

There is a God

I sing of god the world he made
The glorious light the soothing shade dale plain and
grove and hill the wild and fathomless alyes where
nature joys in secret bliss and wisdom hides her skill
Tell then i am Jehovah said the lasting earth
did hear in dread and smitten to the heart
At once above beneath around all nature without
voice or sound Replied O Lord Whom dost

Yet pleasure chant her syren song tis not the song
For weeping it will turn ere long for this is heavens decree
But theres a song the ransomed sing to Jesus their exalted
King with joyful heart and tongue O that the song ^{from} ~~from~~

And let it be your constant plan to compass all the good you
Can still following him mid gain and loss who died for
sinners on the cross that by his love and pardoning
grace high heaven may be your dwelling place



1855 letter to David Phillips from John Frank Phillips outlining conditions in Iowa along with
Mother Hazel's rendering

Hennepin Putnam Co Ill. Sep. 10th 1855

Mr David Phillips Dear Friend

I take this opportunity of writing a few lines to you to let
you know how we are ~~do~~ you think of coming out this
season We are just about starting now I am getting the
cattle together ready for a start Buck ^{is} starts tomorrow
and I am going along with him He is to give me 80 acres
of Prairie and Twenty acres of timber and a pair of Horses
and give me a chance to raise cattle and improve the land
Buck^m has got 1500 acres of Prairie and timber in Iowa
where we are going He says he has got a Frame
house and Farm of 80 acres under fence 40 of it is
broke and under cultivation So you may judge what
kind of a chance I will have out in Iowa He says
there is plenty of Government land close around where
he is going and I think if you should come out and
bring some money with you there would be a great
chance for buying cheap land Buck^m Brother in law is going
out with ~~in~~ Buck is going to set him at Drovers and butchers
There is 2 school houses and 2 churches within 2 miles of
Buck's land so you see we won't be out entirely among
the Heathens its quite a town close by good land

Write soon if you please I remain yours John Frank Phillips

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Hennipun Putman Co. Ill. Sept 1855

MR. David Phillips Dear Friend

I take this opportunity of writing a few lines to you to let you know how we are Do you think of coming out this season . We are just about starting now. I am getting the cattle together ready for a start BuckM starts tomorrow and I am going along with him He is to give me 80 acres of Prarey and Twenty acres of timber and a pair of horses and give me a chance to raise cattle and improve the land. Buckm has got 1500 acres of Prarey and timber in Iowa Where we are going He says he has got a framehouse and farm of 80 acres under fence 40 of A's broke and under cultivation. So you may Judge what kind of chance I will have out in Iowa/~~for~~/~~days~~/Hoe says there is plenty of Government land close around where he is going and I think if you should come out and bring some money with you there would be a great chance for buying cheap land . Buck and his Brother inlaw is going out with/~~Buck~~/ us Buck is going to set him at Droving and butchering. There is 2 school houses and 2 chunks within 2 miles of Buck's land so you see we wont be out entirely anway the Heathens is quite a town closeby Joes land Write soon if you please I remain Yours John Frank Phillips

Sundy Sep-2nd We are hutting the cattle for a start tomorrow morning its plaguey hot weather now. Write soon and let us know how you all are and whether you think of coming out I havnt got much time to write.

John Frank Phillips

PS Buck got 50 head of cattle , 10 horses 1500 As in Buchanan Co 1000As in BlackHawk and 1200 in Fayette Co.

Two farms 1 in Bech and 1 in Linn Co. one frame House and 1 log house.

1856 deed to David Phillips From Philip & Catherine Peyton along with recording

Linn County property

Know all men by these presents that we Philip Peyton
and Catharine his wife of Linn County state of Iowa in con-
sideration of the sum of one Thousand Dollars in hand paid
by David Phillips of Buchanan County state of Iowa do hereby
sell and convey unto the said David Phillips the following
described premises to wit: The North ^{frac} one half of the
North west Quarter and the North half of the South
west Quarter of the North west Fractional Quarter
of section three and the North East Quarter of the
North East ^{frac} Quarter of section four (4) in Township
Eighty six (86) North of Range Seven west in the Dubuque
Land District Iowa. and we do hereby covenant
with the said David Phillips.

that we are lawfully seized of said premises that they are
free from incumbrance that we have good right and lawful
authority to sell and convey the same and we do hereby
covenant to warrant and defend the said premises against
the lawful claims of all persons claiming by through
or under us. ~~The said Catharine gives and signed by~~
us this the 8th day of March A.D. 1856

in presence of
Heges Lawrence
J. Reese

Philip Peyton
Catharine Peyton
mark

Philip & wife

41 = 36 Decd

David Phillips

At 7 1/2 of A.M. on 23rd of July 1889
at 11 1/2 of A.M. on 23rd of July 1889
at 1 1/2 of P.M. on 23rd of July 1889
at 3 1/2 of P.M. on 23rd of July 1889

Tell me July 23 1889
at 8 o'clock PM
very respectfully

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in 1889
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1. m. m. m.

in 85 years

Philip Peyton & wife

To

David Phillips

Decd - 1856

to

Partial Letter and 1855 Power of Attorney designating William (?) Phillips as appointed to conduct David Phillips affairs in Newark or Belleville Township along with Mother Hazel's renderings

on the old Bloomfield
road and owned all
the land from the
present Spricklin line, and
it was subdivided with
James M. Greene, or rather
his mother - My grand-
mother Phillips - made some
and Harris, and also Leath-
erstock Harris. The land
held by your Uncle Jacob's
estate is all that is re-
maining in the family.
Grandfather has built on
the upper edge of the estate
in what used to be the
Wardo. I wish you could
get a copy of the book
you refer to giving the
genealogy of the Phillips
family - on Hill where
we can obtain a copy.
We did not know the

in Fairmount Cemetery;
and allowed no remain-
deration to that holder
but either sold the
land or bought them
below I don't know
which. Your uncle
had the remaining of
father and mother, and
my others that could be
gathered remained to
his plot in Mount Pleasant
and Cemetery where there
is a stone erected to the
memory of Harris Phillips
and his wife Maria Below
there is a headstone I
don't know how well
founded, but your father
used to tell us that the
first of the Phillips family

who came to this County
was a general under
Hammell, and after
the restoration of
Charles 2nd left Eng-
with the three Judges -
whose graves are now
to be seen marked
by little brown head
stones on "New Bone
Green" I had Gran Philip
settled in Litchfield
township, Conn.
about 1696 the
Marises and the
Phillipson came to
New Jersey. The Philip-
son family took lands in
Caldwell - there were

several brothers and held ~~the~~ their
property till the close of the Revolution
any more - then some of them being Tories
had to leave, and all their property
was confiscated. Those who were
loyal to the Federal Government had to
suffer by their Tory brothers.

