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San Francisco Dec 13th

My dear Cousin

The Telegraph
announced some ten days ago
that you were to succeed
Genl Ord, in the Command of the
Dept of California - I have tried
not to think too much about
it, as I did not want to be
disappointed - I sincerely hope
you are coming, but seeing
nothing more in the paper, have
begun to fear that there was
no foundation for the report -

I hope you will not decline to
come - a year or two here would
enable you to rest and recruit,
and I think you need it, &
deserve it

I hoped before Rowland's wife
died that he might come here,
particularly on her account - Since
her death I have not heard from
him -

I am looking for a letter
daily from Charles, & then
hope to learn something of your
plans about coming -

I want to meet you when
you come & have written Charles
about it, and the point I
wish you to tell to me -

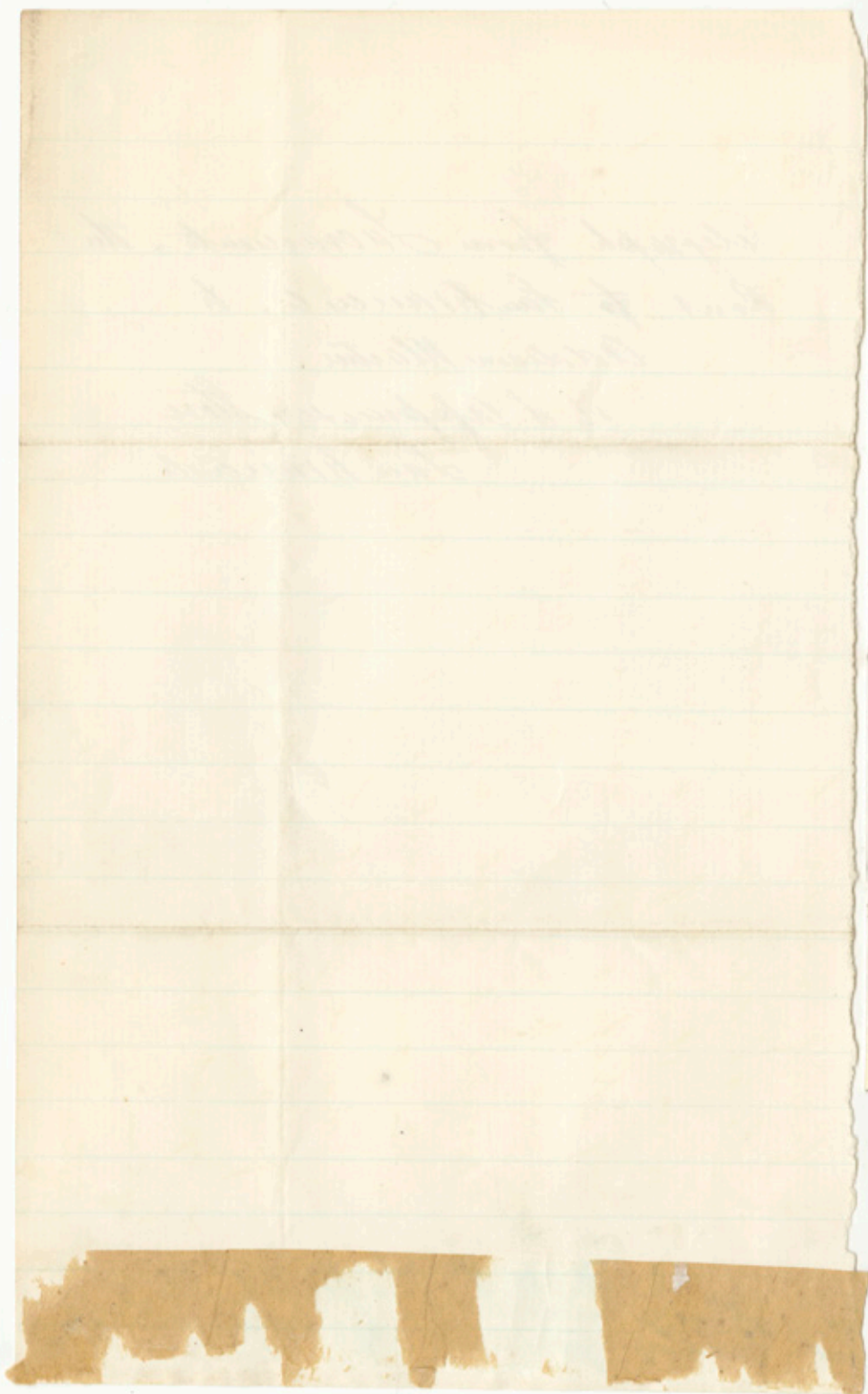
We are all very well - Children
attending school - we expect to
spend Christmas at Sacramento -

All dear to be remembred to you
& yours - and believe me Yrs,
very truly & affectionately

A. M. Austin,

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Telegraph from Sacramento, the
Route to San Francisco, to
Addison Martin.

