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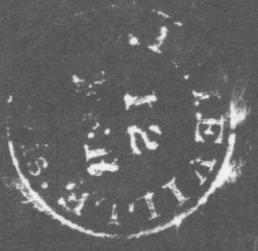
Dear cousin I now take the opportunity to inform you that we are all well and enjoying good health. It has been a long time since I have heard from you or grandmother I want to hear from you very much and I want you to let us know where grandmother is And whether she is enjoying good health or not I want to see you all very much you tell cousin Mindwell I that I want she should write me a letter and let me know where she is and what she is about and whether she has got that claranette for me or not and if she has I think I shall come down their and get it I have thought some of coming down their this spring but I do not as I shall I would if I was ~~the~~ share of getting into business to suit me I have had ~~the~~ rather bad luck this two or three years and have not made much progress in the world I had the fever and ague three months last season but I am in hopes that my luck will turn one of these days

I hear that you have chosen a companion
for life and I suppose you are enjoying
all the comforts of life at least I am
in hope you are now you must excuse
all mistakes for I am not in a habit
of writing and that you may know by
my writing all my folks ~~are~~ have got
here at wisconsin excepting Harrison and I
expect him hear this season.

give my best grandmother and all the
cousin and except a good she yourself
Write as soon as you get this

I remain your affectionate

cousin Edwin Higley ^{waukashaw Co}
Prairieville W



Mr. Andrew Bates
East Stanley
Marlboro Co.
Conn.

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Milwaukee Feb. 27. 1847

Dear Sir

I thank you very much for your kind letter. It has relieved my mind in a great degree. I have never feared an honest fair submission of the great questions involved in the Constitution to the people. But I have feared the intricate and dishonest devices of its enemies. I still fear them somewhat, but not so much. The people in our County, and in all this district, are thoroughly aroused, and most nobly do they come up to the great work before them. We have thus far met them at every turn and thoroughly foiled them. Daily when we might we have been on his track, and so we shall continue. Every day brings us new converts, and the contest with us has now the character of a revolution, than an election. So far as Milwaukee is concerned the victory is now almost. The battery of the whig press is turned. The præambulating squad of whigs and recusant democrats is broken up and dispersed, and quarreling with each other. You may set down this County at from 200 to 400, in favor of the constitution.

Yours truly

A. Smith

Hon Elzha Morrow



John. Elshu Mornew
Green Bay
W. I.

Massach Apr 6th 1849
Dear Sir

James R. Russell Esq informs me that he saw Mr. Whiting after he left you & that he could offer no satisfaction with him he therefore request me to inform you of the fact and instruct you to force a collection on it as far as you can which you will please do he also says you may collect it & have a reasonable portion of the demand for collecting your name of the amt. you would charge him & take it ~~the~~ for Collier is of Whiting and write him in relation to it direct to Grand Rapids Postage for W.

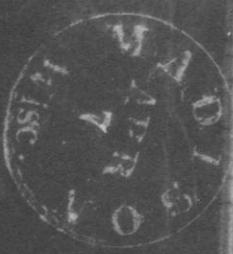
Respectfully Yours
C. J. Mitchell

H. E. Monroe

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the Constitution is faring hard today which suits me very well

LWM



Mr. & Mrs.
R. J.
Horn
Green Bay
Wisconsin

White water Jan^o 28 1847
Mr G W Chapman
Seneca

your Letter dated Dec^o 25

I have received you wish me to state the facts respecting those I also Notes that the Lower Brook Co gave him and also the amount they gave for the security of the same. The amount of those Notes I do not recollect, you will find the amount in the Cash Book but after a part of the Notes were paid Mr Tolano came to Pawlet and received a new Note signed by my self & Father, Little & Colb. On about \$3200. as collateral security for the Mortgage Notes for which he gave me a receipt specifying the purpose for which he received the Note.

I paid \$1000 a short time after on the \$3200 and your two new Notes one of a \$1000 one of \$300, these Notes were given as collateral security for the Mortgage Note

In respect giving the Mortgage I think there was a meeting called for that purpose all present except Jacob Elgerton Jr. We all agreed to give a mortgage of the Woolen Factory which was done in good faith and all might be well suppose at the time of my failure and before I exposed my own all of stock in Lower Brook Mfg Co all notes contracted I gave my own Notes

All of the Wool that I have bought since the
Factory came into my hand, I have given my own
Notes signed by Father & Father they also signed
the Bank paper the Wood at the Factory I have
from my own hand And every thing that was got
to furnish the Factory was done in my own name
The Bank Notes from the Mack Daniels Note an all
the Notes that I have been paid on were Factory
Notes except the Austin Note

I think I told Rice that the Factory & Stock
was mine to take it make the best use of it
~~possible~~ towards paying my debts
I do not recollect of giving a Lower Brook Co
Note of any amount since the Factory came
into my hand But all of the business was
done in my own name

Orders giving funds to the stone were mostly
given in the name of Lower Brook Co

Your truly

John W Clark

We have rec'd a visit from Bragg's & wife
also like & wife Bragg's like the country well
think he shall buy a farm in White water
Give my respects to your wife and all of my
friends in parol if I have any there

Postm. H. C. Clark
Rec'd. Feb'y 28, 1847.