My great, great grandfather was
the first sheriff of Essex County -

Dr. Maris a part of his family
settled in Bloomfield, and my
great grandfather John Maris, ~~and~~
whose name you hear, settled up an

Partial Letter and 1855 Power of Attorney designating William (?) Phillips as appointed to conduct David Phillips affairs in Newark or Belleville Township along with Mother Hazel's renderings

Know all men by these presents That I David Phillips of the Township of Belle Ville in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint William T. Phillips of the City of Newark County and State aforesaid my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name place and stead to and for my use to collect and receive all such rents which may hereafter grow due from said Phillips or John M Phillips or any other persons as tenants or occupiers of any lands belonging to me situated in the Township of Belle Ville County of Essex and State of New Jersey or in the City of Newark County and State aforesaid or which may be due from or payable by any other persons or persons as tenants occupiers or lessees or assignees of any term of such lands And upon receipt thereof to give proper acquittance thereof Also to receive and collect the equal undivided half of the crops of Hay Ry Oats Corn Buckwheat Potatoes Apples and all other crops grown in partnership by David and said Phillips in 1855 on the Sanford place and on the Homestead Also to collect all debts interest and demands from H H Brooks ~~giving~~ and granting to my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform every act in and about the premises

A partial letterterm apparently written to John Morris:

----In FairMount Cemetery, and allowed no remuneration to plat holders but either sold the land or built themselves. I don't know which. Your uncle had the remains of father and mother, and any others that could be gathered removed to his plot in Mount Pleasant Cemetery where there is a stone erected to the memory of "Morris Phillips and his wife Naomi Peron".

There is a tradition, I don't know how well founded, but your father used to tell us that the first of the Phillips family who came to this Country was a general under Cromwell, and after the restoration of Charles 2nd left Eng. with the Three Judges whose graves are now to be seen marked by little brown headstones on "New Hav en Green". That Gen. Phillips settled in Litchfield Township, Conn. That, in 1696 the Morris and the Phillips came to New Jersey. The Phillips family took lands in Caldwell. There were brothers and held their property till the close of the Revolutionary War, then some of them being Tories had to leave, and all their property was confiscated. Those who were loyal to the Federal Government had to suffer by their Tory brothers.

My great, great-grandfather was the first sheriff of Essex County.

The Morris part of his family settled in Bloomfield and my great grandfather, John Morris, whose name you bear, settled up on the old Bloomfield road and owned all the land down to the present Lincoln Ave. and it was subdivided with ,,,,,,McReeve, or rather his mother. My grandmother Phillips-Uncle Lemuel Morris, and his brother Zebulon Morris, The land held by your Uncle John's estate is all that is remaining in the family. Franklin has built on the upper edge of the Estate in what used to be the Woods. I wish you could get a copy of the book you refer to giving the geneology of the Phillips family or tell where we can obtain a copy. We did not know there-----

David Phillips to Wm. T(unclear) Phillips Power of Attorney

Know all men by these presents That I, David Phillips of the Township of BelleVille in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey have made consti(unclear) and appointed and by these presents do (unclear) and appoint William (either T. of F.) Phillips of the City of Newark County and State aforesaid: My true and lawful attorney for me and in my name place and stead to and for my use to collect and receive all such rents which may hereafter grow due from David Phillips or John M. Phillips or any other persons as tenants or occupiers of any lands belonging to me situated in the Township of BelleVill County of Essex and State of New Jersey or in the city of Newark County and State aforesaid or which may be due from or payable by another person or persons as tenants occupiers or (lessees or Unclear) of any term of such land. And upon receipt thereof to give proper acquittance thereof. Also to receive and collect the equal undivided half of the crops of Hay Ry oats corn Buckwheat Potatos Apples and all other crops grown in partnership by David and (SamL) Phillips in 1855 on the Sanford place and on the Homestead Also to collect all debts interest and demands from H. H.(unclear). Giving and granting to my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform every act in and about the premises

The last line and signature have been cut off somehow.

Dated Oct. 1, 1855

1860 Deed executed by John M. & Eliz. Phillips on what looks to be the same Iowa property purchased by David Philips and probably constitutes a release of their interest in the property.

I'm just speculating that they financed the original purchase.

Now all men by these presents That we John M Phillips
and Elizabeth Phillips of the City of Newark County of Essex
and State of New Jersey in Consideration of the sum of Eighteen
Hundred Dollars in hand paid by David Phillips of Lin Co State
of Iowa do hereby sell & convey unto the said David Phillips
the following described premises to wit The N East 1/2 of N W 1/4
& N 1/2 of S W 1/4 of S W 1/4 of Sec 3 & The N E 1/4 of S E 1/4 of Sec
4 Tp 86 N R 7 W 5th M & we do hereby covenant with the said
David Phillips That we are lawfully seized of said premises that
they are free from encumbrance That we have good right & lawful
authority to sell & convey the same And we do hereby covenant to
warrant and defend the said premises against the lawful claims
of all persons claiming by or under our authority
Given & signed by us this 5th day of January AD 1860

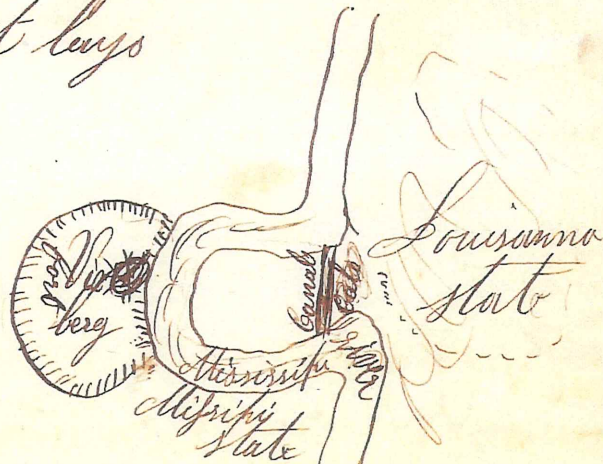
John M Phillips
Elizabeth Phillips

Essex County }
State of New Jersey }

Be it Remembered that on this 5th
day of Jan AD 1860 Before me a
Master & Examiner in Chancery in and for the County of Essex
and state New Jersey personally appeared John M Phillips &
Elizabeth his wife & she being privately examined separately &
apart from her said Husband acknowledged that she voluntarily
signed the above instrument for the uses & purposes therein expressed
The said John M Phillips also acknowledged that he signed the above for the uses &
purposes therein expressed this 5th day of Jan AD 1860

David A Hayes Atty at Law

for it is to strong fortified here
the way it lays



I will say now more to day
for I have not got time I will write again
Direct your letters to Memphis
113 reg Ill. Vol. Co. G. care of Cap
John S. Woodruff

From your

Cousin

William S. Phillips

January 30th 1863

Dear Friend I take myself in hand
to let you now from me and where I am
and how I am I told you that I had
enlisted I enlisted the 4th of August
1862 in the 113 Ill Vol Co G Cap J S
Woodruff and we stay in Chicago three
weeks and then left and came to
Memphis and stay there 2 weeks and
then we got marching orders to go to the
Tallahassee river for General Price was
there with 50 thousand rebels and we
started with 20 thousand men and we
chased them 2 weeks and they would not stand
to fight so we went back to Memphis
and stay there 1 week and then started
down the river to Vicksburg we sailed
down the Mississippi river to the Argos
river you can look on the map and find it
and then we turned up the Argos and
sailed one half day and then went
ashore. I forgot one thing the day before

up the river to arkansaw port and there
was 10000 rebels fortified there and we had
to fight them and we fought them one
day and took them all prisoners and they
took the prisoners to springfield Ill. and
half of our regiment went to guard them
and our company stayed and then we came
back down the missipi river again and we
stoped at Napoleon that is at the mouth
of arkansas river and we stay there 2 days
and got reinforcements and came down the
river to take Vicksburg again and now we
are at Vicksburg 4 miles this side we are
digging the canal across the the ~~ground~~
the land there is a bend in the river here
that it is 16 miles around and it is 1 mile
and an $\frac{1}{2}$ and it is 40 miles from Vicksburg
I will show you on the paper the shape of
the river and Vicksburg and where we are digging
the canal. they can not reach us with their
big guns and if they come out of the fort
to stop us from digging we will take Vicksburg
and if they don't we can not take Vicksburg

we turned up the river was christmas
and christmas morning we land on the
Louisiana side of the river and marched
out in the country about 15 miles and tore
up the railroad that runs to Vicksburg
and then we marched back to the boat
and then went up the atchoo river the
next morning then when we got to the
up the atchoo we was 4 miles from Vicksburg and
the next day was saturday and then the
fight commenced at Vicksburg and they fought
all day saturday and Sunday they fought
again and I thought I would try my chance
and I went to fight on Sunday and I
got in but I could not get out again
and the balls whistled around my head
and I got enough of fighting that day
and they fought for days and we got
whipped and every night we had
to get aboard of the boats and retreat up
the river to the mouth of the arkansaw
river and then we started up the ark
arkansaw river and we started sailing