U S Appraisers Store
San Francisco.



Stillwater Minn.

Dec 13 1891

Dearest,

I enclose to you a
line from the paper - E.P. &
C has - helped last night - good
large meeting - E.P. Starts for
Indian country - "White Earth" today
and we go to Duluth - that
celebrates beginning of the
North Pacific. He starts here
at the Sawyer House with the
young Presbyterian Minister Rev.
E.D. Wright. He was in charge
of one of our Artillery Batteries
during the war. His mother is
here with him. I hope
all are well at home - Love
to your own self & the children
Sincerely yr husband
Otho

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Cor. 22nd St. & N. Col. Ave.
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dec. 13, 1871.

Gen. O. C. Howard;

Sir;

On the evening
of the 10th inst. I had a conversation
with Gen. M. E. Stiebel of New
York, as representative of the
"Am. Miss. Association" in
reference to work among the
freedmen in a medical di-
rection. He decided that no
opportunity for such work
occurred under their auspices,
— but advised me to write
to you before dropping the idea.
In consequence of his
advice, I write to ascertain if
you can inform me of work

purely medical - or - connected
with teaching - or - in building
up a hospital for the imme-
diate benefit of colored people.

I understood that you are
to lecture in the Congregation-
al Church at Master & 9th Sts.
in this city, and, with your
permission, I would like to
hear an opinion from you
at that time as to the feasi-
bility of such labor.

Hoping you will pardon
this intrusion,

I am, respectfully,

Amelia A. Christie.

(Important.)

At 77-724.2.1871

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DEC 26 1871
P.O. No. 1
Boston Dec. 13. 1871
Gen. Howard:

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request of the National Council at Berlin appointing me in connection with Dr. Post & yourself to prepare a paper to be sent as soon as possible to the Chh's. I prepared such a paper immediately after reaching home, & forwarded it to Dr. Post at St. Louis requesting him to agree

after making such
alterations as might oc-
cur to him & for-
ward the same to
you as 'Chicago Can-
g Am. Mif. Assoc.'
with the same request
to be by you returned
to me.

I rec^d a
letter from Dr Post
dated Nov. 30th stating
that he approved &
had signed the paper,
with one or two verbal
amendments - & had
forwarded to you at
Chicago.

Having
heard nothing further
from the paper I
fear that either
you have not

rec^d it or that it
has been lost on
the way between Chica-
go & Boston -

I write
to enquire in relation
to it as it is quite
desirable that it
should be sent forth
as soon as possible.

I remain
Yrs Respect^{ly}
E. H. Alden.

Maj. Gen. D. O. Howard.

Dec. 14th 1871

Dearest -

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Mr Cong. minister Mr Salter of this
place soon after arrival: had quite a
full house last night. Spoke by
request on Christian Experience - section
in the Presbyterian Church. We
remain tonight and have a Missionary
meeting. Mr Salter has a wife &
three children all boys. Charles, Willie
& the baby (Frankie) Mrs S. does
seem strong: she nearly fainted at the
church last night & had to leave, but
seems brighter this morning. Her family
misses me of course: this is the farthest
point. We now begin to work home-ward.
I send two little pictures: the backs of
them will explain. Florence must
learn the two verses to say them to
papa Christmas day. I hope this will
find you well & thankful under that you
are pretty well. His heart seems very
heavy. How did mother appear this
time? Give much love to all

Grace did not write me as I had
hoped - and I haven't heard from Mary
I suppose he will be home Christmas
Take much love darling to your
self. I pray God to keep you well
and happy. It is a heavy change I
have given you to have so much
care, but I feel that you can
lay it all upon Him who asks
you to come to him with
every burden.

Yours truly
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Edmund S. Fowler Esq.
Government Appointment Bureau
Treasury Dept.
Washington N.Y. Dec 14. 1871
Washington City D.C.

