

Capitalization, Punctuation, and Abbreviations

The following are several of the commonly used capitalization, punctuation, and abbreviation practices characteristic of JLN's writing style:

- Does not capitalize the word following a period
- Often follows a question mark with a period
- Uses commas, semi-colons, colons, and dashes in the place of periods
- Does not use commas where convention now requires; uses commas where convention does not require
- Omits punctuation in salutations, closings, and signature. She most often signed her name as Jo[period] L Newcomb[period]
- Uses the symbol "&" for "and"
- Runs together "&" with the word following
- Frequently underlines
- Rarely indents paragraphs
- Wrote "extra" where P.S. is more commonly used
- Used a superscript x to indicate an omitted word or words (^x)

JLN Abbreviations

Mrs. Newcomb frequently used abbreviations in letter writing, and such abbreviations were often superscripted. Over many letters, the repetition often makes the abbreviation obvious. Abbreviations often contain the first few letters of the word and then the last letter superscript. Days of the week and names of the months are abbreviated using superscript "y" or "r" as in Tues^y and Nov^r

&c	appears to mean etcetera
C	Carson, James "Carson" Dixon was the son of Brandt Dixon. He died in 1896 at age 22 of "acute Inflammation of Brain" in New Orleans.
Col or Col ^l	Colonel
C.W.T.	Unknown
E.E.N.&T H ^{tal}	Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital
Ex ^r	Executor
f ^d ,frd	Friend
Fk	Frank
F.W.C.	Frank Walter Callender, also Mr C
H.D.N.	Horatio Dalton Newcomb, Warren Newcomb's brother and also Horatio Dalton Newcomb, Jr.
H F	Holy Father
H.A.P.	H. A. Pomroy
H.K.P.	Henry K. Pomroy
Ho	hotel
H.S.N.M.C.	H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College
G-wood	Greenwood Cemetery
J.L.H.	Josephine Louise House, student residence where Mrs. Newcomb had a suite reserved for her.

Lx, Lexton	Lexington
Miss B	Alice Bowman. Occasionally Miss B refers to Miss Bancroft who would then be specifically mentioned in the letter of that date.
Mr B. C. W.	Mr. B.C. Wetmore
Mr C	Frank Walter Callender. Also F.W.C.
Mr Joe A. H.	Joseph Hincks, JLN's 3 rd cousin
Mr M ^c C	James M ^c Connell, member of the Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund and attorney for Tulane University
Mr S	Possibly Francis L. Stetson, a New York attorney
Mrs C	Mrs. Carson, Brandt Dixon's mother-in-law
Mrs C ^{'lain} also	C ^{'ln} Mrs. Chamberlain
Mrs D	Mrs. Brandt Dixon
Mrs Dr R	Ida Richardson, wife of Dr. Tobias Gibson Richardson, nee Ida Slocum also Mrs Dr T. G. R.
Mrs Ten B	Mrs. Ten Broeck (Mary), the second wife and widow of Horatio Dalton Newcomb, Warren Newcomb's brother. They had two children. After Horatio's death in 1874, she married Richard Ten Broeck.
P.E. C.	Protestant Episcopal Church
Rcfld Springs	Richfield Springs
S.H., Salon H	Salon Humphreys, a personal friend, named by Warren Newcomb in his will as one of the trustees of the \$200,000 trust he left to his daughter, H. Sophie Newcomb
Sin ^{ly}	Sincerely
s ^{'ld}	should
trea ^{'rs}	treasurers
W	William "Willie" Dixon, son of Brandt Dixon
Wh or w ^{'h}	which
Women's B. M.	Women's Board of Missions
W.S. S ^{'pgs}	White Sulphur Springs
y	day; frequently used in writing the day of the week such as Tues ^y
YF	yellow fever
yr	your
yrself	yourself