Camp at Memphis Tenn
March 20th / 64

Dear Casin

It is a long
time since I have wrote to you
and you must excuse me for
it for I have been so that I
could not last winter I left
Corinth and went with General
Sherman to Chattanooga and
I was so busy there and I could
not get any paper nor ink
I did not write home either.
Father did not know what
had become of me for he had
not heard anything of me in
so long and when I got to
Chattanooga I sat down to
write one day and got my
letter about half done
when the boys said that the

The Quaster Master was
going to give the boys a
for long and let them part
to the regiment and to give
me one the two the letter
up and I was going right
straight home that night
and I thought that I would
surprise the folks so one
day I came walking in the house
and took them in a surprise
for they never expect to see
me again they said I found the
folks all well except mother
and she was down east and
has been there all winter
I was surprised to see George
when I left home I was the
largest and now George is the
largest by 3 inches were laying
her at Memphis now and we don't
now how long we stay here I expect
to leave her son next week I guess

and I am going to many a year
and there is no telling who
I will ~~rather~~ be so there
Is no use of your answering
this letter I will write
again soon and then I can tell
who I will be.

Yours &c. &c. &c.

From your Cousin

W. S. Phillips

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March the 6th 1865

Dear Cousin

some time since I have heard
from you and I thought that I would write you a few
lines today, I would have written to you long ago but
I have not been well all winter I have been sick all the time
with sore eyes and have not been allowed to go out doors at
all I was in the Hospital two months and did not see daylight
at all I was blind as a bat two weeks I can hardly see
these lines now to write on them this is the first letter
I have written my self in three months I have had to have
them all written for me I suppose that you have heard
of Josephs death by this time and what a hard way
he died if you have the next time that I write I will
tell you about it we had five or six letters from Daniel
Uncle Samuels boy he was very sick this winter with
the lung fever and was getting better when he wrote
the last letter that I had from home the folks was
all well except Father and he was complaining

with a bad cold and a head ache George is
as lively as ever kicking and fat as
ever the weather is a
citizens are making
and the trees begin to
and nice as it is in
We are having a very
now we are in the town doing present duty and
have the means kind of a turn I will have to close
for this time I send my best respects to
all

From Your Companion

W D Phillips
Care of Dr. W. D. Phillips, N. H., Ind.

Mary J. Linn

Blue Island June the 9th 1865

Dear Comr

I received a letter from
you this morning and was very glad
to hear from you as I all ways love the
letter went to Memphis and then came
to me I am at home now and have
got my Discharge and I am very glad
of it of course any one would be
that had been soldiering three years I was
two years and ten months in the
service and that was enough for me
I got my Discharge in the Hospital
and am sick yet but am gaining fast
the folks are all well at present except
George he has got a large hole on his rump
and it bothers him a great deal in traveling
around Father is all through planting and he
through his corn and potatoes once and is
commenced to go the second time through
every thing is doing fine and looks if they
was going to be good crops this year

It has been pretty dry for about two
weeks back but we got some rain today
which done a great deal of good to every thing
Father has got about 20 acres of oats and 20
of corn and 6 of potatoes and about 24 of roughness
and has got about 180 acres of hay to cut this
year and that pays better than ever on oats
we have got two good teams of horses and
15 cows and have got two nice men Father
calculates to do a big business in hay this year
he has got more 15 tons of haid to Chicago more
than last year but he could not haul
it all last winter and he is going to
haul next week I hear I have told all I was
of this time Oh how did the folks up year was
take it about the President's death they took it
pretty hard here I hear I will write you for
this time

From your loving
Wm L Phillips

Dear Mr. Isham
Care for

Always
after this

Blue Island Nov. 24th 1865

Dear Cousin

It is just a spell since I
received your letter and I thought that I
would not write untill I knew whether I
was coming out there or not but I think
I will not come yet awhile Father is go-
ing to go to Newark in a boat two weeks
and like enough I will go with him if I do
not I will come out there and I guess that
one of the girls will come with me

My letter is no letter I have got a letter
enough yet and I am a fool I am
not a going to get well of it

We are downmaking sorghum we have
made about 900 gallons and about 400
of our own we have got our potatoes and are
thrashing down with Henry is well and
so is all the rest of the folks Lib is not
at home she is about three miles from here
a sewing I believe I will have to quit
writing for this time with some

W. S. Phillips

The Old woman is in a considerable of Stew about going East. She says the calculation was last year to go about the 1st of Sept. And now theres no telling when she can go. The fact is crops have turned out so much poorer than I expected that I tell her I dont know as I will be able to afford it. But I may probably come some time this fall.

I want to get up a lot of choice Plum trees and send or bring on to you. And Mr. Downs wants I should take a lot of his Books to the East and sell for him. But he is at Zanesville Ohio and wont be here before the 15th of Oct.

How does the Boys get along and why dont they write. Was George got his Double barrel you promised him and can he shoot pretty good.

I have had but little time to shoot chickens on account of the wet weather. Both with cattle &c. And now the season is nearly over they wont set for the dog much more. Perhaps I can attend to the Pheasants.

Yours Truly,

David Phillips
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Spring Grove Pown Sept 23^d 1866

Dear Brother. I rec^d yours of Sept 1st and observe by you that you have had a curious kind of a summer as well as we. The Spring here was dry and cool. The summer Hot and dry. Hot and wet. Cool and wet by extremes every respect. We have had for two months past the greatest amount of rain in a long time.

