



### The Weather.

When we contrast the driving drenching storm of Saturday, with the bright sunshine an delightful atmosphere of yesterday we may exclaim with Macbeth – “So foul so fair a day we have not seen!”



The rain fell in torrents with scarcely any intermission during the whole of Saturday, and was accompanied with a strong wind from the Northwest. The day must have been a rough one at sea, while on shore it effectually put a stop to outdoor business. Inclement and disagreeable as was the day, the rain was not unwelcome. It had been long enough needed, and when the sun rose bright and clear yesterday morning, the streets freshly washed, the shrubbery in squares and gardens, seemed to assume a brighter green, and the soft balmy atmosphere contrasted pleasantly with the chill, blustering and stormy close of the month. – March had left us in an ill humor. And April came bright and smiling like a beautiful coquette.  
*Savannah Morning News.* April 2, 1855.

### TAX NOTICE.

The Tax digest of Chatham County will be open until the 20<sup>th</sup> inst, from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Barnard E. Bee, R. T. R. C. C.  
*Savannah Morning News.* April 2, 1855.

Yesterday forenoon a horse attached to a wagon belonging to Michael McCriel, ran down the bluff on East Broad street, and was brought to by coming in contact with the lamp-post situated on the wharf. But for the obstruction the horse and wagon, in the latter of which were two children, would have gone in the river. The children fortunately escaped without serious injury.

*Savannah Morning News.* April 3, 1855.

### The Flower Garden

The power of the sun reminds us of the renewal of vegetation, the bursting of buds, the springing of flowers in our paths, the adornment of the fields and forests. Spring brings renewed life and youth to the vegetable creation, to be perfected in bud and blossom and seed as the season advances to maturity. The flower garden is a source of infinite delight to many persons, and to ladies in particular, whose finer sense of beauty leads them to appreciate the elegant forms and brilliant hues with which nature embellishes it. It is a taste which may be indulged with very little expense or exposure – is healthful exercise, pleasantly stimulating to the mind, and attractive to the senses. Every lady nearly may find time to cultivate a small patch of ground and embellish it with floral beauties. It is amusement which is both pleasant and profitable, for few can watch the development of life in nature, without learning something of nature’s laws and operations. The gardener and seedsman have made it an easy task to gratify this taste. They put up small packages of seeds, containing from twenty to thirty varieties of flowers, which cost about a dollar, and will furnish seeds enough to make beds, and cover the borders of a piece of ground twenty feet square. – They have also very neat little implements and tools necessary for this garden work, so that a lady may supply herself at any of our nursery and seed stores with all that is required for the gratification of this innocent taste.



– *Philadelphia Ledger.*

*Savannah Morning News.* April 3, 1855.

### PASSOVER BREAD.

As To-morrow is the last for this season, on which I will bake Passover or Unleavened bread, those desirous of supplying themselves will therefore

leave their orders at my shop THIS DAY.

A.BORCHERT.

*Savannah Morning News.* April 3, 1855.

[COMMUNICATED]

To the Hon. Alderman -- GENTLEMEN: - At a recent meeting of the Board, one of the members asserted that he knew that two barrels of flour had been made from one; and as the impression has gone abroad, casting a stigma on the character and reputation of the grocers of this city, and as there are as honorable men dealing in the article as any men, it is due to them that the dishonest dealer should be known and the imputation be removed from the innocent. As the gentleman stated he knew that it had been done, why not name the man? Not cast an imputation on all men in the business. His name is required by \_\_\_\_\_



A DEALER.

*Savannah Morning News.* April 4, 1855

[COMMUNICATED]

By a notice in your organ I perceived you have created a new office, and for what? To examine weight and measures, in the City. I have always been under the impression that this duty belonged to the Clerk of the Market. He receives \$900 a year and is occupied in the Market but from 6 o'clock A.M. until 10 A.M. four hours each day. – And I feel convinced that he has sufficient time to attend to this, the balance of the day. But the office is made, and one of your favorites must have it. And the Grocers of our City must be taxed \$5 or \$20 dollars each to pay his salary. And all of this is done by men who are legislating without any knowledge of what they are doing, or without feeling the weight of the burden that they so willingly place on the shoulders of others.