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January

26th, 1847
Pawlet



to the former.

What think you of the thermometer at 32° below 0°? It was then on the
7th & never since the 1st has it been 10° above to which we have snow,
know deep, sleeping fast rate. "Springbrook?" Platteville Grant Co. Wis.

Jan 22/47

Friends Church,

Yours of Dec. 17/46 is received & as usual with
much pleasure. I am glad to find that the occupation I have
chosen pleases you for it was ^{entered into} not without a good deal of
thought & calculation, not to trouble you with reasons ~~which~~
in favor of it which you can, I do, as readily understand as
myself & will go on & answer your letter. My neighbors are good
respectable "Broughton" sort of men for the most part English
farm owners of the land they occupy while they have not the
same "go-aheadiness" as the Eastern people generally
their farms, or rather their style of farming, combining as
it does the English & American is really excellent makes one
think to go thru' our settlement during the summer or fall
that it is in reality an old settled country, while no one during
those seasons can help admiring its beauty, what we
farmers very much need is an outlet for our produce
& there is now very little doubt that a railroad commun
cation will soon be had with the Lake the preliminary
survey for the Chicago & Galena railroad being now in
progress, which from the extreme liberality of its charter
(a copy of which I sent you last week in the G. Gazette) the great
amount of travel summer & winter between the two places, then
are now four ^{distinct} opposition lines of coaches, & the immense
amount of lead annually shipped to New York & Boston by the
river which would in other events go by Buffalo, together

with the produce that is to be raised here & the evident feasibility of the route all conspire to make the road a very profitable undertaking. I shall keep you advised of its progress for I think you will perhaps feel some little interest in it. I shall at present omit the details you called for about outbuildings giving them in my next.

Your views are correct about the farm management & as soon as practicable I intend commencing with 80 or 100 head of sheep with the view of consuming my coarse produce on which with hogs & cattle I consider to be the most profitable way of managing, this however will require time & means for both of which I must wait yet still my calculations ^{are} to that end. The prospects for farms making ~~anything~~ anything out of grain at the present & prospective prices (without an Eastern outlet) are very poor, wheat at 50¢ oats 15¢ corn 20¢ barley 25¢ are not very remunerative prices you will admit your only chance is wool, cattle & horses. You ask if we any "Rich Kosners" & I forgot to tell you in its place that the tenant on this place a Swetman is in fact a "genuine" reprint of the old fellow & his wife a little more so. I have been put to every inconvenience & some loss thro' him the past summer & while he has been at no trouble to let me know that he was virtually the lord & master of the plantation I was obliged even to have a piece of land ^{elsewhere} to put in 10 acres of wheat to avoid sovering it at home letting his cattle run on it all winter & while absent at Chicago in the fall he stopped my man ploughing up the stubble, which however

I immediately overruled on my return & got over 50 acres ploughed up
his time expires 1st of next April & then he shall budge "sure"
wife & all. We have been visited by the Rev. Cidevant Col. Lehman ^{the}
of Bonaparte's old Guard who entertained the Hallvillians with four
very interesting lectures on Bonaparte, campaigns of Egypt & Russia
in both of which he was, & the most interesting of them all was
his own life; if ever he goes you may hear him; as an individ-
ual he is probably the most remarkable living, 74 years of age
with the fine vivacity of 45. 6¹/₂ ft high, he stands a living
witness of actor in the French revolution, a private in the company
under Capt Robespierre he became an intimate with the Emp
so far one of the 60,000 who went to Egypt he remains the
only one, but I should file my letter about him if I do not stop
he has been for several years a preacher of the Lutheran denomi-

Wife Abby are both well George grows finely, has the full
use of his legs turns into a great deal of mischief, talks
two or three words, understands a good many more would
say them if he could, & is without of course an uncommonly
smart chap, have no doubt he will take to "learning" for
he has a book whenever he can get hold of one, & from his
fondness for a whip bids fair to ape John when old enough,
corn bread & glasses are his favorite "vegetables" as a neighbor says
while he is not put back at all if a piece of good fat pork is
added to it, if his present good health continues there will be no
difficulty with him but the second summer is always the most trying
with children here particularly if weaned, but ~~as~~ ^{I hope} wife don't
intend to wean him before then we hope to carry him thro'
With our united love & affection to Mr. Church & you all I am as before
Yours truly George Langton

Young & Langman
Philadelphia, Pa.

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1847

Dr. J. G. French
for residence
R. J.

