

Henry Clay Wood

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Apr. 9. 1881,

Ans'd Apr. 13. 1881,

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Confidential.

Headquarters General Recruiting Service,

H. CLAY WOOD,
Assistant Adjutant General,
Brevet Colonel, U. S. Army

OFFICE, ADJUTANT GENERAL,
ARMY BUILDING,

New York City, April 7th. 1881.

My dear General:

My eldest son, Clifford,
is a good scholar, and a
fine Mathematician. He
is at Thayer Academy,
with Prof. Colman B.
Sewall. On an scale of
100. his summer term Calc-
culus was 98. and
his Spring 100. and was
in a class of 22.
His age is eighteen

October 18th. 1844. He
has a good physique,
but he is near-sighted
and uses glasses.

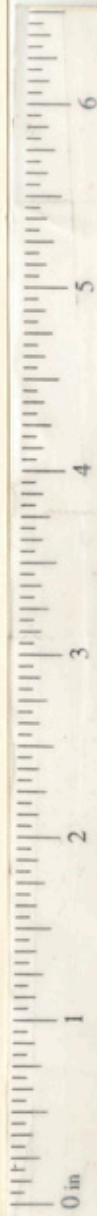
My object in writing
you is to ascertain, if
any deflection of the
wound, without affluence,
excludes him from sailing
at Coal Point.

I am confident he
would pass the Board,
well in all other re-
spects. With much love

and respect.

Sincerely yours.

Dr. Clay Wood.



N. H. Paine.
We join in ever warm
love to yourself & Mrs. H.,
children and all. Write
a word at your leisure.
Dear Mother,
A. H. Paine.

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Pawnee, April 9th, 1881.

My dear General:

I have just read with deep interest your lecture to the Cadets as printed in the United Service Magazine. There is a wholesome spirit pervading it that is refreshing, and which cannot fail to elevate all who listened to its delivery. West Point has seldom heard so clear a ring from the bells of truth. May Heaven bless you, Sir, in the great work. You

He has my horse in charge
for hire, and seems to think
that Hayken will do the work.

Thank for your kind offer of
aid in the matter. If
you could confer with ^{the Order} Monro,
I am sure they would be
predisposed. I am anxious
to get them before the public.

will undoubtedly commit
mistakes, who does not?
But do not be depressed
by the hard words of those
who dislike you solely
for the strength you dis-
play for godliness.

We are all quite well
except the baby who has
been quite ill for some
days, though better at
this writing. I need
not tell you how
much we miss you,
my dear General.

I hear from
General Monro often.

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New York Apr 9th 1881

My dear General

Learning that you are stationed at West Point I take the liberty to write ^{ask} and a favor of you feeling that you will readily grant it if consistent with your position. I am making a strong effort to procure the Consularship at Nassau and would very much like a letter from you to either Blaine or Hall.

I came on last Spring intending to remain but find that neither myself or my family can stand the rigor of our northern winter and will be compelled to return to a warmer climate.

During the whole of the war I was

at Nassau aiding the Govt in
the capture of blockade runners
and did them signal service
which was acknowledge by
both President Lincoln and Secy
Wells. For these services I have
never asked of the government
any remuneration and feel
that I am entitled to some
consideration even at this late
day, and will feel under a
great obligation if you can
assist me in the matter either
in the way I have mentioned
or in any other way that may
suggest itself to you. A letter
directed to c/o Groot & Chapman
78 & 80 Broadway will reach me
With kind regards to Mrs Howard
yours Very Truly
Epes Sargent


[5th Assessment,
3d Death.]

The Army Mutual Aid Association,

Washington, April 10, 1881.

You are hereby notified that Colonel Emory Upton, 4th Artillery, who held Certificate No. 11, died at San Francisco, California, March 15, 1881.

Please remit assessment, \$ 4⁰⁰ ⁵⁰ ; payable not later than June 9, 1881.
Gr. 25r due 24. 25

 The Card sent with remittance is the best letter of transmittal.

It will be stamped "Paid," and returned. If Postal Money-Order is used, enclose slip of paper giving Certificate number of sender. If member desires to forward a greater sum than is due, let him mark the amount on this face of card. *Formal letters are unnecessary.* Collection of checks on local banks costs twenty-five cents.

Membership, 645; benefit, \$2,173.13; cost to deceased, \$19.00.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

GEO. W. DAVIS, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Number of members April 10th, 1881, 666.

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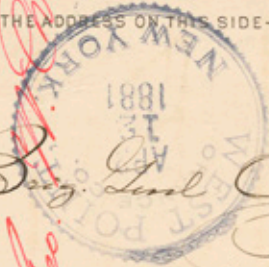
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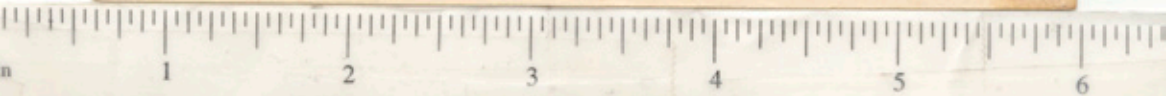
April 10, 1881.
Geo. W. Davis



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



Gen. L. O. Howard, U.S.A.
West Point
N.Y.



