days together as students at Morehouse College. Ray was the pastor of Shiloh Baptist.

I am getting along fine and hoppe you are the same we got your letter. We are praying that you might have a safe trip home. I am doing fine in my scool work. Mother dear bought me a hat for my birthday present from you. We have been having warm wether every day since Tuesday. We went to the ward Tuesday and we had a very nice metting. Uncle Jim and Aunt Essie said hello. I hope you are having a nice metting. And we are looking for coal wether tomorrow it was in the paper. At the scout metting Tuesday and we had fifteen boys and we are doing fine in scouting. Mama said hello and keep well and so did Miss Rutland give love to the Ray familly I am going to end

Your truly
Your son M. L. Jr

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The Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project
To Martin Luther King, Sr.

24 January 1940
Atlanta, Ga.

William Gibson was a handyman and a hymn leader at Ebenezer Baptist Church.
King, Jr., comments on one of Atlanta’s rare snowstorms.

Dear Daddyy

Just a few lines to let you know that I am feeling fine and hope you are the same. We are having some snow and the last report we heard the snow was a {little} more than ten and a half inches and we are really having a fine time makeing snow men and throwing snow balls. And the policemen made everybody clean off their sidewalks and Christine and I cleaned off and it was a hard job. I received your letter and I am glad you liked my typeing. I am

1. Sandy F. Ray (1898–1979) graduated with Martin Luther King, Sr., from Morehouse College in 1930. He served Baptist churches in LaGrange, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Columbus, Ohio; and Macon, Georgia, before moving to Cornerstone Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, where he was pastor for forty years. Ray served as president of the New York State Baptist Convention and as an officer of the National Baptist Convention for many years. In 1953, he was one of six candidates for president of the National Baptist Convention. Ray remained a close family friend. In 1958, King, Jr., convalesced in Ray’s Brooklyn parsonage after being stabbed while autographing copies of Stride Toward Freedom, and Ray offered the eulogy at the funeral of Alberta Williams King in 1974.
DEAR DADDY:
JUST A FEW LINES TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I'M FINE AND HOPE YOU ARE THE SAME. WE ARE ALL SNOW AND THE LAST REPORT WE HAD WAS THE INDUSTRIAL AREA HAVING MORE THAN TEN AND A HALF INCHES AND WE ARE HAVING A FINE TIME MARSHING AROUND HERE AND THERE. I MIGHT NOT GET THE SIGHTS AND THE POLICEMEN ARE OFF THEIR SIDEWALKS AND CLEANING UP AND IT WAS A HARD JOB. I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER AND I'M GLAD YOU LIKED MY TYPEWRITER. I'VE HAD A BURNING, BUT MR. GIBSON HAD TO PUT SOME MENDING IN THE BASEMENT BECAUSE IT GAVE OUT, WE CAN NOT USE IT UNTIL MONDAY BECAUSE IT IS TOO BAD.

YOUR LOVE,

[Signature]
keeping the fire burning but Mr. Gibson had to put some coal im the basement because it gave out. We can not go to [s]chool until Monday because it is to bad.

Your truly
[signed] Martin Luther King

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To Alberta Williams King

20 June 1940
Atlanta, Ga.

The following two letters are to King's parents, who were attending the Sunday School and Baptist Young Peoples Union Congress of the National Baptist Convention. In this letter, King mentions a movie on the life of Thomas Edison and a ward meeting of the Ebenezer Baptist Church congregation. Having recently completed the sixth grade at the David T. Howard School, King also asks his mother about registering at Atlanta University's Laboratory High School, which he will enter in the fall of 1940. Lillian Watkins was church secretary at Ebenezer Baptist Church and often published articles about the congregation in the Atlanta Daily World. Mrs. Mamie Williams was the King family's neighbor on Auburn Avenue and a member of Ebenezer. "Mother Holly" refers to Mrs. Margaret Holley, also an Ebenezer member. King's concluding sentence refers to his own payment for the papers from his newspaper route.

Dear Mother:

I am felling fine and hope you are the same. I am praying that you and daddy have successful trip back home. I know you are have a nice time and I wish I was there to. At the ward Tuesday night, we raised $8.10. Give love to the Ray family. Mana and Lillian said helo, they are doing fine. Give love to daddy and tell him I will write him sone. Listen mother dear where I am going to school write me and tell me because if I am going to Lab I will have to register by Monday. Mother dear tell daddy that Mrs. Mamie Wms. next door died last night. And mother Holly died this morning. We went to the shore Tuesday, and Tom Edison and it was very intering. I have a nuf money to get all of my paper this week.

from your son
[signed] Martin L. King Jr.

P. S. When you are idle and nothing to do with your time sit down and write me a few lines

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