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Last Sat Sept 23rd 112

Dear Dr Hill

Yours of Septem 13th was received yesterday
I send you ten thousand thanks for your
kind attentions with reference to the obituary
notice I sent you it was out in good time
And so far as I have learned quite satisfactorily
to all the friends Ten thousand thanks
Also for your Christian sympathy and counsel
May the God of all grace make it all
effectually to my improvement in ^{this} sad
hour of irreparable calamity --- On this

subject I am forbidden to trouble my bleeding
heart unless it is not I have been finishing
up my work for this season fast as possible
Not since our last association met
at Milwaukee the Monday after I
shall leave for Buffalo - I think if
you should write immediately on the reception
of this directing to Bushford Allegany Co
I shall receive it in good time My plan is
if possible to be at the New York State Convention
I presume that they are not aware that some of
of their movements in some parts of the west
do not altogether harmonise with the operations of
of the Home Missionary Society - I want to have
a long kind talk with them on the subject -
Had I better attend that meeting -
My I hope to see you there ~~soon~~ soon

Have you any Satisfactions to give me
You must not expect a great deal of
me during the winter - I have worked
so hard and must rest some - What I
can do however shall be done cheerfully
We shall have a meeting of our Wisconsin
Agency next week - And shall have to
do a vast amount of business. I believe
nothing very important is likely to occur during
my absence - ~~Most~~^{the} has left the Territory
and prospects of ~~most~~^{the} stability are increasing
I am sorry to hear our Western missions
flock so fast in your physical system
May it please that they are now effectually
dispelled -

Yours in the gospel

Ben B. Miller

Absalom Miner

P. Morris Barker, M.D.

Sept. 1st. 1894)

Mon Oct. 1.

Time of starting for New York
Operating of the Concourse at
H. H. B.



Mr B H Hill
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Leffelt Home Mission Rooms
New York
City
N.Y.
Sept 22 1894

Sheragyan June 26th 1847.

Dear Friend

I have made inquiries in relation to Dr West. I learn that he is slowly working his way into practice, and will probably succeed. That at present he has no property that can be got hold of, and that probably for the present the better way would be not to move with the Indians and give him a chance to get hold of some property. He is at Mackuska (formerly Prairieville) about 70 miles from here. I will hold on to them for the present or forward them there for collection as you may direct.

I should like to know how you get along with my Indians. I will send you a receipt for what you have sent to Munroes, since I left when I ascertain the amount. I left a few days before the first of June. Mrs Eland probably got what you sent. She will come out during the summer, and then I shall ascertain the amount, or you can send it when you write.

I arrived at this point on the 9th inst. and have concluded to stop here. We have a beautiful location for a town, and already a town of but two years growth considerably larger than Rankinneskoo. There are two large Hotels, and three or four smaller ones. Some ten or twelve stores and five or six groceries. It is difficult to tell the exact number, as they are constantly on the increase. It is rather dull business for most of the merchants. The country bank is too new to support many. The principal Hotels are (recalled almost constantly. The Sheragyan House where I board, rents for \$100. per year.

They are driving things along here with a great deal of rapidity. The amount of building in preparation to the size of the place exceeds any thing I ever before saw. I am somewhat apprehensive that there will be a panic soon, say in the course of a couple of years. But supposing it should be so, I argue in this way, so far as the December business is concerned. If it continues to progress then the time is not far distant when it will be a place of a good deal of business. If there should be a temporary panic, that also will make business for the profession. At present however, I prefer to see the town progressing.

In five years if it continues to increase with the same rapidity it has for the last year we shall have a town numbering from five to ten thousand. The Steam Boats stop here, both on their upward and downward trips.

The profession here, I may say is full, and more than full, if we count them by numbers. There are some thirteen in the County, all being men.

Too many entirely for the population of the County or the Levee. There is to do. Some of the lawyers will never do much. I think after a while I shall succeed in getting into a good business. I shall probably have occasion for a stock of patients. Janesville in Rock

County I regard as good an opening as any place I have seen in the west for a young man dedicated to his business. It contains a population of about two thousand and is increasing rapidly. The population of the County is about three thousand. There are some thirteen lawyers in the County. Six at Janesville but one of them, who has any reputation

as a lawyer, and he stands pretty high - I think
I could have gone into a living bearing three
right along. They shake with the ague there
some to be seen. I think I should have been
willing to have risked myself there, but I did not
like to take my wife there. I had an opportunity
of seeing a portion of this territory by travelling about
two hundred miles through it. Same portion
of it is magnificent beyond description.

The Prairies (if you will allow me to describe them
thus) are rich as the gay Gondolas padding with
their silver ears through the golden buttoned
curtains of the sky.

The practice is very much like all things else
turn-a-float. There will probably be a state
government formed within the next eighteen
months - and then I am in hopes we shall
get things more settled. we have but two
terms a year of one week each. The assault
and Battery and, Harvey cases, rather the
amount is less than twenty dollars are settled
by a justicis jury. and affraps also.