The 21st of Sept we had a sharp frost which will damage the corn owing to its being kept green and soft by the wet weather. Its considered that potatoes will be almost a failure. An immense amt of wheat and other grain has spoiled in the Sheek in the Stack and in the barn. The Roads are miry like they are in Jersey in the spring. I hope you got those Bird skins I sent you safe and good order. We will try and get some other sorts for you this fall. I had forgot to tell about Plums. There were great quantities of them but the weather spoiled all but the earliest varieties. Its surprising to see what a great variety there is of plums. Melons of all sorts have rotted on the vines. Its been the most peculiar season I ever saw. There was as I observed to a number in the only about one week for sowing wheat and one week for planting corn.

all sown or planted after that time does not amount
to much - It was in this way - the ground and weather
was right for sowing wheat for a week then it began
to rain and made it too wet after this it turned
dry and greater part of the seed spoiled for want of
rain and the same remarks will apply to corn sown
in the ground four weeks before it came up - of course
this makes it behind hand

But as old Jesse McPhee remarked to his son in law
yesterday who was fixing for a start to Kansas that
he had lived in Tennessee Kentucky Indiana & Iowa
and that crops were much more certain here than in
any other place he had lived and health was better
here than any place he ever tried. It's true the old fellow
observed we have it cold here by spells - But we are gen-
erally healthy and the cold of Tennessee or Kansas will
pinch a weak person worse than the cold of Iowa if
this is not a better country than the South. What is it said
he makes our cattle horses and men so much better
larger and tougher than those at the South

I thought the old fellow's course of reasoning was
correct

In regard to building we shant be able as the
weather and roads are to do any thing at it this fall
and it will be Apr or May before we can do any
thing at it to amt to much - It may be possible that
McRight might do some of the work this winter but
he has no shop and not house room enough for carp^{ter}
work however I will let you know in case he wants
the lumber before next spring

I dont want any amt of money on hand at once for
I could hardly keep some of these storekeepers
from borrowing it if they found I did not want to
use it before next spring and I have had some
little experience with them I lent P. H. Dotts \$100 last
Feb and took a blue bill at 7% and at Harvest
John brought a reaper and gave his word for the amt
of this note and he only paid it a week ago with
some considerable grumbling - He told John he was to
pay his father when he went East and he had not
gone - Well said John I heard you tell him that you would
pay him the last of July when a payt came due on
your place - But no matter I had not gone East ^{yet} conseq^{ntly}
it was not due according to his view of the case

The following are 5 letters written back to Iowa (John Morris and Caroline) on the occasion of a visit back east by David and Julia in the winter of 1867. Mother has transcribed three of these letters and I have included Mother's work.

Your Mother wants Caroline to look after
the pig the calves the cats & Pince and to
see to the Beef & pork &c and not let it spoil

You speak of Frank it dont seem that he is thought
much of by his own friends and Relations

Write as often as convenient

Yours Sincerely John Maria & Caroline

David Phillips



Newark Jan 15th 1867

John - We arrived safe at Newark on Friday
last and find the folks all well - But the place
is so much changed that I hardly know it -
The Horse R Road and streets cut through the old
fields and fine cottages and country residences for
the upper Ten of Newark scattered over Ansons
and Stimuses lots gives it the appearance of a City
There is two big houses built and three building
between the House and old Well

Your Mother is gone to Elizabeth Port to visit
Chamberlain and wont be back until tomorrow
The weather is pretty cold and there is a couple of
inches of snow fell on Sunday How did you get
home from the Rapids and how did you make out
with your wheat - I would not sell any until the
price rises as every one says wheat will keep up
for the next 6 or 8 months - I suppose you might as
well sell the pork if you have not already sold as it
dont appear to come up much in price nor wont as
far as I can judge

Jan 17th We are well. Your mother seems to enjoy herself. But I cannot feel contented surrounded as I am with old objects and old reminiscences - I often wake at night and find myself cursing some of my old friends &c. If my mind don't get better settled I shall be back very soon and leave your mother to finish her visit at leisure.

We got yours of Jan 10th And are glad you are well. We sent a letter from Blue Island to you. Last night it snowed about 1 ft deep and it's been cold and raw ever since we were here.

Tell Joe & Capt Wm ^{Dorsey} that the prospect seems pretty good for getting a fair gift towards building a church from the upper Ten of Newark.

I have not written to Major Downs yet about the books of his from the fact that my mind is unsettled and if I were to consult my own feelings I should not have stayed 4 hours. Not but that I am treated well. But if you knew all I know and had suffered - all I have suffered you might comprehend my feelings - And it's curious to observe what vague ideas most of people have - such as Aint you afraid of the Indians - or how many miles are you from your nearest neighbors - or do you have schools or meetings

The chance for Mr Martin getting money is but slim as all the spare funds are invested in building a new city called Woodside for the upper ten of Newark to live in. I can stand Uncle Sam and count 20 new buildings in course of erection costing from 3 to 10 thousand apiece. I may be mistaken but still it's my opinion that somebody will have to suffer.

About that land of Mr Moore you had better perhaps let it take its course let him sell if he has a chance. Uncle William talks of coming over in the Spring and selling his place in Windsor and also Uncle Sam - But may be they will not like the place. And if they do there is land farther south as good or better can be got as cheap.

I hope Caroline gets along well with the domestic affairs. Her mother is anxious to hear how she likes being Chief in command.

I have to answer many enquiries about the weather. I am curious to observe what vague ideas most of people have - such as Aint you afraid of the Indians - or how many miles are you from your nearest neighbors - or do you have schools or meetings

Know all men by these presents That we John M. Phillips and Elizabeth Phillips of the City of Newark, County of Essex and State of New Jersey in consideration of the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars in hand paid by David Phillips of Linn Co. State of Iowa do hereby sell & convey unto the said David Phillips the following described premises to wit The N (Fract 1/2 of NW1/4 & N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Nw 1/4 of Sec 3 & the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec 4 Tp86 NR7 W 5th PM.& we do hereby covenant with the said David Phillips That we are lawfully seized of said premises that they free from encumbrance That we have good right & lawful authority to sell & convey the same And we do hereby conenant to warrant and (defend) the said premises against the lawful claims of all previous (clammy) by or under our authority.

Given & signed by us this 5th day of January AD 1860

Newark Jan. 15th 1867

John- We arrived safe at Newark on Friday last and find the folks all well- But the place is so much changed that I hardly knew it. The Horse R Road and streets out through the old fields and fine cottages and country residences for the upper (Ten) of Newark scatterd over Ansons and Stimuses lots gives it the appearance of a city. There is two big houses built and three buildings between the House and old (Well or Mill)

Your Mother is gone to Elizabeth Port to visit Chamberlain and wont be back until tomorrow. The weather is pretty cold and there is a couple of inches of snow fell on Sunday. How did you get home from the Rapids and how did you make out with your wheat. I would not sell any until the price rises as every one says wheat will keep up for the next 6 or 8 months. I suppose you might as well sell the pork of you have not already sold As it don't appear to come up much in price, won't as far as I can judge.

Jan 17th We are well Your Mother seems to enjoy herself But I cannot feel contented surrounded as I am with old objects and old reminiscences- I often wake at night and find myself cursing some of my old friends etc If my mind don't get better settled I shall be back very soon and leave your mother to finish her visit at leisure.

We got your of Jan. 19th and are glad you are well We sent a letter from Blue Island to you Last night it snowed about 1 ft deep and its been cold and raw ever since we were here.

Tell Joe & Capn Wm Downs that the prospect sees pretty good for getting a fair lift towards building a church from the upper (Ten or Ton) of Newark.

I have not written to Major Downs yet about them books of his from the fact that my mind is unsettled and if I were to consult my own feelings I should not have stayed 4 hours. Not but that I am treated well- But if you knew all I know and had suffered all I have suffered you might comprehend my feelings- I am sorry Major Downs did not send the books to Uncle John for I think they would have taken well--two or three copies would have recommended themselves. The chance for Mc Martin getting money is but slim as all the spare funds are invested in building a new city called Woodside for the upper ten of Newark to live in I can stand at Uncle Sam's and count 20 new buildings in course of erection costing from 3 to \$10 thousand apiece. I may be mistaken but still its my opinion that somebody will have to suffer.

