

253 McDonough St
8 June 1889

My Dear Brother,

I write you a few lines to day to tell you that we are all well tho' very busy the boys with their final examinations at school and I with trying to get them in clothing etc. ready to go to Lake George next Thursday a week 20th June. We hope to go to the old place at Island Harbor House, Hague Warren Co, N.Y. I & all wish that it were possible for you to join us there. Jms [James] & Mrs. & the Misses Richardson will be with at Lake George in July.

I have just received cards to Miss Virginia Douglas' wedding at Morristown on 13th.

I have bought a house in Brooklyn which I suppose I will occupy with the boys after we come back in the Fall, if I can find any suitable person to run it for me - & this is no easy thing to do. The boys like the idea & I should be glad to get all my scattered things together in our place & hope it may prove a judicious investment of my [?] means.

I had a letter to day from Frank dated at Bombay - he is well but has no news to tell - he expects to be in European waters now & I suppose we will soon hear of him in England or France.

I was mistaken in supposing that the 6 acres & water rights were sold for \$5000 cash as I wrote you & I have since learned that Frank only bid them in at that price under his Judgments which is a very different thing of course.

Mr. Owen will have written you my final conclusions about the [JO?] property purchase - my stocks had gone down so much in last 60 days that it would have been a long time to sell them out - but low price compels me to "hold on" in hopes of improvement & better prices when I do sell. I trust it has not been a disappointment to you as I should have been glad to have finished your wishes had it been within in my power.

Your cousin Mrs. Thomas is here since 15 May & expects to return when we go to the Lake. I fear she has not been as much benefited by the trip as we had hoped. She has hardly any cough & I don't think there is any lung trouble or organic trouble, but I think she is now down & is suffering from nervous depression - the very common & curable trouble of nervous exhaustion & needs time & care & air & exercise & freedom from anxiety to build her up again.

I hear thro' her from Belle & the rest who are well and of course "busy" as usual.

I fear from what I hear that the arbitration will decide that Mrs. R is not entitled to anything more from her husbands [sic] business. What in the world they can do for money to live on is more than I can guess - unless Charlie & Mr. C can help them. Belle is doing the "type writer" act - but whether she can support herself in that I doubt.

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Miss Irving & her little boy are very well. Dody is getting quite satisfactory – making about \$100 a month – but not enough yet to support himself & his office expenses in N.Y.

Next week the boys & I am going down to the cemetery at New Dus [?] to visit dear Loulies [sic] resting place before we go away.

We have had a very wet and disastrous spring in the US - & many terrible calamities to hear – but it has been mild. I trust it is pleasant with you. I called on the Pleasants not long ago & Mrs. Miss Titus' – all well. I often see our good friends the Richardsons.

With love from Tessie, the boys & myself –

Affectionately your brother

J Buch Henry.

Write after 20 to LG.

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