I hardly think there is any one laying up the dimes
very fast here unless it is the negroes
I shall not probably do more this summer than
I did last in Penit. perhaps not as much
still I shall hold on. I think the prospect ahead
is good - I think the chances of success in business
are better here than at the East - still if I
was able to live as I would like to. I should
prefer living East. I shall be glad to
hear from you at any time. write and
let me have the news. Respectfully yours
Edw^r Ewell

Edwina Sharpe
Sotterley
Sept 8th 1827



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A yg Beckhun Egg
Danchun nach
Meyamung Co
Per

White Oaksprings ~~Sapajet Co~~
Constant Territory
August 14th 1847

Mr Ben J Rostine Esq Dear Sir &
friend I Receivd a letter from Drow
C Snider same time in June and he
rote to me that he had the money
all ready forme and would pay
it if I woudl throw up the interest
I have Rote to you about 2 months
ago and Cant get any answer from you
~~So far~~ I want you to Right to me
and let me know wheather you got
my letter and if you did get it
Send me word ~~what~~ what Snider is
going to do the first Rote is now
and ~~it~~ will not be long till the
Balance is Due I want to know what
to do and I want you to Right to me
and let me know what Snider has
done if he has paid the money or
not and If he has not paid the
money Collect it as fast as it
comes down Right to me as soon
you git this letter if you got my
first letter you will now what you to
do and if you did not get my
letter See Mr D.C. Snider and se
what he will do and Right to me
and let me know what he will do
and I will Right to you and tell
you what to do nothing more at
present but I

Samuel Right

Ab I want an answer I would av paid the
as soon as you git this ^{postage but when} I pay the postage
I can't git an answer I don't think they go

Ben. J. Ristine Esq
Crawfordsville
Montgomery County
Indiana

over 10

White Springs
Crown Hill

Lafette December 11 - 1847 -

Dear Sister

We received your letter the last day of July and was glad to here ~~that~~ from you and was sorry to hear that your health was so poor but you may think very strange of ^{us} not writing before but you know how it is with me so many children to take care of six only the youngest is not three monthly old until the 3 day of January Brother Lucian has come and made us ~~a~~ a visit and I was glad to see him but I did not take ^{the} comfort that I should if I had been well for I had the indisposition very bad so that we called the Doctor in twice for better than a week I was not able to ^{do} any thing my lims was very sore and swelled very bad and I took four portion of calomil besides some other medicine I often think if I had wings I would take my flock and stop to rest until I see you all but alas it is in vain and so I must be content I suppose you would like to know how I like ^{the} country I do not like ~~it~~ as well as ^{did} there I miss our well of water and the school I must say that I dreaded a cloudy day for it was so lonesome to me ~~but I wanted better~~ last summer but I suppose I shall like it better when we get ^{on} to our place it will make some difference if I could you all one hour I could tell you more in that time than I can write in all day but I am well about the minstres I have had them worse than I did there but we have had all sore eyes

but they are all better now at present I
was sorry to think that trip left up I should
like to have him come a long with us but it
was curious about ^{his} going back again to your
house ~~again~~ the children often speaks within
themselves they want to go back again and
the boys says they ^{will} go back and ride on uncle
horses Matilda often says she is a going back
to live Mr Rogers likes the country as well
as he expected he should. he has a deed of forty
acres of fine timber two eighting oak opening
the ^{is} ~~is~~ value worth three hundred dollars
and it lies this side 4¹/₂ miles of green bay
the country is Winabago too ^{of} oak of oaks and
four cows 3 calves & pigs we fattened and killed
between 5 and 6 hundred ^{weight} of pork we raised
about 50 bushels of buck wheat Elias has
now between 3 and 4 hundred bushels of wheat 60 or
70 bushels oats 15 bushels onions Elias has sold
his place for seven hundred dollars and ~~has~~
had his farm down and he has bought 4 or 5
of us this side I would like to have you write as
soon as you get this if I have so many mistakes
I have so much on my mind it is most impossible
to write a word but when you write too us again
write whether William is a coming out or not
another season and write about the folks how
they come on out there and Mrs Austin and her
family and where Jerry Austin is Samuel thin
Jerry and William never would do better than
come out next summer on the account of
getting land for it will be taken up very
soon Elias and Samuel has got 4 hundred
acres of land Elias has got a span of horses

so I remain your affectionate sister
Mary M Rogers
^{and} I have to write Mary M Rogers
and two cows three heifers a cock of steers
3 calves & hogs killed two good hogs one
beef and raised a hundred bushels of
potatoes and some buck wheat. we shall move
the first of march if nothing happens Mother
send her love you to you all and says
she should be glad to see you all

Mr Rogers would like to have David see
Mr Deming and have him get the money
on the cow and David if can get us a little
and not discommode your self and if ~~you~~
you can have chance to sell that 25 acres
of land if you cannot get a hundred dollars
sell it for ninety dollars if William is coming
out send it by him Mr Rogers would like ^{to}
to have a chance sell it get the money for it
Mr Rogers says he would ~~be~~ like to have
you and Mr Deming and pass out about 30
dollars in money by the first of March
that is if William does not come out in the spring
you will have to get a certificate and send
out here or bill of a deposit of some bank
write how fathers health is I went to see him
Julia you must write tell me how you get along
you wanted to know how our things come well
our tea pot was broken some and the store
drum some but not enough to hurt it any
tell Mr and Mrs Deming the reason I have not
to them it is I have not felt able but I shall write
try to find out where Jerry is and when you write
let us know if he has not the money he can pre-empt
a piece of land I send my best respect to your
family and George family and all other things
we have a son 3 months old and have not name
you must send us a name soon to go

Spring Prairie Wis
Dec 25/

Miss Mary Engs
South Richland
Oneida County
N.Y.