About that land of Mr Moores you had better perhaps let it take its course let him sell if he has a chance Uncle William talks of coming out in the spring and selling his place in Illinois. And also Uncle Sam'l - but maybe they will not like the place And if they do there is land farther south as good or better can be got as cheap

I hope Caroline gets along well with the domestic affairs Her Mother is anxious to hear how she likes being chief in command

I have to answer many enquirys about the west--- and its curious to observe what vague ideas most of people have--such as Ain't you afraid of the Indians--or how many miles are you from your nearest neighbors--or do you have schools or meetings

Your Mother wants Caroline to look after the pet pig The calves, the cats & Prince and to see to the Beef or pork and not let it spoil,

You speak of Frank A don't seem that he is thought much of by his own friends and Relations. Write as often as convenient

Yours Sincerely John Morris & Caroline

David Phillips (His fancy Signature)

I have not written to Major C C Downs
from the fact that its almost out of the question
to travel on account of the snow drifts
But if he is at home or wants me to do any
thing for him I shall be happy to oblige
him in any way He can direct to me in care
of John M Phillips

You must write as often as convenient and
also Caroline

Yours Truly

David Phillips

Newark Jan 28th 1867

John & Caroline

We are well excepting sore toes which I suppose
we got in Illinois Your Mothers foot is quite
swelled while mine only bothers when my foot
is on The weather is cold and the snow deep
which makes it troublesome getting around
Uncle Sam & Aunt Sarah are about selling on
and they talk of coming to Iowa He will be
able to bring some \$500 in money with him which
will set him up nicely Also Uncle William
talks of selling his place in Illinois and coming
to Iowa - His place will probably bring 6 or 7
thousand dollars - I should advise him to sell
in Illinois as he seems to have too great a
water privilege to suit me on his place

Uncle John wants you to trap as many quails
as you can if its 500 and send them on as
report here is that all the quails in Jersey are
destroyed with the snow of the last few days
Whether the report is correct I cannot say

Uncle John wants some Prairie Chickens
and the quarts if you can get them buy all
you can get alive any time this winter and
put them in boxes open at the sides and only
high enough for the Birds to stand straight
and forward them by Express. He says there
will be no difficulty on account of the Game
laws as the Sporting Clubs will see the differ-
ence between Game for Market or for Stock. He says
he will pay you well for your trouble and other-
wise send or bring you out a nice Double Barrel.
The folks are all well here and I hope you
are well and getting along comfortably.
I expect Caroline is quite homesome and
wants her Mother back again. But we won't
come until it gets warmer as it's not pleasant
to get a persons toes froze travelling over the
Roads. I want you to look after the cattle and
other matters which no doubt you will.
Now is Buck's folks I saw Josiah Lee and Wm.
But they are well but look pretty old one.
Elizabeth's daughter was married a short time
ago. John Morris Keen only looks about eighteen

Months older than he did forty years ago. But
Pernina is the same ^{old Pernina} only a good deal more so.
Joe is the same Joe he always was only he ^{over}improves
by age - by acquiring a pernicious taste for bad
Whiskey. And Alfred Keen its said has a taste
for Whiskey - but he drinks a better quality than
Joe which makes him look as if he had the big
Head as the Western folks say.
How are all the folks over the River Capt Wm.
Downs Mc and the rest and how does Col & the
Squire get along.

You can tell Wm Downs and Mr Spell that
there is a pretty good chance of getting a lot
of Library and Hymn books from the 2d Pres.
Church as they are about making a change
of their books. By the Bye Uncle John wants them
by all means to keep the Sabbath school going
and he will use his influence in helping them to
get a decent comfortable Church.

However I will soon write to Mac or Wm Downs
proposing a plan of action so that I can prevent
the claims of the Society to persons whom I suppose
are able or willing to help.

Newark Feb 13th 1867

John & Caroline

We rec^d a letter from you of Jan 29th last evening was glad to hear from you - We are well at present - Its curious that you dont get any letters from us as this is the fifth one we have sent And as you have not got them I will mention the subjects on which I have written First in regard to Mr Martin the chance of getting money is but slim as Uncle John has bought Uncle Sam^s part which with the improve^{ment} he intends making will take some \$10,000 - I have found others such as Abm Hotchkiss who has money to loan out - But its too far from home And to want their money where they can look after it with less trouble - Well I often look at some of these Poor rich Cusses and conclude that a poor man enjoys more of life in one year than the do in forty - In regard to the wheat dont sell it for less than \$1.75 - Potatoes & Cato, make the best you can of them - Its very probable that Uncle Wm & Sam^l will both come out there this spring

A P. Walker made his appearance here last night the whole tribe has left the far off weekly Meet and come back to Plainfield they say Uncle Alcock Spencer has shipped

You say Mr Downs is home I wish you would see him and tell him to send a couple of his books as specimens - For I think they could be sold rapidly - I could find an agent for him as I shall be busy for some time looking after that Leased property - I shall probably go to Connecticut and up in York State

Mr Green & Uncle John wants all the live quails you can catch sent on here as the snow has very nearly destroyed the seed of them here they calculate to come out next summer in the season for chickens and stay late enough to take

chance at Ducks & Geese - Let Dr Wilson take sport and train him in the way he should go and also keep his hand in at shooting - because I have ragged some little on him as well as myself And these Newark Gents calculate to have a new Breach loading Purseran needle Double Barrel which is to do

the most murderous work ever done in Iowa - But I expect it will take them one season to get used to their guns

How does the natives get along at the Navy Yard does old Buck trouble Israel as usual

How is Squire & Col. Melice getting forward your Mother wants Caroline to look after things and learn the art & mystery of house keeping

I want Mr Downs or Mr Spell to make a statement of the prospects and purposes and means of the congregation in regard to building a Church so that I can show it to the Cong. Church in Newark so as to present the case in a proper light

The weather has been bad most of the time since we have been here Snowing blowing drifting freezing thawing & Raining &c

Yours Truly

Abner Phillips

First Ebenezer appears in Newark also first from
the mother from Off. Boston from first Ebenezer
first Ebenezer sends her love to you when from you

I expect to get a lot of Hymn books
together with a lot more of new & second
hand books which will set the Sunday
School up for books

I am glad to hear that the School and
Society are prospering And that there is so
much interest manifested

Give my respects and also your Mothers to
the two Mr. Downes Loveland Mrs. Mrs.
to Mr. & Mrs. Pittwood Mr. Curtis Mrs. Mrs.
Martin and to all the friends & Neighbors generally
and to Mr. & Mrs. Spelt especially

How is Col. McFee and Mr. McFee and the square
And how does that old Buckingham get along

Yours Truly David Phillips
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Newark Feb 25th 1867

Dear Children

I take this opportunity of writing but
at present am confused with the Pecky Wire Fidd
which they are hammering at in the next room and
hammering out the Storm Settish or Joe Bowers
Hornpipe - I don't know precisely which
We are well Your Mother has just come home
from New York We are glad to hear that
you are well and doing well - The weather
is very much out of sorts - There has been about
three feet of snow fell since we have been here
which has made it very bad getting about
the 18th of Feb. I went to New Haven Conn. I
spent some time in Milford and other towns
Conn. and curiosity prompted me while attending
to other business to look at the old Records and
I observed among the first settlers of Milford
New Haven & Hartford in 1639 a Thomas a
Frederick & Joe Buckingham a George a William
& David Phillips a Thomas & John Morris an
Edw. & Wm. Downes a Wm. & George Curtis
together with Balderno Cranes Lodo Wards & Le

No doubt but they were of the same Puritan stock
as Whalley Goff & Dixwell Three of the Judges who
condemned the Royal ^{Charles} to the Block - The generally
received tradition is that they were most if not
all of them Soldiers and officers in Cromwells
Army and emigrated to America at the restoration
of the Monarchy.

