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## Dear Friends:

A bone-chilling Springtime to each of you, from both Anna Hawes Greaves your President, and from me, your Secretary.

In the Newsletter of March, 1997 -- Number Fifteen, copying was begun from the diary of Dr. Edwin Galliton Coleman who went from Arkansas to Kentucky to attend Medical School at Jefferson College in Louisville. This Newsletter will continue copying his Diary, which has come to me through the courtesy of our member Catherine Hawes Coleman Seaman (cousin Kitty), of Faber, Virginia.

Called "Gally", he was born in February, 1848, the son of Hawes Harris Coleman and wife, MAE---her full name being Mary Ann Elizabeth Harris Coleman, but referred to as MAE)

In the Newsletter #15, we left the young aspiring doctor from Arkansas on Friday, the 26th of January, 1872. Picking it up at this point, the Diary continues:

Sat. 27: Failed to get a "Baptist" today. (newspaper)

Went to S School this a.m. Heard Mr. Hawthorne, Sun. Jan. 28: Broadway Baptist church. Wrote to Turner (Daniel Turner McCallum) Nothing unusual occurred at college.

Tues. Jan. 30: The day of the Duke Alexes' arrival has come. Went to Galt House with friends and await train. Large crowd went into gentlemens' sitting room to watch the carriage as it drove up. Mounted police and Duke in open carriage arrived...Cheers! The Russian and American flags being side by side - in amnity after a while crowds left "His Majesty" in quiet possession of his rooms -- in that Alpha of all Hotels, The "Galt House".

Wed. Jan. 31, 1872 - Ball at hotel a complete success. Miss Morton, a niece of Dr. Cummings was honored by the Duke.

Getting to college late from the clinic. Went to Nashville depot to get better view of His Royalty. Went to river and saw many skating. I borrowed skates and skated. Fell and was sore later from falls.

Next day went with Wiley, a student, and skated til dark. Cut 2 classes (lectures)..Prof. Crow's. I disliked to miss but Chemistry was not very valuable. Letter from Rick (young brother, Richard Hawes Coleman) pretty good, his first attempt. Albert Goodwin of Georgia left 9 A.M. We regretted his departure.

Sat. Feb. 3 Feb. 4 pretty good, his first attempt. Albert Goodwin of Georgia left 9 A.M. We regretted his departure. Went with Langly to Bank 1 P.M. Snowing hard Went with Paine to express office to get pkg. Came down with measles. Several students here have it. Notes Thurs Oct 5, 1872 - Prof. E.R. Palmer CARY ANN TYLER, Owensboro HEART M. TYLER - Owensboro Had to walk in middle of street -- due to snow. found a 10¢ bill..first ever found, so I'm recording event.

a 10¢ bill..first ever found, so I'm recording event Coughed all night and sleep broken. This A.M. felt tired and worn out. Paid very little attention to lectures and glad when they ended. Letter from sister. Her entire family was sick. Instead of going to Holland's lecture, I answered sister's letter.

Tues. Feb. 6

Coughing and sneezing all night and didn't sleep. Have some fever and perspiring. Very restless. with a burning sensation about my eyes. I remained in the house during the day. Thought it best to skip lecture than take risk of catching more cold. Yesterday, took 2 doses of carbammonia - 4 grs. each, in some milk. Took hot ginger tea most of next day, with some relief. I asked Paine to tell Dr. Bell to come round to see me. Paine has been sick several days and decided to go to his home. Wiley also leaves us at 7 p.m. "Measles" came out on my face, very thickly. Dr. Bell arrived at dark and recommended a "hot foot bath" and hot lemonade.

Thurs, Feb. 8

My fever abated some. Vomited. Measles spreading over my body

Fri. 9th

Mrs. Jones brought me a letter from William (William Coleman). It made me feel much better. Pa's letter sent to wrong address.

Sat. 10th

Stephenson departed at 8 on train. He was an undesirable companion. Langley came in to see me. No "Baptist" paper or letters came.

Sun. 11th

Nesbit went to church and left me. I felt lonely. I dressed and bought can of peaches and enjoyed it.

