



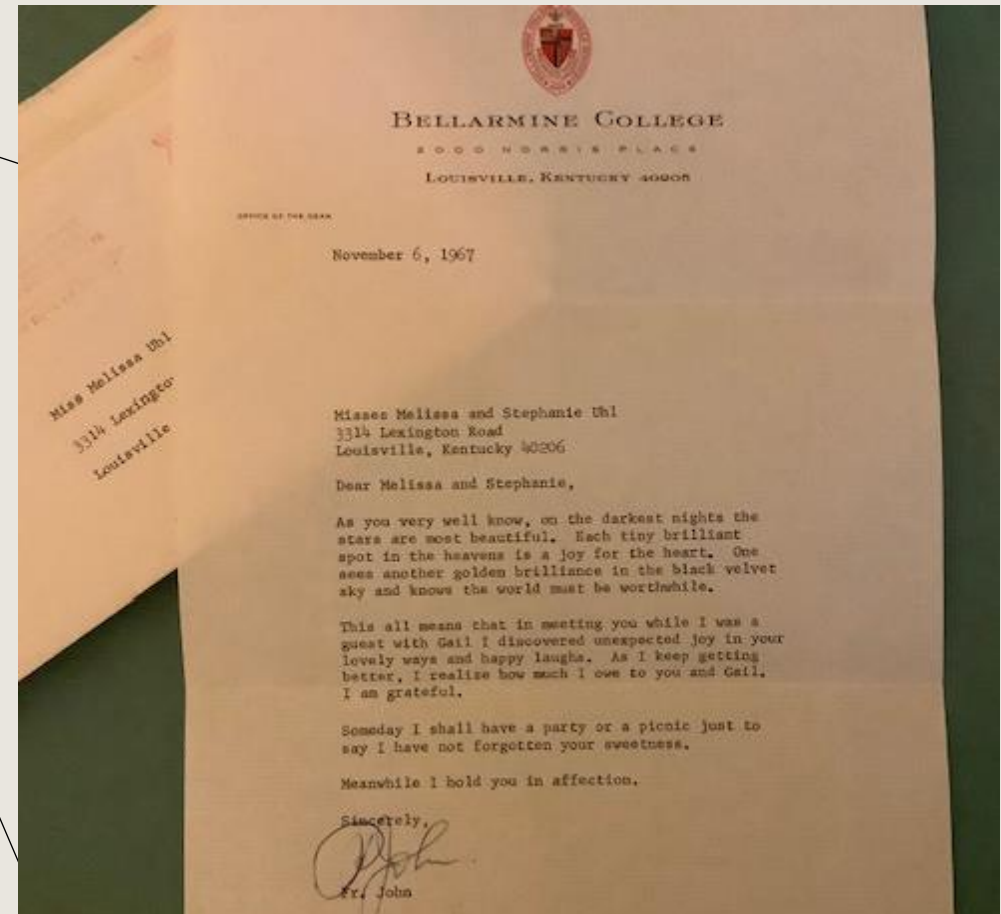
14 LETTERS REDISCOVERED

Fall 1967 convalescence at Smith home
severe degenerative cervical discs

Letter 1 a thank you

Poetic & thoughtful writing

14 letters from Nov 1967 – Dec 1968





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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 13, 1968

Miss Melissa Uhl
3314 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40206

Dear Melissa,

You are a wondrous, winsome doll. Your note made me very happy.

Congratulations to you and your brother on your confirmation,
That happened to me once--a couple of hundred years ago.

You say you have a new car, a blue one. I also have a new car--
a fiery red one. I can find it easily in a parking lot.

Give my love to Stephanie and your brother. I shall hope all of
you have a lovely Valentine's Day. You deserve it.

