

August 20th 1864

I am One day after date and for value received I
promise to pay Joseph H. Helton four dollars and
twenty five cents witness my hand and seal

Mary Pence Seal

October 4th, 1863.

One day after date I promise to pay
Joseph H. Keeton, or order, three dollars
and forty cents for value received of
him. Witness my hand and seal.
Wm^o J. Hinshaw Seal

Sullivan Co., Tenn.,

August 20th, 1866.

For value received I promise to pay Joseph
H. Keeton, or order, three dollars and twelve cents.
Witness my hand and seal. J. A. E. Egan



I hereby transfer to Joseph H. Betton
my entire Wheat crop, consisting of Twelve
Acres, as security for the payment of a note,
which he holds against me, for Thirty Five
Dollars, with Samuel Purce as security,
said note having been originally executed, to
James Neal, This, April 17th 1872,
Franklin James,



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Joseph A Ketron A.B.
Albany
Tenn

Washington, D.C. June 30 1886

Dear Mr Ketton I presume Prof
DeMott has asked you for your
poem - If not, please accept this
as a request and send it to
Bloomington for publication
in the Alumni Journal -
yours (on a Centennial Tour)

J. A. Fisher.

Georgiana, Florida.

July 4th 1876.

Mr. Joseph H. Ketron.
Arcadia, Tenn.

Dear Bro:—

Already I feel free to address you by the above title, whose nature, in the Christian sense, sufficiently indicates the spirit with which I respond to your favor of the 3^d inst. You will please accept my unfeigned thanks and hearty appreciation.

Altho' my knowledge of that which would probably most interest you is limited, yet I write you with the less embarrassment because of what I have heard of you through Mrs. Barnett. In my humble conception everything that looks to the widening of our spiritual vision, the expansion of our intellectual capacities, and the extension of a knowledge of

life and its relations, should be cultivated and appreciated. With this sentiment I respectfully solicit a correspondence with you if compatible with your feelings.

As early a day as may be convenient Mrs. Barnett and I will endeavor to send you specimens of the science which you specify in your request.

Hoping that we may be favored at an early day with another letter from you, I subscribe myself,

Yours fraternally

A. A. Barnett

P. O. Indian River Miss.,
Fla. Conf., M. E. C., V.

Bloomington Ill. July 7th/877

Prof. Joseph H. Keeton
Arcadia Tenn

Dear Friend & Bro.

Yours
of June 29th rec'd yesterday. I am glad to
learn of your good health and prosperity
and enjoyed very much your description of
your rambles among the hills of Tenn. because
of all the places I ever visited I like
Eastern Tenn the best. The air is pure
and everything seemed in harmony with
my soul! This is a strong expression
but I feel it all

I never rec'd one of your
Photographs. We talked about it and you
promised me one but I suppose you forgot
it and after you went away I thought you
meant that you would send me one when
I sent you mine and therefore I sent
mine. I will be very much pleased to
receive yours. It will remind me more
vividly of my old friend and class
mate. I rather expected you here
Commencement — I tell you you
missed some big speeches by not being
here!! I hope however to meet you next year
in the old college halls.

My father in law came
to Bloomington last March to spend the
rest of his days and I had learned to love

him as my own father. He ^{was} very much interested in me and would ask me every time I saw him how many days it would be before I would graduate. On Tuesday before Commencement he had an attack of heart disease and died in five minutes. He remarked not over ten minutes before his death when apparently well "I don't put much dependence in this world, I am old, but I expect to be a blossoming youth in Heaven before very long." He was one of the most exemplary Christian men I ever knew. He spent most of the night before in prayer. Whenever anything was on his mind he would frequently spend the whole night in reading the Bible and prayer.

He was taken to his former home and buried on the day I graduated. My family went to his burial and I was left a lone and a very dreary day it was to me. But I have a bright hope of one day meeting him where no such disappointments ever come.