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Dear Brother,

Herin I send you my report of labour under the appointment of the Home Mission Society for the quarter, ending June 30. 1847.

I have labored 13 weeks in the quarter; preaching 37 sermons - attended 6 Prayer meetings - traveled 22½ miles - visited religiously 133 families - Baptized 3 persons - obtained 4 signatures to the Insurance Pledge - received one person by letter into the Church at Pleasant Prairie. Have received towards my support 2 dollars only; but have reason to expect the deficiency will be made up in some degree after harvest. But the fall wheat in this neighbour hood being killed by the winter and the spring wheat injured by the fly the farmers here feel unable to do much for preaching. Still our public services are well attended and some real good I trust is done.

The Sunday schools are now again in operation. But I am sorry to say that owing to jealousies and mistakes arising out of the circumstances of the people being of various denominations and, thro' necessity, meeting for worship in the same school houses, they are scarcely as well attended as formerly. The school at Salem is managed chiefly by the Baptists and has 35 scholars, 5 Teachers, and 30 vol in the library. At Bristol and Pleasant Prairie there

are three union schools containing one hundred children three Baptist Teachers & Baptist Children and one hundred and six in their different buildings. It is a great inconvenience to us not to have separate places of worship and separate schools of our own; but an inconvenience, to which, at present, necessity compels us to submit.

On the first of June I addressed a letter to the chairman of the Wisconsin Agency requesting a reappointment, the term of my last appointment being now ended. Whether you have heard any thing from them respecting it you will please say in your next. And when the matter shall have come before the Board you will of course inform me, as soon as may be, of their decision.

Please the goodness to remit 15 dollars as above as convenient and oblige

Yours with Christian regard
William Brand

Pleasant Prairie
June 30. 1847.

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Mr. J. A.

Wm. Grand Clauss & Sons

June 30. 1841

Recd July 7.

Ans.
to
grants bill.
and
want draft Reg'dance



Rev. Benjamin Hill
Cor. Sec. of the
American Baptist
Home Mission Society
New York

Wm. Grand Clauss & Sons
Utica, N.Y.
June 30. 1841

Keenah July fifth 1847

Dr. Brother

a few moments longer and my bound
single blessedness will be at an end you
I have already got on my clean dickey
and my Boots Shine like a Black Babys
face. We are waiting for John and Janette
they have gone to a pickin party at
Oshkosh I fear they will slip up on seeing
sacrificed on Hygnans alter it is now
at seven o'clock the time appointed for
the ball to go on and the boat is not in
sight, but good airs. They have come in a
Maggow fact town. it is getting dark and
must adjourn until after ceremonies it is
the last, the last time that ere, the old
Bachres voice shall Walter Ware.

July 6. No. No, is me Walt true you live
I slept with a gal last night, and
it made me sweat as bad as Harry Beach
did, for it was a very warm Wisconsin
night. The thermometer stood above
freeze, oh. any way several degrees
it not moore it is pretty warm here

your 20th days & now I have as good time as
any time now ~~any~~ days back & down up & down
every day as well as you all your work & now
corn grows very fast and promises a good
crop. Wheat looks fine as yet will be ripe
from the fifteenth to the twentieth
of this month.

I have no very important news to
write but I am satisfied you would be
better off as far as making money is
concerned in Wisconsin than in Gay and
as to a man being homesick here it is
impossible some old friend or a thing may
if they set out foot.

There is every thing here to divert the mind
and keep up the spirits & under such time
passes off so quickly and pleasantly
as it does in Wisconsin or at least a
Bachelors life I say any about what is to come
now must hope for the best what every body
says must be true or else misery loves company

I rec'd a letter from you last week saying
you had sent me some money by P. Bowman
have neither seen or heard from him since
Did come & sorry you had not sent the money
by mail and then I should have got it
before now and the dear knows when I shall
get it now. You wished to know if I wanted

you will want to do it for my part I have to say this
you are doing very well you do no writing or
work for me & money of which brought by you
more. I should like some this fall if you
can spare it I am quite anxious to clear
and sow six or eight acres, and can do it
if I could depend upon some money from
the east I have helped you some and am
consequently unable to do as much for my
self as I would like to money is worth
one from twelve to twenty five feet
land rises in value faster than
that it is good business entering lands
for other people and getting security
on the land

now you wished to know about add merchant
and the affair with Jim Blood, as to the
merchant. The character that he bears
here or has here before town is bad, ver-
ry bad the not ^{only} had one french young one
support but they say he lived with
some last summer, or in other words kept
some for his own convenience these things
are true and can be proven by good substantial
evidence but she says he has reformed
hope he has, he is rather a clever fellow and ~~stole~~
Card player except his brother there is in ~~Virginia~~
County, she came to order and call and asked
their advise about Jim Blood saying she had had
proposal from him and wanted his advise he told her

before she gave an answer
to which they anticipated her to

and he thought she ought to consider it well before she gave
a negative answer. She asked my advise before I misinformed
any thing of the kind & told her if he got a good wife she would

be well provided for and have every thing reasonable for a woman
to have she kept company with him a little time and was sick told
him she would let him know when she got well and he could

call again and the next he knew she was on the
boat, five years a good character here and has
as many friends as any other young man

again soon love to mother you introduce her during their
fame yours G. Ward

Keenah W.W.

