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Sec Cor

[1848]

C. Shepard

W 1/2 of SW 1/4

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T 4 R 4

S Shepard

[Bectown
Township]

1/4 S

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W 1/2 of SW 1/4
T 4 R 4

Wm. N. Reed

Sec Cor

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Highmarket Sept 31st 1850

My dear Mrs

I embrace this opportunity of writing you a few lines informing you of the reception of your letter of the 17th & two weeks after it was written I was much pleased to hear from you and should have written sooner but had nothing new or strange to communicate.

My health is tolerably good much better since the cool weather commenced I hope you are well and doing well I presented your compliments to all your friends and acquaintances and they desired to be remembered to you in the most affectionate manner I have been up to the brick church since I wrote last where I met with several of yours and your husband's friends I saw Arthur Lohr I give him your two first lines to read as he said so anxious to hear how you were getting along his mother is only tolerable. She seldom ever gets out any where Simon Alexander was pleased to hear from you and desired to be affectionately remembered to you both. He became

to hear you had not forgotten him, indeed
you ought never to forget him being one
of my best friends, on my return from
England Mrs Allen and my self dined
at Mrs Annals's I say Mrs. William
Henry Prince was glad to hear of you
you and sent his respects he is not
married yet, but lives in hopes if he
dies in despair Mrs Mayson will have
visit us, and spent the remainder
of the evening with me. Tell Charles
Sheppard I am much obliged to him
for the few lines your last letter, it gave
me a great deal of satisfaction, tell
him I delivered his message to your
mother, and he said he would
write to her a long time, written by
the next time I write. Hannah I
desires to be remembered to you
both, she was glad to hear that you
were both doing so well. Judy
Wingfield Daniel Edwards, both
send much love. Polly Harris died
very suddenly a few weeks ago, she
had been very ill but had gotten
well and attended meeting in the
morning on her return she died

instantly. Mary has gone to take care
of the small children one of her young-
er sisters has taken her place at the
Dr.'s Point Cecilia Harvey has been very
sick but I hear she is getting better
I have not been able to get over to
see her yet. Mr. Gage has been find-
ing some time with her and intends
returning again, so she told me on
Sunday, give my best compliments
to Isaac Chappin, Give all the children
for me, if I should hear any news your
letters immediately do not get over
I cannot get letters written conve-
niently. I have many kind friends who
seem interested in me, do not feel wrong
I have nothing more to say now my
my dear child sit your children
a good example and bring them
up in the fear of God, be sincere for
we cannot deceive God, you must
strive to love one another. Remember
for you have to die, so strive to pre-
pare for death, that you may pass
from this world into eternal bliss
we know not at what moment
the messenger of death may come

if I should not see you again in this world
try and meet me in the next. Now
my dear child forgive me with again
very soon, and let me hear from you
often your affectionate

Parent Caroline

Haymarket Va
Sept 21

Caroline Sheppard
Care of Williamsburg

Lancaster

Wisconsin

October 9th 1850 -

My dear Aunt

I received your letter of Sept. 21st exactly one week ago & I was so anxious to answer it that I have walked one mile after dark in a hard rain to Mr. Horner's to have it answered. I was very glad to hear you continued well and that my friends were all well - The same afternoon that I received your letter I received one from Zanisville with the distressing news of my sister's death. This prevented me from enjoying your letter as much as I otherwise would as I read his first. The letter was a short one from her husband's sister. She said she died on Feb. 29th in Madison, Indiana. She gave none of the particulars so that I can tell you but little now. I have just written to her asking her to write me every thing concerning her and I hope by the next time I write to you I will have heard from her as she said she would

write to me again if I wanted to hear
the particulars. ^{My}We are at present all
well, the children have been a little
complaining but not much was the
matter with them - Harriet is learning
to knit & sew a little, Mary Jane is
walking all about now and can
say a few words - I have learned
them to say their prayers & try to
bring them up in the best way -
The weather is beginning to be pretty
cool here and we will before long
have snow I expect. I was glad
to receive the messages from all
my friends. I think of them very
often, you must give my love to all
that enquire after me, I cannot
always mention their names, but
they must not think them selves
forgotten if I do not. Union Alexander
I must always mention - I am glad
to hear my friends are so attentive
to you and hope they will continue
so. Our family seems to be running
out very fast, you and I are the
only members left. It is a pity
we are so far separated. Charles
& I send both send love to you.

Charles is at home this evening with
the children. Isaac is here to walk
home with me. As it is growing late
and I have a long walk before
me I can not write any more. I
hope you will write to me very soon
I am always anxious to hear from
you - I hope we may meet again
some day, if not in this world in
a better. With much love to all
friends

I am as ever
your attached niece
Caroline Sheppard

Laurelton W^o 10
Oct 12th

To Hattie Green

October 11 - 1892

Miss Caroline Millford
Care of Dr. Masteller
Hay Market

Prince William Co -
Virginia

Washington, April 4th, 1832

Dear Brother

I received your kind letter, and was very glad to hear from you, and to hear that you were doing so well. I would have written before, but have been engaged in business, and Laurainda told me she intended writing in a day or two, so I thought that I had better wait until a better opportunity. Mother and all, are very well except myself. I have been a great sufferer this winter but am pleased to say I am getting better. I hope when these few lines reach you, they may find you enjoying the same good blessing. You cannot suppose, dear Brother, how much I have needed your presence here this winter, though I ought not to envy your happiness. Mother was in Warrenton Christmas, and the children will all be free at the expiration of this year. Emily is living with the same family that she was, when you left. Ned, and Henry are living together ^{with} Higgins. Archa, and Bell are here living with me. Lucy also remains with me. They all expect to get their papers next December. I have not seen Brother William but once since you left. Mother did not hear any thing from him when she was in Warrenton. So this is all the account I can give you of the family

I do not believe any of them have made up their mind to come out. Sarah Ann talked a little of it when I saw her last, but I believe she hates to start alone. I have every reason to believe that Leaurinda will come out when she gets all her children together. I have been advising all those who have families to go out, as it will be much better for them than to remain here. Those that are ^{not} here cannot come unless they pay a considerable sum, fifty dollars I believe. For my part, my health is getting so very bad that I have determined ~~to~~ stay here.

I have purchased a lot and have just commenced to build on it. I am afraid my health will not allow me to go through without some aid.

So I wish, if you can, that you would help me.

I have a good many friends here who have promised to do all they can for me, and I look for you all to do the same, and if you can, I wish that you forward it by the last of the month. I have only three months to make my payments in according to the contract. I would be very glad if you would come on here but if you cannot come until next year, I think it is more than probable that some of them would return with you. And perhaps mother, as she has never been made a resident here. Cousin Jesse Coleman and family are well and join me in sending ^{you} ~~them~~ love. His father has not arrived here yet, and we do not know how to account for it. I have no news at present.

I hope you will write soon. Direct your letters
to the care of Dr. Baldwin.
No more at present.

Yours affectionately
C. Williams.

Potosi May 22^d 1852

Mr Chas Sheppard

Port of Mont. Lewis Co

1 coat \$5.50	2 p pants 4.00	1 hat 1.00	\$10.50
Sugar & coffee & tea			8.75
8 lbs calico 1.00	9 lbs delam 2.25		3.25
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 3 " dummies
 1/2 lbs vinegar
 1 p shoes

15
60
30
115

3 p child shoes
 1 coat 7.00 1 set of chairs 4.00

18.90
1.90

Rice 1.00

\$20.80
37.80

Mo. P. Lewis Co

1/2 hants 2.00 salt 60 2 sacks 20

\$9.80

\$37.60

Pro J. W. Lewis Co

Charles Shepherd

1853

1848 of D. T. Parker

June	25	1 Handkerchief	25	25	
July	24	1 Shovel	2.50	2.50	
Oct	15	8 Yds Calico	1.00		
"	"	8 " "	.80		
"	"	4 B. Batts	.50		
"	"	12 " Shunting	1.50	3.80	
"	20	1 Pr Shoes	1.50	1.50	
"	29	1 Do. Do.	.75		
"	"	1 Bunch Batts	.15	.88	
Nov	21	1 Pr Pants	3.00	3.00	11.93
"	11	2 " Boots	3.00	3.00	
"	30	2 1/2 Yds Napacka	1.56		
"	"	2 1/4 " Trusey	.56		
"	"	2 Shirts Wadding	.20		
"	"	1 Skin Sisk	.5	2.37	
Dec	2	6 " Sugar	.50		
"	"	1 " Saturated	.10		
"	"	4 Mackerel	.25	.85	
"	18	2 Bar Soap	.25	.25	
"	19	4 Yds Linsay	1.50		
		8 " Calico	1.00		
		3 Pr Shoes (upend)	2.00		
		2 Yds Sattinet	1.50		
		5 Bunches Batts	.75		
		8 1/2 Yds Calico for	.50		
		1 Shirt Wadding	.10	6.85	13.32
	24	Sugar & Coffee	2.00	2.00	
July	12/54	1 Cradle	5.00	5.00	
"	27	1 Pr Boots	4.00	4.00	
Sept	16	1 Bot. Castor Oil	.15	.15	
Nov	10	1 Bale Carpet Chain	1.25	1.25	12.40
					37.65

