Belle R. Greene to George W. Martin

In this correspondence with George W. Martin, Belle R. Greene, daughter of Jesse Greene, discusses the material covered in her father's papers from the period when he worked at the Shawnee Indian Methodist Manual Labor School. As Belle Greene indicates in her letters to G.W. Martin, her father's papers are full of details regarding the individuals he dealt with at the Methodist school.

Creator: Greene, Belle R.

Date: March 28, 1907-April 3, 1907

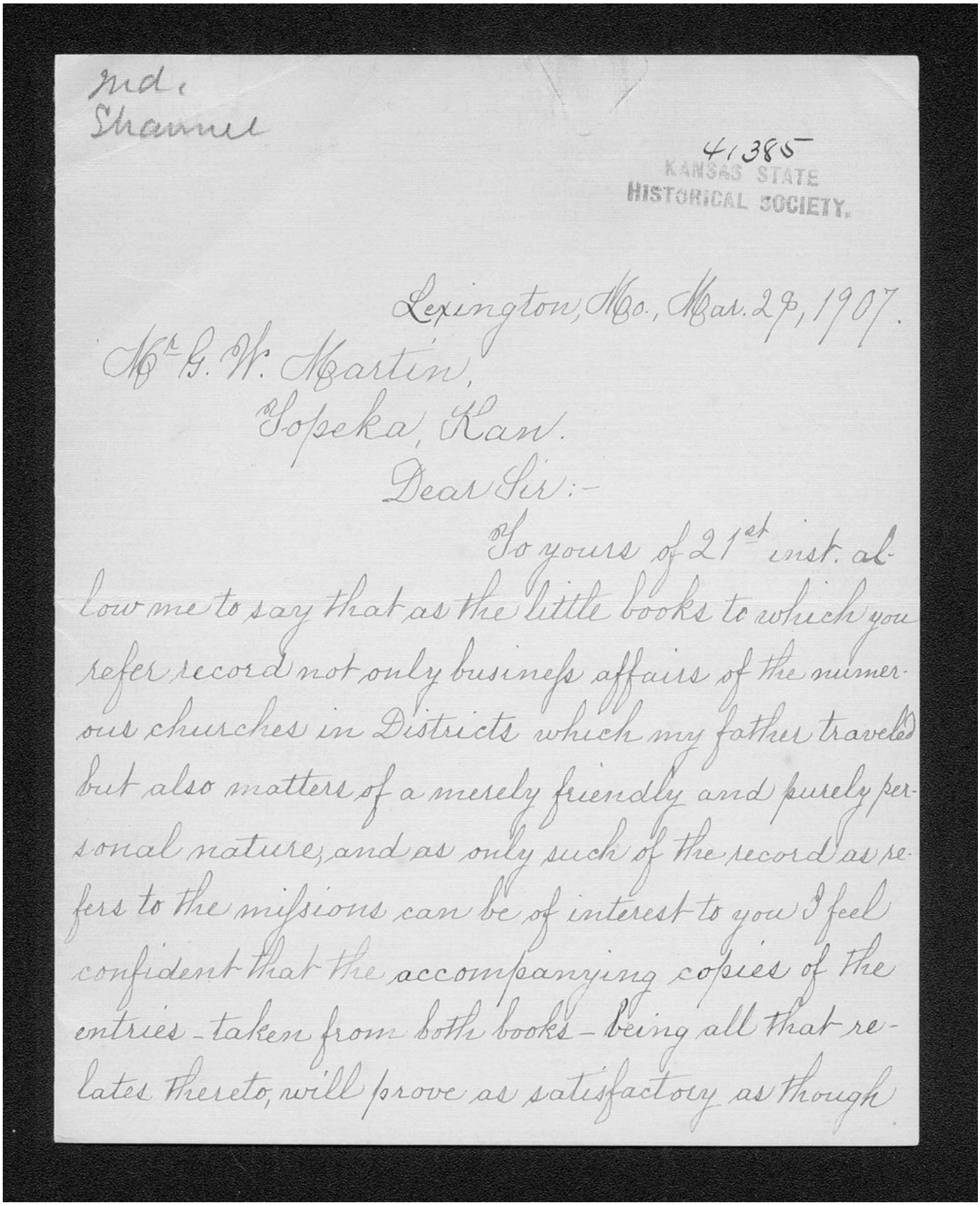
Callnumber: Indian History Coll. #590, Box 6 Folder: Shawnee-Missions-Methodist-Greene, Jesse

