them twice lately all awry. I think it is the reason they are so at least they have been worse ever since I went to Flemingburg and not barmel to get our spring clothing the lads are not walking yet one of them for sometime has been getting up in the floor and has taken two or three steps but when remand to learn them they will not try they are trying to talk in and can make a pretty good out of it, they are considered very pretty and very smart for twains but I must not like you cut writing about them for there is plenty of others to write about I suppose you heard before this of Aunt Polly's death as she has been dead several weeks they say uncle Rowland is very cheerful and riding around among his friends and going to church very often poor old man I expect he is very lonely without her I think they lived together about 65 or 6 years Aunt Polly's death will be regretted very much she was a good kind old lady she has been like a mother to me since I have been out here.

Mrs Fleming's girls moved out Saturday they have been keeping house in town I believe they are expecting some boarders the first of next month how are our brothers and sisters and all of their little and big ones getting along tell Brother Robert I did not think that going to town would make him so proud in his old days that he can't write to his sister once in a while if she does live in troy he did not write much before he left Fleming but I thought he was like me so much out of the way of civilization and every thing else that he could find nothing to write about tell them and to come out here this summer I have something to show them but tell them not to come until I get something to eat for me have 10 or 12 of these long fellows out here at work and it takes so much to fill them you know I want to home.
some chickens and other things, we are repairing our back rooms
 tear down the walls and rebuilding and enlarging our pantry
 and stove room and are going to get a new stove or

Try June 20th

Dear Sister you will see by the first part of my letter that it
has been written sometime I tried to get it done before Mr. Fountain
started to leave but I did not succeed, and as I heard you had gone to
Doctor and did not know how long you would be there. I have not atten
pted it since until the present, and as my time for writing is bound
tain, I thought I would finish the old letter instead of commencing a
new one, we are all very well at this time. Bobbi has had the toothache
for two or three days very bad. The babies have got well again they look
funny but eat very heartily and are very lively Mr. Fountain has gone
to see uncle Portland, will be back tomorrow and bring him with him
if he will come to stay a while, we had Aunt Lucy Ann Parker aunt
Hilly Cunninghan and Aunt Polly Jones to see us this last week some
of their children with them. I tell you they were a large set of women
Aunt Hilly weighs 280 or upward I think she is the largest woman I
ever recollect of seeing is taller than I am. Mrs. Flemings family are well
they have one son a young lady in Chicago she spent the summer last year. I believe they are expecting others soon. I have been to Mr. Flemings
two or three times to eat strawberries and ice cream they have had the finest
I ever saw. Well Sister this has been a very busy week with one I have had the most
of my gardening to do or to attend to, my house cleaning too was the most of it
on my hands I have made another piece of carpeting for my room very pretty
for nags I got but very little time for sewing I got a girl to come and sew
for me two weeks but she could only do common hemming and not very well
either I dont see how I am to get through with my sewing without I get
a sewing machine Mr. Fountain intended getting me one this spring but
the times got so hard I would not ask him he speaks of going to Cincinnati in July of he does I expect Mrs. Fleming has one you has had hers a year and scored on it constantly and it does as well now as it did the day she bought it they do very nice serving on it there is Grover & Others I want to get one of the same as they have promised to learn me how to use it if I do Mr. Fountain if me take a visit this summer of all that it will be to see you but I have not much hope of writing anymore for my family is so large not that I can take all with me and I don't know how I could get to stay with them I could not trust them to entirely altogether you know aunt Kelly was always so good to keep house for me I miss her now besides I think the trouble I would have with my two babies would overbalance the pleasure it would give me which would not the letter I judge from the trouble that one gives I have only had them from home a day at a time Ella has been at home all winter and spring indeed it has been nearly a year since she has been at home and hardly know what to do about sending her to school if one could get a good private teacher to come would like it very much she done very well through the winter we boarded the school teacher and she would study through the day and recite to him in the evening she learned as fast almost as if she had been at school till duty I think it is almost time she was writing aunt Lula a letter I expect she will beat Ella writing for she has no taste at all for it why did you not come get here on your way to or from Doctor I would be so glad to see you I got a letter from Susan two or three days ago that had been written nearly a month I don't know why I did not get it sooner it was written before you went over there Mrs. Doyle called at the farm yesterday and said that my brother had expected him to call and let us know that you were all well in Greenup but he could not tell me whether you had got home or not give my love to all brothers sister and children write to me soon and or not tell me and say how you enjoyed your visit if the children I want to see that day let me know how you enjoyed your visit if the children I think mine will come with most any one in point of beauty I have made a great many mistakes hope you will think over them your affectionate sister L A Fountain
This Indenture Made this 2d day of October in the year of our Lord 1853, Between James Miller, his wife and Virtue Whitehead, her mother. Virtue Whitehead holds of the first part of the State of Virginia and County of Massan. And Robt. W. Whitehead, W. D. Brown, W. H. Kimball, and James W. Miller, Trustees in trust for the use and purpose hereinafter mentioned all of the County of Massan and part of the other part of the State of Virginia and Massan. Whereas, that the said James Miller, his wife, Virtue Whitehead, his wife, and W. D. Brown, W. H. Kimball, and James W. Miller, Trustees, now and their successors, do hold all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim, and demand, whatsoever, either in law or equity which they or either party of the first part here in or to a certain lot or piece of land lying and being in the County of Massan and State of Virginia, to-wit: Beginning at a post on the road, below the first fork of Nine Mile Creek in the upper line of Jonathan Hills line, thence leaving the said line and with the road 370° 68' pole and a link to a creek near the bank of Saun Creek, thence leaving the said road and creek 381° 22' poles to a Nick Long near a drain, then 70° 58' 43'' poles and 12 links to a stake in Saun Hills line and thence with said line 83° 50' 21' poles and 12 links to the beginning containing 3 roods and 32 poles.

