegible]
black velvet how I want to see you do [illegible]
this cloth, I am glad [illegible]
Hattie says I shall not [illegible]
case I shall have a [illegible]
is a boy [illegible]
as [illegible]
I hope he will [illegible]
letters in [illegible]
another to [illegible]
I [illegible] and [illegible]
most [illegible]
that is right [illegible]
I pray kind [illegible]
for his [illegible]
is in hopes [illegible]
aunt [illegible]

Mrs. Anna Eloise Mhaley

San Jose Cal.
Feby 25th 1866

My dear Mrs Whaley,

I was extremely sorry that I did not get to see you before leaving for San Jose, but I came very suddenly off and had no time what ever. I arrived here Wednesday morning last and am trying to stay if not for a little longer but it is decidedly hard to do so.

My friends sent me money to pay to you & I will retain this money 10 dollars when I send. I could be extremely obliged to you if you will deliver it to my Father when

he calls for it. For a reason which I will explain, when I see you, I have given intime to understand, that I owe to you this amount. I would like you to tear this letter up as soon as you have read it as I don't want any one to know any thing about it. As Antone is going to San Francisco Tuesday I will perhaps send it by her. I do appear not to be surprised at receiving it. I am so sorry to trouble you my dear friend but I will consider it a great favor if you will do this for me

How is Mr Whaley and all the children?

With love to all I remain your fond friend

Mary Miles

Please don't let my husband or Antone know anything about this. In fact I would rather you would not let Nix know even of your receiving a letter from me

I will explain all when I see you

Mary Miles.

Excuse writing. Pillow in great haste

M. M

Forty eleven Bettencourt.

Feby 27 1866

Wm H. Hill

Dear Brother —

I wrote you per last Steamer for information regarding the value of my lot in Brooklyn on Classon Avenue intimating that it might become necessary for me to dispose of the land — ~~Demands~~ against me are becoming more and more pressing ~~very pressing and illegal proceedings~~ indeed ~~and unless promptly met will entail heavy losses~~ ~~that time is quite likely which contingency is given~~ ~~rise to~~ I find now that it is absolutely necessary that I should do so, ~~an~~ I have therefore had drawn up a power of attorney executed by myself and wife giving you the right to sell or mortage the property which you will please do and I shall consider it a great favor — ~~and further authorize you to borrow money~~ You will find inclosed with some real estate auctioneer for agent — and ~~be guided~~ to determine the best course to pursue — whether to sell or mortage — ~~and under your direction~~ ~~upon which perfectly satisfied with~~ but one or the other I desire you ~~to~~ should do, ~~and that~~ without ~~little~~ delay as possible ~~If you will do the best you can~~ — get as much as you like ~~for the property~~ ~~With the view to purchase~~ ~~for a good investment~~ — if it can be sold to advantage at auction do so — if put up and not sold, let it lay — ~~If~~ ~~Fortunately~~ the real estate market is dull it may be impossible to sell or unless to do so — then you will mortage and for as much as possible. I think at private

to have at least $1500.00 in gold coin but if I can not get it I must be satisfied with something else obtained either from the sale of the property or on bond and mortgage. I have no idea of the value of the property but leave it entirely to you to do the best you can.

I neither limit you as to price in selling or terms in selling or mortaging. I wish you to feel free to act in the matter as I must have the money. I require from $1500 to $2000 gold — If I cannot get this amount I must be satisfied with what I can get. If you can sell from $2500 to $3000 Legal tender do so in preference to mortaging if not possible to sell at these figures and you can mortage for $1500 to $2000 Legal Tenders do so — but if impossible to raise from $1500 to $2000 Legal Tenders on mortage and this sum can be raised only by selling then I see no other alternative or open to me as I cannot realize more than this for my land. My idea is that the property is worth $3000 Legal tenders. It may be worth a great deal more or not worth so much — I only ask you to do the best you can. I sent this power of attorney instead of your thinking that you would be more likely to attend to it promptly, then again I do not know Adam's position in regard to the property. he may be occupying it or claim it as it adjoins his property and if such be the case I would like you to give him the preference and as favorably with him as anyone else. On the other hand I desire in the event of mortaging to retain money enough to pay interest for six months in the net proceeds of sale or amount obtained on mortage after deducting what you may think is proper

is to pay you for your trouble, and the interest necessary for six months in the event of mortgaging you will please ~~[illegible]~~ pay over to Mr Charles Gregg of Pocatello Idaho for account of Thomas Day of San Francisco taking his receipt therefore — specifying the amt in Legal tender ~~as gold coin~~ and request him to telegraph ~~the account~~ to Thomas Day who will hand me the amount —

Thomas Day — Received for your account $3.000 Legal tender from Wm H. Heis — Charles Gregg —

You might at the same time telegraph me the following

Thos Dwaney
~~Thos Halsiet~~ Send her every
Family well — Andrew
Wm H. Heis —

which I will understand to mean that Gregg has telegraphed to Day, and when I receive the money I will answer your telegram. As the world imply business you can arrange it so as not to cost any thing —

~~Nanny~~ My dear mother Thomas think it strange that I wish to sell or mortage ~~my property you can [illegible] the~~ but here it is and that I regret the necessity of it —

With love from my heart to you ~~self~~ and ~~[illegible]~~ family who I trust are well I remain Your ~~[illegible]~~ Son —

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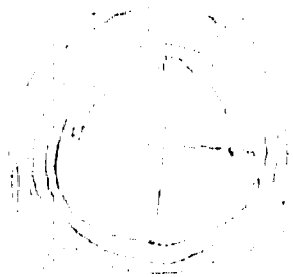