Dr

1853	Nov	17	1 Dy Pr Broken Keld	1.50		
"	"	"	" Carh	5.00	6.50	
"	"	30	" Do.	.95	.95	
July	27	"	" Do.	1.00	2.00	9.45

\$28.20

Clos'd by Note Nov 17/1854

D. T. Parker

Charles Sheep heads
Bill

Washington Oct 8 1853

Dear Brothers

Excuse me for the
liberty of writing to you as I have
felt almost as if I was forgotten
though I could not forbear to
wait any longer. I have felt
so very anxious to hear from you
all as I have been in a great deal
of trouble and grief I thought
if I could hear it would be
some relief to me and I feel
more interested as Mother is anxious

to come out where you all are
She says she has waited long
enough for the rest of them to
make up their minds and now
she has resolved to go and leave
them behind providing that
either of you will come in after
her. I have come to the
conclusion that I would ^{come} ~~go~~ out
with her when she comes on
a visit and from what she
told me last I am anticipating
the pleasure of having you
eat your Christmas dinner
with me. Cousin Henry joins
me in the invitation to you to
spend your Christmas and
also Cousin Harry Coleman also

I spent some few days with
him this ~~last~~ Summer and
joins me in a great deal of love
to you and he says he hopes he
will be with you before it ~~is~~
is very long so I am in hopes
when you go back you will have
his company as well as ours
as he the only one that has
any idea of leaving Virginia
As to my Brother William
I am afraid we will never
make anything of him I do
wish you would come in and
~~the~~ try and do something with
him. Mother is going up the country
for the last time ^{with} the determination
to bring Ned and \hat{c} miles home with
her

and the balance of them
she has given them up she
can do nothing at all with
them. Sister Lucy is now sold
from Rogers she is living with
Mr John Fairfax in Middleburg
I think now she has got a
tolerably good home though
I have not seen her since she
has changed thro' I believe
she has a very good home
Laurenda and Mother is as
well as usual and joins
me in love to you and says they
hope they will not be disappointed
I must now close. I have nothing
new to amuse you with I must close
with a very sad mind and will be
till I see you I remain

Your affectionate Sister
to Williams.

1854, Nov. 17

\$ 28.20

Lancaster Nov 17th 1854

One day after date I promise to pay
to the order of J. S. Parker

~~Twenty eight and~~ $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars,

for value received, negotiable and payable, without defalcation, or discount, with
Ten per cent interest

Due, on settlement

As
Chas. Shephard
maker

[Ustick, Printer.]

Whip-Lane, Pa. J. B. Fainter

SOLD BY H. CRITTENDEN, ST. LOUIS.