KSHS Identifier: DaRT ID: 219727

Item Identifier: 219727

www.kansasmemory.org/item/219727

Belle R. Greene to George W. Martin



Ind.
Shawnee

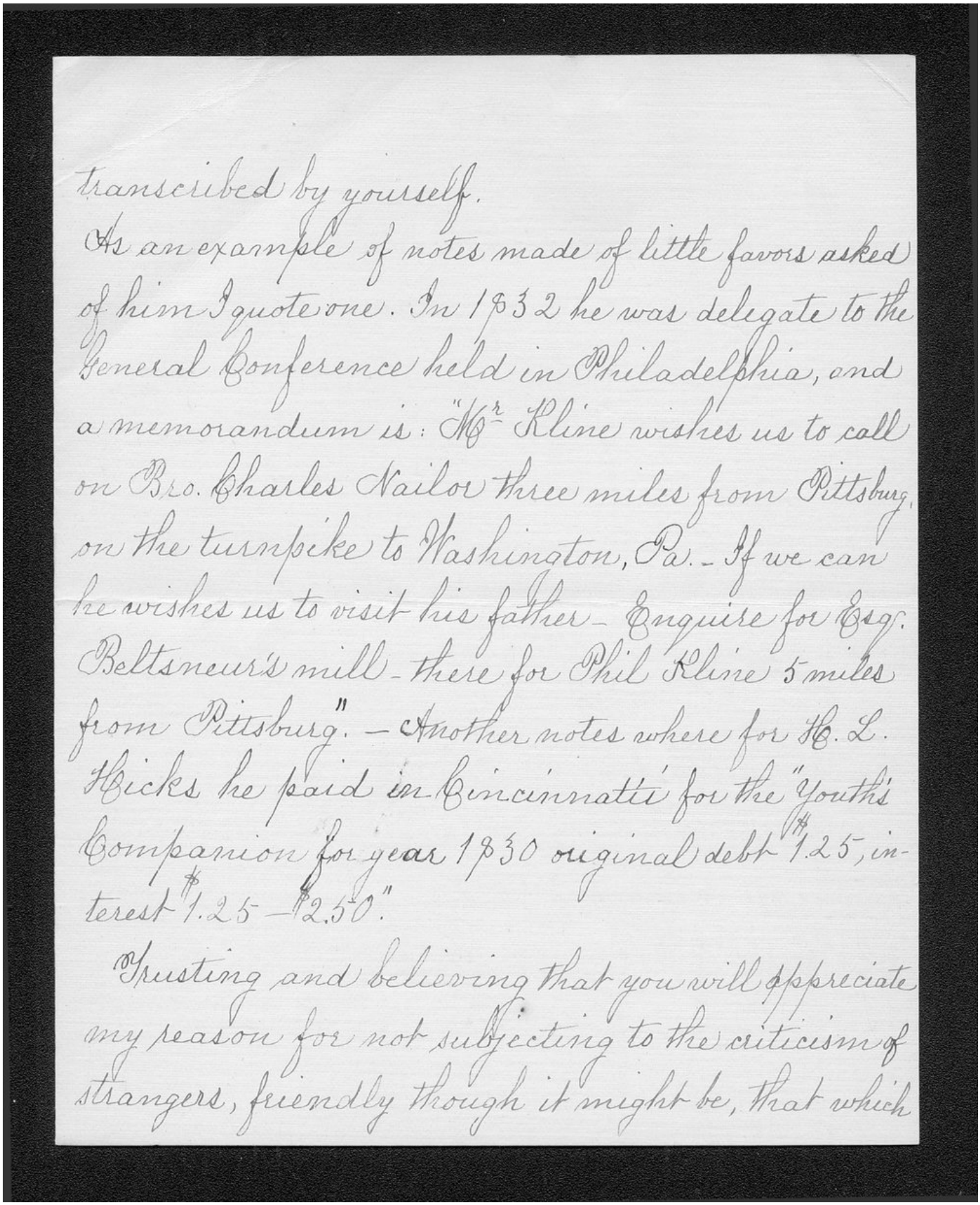
41385
KANSAS STATE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Lexington, Mo., Mar. 29, 1907.