FAIR PLAY

*Savannah Morning News.* April 5, 1855.

## WHITAKER STREET TO BE PAVED WITH STONE.

We understand the City Surveyor was at work in Whitaker street, yesterday morning, making the necessary surveys to enable him to direct the grading and paving of that street with ballast stone. The grading will decline from the curb to the centre, where the draining to the sewers will be located. This is an improvement much needed and we hope to see it successfully accomplished and speedily followed by similar improvements in some of our other principal thoroughfares.

But while this work is going on, we hope Council will not overlook the importance of improving the present moderate weather to cleanse and put in order for the summer, our streets generally, especially those less frequented streets, and the lanes, some of which are at present in a very bad condition. Now is the time, before the warm weather sets in, to take this work in hand.

*Savannah Morning News.* April 6, 1855.

## LADIES BONNETS. – A New



York letter says: -

In speaking of the fashions the other day, I remarked that some fathers and husbands would receive bills as long as the ribbons of their wives' and daughters' bonnet. I spoke figuratively, but did not imagine I was asserting a literal fact. I am informed by one "who ought to know," that the orthodox length of bonnet ribbons according to the spring styles, is just four feet. You can readily compute what the bills will be. They ought to be a long time "coming in" at this rate.

*Savannah Morning News.* April 7, 1855.

**Singular Epidemic.** – A fever, we understand, is quite prevalent among the horses of the city. It is indicated by loss of appetite, depression of spirits and insatiable thirst. Like bipeds, some, of course, have it more severely than others -- that is, continuing from one to three weeks; but it is not considered dangerous if the horse is rested, and dosed occasionally with a little salts or other mild cathartic. This fever

at one time raged with great violence throughout the Southern States, destroying a great many horses – such was its violence at that time. It originated in the camps during the Florida campaign – at least that is the opinion of those who "talk horse."

*Savannah Morning News.* April 10, 1855.

**ARRESTED.** – Bill Wall, the runaway, who broke Jail some time since, with Griffith and others, was Saturday evening arrested under the Bluff, by Policemen Olivera, Lambright and Butler, along with a runaway belonging to Mr. Skinner.

*Savannah Morning News.* April 16, 1855.

**Four cargoes of ice,** most opportune when the mercury is at ninety, as it ranged a portion of yesterday, are at present in port. We presume the intelligence will be gratifying to all who are not salamanders.

*Savannah Morning News.* April 17, 1855.

**BOY STABBED.** ANTHONY CLER, a boy ten years of age, was stabbed in the head yesterday by a bayonet in the hands of TIMOTHY LAVIN, belonging to Beat Company E. Liquor, we understand, was the cause. Lavin was taken to jail, and the boy, we are glad to learn, is doing well.

*Savannah Morning News.* April 10, 1855.

## MAY PARTY.

A ball will be given on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, in Oglethorpe Hall by John Masterson. Tickets two Dollars.

*Savannah Morning News.* April 10, 1855.

**Arrest for Negro Stealing.** – A man, by the name of Wm. A. Everitt, was arrested on Saturday evening by Special Policeman J. E. Lambright and Sergeant D. S. Wilson, on a charge of negro stealing. Everitt, whose calling, according to his own representations, is that of a sporting man, came to Savannah with the negro in question about the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. And has been staying at the Marshall House. Certain inquires at the Police Barracks awakened some interest in his affairs and prompted an investigation into them. Through a well concerted plan, laid the purpose, it was ascertained that the negro stolen in September last; proves

to be the property of Mr. R. S. RUTHERFORD, of Columbus, Ga., who is now in the city and recognizes the boy. An investigation of the case will be had this morning, at the Police Court.