I have engaged the school at Pontiac Ill. a Court Seat of about 4000 at \$1000. for the first year with the promise of an increase next year. I used to think that Commencement day would be a very proud day to me but I confess to you that as it approached

I almost lost all interest in it. I felt ashamed of my attainments. I regard it only as a small station (not a stopping place) in my student life.

Three days after school closed I entered a law office and began the study of law. I may never practice law but I regard its study as a good culture for a teacher. I am starting out now for the S.P. in the Political Course laid down in the Catalogue.

By the way Prof. DeMotte was Valedictorian of the Syracuse N.Y. Univ. this last Commencement. Will cheer me I think too. It was by examination.

I suppose you have heard all about our Society Contest. McNaught and I had another tilt on debate. I rec'd the unanimous decision of the judges although some of the Mussellian boys thought McNaught to have had it. The published account in the Teacher was not correct. I beat him 30 in a scale of ~~100~~ 100 instead of 7 as it was published.

By one of ^{the} your Mussellian Contestants being thrown out on account of time we gained 10 points ^{out of} 17 giving us the victory.

Well I must close or I will lose your patience. I am a

Widower just now - My wife
and babies are visiting in Farmington
but will be home soon. I made
\$50. off of my garden this year & you
see I have been rusticated to an advantage.
I move to Pontiac Aug. 12 and will teach
two weeks in an institute before
beginning school. If you come up this
way I want you to come and see me
Mrs Welch and all of us thought much
of you while here and would be pleased
with a visit.

Write soon and remember that the
more you tell me about yourself and
that delightful Country the better I
will like it.

I too am putting my trust
in that God who has never forsaken
anybody yet and I trust him that he
will never forsake me. Pray that
I may never waver in that glorious
trust that saves from sin.

Yours truly
R. B. Welch

P.S. Please excuse this letter. I did not
notice that the paper was so dirt until
nearly through. I have the pages numbered
so I guess you can find your way through
it. R. B.

Athens, Tenn.
July 21, 1876.

Mr. Joseph H. Ketron,
Dear Sir:

I received your letter some weeks ago about the time I was preparing to pass a week or more in the country. I had a pleasant time - found some students. — I suppose you are at home again after a pleasant and profitable year at college, and fresh from the greatest scene of our day.

I regard it a high favor to be able to visit and sight-see as you have done. I would be very glad to attend the Centennial, but I cannot. How did you enjoy it? I think it would take a long time to get a thorough view of all on the Centennial grounds.

I remain here as teacher another year. I hope to succeed better in teaching and in finance than in other years. I send you our circular. The prospects for next year are really encouraging. The college is out of debt and will be in good condition before school opens. It is undergoing a thorough repair from top to bottom. Unless those who have pledged themselves to come fail, we will have more students from abroad than have been here for years. I trust we are getting into the light here. We have been in the dark a long time. I think a new day of success is dawning upon this University. Can't you influence some one to enter school here at the opening? B. M. Jones is not fully decided to return. I think he ought to do so. Matney and Moore will

be back bringing others with them. — Mr. Schorn, our postmaster, is dead. He died a week ago from a carbuncle on the back of his neck. Dr. Alexander is low with something like consumption. He is very weak — lost a great deal in flesh — no hope of his permanent recovery. The general health of Athens is good. Athens is still improving by adding new dwellings and store houses and by getting better streets. Plans are on foot to build new churches the coming year.

I will be glad to hear from you at any time. Have you accepted to teach at New Market? With my best wishes for your success

I remain

Yours Truly

D. A. Bolton.

Prof. Weston.
Present.

New Market Oct. 2nd 1876

Prof. Helstrom,

May we have the
pleasure of your coming to tea,
to day at 5 P.M.?

Respect yours

Geo and Mrs Jones.