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John Allen M. Stationer

11th April. 1881.

My dear Genl. Howard

Amid all the
cares of your position I dare to
ask something of ~~for~~ myself.

How fortunate the mothers who
may think of their sons as under
your care - Could I feel that my
son could spend a few years near
you it would indeed be a great
comfort to me - He is not un-
ambitious - and his professional
duties would assume a more
sacred light if he could have
your penance to stimulate him
in the beginning of his career.

I dare not tell you of his fitness
for I am his Mother and do not
know - I think him more indus-
trious than the average - History
of the world is his study - good



The first part of the
 letter is very
 interesting and
 contains a great
 deal of information
 which is very
 valuable. I have
 been thinking of
 writing to you for
 some time but
 have not had time
 to do so. I am
 very glad to hear
 from you and
 hope you are
 well. I am
 writing to you
 now and hope
 you will find
 it interesting.
 I am
 very
 truly
 yours
 [Name]

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dealt to him a . . . of course if I
did not think he would be a
pleasure to you I could not ask
you to place him near your
person - Your son Guy is a
much better judge of Robert's
fitness than I am - or proba-
bly than any one - as he
has been with him in his
hours of study, and of labor.

Leaving my care with you
and wishing for ~~our~~ sons the
broadest fields of usefulness and
the ability to bless man.

I am with kindest greetings to
Mrs Howard I am

Faithfully your friend
Maury K. Evans.

Memphis City, P. O.
Leflore Co - Miss.

Mrs. Mary K. Brown
Clay Co.
Palo Alto Plantation,
Miss. 11 Apr. 1851.

Received of

Recd Apr 15 1851

S. F. Bennett

Washington
Apr 12. 1881.

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Apr 14. 1881

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Ordinance Office,

War Department

Washington, Apr 12 1881

My dear General
Yesterday I replied
briefly to your letter in regard
to the succession to Major
Mordeson.

Since then I have been
thinking of the matter, &
am satisfied that as his
long tour is the only reason
given for the change, it
would be unwise to make
it.

I know that Mordeson
is one of the most efficient
Ordinance Officers who has
served as Supt of Ordnance

Gunning. I know this from his Superiors. He is now engaged in rewriting the course of Ordnance instruction & ought to be permitted to remain to complete it: & I presume that he has no objection to remaining.

West Point requires in its instructors not only capacity & attainments, but professional enthusiasm, & no four year rule ought to prevail against a good man, especially when he is the head of a Dept of Instruction.

As an Old Ordnance Officer looking to your

Successful administration of the Academy, my advice is, hold on to Worcester.

Yours very cordially

J. P. West

East Pt. Howard
Camp West Point

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No. 346 Broadway,
New York City,
April 12, 1881.

My dear General,

The Government so desirous
as to make it next to im-
possible for him to visit
West Point.

The data I have, makes
me more anxious to follow
up the new clue.

If successful, it will end
the case satisfactorily to all
parties. Hence, it is worth
pursuing sedulously.

Can you not procure for
us some continuous writing
of the suspected party by which

we may test our experts, who we expect here, during the present week? We only need such standards as will include the capitals and small letters of the note of printing.

It would, I am sure, reflect highly on your administration, if the real writer were discovered through your vigilance, after having concealed himself as deep as he could under the last. Before, the party had a motive for concealment. Now, it occurs to me, he has an inducement to confess.

Faithfully & sincerely yours,
Richard W. Greener.

They committed and
president of the class,
which I prefer to keep if
this office ^{these} duties will not
amount to more than
three or four meetings, at
which I need simply to
preside, during the term.

I think Mr. Coy will think
it of advantage to my
keep that I give up these
other things. There are
many little things I have
lost by my resigning but
am glad to do so if I can
advance in work. I
do not think I yet need a
tutor. In about a month
but not yet, I wish you
would ask Mr. Coy if he
thinks it best that I should
have a tutor. But do not tell
him. I asked ~~him~~ you to do so.
Affectionately,
Your son Jamie.

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"Jamie"

Andover, Mass.

April 13, 1881.

Wednesday

P.S. Is there any
expectancy of board
master's building at
West Point? If so when?
J.M.S.

Dear father

I have just finished
a letter to Grandmother
and have a little while
in which I can write you.

In the coat I brought
from home I found a
stone which I have
mailed to you as it is
a good one.