July 6th 1841

Mr W B Finch Esq
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Burlington July 17 1847

Dear parents) I received yours and Betsys letters yesterday the 16th they were mailed at east Troy July 5 north west of us had they been mailed at Southport Racine or Milwaukee I should have gotten them much sooner the mail comes in from Racine every other day from Southport once a week we live on the stage road from South to Burlington 21 miles from Southport near thirty from Racine, had Mr Knapp come directly to Burlington from Southport he would have had a first rate road and probably not been much if any out of his way I am very sorry for now I am afraid I shall not see them, we have been looking for Mr Hawley sometime as he wrote us the first of March he intended to be here in about ten weeks but as we have heard nothing from them since have about given up seeing him this summer but should think they would write had he given up coming therefore I have some hope of seeing him yet, Further three weeks ago last Monday Silas Fiske & wife arrived at Racine and to Phineas' Cadwells who married their daughter the next day they all came out here we were much surprised to see them I'll assure you the next day Liberty went and carried his Father out to see his sister Mrs Mason about forty miles from here, but Harriet their daughter was not able to go therefore Mrs Fiske staid with her, they were well pleased with this country especially Mrs F & and was very anxious he should buy and move out here said here was the very place she had wanted to see so long and looked very much as she thought it did and she told me she should be willing to stay & never go back to the lake and did not know as she should and she never lied she persuaded him to let her stay with Harriet until full and nurse her up he felt quite uneasy about Harriet and consented to it but very reluctantly and one week

on the day they got here Mr Fiske & Stephen Northrup ^{their} came with started for home, this was monday, tuesday Mrs Fiske went and washed the floor in cold water barefoot then I understood she went to the sluice a little ways from the house took off her dress & washed it in the sluice (we think she could not have been in her right mind) the same afternoon was taken with chillis the next night was quite unwell the next sunday the 4th Liberty and our girls attended a sabbath school celebration out there said she was quite unwell but got up & helped get supper washed the dishes we heard no more until thursday when Stephen Northrup come and said Mrs Fiske died a few minutes past 1 o'clock the 7th of July she was interred on friday as the weather was very warm sabbath day Columbus Cadwall preached a sermon on the occasion Abmon or myself attended it is about 12 miles I staid until wednesday and Amasa & I fetched me home they send their respects to you all I did not see Stephen & I don't expect he felt much like visiting from what I heard for he went to the falls in Rochester on his way out and got in company with some black legs and they got I think about a hundred and forty dollars of his money but his life was saved and we ought to be thankful, he did not come to the boat until they got to Buffalo Mr Fiske thought certainly he was killed, I can't write the particulars probably you will hear them but need not say much about what I have written until you do we sympathise with him but much more with Mr Fiske it will come so sudden upon him we almost fear it will overcome him I want you should let the Doctor know of it and hope he will write & visit him soon think he must be very lonely when he hears of it they mailed a letter for him last monday, she died just nine months from the time sister Miranda did the same day of the month week and hour of the day, but my dear parents I can't realize that that dear sister is gone no more to be seen by us here that we can no more have her company, her society was always pleasant and interesting and when

I think of her it seems as though she was still there with you I can almost see her lying on the bed where I left her but when I consider that she is gone no more to return and that you are left alone and I am situated so ~~poor~~^{you} that I can't come and see you nor you me I can hardly endure the thought and I almost sink under it but have been supported thus far although the trial is a severe one and has no doubt been an injury to my health I can't help it but mean to guard against as much as possible we all want to see you very much the children often speak of Grandpa & Grandma how much they want to see them when Mrs Fiske was here they said she made them think of Grandmas she slept so spry, I shall come and see you as soon as possible I assure you but am afraid I never should

