Bet will you read this and make some note.

Leaf inscribed
"J. A. Coulliard
Waterproof La
May 31st 1867."

Ellen Gilbert Coulliard
Maitland - Tuesday Eve June 18th
We left Home at half past one. Eva G. got off at Trinity 4½ P.M. We felt lonely after she left us and began to realize that we were going far away from home "all alone," separated from dear Pa & Ma & sweet little Sammie. Our boat the "Flicker" is quite small, and we found the births were close and uncomfortable. The fare is not the best - no ice.

Wednesday 19th
This is a beautiful bright morn finds 'Buddie' and I gliding down Red River. Our Boat is trying her speed. We are passing some very pretty plantations. But the ruthless hand of Time has sadly changed this once rich, prosperous Country - and where wealth and abundance once was enjoyed - is now desolation & ruin - the effects of the War and repeated overflows - fine large Sugar Houses wherein was invested thousands of dollars and splendid residences - burned to the ground. Delightful flower-gardens were once to be seen & reminded one of description of "Paradise" but like "Eden" lost, for the serpent's trail is marked on everything and our once happy, wealthy prosperous Southern homes can never be regained.

A lady passenger came on board last eve from Black River, stranger to us, but I soon found out who she was & that I knew some of her family. She also knew some of mine. She got off on the Wharf Boat & will take a Miss Packet en route for Va.

Passage to N.O. $35----------
New Orleans Thursday Morn June 20th
The "Flicker" arrived this morn at daylight. We saw some of the finest Steamers of the Miss at the landing. Came to the St. James Hotel, had our breakfast & had a very pleasant bed-chamber on front. The City looks natural to me. The same confusion and continual rattling and rumbling. A perfect Babel. I don't think there are many people traveling this season of the year. The City is always more attractive & has more amusements & pleasure in the winter. Buddie and I are well & will write to our dear Pap & Ma & send back on the Tensas Boat we came down on. We wish often through the day that we could look down on "Maitland" & see & converse with the inmates. I know they are thinking of their absent children & wishing the same. We were surprised this eve when Cousin St. C..came to see us.

Sat Morn June 22nd New Orleans - St. James Hotel - Room no 9 -
We slept late this morn. After breakfast Buddie went down on the Levee, went to the steamboat we came down on. She is to leave this eve. So he put my letters I wrote to Pa & Ma & Eve & Joe on her. Also put the letter I wrote to Sis Dora in the Office.

I feel bad have the headache I did not write anything yesterday. We went downtown and saw a great many pretty things but did not buy much. Saw some large wax cry doll Babies. I admired them very much, as they reminded me of one I left at Home in my armoire. It was late when we came back to the Hotel. We then dressed expecting Cousin St and cousin Maggie. We waited in the Parlor for them until late before we would go to supper then looked for them until 9 o'clock.
There are some new arrivals today, some people from Va & Ga.

Sat Eve 7½ 22nd
On Board str Monterey - in front Jackson Square - getting ready to leave, a large crowd on board & a large crowd on shore to witness the departure of our str. A great many more passengers than we expected. We have one of the most comfortable Births, having engaged her the middle of last month. I am agreeably surprised with accomodations, I only regret leaving here so near night. for I would like to pass down the Miss & out of the mouth into the Gulf in broad day-light. Farewell! New Orleans perhaps forever - yet I hope to see your Church Spires and green trees once more.

Farewell! to the Crescent City-
Sunday morn 23rd - We are out on the broad rolling Gulf - passed out of the mouth of the Miss River at day-light. it was very warm last night. we were up too late to see the Mouth and hurried & dressed & went on deck but just in time to see a little land & the light House. We have an auspicious day to commence our voyage. some nice lady passengers & more German than anything else. There are some Fancy ladies & gents. It amuses me to watch Josie & Mollie Eva and their gallants. There are 33 passengers in first cabins & 32, second cabin. We have passed The "line between the waters. it is very easily discerned. the difference between the red, muddy Miss River and the blue waters of the Gulf is very perceptible. I was very sick for a little while but felt quite well by supper time. we all stayed on Deck all day - some lying on benches - some lying on deck, some sitting in chairs - all taking it comfortable - ladies wear loose light wrappers- a good many children on board - The steamer seems very steady & the ocean is very calm to what I expected the water has the appearance of a deep indigo blue. We had dinner about 1 o'clock, supper 4½, having nice fare, equal to the Hotel in N.O. or any the Miss Packets & plenty of Ice water. It does not seem like Sunday to me. Buddie bought a supply of Semmons before we left N.O.-

Monday 24th The ocean is still calm - we are on Deck again have not had breakfast yet - slept very well last night, but it was quite warm. There are three little narrow Berths in our room & we have to sleep seperate. Buddie occupies the top. I have been talking with a nice Lady. she has a sweet little Babe. named Nellie 1e We are just 200 miles from N.O. will not make the Coast of Florida untill Wednesday. We see a Schooner off west - her sails look white against the rising Sun. There are a part of a theatrical troup on board.

Tuesday 25th A warm sunny day, over warm on Deck where we have been all day. we passed the "Tortugas Light"s last night. we have supper too early - and breakfast too late. sixteen hours between. we get hungry between supper & breakfast - but never at dinner - saw a Brig this morn off S.W. & two whales. heat in the Cabin. A week ago today we left Maitland — I hope & expect Pa rec my letter per steamboat Flicker. I know they were expecting it & glad to hear from us.
Wends. 26th about half way, fine day, passed quite a number of vessels Nelli sick in the eve.
Thursday, Friday & Saturday very sea sick all the time.