We have before had occasion to notice the energy of the above officers; whose tact and perseverance in pursuing this case, so as to bring it under the cognizance of the authorities, is highly commendable.

*Savannah Morning News.* April 30, 1855.

## GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE CALENDAR April 2025

- Tuesday, April 1 at 3 p.m.** – Tour Group  
**Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 p.m.** – Combo Tour  
**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in the a.m.** – Women's Marathon / Staff Make Plans  
**Wednesday, April 9 at 4 p.m.** – Combo Tour  
- **At 5 p.m.** – Keepers  
**Thursday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m.** – Tour Group  
**Friday, April 11 from 4 to 10 p.m.** – Special Property Use  
**Monday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.** – Volunteer/Forum/ *Talking To Kids and Others*  
**Wednesday, April 16 at 4 p.m.** – Combo Tour  
**Friday, April 18** – House Closed/ Good Friday  
**Monday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m.** – Road Scholar Special/Civil War  
**Tuesday, April 22 at 5:30/6 p.m.** – Savannah Chapter/Victorian Society in America  
**Speaker:** Ahmuri WILLIAMS-ALSFORD, Assistant Curator, Telfair Museums. Topic: TBA  
**Wednesday, April 23 at 4 p.m.** – Combo Tour  
**Thursday, April 24 at 4 p.m.** – NOGS begins set-up  
**Friday, April 25** – NOGS/Tea at the GMH  
**Saturday, April 26** – NOGS/Tea at the GMH  
**Tuesday, April 29 at 10 a.m.** – Tour Group  
- **2:30 pm.** – Tour Group  
**Wednesday, April 30 at 4 p.m.** – Combo Tour

## GROUP TOURS IN APRIL:

**Tuesday, April 1 at 3 p.m.** – Friendship Tours 16p (Jamie)

**Thursday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m.** – Elite Savannah 25p (Katherine Owens, Savanna Padgett)

**Monday, April 21 at 10:30** (90 minutes) – Road Scholars/South Edventures - 12p (Karen Menatti and John Sorel)

**Tuesday, April 29 at 10 a.m.** – Windsor Forest Garden Club/50p (Steve Whiteway, **Need 2 Docents**)  
**- 2:30 p.m.** – Sandusky Central Catholic High (20 students/20 adults) (Katherine Owens, **Need 2 Docents**)

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IN APRIL

- **Combination Green-Meldrim House/Church Tours** will take place at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays in April and May. This is a 75-minute experience with patrons viewing St. John Church, followed by a GMH tour. The church tour should take no longer than 20 minutes. St. John's Church Organist and Choir Master **William Douglas** has offered to perform a brief concert for these tours if his schedule allows. This will be an unanticipated treat for visitors if it happens during their experience. Light refreshments will be served after the house tour (which should wrap up at 5:20).

Reservations and ticketing are available through the GMH website.

Work schedule: 4/2 Karen M/Brady R., 4/9 Karen M/Brady R., 4/16 Karen M/Michelle K, 4/23 Tru H./Brady R?, 4/30 Tru H/Brady R?.

The Combo Tour is a spectacular visitor opportunity and one that is unique to the GMH/SJC.



- **NOGS Tour of Hidden Gardens:** April 25 and 26. **The Garden Club**

of Savannah annually presents on a garden tour call **NOGS** (North of Gaston Street) **Tour of Hidden Gardens**. In doing this they raise funds for all manner of community non-profits.

For many years the GMH has been the event Headquarters (where patrons pick up tickets and get tours information



the days of the event). The GMH is also the location for the tour's famous tea. An idyllic afternoon tea is held in and around the house.

The theme of this year's event is "Pieces of our Lives and Places of the Heart." Chairman **Era Hall** has a special affinity for quilts of which you will see many during the event. The GMH is proud of its partnership with NOGS and the work of all of those who make that event happen.

GMH daily tours will not happen during the days of NOGS.

