

Index to Civil War in Bruce Family Papers

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| William P. Bruce [Carlisle, KY] to Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, KY]. Receipt of a check is acknowledged. The letter mentions family in the South, and the lack of communication do to the war. Cousin Pauline's upcoming wedding and other family news are also mentioned. | Feb. 4, 1862 | 4 | 110 | (Lack of) Communication, Health, Business, Weddings, Family news. |
| Anthony Kilgore [Fernleaf, KY] to Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, KY]. Lists the prices for slaves recently sold at auction. Details the current state of the Confederacy as reported by a visiting "Rebel acquaintance". Also includes some Kilgore family news. | July 14, 1862 | 4 | 111 | Rebels, Confederate, Yankees, Service, Army, Food, Clothing, War, Debt, Economy, Government, Health, Slaves. |
| Receipt of military assessment on Henry Bruce, Jr. by the Union Army, payable at the Odd Fellows Hall, Covington, KY. | Oct. 4, 1862 | 4 | 112 | Union, Army, Military. |
| J.G. Hickman [Maysville, KY] to Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, KY]. Mentions sale of Suspension Bridge stock, and requests that Bruce find a | Jan. 6, 1863 | 4 | 114 | Bridges, Property, Sale. |

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| purchaser for the property of a Mr. Ransom. | | | | |
| Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, KY] to Dr. William Bell. Civil War politics both on a national and state scale are discussed. There is a hint that other states may secede from the Union and join the Confederacy. Henry Bruce is also attempting to purchase a slave girl from Dr. Bell, but the Emancipation Proclamation and recent Confederate victories have driven up prices. | Jan. 26, 1863 | 4 | 115 | Slaves, Rebels, Battle, Politics, Nationalism, Patriotism. |
| Saul H. Clay to Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, KY]. The renting of a farm and the hiring out of slaves is discussed. | Jan. 29, 1863 | 4 | 116 | Slaves, Business. |
| Rev. S.L. Helm [Lexington, KY] to Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, KY]. Rev. Helm mentions a sermon he wrote during his recent imprisonment and offers to deliver it for the ill Nancy Bruce at her church, or at her funeral "if she can't get out". He writes that Henry Bruce is assured of finding slaves at a good price if he can send an agent to Lexington. He also mentions | June 21, 1863 | 4 | 117 | Religion, Health, War, Slaves, Politics, Human Nature. |

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| <p>that Greater Cincinnati is becoming a booming slave market. Kentucky politics and "infidel abolitionism" are also discussed.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Lucy M. Dorsey [Carlisle, KY] to Pauline S. Duke [Covington, KY]. Copies of a family photograph and family news are discussed.</p> | July 2, 1863 | 5 | 121 | Photographs [Ambrotype], Death, and Family news. |
| <p>Anthony Kilgore [Fernleaf, KY] to Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, KY]. Despite the news that "the rebellion is virtually ended", Kilgore believes that this is merely to increase enlistment in the Union army and that the war will not end soon. He also mentions passes needed to go South, and the lack of slaves for sale that Bruce may find suitable.</p> | July 27, 1863 | 5 | 122 | Government, Newspapers, Rebellion, Volunteers, Slave, Business. |
| <p>Pauline Bruce ["Richland" (Carlisle), KY] to Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, KY]. News of the child Hally's recovery from illness. Also included is commentary on the war news from Tennessee, and local rebel sentiments. Pauline also sent her father a copy of a poem, "The Rebel's Dream", written by</p> | Sept. 10, 1863 | 5 | 125 | Illness, Family news, President Lincoln, Abolition, Rebels, Poetry, Prison. |

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| Col. Basil W. Duke in the Ohio State Prison, August, 1863. She details the history of the poem as it was smuggled out of the prison. | | | | |
| James H. Bruce [Nashville, TN] to Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, KY]. James Bruce mentions that he is working for the <i>Nashville Union</i> , an abolitionist newspaper, because it was the only job he could find. He discusses procuring travel passes and the need to swear a loyalty oath, something he has avoided because of his newspaper employment. He finds this amusing as "there are only two Union men in the office". The present worth of Confederate money is discussed, as both possess such currency. James also updates his cousin on Ely and Sally Bruce who barely escaped before General Bragg's army. Bragg used their house for his headquarters. The house was burned after General Rosecrans arrived. | Oct. 16, 1863 | 5 | 126 | Abolition, Union, Real Estate, Farming, Money, Family news. |
| Lucy M. Dorsey [Carlisle, KY] to Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, | Dec. 3, 1863 | 5 | 127 | Family news, coded? |