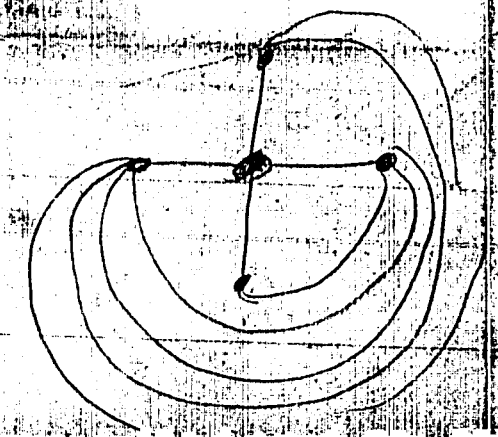

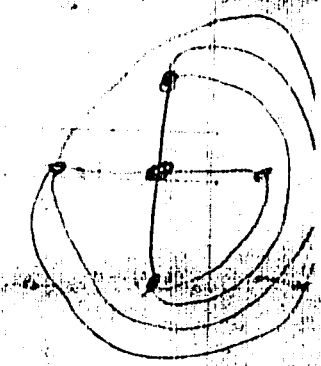

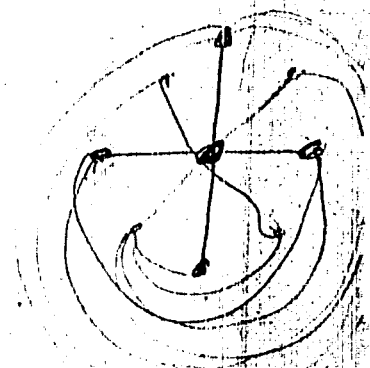

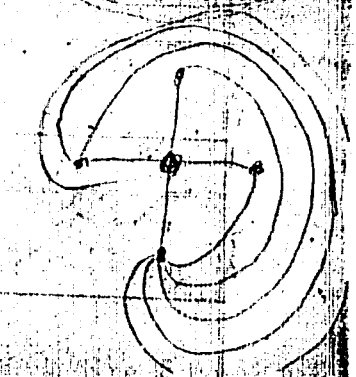

Thomas Gay Esq San Francisco California

W. H. Heise has deposited to

your credit $800 in Eight Hundred Dollars & 50/100 for cash Legal tenders

Collect

Thomas Gay

New-York. Feby 28th 1866.

Thos Whaley Esq.

Dear Brother.

Yours of the 18th inst came to hand. and was exceedingly welcome. I trust you will succeed beyond your expectations in your business. You have the talent and the energy - and I cannot see why you should not do so. Since my last the Company have added to my duties - placing me in charge of a Division - we have taken in the South Western lines and increased our Capital from 2 to 4 Millions - upon the latter amount we paid a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent on the 23d inst. and I do not doubt but that 12 per ct per annum will be the regular dividend hereafter. I have been employed in reducing expenses and find that over $40,000 can be saved on my Division alone as compared with 65. We are getting things systematized and this takes much of my time - the East is handling over the lines gradually to the

not think there is cause of anxiety now. She is quite well and hearty for a lady of her age. The death of Priscilla was calculated to strike a severe blow and I doubt not it did. Though she had been unwell but a short time before from a severe cold but her constitution has brought her all right again I think and I hope she will live to see her hundredth (100th) birth day. Though she has nearly lived the time allotted to us. Do not give yourself any uneasiness for I will telegraph to you should any thing occur. Everything to make her comfortable and happy I believe is done. The lines at Johns' Island there is no cause of alarm and I regret that I spoke through Henry to Mr Warner. (who I have not met for nearly two months)

Priscilla's corpse was the finest I ever saw for so old a person. She was buried at Newark and your brother did not go with the funeral from the house and it was best she did not as the trouble to

her was enough without forfeiting it.

I should like much to meet you. We both have changed since we met at Mt Jerry and we are both struggling to get a competency for our families and I do not doubt but that we will succeed.

I do not know that I have any influence with Mr Bulkley (the active matter is in his hands) we have been some friends for years and while I was in the employ of the Gov't I employed his services since running my connection with the Gov't and his being employed on the Colonial line, our intercourse has been but limited I have now as I have always had the highest opinion of him as a man and he is one of the best telegraphers in the County. John and he were very intimate and I believe he promised to do something for John which promise he did not fulfill.

In the way of conversation with Jenie you might remark that you have letters from me and that I would be pleased if he would throw in your way whatever he can. If he has any disposition to do so this would be sufficient for formerly he is under obligations to me, and as he has without cause shown a coolness

know to command this line I cannot ask James for time - whatever failing is on his side not mine - for I never alter in that respect - the reasons which I think command this I cannot write,

All the family are well and join me in sending love to you and James - I believe Henry has been heard from at last - his letters are nearly like angels visits -

We are having very strange weather - and the general impression is that the Cholera will give us a visit this Summer -

Aunt Annie is staying with me - she enjoys good health and wished to be remembered to you -

Business of all kinds is dull -

I am Affectionately
Your Brother
W. W. Hall

dated New York February 28 1866.
Received March 29th 1866.

Mrs Maury
Dear Madam
I
have not quite finished sitting
at my dentist's room I had
needed me to [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] to meet
your little girl.
Yours respectfully,
A. [illegible]

[illegible]

Brooklyn March 3rd 1866

To

My Dear Uncle.

I received your welcome letter. Feb 23rd, and was very glad to hear from you, today is very rainy and I thought I would answer your letter. you told me to send you the ages of my brother and sister. Mary Elizabeth 17 years old Feb 25th 1866 Angelina Mary 14 years old March 10th 1866 Jane Amelia 11 years old Feb 15th 1866. Thomas 8 years old Sept. 20th 1865. Rachel 5 years old July 9th 1866. We all go to School except Rachel Ma says she will let her go next summer if she lives and nothing happens. please tell Frank I will write to him and tell him what I hear from him. tell him he must come to Brooklyn, and learn to skate. I put Tommy and Rachel to bed every nights and have done so for the last 2 years.

We call Rachel Zolly because ma

says Rachel is such a long name for a little girl. Dolly knows her letters and can count pretty good.

My studies are. Practical Arithmetic mental Arithm, Spelling. Geography Grammar, Reading. Writing.

Dear Uncle, I hope you will come here and bring my Aunt, and my Cousins and pay us a nice long visit.

It is very pleasant here in summer We have 7 weeks vacation from School. We all think the Cholera will be in Brooklyn this summer.

Tell Frank to write me a long letter Give my love to Aunt Anna, and my all Cousins. with a share for yourself.

I remain your ever loving niece
Niece Jennie Whaley.

P.S. Excuse this writing, as I am in a hurry to go down Stairs.

Brooklyn March 5/88

Dear Grandson

Your letter has come to hand but I began to think you had grown tired of writeing to Grandma I must inform you that my health is much better for which I am very thankfull. I cannot say how Central Park looks there are so many men to work in it they will soon clear away the snow of the ponds on Ushere if in the way. It would be a great jaunt for you to come to N York I doubt you would be much pleased to see your Aunts Uncles & Cousins. Yes I like to read your letters I want you to be particular and take great pains or I shall not think so much of them, mind that your Cousin Jane, does not beat you, she is smart the same age just 11 but you will try. Annie will come one of these days to play with her Cousins I hope papa will move on and bring you all. that is what Grandma wants You have a Grandma in Cali that is more than many little boys have. your Cousins would lend a sled to ride down hill You must have a fine time to march around

I am glad George still sings himself to sleep. I want his likeness again to see how he looks now. That was good that Col B gave your momma such a beautiful bird she must prize such a gift. I hope mannie will take the best of care of it I should fear to trust her she is young and might forget. Why does pa stay late at night, you are not in bed are you. I am glad Miss D visits you she is very pleasant, she has forgotten Grandma The Rain is all over, how fine we still have storm after storm. I am very happy to hear that pa, is well though he has to work so hard. tell the children I thank them for their love and kiss and send mine in return