### SHOP NEWS:

- **Sales:** Currently we do not have many takers for **Sophie's Shop** volunteers. We know that, when we do have a volunteer in the shop, sales increase. If you don't feel up to working the Front Door or being a Docent, there is a place for you in the shop. Please sign up for **Sophie's Shop**.

- Also, note – **DOCENTS:** Do not short shrift the shop in your quest to enlighten our visitors on our story. Spend a moment in the shop and point out items that relate to our interpretation, are locally made, or reflect our values (**Rahab's Rope**).

### DOCENTS:

- **Sign Up and Check in:** Check the calendar for docent needs and Sign-Up Genius for the latest on scheduling. Also note: Jamie keeps the calendar for Special Tours and Programs. These are not on **Sign-Up Genius**.

- **Training/Conversation with Snacks:** On Monday, April 14 the GMH will offer a Volunteer/Front Door/Shop/Docent training on **Talking To Kids and Other People**.

**Jamie Credle**, along with retired teachers **Susan Brigman** and **Leigh Anne Hanie** among others, will discuss communication techniques for students with school groups as well as children (with their families) on daily tours. As we get more and more school groups, it is good to review our skills in making these visits positive for everyone. Come, participate or just listen, have snacks and be with your GMH friends.

- **SPECIAL TOUR DOCENTS:** Our special tour group (those that make pre-arrangements to visit) business is increasing. **Would you like to be on the call list for Motor Coach and/or School Group Tours?** Knowing your preference will make it easier planning for these groups. Know working a Special Tours requires your coming in to do just one tour as opposed to working an entire shift.

**Know we handle these groups differently than daily tours in these ways:**

- **Parking and Greeting.** If the motor coach drops off patrons at the closest space (there are two drop off locations fairly close to the GMH – one on Liberty Street and one south of the GMH on Whitaker in front of Peaches children's store), someone from the house needs to meet the group and lead the way (if necessary) to the house. Docents need to be ready to quickly jump in and begin their tours.

- **Find out how long they can be on the property/Stick to it:** The first person we address with a Special Tour Group is the Escort/Tour Director. We ask this person, "How much time do you have?" All docents working the tour are to know this information. We pay strict attention to time requirements. If the Escort says 20 minutes, that is what we have to do and we do it with a smile. We never tell the group, "I can't do that," or "If we had more time . . ." Note: We always recommend that groups "spend an hour on the property."

- **Divide Up the Group/Start All Over the House:** If it is a large group, we will divide it into smaller groups and some docents will begin their tour at a place different than where they usually do. One docent may need to start upstairs, one docent may need to start in the South Drawing Room with the other may start in the “Children’s Parlor.”

- **Handle the Tours Moving Through:** All docents need to be mindful of the commotion when a large group is in the house. Regular tour docents need to be aware, and all need be generous in sharing the house. It is always nice to hear “Excuse us” as groups maneuver through spaces.

- **Anticipate Other Needs:** Be mindful not to take up every second of the time allotted with your guests, as they will want to visit the shop and may need to visit the rest room. With 25 to 50 people in a group – the rest room line will get long.

All that said, please let Jamie or Jennifer know if you are able to work group tours – both or children and adults (often seniors). The GMH needs you.

- **Picture Re-arrangement:** We have received the new pictures – the **1855 View of Savannah** and a **Map of Military Campaigns/1864-65** - which we spoke about in the March newsletter. They will be hung in the Sherman Room. We are waiting for a down time with the Site Maintenance Department to hang them. Know there will be several other changes coming with the art on the walls in the GMH in April.

### YOUTH GUIDES

The GMH will hold its tour guide training program for high school students over the summer. **The Youth Guide Program** is schedule for Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.



beginning June 19 through Thursday, July 24. Youth Guide Day, when participants give their first tours to the public will be Saturday, July 26. There will be a program orientation for anyone curious on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. If you are aware of a young person (high school age) who may be interested. Please let Jamie or Jennifer know.

### PRESERVATION AND INTERPRETATION



### DOME CONSERVATION PROJECT

It is happening before our eyes!