Dear Sir:

Matilda Matthews Widow of Henry Matthews Co. "D"
26th Regt. U. S. C. T. Vols, applied for "anwar pay
Bonuties &c", about 6 years ago. from her statements I
think her claim is now about being paid.

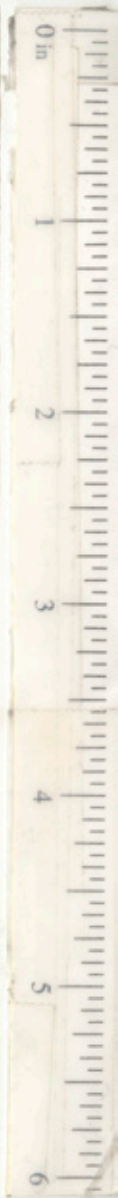
She does not wish the draft to come in a way
that it may be possible for her late atty. to get it.

I have sent a "power in my name" with this request to
the Second Auditor today. But fear it may not reach
the proper office soon enough. If you can aid in
this matter, and advise me how claim stands it will be
a great kindness.

Very Res

E. W. Edmund

The Maty claim has been paid.



LOWELL INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS,

Lowell,

Dec 15 1871

General O. O. Howard

Comm + Washington

General

received.

Your favor of _____ is

Enc. is dft to yr. order for \$72.50
to pay 1/2 of Dennis Hospital acct.
W. A. D. & S.

Please ack. acct. of
same to
Very Respectfully.

Geo J. Lamer
Treas. acct.

LOWELL INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS

Jan 10 1871

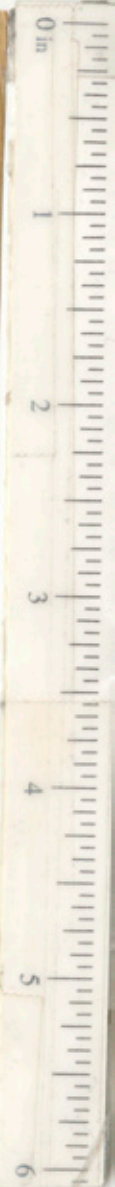
Wm. C. O'Connor
Carmichael

Yours truly
Wm. C. O'Connor

Enclosed find the sum of \$12.00
to pay for the purchase of
the same.

Very Respectfully
Wm. C. O'Connor

Wm. C. O'Connor
Carmichael



Baton Dec 15. 1871

My dear Friend,

You have doubtless received our formal cards of invitation to attend the marriage ceremony of our daughter on 21st.

I cannot resist the expression of our hope that it may be possible for you & Mrs. H. & perhaps your daughter to be with us on this occasion.

Aside from the

and we will send cards of invitation to him or that he can meet you, if you think it best.

very great pleasure it
will afford us, & our
mutual friend Mr Stuart
and family, very many
personal friends of yours
in a company of 50 or 60
or 70 persons, will regard as
a rare privilege to
meet you socially, &
under circumstances so
auspicious for renewing
and if possible for
strengthening the ties
of friendship.

I should as heretofore,
offer you the hospitalities
of my house, if I had

not already felt it due
to Mr & Mrs Stuart
under the peculiar
circumstances I have
preceded.

Mr Stuart has
forwarded invitations to
Pres & Mrs Grant, Genl^l
Aunt, Babcock, & Porter;
& their families.

I wish it were
possible for one or all
of them to accept the
invitation. Nothing could
be more gratifying to
many Boston friends
of the Pres. If they can

come; perhaps you will
join them, & thus make
a mutual inducement

With kindest regards
to Mr Howard &
which all my family
unite,

Remain
as ever
Yours sincerely
Edward T. Tolley

Maj. Gen.
O. O. Howard
Washington
D. C.

P.S. If you decide to come
please inform me of
the address of your service.

and one em
or that is

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Office of Daniel Welch,

Claim Agent and Real Estate Broker,

603 Louisiana Avenue,

Claims prosecuted before all the Departments, Committees of Congress, and Court of Claims,
Loans negotiated and Real Estate bought and sold in all parts of the United States.