Mon. 12th Letter from Miss Mary Blair. Nesbit returned ice skates I borrowed from Mr. Butler some days ago. Blair and Webster moved here. The "Baptist" paper came late. noticed in "Baptist" articles...one from L. R. Graves; the other from Monticello in which G. J. Johnson is represented as a rather bad character. Nothing more than I expected (\_\_\_\_, illegible word) when I saw him at Arkadelphia in the "B" convention of 1870. We thought him then to be a conceited big-headed Joke. Tues. 13th A storm of wind & rain was raging when the boys left for college but now the sun is shining beautifully. My appetite returning. Am still weak. Still confined to my room Wed. 14th Thurs. 15 Got up and went to P.O. and mailed letters to William (my brother). Went to Mr. Davis' office. Took a streetcar and rode to the gate of my boarding house. Signs of measles were still on my face. Miss Leda Wigginton came over. also Miss Flora. Fri 16th Intended going to college today but it was cold & rainy and gloomy..decided not to. Went to Pastors. Misses Leda & Flora did not go to school due to bad weather. No fire in parlor. Sat 17 Several inches of snow have fallen. Still confined to my room. Measles gone now. Navigation in bad weather impossible. A trip to Memphis became each day a certainty. I had been looking forward to visiting relatives with much pleasure. Sun 18 The weather has been too unfavorable for me to venture out. Wrote letter to Coz. Ann (Ann Hawes Coleman) Went to college - my gait was slow. The boys have thinned Mon 19 out terribly...many familiar faces being absent and sadness progressed over me. I had seen a great deal of them for the last time. I went around to see Edwin about leaving and he seemed Tues 20 more lively and happy than I had seen him before. He showed me a picture which he said it was his betrothed. He said he was going home during the coming evening and return Sun. to take his BRIDE with him on the 29th. I was astonished! 5 Professors gave us their departing lectures today --Wed 21st D.W. Yandell, & Parrior, G. W. Boyles, Jno Cowan and R. C. Cowling. Prof. Yandell was of much good advice for our future lives Thurs 22 whilst Prof Parrides was full of encouragement. The closing day has arrived. In a few days the alumni of this Alma Mater will be scattered over this broad land... each to work out his own future. J. M. Bodine and L.P. Yandell and Dr. Palmer and J. W. Holland wound up the scenes. I was absent from Holland's lecture, making arrangements for my homeward trip which was a disappointment to me. I bought 5 Bks. and something for the home folks. Miss Leda spent the day but I was out and missed her. I got my ticket on the "Andes". I bid farewell to my roommates with a heaviness in my heart. Fri 23rd Misses Flora and Leda ran off without a parting word. Leda possesses a fascinating power, which was irrestable and I loved her but should I write it, as I never expect to meet her again, and the "spell" will soon be numbered

with the things that were --- went aboard the Andes and the clock told me they would leave at 3 P.M. With a light heart I proceeded to my room -- alas, at 4 only to cross the river to New Albany. At 8:15 pm they were still putting on freight

Sat 24th

From the noise overhead, my sleep was the best imaginable when I rose at 7 am. We were 40 miles of Owensboro and at 10:15 am we are still 35 miles distant. At Fells City, a town of a few inhabitants there, are manufactories of wagons & chairs. Rained all next morning. I've become discouraged & went to bed -- I was aroused by the gong for supper, 6 or 8 miles yet to Owensboro. At 8, landed, put my trunk in charge of the wharf \_\_\_\_\_...a negro man conducted me to Dick Taylor's, which I fancied was the place to go. I was warmly received by Coz. Mollie, Coz. D's wife, and spent a pleasant evening. Coz. D's brother, Ben, was present.

Sun 25th

Ben and I went to Baptist church. Ben pointed out Coz Sallie McCleary & Betty and Heart Tyler. Ate dinner at Coz Mollie's. Met Ed Taylor. Bem returned home and I accompanied Ed to his father's. There Coz Eliza, Uncle Ed's oldest daughter, greeted me at the door with a kiss. we went into a room and the "one" to whom I was introduced I attempted to kiss but met with a failure and could have crept through a auger hole but didn't -- I did not offer to do to the 2nd likewise, nor the 3rd, nor the 4th, and the lady would not kiss.

In a short time, Sue, Ed's youngest daughter came in and by this time I could scarcely tell one from the other. due time I learned the name of the 1st introduced to be Coz Cary -- the 2nd, Coz Heart, the 3rd, Coz Cecilia and

the 4th. Hawes and the 5th, Maggie.

Mon 26th

Coz Sue and Ed left for Louisville this evening on board the "Tarascon" to attend Ed Hawes' marriage. I visited Aunt Adell's family after seeing them aboard and escorted by Coz Ellen (Mrs. Triplett) reviewed the city of Owensboro. We stopped to see Coz Nina, wife of Dr. Tyler. After supper I proceeded to Coz Sallie's, daughter of Tom McCready who married Uncle Ed's daughter. There I was introduced to Coz Betty, Kitty, Cynthia and Ann and also to Bob and Hawes, the 2 sons.