On Thursday, March 20, St. John’s Church’s Director of Historic Preservation Sinisa Domazet and his crew removed the oculus (upper portion/len) of the GMH dome. They expedited this work when they realized that repairs had to take place in the attic in the spring. The oculus is too large to be removed from the attic access door and working up there in the summer would be unbearable. Currently the opening, where the oculus used it be, is exposed making the attic visible. Very soon a piece of plywood painted white will cover the hole. The plywood will remain in place until the repairs are made to the oculus. The process is to make repairs, if necessary, determine the best sort of glass to replace the glass “petals”, fashion those and install them.

FYI: Upon examining the oculus it was determined that the “petals” are made of painted glass and not mica as recently thought.

Plaster evaluation, repair and painting will be executed in the fall.

Please inform your guests of how fortunate we are to be able to make re-

pairs and for them to come back and see the dome in a year when all the repairs should be complete.

The notes below are from Tru Helm’s research on the construction history of the GMH.

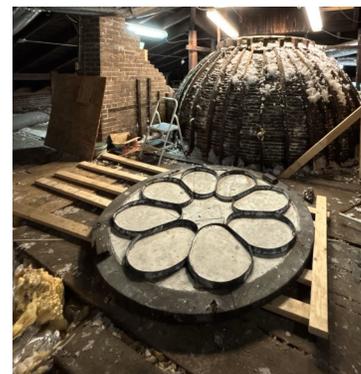
From the John Norris ledger entries:

**February 5, 1853** – J. S. Norris purchased from H[ector]. Sinclair of New York for C. Green plaster for modeling of Corbel, Grape Vine, Oak Wreath, Oak Leaf & Cusp Ornament. Payment was received on Jan. 22, 1853.

**February 24, 1853** – John S. Norris purchased from New York on January 18, 1853, a skylight for C. Green’s House for \$35 from C [ornelius] Cole who was a sash maker on Canal Street.

There are other entries for plastering, gas fittings, etc., which will be shared later.

Historical research is revelatory!  
Hurray for it!



### NOTES FROM BEN PARTEN’S TALK ABOUT *SOMEWHERE TOWARD FREEDOM.*

The GMH had a capacity crowd for Dr. Ben Parten’s lecture and book signing on March 4. The below are a few take-away that relate closely to the story we tell at the GMH.

- One hears very little about the humanitarian crisis in Savannah in early 1865 when the town was overrun with refugees as the population surging to 22,000. People were hungry.

- Parten conveyed that the **March-to-the-Sea** should not be seen solely as an episode at the ending months of the Civil War but a beginning point in the liberation of African Americans.

- He contends that **the March** was the

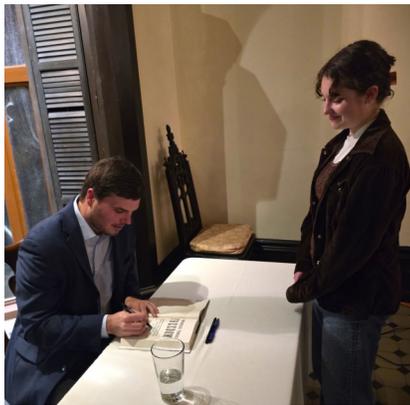
largest emancipation event in American history.

- He offered that Refugees/Contrabands were “third party brokers” in their own emancipation acting as allies, scouts, guides and lookouts. Refugees were central to the success of camp life noting hungry US Army soldiers having no idea about harvesting in rice country. Refugees acted as crucial laborers and road builders.

- One of his most important research sources was soldiers’ writings. It was a great moment in American history when soldiers interacted with enslaved people

- He called the Ebenezer Creek tragedy a turning point in the **March-to-the-Sea** where the idea of liberation was concerned.

- He says the Savannah Colloquy/20 Preachers Meeting in Chas. Green’s home was one of the most important events of the War. The aspirations expressed affected real policy change.