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| <p>KY]. The letter contains only family news conveyed in an odd fashion that indicates the letter may have been written in code.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Mary Bruce [Covington, KY] to Brother S.L. Helm. Describes the death of her mother on 5 December.</p> | <p>Dec. 25, 1863</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>129</p> | <p>Family news, Death, Illness, Religion.</p> |
| <p>F.M. Bruce [Brandenburgh, KY] to Henry Bruce, Jr. [Covington, KY]. Henry Bruce has sent a slave boy as a gift to F.M.'s son, Henry. F.M. Bruce writes that he has no room for the boy at present, but will take him later. He also complains about the lack of letters from a friend in the army.</p> | <p>May 10, 1864</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>131</p> | <p>Slaves, (Lack of) Communication, Army.</p> |
| <p>Pauline Bruce Duke ["Richland" (Carlisle), KY] to her mother, Mary Bruce [Covington, KY]. Mentions the steady "loss" of slaves in the local area, and the recruitment of negro troops. Mentions the capture of cousin John Holiday, a major in the Confederate army, at Cynthiana, KY. Otherwise, the letter is filled with general family news. A separate page was included which obviously did not</p> | <p>July 8, 1864</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>132</p> | <p>Slaves, Summer, Weather, Recruitment, Confederate, Family news.</p> |

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| belong as it was written in 1865. The second letter is located in Folder 137a. | | | | |
| Henry Bruce, Jr. [Bancroft House, New York City, NY] to his wife, Mary Bruce [Covington, KY]. Bruce mentions his poor financial circumstances and his loss of another slave. He urges his wife to sell some property in Covington, as real estate is doing much better there than in New York. He also orders his Confederate money exchanged for gold immediately, as the value of the currency continues to drop. Bruce discusses the upcoming presidential election, and mentions the possibility of moving from Covington to Cincinnati, though he hopes it will not be necessary. Interestingly, he mentions receiving a neighbor's letter via Canada. | Sept. 28, 1864 | 5 | 135 | Illness, Election, Education, President Lincoln, Union, Slaves, Property, Real Estate. |
| End of year retrospective by Henrietta Bruce. | Dec. 31, 1864 | 5 | 136 | New Year, Celebration. |
| Henry Bruce, Jr. [Madison Square Hotel, New York City, NY] to his daughter, Nannie Bruce | Jan. 6, 1865 | 5 | 137 | Religion, Health, Entertainment, Family news. |

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| [Covington, KY]. | | | | |
| Henrietta Bruce [Continental Hotel, Long Branch, NJ] to her cousin, Lucy Dorsey. Gossip and social news. | Aug. 4, 1867 | 5 | 141 | Religion, Education, Entertainment, Family news. |
| Invitation addressed to the "Misses Bruce" to hear music at the home of Madame Mears, 21 February. | Feb. 21, 1868 | 5 | 143 | Music, Party, Entertainment. |
| Henry Weaver Bruce [Warrenton, GA] to his sister. Details some of the difficulties of living in the war-ravaged South. | Feb. 9, 1868 | 5 | 144 | Family news, War, Slaves, Elderly. |
| Henry Bruce, Jr. [Maltby House, 23 Great Jones St., New York, NY] to his brother, James Bruce. Discusses his financial trouble, and the possibilities of moving back into the country. Mostly family news. | June 12, 1869 | 5 | 147 | Poverty, Real Estate, Property, Money, Labor, South, Clothes, Economy, Health, Family news. |
| James Bruce [Lowndisville?, SC] to his brother, Henry Bruce, Jr. [New York, NY]. Discusses his farming prospects, with emphasis on the trouble of employing a "lazy thrifty thinking Free Negro". He also mentions other local business attempts including a gold mine and a chartered railroad. Predictions on the future of the South | June 28, 1869 | 5 | 148 | Slaves, Local, Business, Agriculture, Economy, Farming, Mining, Predictions. |

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