Dear Grand Son
With many kisses and much
love to all I bid you good buy
Your Affte Grama
Rachel Whaley

Brooklyn March 6th 1866

Dear Son Thomas:

Your & Frank's letters came to hand
likewise Jenny's I was happy to hear that the
little ones were well of their cough sad to have
sickness long at a time I am quite smart but I
refrain from going out as my lungs are weak
to inhale the keen air then I was not well when
my dear Sister P. sickened and died which exp-
posure gave me a bad cold I am sadly grieve
that you treated your Aunts death with such
cold reserve not even to name to me in my
sad affliction, we were all much surpris-
ed, she deserved a sigh from all who k
her, she never troubled you or any else for a c
she had plenty for a respectable funeral
hundreds left to bequeath, she remembe
the poor. I never lost a brother or Sister I
lamented as lonely you must have procured the
had you have read my letter
we all stand in need of sympathy sooner or
later I like. thought I need to tell you that
I want you to ask Mons D, in whose name
that draft to Mrs Duran was made out in
Mind What I say, was it in my name if so
then I has acted as my agent if Mons wil
write to me that it was so I will pay hi
what is coming as I is so tardy. I think D
treats me unkindly I never saw the draft
that was sent on the writing that came

from France that I declare. therefore I do feel bad indeed that Mons treats me thus not but I deserve all if I have any concern in it. then they did not even acknowledge the five dollars I sent to his child by Mrs Day what must I think. he must have received it or you for him, from Mrs D. See what trouble it makes, I am anxious. as he is in a strait that he should have his money. Then when I travel to J. he says You have nothing to do with it John work has gone down of late he is in hopes to get into a better business. I do not fear but he will pay Mons. Only think one cannot do a kind act for a friend without so much trouble, I think had I have been you I would have paid Mons as he and friends were so kind to you when you was in France. As Mons is so poor, has he employment. do write promptly in answer to this. I have written a long letter to her about his money he shall have it without delay. You decide to pay us a visit, that is good, I think it is time Mrs Montgomerys Mother was buried yesterday, a dear old friend of mine 80 years of age. I shall send this on the 11 inst I want an answer. I wish to know if they have written to you what henry is going to do I do not think he is doing much but he may write if he intends to come home or what he will do. I will answer Th letter but he has been many months a writing it to me he says he cannot take his music Why not? his Mother is a great player you always said I hope you will be carefull of your health as you

say you intend to come to see us but I was so much disappointed before that I feel as if you will not come now my dear son we may meet again I hope we shall Frank appears to feel quite certain I trust he will not be disappointed. Receive my love for you and family tell little ones Papa must kiss them for Grandma

Your Affec Mother
A Whaley.

All Hannettes children resemble their father the eldest is the image of him indeed they are all Haiss enough Now John children vary in their looks Lina looks like her fathers Jenny looks more like you Tommy like his Mothers Mother all but forehead that is like John's the eldest expression of her Mother but her features are coarse she is not very complaisant rather dull looking. The youngest is a dark eyed light brown curle hair very bright some says looks like me very smart knows all her letters not five untill next July. she frequently comes into my room Grandma have you any thing to give me I sit down I will see, I cant stay long then go and return, I will get it. O! I think I will wait, I say so do. You are a fool. Then I give her something, for which she thanks me, and says is this all, the only it you shal have a bit of candy. Can I do any thing for you? I say yes dust the chairs she can do it nicely they are all active but if not applied what does that amount to

Mt Sterling Ky March 1866

My dear Friend

Since you wrote a long letter some months since, I do not think I have received anything from you. I was in Springfield and Virginia many days since I last wrote you. I have my old friend a letter from you, I wish you would be ashamed with to me. I have been nothing new with me since I last wrote to you. My Cook & Johnson

Oct 10 I feel as if I ought to write to you as I am about to pay a visit, I have had many times to go away to my old home, but I have not been able to go. I have been very busy this year. Good is our Cousin Lucy, Mrs Ewing, Mrs Ewing is very well as I know I think, I have not seen her since I wrote you. I have received a letter from Mrs Ewing, you must be a good girl and write to me.

[illegible]

American Telegraph Company.

W. H. HEISS,
Supt. 6th Division

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, 145 BROADWAY.

Confidential

New York, March 19th 1866.

Thos Whaley Esq

Dear Brother -

Yours of the 18th ult marked "Confidential" was received on the 17th inst.

I write you a note in reply to letter received from you by Steamer of the 1st inst.

I have made enquiries of Porter & Lopez Real Estate agts relative to the lot. they say it is worth about $800, or would sell for about that amount - its value is not enhanced by Johns Ship - and in my opinion will not bring within $200 of its value on account of the steam power John has not had his Ship in operation for several months - and I hear from outside parties that he has or is about selling the whole place for $1500. from lot wide is of value to the party buying this place - as this border was on the back part of your lot and I think it is

still there. I do not know whether he has or will make any arrangement with the party hoping to continue the Bridge there. John is very anxious about this business matter and does not let me hear of any of his moves and I forbear not asking him. I do not know why he should be jealous of such information or that I should be advised with in such matters but so it is. I would suggest that you write to John through your Mother asking him what he can get for the lot and to reply by return mail. This may bring him out. I do not think favorably that the lot is of value to any one except the person who does or owns the Store & power as very few would buy to build while it is there.

Any information in my power will be cheerfully and truthfully given you. Uncle Simon & wife from Newark spent yesterday at my house. Is quite well. Aunt Cornie is still with me but has not been well for some three or four days. Your Mother is well & Harriet told me this morning that she expected to see her at my house to-day. All the family are well and join me love to you and James.

Hoping you are enjoying every and everything

Your Father

Affectionately Yours

W. W. Reeves

P.S. Have not seen Warren for months

W.W.R.

Recd April 28 1866

Brooklyn March 27th 1866

Dear Son Thomas.