SIGNED COPIES OF PARTEN’S BOOK ARE FOR SALE IN **SOPHIE’S SHOP**.

### **WORTH MENTIONING:**

#### ***Hospitality all around – In March***

- **Savannah Architecture and Antiques Weekend (SAAW)** saw a fantastic gala at the GMH on March 7. With much preparation all came together for the benefit of both the GMH and the Andrew Low House. Many thanks to the SAAW Committee, donors and patrons.

- **Savannah VOICE Festival:** Thank you to the GMH folks who staffed the floor and the kitchen for

the successful Savannah **VOICE Festival’s** Mediterranean Holiday on March 13. Here’s to helpers **Susan Legg, Pam Tucker, Alaina Berk, Andrew Purdom, Savanna Padgett, Meredith McCarthy, Jennifer McCarthy!** The SVF had just as many helpers and all came together with beautiful music.

- **Lafayette** – We were here! To celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nation’s Guest return to America, the GMH hosted a lecture and hospitality. Huzzah to Jennifer **McCarthy, Susan Legg, Alaina Berk** for the help! **Jamie Credle** and **Raleigh Marcell** will reprise their presentation at **The Learning Center/Senior Citizens, Inc.** on Wednesday, April 2 at noon

### **A LOOK AT THE GMH GUEST REGISTER**

**Museum stats:** The GMH saw 995 visitors in February 2025.

**DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025,** the Green-Meldrim House saw visitors from all over the country and the world. Our international guests were from Soa Paulo; Ceatineau, Quebec; Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Brantford, Ontario; Toronto, Ontario; Fulda, Germany; etc.

**Interesting hometown names include** Temecula, CA; Newburgh, IN; Verona, IL; Battendorf, IA; Mattapoissett, MA; Holland, MI; Golden Valley, MN; Liberty, MS; Morrill, NE Sparta, NJ; Lake George, NY; Fuquay Varina, NC; Edmond, OK; Tallmadge, Ohio; Langhorn, PA; Bristol, RI; Columbus, WI; Lawrenceburg, TN; Murphy, TX; Williamsburg, VA; Amboy, WA; etc.

**HOW DID THEY HEAR ABOUT US?** Visitor Center, tour guide, Google, Trolley Tour!, Architectural tour, literature @ hotel, online, tour, word of mouth, serendipity, been here before, walked by; Calvin/tour guide at Owens-Thomas House, Travel Guide, family, conversation in Forsyth Park, Mummy, through Andrew Low staff, internet, tour of Savannah churches, Steve and Debbie

Whiteway, not sure, CW history interest, Visitor Center.

**COMMENTS:** *Beautiful home; well informed guide. Great house/Great tour. Thank you for sharing. Learned a lot. Amazing. Breath taking. John was the best guide! So glad this home was saved. Lovely/Thank you for the tour. Thank you! Great tour with Karen! Love the house and the history. Amazing tour with John! Green meeting Sherman – no idea! Sherman! Amazing architecture. Wonderful – so moving! Absolutely gorgeous! Excellent tour – well done! Lovely preserved home. Grandiose! Guide told history through stories. Best house tour! John Wonderful. Loved our time here. Great information from docents.*



### **VOLUNTEER/DOCENT SPOTLIGHT**

John Leonti

**Hometown:** Brooklyn, NY

**How long have you been involved with the GMH?** One Year

**In what capacity?** Docent/actor

**What is your role now?** The history, city, location and story of the war

**What do you like best about the GMH?** Do-

ing magic for guests

**What do you do for fun outside the Green Meldrim House?**

Golf/travel around the world

**What are your hopes and dreams for the GMH?** That it keeps up the great history of Savannah.



## LITTLE GIRL TALK – 1840s STYLE

Recently the GMH received 57 pages of letters and ephemera pertaining to the Green Family from the Greenwich (VA) Presbyterian Church. Below is an example.

