

3315 Burnet
Cincinnati
Oct 24, 1938.

My dear Prof Giddens,
You will prefer I am sure
a prompt note to a delayed
typed letter.
First, the name of our friend
is Mrs. Mary Trivitt Haight,
a grandmother, descendant of
some 4 Bishops & cousin of
literary people such as
Hamilton Wright Mabie, Carolyn
Snedeker, etc.

Your 10 questions fare
poorly. Where is the article

published, please, of 1893?

I have 2 clues only for you.

(1) The good one = the files of
the old Cincinnati papers.

namely 5:

Times, The Star, The
Commercial, The Gazette
& the Enquirer.

(The first 2 & the 3+4
combined later). I will

later send you the data

of the dates on file here.

(a) in newspaper office (b) Public library
(c) The Historical Society

(2) I have 2 possible clues of
Shorthand notes which I
cannot read (!) & would have
to hire a translator of a
private note book which my
father kept, & one file of
clippings. I will look at the
later dates of the former.

3/ I will mark each of your
questions on your letter +
then please return the
pages to me.

The Ohio Historical Society
may have material; I
will check them too.

Hastily, + so please excuse the speed.
Melrose Putnam.

P.S. of the next day.

Have spent much time going over many
note books, & find no clues.

The indication of the news files is proved wise
in this sample: Please show to Miss Kirby.

"Files of the Cincinnati Commercial, Jan 21, 1873

[Reprint "Fifty years ago in Cincinnati"]

"Benn Pitman left for Washington with 3,361 pages
of manuscript which he transcribed from his
Stenographic notes on the Court of inquiry which
has heard charges against Genl Buell, of
Civil War fame. These records mysteriously
disappeared from the War Office in Washington
and the government called upon Pitman
for duplicates, upon which he worked for
months."

"Commercial" does not exist now.

Note: It proves further the accuracy of my
father & his indefatigable capacity
for work. Also his experience in need of
care of early notes. Therefore they may
prove existent.