Mr. G. W. Martin,
Topeka, Kan.

Dear Sir:-

To yours of 21st inst. allow me to say that as the little books to which you refer record not only business affairs of the numerous churches in Districts which my father traveled but also matters of a merely friendly and purely personal nature, and as only such of the record as refers to the missions can be of interest to you I feel confident that the accompanying copies of the entries - taken from both books - being all that relates thereto, will prove as satisfactory as though

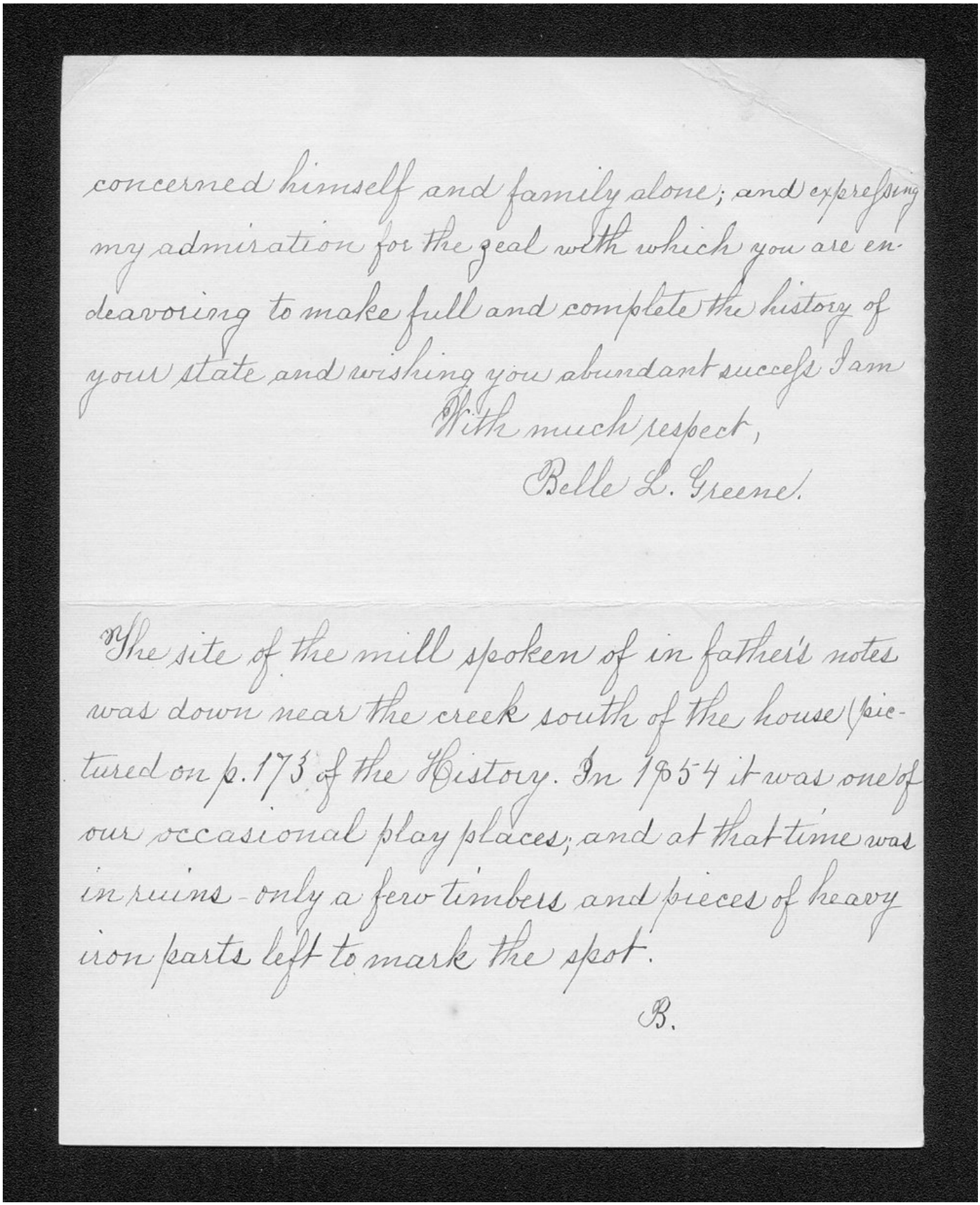


transcribed by yourself.

As an example of notes made of little favors asked of him I quote one. In 1932 he was delegate to the General Conference held in Philadelphia, and a memorandum is: "Mr. Kline wishes us to call on Bro. Charles Nailor three miles from Pittsburg, on the turnpike to Washington, Pa. – If we can he wishes us to visit his father – Enquire for Esq. Beltzneur's mill – there for Phil Kline 5 miles from Pittsburg." – Another notes where for H. L. Hicks he paid in Cincinnati for the "Youth's Companion for year 1930 original debt $1.25, interest $1.25 – $2.50."

Trusting and believing that you will appreciate my reason for not subjecting to the criticism of strangers, friendly though it might be, that which

Belle R. Greene to George W. Martin



concerned himself and family alone; and expressing my admiration for the zeal with which you are endeavoring to make full and complete the history of your state and wishing you abundant success I am

