Seems with time, the delay small of any
early funds, always manifesting me
bles. Sometimes, great kindness, for the one
one of the first to urge me to read law,
and when I urged my poverty, inability
to buy books, the generosity offers to buy
them for me, bored me for any little house
it went which, from his store, to his
advice, soliciting encouragement, I sent
a little of what of success I have had
in the world. To think I should have felt
anything but friendship and gratitude in
now. My thanks are due to the honest
in some measure. Certainly, that it has
never been my desire for him thus far to
swing things within a more narrow compass.
For this, the proof. In the latest situation,
I am confident. I thank him sincerely, and
only regret that I cannot do a more
Out. often, dear friend,
W. H. scissors.
Mr. T. D. Inland,
Cabin Bank,
Taylor County,
K.Y.
Feb 17 1858

Dear Sister

It has been so long since there has been any correspondence between us, that I almost forget who wrote the last, but I think I did, notwithstanding that, I have concluded to write again. I have for a long time felt anxious to get a letter from you, and would have written sometime ago, but as Mr. Fountain and I have not been corresponding frequently I have put it off, as I have always found time to write as you may judge having two babies to attend to is just double trouble. I wish you could just see one worrying with them sometimes, but I would rather you could see them for they are very pretty sweet and smart. They are crawling and pulling up by chairs. I have not made them short dresses yet, I think they would walk soon if there was any hair taken with the pincushions and several others think they are the largest twins they ever saw. Mrs. Fleming and several others think they are the largest twins they ever saw. They are at all alike except their hair they grew very fast for twins. Mrs. Fleming and several others think they are the largest twins they ever saw. I can see a good many funny things to amuse us sometimes, how does your little boy get along. I don't think he is very proud of him for he scarcely ever allows to have in his letters I felt somewhat provoked sometimes when he writes to think that he says so little about you all, sometimes he will say Pamela and they children are well, so not well as the case may be. I am glad to hear that much but I would like to tell us a great deal more what you are doing and saying and what the children say and a great many things I often tell Mr. Fountain things to say for me when he writes to you sometimes he forgets and sometimes he is in a hurry, has little Sally got entirely over her spell of sickness yet and does they go to school? I want to hear all about them. Ella is at home this winter she is studying Geography, Grammar, and Arithmetic, and the school teacher for the sake of having them hear her lessons at night she is learning
...has been going to school and learning very fast. Bobbie has been going to school and learning very well in the syllable class. All sorts of matters not willing to stay at home a day. Joseph is studying mental arithmetic, and it has studied as far as he can. Money is not enough to commence studying geography next week. Andrew has read through his second reader, and has been writing a little. He will commence studying arithmetic in a few days. They were very anxious that I should tell you what they were learning.

Bobbie says he wants his uncle Robert to know that he is going to school and learning very fast. He talks more about his uncle Robert than anyone else. Ella has been a great deal of company and help to me this winter. She does the most of my common serving. I have a poor chance to sew. Uncle Robert has moved down into Mason, living on part of the old farm. Aunt Nelly has been at Stubblefield's two younger children, and cousin Kate has the two oldest. The babe died, cousin Kate still lives at the mill. He has a family keeping house for him. I miss uncle Portland's family very much. I went to see her parents last fall to see Mary Goodwin. She had a daughter about two months ago. She calls it Dora. Bill, her oldest, is a very pretty little boy. He has promised to come to see me before she goes back to Massachusetts. How does the other family get along and how do they like greenup and how does the other family get along. I wrote to Lucy while she was in Mayville, but I don't expect she will get the letter. No Fountain got some one to put it in the office in Mayville, when he found she was not there, but did not direct it to greenup. Thinking she would be back there, give my love to them all and tell them I would like them all to write to me. Tell Brother Robert if he has left this spring he must not forget the forgotten Norclonte. No Fountain says tell Stella that he received a letter from her dated the 21st December enclosing a note of Seth Parker that he forgot to mention in his letter to her. He also received one the 1st of Feb. and would be glad to hear from him again, as soon as it is convenient. He wishes to be remembered to you and all of your friends give my love to Stella and tell the children tell Stella the secret and write to me soon and do not let us try and write to each other often. Smart steps have the present year.

Your sister,

S. D. Ireland
Dear Father,

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

I wish I could come down. You can form no idea, unless you knew them to witness it, how I am compelled to write; it has got to such a state that I am now as much pressed as I was formerly during the sitting of Court. But this will not hinder one from coming down whenever you shall write to me to do so. And I try to see Sparks this week, if it is not far, but it will not require much time. I have no idea that he will see you. I do not wish you to give yourself any uneasiness about the matter. Nor think for a moment that your horse is in danger, it is not far, it shall not be. Of the sheriff press the matter.

I could I feel confident Price the money sooner than the time I have spoken. But unless Price should improve it must be attended with some difficulty. I am going to Ashland to-morrow, shall start early in the morning, and hence I write today.

Yours truly,

P.S. I wrote to Mr. Winkler, who they have never arrested. I charged with
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Sparks this week, it is not far, and will not require much time. I have no idea that he will see you. I do not wish you to give yourself any uneasiness about the matter. Nor think of a moment that your home is in danger; it is not so. It shall not be so. If he should press the matter I could I felt confident him. The money seems to have been spoken of, but unless the prices should improve it would be attended with some difficulty. I am going to Ashland tomorrow, shall start early in the morning and hence I write today.

The Citizen of Ashland employed me to prosecute a Dr. Rankin, which they have under arrest. I charged with
Passing counterfeit money, from what I gather of the evidence he is clearly guilty.
I am sorry to hear of Caraway's death, I suppose she leaves some little children.
We are all well as usual. Willie is now cutting teeth, and is remaining a little fussy.
Sally is fat, and Mrs. Beeurn is going to school.
If at any time you want me anything for yourself or the family, which you cannot procure yourself, do not hesitate in letting me know, it will always afford me pleasure to do any thing I can for you.
I shall reply to your letter to Sparkes by the next post...

Your aff. bor. W. C. Ireland
I, John Smith, of Lewis County, Kentucky, knowing that all the livens cited
herein or later for reasons known to myself, I give and bequeath
unto my brother at his death for him to inter in the same place as my wife,
also that he can my coffin to be made of the same kind of Black Walnut
and maid large White Mahoan for head,
a small leather to lie on a pillow
under my head, but the drum on the
side of the bed near and that I want to lie by her
May 12th, 1868.

J. D. Ireland
Cabin Creek, Lewis County, Kentucky

I know that William Ireland shall have full power to settle all my belongings as I was living to do it myself. And apply what I may have to the estate of Joseph Ireland. To the third sheet, I leave him sole guardian for them both. I wish Mr. David Ireland to take charge of my body and belongings in the same manner my wife was and a long line of line the same man to make my coffin that made him and cut of Black Walnut plank if it can be got that is all I have to say excepting my body no benevolent brain can accuse that I should live in this world to myself in mort it is capable of mind that has brought me to this cancellation. I cannot live here.

Feb 1858

S. D. Ireland
For Spring, Ky., May 30th, 1858

Dear Sister:

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

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