Is it to be wondered that the descendants of such
men as these who could brave the privations and
dangers of an unexplored forest filled with hostile
savages and hide and protect the Regicides from
the Royal power so that they should die at a
good old age - Should be inclined to look with any
degree of favor on any Aristocratic system either in
Church or State - It is a part of a fountain's nature to
acknowledge no superior except in talent ~~and~~
and to bow to no Lord but the Lord Jehovah
I want you to see Mr E & Downs or Mr J & Downs
and tell them I expected a letter from them
and that I have got a large basket full of
books for the Sunday school and the promise of
a great many more You can show this to them
It's getting rather dark to see any more

Feb 26th All well and a pleasant day But the roads
are rather familiar for pleasant travelling
We have yet no time for starting back And I ^{think} ~~think~~
that we have to wait some time for Uncle Sam to
get ready - He has sold his post for 4 thousand dollars
which with some other crumbs will make his pile
about 5000 Sufficient to start him comfortably
in the West which will be much better for him
than fiddling along in the hap hazard happy go lucky
way he is in here

In all probability Uncle Wm will come along at
the same time

I want you both to look after things Hoops Cattle
&c If Mr Pittwood wants any little matter attended
to I should be happy to do it for him

Let Dr Wilson have Sport and train him in the
way he should go As Uncle John & Mr Green
and perhaps others expects to come out in the chicken
season and as they pride themselves on their shoot-
ing & walking qualifications I want the Dr to
put himself in training so as they shall have no
advantage except in their Breck loading Needle
Guns

Excerpts from Feb 13th 1867 to John & Caroline

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In all probability Uncle Wm will come along at the same time.---(added at the end) Aunt Eunice Spencer is in Newark also Rob R(unclear) Abe Walter from (Unclear) Broken Men. I will tell you Aunt Eunice sends her love to you when I see you.

We will wait as long as you can come off to us
Send these & when we can see you can

Newark, March 25th 1867

Dear Children I recd yours of 14th this morning
and was glad to hear from you We are well Your
Mother is down town visiting I am pained to
hear of the death of Chat Downs & of Mr Downs
being unwell - It has been a very bad season
for health here Cold Raw & Stormy Snow Sleet and
Rain nearly half the time we have been here
We shall not probably write more than once more
before we start which will be as soon as the weather
settles a little - People say to me Oh you wont go back
from this place to the west - But I tell them they
are mistaken - I am perfectly sick of their Pure
proud God fish Pigion & Bomb Shell Aristocracy
To explain a number of old acquaintances have got
rich by Army & other contracts consequently are seeking
after the uppermost seats in the Synagogues and build-
ing Monument to their dead fathers and seeking to trace
their genealogy to some May flower Puritan or some other
defunct source of greatness - While their own Relatives and
friends are overlooked or else treated with scorn and
contempt Every one is rated by his or her pile no matter whether
honestly got or not

We send some cards we had taken last week you can see how they look - By the Bye I want you both John & Caroline to improve every leisure opportunity in acquiring useful knowledge and to be particular in attending Church & Sabbath School

How recollect Mr. Fogg well He had got so down with bad habits & bad company when we first came here that he was about going to the poor house When I told him if he would take my advice he could get work & help - which was simply this to dress up as well as he could & go to the Episcopal Church and continue going every Sunday and he would find friends and the result is that the Rev^d & Hon^d can recognise him as a man and extend a helping hand Whereas if he had not went and continued to loaf around on Sundays they never would have noticed him

This is one trait which I admire in the Episcopalians no matter how rich or Aristocratic they may be they recognise in man however poor a brother one of God's images - Do the best you can fix things up for Uncle Sam^t will come out with us and I think he will like the fox off Sleigh Moot as he calls it David Phillips

David Phillips - Nov 30
1856
State of Iowa
Spring Grove

John R Shedd

Williamstown

Camden Co., N Jersey

John R Shedd Williamstown

Come to Phila in $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 or 9 o'clock
train, cross the river to South Camden
or Raigh's point, from which place a
stage leaves daily about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 for
Williamstown, by telling the driver you
want to stop at Mr Robb's place he
will leave you at the door

Mr John R Shedd - Direction Feb 17 1857

The first of March 1854 was Foggy 4th 8th /

10th. Edward J Flynn left here on the 2

Aug 1854 for Mr John R Shedd - at Williamstown

Camden Co N Jersey H. A. T. 1857

It is required to find two such that if the sum
 of their squares be divided by the diff of the num
 the sum shall be 576. And if the sum of their
 squares be multiplied by the sum of the num the
 prod shall be 2336. Let x and y Rep the num. Then

$$x^2 + y^2 \times x - y = 576 - x^2 - x^2 - x^2 - y^2 = 576$$

$$x^2 + y^2 \times x + y = 2336 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + y^2 = 2336$$

Adding first and second $2x^2 + 2y^2 = 2912$

And $x^2 + y^2 = 1456$

Subtracting first from third gives $x^2y - x^2y^2 = 576$
 $+ 2x^2y^2 = 1760$ to $x^2 + x^2y + x^2y^2 + y^2 = 2336$

It becomes a Cube root gives $x + y = 16$
 Extracting Cube root gives $x + y = 16$

Next dividing $x^2 - x^2y - x^2y^2 + y^2 = 576$ By $x + y$
 here $x - y = 36$ Extracting square root and in $x + y = 16$
 when $x + y = 16$

$x - y = 36$ The sum is 11 and 5
 $2x = 22$ and $x = 11$ Thus solved this equation.

$2y = 10$ and $y = 5$ Different ways and find the sum

such it is solved to be correct Nov 30th 1853 Eber C. Cony
 13th 1854 Placed for Mr Torrey and Mr Campbell
 Box Wood Blooms to day May 13th Some applied
 Chapman Not may

Chicago

August 4th 1844

Mr David Phillips

Dear sir

I am setd to answer your letter
that came to hand some time
ago I was glad to hear from
you I did admire your indepen-
dent stile. partly on that account
I write and partly as it is my own
stile and lastly I feel friendly
towards you and want to hear
from you as it recalls old
times Now I want to ask you
where William Phillips lives
I know that he cannot be far
from here if I knew his
whereabouts I would go and see
him Please give me his address

how are things with you in Iowa
this summer what kind of a
harvest are you going to have the
weather here has been pretty wet
of late although there is no great
damage being done to crops so far
your old buck got along I suppose
he is the same old stick. It is hard
to turn old dogs new tricks I
think perhaps he has not made
much improvement

Things in Chicago this summer
are good I am receiving from
4 to 5 dollars per day I am doing
better then I have ever done before

No more at present
your loving brother & expects to
see Phillips to John Brown
and Caroline and a position to
yourself

See more yours with
respect Frank Phillips

143 West Kinzie St
Chicago Illinois

143 West Kinzie St
Chicago Illinois

Don't put off writing as I have
done but let me hear from
you soon

Terms of Agreement Chosen

J. Buckingham & J. McRight

Mr Joseph Buckingham Sir

I will sell my place on the following conditions

1st Price for thirtyforties \$2400.

