

~~Hunter,~~
~~Importer,~~
1250 Connecticut Avenue.

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Washington, D. C., April 1st 1896

To
Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir -

On or about May 1st 1867 - my step father -
Lieut. Robt. Deckett - was appointed by you
(when Chief of Freedman's Bureau) as Agent
to care for the negroes in Manning S. C.
On Sept 10th (I think) of same year his ap-
pointment was revoked - since which time
nothing has been ^{heard} of him or from him -
Faithfully & regularly up to Sept 1st 1867 - my
mother received letters from him and there
was no reason known why he should
absent himself from those depending upon
them - my mother with the utmost exertion
supported herself & family & made no effort
to get a pension of any kind - Now in
her old age she is dependent and helpless
having been confined to her bed for two
years past. We can gather no proof of his
death & the Pension Office will take no

action might come. There has been
no application filed by him or has he
been heard from at the War Dept in all
the years that have passed - seeming to
prove his death beyond a doubt - Can
you suggest or help in any way to get at
the matter in proper form - My Mother
says the Genl always honored you above
all others & she feels sure you would do
what was in your power -

Yrs Respectfully
(Miss) Emma C. Hamilton

For
Mrs. Harriet A. Beckett -
802 - 21st St N.Y.

Ever yours

Hamilton and his
family - in person

Mrs. Beckett
New York

it is hardly charitable that they
should continue to condemn
me forever.

I write, knowing that General
Howard has an influence
over the ^{Army} Infantry.

If this influence can be exerted
in my behalf, without asking
too much of one who has been
already so very kind, I shall
be grateful.

Respectfully and sincerely
Emily Murdoch

at the East.
My interests are likely to be re-
tarded through the want of some
recognition from those who should
know me best, and remember
my husband's services and
sad death.

73 Madison Ave. New York City
April 2nd 1896

Dear General Howard:

See October
last, I came to the East from
Los Angeles, by a R.R. pass
given me. My mother had
been ill for several months.
I have hoped to sell the place
in the Berkshire Hills, and
to have a "book" published
consisting of three army sketch-
es, bound together.

All the officers at Governors
Island have subscribed, nearly
all at Davis Island, and
all at Fort Assiniboine.

Colonel Pinet, at West Point
was willing to send a circular
around the fort, but demanded
first some sort of endorsement
from my husband's regiment.

This is the last thing in the world that I can give.

The officers of the 6th ^{regt} decline to write to me upon any subject. Mrs Townsend, who alone, of my old friends, has subscribed towards my "book" writes that I am "criticised in the regiment for having been unkind to General McCook."

This is so incomprehensible and absurd that I cannot write about it.

But the fact remains that there is a strong feeling against me. Two days ago I received a letter from the tenant in my house saying that he had moved into a larger, ^{one} more advantageous for his purpose. The house being vacant, it

is likely that the mortgage will foreclose.

I am doing all that I can to rent or sell it, but may fail. Within a year or two, I expect to be married.

It will, at that time, be doubly in my power to help Adelaide. But to be on a consistent footing of charity with my husband's comrades, I should do nothing for her.

She has never been legally adopted, nor ever shall be, by me.

Twice, since being able to distinguish between right and wrong, she has disobeyed and deceived me, with my mother's sanction.

Humanly speaking, I owe her nothing.

If I have unintentionally offended either General McCook, or the officers of the 6th ^{regt} Infy,

records to Mr. Howard
& the other members of
your family. Wishing
you all a very happy
blessed Easter tide in
which I hope to visit
join me soon very

Sincerely yours

May McDonald

Thursday Morning

[1896-Apr. 27]

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Love & thy friends
My dear General Howard
I am sure I fear
nothing our very friends
for not having long
we thus acknowledge
the book you have
kind enough to send.
I say you will not
think it a matter of

appreciation on my
part. For indeed such
is not the case. I have
truly greatly enjoyed
reading it. Please at
this late date accept
many thanks. I have
been hoping that you
would come & see us.

You know how General
Leonard that at our

house there is always
a welcome awaiting
you. I am longing
to see & to wish a visit.
The weather here is rather
more pleasant than at
Chicago at this season.
This is a delightful
Post, with most charming
people & I am very
happy to be here. Will
you give my kindest

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MAIN OFFICE:
243 SAN PEDRO STREET

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 3d 1896

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General O.O. Howard.