I was happy to receive your date of Feb 19th. I may have answed this and would not write at this moment only you decide to sell your lot while I was so anxious you should be put in possession why not have written ere this or named it in your last no one had a mind to deter you, I hope all will be as strictly attended to as the sale, as I am confident all was done right on the Purchase. You appear all in haste I should say your own sense would tell you that a sale could not be effected in less than three weeks or more. I hope you will realise some advance as you have never lost much on the Lot had John needed it he would have informed you Ere this he has sold his own place next door to yours, house and shop $4,500 pelly good

when I write do answer my questions promptly it puts me very much when you do not. I think the lot is worth $1000

I think John will soon send on ~~Dear~~ Mons ~~Bought~~
he deposed it not considering poor Mons — I trust
he has work poor man, but all will be right.
Thomas you have never acknowledged your letter &
package and Mons letter directed to your care for him
containing $6 — as a present to his daughter, I have re-
minded you of the affair several times, but no
response, not but I am sure all is right, but I
wonder Mons did not name it when he wrote to me
last a very polite word, about the gold. I gave it to
J, to read, I do appreciate him very highly, as I
tell you give him work with you, if possible.
I had not the least Idea but what J would pay his
there has been quite unpleasant feeling on doubt about it
I want all right, as will be when that is settled. I was
happy to lend it, as was all, and would do the same
again, under circumstances, You might have paid
it, and called on John, it look so little, had D
been near for me as to you, I would have let him
paid the whole or part, I could not have borne
to see him, at a loss and J the cause of it, your
friend Madame D, so good to you in J. I do
not think I say one word to much for Mons favour in
me when all is settled about the gold, Mons will tell you
my regards to Mons & family should like a letter from my
Uncle

I hope the children are well and happy my love to
them all. tell Jenny, is waiting for his letter —
she requested her Uncle to write, I do not
desire J, to write, I do not
know which will beat in learning, Frank or Jenny They come into
my room to study at night, Lina & Jenny. they
are good at spelling and definitions You should
hear Jenny parse, and say her rules, she apprehends
very quickly. Tho' we have had a lengthy winter
to day is more pleasant, I presume the Equi-
noxial storm is past over. I hope you have
not given up coming home, I have to hear what
Henry says on that subject, I have not heard from
him since, he sent for his money, I hope some way
will be devised to send it without paying
if you know of any way write to me it may be, I could give
so much percentage, it take so much of the
principle, but we must do the best we can for
the poor fellow, as he is so unfortunate, I keep his
likeness before my eyes all the time I hope Harry will
have a good chance to learn, he is a good boy what
a pity that he should be so deprived, I have written
in preceding letters about all Thos family as you
May desire to know, I hope they are happy I
think they might better come home, but we will see
I must give him a lot to build on, If he is able
I should say he had something saved up, I expect she would like to go to her friends in W.

I shall get a letter from Fen next Steamer I hope
I hope you are prospering good in business as you
have increased your business considerable success to
you evermore. Harriet tells me you asked $3.000 you
must be crazy, but the Vender will find out
how it is and the price I hope you may get all
you want; inform me if you intend to come
to visit us or shall you put it off again I wish I
had a nice place to keep house I could make you
pretty comfortable part of the time as I must get
a person capable to keep house for me I have one
in view and hope to live in my own good way
Thomas I have to smile when I read about your
Friend Warner who I seldom think of I speak
to no one of him as I know no one who knows him
therefore I cannot be down on him; as you say
I presum he would take it heard to have to call on me
the way he grumbled at the distance, he may not
come again. I hope Alicie will feel more happy
poor girl I feel sorry for what is she doing? I hope
improving in her studies. I did you get cristened
when you wrote about it I am to be cristened
my self soon how strange such things appear
you cannot be admitted to join a church do you go to the Episcopal C.
if you can do any thing for Fen to forward his money inform me
would Day be willing to receive it as he does yours and pay it
to Fen's order in San F. now my dear child I must bid you
adieu hoping the Lord will protect you & yours. We all
join in love to you and yours, Your affec Mother
R. Haley

Brookeys April 29 — 1866

Dear Son your letter of march 30th was received yesterday sorry to learn that you was still in difficulty I do not know it is that my children should have so much trouble with their business John will succeed I hope at his new business Tho's I wish you to tell Jas nuff being that I hope all will be right about the Money which J has sent you know there is an expense on it but I want J paid be paid all that is coming to him as he has paid me very Gentlemanly therefore tell him what I say ask him what amount he rec'd from J I do not understand the business of paying gold eagles I cannot do more than what I say. I am sorry Mrs Day has been sick do you suppose she took the fever at Sonam on her passage home how sad if any thing had happened I am thankfull that you and family are well I mailed a letter to you on the 21st inst I shall be brief in this as the steamer sails to morrow give my love to your little ones the last from Kate was 20 of Feb I have not heard from Hen since his first Jan 12 I cannot conceive the reason John is well acquainted with Days agent and says tis good to send Hens money by him it is in the Bank if I take it out before July 1 I shall lose six months interest on it but if Hen says do it I will just 2 months to come I saw by the papers that Bulkly would sail from San Fr

soon

I sincerely hope and pray you are doing better in your affairs than you contemplated I have but a little on hand so that if I see a house I can pay a few hundred down I am sorry that you bought the last real estate, you had better sell it to pay of your debts I expect you will be able to manage, John says he is really sorry to think you are in difficulty hopes your San Diego property will improve by the R.R. good luck Harry wrote that if the R.R came that way he could go to school and study law, I hope he will have a chance a long lane that has no turn. I hope to get a letter soon from one of them. We are all tolerable well, all go to school I think Miss D may be better satisfied you will hear of Aunt Sally's demise ere you receive this they will miss her sadly Mrs Smith and her married daughter called last week both left regards for you and family They look well. I was happy to see them, as I have been much confined this winter.

I am pretty well at present thank mercy The weather is cold and chilly I have one sister Anny she has gone to Elework to board with Simeon she sends love to you and family. We all join in love to you all. I hope you will have good success with Bulky I found a piece for Georgy last land I gave one to Sammy Hess Suppose it had not been quite long enough put a bow in the valoney. May the Lord bless and help us all

Your Mother R. W. Haley

San Francisco.
May 9th. 1886.

Col: Buckley.
dear Sir,

I have called to see you several times at the Occidental Hotel and at the Office of the Company, without being able to find you in, therefore, I take the liberty I take in enclosing you a letter received some time since from my brother-in-law, Mr Wm. H. Heis, with the request that you will please peruse the marked portions of the same. You are partially aware of my misfortunes - entailed upon me by the loss of property and position in Government Service - having a large family dependant upon me. Any encouragement, therefore, you can give me in, the way of business, I shall esteem a personal favor, besides the gratifi-

cation which it will afford me High in learning that it is in your power to assist me. At one time, I flattered myself, that you felt some interest in my welfare, from the fact of my brother and brother-in-law being old friends of yours, and when you informed me that you had issued orders for the purchase of produce required for your fleet of vessels, from the firm of Wm. Hoy & Co. I was greatly pleased thereat, hoping, that it might possibly lead to something better. How nearly your orders have been complied with, respecting your intention towards the firm of which I am a partner, you will be able to judge. Previous to the 9th April our bills for produce to the "Golden Gate" and "Clara Bell" amounted to a trifle over $200.00. Since then we have supplied the "Onward", the "Golden Gate" and the "Nightingale", each with a small bill of produce. I should not be so particular in mentioning all this, but as our bills for the "Onward" and "Golden Gate" have been called for, and instructions given to get their produce in future elsewhere, I thought I would take the liberty of informing you of it, and, asking you, if done with your knowledge, the cause of making the change, if anything has been unsatisfactory, I should like to have been informed of it and to have had it in my power to rectify it. I understand that some change has been made in the management of the Company, to which, I am inclined to attribute the order of purchasing their produce elsewhere. If therefore it be in your power to influence the continuance of the trade with the Wm Hoy & Co you will greatly oblige me, and, if not, perhaps it may be in your power to do something better than the mere supplying of produce. With regards, and, the request to return the enclosed letter I remain, very respectfully

Your Obt Servt. J. H. Whaley.

