

New Orleans La April 15th 1898.

Mr. James McConnell,
My dear friend,

For several years past, as you are aware, I have resided very much of the time here, making my home — a most welcome and agreeable one — with the pupils of the Sophie Newcomb College for Young Ladies, a department of the Tulane University of Louisiana, founded and named in honor of the memory of my lamented daughter.

I have now concluded to make my permanent home here, because on each succeeding day of my life now drawing to a close, I am the gratified witness of the successful development and steady growth of this noble Institution, which now engrosses my thoughts and purposes and is endeared to me by such hallowed associations. — In order that here may be no

occasion for misapprehension hereafter, especially in any matter touching the settlement of my estate, I desire to have it known by my particular friends that I have elected to make the City of New Orleans my place of domicile and permanent home, although of course I may occasionally visit or reside in other places.

And I request that you will kindly remember and preserve this as my declaration of the above effect,

Faithfully yours,
Josephine Louise Newcomb.

Editors' note

This is a nearly identical letter written to Joseph Hincks of the same date with differences only in punctuation and capitalization.