

Lucy W. Summers from George W. Summers, Aug 12, 1905
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Saturday night, Aug. 12, 1905

Dear Mother:

You will probably be surprised
to hear from me ahead of the meal
time but I will not be here tomorrow.
Brad Hiteshew¹ has been wanting me to
go over and spend a Sunday with
him at Zanesville² ever since he went
there last spring. There is to be a spe-
cial train tomorrow for Zanesville and
Columbus, leaving here at 6:30 a.m.
and returning about midnight. When
I heard of the opportunity to go and
return the same day and at a very
low rate I decided to go. Later Brad
and I decided that he would join
me at Zanesville and we would both
go on over to Columbus, neither of us
having ever been there. So Sunday

¹ Bradford W. Hiteshew is listed in the Zanesville, OH City Directory of 1905 as secretary of The Security Trust & Savings Co with rooms at 17 S. Fourth.

² A city in Ohio near Columbus, it is on the same train route to Columbus.

afternoon you may imagine me seeking
a shady spot in some Columbus park.

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The only thing I hate about it is the
early start and the long trip. But I have
wanted for a long time to see Columbus.

Miss Beisser, who boards at Mrs. Stahl-
man's is going over to Zanesville on the
same train so Mrs. Stahlman is going
to get us some breakfast at 6 o'clock.

The other George W. Sommer is boarding
at Mrs. Stahlman's. They call me No. 1
and him No. 2. He will open his law
office on Tuesday. He was in to see me
again a day or two ago, he must be
nearly my age, and has just begun the
practice of law after a varied expe-
rience in the west. The people in Mrs.
Hopkins' house say she is homesick
and they think the whole party has left
Aunt Lizzie's³. I said all along I thought

³ "Aunt Lizzie" is Elizabeth D. Woodbridge Wickes, sister of Lucy W. Summers. In 1905, she lived in Montana.

they would be back by Sept. 1st. You
asked what I told aunt Mat⁴ about
Coyle & Richardson's store.⁵ I don't re-
member an exact conversation but
I certainly did not tell her the store
was closed from Amy's⁶ death till the
time of the funeral. She evidently mis-
understood me, but by the time aunt

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Lizzie knows aunt Mat as well as
I do she will not pay any attention
to such discrepancies. You also
asked about the cemetery plot.⁷ I don't
see that it matters whose name it is
in. Perhaps, as you suggested it would
better be in Lewy's⁸ and mine, but I
don't care, so long as some of us have
title. Perhaps it would be best in two

⁴ "Aunt Mat" is Martha E. H. Woodbridge, wife of William D. Woodbridge who is Lucy Woodbridge's brother

⁵ A historic department store in Charleston, WV, opened in 1884, founded by George F. Coyle and J. Lynn Richardson, known as a major local retailer in the city.

⁶ "Amy" is Amacetta L. Summers, George Summers' sister, who passed away on July 4, 1905. She had been employed at Coyle & Richardson.

⁷ Probably refers to the cemetery plot where Amy Summers is buried at Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston, WV

⁸ George Summers' brother, Lewis Summers, Jr.

names in case anything should happen to either of us. Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Lockwood, Mrs. Peterkin and others have asked after you and sent messages to you. Also Mrs. Stahlman.

The camping party of which Mary Kenna and Frances Shrewsbury are members has had a most disagreeable time. They have tents which leak, as all tents do, and it has rained about every day since they started. The National Guard begins its camp here next week, there will be 1200 or 1400 men in the camp.

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Mr. Hornor wants me to help him some next week and I may do so. Mr. Garrard, one of his reporters, sent his wife and baby over to their old home at Xenia, Ohio, for a visit and while there the baby took sick and died. He is away still, so I will try to help Mr. Hornor out as much as I can.

Love to all

George.