June 30th - our ship quarantined. A steamboat came for
the passengers & we got to the City & to the St Nicholas
Hotel by 12 o'clock P.M. I was very tired - had splendid
accomodations. Monday July 1st - I felt better this morn
so Buddie & I took a walk on "Broadway" Bought some
Books & went in a Dry Good store & I bought me three dresses.
we left the City at 5 o'clock A.M. on the magnificent
Steamboat Bristol Fare at St. Nicholas 4½ day-
for Bristol R.I. Boat crowded splendidly furnished - accomo-
date 800 passengers - fine supper colored waiters. Boat

Wend glided swiftly along with scarcely any motion We passed
up Long Island Sound scenery beautiful beyond description.
We slept well - got to Bristol 5 o'clock Thursday morn 2nd
July took the Cars for Boston. I got hungry felt sick
wanted my breakfast - got to Boston eight o'clock - got our
breakfast while waiting for Hack, took the cars for Bath -
stopped at Portland half hour - Brunswick by 2 o'clock.
We were both very tired and worn out & glad when we got to
Bath at 3 o'clock. while standing in a crowd at the Depot
we saw an old man who I recognised as Mr. James Coulliard.
He was surprised & glad to see us. got in the Hack & came
right up to the House - corner of North & Willow St. Na
met us first, then Charley & Bine. all glad to see us.

We found Sister Abby sick in bed. I was pleased both
pleased with home folks. that eve Mrs. Davenport & daughter
called to see us I staid in bed next day very sick with
diareah. had Dr. Payne to see me -

Thursday & Friday & Sat. 4th 5th & 6th of July still in bed.
not much better Dr. Payne to see me every day - also
attending on Sister Abby - all very Kind & attentive to me.
the 4th passed off very quietly indeed. no parade at all.
July 7th I am much better & I wrote to Ma & Pa - I sit up
a while, still very weak - We have a nice house - have a
room up stairs back of Charleys & Bines which is the front
room.
A good many relations & friends have called to see us since
I have been sick but I did not see any of them.
The Baptist Church is opposite our room - can look over &
see the people going & coming & near the organ & singing
while we sit by the window. Mr & Mrs Jenks have called to
see us they live in the old Bowman house on the next
block opposite nearby.

9th, 10th & 11th July I am nearly well take a walk every
eve. Buddie got a carraige & Bine & Charley went with us
riding this eve Thursday. we rode around the principal streets
in front up the River & round the City and out in the country
on the Brunswick road to the "Hitch Spring" - we enjoyed
the ride very much had a jolly time.
Friday July 12th - Buddie bought me a letter from P.O. and it was from Ma. we were delighted to hear from home & to hear all were well. Sister Abby is much better able to sit out in the sitting room. She is very lively & patient although she has been sick so long. Mrs Jenks called again -
Sat 13th I answered Ma's letter also wrote to Brother John & Anna Clark.

Sunday 14 - I wrote to Joe.

Monday 15 today is Wash day. Ma hires a woman to wash every Monday. Ma keeps busy every day - cooks and makes pies & cakes every day & will not let Bine & me help her. I wash the dishes sometimes. went down town. Buddie, Bine & myself, bought me a nice set of jewelry & silver forks & butter knife at Howland & Donnell's. bought a few other articles. Charley left early this morning to go fishing. Buddie took him down to West Bath in a Buggy. Charley has a sail boat down there & is going out in the ocean fishing.

Tuesday 16th Buddie got a Buggy & took Bine & myself down to W. Bath five miles from here to Mr. Williams Bine's Father & Mother. we drove down to Brighams & got Charley. came back & took supper with the old folks. good sociable plain people we went walking - gathered blue berries - came home by moonlight left Charlie to go fishing.

We all enjoyed our ride & visit

Thursday 18 - Buddie Bine & I went down Town went to several dress makers couldn't get any dresses made. after supper Buddie & I went down to jewelry store & he made me a present of a nice diamond ring.

Friday & Sat & Sunday 19th 20th 21 very disagreeable weather raining all the time and cold. sleep under two quilts & windows all down. I wrote to Ma yesterday, sent papers - wrote to Eve today - too wet to go to Church. Bines Sister from Boston here on a visit with two children. have pump kin and currant pies & two kinds of cake. fresh mackerel fish for dinner.

Tuesday July 23rd
This is my birthday. I am twenty three years old today. I was agreeably surprised by receiving some nice presents. testimonials of affection. My husband gave me a pair of handsome vases. Mother Coulliard gave me a pretty silver fruit knife. Sister Abby gave me a pretty white bridal toilet cushion, & Bine gave me a beautiful Book. Oliver Silsby called Charlie got home from fishing today got three hundred lbs of fish. we have plenty of fresh fish all the time.

Wednesday July 24th. We had codfish chowder for dinner. that is considered a great dish here. it is very nice. have plenty of blue berries now. My husband & I went down town shopping I bought Ma Coulliard a pair of gold spectacles at Howland & Donnels. cost nine dollars $9.00 & I bought a pretty organdie muslin dress for Bine & four silk handkerfs for Pa & the same for Charlie. bought myself a fan cost $2.00 and pair slippers for Ma Gilbert and pair for myself cost $1.75 a pair. Ma Coulliard was delighted with her spectacles - suited her eyes exactly. Bine was pleased with her dress.