
Harry Burn and Tennessee's Perfect 36

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Marriage License

No. _____

MARRIAGE + LICENSE.

Mr Jas. L. Bunker
TO

Miss Fannie H. Kummer

Issued Dec 24th 1894

I solemnized the Rites of Matrimony
between the within parties on the
26th day of Dec. 1894

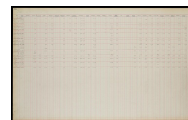
Rev. Geo. H. Silvers

Marshall & Bruce, Stationers, Nashville Tenn.

1920 Census

FM	208	208	Burn James L	Head	10	F	M	VI	22	S
✓			— Harry J	Brother			M	VI	24	S
✓			— Otha	Sister			F	W	13	S
✓			— Webb	Mother			F	W	45	W

Burn James L	Fairview	General Farm	EM	100	84
— Harry J	Telegraph	Railroad	VI		85
— Otha	none				86
— Webb	none				87

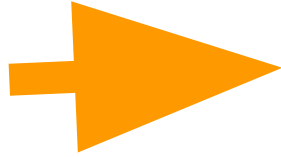


Febb Burn's Letter to her son

Febb E. Burn to Harry T. Burn, August 17,
1920, p. 1 Harry T. Burn Papers, C. M.
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Dear Son,
I wish you were
home too. We have had
nothing but rain since
you left. meeting still
in progress, Otha and
I haven't been a single
time
Uncle Bill and Mrs.
Bushnell came over this
P.M., stayed about an
hour they were in the
Ford. We haven't had
the car out since you
left, and if this rainy
weather does not lift
up, I fear we will

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have to stay at home the
rest of the summer.
The Rockwood crowd is
going to White Cliff, Labor
Day. I will you be home
by then. Hurrah and
vite for Suffrage and
don't keep them in
doubt. I noticed Chandlers
speech it was very
bitter. I've been watching
to see how you stood
but have not seen
any thing yet.

Mrs. Overby
the mill man) bought
the Charlie Waterbarger
house Uncle Ben the
farm. I do not know
the prices they paid
you know. I ask "does
not like to be interrogated"

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Do not know whether it
was a successful sale
or not, I only know it
was raining. Mr Waterbarger
little boy got his arm
broken that day.

Everything is
getting in readiness for
the wedding. Mintie
was real sick yesterday
but was better this morning.
I am uneasy about her &
she has been complaining
all summer. Talked to
Sadie yesterday. She expressed
her regrets about you
not going to be here.
We are invited down to
the home after the
wedding. They are sending
cards only to friends &
away.

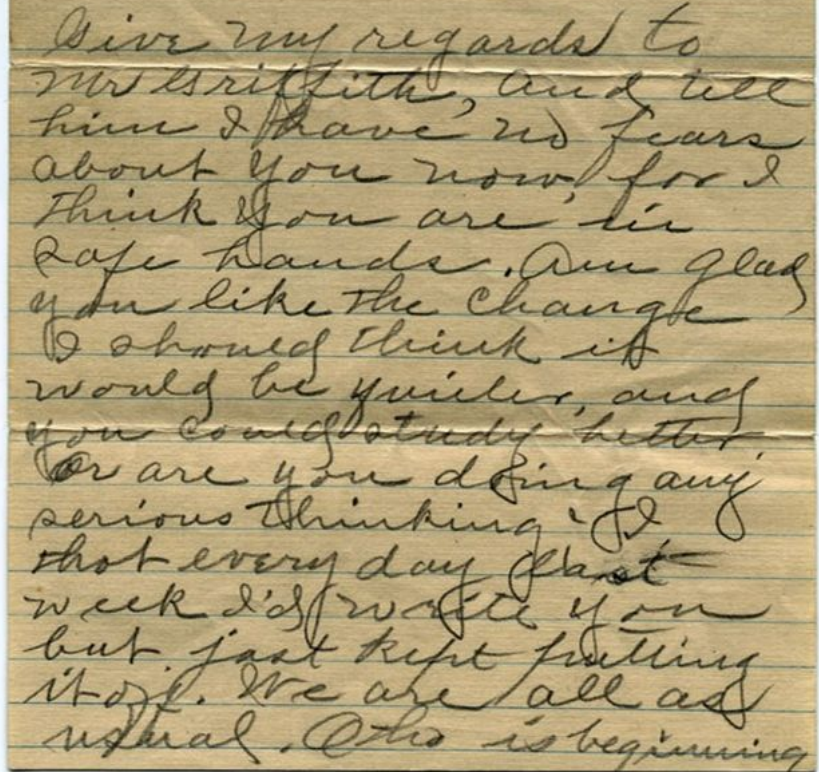
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you will tire of what
I am writing, but I
haven't anything else
to write about.
Jack went to Athens
on Monday after
you left. I said your
majority was 640
pretty good for a
fellow that had
made a "dog" and
"Road" law.
But I do hope you are
still in the notions of
not making the race
this fall. I hope you see
enough of politicians to
know it is not one of
the greatest things to
be one. What day
ye? &?