P. O. Box 192.

Washington, D. C., Decr 15 1871

Dear Genl

I own and have direct control
of 1200 Thousand Acres of land in West Va
which I desire to dispose of in part, say
one half. My pecuniary situation does not
justify my holding that amount without
realizing some money. Our Co. hold 350 ~~thousand~~
Thousand undivided. The other owners are
married men and are able to hold on
till the land appreciates as it certainly will do
It is worth now one dollar in money and
can be turned into Penna. & West Va. Rail
Road stock at 1⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars per acre. When
this Rail Rd. is completed these lands will be
worth from 5 to 10 Dollars per acre,
Owing to the need for funds would sell one
half of my interest at 50 cents per acre
to you. To any one who has funds this
Mr

would be a great bargain as their lands
must eventually become very valuable
and in the hands of the right party
could be utilized and brought into market
at from 1 to 5 Dollars per acre or if im-
converted into good Rail Road Stock
would make money very fast. If you will
buy the half of my land there would
be no difficulty in adjusting the debt
affair, I should be pleased to hear
from you on this subject.

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Servant
Samuel Welch

Genl. O O Howard
Preston,

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Chicago Dec. 16. 1871

Genl. C. C. Howard.

Dear friend.

You doubtless have wondered why you have not heard from me in accordance with the promise made to you at Berlin. I was to have written you in regard to the New England Church. But soon saw now, my dear friend, that it was not indifference which caused the delay. The simple fact is, that up to the present moment, I have been so absorbed in the Relief work that it was impossible to attend to anything else. I have had the care for the last month of 23000 people - people who needed every conceivable kind and amount of aid. The work has absorbed time and thought and strength. Now I have resigned in order to devote myself with undivided earnestness to the cause of my church

in connection with the cause of the Seminary and
the other churches. We have united forces with a
view to the raising of \$100000 - fifty thousand
of which is to go to the New England church and
fifty thousand to the Theological Seminary and
the weaker churches. It is still the privilege of
each church or individual contributing to designate
the direction in which the gift shall be applied.
Goodwin of the 1st Church, and Williams of the Schmale
Church are to go out in connection with me. I presume
Williams will be in Washington during the coming week.
It is therefore the less necessary for me to set forth in
writing the peculiar urgency and greatness of our
needs. I simply wish you were here on the ground to
see things as they really are!

My heart is full when I think of the New England
Church and the plan of its rebuilding. Only two months
ago it stood in its beauty and strength, and now its
walls are in ruins and its people scattered. If you ever
saw the building you will remember how fair it was,
yet I do not mourn for that exterior beauty. There

was a spiritual glory which belonged to the membership
of the church far surpassing that which met the eye.
My people were united, earnest, self denying. They
loved every good cause and with a liberality - which I
never saw surpassed they testified their interest by their
deeds. Since the fire I have been in hovels when the
children were crawling around the smouldering fire
embers in the stove, and when the mother knew not
how to provide for her little ones, yet when they all
forgot their other sorrows in their grief for the fall of
the New England church. Even such faces the tears have
fallen like rain because of the desolation of their loved
Zion. The poor as well as the rich loved the New England
church!

at the time of the fire we had our own city-missionary,
had a home S. S. of between four and five hundred, and a
mission school of three hundred. We had a missionary
among the Freedmen, a missionary in China, and were
educating four young men at the Harport Seminary.
We were also aiding several mission churches in the
vicinity besides contributing to all the great charities of
the church. For years past we have annually given
away some \$14,000 above all our home expenses and

donations, and that though we had no very rich
men and a membership of only about 300.

My people are anxious to get back to the North Side
again. A few are already in their shanties. That
part of the city is to be more densely populated
than ever and now is the time to put the church
into such relations to the masses that they shall
feel its blessings as they never did before. Let it
be built for them, that they may have it as their
meeting place in the midst of their terrible struggle.
Whatever resources my people may accumulate in the
next two or three years will inevitably be needed
in carrying on the efficient work of the church. They
cannot rebuild it themselves. Their homes and their
business are alike swept away and they are almost
destitute. I am confident the needed aid will come.
God bless those who help us in this hour of need.
The Sunday also is in straits and the other churches
are carrying tremendous burdens. We need, all told,
the sum for which we have asked. With personal thanks
to you, I am Yours truly L. J. Chamberlain
Pastor of the Eng. Church