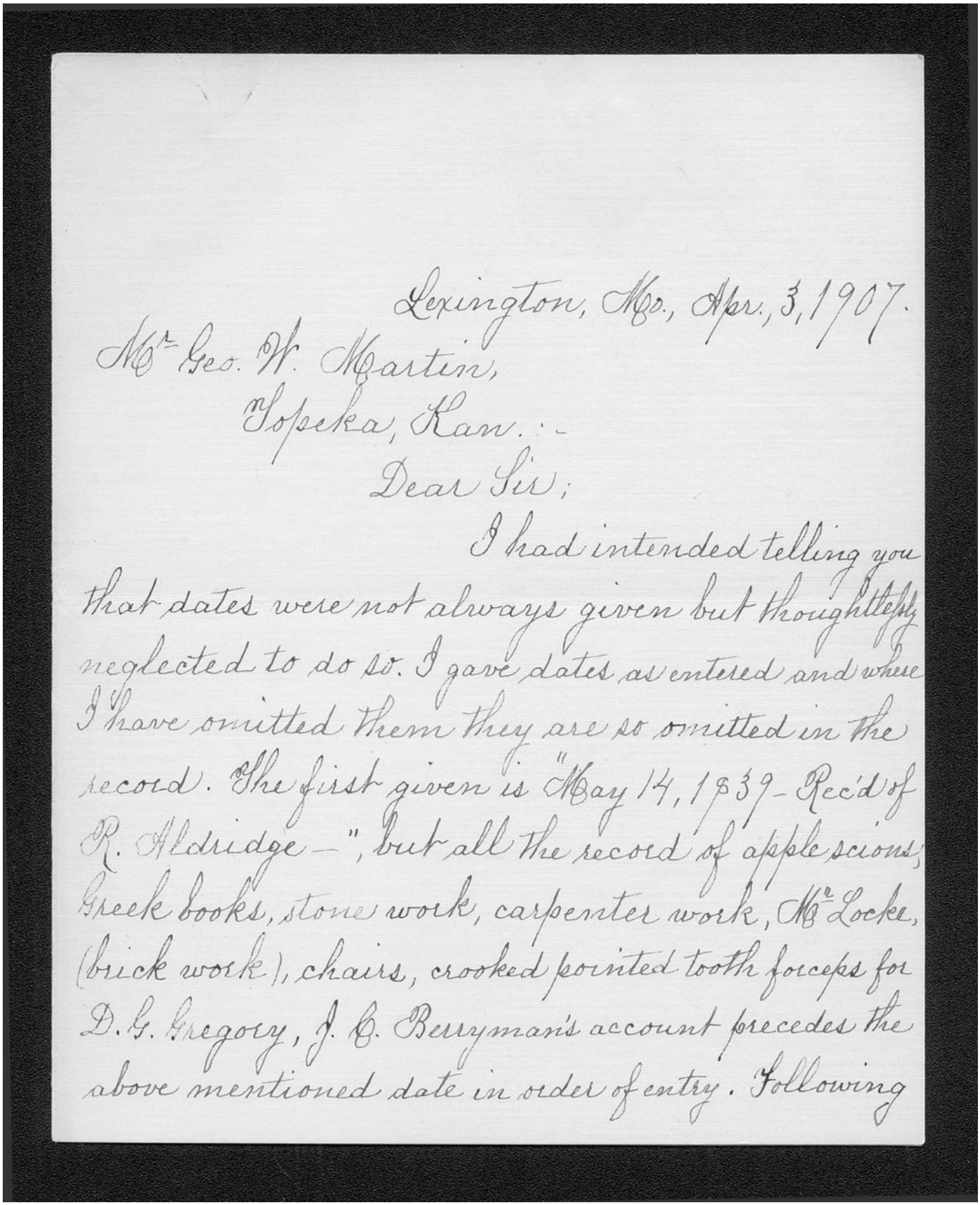
With much respect,

Belle L. Greene.

The site of the mill spoken of in father's notes was down near the creek south of the house (pictured on p. 173 of the History. In 1954 it was one of our occasional play places, and at that time was in ruins - only a few timbers and pieces of heavy iron parts left to mark the spot.

B.