Tues 27

From McCreary's we returned to Mr. Tylers and were met at the door by "Coz Cary." As I looked on her bright face, the . Campbell came with impression force: words of The world was sad, the garden was wild

And a Man, the hermit sighed til woman smiled We rode on excellent horses and were at Uncle Ed's before I was aware of it. I was introduced to Coz Clara -- I thought she was very pretty and amiable (she married Dr. Russell)

Wed 28th

I helped Ben and Dick saw wood this evening. Thurs. Feb. 29, 1872 Ed's marriage day had come -- snow fell --6 inches to eight inches... I forgot to mention my 24 birthday... Alas...so old and such a small amount of knowledge. I have wasted most valuable time, that shall ever be remembered, with the things that were. About 2 p.m. I started down to Coz Dick Hawes' to bring Coz Ella (Uncle Ed's next youngest). He was not home having gone to Yelvington with his father-in-law

and of course he knew-me-not though I knew him (the boy with me told me). Coz Molly, Sue  $\S$  Hattie (Uncle Ben's daughters) were there. Coz Ella was impatient to leave and we remained but a short time

Fri March 1, 1872

The day for the arrival of the bride & groom has come and we are all excited. As the time came for their apperance, we would run to the door to see if they were in sight. Hours passed and the bridal party was still absent. Coz Clara & Ella became uneasy. After many hours of watching, they were relieved by the arrival of the party about 5 or 6 P.M.Miss Annie Phillips, Miss Dolly North and Mr. Dick Phillips were among the crowd. Coz Eloise was very sweet-looking -- Coz Clara served a splendid dinner and ample justice was done to it. It snowed a little this morning, with prospect of more to come. Ed Taylor came out with the party and did not go to Owensboro which will be a great disappointment to her and equally as great, to myself.

Sat. 2nd of Mar. 1872

Dick Phillips and myself walked out to look at the city of Yelvington. The day passed by monotenously to me; I did not enjoy the young ladies company, preserving my usual reticense when in their presence.

Sun. 3rd Three of Uncle Gib Taylor's sons, Coz Bob, John and Penn spent the day with us and remained all night. Went to church, became acquainted with Coz Richard & Kate Eagle and also of Coz Sam. Coz Mag left this a.m. to be on time for her school tomorrow.

Mon 4th Ed and Ella returned to the scene of her labor - down in the flats and I accompanied her. Spent an hour at Coz Richard's and then returned to see guests off. I feel relieved that they are gone. I didn't feel like or enjoy talking to them. The morning looked gloomy and every indication of rain...Sun came out.

After promising Coz Ella to return for her and Coz Hart to attend dinner at Coz George's, I started home

March 21 - Thursday - 1872. Days have passed since this book has been written and events of an important nature have transpired. But of these things, time alone can reveal the fact. On the 4th having to go to Owensboro, I found out that Coz Cary and Heart could not be at the dinner because there was no one to bring them out. Arrangements were made and Thursday evening I returned to Owensboro - & was to come out during the next evening. Friday morning was ushered in with rain - which settled the question. It served only as a better excuse, however, for Mr. Tyler had decided against the trip on account of the roads. To make the best of it, we concluded to pay Coz Milly Herr a visit and although the walking was rather muddy, I enjoyed it, as also did the others and we had a splendid time until Sat. evening.

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Ed helped me hitch up the buggy and with Coz Eloise, guitar, a fiddle & game chicken for Uncle Gib I started to Uncle Ed's. The drive was a dreary and cheerless one and I was pretty chilly on my arrival. Coz Mag and Ed & Cary were preparing

just ready to travel the road. Altho the snow was falling - I ate my dinner and warmed a little and with a little persuasion, was ready to accompany them back to Owensboro. The snow fell on us most of the trip - but nevertheless, we enjoyed ourselves -- with singing and hollering at the mules which were very slow.

At this point, we will leave his Diary until another Newsletter, later on and hope you will agree with my decision because there are a few other things which belong in this March '98 letter.

First, I want to thank each of you who filled my mail-box with very beautiful Christmas cards -- it is nice to be remembered and my grand-daughter, Clare, stapled them to green velvet ribbon and they were hanging from everywhere... at door openings, from the mantel, and most everywhere. Very festive, I'd say.

While I have no new babies to WELCOME TO THE WORLD, want to report the death of a brother-in-law...Robert Blythe, husband of my sister, Martha. Robbie died the day before Thanksgiving of '97, after more than two years of various illnesses. He is survived by his wife and four children, and he is very much missed by his family.

While we left Gally in a snow-storm, he was whooping and hollering, and if you have a difficult time recognizing some of these people, your Richard Hawes book will show you just WHO HE WAS -- he is in the family of Ann Hawes (first child of Richard & Clary Walker Hawes) and she married her cousin, William Harris Coleman (1787-1842). THEIR first child was Hawes Harris Coleman (1812-1901) who married MAE. Dr. Edwin Gallatin Coleman was the 6th child of this union...he married Mamie Boodie and they had four children.

I believe when the young doctor got to all those kin-folks' houses, and was welcomed into their environs, he saw all "his own people" as happy individuals, bonded together with meaningful ties of love and kinship amongst "all those Haweses". The record shows he died at the early age of 37 -- but all his descendants have his Diary to read and his memory is sacred to them.

Feel free to write - enjoy the Springtime (when it comes) and we'll continue with Gally's Kentucky experiences in October. Best wishes to each one of you from Anna and from

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Divy copied as he wrote - Oftentimes he funt mis spelled names but Dide not change his waiting.