*Letter from 11-year-old Aminta Fisher to her 18-year-old cousin, Lucy Hunton.*

Baltimore  
April 29, 1846

My Dear Cousin,

Your last letter came to hand about three weeks ago, and I would have answered it sooner had I not been so much occupied with my studies. Besides when Aunt Hunton came a week ago, and she told me all about you. I hope you will not let Mr. Samuel Williamson read any more of my letters. I shall take care to have them all nicely written in future. As it is becoming so hot, we will commence one session at school next week. I hear you are improving a great deal in music, and play some very pretty pieces. We are all well and hope you are the same. Today it is very rainy, and although it is not very pleasant in town, still it is very good for the country. How are Betty and Louisa? Mary talks a great deal about them. I am teaching her music, and she gets on very well. Tell Grandma, Aunt Hunton will write to her next week. She is very well and thinks she has gained a pound every day she has been here. Mr. Backus is gone to Europe for his health and will stay until the fall. Mr. Harris from Virginia will fill the pulpit for the first three Sundays in May. Cousin Ben Douglass's wife passed through here on her way to see her mother in Chillicothe, Ohio, where she will remain several months. Aunt Hunton liked her very much. Mother sends her love to you and says you must take Aunt Hunton's place.

You must write soon and give us all the news, how the Sabbath school coming on, and everything else. Cousin Grace Ann is not very well; she is threatened with dyspepsia. Aunt Hunton's friends have been calling to see her ever since she has been here. My geranium has grown a great deal, and it is blooming beautifully. Miss Fanny says she was glad to see Aunt Hunton and to hear from them all. Mrs. Preston is now here making a tape collar, mother is cutting out, aunt Mary is making a skirt, aunt Lizzie a cap, Aunt Hunton is playing on the piano, Brother Robert is gone to the Post Office, brother Richard has the head-ache, and I am writing to you. Now I have written you a long letter, and I hope you will write me a long answer. The whole family unite in love to you. Write very soon, tell Louisa, Aunt Hunton says she must learn her lessons, she will bring her a great many pretty things. I hope Uncle Douglass arrived safe, with the potatoes. I am still your affectionate cousin,

Aminta E. Fisher

Lucy I. Hunton  
Buckland  
Prince William Co.  
Virginia

- Aunt Hunton- Lucy's Mother-Ann Dent Douglass Moxley Hunton, who appears to have arrived at the Fisher's house around April 20, 1846
- Mr. Backus- John Chester Backus was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Md. from 1836 to 1875.
- Mr. Harris was an itinerant Presbyterian preacher
- Mary- Mary Moxley Fisher is Aminta's younger sister. She is about six at the time of this letter.
- Cousin Ben Douglass's wife – may be related to Aminta's grand-

mother as Aminta Moxley was born a Douglass.

- Mother – Aminta's mother was Sophia Moxley Fisher. Her sister, Ann Dent Douglass Moxley Hunton, is Lucy's mother.
- Cousin Grace Ann- may be a cousin on Aminta's father's side.
- Miss Fanny
- Mrs. Preston - A tape collar is a type of lace made straight and bent to form a collar as opposed to being made on bobbins. Battenburg lace is a tape lace that was very popular with Victorian ladies.
- Aunt Mary – possibly Aminta's aunt on her father's side
- Aunt Lizzie – possible Aminta's aunt on her father's side
- Brother Robert is Aminta's oldest brother Robert Alexander Fisher
- Brother Richard is Aminta's second brother Richard Douglass Fisher.
- Mr. Samuel Williamson- may be one of Lucy's teachers.
- Betty is likely Elizabeth Scott Moxley Low, the eldest daughter of Aminta's and Lucy's Uncle, Benjamin Douglass Moxley. Lucy is likely staying at their house in Buckland, VA when she receives this letter. Betty, also called Bessie, is about eight –years- old at the time of this letter.
- Louisa is Louisa Scott Moxley, the second daughter of Benjamin Douglass Moxley. She is about five-years- old at the time of the letter.