Copy of Answer

San Francisco
May 8th 1866.

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed the letter of Mr Heifs which you wish returned. I know no reason why we should not purchase of you provided you sell as low as anyother and of an equal quality. Too much occupied to attend to this it has been intrusted to others. With the same good feeling towards Mr Heifs which has ever been unvaried though lately not expressed in the multitude of cares that surround me, I am happy to favor his wishes

Respectfully Yours &c
Charles J. Bulkley

To
Thomas R. Wheeley
San Francisco

No 66?

Brooklyn May 30th 1850

Dear little George.

I hope you pray for Grandma when you go to bed tell the people you are my boy and that you are to live with me in Brooklyn, if you are good Thomas have you had all your children christened I think you wrote to me that you had been baptised have you been confirmed I think you go to the Episcopal church let me know I was at Fl to day they were going on board the new Steamer for Calc in NY Not to take passage for Sanc Fr -

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I hope you will write soon & inform me how you come on I trust pretty comfortable I cannot see how you have become so deep in debt your family being all small I am truly sorry it has so happen I called on Mrs Hickman & Mrs Day's friends who said Mrs D must have taken the fever on her passage here I told her I did not know it lay in the system so long, said Mary was well & thinks she will go home sooner than they intended she should I wish it had been so that you could have come home I hope your business is progressing fine It was a pitty you had to sell your lott in haste but so it is I hope all will be right My love to you and family. Affec your Mother

R W Haley

Recd June 11

San Diego June 1st 1866.

Mr Colton Sir

Yours of 16th May is duly received.

The Legislature has granted no Wagon Road Franchise in this County to my knowledge and I think it could not have passed without my knowledge.

The Governor of Lower Cal. has granted none to run in the direction of Fort Yuma or to any other point to my knowledge. I should certainly have known of it had it been so as I am in constant correspondence with him.

Nine or more persons can become an incorporated Company under the laws of this State for the building of turnpike or common Wagon Roads; the Board of Supervisors fixing the Tolls to be levied, and in case of disagreement regarding the price for Lands arbitrators are to be chosen to decide. It is probable a Company /

without incorporating could build the road but they could not take land without paying the owners the full price they choose to ask.
In this case I think there can be no difficulty in regard to the privilege of locating the road as every Rancherо will be anxious to have ~~him~~ it come near him.
The "Jefe Politico" and acting Governor expressed himself willing and anxious to assist such an enterprise by all means in his power.
I have written to him to know what conditions he shall require and what guarantee & protection he can offer.

There are a couple men here who are thoroughly acquainted with the whole section of country through which such a road should run. They have spent some six months in examining the country for this very purpose having previously prospected over much of it for mines. I myself have made several road explorations through the mountains to the desert, and though I have not seen their route, I am perfectly satisfied it is the best for it was their intention to build it themselves

and they made a thorough search for the best route. There is plenty of Grass & water even on to the desert, of which a much less portion is traversed than by any other route saving at least 40 miles of deep sand over the present travelled route. In fact the Desert is no Desert by this route, being generally a hard solid dry road with water never over 15 miles apart;

These parties stopped for want of means, and I think for a small sum to in fact reimburse them for their expenses they would show the route they have selected. And it would be more economical for the parties proposing to build the road, to purchase their knowledge than to spend time & money to hunt it up.

At most certainly is a new direct and easy route to be built. From San Pedro direct to San Diego by the stage road, then over this route to Fort Yuma is several miles nearer than by the present travelled route from San Pedro via Warners Ranch to Fort Yuma.

The parties I have referred to, estimated the cost of making a passable wagon road, good country road, - about five thousand dollars;

The distance is 160 miles. The route follows nearly the boundary line between this State and Lower California, sometimes on this side & sometimes on the other. The principal part of the work to be done is on this side of the line so that the Toll Gates would necessarily be on this side of the line.

You are aware I suppose that the old road to Fort Yuma travelled by the Gov Troops, wagons, Express & by all runs on the Desert several miles below the line into Mexico. The Butterfield Overland Mail route & the Doyle & Giddings Mail route passed here also. No objection was ever made by either Government.

This business if started will be an immense business - it would make a city of San Diego at once and it certainly looks feasible. The map will show that it is the route for passengers & fast freight to Salt Lake, Arizona & perhaps Montana, if a good road can be found, and this we have, for 1/3 of the distance is a good natural road now, the grade out is excellent, coming in it will be somewhat steeper.

This is surely a big thing, & if men of capital will only give it a look they must see it.

I have written hastily but I think you will get my meaning.

Yours Truly E. [illegible]

I wrote [illegible] on the 31st

[illegible]

[illegible] mine

Mr Mowen [illegible] he [illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible] Mr Pennefer [illegible]

[illegible]

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with the [illegible] [illegible]
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and come for me [illegible] a pretty [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] blessings.
your mother [illegible]
[illegible] may inquire for me
my [illegible]

Kiss the little ones [illegible] me

Brooklyn June 10th 1900

My Dear Grand Son

I am happy to read your communication and receive your kind thanks to Grand ma for the letter she has written to you, I think you have improved since you wrote to me last continue to do so. I should be happy indeed to see your father once more but he puts me off, so that I think he will not come he may and bring you with him what a happy time you would all have so many lively Cousins, I am pleased to hear of George sings yet I am very glad, to hear it, sing with him, I am anxious for his picture, I am glad that nannie takes good care of the bird I should love to see her fix it in its cage I would love to see her she is smart does she wait on her brothers & little sisters that is fine I am sorry Ma has been sick. & is a good time to go to bed

Brooklyn Jun 18 — 1865

Dear Son Thomas

I was pleased to receive a letter from you of May 18 informing us of your and family health your wife being convalescent my love to them all. I hope all requests are strictly attended to by Wm and that the sale is going on all right he no doubt gives you information from time to time if you desire it. I am sorry you are still in difficulty and that you might have avoided to a certain degree, had you only listened to my kind advice but still I trust all will soon be well with you. How does all your real estate come on in San Diego, I should say you might give a security on that. I do not understand how you have so much to pay outside your business you was only 3 months out of the Carriage or any one you engaged with Bois

* Your fury may cause a children to fall from your grave. Your friend Ellen A. Whaley.

which appears so strange to me & John.