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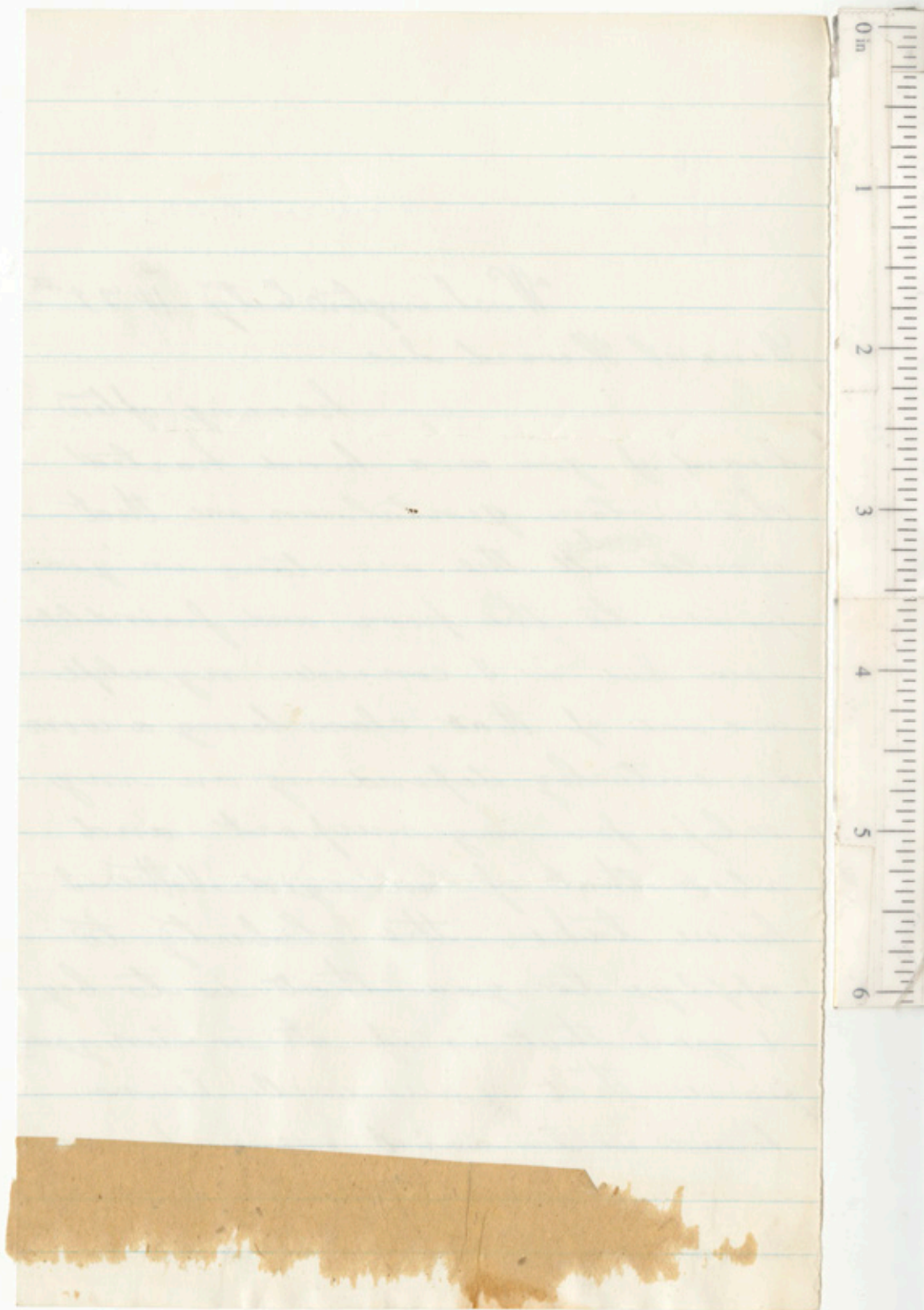


[Dec. 19, 1871]

Washington City 1871th

General Howard Sir

having often
heard of you as a kind hearted
charristan gentelman one that
would ^{render} all the assistance in your
power to the poor and fraindless
now Sir as I consider myself
as one of that class being a wom
an entirely depending on my
self for my support and
also that of an aged Mother I
have taken the liberty to
applaye to you that is to beg
of you that is if it is in your
power that you will be so
kind as to assist me in procour
ing a place in none of the
Departments or printing Office



or any other place where I can
earn a living my education being
just defunct I can not expect
to obtain every very high position
as I am also afflicted with deafness
which is another obstacle. yet should
I through your kindness be able to
obtain a place I shall to the best
of my ability to perform my
duty faithfully hoping that you
will be kind enough to consider
my case as one of necessity and
not one of annoyance for which I shall
ever be grateful

Most Respectfully,

Sarah Alexander

1014 9th Street between 4th & 5th
Washington City