2nd change all the liabilities from mine to yours

3rd Pay me \$600. within a few days

4th Give me your individual notes obligations in five notes for the balance payable to James McRight or bearer with 8 per cent interest ~~is~~ half in one year and the rest in two years or as much sooner as you please.

5th I will reserve what new fence posts I have on the place that is not yet worked up also what cotton wood, poplar, and Salix Gilead cuttings I have planted this season and a portion of the little maples sowed last year also the currants & gooseberries

that I have set out this year
taxes will be settled satisfactory to all
parties. Corps and grass to reserve,
I will give possession the first
of next March, or sooner if convenient.

Wm. Phillips E. C. Holt

Office of meeting
The members of the Garret Society and the Past Boys and
public spirited persons and all others favorable to the
acquisition of knowledge under difficulties and inclined
to attend other peoples affairs are requested to meet
at the office of the Chief Executive on Sunday Aug^{24th}
1867 for the initiation of new members and the election
of officers for the ensuing year Also for the unpleasant
duty of performing the solemn act of Exclusion from
the society of J. K. Dille & Wm Koller for the unpardon^{able}
sin of attending their own business and neglecting the
peoples - Under these painful circumstances it becomes
necessary that the Gypo Signs Countersigns passwords
be immediately changed to prevent the secrets of the
society from being disclosed

Apr 29th 1868

To the Board of Supervisors of Linn County State of Iowa we the subscribers
Land owners would hereby respectfully pray that so much of the Des Moines and
Anamosa Road located in Linn Co and running South East from the SW corner of the
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec 35 Tp 87 N R 7 W S 1/2 P M to a point in the line dividing East and West half
of N E $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec 2 Tp 86 N R 7 W S 1/2 P M - Be vacated and relocated By commencing at the
point last named thence North to the County line Thence West 3 miles along the
Des Moines & Anamosa Road

March 3rd 1868

Dear Uncle Willie
wants me to write
a little note to you
he wants to tell you
that he is coming out
there this summer and
he wants you save
him the cream colored
horse to ride we are
all well at home
and we are very
much obliged to you
for the mittens
your affectionate
Hezekiah Willie
Phillips

April 29th 1868

To the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan Co. State of Iowa We the Subscribers
Residents and Land owners Would hereby Respectfully pray - That so much of the
Boundary of ~~Angora road~~ - Commencing at the S. W. corner of the P. & N. R. 1/4 of
Sec. 34 Tp 87 N R 7 W 5 P M - Thence East 240 rods Thence South about 20 ^{Rods} Thence
South by East. until it intersects the line between the East half and the West half of
of the N E 1/4 of Sec. 2 Tp 86 N R 7 W 5 P M in Linn Co. Be vacated and Relocated
by commencing at the point last above mentioned and running North to the County line
Thence West on the County line 3 miles

Leviticus Chap 24th 5th Law in regard to newly married men
When a man hath taken a new wife he shall not go out to war neither
shall he be charged with any business. but he shall be free at home one
year and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken. Bible
Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his
master unto thee He shall ^{abide} with thee even among you in that place which he
shall choose in one of thy gates where it liketh him best thou shalt not
oppress him -

Strange sad circumstances after a persons views I have read this passage many times
previous to this war and never saw the impolicy or the unscriptural bearing of
the fugitive slave law until the present

One law of the Bible appears on a closer view to approximate nearer to the law laid
down by the sinner than I supposed - Do to thus &c In the old testament it was, mostly
compulsory - In the new dispensation it is the law of love

Location of Spring

A point $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E from N corner of $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $S\frac{1}{4}$ of $S\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 6 T²⁸S R⁷W
 $S 18\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W 45 links to a tree $S 55\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W 52° to mark in the rock $S 11^{\circ}$ E 95 to line of
division between S and $S\frac{1}{2}$ of above described 40^a

Pair of yearlings Brown Color white spot on rump white under belly ^{white} tip of tail
the other Brown some white on belly white spot in face rump & tail at tip ^{white}
white on right hind leg larger than on left

Two heifers One Bright red the other light red white on hip and flanks both sides
white spot in face small white spot on tail

Two year old heifer white reddish ears both tail

Pair of two year old steers one dark brown or black the other red white spot
in the top of face some white on flanks under belly ^{some white under belly little on tail}

Pair of three year old steers one Brownish red the other red both white backs
and white faces

Black cow with one eye some white about her bag

Red cow little mixed with brown the one horn dropped some white under
the belly

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Spring Grove Linn Co Iowa Nov 1st 1862

Dear Brother I got your letter of Oct 15th yesterday - I think
probably you was angry about something perhaps the Book
or something else as I had written several letters and got
no answers - Whether you examined them or not I cant say
But they are a mutilated Milk & water lot of trash which
I am ashamed to offer to any Society
In regard to the old Woman - The offer I made was voluntary
I neither expected or desired any Pecuniary reward because
the Rightful Heirs view it in that light - if my offer stinks
it is not my fault - I cant help it

About the Cane Mill if I understood right you rather urged me
to go in the Cane Raising And told how you could make a
mill & Evaporator - if I was mistaken Cant help it

If you want to shake off all feeling of sympathy and affection
that cant be helped either - Its troublous times and I begin
to think that the Human Family are only made worse by
Civilization and Refinement -

The weather is fine and has been for 3 or 4 weeks we had a Hunt
of a new enough to track But its all gone now at

The old fellow had about 25 lb of Tallow of this
 kind. I did not have scales. He was to weigh
 the tallow. He either forgot or neglected to do so.
 But concluded that he would oblige
 me to pay it up. Richardson's Memoranda
 Richardson had some weighed by the 50 lb man
 and sent me some.

Jan. 24th on the Phillips Co. Boat
 4-9 1/2 Every time I go off myself I
 4-7 1/2 3+ Lost time & Money with the old
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He liked it so well he
remained, and they had
the care of him in his
last sickness. George's
wife was not all she
should have been and
did not make his home
agreeable. I think he was
very contented ^{there} - he always
spoke kindly of the
family even in a letter
just written to me, which
she enclosed unopened
in her first letter telling
me of his illness, he spoke
kindly and told me where
he made his home with
her - She has written me

312 E 56th St
S. Brooklyn
May 19, 197.

My dear Nephew -

Your last was
thankfully received.

It was very kind
of your wife to write
me, and it is my
purpose to write her

My summer has not
been a pleasant one
- I have had many
anxieties - Your aunt

Deakin has been very
feeling. We had one
or two very alarming
attacks we hardly
knew what was the
cause but feared apoplexy
but now think it was
severe indigestion
We had a conveyance
over the night with
her when a letter came
from Mr. Craymer the
niece of your
uncle William saying
he was very seriously
ill - does not expect

That was about the middle of June.

The next news came that he was
better, and was gaining every day, and
it was hoped he would soon be up.

On Thursday the sad message came
that he had passed away and
that his remains would be sent
to Chicago for interment - Mr. Rogers
is a niece of your uncle's first wife
Sarah. I suppose you will remember
her. Your uncle went to make her
a visit at her home Muskegon, Mich.

Monticello N.Y.
March the 18th.

down to Newark next
week to make a visit
and I do not know when I
shall get back.

I will send you some Lobster
seeds for your garden and

if you have any pretty ones
I would like to have them.
I should like to come out
and make you a visit but I
cannot. I am glad ^{to hear that} you are dont
~~have~~ got a little
no more

May Phillips
answer soon
think of me when others are
forgotten

Dear Carrie

May there be just enough
clouds in your life to make a
~~little~~ glorious sun.

