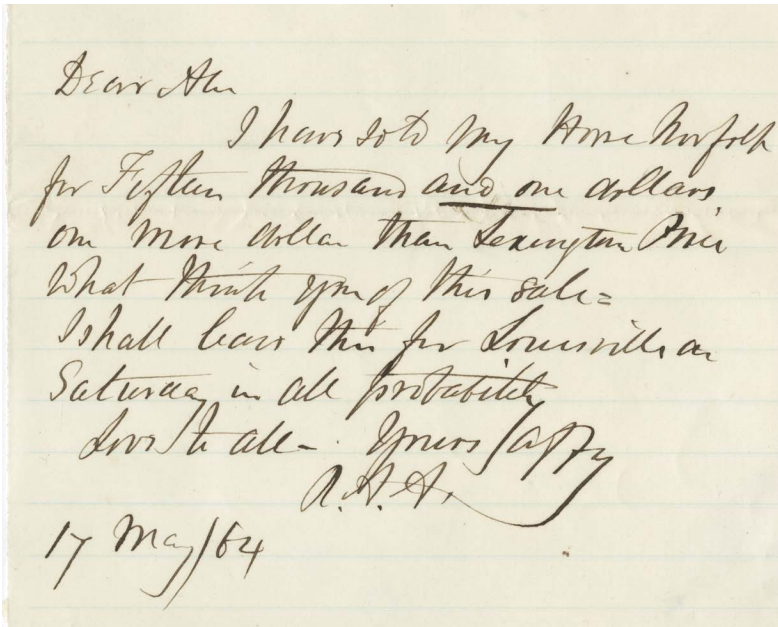


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WOODBURN STUD | 19TH CENTURY

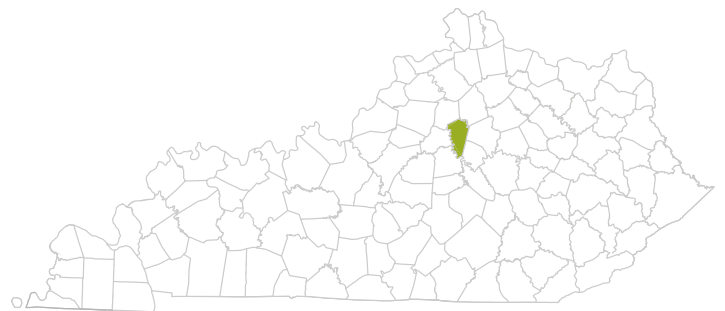


Dear Sir
I have sold my Am. Norfolk
for Fifteen thousand and one dollars,
one more dollar than Lexington Price
What think you of this sale =
I shall leave this for Louisville on
Saturday in all probability
A. A. A.
17 May/64

Bill of sale for the race horse Kentucky, who sold for \$15,001 in 1864 bringing \$1 more than R.A. Alexander paid for his sire, Lexington. (Alexander Family Papers, Kentucky Historical Society)

PROFESSIONAL HORSE RACING

– Woodburn Stud owner Robert A. Alexander knew a good thing when he saw it – and the race horse Lexington was a good thing. Alexander purchased the nearly undefeated stallion for \$15,000 in 1858. Lexington sired numerous winners of the Preakness, Belmont and Derby and became the progenitor of the modern thoroughbred and standardbred horse breeds. The professional approach and detailed recordkeeping that Alexander and his brother brought to the breeding operation helped usher in Kentucky’s commercial racing industry.



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