No 22

Glias. Shepher^d

Nov 28. $\frac{20}{100}$

~~~~~

Chas Shepher<sup>d</sup> & Co

By 500 Ruils.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  \$17.50

for Chas Mahon

[c. 1854]

Saint Charles Jan 25<sup>th</sup>

Thomas

We have not treated you right in not answering your letters lately, but sometimes have had good excuses.

Mr Griffiths is confined to his room and is unable to walk, he sits up during the day in an easy chair & at night is helped into bed - he has spinal disease and will never get well.

Amber carries on the farm and makes a good farmer, he plows the whole season, drives the reaper and drills in all the wheat; he raised sixteen hundred bushels wheat this year, and has eighty acres in wheat this fall - we raise plenty of corn and oats - the

orchard failed this year, but it is getting old and as soon as we can set out another we will grub up most of the old one.

The winter so far has been cold but not much snow, we are needing rain badly, the cisterns are nearly all dry.

Bertha was here a few weeks ago and I heard from Bettie since Christmas, they were both well. Bertha looks as young as Bettie, Antony is married and keeping house for Mr Sam Gaty, Antony's wife is very pretty and lighter colored than he is.

Your Uncle Hardy is still living but is getting frail and dont go about much. Bill Black and Taylor are both well, Cicilly & Sid are keeping house in town and doing well - Harriet Gaty looks like she always did. I have



Martina Cicily long with me  
she is a very good child and all  
the help I have but my own  
children. Bunny is taller  
than Sallie and Belmont is nearly  
as tall as either of them - Arlie  
and Beulah my two little girls  
you never saw are both going  
to school - Hunter is all the plow  
boy I have.

Thomas I wish you would all  
have your pictures taken and  
send to us, Mr Griffith would  
like so much to have a picture  
of Billy & Green. Where is Hardy  
and what is he doing? is Francis  
married and Sarah, you have  
never told me anything of Sarah  
and Frances in any of your  
letters. Old Mrs Sallis died  
about 2 months ago, she was  
very helpless for a long time.  
Mr Jim McDonald is living at

You once  
asked for  
some  
pumpkin  
seed &  
I had  
none,  
I would  
send you  
some  
of the  
best I  
ever saw

The old place, Luther Robinson  
died last summer.

Jack Morris and his wife were  
here to see me yesterday, Jack is  
6 ft 3 inches high, we like his wife  
very much. Mr Galy is still at  
the old place, he looks very well.  
Mr Johnston has bought the Bangs  
place and will carry on a market  
garden there, Miss Eliza has three  
children, 1 boy & 2 girls.

Can't you come and be so, I would  
love to see you, it has been  
a long time since you all went away,  
I have often wished you had waited  
and made your homes nearer to  
us, certainly no one could have  
taken more interest in you. Pannie  
sends her best love to Hilley,

Thomas, what is your wife's name and  
have you any children. Mrs. Tom

[c. 1854]

I have a fine little girl ~~scarcely~~ two years  
old the young friend who is writing thinks her  
and Lavinia the best behaved children she  
knows which is a good deal <sup>Hazmarket</sup> Sept 26th  
for her to say.

Dear Caroline

I received your letter a few weeks  
ago and hasten to reply as you found fault with  
me for not doing so sooner ~~for you~~ last you had  
no business saying a word for an old married  
woman with children to tease her I do remarkably  
well It gives me a great deal of pleasure to hear from  
you however therefore I shall expect at least two letters  
to my one I am quite well, my husband and  
children also enjoy excellent health the children  
grow very rapidly and Catherine is quite as large  
as Lavinia although younger; they send their  
love to you cousin Charles and their little cousin  
Remember Alex and myself to Charles Isaac and his  
wife when you see them. I regret very much to tell  
you that poor Aunt Cecilia King is in wretched  
health and is not expected to recover; I went to  
see her not long ago and the dear old lady was  
very glad to see me she talked very resignedly  
if it was the will of God to call her at any  
moment she was prepared to take up her cross  
and follow him as many others had done. Poor  
Mrs Greyson departed this life a week ago & she was

Aunt Cecilia's King enquired very particularly for you.

a lovely christian therefore we should not wish her back  
to this world to struggle with the storms of life. ~~And~~  
I am sorry to tell you of an awful accident which ended  
the life of poor Mr. Dodd. He rented Mr. Tyler's mill a few  
days ago, and went to start it Thursday for the first time.  
After setting it going he was standing on a high block  
and just about to jump down when he perceived his  
crow bar was up he reached to pull it down when  
he lost his balance fell and was crushed between the  
cog wheel and thrown in the cockpit. He lived a short  
time afterwards. This shows my dearest niece how uncertain  
is life and how certain death is; do not let this awful  
warning go unheeded; my child it is my prayer that  
you and yours may be saved to add to the jewels in  
your heavenly Father's diadem. Mrs. Shastell and  
children are well they come up quite often. Mr.  
Harrison is staying with Mrs. Barnetts. This has been  
a remarkably dry season, so we have reason to expect  
every thing to be very high. I have not always an  
opportunity to get a letter written but you must  
try and write often and not wait for me.  
I have not seen Simon Alexander for 6 or 8  
months, sometime before the death of poor Mrs.  
Chapman. Mrs. Swan died a few weeks ago  
also. I have nothing more to relate except that  
every one is very kind to me. May the Blessings  
of heaven rest upon you and yours is the  
prayer of your devoted  
Aunt Caroline

Mrs. Waring is still  
living in the same old  
place and has a fine  
bastard called Cord

know  
I do not

State of Wisconsin, ss.

Treasurer's Office, Lancaster, March 15 - 1855.

COUNTY OF GRANT.

Received of Charles Shepherd the  
 sum of two Dollars and sixty three Cents, in full for the Taxes  
 and Charges in the Tax-Roll of the Town of Bertown for the year 1854,  
 on the following described Property, to-wit:

| DESCRIPTION OF LANDS. | SECTION.  | TOWN.    | RANGE.   | VALUATION.               | AMOUNT OF TAX. |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <u>1/2 of NW 1/4</u>  | <u>12</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>160</u>               | <u>2.33</u>    |
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|                       |           |          |          |                          | <u>\$2.63</u>  |
|                       |           |          |          | <u>J. S. Marsh trans</u> |                |
|                       |           |          |          | <u>Grant Co. Wis</u>     |                |

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1855

\$5.00 left to

John P. H. 1855

[Signature]

Washington City Nov. 24. 1855

Dear Brother

I rec<sup>d</sup> your kind and affectionate letter date Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and I should have answered it before if Mother had been home, she went to Loudon last July and she has not return<sup>d</sup>, so I conclude not to wait any longer for her, but write you a few lines, which I hope when you receive them that may find you in the enjoyment of good health and prosperity and likewise all the family you are anxious for us to come to Wisconsin, I cannot answer you as I would wish in consequence of Mother not being here as for me we would be glad to come if I felt myself able, My family has been sick all this fall thank God they are now better with the exception of Isabella, Brother Ned is with Mother, Brother ~~and~~ Williams was down here a week ago, and he inform<sup>d</sup> me that he had seen Mother and that she is in good health and that she is enjoying herself first rate, Sister Betsey return home a few weeks ago more dead than alive, she is now better and is able to go about, I think I can see Isaac with his fine Boy give my love to him and also his wife and tell <sup>him</sup> from me to kiss him three times for me, and than kiss his wife, and tell him <sup>to</sup> quit dancing if don't he will have to pay the fiddler as soon as Mother <sup>write</sup> returns, I would afford me much pleasure for you to answer this letter as soon as you receive it, Nothing more at present Dear Charles so I conclude by sending my love to and family

Yours ever

Affectionate Sister  
Loginda Marten

[c. 1855]

My Dear Mica

I received your affectionate  
letter and am glad to hear from you  
you need not think that I have  
forgotten you my farming days have  
taken up all my time, but you  
have scarcely been out of my  
mind was reported in Washington  
that I was dead, and thought  
it must have been you, which  
thoughts made me most miser-  
able for some time, the last letter  
from you was written one year  
ago last month, and you could  
imagine how much pleasure  
it gave me, my eldest girl is  
three years old, the other will  
be two years old next winter  
they are sweet little children  
and I would like you to see  
them above all things, the  
oldest is delicate but the other  
is fat and hearty, your friends  
are all glad to hear from  
you, I have not time to write

Much of a letter said but will  
do so very soon, Give my love  
to Charles and Mac, tell C.  
He must write in your  
next letter, you must write  
very soon and let me hear  
from you. I am getting along  
very well thank God. Times  
have been very hard.

Your Aunt

Caroline



Haymarket V<sup>o</sup> II Paid 3  
August 7<sup>th</sup>

Caroline Sheppard  
Lancaster  
Wisconsin

Bottom  
Bottom

State of Wisconsin, } ss.  
GRANT COUNTY,

Treasurer's Office, Lancaster,

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1856

Received of Charles Stephens by Mark Boscaw

the sum of three dollars and seventy-four  
cents, in full for the Taxes and charges in the Tax-Roll of the Town of Beetown  
for the year 1855, on the following described Property, to-wit:

| DESCRIPTION OF LANDS. | SECTION. | TOWN. | RANGE. | VALUATION. | AMOUNT OF TAX. |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|--------|------------|----------------|
| <i>W. of Mr. S.</i>   | 12       | 4     | LIT    | \$ 80      | \$ 3.37        |
|                       |          |       |        | Treas fees | .27            |
|                       |          |       |        | Sommiting  | .10            |
|                       |          |       |        |            | <u>\$ 3.74</u> |

*up**5-**3.75**\$ 1.25 has*

J. L. Marsh

Co. Treasur

By J. C. Cover,

Deputy

6) 20.20  
3.37

1956

Haymarket Dec 19th 1799

Dear Caroline,

No doubt you have been at a  
loss to account for my long silence but as you  
will know the difficulty of getting letters written  
you will excuse my apparent negligence and  
say "better late than never". We have been  
quite well since you heard from me except  
my oldest (Lavinia) who is threatened with an  
