

Lucy W. Summers from George W. Summers, Apr 1, 1907.  
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Wheeling, W.Va., Monday, April 1, 1907.

Dear Mother:

I didn't get a letter written  
yesterday, so am writing today. There  
doesn't seem to be any writing paper  
in this part of the office<sup>1</sup>, so I will have  
to write this time with pencil, but I  
guess that doesn't make much differ-  
ence. Before I forget it, I got your  
letter. The one that was delayed some  
by flood<sup>2</sup> reached me here the very  
day I wrote you that it had not  
come. The other came a few days  
later, and your Easter<sup>3</sup> postal was  
received. I sent the children some  
Easter cards, on which I did not  
put my name. But I guess they

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<sup>1</sup> Worked for the Wheeling News-Register in Wheeling, WV.

<sup>2</sup> Major Ohio River flood in mid-March (around the 14th-17th), cresting at 50.1 ft. in Wheeling

<sup>3</sup> Easter was on March 31, 1907

will recognize my handwriting and  
that being from Wheeling they  
are from me. The only distinguishing  
mark about Easter so far as I was

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concerned was that I went out to  
dinner. Billy Holaday, who went  
to live in Parkersburg and boarded  
at Mrs. Stahlman's, is here now and  
married a Wheeling girl. I took a  
few minutes off one day last week  
and went to see them, for I wanted  
to meet her. They asked me to take  
dinner with them yesterday, which  
I did. But I could not stay long, for  
one of the men at the office was sick  
Saturday night and I expected to have  
to do his work. When I got back, how-  
ever, I forgot he was out again.  
He is the city editor and he has several men  
under him. When he reported Saturday

afternoon that he was sick I was  
placed on his work. I got up the only  
good local story we had that night,  
did some other work , looked after the  
reporters, wrote the editorial and read  
a good deal of proof. I am  
writing nearly all the editorials all

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the time. Mr. Taney's<sup>4</sup> brother takes a  
notion occasionally to write a little,  
but he can not be depended on.  
Most of the time I do it all and all of  
the time I do most of it. Tomorrow  
I am going down to Parkersburg. I have  
two or three things to look after there and  
as tomorrow is the day of the city  
election I thought that would be a  
good day to go down. Trains have  
been running regularly for more

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<sup>4</sup> Mr. Taney is likely to be Charles H. Taney (1858-1912), who was the manager of the Wheeling News-Register. He had two brothers.

than a week and I can get down  
and back the same day, losing only  
a little time from the office and not  
much sleep. I think it must be a good  
deal colder here than in Charleston. We  
have had a good many warm days  
and the trees are beginning to put forth  
leaves. But yesterday it became  
quite cold and last night it snowed  
a good deal– not enough to be on  
the ground but enough to make it  
look like a good sized snow storm.

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I am still wearing an overcoat  
but for a week I did not need it.  
I saw Mose Donnally<sup>5</sup> the other day. He  
was on his way to Wellsburg, where he  
is interested in some oil wells.  
I don't see as many people from Charleston

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<sup>5</sup> Moses Donnally (1859-1936) was a well-known newspaper publisher & businessman in Charleston, WV.

and other parts of the state here as I did  
in Parkersburg. Still I run across a  
good many I know, after all. I don't  
know how much longer I shall be here,  
but for a while at least. I like it  
better as I grow accustomed to the  
place and it is possible I could in  
time learn to like Wheeling.

Love to all

George.