

Lucy W. Summers from George W. Summers, Nov 18, 1906.

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Sunday, Nov. 18, 1906.

Dear Mother:

Things have been moving along
about as much during the last week
and I have done nothing out of the
ordinary that I remember. Today I
went up to Mrs. Stahlmans to din-
ner. They have no regular dinner at
the Elk¹ on Sunday and you have
to order what you want and wait
till it is cooked. So I decided I'd
get dinner today at the old place.

Mrs. Stahlman would not let me
pay for the meal but said she had
been trying to get me over the tele-
phone² to invite me up to Sunday
dinner, but had never found me.

¹ The Elks Club was a historic clubhouse built by architect William Howe Patton in 1903.

² Telephone service was introduced in Parkersburg, West Virginia, in 1882

I told her that probably some time
I'd be getting back but at present
time not make a change. John
Crawford, a widower, whom Ida Jean
Scott knew here, gave a dance at the
Country Club³ Thursday night com-
plimentary to Miss Angela Pinkley,
of Cincinnati and asked me to
go and take Ashton Wilson who
was expected Thursday noon to visit
Grace White. She did not come
till Friday, however, so I had to
go alone. I saw by one of the papers
a few days ago that Mr. and Mrs.
W. D. Woodbridge⁴ had entertained a
long list of guests at their country
home for a day. The country home
is a sort of cabin, of one room I think.
They expected to have aunt Jen⁵ and

³ Parkersburg Country Club (PCC) was incorporated in 1902, had six-hole golf course

⁴ William Darling Woodbridge (1860-1939) was a brother of Lucy Woodbridge Summers. His wife was Martha Hopkins Woodbridge (1860-1919).

⁵ Aunt Jen is Jane Woodbridge Brown(1854-1940) was a sister of Lucy W. Summers.

Louise⁶ spend the day there while
they were here but never got around
to it. They asked me to go at some

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time or other but the guests this time
were all ladies. I believe I wrote you
last week that I had been selected
by ~~the~~ Henry G. Davis⁷ as one of the dele-
gates ~~to~~^{the} from the State Board of
Trade to the convention of the National
Rivers and Harbors Congress at Wash-
ington Dec 6 and 7⁸. Since then I have
had word from Col. John L. Vance⁹
President of the Ohio Valley Improve-
ment Association¹⁰ that he has ap-
pointed me a delegate from that
association to the same meeting.
I hope I will get to go and think

⁶ Louise is likely the daughter of Jane W. Brown, Louise Brown, who married Oscar Fitzgerald in 1907.

⁷ Henry Gassaway Davis (1823-1916) was a well-known West Virginia politician with an illustrious career.

⁸ Served to reiterate and advance the organization's policy of advocating for a robust, comprehensive federal program for waterways development.

⁹ John L. Vance (1839-1921) was a lawyer from Gallia County, Ohio. Served in the 4th WV Infantry during the Civil War. Established & published the Gallipolis Bulletin in 1867 while also practicing law in the area. Served in US Congress 1875-1877.

¹⁰ Worked to persuade the U.S. Congress to appropriate funds for the permanent improvement of the Ohio River navigation system

perhaps things will work out so that

I can. I don't seem to have much to

write about today, so will stop.

Love to all

George.