Belle R. Greene to George W. Martin

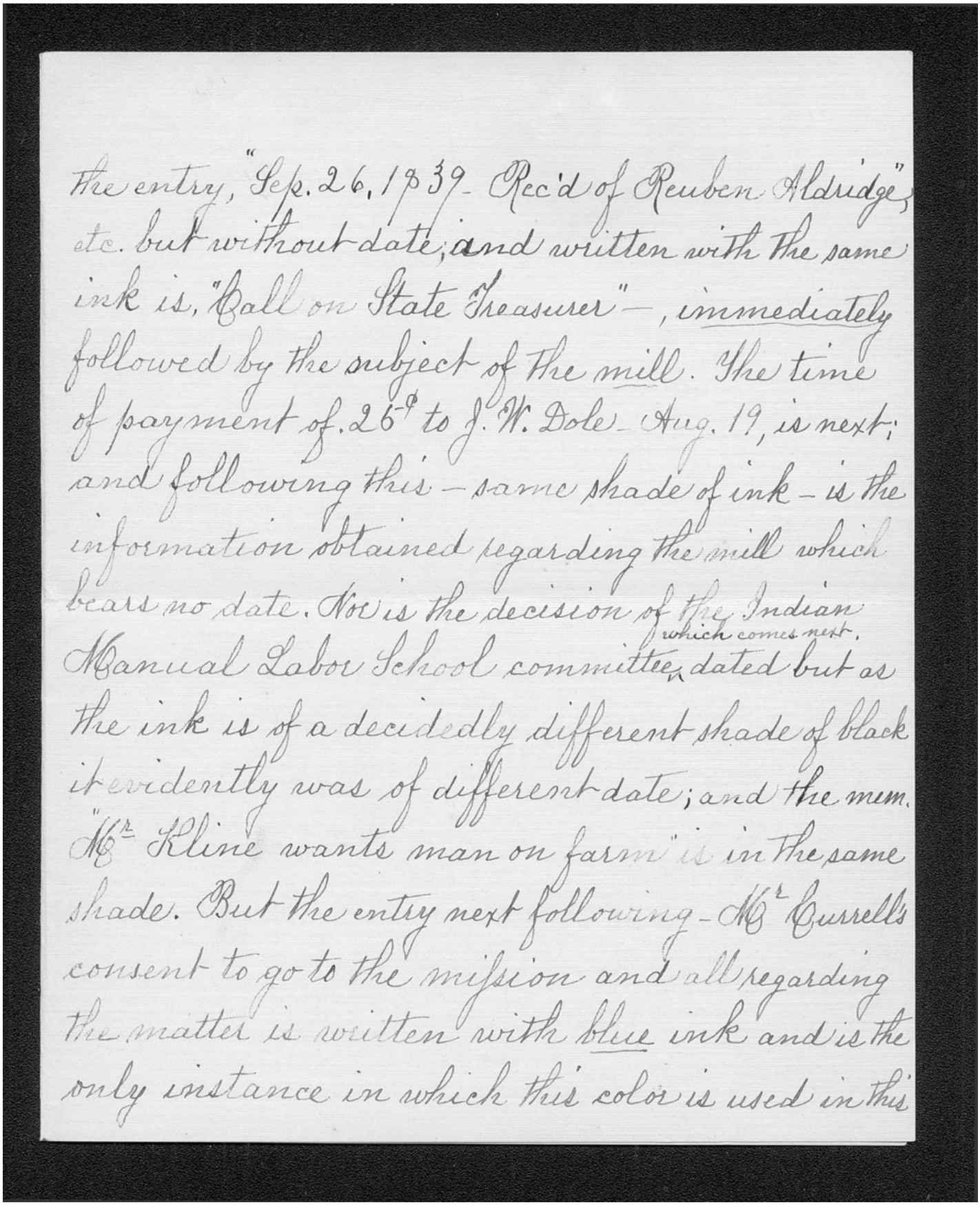


Lexington, Mo., Apr. 3, 1907.

Mr. Geo. W. Martin,
Topeka, Kan.:-

Dear Sir;