This institution, situated seven miles west of Asheville, N. C., is a school for the people. The facilities for gaining an education with but little cost, are unsurpassed. Tuition from \$5 to \$15, according to grade. Board from \$6 to \$7 per month. For further particulars Address,
Rev. C. S. LONG, Sec. of Faculty,
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

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A. D. WEXLER, A. B., - - - President.

Fall Branch, Penn., July 1st 1877

Prof. Joseph H. Weston,
Arcadia, Penn.; -

Dear Friend,

Your letters -
one written to Fall Branch,
the other to Odens Ridge -
have been received. Accept
my thanks for your efforts
in my behalf. I have been
unsuccessful so far in get-
ting a situation. Prof. Pierce
wrote me on the 27th of
June, asking some questions,
but owing to my absence, I
did not get the letter for over
a week. I answered by next
mail and have not heard from

time yet. I may get the place
but I fear Prof. Pierce will not
be willing to pay me much.
How much did they pay you?
I hope that if I go there I can
have a support. I am anxious
to be some-where where I can
have a home and support
myself with honest labor
of some kind, and do as much
good as possible in the world.

I am spending a very pleas-
ant vacation. I make my home
at present at Fall Branch.

Wheat and crops in general,
are good in this section.
The weather has been very
warm.

I hope to hear from
you soon. Write when conve-
nient.

Yours truly,
A. D. Wexler.

Prof. Joseph H. Keeton,
Arcadia,

East Tenn.

Dear Sir: I came home this morning from Bro. Carter's, where I am boarding at present. I found your welcome epistle & the pamphlet, for which you will please find enclosed (25¢) twenty-five cents. I shall keep it, especially, in memory of its author as well as one who has left his mark for good. Hannie went to Dandridge this morning to apply for a certificate. There is a young lady (Miss Nellie Bridges) from Athens who has just completed her education, will teach here. Some talk of Prof. Turner teaching. I received a letter from Sam the first of the week.

It has been extremely warm here
this week. Bro. Neal commenced his
two days meeting to day.

The people are generally well as
far as I know. I would love to
hear from the opening of your
school. Please write to your friend

Thomas G. Pate,

New Market,

Tenn.

July 25, '77

\$17.00.

Bloomington, Sullivan Co., Tenn., Jan. 3, 1883.

For value received, with interest from
date, I promise to pay Joseph N. Ketron, or order,
seventeen dollars.

Samuel D. Wm

Note

Samuel Sumner.

Jan. 3, 1883.

\$17.00

Received, Bloomingdale,
Tennessee, May 12, 1888, of
Joseph H. Ketchum, my attorney
in fact, two hundred and
seventy-nine dollars and ninety-
two cents, in full of all demands
for moneys having come into
his hands for me.

Walker H. Ketchum

\$279.92

Receipt,

Walkers, Ketron

\$279.92

\$35.00. Bloomingdale Tennessee
May '27, 1897.

For value received with
interest from date, I promise
to pay Joseph H. Ketchum, or
order, thirty-five dollars.

Paul Dept. 26 1902 \$46.20

Note.

R. J. Ketrone.

May 27, 1877,

\$35.00

FORM 20 C.

BRING THIS BILL WITH YOU.

J H Keltian *Sept 1* 1901

To EAST TENNESSEE TELEPHONE COMPANY, Dr.
(INCORPORATED)

Balance Rendered, *to Sept 7* \$ 375.

Tolls, *Aug Aug*

Telephone Service for Month of *Aug Aug* 1901 125

Received payment for the Company, \$ 500

W E Keefauver agent

Professor Ketron

Kind Friend
B

write to ask if you would
be kind enough to loan
me 15 dollars for 15 days
as I am in great need of this
amount, if you can do this
I will be so much obliged
to you and will save me
~~some~~ considerable trouble
I will pay you back with days
and will be under many
obligations beside.

I remain your friend
Belle R. Gardner

If you cannot loan me this
much, I would be thankful
for a smaller sum

B,

Prof. J. H. Kelson
Kingoley