have ambition enough to come back some one would have to come with me to get me away again but think I should make a trial should an opportunity offer have preaching at Burlington ~~three~~ miles from us once a fortnight meet in the Academy house quite a full house and a very good minister I should think although it don't seem much like home to me I will assure you Father our crops look quite good and promising now, think Elmon will cut some of his wheat next week some are harvesting now, he is at work in his hay we have wheat buckwheat corn beans and potatoes on the ground besides a very good garden a fine peach melons &c &c &c said I must tell you to come & talk eat some with us we do wish you could I saw a watermelon on the vines so big large as a goose egg and I never see things grow so quick as they do here when they get about it, we have a very good piece of corn Elmon says some of it is higher than he can reach his about 8 acres, it is now the 20th people are harvesting winter wheat just as possible Elmon & Liberty are crudeling hens ~~on~~ ^{hatched} yesterday it has been quite dry here for about three weeks and very warm it seems to me I never knew such warm weather in my life but not as warm they say as it was last summer but we have had a fine rain and considerable thunder which has cooled the air some Elmon thinks we shall do very well this season well as we could expect we want to get a piece of land soon as possible so we can set out trees and have things growing, Col. Caldwell wife wished to be remembered to you when I write said I might tell you they have been here two years this season they had currants on bushes they fetched from the lake and had ~~every~~ trees ~~and~~ blossomed which they transplanted died apples are 1 dollar a bushel at Southport but the thing of it is to get the dollar to spare with us, but we have bought one half bushel Father I don't want you and Mother should give yourself ~~any~~ any unnecessary about us if we have our health think ~~we~~ along without difficulty think we have as good a place as we could have found in Wisconsin Liberty is very kind indeed I think he is a first rate man does every thing for us we can ask I should be pleased could you ascertain where those cousins Mills were and let me know I would write to them and perhaps we might find each other, we are about thirty miles from White water about half way to Lake Mills where William and George Foster are expect Ambrose will be there this month if not already there, Any letter our best love to you all write often all of the news I have never received hope she will write again soon I will tell her when I can at present have no paper this I borrowed of Liberty & have sold stockings worn out got me a pair of shoes I wish I could let Mother have some ~~a~~ for one of her or her persons I should think more of it than a dozen new ones I must close for Elmon is going to the post office from your affectionate daughter Amy G Foster to Stephen and Joanna Penetot

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Mr. Stephen Benedict, Esq.

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It has been brought in
and there lay his lonely form,
as suddenly as ever.
His little long fingered
hand clasped on
his breast, clad
again in life, with
the fresh glow,
and his countenance
again blanched, as though
the half of life, seeing
where his lonely
sorrows told of the
felicity of his
abandoned spirit.
I am not happy
amongst those.
This is a sore trial
to me. I bear
it with difficulty. My
sister has suffered
more than she
can say. Then she
would bring us
what we believe. Jane
want another to wear
your dress, her again.
You I do not let any
one see. My Sister
it is so amazingly
handsome. Much I
hear love from us all.
May not receive
from answer very
soon? Please say
yes.

inhabitants, the present state of the two churches, and the prospect of union in any other individual, brother has at last accepted the call on condition that they shall wait until some other missionary enters this field. Brother is daily expecting Electa's brother Ervin to come and preach at Platteville until brother can leave here. I think he will probably leave some time in October. I am now having a vacation of three weeks. Whether I shall teach in this place more than one more term is yet undecided. I should hardly be willing to remain here after brother was gone.

They are forming Societies at the East to send female Teachers West. I find that many ministers in this region doubt the propriety of doing so. Some of them no doubt get pleasant situations. But I fear that they will not all be prepared for the trials they will be obliged to meet.

The Board of National popular education sent out several Teachers who were at Chicago at the time of the late Convention. I heard some sisters say that they could not but pity them. There they were waiting to be sent anywhere. They came with no special field in view, and there seemed to be no particular call for them. They of course felt rather unpleasantly, and if they did shed a few tears no wonder. It seems to me like packing up a load of Teachers and sending them off to be peddled about the country. If they were sure of a good location it

and would be very different. In "these Diggins" a large
Catholic school; usually a public ^{school}, which is paid in
part by public money; and my school are in part sup-
ported. One mile from these school is another of over 20
scholars. My school numbered last Term 34 scholars in
all. Next term I shall probably have a good number.

There has never been a better prospect for a school than
at present. But we have such warm weather now, that
I have no doubt but that there will be much sickness.
We indeed live near Fever river, but that is an
Indian name; It meant fever it is true, because the
Indians knew no other name for the small pox, with
which they were once afflicted. But it is more prob-
ably taken from a French word meaning fever.

Our Sabbath School is at present quite interesting.
Nearly all the children commit verses to memory.
For every 10 verses they receive a blue ticket, and for
10 blue tickets 1 pink one. For ten pink tickets they
receive a Bible or some other book. Several books have
been given away. One scholar in my class repeated
100 verses several Sabbaths and was attending school during
the week besides. We have four Sabbath Schools in New Diggins.
The Catholics exert much influence here. This is one of their
strong holds. They have a fine Church nearly completed,
and are soon expecting a new bell. Two of our richest
citizens have subscribed for it, and gave the land
upon which the church is built, and will probably

give them a lot upon which to build a school house.
They have now a larger school in the basement of their
Church, so large that one "Master of Chappell" is not able
to perform all the labor, and is to receive an additional
sum just now that the trustees of this district think of
giving up the public school altogether for want of funds.
They do say the Baptists will regard it as a favor to the
Gmail and very patiently to see what course is to be pursued.

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NEW DIGGINGS M.W.T.