The said James Miller, his wife, Virtue Whitehead, her mother, and W. D. Brown, W. H. Kimball, and James W. Miller, Trustees, do hereby agree and promise, and to their successors, that they shall and will forever cause to be maintained, improved, and kept, all the premises above described as a plant, lot, or piece of ground, forever and forever, and that they shall also cause the same to be made free from all incumbrances and claims of any kind whatever.
State of Virginia, Mason Co., to wit:

The above-mentioned Sarah, daughter of John Miller, late of the said county and state of Virginia, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she was married to James H. Miller, late of the said county and state, on the 1st day of January, 1858, personally know of the marriage, and that the above-mentioned James H. Miller is the same person named in the marriage record of said county.

The said Sarah Miller, herein aboveDeponent, doeth solemnly swear and say that the above-mentioned James H. Miller is the same person named in the marriage record of said county.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 1858.

[Signature of John Miller]

[Signature of Sarah Miller]

[Signature of apothecary or justice of the peace]

[Signature of Deacon]
State of Virginia

In the County Court of

I, Saml. Couch, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mason, in the City of

the 1st day of October 1838, have cause for the

J. W. Miller, whose name is signed to the writing hereunto annexed, coming into the

court, and the same to the Clerk of the Mason County

City of

Saml. Couch, J.P.

Virginia Mason County Court, Clerk's Office, October

1838. This deed of conveyance from J. W. Miller to

Thomas W. Mahaffie & others, for the Methodist B.

Church South twenty acres, being date on the first

day of October 1838, was this day presented to

me in my office, referred to together with

the certificates of acknowledgment thereof annexed,

admitted to record.

James W. Miller, Clerk
1858: Deed
This Indenture, made this 29th day of Sept. 1859 of the first part, of the second part, and of the third part, witnesses, that whereas the said part of the first part is justly indebted to said part of the third part, in the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars and forty-eight cents, due by the payment of which they are willing and desirous to secure. Now this indenture further witnesses, that for and in consideration of the premises, and for the further consideration of one dollar to said part paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, they the said part of the first part have bargained, sold, and conveyed, and by these presents do bargain, sell, and convey, to said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, the following property:

To wit: one twelve month mare named Belle one spotted mare named Belle one ten horse 4 and 2 year old, one ten year old horse, one cow named Pete, 3, 4, Shy, one small horse, four one room house, 36 by 12, one cow and two Cows, and one cow and two young, one one cow, the property of the said man, called Benjamin B. S. Shy, and also the entire lot of corn hay oat, wheat and rye, and one four horse waggon one year old which the said B. S. Shy have on the farm of Lewis B. Buffington and one half of a Threshing machine.
together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining: To have and to hold the same, to the said part of the second part, heirs and assigns, forever. And the said part of the first part, hereby covenant and agree with said part of the second part, heirs and assigns, that will warrant and defend the title to said premises, unto said part of the second part, heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. UPON TRUST NEVERTHELESS, that said part of the second part, their heirs and assigns, shall permit said part of the first part, their heirs, executors, &c., to remain in quiet and peaceable possession thereof, until default be made in the payment of said sum of $27,446, and then upon this further trust, that it shall and may be lawful for said part of the second part, or for either of them, to sell said property, hereby conveyed, to the highest bidder, for ready money, after having first fixed the time and place of sale at their own discretion, or at the discretion of such one of said part of the second part as shall act in the premises, and given at least thirty days notice thereof, by advertisement posted at the house for thirty days; and out of the proceeds of such sale shall (after defraying the costs thereof) pay off and discharge said debt, together with the interest which may be due, thereon, or such part thereof as may remain unpaid; but if the whole of said debt shall be fully paid off and discharged, so that there be no default therein, then this indenture to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue. In witness whereof said parties of the first and second parts have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above mentioned.

Benjamin J. Sky
Edward A. Sky

[Signatures]
Greenfield
Nov 20, 1859

My Dear Father,

We have all got

Colds, but able to be up.

Read your letter.

I must start to Horse port the

last of this Week.

I understand it is the Judges'

attention to adjourn our Court

Thursday. I hope the One.

This is my birth day, and

bring the Class of 1857 their first

year. They4 passed rapidly.

and we are married with it

to our Commons Destiny.

I have no news of interest.

I hear no news of interest.

as Court will soon be in Session.

You off for

Yours ever,

W. W. Irland