Always,

Fr. John

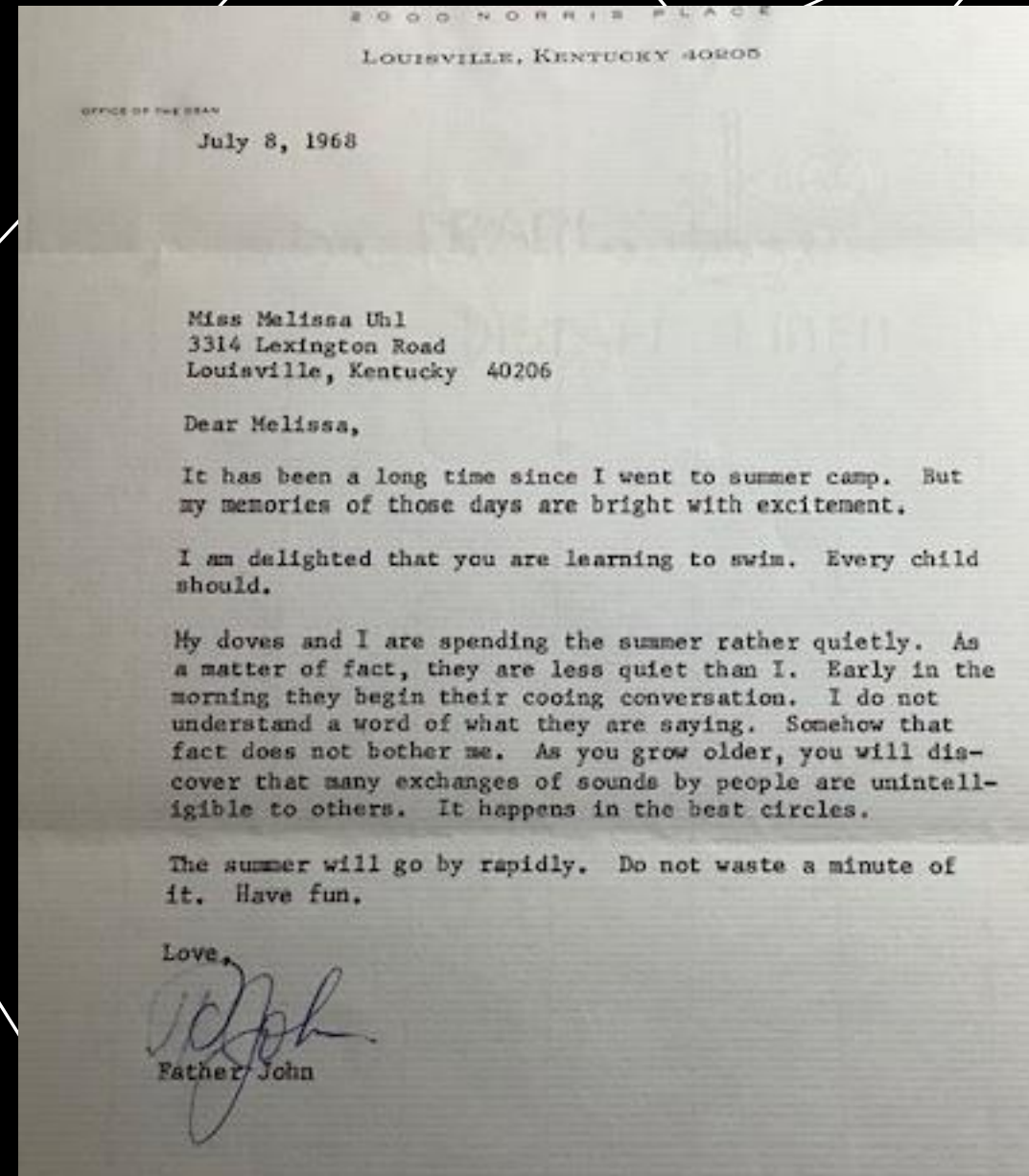
LETTER 3

He pays attention to
what I write &
comments back

Brings back my
childhood –
confirmation & new
blue car

LETTER 7

- Witty sense of humor
- Mindfully observes nature & humans
- He writes to me as a child and to the adult I will become



