

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 office¹, 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 flood² reached me here the very
day I wrote you that it had not
come. The other came a few days
later, and your Easter³ postal was
received. I sent the children some
Easter cards, on which I did not
put my name. But I guess they

¹ Worked for the Wheeling News-Register in Wheeling, WV.

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

³ 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's⁴ 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

⁴ 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 Donnally⁵ 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

⁵ 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.