

# My Mother's Handwriting

By Van Yandell

2 Timothy 3:16 states, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness”.

May 11, 2025 is Mother’s Day. One very precious (and preserved) memory of my mother was her skill in hand-writing. Her skill of “penmanship” (or penwomanship), was exemplary. To view a sample of her writing was to experience a work of art.

Mom graduated high school about 1930. She lied about her age to the point, I cannot be really sure of her birth date or graduation year. I found her birth date in an old family Bible while visiting a relative, and asked her of its validity. Obviously very sensitive concerning her age, this quiet, reserved little lady uttered words I had no idea she even knew.

Apparently, hand-writing was a skill emphasized in her high school years. To present a document of unparalleled beauty was a gift and she definitely had such a talent. Art in today’s world has taken on new meanings. Balance, coordination and

consistency seem not to be of value.

A topic of debate in recent years concerns the teaching of writing in public schools. Once called “long-hand” and later referred to as “cursive,” the skill was considered by some educators as being unnecessary.

With computer keyboards, voice-input word processing and digital technology; some see basic writing skills as primitive and needless.

A great sadness is experienced when we consider a young child cannot read a letter from his/her grandmother. Such an eliminating of a once considered necessary skill takes us to another form of illiteracy. Are we going back to signatures made with an “X?”

Imagining a world without such documents of past times that were handwritten is a thought of having lost something very precious.

Prior to the invention of the printing press, all documents were hand written. The Gutenberg press was first used in 1440 and multiple copies of religious texts were printed first in 1454.

Later developments

in printing technologies enabled the world to possess copies of such sacred documents as the Holy Bible. In today’s world, several retail book stores maintain inventories of millions of books and other literature.

While we may think the world has progressed in its development as a literary and educational existence, some may choose to disagree. It certainly appears to some of us, the world is in a state of decline in the intellectual level of many people.

Knowledge and intelligence are connected in that knowledge is what a person has gained through experience, discovery and study. Intelligence is the ability to apply that knowledge.

By not reading as we once did and finding excuses not to write, we cheat ourselves from the simple pleasures and learning experiences of life.

While technology, media sources and the introduction into our society of “on-screen” visual learning, has been deemed fantastic by many, I’m not so sure I agree.

Our addiction to those on-screen sources have led to a shallow-

ing of thinking skills. We cannot continue to allow computers to do our thinking unless we want to become a society of non-thinkers with limited levels of knowledge. Limited knowledge strangles ability.

In our study of family history, we have found numerous documents from as early as the 1800’s that were hand written. Some in positions of authority (or responsibilities of preserving and cataloging) have transferred many of those documents into digital forms. While this is not all bad, it certainly is not all good.

One such document is a land grant deed written in 1792 and signed by the first lieutenant governor of Kentucky. Hand written, the point of beginning was an oak tree on an island in the middle of Livingston Creek. When reading that deed my imagination runs wild. It would be interesting to go back in time and witness the signing of that document.

The hand-written documents will not last forever but neither will the electronically preserved copies. Hand written articles are more personable that

those produced mechanically. Once again, that may be in the mind of the beholder.

Where would this world be if the electricity stops flowing? A solar generated electromagnetic pulse (EMP) or terrorist attacks can cripple the power grid. A nuclear bomb detonated in the atmosphere could cripple anything electronic for years.

There is a sincere and personal touch to a handwritten note. To receive a mass produced greeting card with a manufactured poem or greeting fails to make one feel appreciated. A personal hand-written note however, shows a sincerity that cannot be equaled by anything less than a visit.

Our precious and irreplaceable U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence and many other documents written and signed by our founding fathers were hand written.

The original copies of the scriptures, and up until 1454 all religious texts and correspondence, was hand written. Each word was written with precision and care.

Can we even begin to imagine the condition of chaos the world

would be in today if the words of Jesus, the prophets and the apostles had not been handwritten? The Bible as we know it today would not exist because there would have been no reference from which to transcribe it.

We must express a heart-felt gratitude to those and for those that provided us with the words of Jesus and the inspiration of God. The endless hours of transcribing with quill and ink was a lifetime endeavor.

They provided a plan of eternal salvation we would otherwise never have known. We must always teach that eternal salvation is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9) and resurrected (Matthew 28: 6).

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## Kentucky State Police Issue Proactive Patrol Reminder To Motorists

The Kentucky State Police would like to offer periodic reminders to drivers who travel area roadways. The agency strives daily to ensure the safety of the motoring public. Some of these proactive measures include various roadside safety checkpoints and saturating known problematic areas in the district through general patrol tactics.

The Kentucky State Police utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The intent of a traffic safety checkpoint is to provide for a high visibility, public safety service, focusing on operator impairment, vehicular equipment deficiencies (confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles) and the valid

licensing of drivers. Other violations of law and/or other public safety issues that arise will be addressed.

These checkpoints will allow the Kentucky State Police the opportunity to periodically concentrate its efforts in checking for violations of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws that will ultimately increase the safety of the citizens within the Commonwealth.

Post 16 serves the following counties: Henderson; Daviess; Union; McLean; Ohio and Hancock.

For a list of Post 16 road check locations, visit our website: KentuckyStatePolice.ky.gov

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by calling KSP toll-free at: (1-800-222-5555). Citizens can call to confidentially report impaired drivers or any criminal activity. You may

also confidentially report crime tips electronically with the KSP Crime Tip Form.

### Mental Health Hope Walk May 17

Area residents are urged to make plan now for the Union County Mental Health Hope Walk scheduled for May 17, 2025.

Sturgis First Christian Church is hosting the event which is a one mile walk around Sturgis,

Participants will gather at the Sturgis Amphitheatre for the 11:00 a.m. second annual event.

Pre-registration is open until April 30. A \$25 registration includes a t-shirt.

For more information visit the group’s Facebook page.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

FULL TIME FIREFIGHTER

The City of Morganfield is currently accepting applications for a Full Time Firefighter Position.

Applications may be picked up during regular business hours (0800-1600) at the Morganfield Fire Department (120 E. Main St.). Applications will be accepted until the close of business on May 30, 2025. For any questions or additional information contact Fire Chief Rick Millikan at rmillikan@morganfieldfd.com or (270) 389-2180.

Minimum Requirements:

- US Citizen
- Minimum age of 18 years old
- Have an up to date CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test) card that is current as of your hire date
- Pass a Fire Department Physical
- Pass a Criminal Background Check
- Have a current Kentucky Drivers License
- High School Diploma or State Approved equivalent

Basic Benefits:

- Family Health Insurance
- CERS Retirement Contribution
- Vacation, Personal & Sick Days

*The City of Morganfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug-Free Workplace*

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan ("2025 Plan"). (Collectively, KU's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU's "tariff filing.") If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU's tariff filing at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU's website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.