LETTER 8

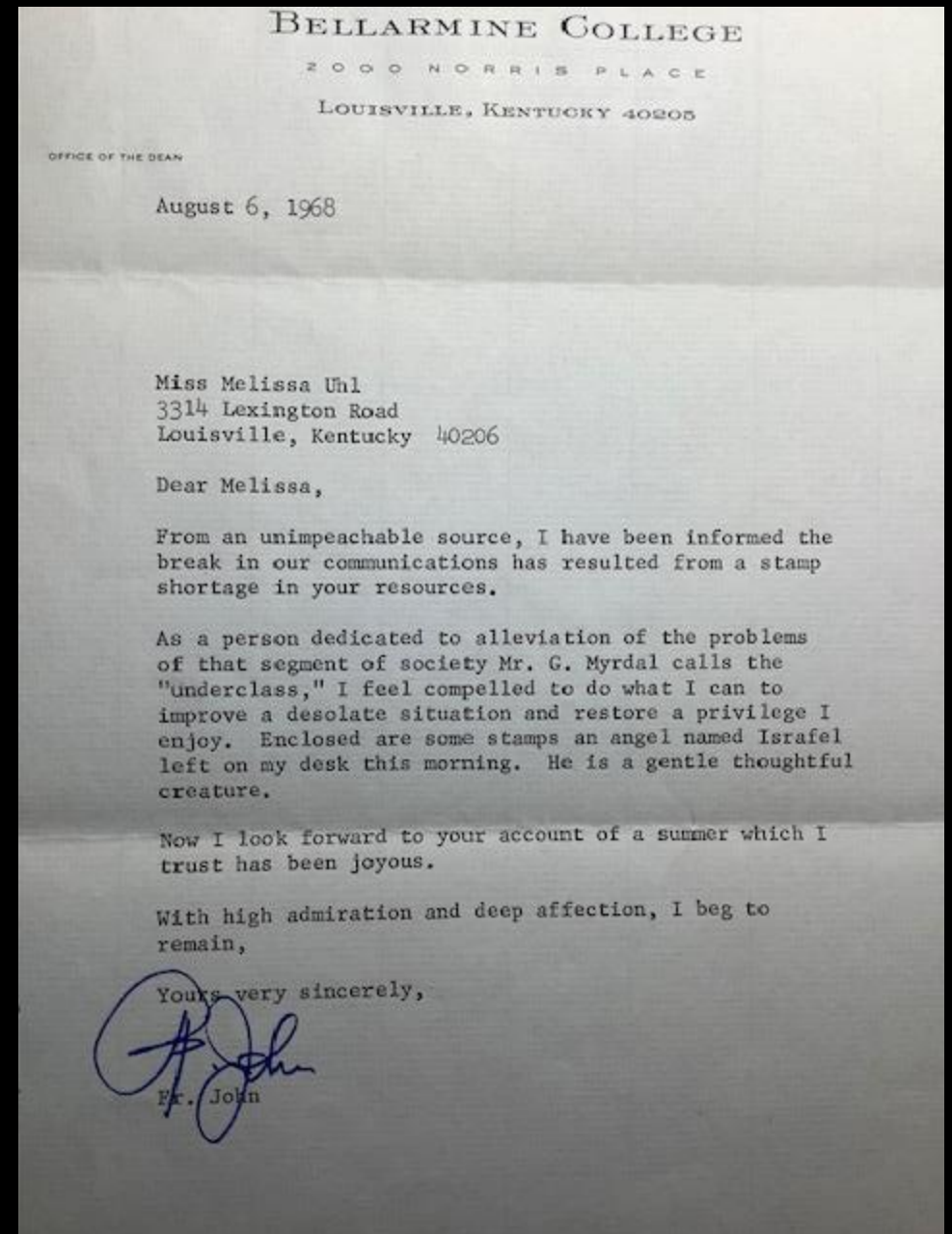
STAMP SHORTAGE

Turn of phrase

Sense of humor

Intelligence

Kindly sends me
stamps to continue
our connection



LAST LETTER 14

Typed by assistant

Saw his family for last time

Sent Christmas corsages to me
& my sister

January 7, 1969 dies of
heart attack at WLKY TV
studio when taping
Pastor's Study