My dear sir

I hope you will not think me willfully dilatory in responding to your kindness shown me by sending me such a valuable contribution, I shall use it as you requested, and I must say I do not know how to thank you enough for the interest you have taken in my work.

I have had a hard battle with death since I last wrote you not that I feared death or dieing but I have passed through a terrible amount of suffering, and at last I am able to walk from one room to the other without assistance and am daily growing stronger and will I believe be well soon. I am up to my literary work up to my eyes already, and am receiving encouragement from every direction to go on. I wrote Captain Sladen to Portland the address you gave me I wrote him over twomonths ago but I have received no answer as yet do you think he has left there I would so much like to hear from him. Captain Jeffords was delighted when I wrote him what kind things you wrote about him to me.

A friend of the Interior Department, sent me "The Red Man" from Carlisle giving an account of the commencement exercises at the Indian school, I was delighted to ^{read} see your speech and my husband read it to me with much interest, and I do think Apache's speech is astonishingly bright, and I should like to know where he received his education and where a letter might reach him, I am so much more interested in the Apaches than in any other tribe of ^{North} South American Indians..

I have read your manuscript carefully it was the very first thing I did after sitting up. and I thank you again for it, and only say that I am sorry to have kept your worthy stenographer out of her money so long, but Mr Crane seldom opens my mail or interferes with my department, therefore he was not aware what was in the package and I did not expect it so soon, however I hope there is no harm done and you will please find enclosed Draft on New York Bank as you directed,

Hoping to hear from you as often as you can find it convenient as I am always interested in your good work and like to get kind words for mine from one who is as interested as you have shown yourself to be.

I remain yours truly

Alice Rollins Crane.

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Crockers Iowa Brigade.

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Chicago, Ills, April 4th. 1896

General O. O. Howard,

156 College Street,

Burlington, Vt.

My dear General Howard:

Crockers, Iowa Brigade, formerly Third Brigade, 4th. Div.

17th. Army Corps, will hold its 8th. Bi-ennial reunion at Marshall town, Iowa, Sept. 23rd. and 24th. 1896. When you took command of the Army of the Tennessee, this brigade was commanded for a few days by Colonel William Hall, and thereafter, and on the March to the Sea, by Genl. W. W. Belknap, and later, just before muster out by Genl. Andrew Hickenlooper. As you are the only living Commander of the Army of the Tennessee, I voice the wishes ^{all} of the ~~all the~~ surviving members, in asking you to be present and to take part in that reunion. It is likely the Army of the Tennessee will hold its meeting the week following so that you will be in the west at about that period. We are aware that it will be a matter of expense to you to be present with us and I am authorized to say that we will bear a liberal share of that outlay. Kindly advise me, and if at all possible, give us the assur-

ance of your presence. Can assure you a very warm greeting.
Address me at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Fraternally yours,

Address me at St. Vernon, Iowa.
Truly yours,
and of your friends, and accept you a very warm greeting.

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town, Iowa, Sept. 23rd, and 24th, 1866. When you took command

13th. Army Corps, will hold its 8th. Bi-annual reunion at Marshall
Crookers, Iowa Brigade, formerly Third Brigade, 4th. Div.

My dear General Howard:

Burlington, Vt.

186 College Street,

General O. O. Howard,

Chicago, Ill., April 21st, 1891

Dear General Howard,

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House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C. April 4th, 1896.

Gen'l O.O.Howard,

The Ebbitt,

City.

Dear General:

Herewith please find copy as desired of your letter of
April 3rd, '96, to me touching Howard University.

Very Truly Yours,

W. H. Hudson,

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C. April 11, 1894.

Gen. E. A. Howard,

The Capitol,

City.

Dear General:

Herewith please find copy as desired of your letter of

April 3rd, '94, to me touching Howard University.

Very Truly Yours,

Wm. Howard

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House of Representatives U. S.

Copy.

Washington, D. C. April 3rd, 1896.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Touching Howard University you asked me this morning if the original buildings (the first erected) were not paid for out of public funds? Yes, they were out of money appropriated for that purpose; but not to Howard University alone, but to a great many other institutions, as Hampton Institute, Atlanta University, Straight University, etc., etc.

The plan approved by the War Department, and by Congress, was that land should be furnished by the trustees of these institutions, and that the Commissioner should erect buildings thereon for the purposes of education of Refugees and Freedmen and their descendants under certain limitations and restrictions. (See the various acts and resolutions of Congress from 1864 to 1872.)