As you was making money in the Commissary and ought to have saved up you must not worry me more than I am I do not wonder that poor Hen has not made much with his one hand when you get in trouble with your two and in a good business do not wonder that I write thus you write one that you had responsibilities beyond your own is it that not that understood what I meant or do I now I expect you will get you money as soon as possible for the lot, it is well you had that to flee too.

I am happy to hear of Hen he is going to trade, with miners I expect. he wrote that he must have a man to drive if H to go to school all right I hope all will prosper that by H thinke he is to old to come to Oregon B and make a new home I do not think he think much about us he writes short concise letters but he has had a great work to do little to do with not that makes any complaint he was willing to take the $600

I trust it will do him good now you have all had $600 a piece this well but I wish Hen had taken his before that is his concern he wants it now I asked not a question or did he give me any reason only he wanted it to buy land that was right I think he is poor I do not know Kate said the house was not finished; I want John to write to him and ask him questions he would tell him sooner than me I think you all act very unkind to each other not to write but I shall as long as I am able as poor Aunt Sally was wont to say. I must say a little to Frank as his letter is pretty good this time letter next I hope. My love to all. May God preserve us all in trouble and difficulties.

Your Affect Mother

Your hair is grayer than John's. R. Wheelock

I will finish H letter on this side you can tell the children Grandma sends great love and a kiss a piece for each when they go to bed I hope you all pray for Grandma. It is good Olide is better pleased with Cal. give my love to M & Madame D I hope O speaks better english than I do French

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Kate, is much disappointed that you do not answer her letters I tell her to pay you a visit while Joe is away I send inclosed Jennie's letter I tell her you was very particular when you was her age but she is all fussy very active but it is of no effect to talk to or about children, it causes so much trouble, if a child wont mind me I say well if you do not wish to do what I desire do as you please, as they know they have full priviledge Ignorance and impudence is heard to combat with, especially if they are in office. I get along with the children as well as I can The less I say the better. My self is my first consideration people must do with their own children as they see best if the poor child has to suffer for parents inadvertance Moves the pity of the wind blows tremendiously today I do not venture out on this weather

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My Dear little boy George, who I think looks like his nice papa, then you can sing which makes Grandma love your pretty face you will come one of these days to see Grandma

R. Whaley.

your Aunt Sally is 84, this Month pretty smart
You never said a word about the shirt
I sent that you made, & the bedquitt I
must say they are wonders, I hope it is
neatly quitted; or it will not be long before it
as I was so kind to deprive myself of it
if you remember. It made one at the
same time. She quitted hers 6 years ago
it makes a splendid quitt. She values it
highly. It is mustering up a storm last month and
was very bad weather for the season. I hope you
come to see us being all you wish. I want to go
to keep a suitable house it appears so difficult
as I cannot live in a house alone I must know the people

R.W.

Frank read this for my pretty boy as he can't
but if his face is an indication of his mind
he will soon learn all things. my children
spelt in three letters when 6 years I hope you will

Sacramento City
June 19th 66.

Mr. Whaley

Dear Friend

As I shall stop at Benicia I have concluded to drop you a line relative to my business.

I received a letter of introduction from Mr Belden of San Francisco to a Mr Hodges and through his kindness I was introduced to Col Wood Terse of the Supreme Court. Judge Carry ~~having~~ or being in San Francisco. He told me that the case was entirely argued and that all the briefs had been filed, and that there was nothing further to be done in the matter and it only awaited the action of the Judges their decision which would be rendered by the first of the month he thought without doubt. He he could not give me the abstracts of proceedings as the Judges now held all the papers, had the Judge been here I could have got. If you could see Eddy Miles go to his lawyer and let him see Judge Terry possibly you might gain more information, However the Col.

seemed to be of a decidedly opinion that the ~~court~~ decision would be rendered by the first of the month. Hoping that this will be good news for you,

I am
Yours truly
Walter D. Ringgold

P.S. Col Woods says that nothing can stop the decision it will have to be decided at once unless they should disagree and then it might take some little time for them to render it.

Yours
WDR

San Diego June 23/

Thos McKaleyney Esq
Dear Sir

Yours of 18th
is received.

Will permit (with statement on your private a/c) next stmt.

In regard to your bill against Ensworth's estate — I consider it a very doubtful matter.

Judge Hays had assigned about $1200 of a mortgage to Ensworth, which may be collected in the course of a year or perhaps less perhaps never, but there are other

debts which by law have precedence of yours, and which will take the lion's portion of that — if it is collected —

Those sheep of Emmothran hing greatly in debt, Wilcox had bought them for Emmoth to take on shares, so that E. was at all the expense & then, before E. died he directed me to turn them over to Wilcox and before he had received any benefit from them.

Then his expenses in Los Angeles were heavy.

The bill of Dr Griffin who killed him was $710.00

I am very busy & will write you more fully soon. Will also write more about the road matter

stir those folks up who are talking about it.

Yours &c

E. W. Moore

Brooklyn July 18th 1866

My Dear Son Thomas

A few hours ago I received your welcome letter, as you may feel fully assured that I often think of you I am pleased to learn of your family's health and that your little ones prove lively a comfort to you both, and little consolation when you grow old unless you bring them up in the right way, the dear children how careful they ought to be dealt with, what precious gifts but how sadly the poor parents heart is rent for their great indulgence. I am indeed sorry that you have not received your lot money, I do not know any thing about it does not Wm, write and inform you, he is the one to look to I told you how that he spoke therefore I ask no more You see as I told you, unimproved property was low, by the War, now it begins to look up a little. Yes I just received $500, in the Bank when it was 800 in green B. he called for it then he had to pay for gold as Gold coin that was your or his pleasure to do, I he has his money I sent the draft 11 of May poor fellow if your lot had been left alone for a year it would have brought $12,00 but not to force the sale. I am sorry it was ever bought only you had that to fall on in trouble

It might have been spent with the rest I hope and pray you will be more like me in future

I was up to aunt Sillys you know Thomas Strong let aunt S have that house to live in as long as she lived which was very good and kind; now that she is dis cased it goes back one of the grand daughters husbands sends it of S, so that is well S is a first rate man I think well of him he has changed his business to publisher 599 broadway NY — has fine girls a young man near 20 I wanted go up to his country seat but I fear the Cars I heard mining Stocks were up I hope so how does Warner come on. I am glad Phile is with you do her all the good you can It is indeed a great pity she ever came a way from H perhaps they may send for her home I am sorry for her parents if she is sullen bad enough you must do the best you can with her if she can be of any use to your wife all well give her my love and to Mon also I believe him a upright man I hope they may all go home to H if they desire it — poor man had I have known the lot had been pledged to Day it would have been best to let it lie awhile untill properly took a start I think you have been to urgent and in to great a hurry to sell land takes a long while to make good of it I must say you was mighty dumb to think to make more of your money in B — than in H — that is if you can do as you write you ought to be rich as a jew by this time for