affection of the Lungs which I hope she will  
outgrow as she gains strength. All of your  
friends desire to be remembered to you and  
were delighted to hear from you. Alex. Skaton  
requested me to send his kind regards, and  
was truly glad to hear from you all. Poor  
Aunt Eliza King is almost at the end of her  
journey's end, but she is perfectly resigned  
to die. The neighborhood is completely broken  
up. Mr. George Tyler's family have moved  
from White Park, to Mount Royal. Mr. Tyler  
died a week after he left. I suppose you  
knew his health was bad, and indeed  
I think he held out most wonderfully.

You enquired for Sarah Ellen Grayson  
she is very well but is not married yet.  
It is not known who Mrs Chapman's people will  
fall to yet, but I believe they are to be divided  
Christmas, I have not <sup>seen</sup> Hannah & Hogen for  
some time, consequently cannot tell you anything  
particular about them. One of Mr Looney's daughters  
was married a few weeks ago, and I am  
now, baking a wedding cake for Miss Martha  
Brownell who is to be married in a day or  
two. Dr Skarsteta has just finished his barn  
and will commence the dwellinghouse in the  
Spring. Mr Harrison bought Mr Barnetts out  
and is keeping house, John superintends the  
farm for him. Mr Harrison is still living  
alone at Spirit Hill, Mr Barnetts and  
Miss Elizabeth have gone to Philadelphia  
to live. They were very well when we heard  
from them which was not long ago. Mr  
Waring is still living at the same place, and  
Haymarket is at a perfect standstill nothing  
to interest you, is going on in the City at present  
except a small work shop is being erected.

I am here yet as the Dr<sup>r</sup> has not commenced his  
office yet. You mentioned some seeds you would  
like to have; now my dear Caroline if you will  
just write the name a little plain you  
are perfectly welcome to them and they shall  
be sent in my next letter. Cold weather  
~~weather~~ has set in at last and I begin to  
look for our first snow. Remember me to  
Charles and Isaac and accept a large portion  
for yourself from

Your affectionate aunt

Caroline Mason

Do write soon and let me know how you  
and your family are getting on. Kiss the  
little children for me and do not forget  
to bring them up in the love and fear  
of God. ~~Remember~~ the blessing of heaven  
attend you both in the prayer of

Caroline

STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
GRANT COUNTY, } ss.  
Town of Beetown,



Received of *Charles Shepard*

the sum of *Five* dollars and *75* cents, in full for the Taxes charged in the Tax-Roll of said Town for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the following described Lands and amount of Personal Property, in the Town of Beetown aforesaid, to wit:

| Parts of Sections, and amount of Personal Property. | Section.  | Town.    | Range.   | No. of Acres. | Valuation. | Value Personal Prop'ty. | Amount of Tax. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| <i>W 1/2 of NW 1/4</i>                              | <i>19</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>80</i>     | <i>180</i> |                         | <i>2.58</i>    |
| <i>no</i>                                           |           |          |          |               |            |                         | <i>12</i>      |
|                                                     |           |          |          |               |            |                         | <i>\$2.70</i>  |

*David Hewson* Treasurer.

[1856]

TAX RECEIPT.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
GRANT COUNTY, } SS.  
Town of Beetown,



Received of Charles Shepard

the sum of Two dollars and Twenty Eight cents, in full for the Taxes charged in the Tax-Roll of said Town for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the following described Lands and amount of Personal Property, in the Town of Beetown aforesaid, to wit:

| Parts of Sections, and amount of Personal Property.            | Section.  | Town.     | Range.    | No. of Acres. | Valuation. | Value Personal Property. | Amount of Tax. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <u>N<sup>W</sup><sub>2</sub> of NW<sup>1</sup><sub>4</sub></u> | <u>12</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>80</u> | <u>200</u>    | <u>200</u> |                          | <u>378</u>     |
|                                                                |           |           |           | <u>and</u>    |            |                          | <u>20</u>      |
|                                                                |           |           |           |               |            |                          | <u>398</u>     |

David Stewart

Treasurer.

[e. 1856]

Chas Shephard

To Barber & Heorn Dr

For bal of Merchandise  
to ~~December~~ 1852 15.89

Interest to Feb 1856 3.30  
18.39

Feb 2<sup>d</sup> Red on mthn 7.00  
25.39

Interest 70  
12.09

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 56 On Calf 6.50  
5.59

Int this year + 9 mos 67  
\$ 6.26

Red on Wheat

J M Barber



Aug

My Dear Niece

I received your letter some weeks ago and take the first opportunity of answering it I was glad to hear that you were all well I am quite well and hope these few lines will find you the same I have suffered very much with a pain in my breast but thank God I have gotten better of it you must not think I have forgotten you there is scarcely a day passes that I do not think of you my little children are very well and grow very fast Lavinia and Catharine the first was born the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month the other 3 in Dec my little family keeps my mind very much occupied but thank God we get along tolerably well, your acquaintances after giving you - it is very dry here now I had a prospect of a good garden but it is too dry now there has been several deaths Miss Lavinia Tyler old Mrs Chapman Mr Gaines & Dr Marshall has left Hay Mar but gone on a place near the Stage Stables that is a Dept on the Rail Road they have 5 children 3 boys, 2 girls -

I have just heard the day that Aunt Cely King is in very bad health - Dr Gray is living in Dr Marshall's House Mason sends his compliments to you and Charles there is nothing new to relate - so must bid you good bye in haste I remain your affectionate  
Aunt Corlies Mason  
Keep your little children for me if I see

see them in this world, I hope I shall  
in the next try and bring them up in  
the love and feast of the Christ

please write soon

1857, Aug. 7

185

Haymarket Aug 7

My Dear Niece

I received your letter dated April 28 and was glade to here from you I hope you will not think hard of my not writing to you dont think I have forgotten you for you are on my mind from one day to an other I havent no opportunity of writing as I have had when the Doctors family lived here there is great changes about here my little children as very well I this spring my oldest one was very ill this my oldest one is 5 18 of July Wetherop will be 4 24 of Nov I cant mention much in this letter I am in haste with regret I mention the death of Aunt Leahy King who was a great sufferer I had the pleasure of seeing Hannah Morgan she has a fine little daughter Purcell is now living in warrenton the house in which Dol Mc yonse a Mrs Hair ones it

Great Prospect of corn thank the  
Lord I have a good garden  
I tend it myself I have raised  
about forty odd chickens!

I must close my letter give  
my love Chatter I sick I think  
you have a large family

I was sorry to hear the death  
of your child but Gods will  
must be done the next letter  
It will be longer give my  
love to the little ones and kiss  
them all my dear wife may go  
blessing be with you all and try  
and bring your little children  
up in love land farr now farewell  
I can not say no more at present  
I wish we should meet in this world<sup>nt</sup>

Concord N.H. July 10 1855

Whereas I have received of  
Charles R. Danforth or bearer the  
sum of thirty nine dollars with  
interest at ten per cent until paid

his  
J. S. & S. Shepherd  
mark

\$39.00

West  
L. A. B. Baker

Charles Stephen  
By note  
\$39.00

For value received

Charles K. Vanford

Andrew Young recd Seed to Charles Shephard  
his garden on the ground of decomposed green Sluicway

Sacked the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 1858

Thomas Perry



1858

Dear Brother Mountainview August 29<sup>th</sup>

I now seat myself to inform you how I am and how we are all getting on, and also to inquire the reason why you have not written to some of us before this time as we have been looking with an anxious eye, Brother Isaac has been very punctual in writing up to the present year and we have not had a letter since Christmas and we regret very much to think that we are forgotten by you, I have long hoped and wished to have been living in that happy land of freedom with you, and wished to have done so, but the responsibilities that rests upon me have thrown it out of my power, I am yet afraid it will be much longer unless you and Brother Isaac aid me in coming out, Brother Isaac has promised me to <sup>help</sup> bring mother out to the west, but has failed to do so, and you know Brother she is old and hates and the mother of us all and she hates to be slighted by those that have promised to do good for her especially when she thinks we are able to assist her, as for myself Brother I have plenty, but I would like to have something from some of you to assist my mother to come out with you, and my sisters that wish to come out themselves, as I do not feel disposed to come out and leave them behind, I wish you would come to Virginia or do you think it will be out of your power to do so, or do you think there is any possible chance of your helping to get

them out than if there is you will -  
Please let me know and also I would  
like to know what the prospect is for  
my doing anything out there though  
I do not wish you to disburden yourself  
of any thing that you may want but any  
thing that you can spare will some assistance  
I hope this Epistle will reach you and all  
of your family well and enjoying the  
Blessings of this earthly tabernacle and  
I hope you will tell Brother I have the  
same and that I have said to you and  
ask him to answer my last letter  
that I wrote him & Mother and Sister  
Sarah Joint me in their best love  
to you and all of your friends like  
will do the same Mrs George Gray  
desires me to say to you that he is  
now a married man and is father  
of three children - I hope you will  
not fail to write soon as we are  
anxious to hear from you I have a great  
deal to say to you no more at present  
for I must close

Yours affectionate Brother  
Edward L. Shepherd

TAX RECEIPT—Printed and Sold at the "Herald Office," Lancaster.

STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
GRANT COUNTY.  
Town of Beetown

\$ 4.37

Received of

Charles Shepherd

the sum of Four dollars and Thirty Seven cents, in full for the Taxes charged in the Tax-Roll of said Town for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty on the following described Lands and amount of Personal property in the Town of Beetown aforesaid to wit:

| Description of Real or Personal Property. | Section.  | Town.    | Range    | Acres.    | Valuation of Property. | State Tax. | County Tax. | County School Tax. | Town School Tax. | Unpaid Road Tax. | Unpaid School Dist. Tax. | TOTAL TAXES. |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <u>W<sub>2</sub> of NW<sub>1/4</sub></u>  | <u>12</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>80</u> | <u>400.</u>            | <u>83</u>  | <u>94</u>   | <u>40</u>          |                  |                  | <u>2 20</u>              | <u>4 37</u>  |
|                                           |           |          |          |           |                        |            |             |                    |                  | <u>Fees</u>      | <u>8</u>                 | <u>4.45-</u> |

Saml Lannon Treasurer.

[c.1860]

Mrs Shepherd

Bot of J M Barber

|                      |                |                     |      |          |   |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|------|----------|---|
| For                  | 12 yds Sheetin | @ 11                | 1.32 | ✓        |   |
| Aug 20 <sup>th</sup> | "              | 1 Pair Shoes        | 6    | 75       | ✓ |
| "                    | "              | 3 Blue Edged Fishes |      | 55       | ✓ |
| "                    | "              | 3 1/2 yds Calico    | - 11 | 45       | ✓ |
| "                    | "              | Molasses Barrel     |      | 75       | ✓ |
| Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> | For            | 2 1/2 yds Linsay    | - 30 | 75       | ✓ |
|                      |                | 2 " jeans           | 40   | 84       | ✓ |
|                      |                | Thread              |      | 5        | ✓ |
|                      |                |                     |      | <u>5</u> |   |
|                      |                |                     |      | \$ 5.42  |   |

Rec<sup>d</sup> Pay

J M Barber

Pr John Alcorn

[1861?,] Apr. 14

Washington D C April 14<sup>th</sup> 1861

[To Charles Sheppard  
Lancaster, Grant Co.]

Dear Sister I received

your kind letter and was very happy to hear  
from you but I ~~was~~ was taken confined  
by my bed the next day and was not  
able to write to you till now so you must  
excuse me for not writing to you before  
as I was not able so I will now I will write  
to you every opportunity I can and you must  
do me the same the children are all well  
and mother sends her love to you in particular she  
is so old now and wants to see you very much  
but she thinks that the length of traveling  
tells brother of why he thinks it is too cold  
for me to live out there he was fraised here  
and I think ~~that~~ it is now more true call for  
me than it is for him dear sister I wrote to  
Irae and received no answer ~~but~~ tell him  
that he need not stop writing to me for  
if I can get the means I am coming  
out wether it is too cold or too hot and if you

Can help me any I will be very much ob-  
liged to you I have five children to bring with  
me and I think I will bring them all  
give my love to little harrett and tell  
her I will write to her as soon as I  
can dear sister I do not know how ~~thru~~ your  
heart feels towards me but when I receive the  
pieces of your dresses it seems if some  
body that was dead and risen again I am  
very much pleas'd with the green leaf  
and tell harrett to send me word whether  
she painted it her self or not I have a  
~~great~~ great heart to tell you but my  
head akes so bad that I cant study a little  
long I hope that you will send me  
something give my love to brother Ira  
and the family and tell him to write to me  
and let me know about the letter I sent  
~~you~~ him I was very much oblig'd for what  
he sent me tell brother he sent me word  
that he had so much to help on there  
he better stop bestowing so much charity  
on other folks and try to help me some

my expenses has been this winter ~~25~~  
~~doll~~ dollar and when it is to come from  
I cant tell sister Larrinda is well and  
send her love to you all I will put  
A paper of ~~me~~ needles in this letter for  
harrett and I want to learn how to <sup>knit</sup> stick  
so if it is please god for me to get there  
I want her to do my sticking for me  
etc more from your affection  
Sister Sarah A Shepard

Direct your letter  
to 518 ridge street between  
4 and 5 streets

Katie Lu. Greene was born Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1867  
 Sarah Greene was born, Oc. 4<sup>th</sup> 1870  
 Robert Greene was born, Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> 1872,  
 Mamie Greene was born Mar. 1<sup>th</sup> 1874.  
 Lillie A Greene was born, Sep. 26<sup>th</sup> 1876.  
 Emma C Greene was born, July, 12<sup>th</sup> 1878.  
 William C Greene was, born Ju. 15<sup>th</sup> 1879

G

Mr. Gadlin family 1876  
 Renny An Gadlin was born June 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Nettie Delia Gadlin was born Jan. 22 1878

Thomas an Hattie Green  
 family

Amelia A. Green was born <sup>Sept</sup> 16 1881  
 Lester J. Greene was born Feb 26 1883  
 Ellic H. Greene was born Dec 20 1889

Verna B. Greene born Oct 14 1895

~~1881~~  
~~1867~~  
 14

|      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| 1881 | 1881 | 1881 | 1881 |
| 76   | 78   | 89   | 74   |
| 5    | 4    | 2    | 7    |
|      | 28   | 1881 |      |



Head Quarters, District of St. Louis.

Office of Superintendent of Contrabands.

St. Louis, Mo.,

*O. S. R.*  
1863.

*John Green* a negro, aged *31-*  
years, *5-6* in height, *dark* color, whose last master was  
*James Boyd* of the County of *Phillips*  
State of *Arkansas* is hereby declared to be an emancipated  
Slave, and a free man, by virtue of the Proclamation of the President of the  
United States, made 1st January, 1863, under the provisions of the Act of  
Congress of 17th July, 1862.

By Order of Brig. General STRONG,

*H. C. Fillebrown*

Capt. and Chief of Staff.

Witness:

*A. D. Fisher*

Chaplain and Superintendent of Contrabands.

Head Quarters, District of St. Louis.

Office of Superintendent of Contrabands.

St. Louis, Mo.,

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> - 1863.

Lilla Gunn a negro, aged 44 -  
years, 5 - 6 in height, dark color, whose last master was  
James B. Prof of the County of Phillips  
State of Arkansas is hereby declared to be an emancipated  
Slave, and a free <sup>man</sup>, by virtue of the Proclamation of the President of the  
United States, made 1st January, 1863, under the provisions of the Act of  
Congress of 17th July, 1862.

By Order of Brig. General STRONG,

H. C. Fillebrown

Capt. and Chief of Staff.

Witness:

A. D. Bishop

Chaplain and Superintendent of Contrabands.

Head Quarters, District of St. Louis.

Office of Superintendent of Contrabands.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Francis Green a negro, aged 21 —  
years, 5 ft height, dark color, whose last master was  
James Broff of the County of Phillips  
State of Arkansas is hereby declared to be an emancipated  
Slave, and a free <sup>white</sup> ~~man~~, by virtue of the Proclamation of the President of the  
United States, made 1st January, 1863, under the provisions of the Act of  
Congress of 17th July, 1862.

By Order of Brig. General STRONG,

H. C. Fillebrun

Capt. and Chief of Staff.

Witness:

H. D. Fisher

Chaplain and Superintendent of Contrabands.

Head Quarters, District of St. Louis.

Office of Superintendent of Contrabands.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct - 10<sup>th</sup> - 1863.

Amey Green a negro, aged 17  
years, 5-6 in height, dark color, whose last master was  
James Profe of the County of Phillips  
State of Missouri is hereby declared to be an emancipated  
Slave, and a freeman, by virtue of the Proclamation of the President of the  
United States, made 1st January, 1863, under the provisions of the Act of  
Congress of 17th July, 1862.

By Order of Brig. General STRONG,

H. C. Filleman

Capt. and Chief of Staff.

Witness:

A. D. Fisher

Chaplain and Superintendent of Contrabands.

Head Quarters, District of St. Louis.

Office of Superintendent of Contrabands.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1863.

of Tom Brown a negro, aged 49  
years, 5 6 height, dark color, whose last master was  
John O. Brown of the County of Phillips  
State of Arkansas is hereby declared to be an emancipated  
Slave, and a free man, by virtue of the Proclamation of the President of the  
United States, made 1st January, 1863, under the provisions of the Act of  
Congress of 17th July, 1862.

By Order of Brig. General STRONG,

H. C. Fillebrown  
Capt. and Chief of Staff.

Witness:

A. D. Fisher  
Chaplain and Superintendent of Contrabands.

TAX RECEIPT.

Printed at the Herald Office, Lancaster.

STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
COUNTY OF GRANT.

|                    | DOLLS | CTS |
|--------------------|-------|-----|
| State Tax, : : : : |       |     |
| County Tax, : : :  |       |     |
| County School Tax  |       |     |
| Town Tax, : : :    |       |     |
| Dist. School Tax,  |       |     |
| Road Tax, : : : :  |       |     |
| Total, : : : :     |       |     |

Received of Charles Shepard the sum of  
Twenty three  $\frac{29}{100}$  Dollars in full for the Taxes

Assessed on the Tax-Roll of the town of Beech  
 for the Year A. D. 1864, on the following described property, to-wit:

| Description.      | SEC | T'N | RG | ACRES. | PERSONAL. | R'L ESTATE | TOTAL TAX. |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|--------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Personal Property |     |     |    |        | 100       |            | 446        |
| Worth of 1/4 1/4  | 12  | 4   | 4  | 30     |           | 400        | 17 88      |
|                   |     |     |    |        |           |            | 23.29      |
|                   |     |     |    |        |           |            | 46 plus    |
|                   |     |     |    |        |           |            | 23.75      |

Dated, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1864. Washell Barnes, Treasurer.

[c.1864]

Saint Charles Jan 21  
Thomas

We were glad to get your  
letter and hear you were all well.

Mr Griffith's health is better than  
last winter but he is not well yet,  
he went up to Minneapolis last  
summer and staid two months  
with Dr Johnston, it did him  
good - I believe he would have  
died if he had staid at home.

Hunter takes care of the farm  
and it seems like old times to  
be back here. We will be through  
making cider next week, we  
had the biggest crop of apples  
this year since the winter you  
all were here when we filled  
the cider house and cellar and  
dug holes to put them in.

Mr Gaty's Taylor is working here  
and Jack Otey - Fanny has  
cooked for me all winter and  
it was cheerful to see a light  
and hear the laughing in the  
old kitchen.

We would like to see you all  
very much, Mr Griffith was  
always sorry you went so far  
from him, would have  
been better for you to settle  