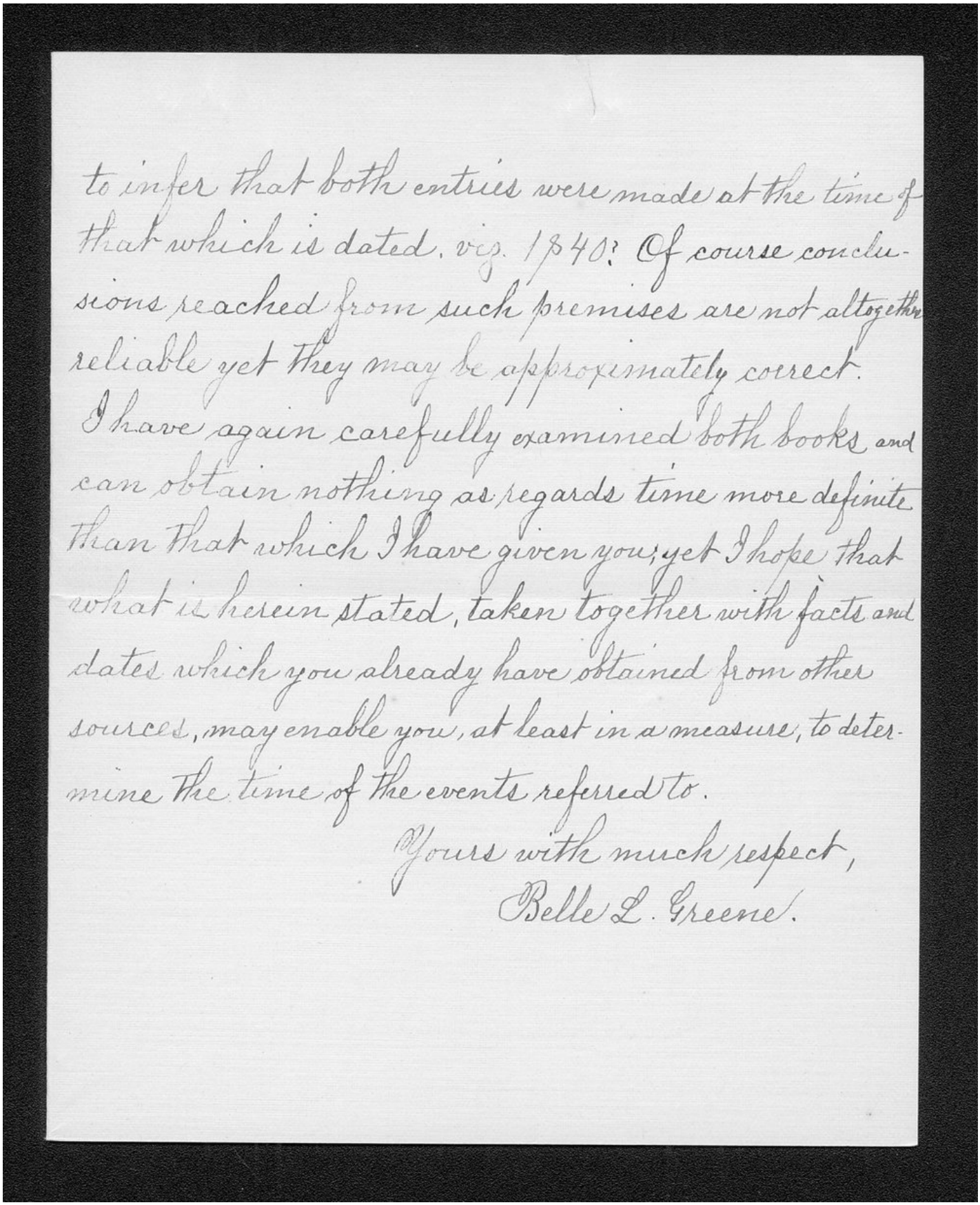
I had intended telling you that dates were not always given but thoughtlessly neglected to do so. I gave dates as entered and where I have omitted them they are so omitted in the record. The first given is "May 14, 1839 - Rec'd of R. Aldridge -", but all the record of apple scions, Greek books, stone work, carpenter work, Mr. Locke, (brick work), chairs, crooked pointed tooth forceps for D. G. Gregory, J. C. Berryman's account precedes the above mentioned date in order of entry. Following



the entry, "Sep. 26, 1839 - Rec'd of Reuben Aldridge", etc. but without date; and written with the same ink is, "Call on State Treasurer" —, immediately followed by the subject of the mill. The time of payment of .26[cts] to J. W. Dole - Aug. 19, is next; and following this — same shade of ink — is the information obtained regarding the mill which bears no date. Nor is the decision of the Indian Manual Labor School committee, which comes next, dated but as the ink is of a decidedly different shade of black it evidently was of different date; and the mem. "Mr Kline wants man on farm" is in the same shade. But the entry next following - Mr Currell's consent to go to the mission and all regarding the matter is written with blue ink and is the only instance in which this color is used in this

book. In the Personal Expense book this ink is used in but two places: First where the "Expenses to General Conference" are itemized by my father as his private expense and the other place is where the traveling expenses - rail-road, canal boat, packet, dinner, etc. - of Thomas Johnson are made note of; these latter entries are dated "1840" - my father's expense account bears no date, but farther on his "expenses to General Conference" is added to his "expenses from Baltimore," and this Baltimore Conference was held May 1 - June 3, 1840. As these two records are the only ones made with blue ink in one book and the Burrell consent the only instance where this color is used in the other book, and the ink is exactly the same shade of blue would it not be reasonably safe

Belle R. Greene to George W. Martin



to infer that both entries were made at the time of that which is dated, viz. 1840? Of course conclusions reached from such premises are not altogether reliable yet they may be approximately correct.

I have again carefully examined both books and can obtain nothing as regards time more definite than that which I have given you; yet I hope that what is herein stated, taken together with facts and dates which you already have obtained from other sources, may enable you, at least in a measure, to determine the time of the events referred to.

Yours with much respect,

Belle L. Greene.