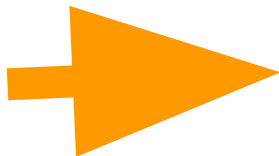
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Give my regards to
Mrs Griffith, and tell
him I have no fears
about you now, for I
think you are in
safe hands. Am glad
you like the change
I should think it
would be quicker, and
you could study better.
Are you doing any
serious thinking? I
thought every day last
week I'd write you
but just kept putting
it off. We are all as
usual. This is beginning

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to fix for school. She
wants you here to
go with her.
I write mother every
time you have a
chance, for I am always
looking for a letter
when you are away.
Don't forget to be a
good boy, and help
Mrs. "Thomas Call"
with her "Rats".
Is she the one that
put rat in ratification?
Ha! no more from
Mama this time
with lots of love Mama.


Telegraph received by Burn August 11

Newell Sanders, Chattanooga, Tenn.,
telegram to H.T. Burn in support of
ratification. #087. August 11, 1920.
Harry T. Burn Papers, C. M. McClung
Historical Collection

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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WESTERN UNION



TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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HON H T BURN

087

REPRESENTATIVE CARE LEGISLATURE NASHVILLE TENN

I HOPE YOU WILL VOTE FOR RATIFICATION AND DECLARE YOURSELF
THAT WAY NOW

NEWELL SANDERS.

1920 AUG 11 AM 10 25


Telegraph received by Burn August 14

J.R. Taylor, Etowah, Tenn., telegram to
Harry T. Burn re: ratification. #100.
August 14, 1920. Harry T. Burn Papers,
C. M. McClung Historical Collection

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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ETOWAH TENN 1030 A AUG 14 1920

HARRY T BURN

100

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES NASHVILLE TENN

SENTIMENT STRONG AGAINST AMENDMENT YOU BEING ON THE GROUND YOUR
OWN JUDGEMENT PREFERRED

J R TAYLOR

1038A

1920 AUG 14 AM 10 37

Telegraph received by Burn August 14

S.G. Brown, Athens TN, telegram to
Harry T. Burn opposed to ratification.
#388 August 14, 1920. Harry T. Burn
Papers, C. M. McClung Historical
Collection

Form 1201

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ATHENS TENN 255P AUG 14 1920

HON HARRY T BURN 388

TULANE HOTEL NASHVILLE TENN

STRONG OPPOSITION HERE TO SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT WE WANT IT DEFEATED

S G BROWN

326PM

1920 AUG 14 PM 3 27


Telegraph received by Burn August 14

Unsigned (incomplete)
telegram to Harry T. Burn in
support of ratification. August
14, 1920. Harry T. Burn
Papers, C. M. McClung
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Day Letter	DL
Night Message	NM
Night Letter	NL

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Night Letter	NL

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HARRY T BURN

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NASHVILLE TENN

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REPUBLICANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ARE CONFIDENTLY EXPECTING YOU
TO VOTE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT ON MONDAY FOLLOWING EXAMPLE OF
OUR PARTY IN THE SENATE IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT REPUBLICAN
HOUSE MEMBERS VOTE AS A SOLID BLOCK FOR THE AMENDMENT IN THE HOUSE
TO INSURE THE SUPPORT OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN THE TWENTY STATES WHERE
WOMEN NOW VOTE PARTICULARLY IN THE WEST PLEASE USE YOUR UTMOST
INFLUENCE WITH ALL HOUSE

Telegraph received by Burn August 16

Mrs. Mae Burns, Athens, Tenn.,
telegram to Harry T. Burn in support of
ratification. #560. August 16,
1920. Harry T. Burn Papers, C. M.
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Night Letter	N L