near us. Tell Billy we took  
down the Mantel piece in the  
little back kitchen and found  
things that had been there  
since the times of her old  
mistress.

Ephraim died last fall at  
his daughter Clara's, his wife  
has been dead several years.  
Betty is living on the place  
Miss Eliza gave her, Eliza is  
grown, but has turned out  
badly - Antony is a very good



Boy and a great comfort to  
his Mother - Hardin is not  
good to Betty and I feel very  
sory for her, she works hard  
and has so many children  
it is very hard for her. Bertha  
is living on Shade Spaldings  
place, she is making a good  
living, has plenty of chickens &  
hogs & two horses, Susan is  
in Sthouis doing no good -  
Ben works & idles his time as  
he feels like it & when he goes  
to see his Mother steals what  
little money she has laid up -  
Amanda is grown and is a  
nice looking girl.

William is married & lives at  
John Johnsons - George - we  
call him little George yet - is  
working on the prairie, he  
cant talk plain yet. Fanny and  
Mary are both married, but have

Such bad tempers they cant  
get along well anywhere.

Old Mr Judge is dead. Your  
Uncle Hardy is well tho I never  
have seen him since I came  
to the country. Tell Lilly that  
Bunny says no one can make  
as good catsup as she can and  
the 28 bottles she made once  
lasted four years. Hunter, Lulu  
& Bunnie talk of you all a  
great deal and would like to  
see you - We have a black man  
named Thomas who has lived  
with us all winter, he reminds  
us of you. What is Hardy doing  
and does Green and Lilly begin  
to look old - These winter nights  
we often sit & talk of you.

We have made three hundred

[c. 1867]

barrels of Cider and 150 of  
vinegar this winter - and I think  
the Cider is the best we ever  
made - we have 80 acres  
of Wheat planted - Mr Griffith  
is putting all the land in  
timothy as we had it before  
we left the Country. We  
killed nineteen hogs and have  
near a hundred for fattening  
next year. I milk three cows  
and will have five in the  
spring. We put up our Ice the  
1<sup>st</sup> of December, we got Ice  
from Col's pond. It was very  
dry here last summer so we  
did not raise many vegetables.  
We will have a market garden  
next summer and send our  
wagon to town every day.

Tell Billy Mr Mouroc is dead  
and old Mr Brown that used  
to preach here and Mr Green  
and old Mr Burkeo, Mr Sam  
Keithly, Dennis M<sup>c</sup>Donald,  
Mrs Stonetaker lives in St Charles  
and looks fat as ever; Mrs  
Robinson is in Thomis. Mrs  
M Knight lives in Montana.  
Miss Eliza will come back  
here to live in the Spring, she  
is very healthy now and wants  
to come back among her  
friends. Mr Jimp Fielding  
is here now. Tom Cunningham  
will be married next week to  
Hugal Orricks daughter.

Emily Sandford is well, & Martha  
Philips. On a hill back of French  
town the black people have a  
nice village called Affrica, all  
the nice ones live there & are  
doing well. The mean ones are  
worse than the old boy himself.  
Love to all. Hovey to Green. F. G. Pitt

1866, Feb. 21

TAX RECEIPT

Printed at the Herald Office, Lancaster.

|                     | DOLLS | CTS |
|---------------------|-------|-----|
| State Tax, : : : :  |       |     |
| County Tax, : : : : |       |     |
| County School Tax   |       |     |
| Town Tax, : : : :   |       |     |
| Dist. School Tax.   |       |     |
| Road Tax, : : : :   |       |     |
| Total, : : : :      |       |     |

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,**  
**COUNTY OF GRANT**

Received of *Mr Charles Shepard* the sum of  
*Six*  $\frac{81}{100}$  Dollars in full for the Taxes

Assessed on the Tax Roll of the town of *Beo Loan*  
 for the Year *A. D. 1865*, on the following described property, to-wit:

| Description.             | SEC | T <sup>n</sup> | R <sup>g</sup> | ACRES. | PERSONAL.  | RE ESTATE | TOTAL TAX.  |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------|----------------|--------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>Personal Property</i> |     |                |                |        | <i>150</i> |           | <i>4.81</i> |
| <i>one dog</i>           |     |                |                |        |            |           | <i>2.00</i> |
|                          |     |                |                |        |            |           | <i>6.81</i> |

*W. M. Garner*

Dated, *February 21*, 186*6*

*W. M. Garner*, Treasurer.

1866, Dec. 24

TAX RECEIPT.

HERALD Print, Lancaster, Wis.

\$ 5<sup>80</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
COUNTY OF GRANT.

No 77

Received of Caroline Shepard the sum of

five <sup>69</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars in full for the Taxes Asses-

sed on the Tax-Roll of the town of Bellevue  
for the Year A. D. 1866, on the following described property, to-wit:

| Description.      | SEC | T'N | R'G | ACRES. | PERSONAL | R'L ESTATE | TOTAL TAX. |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|----------|------------|------------|
| Personal Property |     |     |     |        | 150      |            | 1 50       |
| Wk of N 2/4       | 12  | 4   | 4   | 80     |          | 4 20       | 4 19       |
|                   |     |     |     |        |          |            | 5 69       |
|                   |     |     |     |        |          |            | 11         |
|                   |     |     |     |        |          |            | 5 80       |

Dated, Dec 24, 1866

W. M. Garner

Town Treasurer.

Melbourn, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1869,

My Dearest Alice

It is with heart felt  
sorrow, I now address you, how can I describe  
my feelings at receiving the sad tidings  
of my beloved Carolines death.

I had felt very uneasy ever since <sup>last</sup> I thought  
she had time to reach home and would  
often speak of not hearing from her.

I shall always feel thankful that I had  
the pleasure of seeing her one more in this  
world, and now my dear children you  
must try to be resigned to the will of  
God, who doeth all things well, as he  
supported her to take such a journey.

I feel so thankful ~~she~~ took care of her  
and enabled her to get back to you all,  
and die in peace, at home and with  
her children, I hope she is better off

Catherine my only child, <sup>16 years old</sup> was very much  
depressed about your mother, I would have  
answered your letter sooner, but waited until

she returned, as she is hired out, to try and  
get us something to <sup>live</sup> upon, I am now getting  
quite infirm and suffer very much with  
rheumatism. It is a great satisfaction to me  
to think you have such a kind Uncle  
& hope you all will return his kind regards with <sup>the same</sup> love.  
I wish it was so that we could be near to  
each other, you must try and follow the example  
of your Mother, and be prepared to meet her  
in a better world, and ever remember we  
must all die whenever the Lord summons  
us, we know not how soon, I felt confident  
when I parted from your dear Mother, we should  
never meet again in this world but hope  
to meet in the next, where parting will  
be no more, there will be no more going,  
nor coming, ~~if~~ you mention that she wanted  
to say something more in her letter, I expect it  
was about helping me, when she was here she  
said as soon as she got home, she was going  
to try and send me money enough to buy an  
acre, or two, of land, to have a house put up,  
so I could have some place for myself and Child.  
I now have to rent a room and it is with the



greatest difficulty, I can get along, and it seems  
to grieve her to see it, I beg you will keep your  
Mother's promise to write to me every month, I  
shall always feel anxious about you all, and  
want to hear from you, and tell all about  
your Mother, if she was sensible when she died  
and if she suffered much.

Catherine sends a great deal of love to you  
You must put your trust in the Lord, and  
live pleasant, and agreeable, with each other,  
Now my dear Children may the Lord bless and  
protect you is the sincere prayer of your ever  
devoted and affectionate Aunt  
Caroline Mason

P.S Give my love to your Uncle and  
family, and Mr Richmond, Mr and Mrs Green,  
C M

Katie Mason's mother to  
Hattie Greene her niece

Thomas Green  
Rancaster  
Grant County  
Wisconsin

Saint Charles Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1870

Thomas Green

Your letter came a few days since and we were all glad to hear from you. Your Uncle Harry came over as soon as he heard we had a letter & told me to write to you for him - so you must consider this his letter. He is very well and doing well, his wife Eliza Eaton is also well. Uncle Sam Riggs is living in St Louis County. Bill Black is keeping house in town and works at any kind of odd jobs. Uncle Henry & Aunt Lallie Robinson are in St Louis. Angelina & Sam came down from Keokuk with their four children and staid a month, Angelina begins to look old - she sent a great deal of love to you all and said that she hoped to see you all in Heaven for she is striving to get there - she says Ned is a barber and owns a house & lot he is married but has no children. Harriet Ned's first wife came down with Angelina and says to tell you she is Harriet Williams yet. Dr Johnston has given Bettie a farm

and she and Gardin are busy fixing up  
to build & move this fall - Gardin is a  
poor manager and they dont seem to prosper  
Mrs Betty writes very hard - she has trouble  
with her children - Eliza & Jimmy have both  
run away from home and are in town  
doing no good of course - Anthony is a good  
boy to his mother and is a great comfort to  
her.

Ephraim is living with Clara in the Prairie  
he was kicked by a horse and has been  
laid up for some time. Bertha lives on  
Shade Spalding's place, she was in the day  
after your letter came & brought me potatoes  
eggs, pickles and grapes, she is working hard  
& I think will do well - Ben, William, George  
Mary & Fanny are all well & I see them nearly  
every week. Martha's children are all  
near me too & have good homes.

Peggy Fielding was married a month ago  
to a Steamboat Cook - she has always con-  
ducted her self well and had the respect  
of all the families she lived with. I believe  
I have told you all about the black people

you were most interested in and will now  
tell you of the white people you knew.

Mr Asa Overall and Mr Edward Fielding  
are both dead, Mr Asa died with a congestion  
chill Mr Ed with consumption. Mr Gaty  
went to California this fall and staid two  
months, he is looking very well after his  
trip. He Overall went to Montana & staid  
eight months, he was in such bad health  
when he started we did not think he  
would live six months but he has come  
back in good health - he has planted a  
large vineyard out by the Cemetary.

We will move out to the farm in two  
weeks and when any of you feel like  
coming to take a look at the old home  
and at the faces of your home folks  
you will always find a welcome. I would  
love to see some of you very much, An-  