Son F

better than to buy stock of any kind; do heed at times they are beginning to build about your vacinity a man would do well to get young few others would sell at that price, plenty of vacant lots about yours which have lain a long while people frequently keep land beyond its value what is to be done you are always talking about coming home but do not keep your affairs in a situation to do so had you left real estate alone and Mining Stocks just estimate what you would have had; all this I have written before therefore I begin now to delay in my expectations that I may ever see you on your little because I have done all I can with my most earnest desire I do not say you would not like to look on the face of your last parent and why should you not follow your natural desire and run home for a few months to see your absent mother provided you could not bring all your family what of that come to see me least I might never be seen but whose to direct in the case but yourself under these arguments I have to content myself thy will not mine be done

you say you would like to have all your letters and different things, how shall I send them. tell how does San Diego, and come on who is your agent there now, what benefit to you I want to hear of the R R. that way, I shall expect a long letter from San Bernardino soon, I have sent one last week, but I cannot write only in answer where is Frank's letter? Yes yes my boy time travels fast, and very perceptible at my time of life therefore be up and doing, what ye should be done, as time flies quickly, let us not murmur & complain, that we did not do this or that, but ask ourselves at the time, what shall I do for for my peace of mind and satisfaction in after years should I be spared then what is my reply at this is good to consider and not say if I had only thought of what I might have done. Now think Now, my child I will close with love to all your family hoping they may improve and receive the blessing of their Grand Ma. All join me in love and trust you will soon be able to visit your absent Mother, R. Whaley who would be most happy to receive her youngest son who she hopes will protect us from all harm if he should be called on to do so on any occasion

San Diego September 21st 1868

My dear Mrs Whaley

I should have written to you a long time ago but I have been expecting that William would get a place in the Light house & then I would have some thing to write you; for I am shure you are quite tired of hearing me complaine of hard times. Mr Rose has lost all his property Soto got a judgement against him for twenty seven thousand & Bill Williams is nearly broke; this term of Cort if it lasts much longer I think it will use us all up Mrs Roland has been down to see me again they want me to come up and spend the winter we will have two Marriages in San Diego tomorrow Natalia & Serrinos girl

Mr Wilcox tells me that dear little Bunty looks very thin can you not let him come down & stay with me this climate I think it will make him stronger I can send him to School & you know it will make us happy to have him here I want you to send me a silk dress as good as you can get for twenty or a little more let it be a dark one I trust entirely to your taste I have not a fine dress to my name will you cut me a Sleeve pattern of the silk you like best & send me ~~two~~ ~~the~~ dress~~es~~ of good calico that is as good as you can get for two bits a yard & whatever trimming you think I will want for the silk dress I will send you the money by the return boat Mr Pendleton & Thorne is to be married on the twenty second of next month so says madame Rosmer. William sends his love to all the family

please give my love to all your family
your friend
Sarah P Robinson

P.S. Mrs Ware is here & she requests me to say to you that she wants a little dress let it cost about two dollars a yard she wants a bit of good black silk she wants you to use your taste in getting the trimming for the dress it takes a boat the same number of yards for her as for me she wants two extra yards to make a new body she wants you to send a fare of under sleeves & a collar suitable to wear with her dress ~~[illegible]~~. I would not have asked you to take the trouble for another person but I thought you might get more a little cheaper by getting them to gather I will see the money is forth coming. adieu dear friend
S P R

Recd Oct 3.

San Diego Sept 24th

Thos. McKaly Esq
Dear Sir

I have just thought to write you about your house, it must have the roof repaired it leaks badly, and I know no way to fix it here. What can be done, is there no material in San Francisco that will make a roof, asphaltum is not good it cracks in cold weather or else no one here knows how to use it. I think there is more energy that material here either.

I am very

advertisement of patent roofing. It is spread on with a trowel which would harden without cracking. What shall be done, if so must be fixed before the rainy season?

Yours in haste

Moses

Rathbone writes that he has bought you out. I fear he will have a hard time in his operations with the Col the Mar Co.

What shall I subscribe for you to the Yuma Road. You will soon feel its return in the value of your lots.

M.

The Western Union Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE. DIVISION.

New York Oct 15th 1866.

Dear Brother -

I regret not having been able to answer yours in which you enclosed a note $10. gold - on Alex Warner. Have been extremely busy in consequence of the Consolidation of the American & Western Union Co's of which change my position was materially affected - this and waiting to see or hear from Warner has caused the delay - I have not seen him - the letter you enclosed I handed to his Son - wrote a note to Alex W. requesting him to call at my Office at his leisure and told his Son to request him to call - yet he has not done so -

I have accepted the Superintendency of the International Ocean Telegraph Co and have this city on the 20th to prospect a route for a line through Florida - shall be absent about 6 weeks returning only to arrange for building a line to Key West - or rather by a cable to Havana. Thus you see my connection with the Union Telg Co is severed and I am again on the wing. The note I will leave with Hamilt and Alex Warner can have it through W K De Witt Esq the manager of 20 Wall St Telegraph Office where he is ready to pick over the money - Alex De Witt will send word to Hamilt if Warner calls - does this meet your views? I know of no better way for

having it safely - and I fear Warren will not be in any hurry to pay it - else he would have shown a disposition of calling on me on this -

All are well - except Annie & as my home & friends love with Hamilt and the Children & you & family - and for whom we hope are well - Your letters will come safely to me - if addressing them to me ~~[illegible]~~ Quincy Street 1st house west of Franklin Avenue Brooklyn N.Y."

Write us soon - and often!

Affectionately Your

W. W. Heck

San Francisco. California
Feb 1st 1866.