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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ATHENS TENN 515P AUG 16 1920

HON HARRY T BURN 560

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES NASHVILLE TENN

WE WANT YOU TO VOTE FOR RATIFICATION

MRS MAE BURNS

522P

1920 AUG 16 PM 5 27

Telegraph received by Burn August 16


Mrs. R.J. McKeldin, Athens, Tenn.,
telegram to Harry T. Burns (sic.) in
support of ratification. #562. August 16,
1920. Harry T. Burn Papers, C. M.
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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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ATHENS TENN 515P AUG 16 1920

HOW HARRY T BURNS 562

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES NASHVILLE TENN

WE WANT YOU TO VOTE FOR RATIFICATION

MRS R J MCKELDIN

527P

1920 AUG 16 PM 5 27

Telegraph received by Burn August 17

Mrs. Sally Brient, Englewood, Tenn.,
telegram to Harry Burns (sic.) in
support of ratification. #029. August 17,
1920. Harry T. Burn Papers, C. M.
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Form 1306

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	White
Night Letter	N L

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THIS MESSAGE WAS
ONLY
MINUTES
IN TRANSMISSION
FROM POINT OF ORIGIN
TO DESTINATION

WESTERN UNION
TELEGRAM

IDENT. GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Night Message	White
Night Letter	N L

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ENGLEWOOD TENN 920A AUG 17 1920

HARRY BURNS 029

HOUSE REP'S NASHVILLE TENN

WE URGE YOUR VOTE FOR RATIFICATION

MRS SALLY BRIENT

930AM

1920 AUG 17 AM 9 38

Harry Burn's Statement in House Journal

“I desire to resent in the name of honesty and justice the veiled intimidation and accusation regarding my vote on the Suffrage Amendment as indicated in certain statements, and it is my sincere belief that those responsible for their existence know that there is not a scintilla of truth in them. I want to state that I changed my vote in favor of ratification first because I believe in full suffrage as a right; second, I believe we had a moral and legal right to ratify; third, I knew that a mother’s advice is always safest for a boy to follow and my mother wanted me to vote for ratification; fourth, I appreciated the fact that an opportunity such as seldom comes to a mortal man to free seventeen million women from political slavery was mine; fifth, I desired that my party in both State and nation might say that it was a republican from the East mountains of Tennessee, the purest Anglo- Saxon section in the world, who made national woman suffrage possible at this date, not for personal glory but for the glory of his party.”

Republican Broadside

Republican Party Record on Woman Suffrage printed broadside. Lists Republican and Democratic votes by state. Harry T. Burn Papers, C. M. McClung Historical Collection

Republican Party Record on Woman Suffrage

Congressional Record: Within two weeks after the Republicans returned to congressional control in 1919

A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS PASSED THE FEDERAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

IN THE HOUSE: 90% of the Republicans voted for it
79% of the Democrats voted against it

IN THE SENATE: 86% of the Republicans voted for it
46% of the Democrats voted against it

Record of States on Ratification of Federal Suffrage Amendment is given in the following table:

RATIFIED		REJECTED	
<u>REPUBLICAN</u> <u>Legislatures 29</u>	<u>DEMOCRATIC</u> <u>Legislatures 7</u>	<u>Republican 1</u> <u>Delaware</u>	<u>Democratic 8</u> <u>Alabama</u> <u>Georgia</u> <u>Maryland</u> <u>Louisiana</u> <u>Mississippi</u> <u>South Carolina</u> <u>Virginia</u> <u>North Carolina</u>
California	Arkansas		
Colorado	Arizona		
Illinois	Missouri		
Indiana	Texas		
Idaho	Utah		
Iowa	Oklahoma		
Kansas	Tennessee		
Kentucky			
Maine			
Massachusetts			
Michigan			
Minnesota			
Non-Partisan Legislature but Republican in presidential elections.			
Montana			
Nebraska			
Nevada			
New Hampshire			
New Jersey			
New Mexico			
New York			
North Dakota			
Ohio			
Oregon			
Pennsylvania			
Rhode Island			
South Dakota			
Washington			
West Virginia			
Wisconsin			
Wyoming			

No Legislative Action Yet Taken

<u>DEMOCRATIC</u> <u>Legislatures 1</u> <u>Florida</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN</u> <u>Legislatures 2</u> <u>Connecticut</u> <u>Vermont</u>
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