gelina and I both cried when we met  
& when we parted. Your Uncle Hardy  
says he thinks you might come, you  
or Hardy - it is easier for you to come  
than for him to go to you. I send Belmont's

picture to Billy. Belmont is a great big girl  
learning Geography & Arithmetic, she is the  
prettiest child I have. Patsy is done going  
to school and is a young lady tho a very  
small one. Bessy is taller than Patsy &  
prettier, she goes to school and is a very  
smart girl. Hunter is taller than his  
Pa, he has white whiskers, I believe he is  
as fond of playing pranks as ever.

He has two Indian ponies, two mules &  
two cows. start farming with.

Benlah are six and four years of age.  
They are the pets, Alice looks like her  
Pa, and Benlah has blue eyes and looks  
like your old Mistress.

Mr Griffith is in poor health, I fear he is  
not long for this world, that is one reason  
why I am anxious to move to the farm  
hoping the quiet of the country will be good  
for him. Hardy's letter was received and  
appreciated. Green & Billy must begin  
to look old. love to all. Your sincere  
Friend Fanny L. Griffith

St Charles May 28<sup>th</sup> 1879

Mr John Green -

All of your letters  
have come to St Char! promptly.

I am well & hearty but as a matter  
of course time is telling on me - Eliza  
is well at present, she slipped &  
broke her shoulder last fall, but  
is nearly well of it - it laid her up  
for a long time - Maria (my daughter)  
is married to a man on a farm  
down in the point & is doing as  
well as could be expected - she  
has not any family yet - I am  
doing jobs around town and manage  
to make both ends meet. Judge  
Griffith is still paralyzed & can't  
help himself - The whole family  
have moved to Texas. Hunter is  
now a groom up Mam - They are  
in the sheep business

Bill Black is still following  
a Threshing machine & doing about  
the same as he was when you knew  
him, Mr John Stonebraker is cashier  
in the 1<sup>st</sup> Nat Bank and looks  
about the same,

We are suffering with a long  
drought - no rain for 6 weeks, and  
the crops will be a failure if we  
don't have rain soon, & will not  
be more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  a crop if we  
do have rain, The gardens are  
all dried up & cisterns all out  
of water in this town.

Old Uncle Arch is still rocking  
around & in the land of the living.  
Vince Lewis is not dead, but still  
lives in St Charles.

A white man named Bland from  
the Pt will hang on the 6<sup>th</sup> & a colored  
man will be hung some time this summer  
the first ever hung in St Chas.

Adam Klueger - a son of old Klueger  
the miller jumped in the river &  
drowned himself yesterday.

There has not been many changes  
among the old settlers that you know.  
I see a great many cold folks  
are going to Kansas, but some are  
coming back & going south again  
to their old homes.

We have a good church here,  
a man named Alexander is our  
preacher - Dr. Overall is sick &  
may not live the summer through.  
Ezra is here & well.

If it keeps this hot put a  
chunk of ice in the river & put my  
name on it - The thermometer is today  
98 & you may know it is hot.

Let me hear from you so I can  
tell if you get this letter. I want  
to hear from the whole family & give  
my love to all of them.

Truly Yours Hardy Fuller



When you write direct your letters  
to

Hardy Fuller

Care

Mr C. Fullerton

St Charles

Missouri

Montfort Wis Aug 25 1880

Mr Thomas Green Dear

Sir I will take my pen in hand with  
pleasure to inform you of a few times to let  
you all see that I have not for got you all  
yet and I would like very much to see you all  
I was out here last March but I did not  
get a Round time to see you all I am coming  
out a gain and I shall go a Round and  
see you all it ~~has~~ has ben some time  
since I have sen you all I would like to  
see you all one more before I ~~get~~ get Marrieth  
I may get Marrieth this fall or some time  
this winter I can not wish any how  
I shall come out and see you all before  
that time if nothing happen and have  
a good time with you boys My old  
friend Alfred Matison has left the  
Country and has go north I am still  
Running barbering yet in Montfort  
yet and doing well and will do better when  
broad gauge getes their this fall wish I  
hope so I make farm 9 to 1000 a week and  
some weeks 1100 I had a hard time  
their the first year ~~at~~ but I stood it  
and till the Rail Road got their last fall

well that all this time and tell  
I here from you be no more at  
present So good Bye and rite Soon  
your friend Truly

Mr M Howard Parker

till them all how do for me  
and hoping when I come out I  
shall find you all well at present  
So remember me as ever as a friend  
and So Rite Soon

I heard that Mr Jack green  
and one of Mr Shapard girls was  
going to get married this fall is that  
so well I hope they will in joy a  
happy married life she has found  
here dear be lover after all and  
now hope she will be happy

[1959, Apr. 27]

Dear Mrs. Crichton

I received your kind letter  
and the article from The Papers,  
although it is true, I feel  
greatly flattered.

and with utmost humility

I want to thank you many  
times,

Truly yours,

J. Lester T. Greene

Emellin  
w/

First Negro settlers - Wm (former) [c. 1958]  
How many were slaves - did they recall ancestry

How much land - price?

How did they live - what was it called

Colored Church? revivals?

barbecues? - talent for cooking - crowds?  
what kind of coals?

How account for deterioration - jobs in cities

How far back does cemetery go? Who pays for  
care -

Ghost of former self

A lot of life went out of settlement

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery -

Olive - John & Lily Green - grand-  
homestead -

Father's people came from Missouri - 1863 -  
mother's people came in 1848 from Virginia

deeds back to 1852 - Wm Horner &  
Charles Shepard - lure of cheap  
land - unsuccess of the times -

~~to~~  
Thomas Green - enlisted Pr. du Chien-  
grandfather Mr Lewis on mother side

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Chas. Shepard & son John walked from  
to Pr. du Chien & enlisted

grandfather - in Col Clark's regiment -

both Chas. (grandfather) died at  
Vicksburg. John <sup>Mr Lewis</sup> at Cairo, Ill.  
died of disease

Civil Greens - Thomas Green - father of Mr Lewis -  
infantry - lived to be 96 - lived -

Thomas Grimes - uncle by marriage

[Thos. Richmond - Civil War soldier  
came to Laun after Civil War -

Missouri Tom ~~at~~ Ross - about 1861 -

mother, Nancy & children -

[c. 1958]  
Guines - average sized farms - breeder of  
Percheron horses - some to Madison -

run rest - + catering -

Sam<sup>"Cap"</sup> Craig - draw barbecued ~~beef~~  
pork + beef over coal - several  
different places -

sold - pleasant relations -  
several taught school - served on  
board - nothing - Pleasant Ridge  
Church - both white + colored attended -  
older folks - days visit - walk to  
each others - Henry Richmond taught <sup>select</sup> school -

Mrs. Harriet Green - Aunt Harriet - wid  
wife - called up. ~~next~~ some still living  
around who got them started further -

younger generation started - went to  
school - taught - degree - from W. of Missouri  
taught - Mrs. Sara

used to bring back - not any more -

Calais Church 1870 to 1920 - about -  
taught Sunday School for years from 14  
to thru H.S.

Thomas Green - good to them - saved up  
\$700 - got whole family  
together - about  
Tom Richmond 12 all together -  
ran away -  
Tam Jemies all slaves -

tanner -  
Grant - lived in Missouri -  
father used to drive for him -  
learning to read - go without to  
get books - education for -

Samuel Gadlin - Tennessee (decided)  
went thru not record -

Sick Lewis - vet of World War - )

Harry Green " " /

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## History of the Negro Pioneer settlers of Grant County.

The year that Wisconsin was admitted to the Union and the people were busy with their political duties and the strife between the north and south was being agitated more and more. The purchase of cheap land lured the border plantation owners north. About the first to this community was the William <sup>[Horner]</sup> Family who traveled by steamer and with them brought their former slaves from Warren County Virginia, who had been given their free papers and a chance to go where they will namely Charles and Carolyn Shepard his wife and three children, Isaac and brother of Charles also Sara Brown, a girl whom he later married. The fourth child of the Charles Shepard family was the first colored child born in Grant County. This family of eleven children, two dying in infancy at present only two remain<sup>ing</sup> Edward of Lancaster and Louis of Madison. There were first children in the Isaac Shepard family.

Next on record about 1861 William Ross brought the Grimes family from Missouri; the mother Mrs Nancy Grimes; children; Albert Ross, Pink Taylor, Thos, Joe & Henry, Martha, Nancy and several grand children, Adeline, Ada. They first settled in Potosi but soon came to Butow<sup>n</sup> township. Thomas Grimes married Amy Greene and their family numbered sixteen children. Those living at this writing are Lillie, Joe and Fred.

In 1863 The Green family had become restless of being held as slaves, although their owner was very humane and treated them as help not so much as slaves; not one of this family was sold in slavery. With a small purse of money this family consisting of John and Lillie his wife their five grown children, Hardy, Thomas Amy, Francis and Sara and infant grand child Lillie also <sup>John Smith</sup> a brother of Mrs. Green. They came by railroad as fugitives from slavery first landing at Dunlap, East Dubuque from there they spent their first winter on a farm near Bloomington. About 1870 they bought the present homestead of the late Thos. Green.

Just after the war closed as young soldiers came Samuel Gattlin from Tennessee later marrying Caroline Shepard and at present Rena Craig the living member of that family. Others coming in search of new homes were Anthony Richardson Thos. Christopher, Ephram Parm, Sen. Phillips, Simon Nelson, Zekiel Holly, Belfield Monroe, Monroe Wayne, Ches. Taylor, William Hamlet + Wm Thos, Peter and Henry Richmond, their parents John and Queen Richmond came a little later from Missouri also a Cousin Romulus, who later married Lillie Green the only survivor of this original pioneer colony. Their families coming from southern Illinois Bowman Man wife and three children

you may leave out

Shapspear Davis, wife and her mother Mrs Boty and two sons Josh and Clint. There were others who helped formed this unique settlement of ex-slaves in this particular surrounding territory having derived the name from some folk coming from Pleasant Valley and being on high ground called it "Pleasant Ridge"

These sturdy ambitious folks set about in this densely wooded county to establish homes and grasp the opportunities they had hence forth been denied and with the help of their white neighbors, bought land and built homes, their names being on the tax roll from 1856.