July 28

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Mrs. Jeremiah Allen,
Walpole Centre,
Mass.

of us all during the coming few months.
Name you heard from him last week
He said had many moments. His disease was a gradual
He was away from the cabin he died. He had been
board one long with his wife and by another, and always
available to go. They were in hopes that he
beneficial to him. The winter. I felt a kind of pang of receiving to my
sorrow the precious little suffered again, as I heard the sound of their approach, and
Henry's step on the verandah, and what was my surprise and anguish when I entered
my room and spread out his hands, and exclaimed with emotion "Oh Fanny it has

dear Johnny is gone". As soon as I could compose myself, he said I will have him brought in
just see how sweet he looks. They brought in his little cradle, and there lay his lovely form
pale in death, but his dark blue eyes open and seeming to look at me as fondly as ever.
his little long fingered hands crossed on

dear Johnny is gone". As soon as I could compose myself, he said, I will have him brought in. just see how sweet he looks. They brought in his little cradle, and there lay his lovely form pale in death, but his dark blue eyes open and seeming to look at me as mildly as ever, his little long fingered hands crossed on his breast, clad as in life, with shoes & frock & cap, and his countenance so placid, as though the half smile resting upon his lonely features told of the felicity of his ransomed spirit amid the happy though short abode.

Do not forget to give love to Grandma Everett and all whom I love. Where is H. Annah, & Mary Barber, and Lucy and Clarissa, etc. When is Mr. G. Colins coming this way. I wish Joanna would write again. They cannot have company more than all the time, and we do not that. It is the fashion in this country for ministers to keep Tavern.

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July 28

Mrs. Jeremiah Allen,
Walpole Centre,
Mass.

This is a sore trial to them. I fear sister has suffered more from care & anxiety than she would have us believe. I am anxious to hear from her again.

Now I do beg of you not to let any one see this letter it is so shamefully written. Much love from us all. May I not receive an answer very soon? Please say yes.

Your affectionate Olive.

Gronow April 20th

To Bro B. M. Hill Secy of Am. Bap H. M. Socy
I received from your office a draft for
my appropriation from the Society for the
quarter ending April 1st 1847, which
I find from some cause to be incorrect
I reported 13 weeks labor, in the quarter
& the amount of the draft was only -
\$ 25.00. In a note below the draft I
find that \$ 12.50, was deducted for an
order in favor of A. Colby, which I au-
thorized in my report for the quarter
ending Oct 1st 1846.

By a reference to your books you will
see that that the amount of said order
was deducted from the quartrage due me
Oct 1st. I reported 5 weeks labor in that q-
tr & from the amount due me viz \$ 14.40,
\$ 12.50 was deducted, & the remainder \$ 1.90
was added to the quartrage due me
Jan'y 1st, & I received a receipt from
J. Masters & Weed in N.Y. certifying that
the amount, viz 39.40 had been paid to
them according to order.

The balance now due me viz \$ 12.50 -
please pay to Messrs D & A Mission Shoe-
Merchants in Pearl St on acct of
A Ferguson, Gronow W.^r.

Yours truly J. W. Fiske

A/c A. Colby Apr. 6, 12.50
has been paid Nov. 30th

J. W. Fitch General Mdg.

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Ans. " 10

Draw in his account
to Union Natl. Bank, Philadelphia

Receipt of Dr A. M. Morton
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Rev. Benjamin M. Hill

Secretary of American Baptist
Home Mission Society -

2 Prince St. New York

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Nuntonwes Sept 30 1827 Dear friends
I Wrote to you some time ago And fearing
it had not reached you I Sit my self down
again to write to you I am sending Post
Office now for John D Chapman in his
Gone South to get doctored His health
Was poor when he left I worked for Mr
Sawyer 2 or 3 months and then I left
he got so darned lazy I had to work alone
all of the time And I thought if I had
got to learn it alone I would go for my self
and have the good of it I went to work on
my own hook and help finish off a house I
Clabbered and shingled it alone and layed
the floors and put up the ceiling And Built
a pink for the chun Mr Sawyer has been trying
to induce me to come back But I shall not go
When he hired me he only gave me \$8 Dollars per mo
nth and said he could not give any more and since
he has given others 10 Dollars per month
and no better than my self I shall go to lumber
ing this winter if I am well My health is pretty good
though I have had a bad cough some time now
I donot know what it is Mr Hiram Chapman
is sick this fall he has the chills fever
I believe its pretty common this fall The Swallows
flock in here by hundreds this summer and fall
I have got me some land 50 acres ittyes two
miles from the Rapids there is nine acres shopeel
on it and about 2 loged and some rails ant
split I got it of Sawyer He agreed to let me
the money to ontire it the 15th of Sept
and has not yet and if he does not soon
he may take his land and pay damages that is
all work ab him

He has made up his mind he can trade with
With me and Back out as he Pleases But
he will soon find his mistake } Steam Boats
Stop here as often as once a week now
Times are more lively than

William Left

My Love to Mother
and Children

Tell John To Be a good
Boy

Yours Respectfully

William P. Danner
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