Some time ago
Grandmother in one of
her letters said that
if I wished to go to Bow-
doin college she would
continue her \$400. a
year to me. I answered, ^{at the time}
that I had not yet
decided whether I would

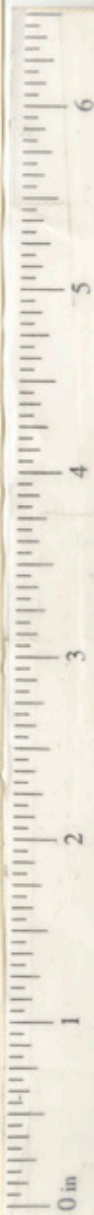
go to college but would probably know by the end of the spring vacation which has just closed. I do not know whether she put my going to Bowdoin as a condition to the receiving the \$400. per year or not. But it seemed so at the time. I have just written her that it has not been fully decided yet just what I will do next year. And that probably you will write her. I wish you would write her and speak of plans and see if she would ^{if I should go} like to still give me the same great assistance which she has been

to another school than Bowdoin or a broad school.

giving me of for which I can never repay her, herself, but look forward to being of assistance to some one in after life if I am moderately successful.

I also found in the coat, the enclosed Apostles eases in French, which you may wish to read.

Mr. Coy in a conversation with me the other day referred to some correspondence with you. I wish you would write or send me what he said. You know of my resigning from the literary societies and athletics and every thing except my lessons and being on the gradua-



Mr Schurz promised
that should be settled
and left without - of course
the amount to be allowed
Major - for the Commission
Mrs A. has shown he was
for two years before left the
service a Major. - and so
health could not have all
been broken before that &
the claim was broken during
this time. - He was heal. only
by Brevel. - - Assuring you
of warm gratitude for any
effort you decide you
can make for Eddie as
for all your past kindness
I am very respectfully
Nattie A. B. Cook

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944. L. St. N. W.
Washington D. C.
4/14/81.

Dear General Howard. -
Eddie
Asmussen received no place
under Sec. Schurz. - It does
seem hard the Day should
have to ask it - such a
place - but he must do
something to help his Mother
- now I wish God power
there I went to see Gen.
Allison the other eve. -
He is very much inclined
to do soon as he can -
would feel more comfort-
-able to have a little
endorsement of the case
being as the day with no

personal knowledge of
the case. The child's father
& why it - should be consid-
-ered. - In short - would like
something beside his own
words or endorsements to
work with. - Now will you
be willing to write a letter
in the interest of the case
- telling of his father as
a true brave soldier
dying from Iowa -
and my idea is better to
address it - to Gen. Allison
asking him to do all he
can - then he can raise it
in whatever Department
he chooses - He said
he would do all he could
- If you are willing to

write such a letter either
addressed to Sen. A. or to
the Sec. of the Interior
as you may deem best -
please do and send to
me - and I will present
with such force as I can
- and I cannot believe
it will fail when it is
very surely ought to win

Somehow General they
are so peculiarly helpless
I cannot leave them
so - Else I would not
again plead your kind
efforts. - The pension
matter is still undecided
as to whether shall be for
widow of Maj. or Captain

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West Point

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Dear Genl

My niece received on
Tuesday a very kind note from
Genl Banger, in which he said
"he would do what he could, for
her Brother's promotion, as long
as it did not interfere with the
claims of others," it was my delight of
course to reply so soon. I would
wonder you that this evening ser-
vice, is our last Thursdays service
and I hope you will be able to
come. I wish Mrs Howard would
also come as I think she would
enjoy hearing Mr Thomas, and it
will probably be a bright night.
Yrs truly
C. C. C. Bessard

Bérard, Miss E.

West Point,
April 14, 1881.

Private.

and my
Looker, J. H.

Georgetown, D.C. -
(Corner of Green & Road Sts.)

April 14/81.

~~OK to~~
My dear Sir: - I had fully intend-
ed not to trouble you more with
my own & Son's Personal Affairs -
Especially in the way of sending
his letters, - but pardon me I pray
you, if I do it just this once
more, for I think it due to
all concerned that I should, -
you should see & know just how cer-
tain things have struck & affect
him (as well as others) and you
should know some things you
could't possibly otherwise know -

I do not think I do wrong in doing
 thus — as my son does not know or
 dream ^{of it} & shall not — I'd cut my
hand off rather than deliberately
 wrong — And by the way, who doesn't
 know that the head of any great institu-
 tion or Establishment — especially one
 coming expressly to improve & reform —
 is by that very fact precluded often from
 seeing & knowing (by the subordinates — by
 the "what has always been" & so on),
 just what he should see & know, in
 order to make the needful changes &
 betterments? — Please return the letter.

This peep behind the scenes, — this viewing matters
 from the Cadets' standpoint — & an outsider's, al-
 though I trust, not unprofitable —

With the dear wife & Mother's kind regards
 to Mrs. H. & yourself — and mine —
 I remain very truly dear, Yrs —
 Wm. H. ...