About 1870 the little log school of District No 6 was organized and built, <sup>by white</sup> which served as both church and school. Some of the ex-slaves attended their first school. All of the teachers were white except those of the race who taught were Bill Brown, Henry Richmond and Sarah Green and Isaac Shepard was on the school board.

The family gathering and neighborhood, get together decided the need of a church so in 1882 the log church was built where both races worshipped and by it the cemetery where most all of the founders of this community lie sleeping

The younger generation built a log building about 1898 known as the "Hall" serving as a community center for a number of years. By it the "grove"

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where the picnics and barbecues were held.  
In 1906 the Autumn Leaf Club was organized  
which is still functioning and is the Unity  
of the remaining few of this colony whose  
dominant courage and determination to be free and  
equal citizens amid trials and pioneer hardships  
did succeed to become a part of Grant Co and  
worthy of a place in her history.

## The Shepard Family History

In the year 1848 the William Horner family were among the southern planters who were becoming dissatisfied with the growing southern tention in regard to slavery and the growing talk of rebellion. Some gave their slaves their freedom. Among this group of planters were the ~~William~~ Horner family of Warrenton~~ton~~, Virginia who gave their slaves their free papers, which they brought with them and came west in search of cheap lands. They settled about five miles west of Lancaster the County seat of Grant in the then territory of Wisconsin which was admitted to the union the same year.

With the Horner family came their former slaves Charles Shepard and wife Caroline Milford and their children Harriet L., John R., and Mary. also another brother Isaac and a man by name of Sarah Brown, whom Isaac later married. Leaving their aged mother Shepard and number of Brothers and Sisters there to come later. <sup>But</sup> they migrated to the

surrounding territory but never came west. They kept in touch for many years. But later lost contact. There are letters dated 1852 in keeping the Shepard families.

They pioneered ~~and~~ farming and clearing the land. To the Charles Shepard family seven most children were born: 10 in all Isaac W. "the first colored child born here"; Edward E. "Catherine + Peter" dying in infancy. Caroline E. William H. Louis B. Shepard.

By this time the war between the states had begun. In 1863 Charles and son John W. walked to the nearest place of enlistment head quarters. Prairie du Chemin an enlisted. Charles in ~~the~~ 50th U.S. Reg. ~~Union~~ Army and John W. at seventeen years of age ~~in~~ Co. K. 42nd Union ~~Army~~ <sup>Union</sup> Army. Fate was against them grandfather Charles died in the siege of Vicksburg under General Grant's <sup>command</sup> and John of disease in Cairo Ill. on his way home.

Their names are among those carved on the Civil War monument in the court yard in Lancaster, Grant County. One of the first to be erected in memory of the Civil War <sup>dead</sup> ~~men~~.

The next generation was Louis  
B Shepard, youngest son of Charles  
and Caroline ~~Shepard~~ and his wife  
Julia Ellis lived all of their  
married life in Madison who was  
the Parent of Dr. Howard B Shepard  
~~and~~ and his wife Odeusa Carrol Shepard  
Parents of Carrol B Shepard wife of  
Victor Lewis II. and Parents of  
Victor Lewis III. Eighteen months old

# Only One Survivor of Negro Colony

By DAVE STEVENS  
T-H Staff Writer

LANCASTER, Wis.—Memorial Day Friday brought the last of Grant County's Negro colony to tiny "Pleasant Ridge" Cemetery, about five miles west of Lancaster.

The colony, originally composed of slaves, ex-slaves and their children, once numbered about 100. Now only Mrs. Dick Lewis was on hand to greet homecomers at the Grant-County cemetery.

Transported from the south as far back as 1848 (the year Wisconsin became a state) the former slaves carved fertile cropland out of the heavily wooded Wisconsin hills. And in so doing they carved a niche into Grant County history.

Today visitors at the county seat courthouse square in Lancaster can see the names of Pleasant Ridge farmers on the Civil War monument commemorating the lives given in the battle against the Confederacy.

John and Charles Shepard, who walked to Prairie du Chien to enlist, were among the first Lancaster area volunteers. Charles was killed during the siege of Vicksburg while serving under U. S. Grant. John caught a fatal disease and died in Cairo, Ill., on his way home to Pleasant Ridge.

The Shepards were the first colored family to move into the Lancaster area. William Horner, a Virginia plantation owner, had become increasingly dissatisfied with existing tension over the slavery issue and increasingly interested in the cheap land in the midwest.

#### Arrived in 1848

The Horners set out by ox team, according to an old newspaper, and arrived here in 1848. The former slaves who accompanied him on the trip were Charles Shepard, his wife Caroline; and children, Harriet, John and Mary; Charles' brother, Isaac; and a maiden, Sarah Brown, whom Isaac later married.

Horner bought some land for his former colored help. At last the Shepards had land of their

own. The trees they cut down and the soil their plows turned were not "the master's." It was Shepard land.

When the Civil War broke out, William Ross moved north out of Missouri, bringing with him his former slaves—the Grimes family.

In 1863 the Green family, also from Missouri, grew restless as forced laborers. After two unsuccessful attempts at running away, eight of them boarded a train at St. Charles, Mo., and three days later arrived at Dunlieth, Ill. (East Dubuque).

"I still have the trunk that grandfather Green brought with him that trip," Mrs. Lewis of Pleasant Ridge said. "Years later I was told that by the time they had reached East Dubuque the clothes were stolen, leaving just an empty trunk to be toted first to Potosi, then to Pleasant Ridge.

#### Land \$1.50 An Acre

Mrs. Lewis' grandfather was just 20 years old at that time. His former owner had been kindly to his Negroes, allowing them to save some money from their labors. In fact, Thomas Green had accumulated nearly \$700, some of which was used to buy Grant County land at the going price of \$1.50 per acre.

"I heard that his master from Missouri later found out where Green and his family settled," Mrs. Lewis related, "and he wrote here to find out why they had gone. He asked them to come back."

But freedom was valued too highly by Tom Green. Living into his mid-90's, the former slave was quoted by the Platteville Journey in 1936, "I saw too many families broken up on the auction block. A good strong man or a good wench

would bring \$1,000 each, while owners would often give away a mammy's children to get rid of them."

After the Civil War ended, many more Negroes filtered northward into farming communities similar to Pleasant Ridge. Wooded hills became bared as wheat and log cabins grew up in place of the timber. By the turn of the century the Pleasant Ridge Church (United Brethren) had 80 members.

Negro and white children grew up together, attending the same schools and churches. Most of the new arrivals from the South had hard times much as the Greens experienced at first.

#### Log Cabin

Mrs. Lewis said her grandfather's family started out in a log cabin that was used to store ice in the cellar. The Shepards helped out with food and clothes for the Greens the first year. Almost every new arrival needed some kind of "helping out."

Although the colony grew to nearly 100, chances for intermarriage within the Pleasant Ridge community were sometimes slim. More frequently the young men and women migrated toward more populous centers to find mates. Usually they never came back, except maybe to decorate a grave on Memorial Day.

On the whole the relations between the races around Lancaster were good. As Mrs. Lewis said, "When we were kids we fought with white kids and made up. We really never realized any difference in color."

"You hear so much about racial troubles in the papers today," Mrs. Lewis went on, "that you begin to realize how lucky we were here. I remember when our white neighbors would ask my father to help stack the hay; he knew just how to do it. And I remember the times we would pack up a lunch and go for the whole day to white or Negro neighbors to do some patching while the menfolk worked in the fields."

Those days are gone forever. There has been no worshipping

in the church since 1918, no singing and dancing at the picnic grounds since pre-depression days, no Sunday afternoon chicken fries.

Except for Mrs. Lewis, the Negro colony is represented only by an outcropping of tombstones amid the wild Indian tobacco flowers in the tiny Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

## Four Hospitalized From 1-Car Crash

STRAWBERRY POINT, Ia.—A Memorial Day outing of two Strawberry Point families was cut short when their car went out of control and rolled over, resulting in four persons being hospitalized.

Being treated at Delaware County Memorial Hospital, Manchester, are Clyde Mierson, 50, head cuts and a broken finger; his wife, BerNeysa, 49, internal injuries; Reginald Opperman, 39, the driver, badly shaken up; and Mrs. Eva Opperman, severe skull fracture.

The Miersons' daughter, Diane, 12, was examined and released.

Highway Patrolman Frank Davis said the Opperman vehicle apparently went out of control on a curve on Highway 13, eight miles north of here, and rolled over after the car wheels went off the pavement. It was demolished.

The families were on their way to McGregor for a day of fishing.

## Levy \$300 Fine, Costs On OMVI Conviction

MANCHESTER, Ia. — A fine of \$300 and costs was assessed against Dorothy M. Strom in Delaware County District Court after she pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

She was arrested May 7 near Dundee by Highway Patrolman Lloyd Etscheidt after she drove her auto into a ditch.

The defendant also was ordered to surrender her driver's license and Iowa liquor permit.

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Blowing the seeds of a fuzzy dandelion, Mrs. Dick Lewis shows how the members of the Pleasant Ridge Negro colony near Lancaster, Wis., gradually scattered to more distant areas. She is the last of the farm community started by ex-slaves who once numbered nearly 100. The tombstone of her grandfather Green, a former slave and one of the colony's founders, is the small one below her right hand. (Telegraph-Herald Photo)





[c.1940]

[Edward C. Shepard, Lancaster,  
Son of former slave, Charles Shepard.]

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Ed. C. Shepard - 96 years old - son of former slave  
Lancaster, Pa.



Grant County, Wisconsin  
Pleasant Ridge Dist #5

Teacher Frank Webb [#6?]

Pupils left to right

Rina Gaden

Nettie Gaden

Emma Greene

Oscar Grimes

Lettie Greene

Bessie Hoffmann

May Hoffmann

Jessie Hoffmann