Dear Mother

I wrote you by last Steamer proposing that as I was doing nothing at present that if you would send me five hundred dollars in gold coin I would go home immediately and stay as long as you desired. I have been thinking the thing over and I am more impressed with it more than ever so much so that had I money enough to support my family during my absence to New York and back and enough to defray my expenses while gone I would not hesitate to go by this Steamer believing it a duty I owe you and to my self affording us the opportunity of seeing one an other once more! I am doing nothing at present and a more favorable time never offered itself for me to go home and I would willingly sacrifice the time should you send me the money. I have enough to support my family till Mr Hebard at least perhaps longer without doing anything should I be unfortunate to remain idle so long. Now if you will give me $500.00 Gold Coin, $300 of which to be sent me by telegraph and the balance to be paid me in New York I will take the Steamer after the receipt of the money and go to New York, taking trunk with me the $300 to leave with you to go to School and Mannie and I would return with you. There are our eldest children I should like them to become acquainted with their grandmother

I propose to go home in the 2nd Cabin so that with economy I might take care of the children with me and if necessary bring them back with me. If I had the means I would not hesitate to spend them in the way at the present time but I really have not got them. I was felt to fear in and my time. The fates are decidedly against me. I believe that apart from seeing me it will be to your advantage to have me home as I may propose and by common consent should you desire it do something with our real estate, at present unproductive or nearly so, that your yearly income might be considerably increased. I have long wondered that nothing has been done. It may be for the reason that nothing can be done. My idea is to mortgage the Broadway property which we will suppose worth $75.000.00 and that 2/3 of the amount $50.000. may be raised upon it at six per cent per annum. Take $15.000 to improve no 3 Mott St for stores & boarding house covering nearly the entire lot four or five stories high. $5.000. for tenement house on 4th St lot and $30.000 to improve the Broadway property for stores and store or lodging or board house three or four stories above the stores. What rents these buildings would bring in I cannot say but we will say Mott St. $3.000. 4th St $1.000. Broadway $8.000 making $12.000. Deduct interest taxes &c say $5.000 would leave a net income of $7.000.00 I am too far away to judge but it seems to me something might and ought to be done. We are [illegible] I have nothing more. With love &c your affectionate [illegible]

Oct 18, 1866

Mrs Rachel Wheeley
Care John T. Wheeley Esq
Green Avenue
Per Steamer Brooklyn
New York.

28. 1866.

Oct 28, 1866

Mr. ——— you & Mr W— think it very strange that I did not call on you, before I left San Francisco but it was impossible.— After I parted from you last some circumstances occurred which rendered it important that I should go immediately to Benicia & it cost me more money than I could afford but I am glad I went, & after a while I will write you again, & explain myself more fully than I am at liberty to do at present. In consequence of my extra expences I did not return Mr W— his $15 but I am only waiting for a safe opportunity to send it to him, which I shall have in a few days.— I have no confidence in the public conveyances for sending money— We sent a check for $75 a short time since & have never

San Jose Oct. 28th 1866.

My Dear Friend!

I fear you & Mr W. think it very strange that I did not call on you, before I left San Francisco but it was impossible. - After I parted from you last some circumstances occurred which rendered it important that I should go immediately to Benicia & it cost me more money than I could afford, but I am glad I went, & after a while I will write you again & explain myself more fully than I am at liberty to do at present. In consequence of my extra expences I did not return Mr W. his $10 but I am only waiting for a safe opportunity to send it to him, which I shall have in a few days. - I have no confidence in the public conveyances for sending money. We sent a check for $75 a short time since & have never

heard any thing about it since it left the house - we cannot trace it at all. - This has made me determine to send this little package by a safe hand. Tell Mr Whalley I saw Capt Elliott before I left town & I hope something will be done soon in the business. - Adios My Dear Child - Do not for a moment think of answering this - You shall hear from me again very soon - Kind & best regards to Mr W - & yrself, & give to Mary Ann when you see her. - & with best & fervent prayers for all of you I remain yr attached & unalterable friend.

W. R. Tobacc

Brooklyn Oct 22 1866

Dear Son Thomas.

I am again left at home waiting with all patience to hear from you 3 months since I had a letter, I wrote to you while I was at Mr I had a most splendid visit, it is a beautiful Village. I hope you and family are in the enjoyment of health & happiness. I have received three letters from Kate she says but little about the family or has Ellen written It said he had received the Cash I wonder she does not write Sister said Mrs had had a letter you was all well, I hope you are all reinstated in your affairs I hope well enough to return home pretty soon. How is Mrs D. and family I trust doing better & Miss Oledi poor girl I often think of her I hope they will all go to It one of these days if they desire to, My regards to all Sister and family all with John & family also I feel much better than I did this time last Oct. My dear Sister has been gone near a year how quick the time goes, Sister Anny is visiting Kl for a while sends love to you and family how all the Children are growing Mary

Lizzie near 18 Lizzy near 15 Jenny 12 almost
it will soon be time for some to get married
all in season I wrote lately in answer to
yours therefore I have but little to say
untill you write. Mrs Smith is Grandma
that is well Washy wife has an heir. We
have had a violent storm to day Hear is
all the children He has forgotten me, well
it is no wonder the poor boy cannot know
those he has not seen then there is my singing
bird George but little spoken off and all the
others I may see them yet I hope too Mr Thomas
have received your long letter since I
commenced this I am exceeding troubled
to hear that your business has failed how
strange I hope you have met with nothing
to do with this I would not like to like to encourage
you to come home at this season of the year
to leave your family but I recommend you
to get in business as quick as possible then I
have not a home to invite you to come to
I am looking for a house or part I have been
depending on you a long time at last you wrote
that you could do better in Cal and would
spend all for real estate and stock not paying
any attention to what I advised all a
great disappoint to me for which I am sure
Sorry

San Diego Nov 2d 1866

Friend Whaley

Yours of 29th ult. is at hand to day, but the Star comes one day earlier than I expected or than she was advertised and coming in at 12 o'clock. I am too busy to answer you in full.

I greatly regret, believe me, Friend Whaley, to hear of your heavy losses, I hope however you will come out all right yet, I dont think you need feel discouraged, you certainly have very good prospects ahead — I only wish I had half as good — I am on the "anxious seats" & I may either lose or make

considerable in these mines below here as I have quite a large bill against the Co. concerning them and I am afraid they are rather shaky. please keep this to yourself however — [illegible] good

San Diego's prospects are a long way in the future yet they do not seem any nearer to me, yet some think they are close at hand, I can't see it. There is opening a new store on the strength of them but there is very little business doing, the road is not yet built — & may never be, though we shall strain every nerve to build it.

We all hope this will be occupied again by the troops but Banning our civil genius says none will come here "quien sabe", Banning has heretofore been military commander on this coast but know whether he is going to stay.

Will write you in full by mail.

In haste

C. W. Moore

San Francisco, Nov. 15th 1866.

Genl. Miller

My Dear Sir,

The bearer Thomas Whaley Esq. is an applicant for the position lately occupied by A. B. Rice deceased, I take pleasure in recommending Mr Whaley as a gentleman of undoubted integrity industry and able to fill the position with credit to himself & his friends who endorse him,

Yours Truly

Geo. C. Ralston

Respectfully referred
to Thomas Gray Esq
Naval Officer — !

Mr T Miller
Collector

Mr Breese endorsed
Mr Whaley

J. F. M.

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