Before closing out the work of the Freedmen's Bureau, I submitted the question to the law officer of the War Department: "What shall I do with all the buildings upon the lands held by the College, University, and school trustees?"

"And would it not be wise to transfer them to said trustees, provided they will engage to carry out the purpose of the grants for the perpetual benefit of the classes embraced in the laws, viz: the

House of Representatives of the U. S.

Washington, D. C. April 11, 1903.

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Before closing out the work of the Freedmen's Bureau, I mentioned the question to the law officer of the War Department: "What shall be done with all the land upon which the Freedmen's Bureau has acquired, and school buildings?"

And would it not be better to transfer them to said trustees, provided they will agree to accept the same for the purpose of the grant for the perpetual benefit of the negroes and their descendants? The

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

Refugees, Freedmen and their descendents?"

The Judge Advocate-General said it would be wise to so do; he gave a written opinion to that effect.

Then I drew up the formal orders of transfer all of which were approved by the Honorable Secretary of War.

The order touching Howard University was approved by the Honorable John A. Rawlins during his brief term of office.

In every such institution funds for various educational purposes were also contributed in the way of donations. I believe that about dollar for dollar came from Congress and the donors; i.e. for every dollar that the government permitted, the donors contributed a dollar.

Very Truly Yours,

(Signed.

O.O. Howard.

Major-General U.S. Army. (Retired).

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir,

The Judge Advocate-General said it would be wise to do;

gave a written opinion to that effect.

Then I drew up the formal orders of transfer all of which

were approved by the Executive Secretary of War.

The order for the transfer of the property was approved by the

Honorable John A. Rawlins during his brief term of office.

In every such institution funds for various educational pur-

poses were also contributed in the way of donations. I believe that

about \$100,000 per dollar came from Congress and the donors; i. e. for every

dollar that the Government expended, the donors contributed a dollar.

Very truly yours,

G. O. Brown.

Major-General U. S. Army (Retired).

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6th 1896.

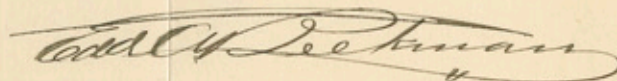
My dear Gen. Howard;-

If you remember I spoke to you yesterday in Church about attending the reception of the Young Men's Christian Association to be given in honor of their new Gen. Secretary in the Calvary Baptist S. S. House, Tuesday evening.

As you know we lost our building by fire; but the work has been kept up in a small way, so that the business school has not lost its importance in the sight of the young men and the public, as can be seen by the results of this past Winter. Our Secretary Bro. Pugh was called home; and now Mr Multer of Philadelphia has come to take up the work, which means to secure if possible a new building; and we believe this City should have the finest one in these United States.

Your presence will add so much to this start in our new life that I trust nothing will prevent your being present.

Yours sincerely,



Dict. E.F.

April 25th 1895.

My dear Gen. Howard:-

If you remember I spoke to you yesterday in Church about attending the reception of the Young Men's Christian Association to be given in honor of their new Gen. Secretary in the City of Washington, Tuesday evening.

As you know we lost our building by fire but the work has been kept up in a small way, so that the business school has not lost its prominence in the sight of the young men and the public, as can be seen from the results of this past Winter. Our Secretary Bro. Tappan was called to the office of Philadelphia has come to take up the work, which means to secure if possible a new building; and we believe this should have the finest one in these United States.

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Yours sincerely,

J. E. F.

had become Pastor of (Dutch) Reform
ed church in Harlem - New York City
and I think five or six years ago.

On the receipt of your letter I
forwarded it with an explanatory
note addressed to him as above.

No return has reached me.

If he received the communication
your letter would give him great
pleasure. I write this to you.

that you may know I am not
insensible of the gentle kind-
ness you have shown me.

Respectfully -

John Herron.

Pastor Presbyterian Church -
Massillon - Ohio -

24 North Mill St. Massillon. O.
April 7 = 1896.

Major Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir - A few weeks ago
I wrote you on the subject of my
strong desire to become a chap-
lain in the U. S. Army. You
sent me a most generous reply
to the effect that if the Rev. Dr.
Harrison would write a new letter
for me you would find pleasure
in putting upon it your endorsement
through your high regard for him.
The last I knew of Dr. Harrison

