

Marion Hungerford Townsend [632] (May)





**Transcript of a Letter Marion wrote to her mother about her Uncle Aubrey
[621]**

[part letter to her mother] early 1891?

.... Uncle A [621] never signed any Will. There was one made out when Mr. Somerville was here - but he did not sign it then - & there was that fuss about Ed [630] copying it, & wanting him to sign his copy - but Uncle A. never has signed that or any other. But he is talking and making arrangements about it now. I think he wrote to you on the subject yesterday. I think he has told you that he wishes me to be executor. I do not know of any reason against it. I had not thought of it - but it seems to satisfy him & make him happy - & it can do no one else harm & I expect I know more about his affairs than any one else, so I should think he might be allowed to have his way in this - without being worried & bothered. - His intention is to make you 'Residuary Legatee' - but you had better not mention anything of this to E. as he probably expects to be both ex. & Res. Leg. - I am so glad G.M. has sent you £4. & a

grey silk will be sure to look extremely nice. I am sorry you were so laid up, but hope this nice weather is doing you good, though it must be rather hot in London. I could not help being surprised at your proposing to come here again, after your visit last summer. As to not bothering him with business - it is an impossibility for you to see him without his talking over any amount of business matters whether you wish it or no. I am quite sure it would be the worst thing for him in every way. The mere fact of your coming would excite him - & all excitement of any kind is so bad for him. He is fairly well in himself now as things go, & I certainly don't want to have him on my hands again in the same state he was in after your last visit. - Besides - I have not said - that the Lakes would probably - I may say certainly - refuse to receive you here again. I should have thought you had seen enough of Woodbine. I smoothed down things for your visit last year, & I was very sorry I had done so - but I have no intention of doing so again. - You will probably think what I have said very rude & improper, for which I am sorry, but I cannot say what I mean in other words. I must stop now, as it is near dinner time & I am ever Yr. loving May.

Transcript of a letter from Marianne Townsend [5D16] to Edward Townsend's [630] mother in law concerning Kathleen's aspirations to train as a nurse

[undated, probably December. 1894]

Fiaraglioni Hotel, Capri.

My dear Mrs. Young,

As Eddie's only letter to me giving his address has been mislaid for some days owing to changing from one room to another, I enclose to you a letter for him, containing a cheque, wh. I shall be much obliged if you will kindly address & send off to him by first post after it reaches you. I fear he will hardly get it now by Xmas day, but I was prevented from sending it sooner. I hope you are better. I am fairly well & very busy painting all day long sometimes, in the Paradiso for artists. I love the place more & more, it is so full of beauty everywhere. I am painting in oils - both landscapes & figures - & have now a very fine model sitting to me - the first I have attempted - head & bust, nearly life size, so you see I am getting on, but the damp weather here is very trying, so I am going back to Naples for the worst part of the winter wh. usually comes after Xmas. Best Xmas wishes for you all from your's affectionately M.O.Townshend.

Kathleen is spending Christmas with the Johnstones at Fulford Hall - delighted to be with them again, & she hopes later on to get into St. Thomas' Hospital to train as a nurse. She is bent on it, but I don't like it for her. May is very happy in her work in the Women's & Children's Hospital in Cork, & is to spend Xmas with friends at New Court.

Transcript of a letter from Marion to her brother Edward [630] about leaving the Kent Nursing Institution

June 15th. 1898.

Crispin House, Vale Road,
Southborough, Kent.

My dear Ted,

I enclose a cheque for £15, which I intended to have sent June 1st. but was very busy. I came here on Monday & Aunt B has started today on a holiday while I

take her place. She has gone on her tricycle to Hankhurst, a little place in Sussex - where she is going to stay with a friend.....I have now left the Kent nursing Institution, & am going to take a good long holiday & hope to go out to another in Oct. I have been nursing nearly 5 years now, & want a good long rest from work. The last case I had about a month ago was very hard work - measles - in a cottage - the whole family in bed, father, mother, & 5 children!! We had to get another nurse as the father & mother were very ill, but I am glad to say they all recovered. This is a very pretty place, the country all round is lovely. I hope you are all well. My love to Jessie & the children. I hope to come & see you some time, now I am not so tied. How does Jessie like Clapham? G.M. sends her love. Yr. affect's sister May.
G.M. says she is longing for news of you.

Transcript of a letter from Marion to her brother Edward [630] about her work in the field hospital

December 13th. 1915

Annexe a, Hopital 43
Veules-les-Roses,
Seine Inferieme, France.

Dear Edward,

The above is my address, same as last winter, except the number, as we are now an annexe to the American Hospital at St. Valery. Everyone is delighted to have us back, as the place was very badly managed after we left, & was closed in July. We have 28 French wounded & the dressings take us all the morning. I have one nurse to help me in the day, & one on night duty. I am dreadfully sorry to hear of Dr. Tatham's loss. I must write to him. I do not know at all who the Gen. Townshend is. I am writing to Ireland to inquire. Ernest Townsend (/536/) of Myross is not the man I am sure. I should have heard. He was retired as Major only, years ago.....We felt that awful explosion at Havre here, though 70 miles away. Love to all Yr. affect. sister May.