Forget me not forget me never
Till yonder sun has set forever.

All I ask is one little spot
In which to write "forget me not"

"When thou see think of me"
think kindly as I do of thee.

Remember me in years to come
Remember me when far away
Fannie Phillips

Montville Mar 1 1874

Dear Cousin. Larrü.

I have not got much
time to write but what time
I have I will try and improve it
we have had very pleasant
weather her lately it is
splendid weather now it is
like spring. is it nice weather
out there. I have just ate
my dinner and I cannot
write good. I have got a very
bad cold and my throat
is sore. the rest of the
folks are well. I cannot
write any more I am a going

Wenayville Tenn Sept 18.

Mr David Phillips

Dear Kephew I will pen you
a few lines in answer to your
ever welcome letter which I
had been looking for for some
time but did not get impatient
for I know that you and Eddy
have so much to do, I am
glad that you and Eddy got to
go to the fair, I wish you could
have our stile better up there
for the wind seldom blows hard
enough to interfere with haling
hay here think your oats turned
out well glad you have such
good crops this year, and so
many plums we have no plums
now had some fine plums that
was ripe in June but the late one
did not amount to much, Apples
are selling at 20¢ a basket and some
of the towns peaches and flowers look

Nice (yet) as we have had no
frost and people hear say we
will not be likely to have
any frost until the middle of
next month any how but I took
my horse plants in I thought
it best to be ready for it I have
a fine lot of calce plants and 2
of them is in blossom so think we can
send you some seeds if it rains
could send you some plants but as
the winters are so cold there finally I had
better keep them until spring.

Well I don't think I will try
to do much more gardening and field
work for my part for I have found
out that I am not able for it
and will let the job in the future
to some one else and do the house
work for it is about all I can
manage. I wish you could see our
garden they are so pretty some of them
are late (the 6 am) and just covered with
flowers and all colors (much closer
your being aunt Maggie's soon

letter on
previous sheet.

Henryville, Tenn Sept 18

Mr David Phillips

Dear Nephew I will send you a few lines in answer to your ever welcome letter which I had been looking for for some time but did not get impatient for I know that you and Eddy have so much to do. I am glad that you and Eddy got to go to the fair. I wish you could have our (?) stile setter) up there for the wind seldom blows here enough to interfere with hauling hay hear think your oats turned out well glad you have such good crops this year and so many plums. We have no (plums) now had some nice plums that was ripe in June but the late ones didn't amount to much. Apples are selling at 20 ct a bushel at some of the towns here^{hear}. Our flowers look nice yet as we have had no frost and people hear say we will not be likely to have any frost until the middle of next month anyhow but I took my house plants in. I thought it best to be ready for it. I have a fine lot of (cole) plants and 2 of them is in blossom so think we can send you some seed if it _____

could I send you some plants but as the winters are so cold there _____ I had better keep them until spring.

Well David I don't think I will try to do much more ~~work~~ (grabing) and field work for my part for I have found out that I am not able for it and will let the job in the (factory) to some one else and ~~let~~ do the housework for it is about all I can manage. I wish you could see our (vineys) they are so pretty some of them are later _____ and just covered with flowers and all colors. must close.

Your Loving Aunt Maggie

write soon

In pencil - I send you _____ of _____.

This lady evidently died soon after moving to Tennessee. She died in 1893.

Her daughter ^{Mary Ellen} was born in Troy Mills and Margaret died before Mary Ellen was a year old.
Source - Alma Dudley

Troy Mills Iowa

Aug 14th 1891

Dear uncle and aunt
it is with a very sad heart
I write this letter

Our oldest son David
was killed with a hayfork
about half past four o'clock P.m.
July 18th
he was 17 years old 15th of last year
we were stacking hay with
a double harpoon fork the boys
and Mr Henry McKee were
stacking with two teams and I
was mowing. David and I talked
it over and decided we would go
up and oil the pulley as soon
as we got the stack up to where

it would be convenient to get at the pulley so while they were driving out the empty wagon and bringing up the other load he had went up to attend to it.

no one knows exactly how it happened no one saw it but a moment before it happened Tydid jones and Edward saw him falling just before reached the stack the fork dropping right after him he alighted on his fat Edward called to him to lookout for the fork but there was no time the fork struck him in the left breast

just under the first rib penetrated eight and a half inches he pulled the fork out put it on the stack and called to Edward. Eddie helping took two or three steps toward the house and fell as soon as Eddie saw him falling and the fork following him he called to him to lookout

for the fork and jumped from the wagon and ran to him but he had fallen before he could reach him he carried him off the stack

Tydia called to Eliza as soon as saw was hurt she ran to him took his head in her arms and asked him if he knew it was her he moved his lips but could not speak and nestled his close to her breast she saw he was dying she told him to commit his soul to god he turned his eyes toward heaven then gave her one last loving look and nestled his head still closer to her breast

and the death gurgle came in his throat and his sweet life was gone he did not live but a minute or two after he was hurt

from your affectionate
eliza
John McPhillips

Center Point Ia
May 8/29

Dear Brother and family
I have had new to
write you. Our dear
mother died Thursday
night May 2nd
She had been in her
usual health till Sunday
night. we had a
surprise party on Effie
and Paul Sunday
she visited with the
folks as usual Mon-
day she was not feeling
very well. Tuesday she
was sleepy but ate her
meals. Wednesday she was
so sleepy we could hardly

We all had the flu in
the winter and mother
had it the easiest of any
then we all had it again
this spring and mother
went almost before we knew
she had it. she had kidney
and heart trouble, all
together was too much for
her. We got your nice letter
last week I wrote you a
card last Fri. but sent it to
Molala we sent Fanny a tel-
e-gram but it was delayed
some way so she did not
come. Lydia came, but
Father feels so lone some
he thinks he has nothing
to live for now. This has been
a backward spring lots of outcrops
ed in May lots of farmers not
sowed yet will lay idle
this year
write soon Ed

she lay there so peaceful
with such a sweet expression
it seemed I never had
seen mother look ^{so} beautiful
a few moments before her
face was twitching with
the palsy. now all was so
still we could hardly
realize she had gone
we did all we could to
make her comfortable
while with us mother
had been bed fast since
four years ago last Feb.
she was 80 years old. last
aug 24 we had the
funeral on Sunday
and buried her along
side of aunt Caroline just
a few feet from a distance was
at the funeral from Ande-
rsonville - Central City - Coggon
Newtonville. father was about
sick but he went too

wake her. we should
have had the Dr for
her but she had had
sleepy spells before only
not so bad we thought
we would wait till
morning and see how
she was but the next
morning Thursday, she
could not be aroused at
all when the Dr came
he said she was in a
state of Coma and would
not live very long she
died at ten o'clock Thurs-
day night she didn't appear
to suffer much. I was
holding her hand when
the end came. she was
breathing rather heavy
but we was not expecting
her to go so soon when
all at once she stopped breath-
ing without a struggle or move

he is getting better.
all of us have had it
twice this winter and
spring.

The weather has been so
bad here everyone is behind
with their work there
are a few sowing oats yet
a few did not get any in at all
there are a number of
farms laying ~~idle~~ not tilled
I do hope this finds you
well. Fanny and you
were all planning on
coming back this summer
it is too bad mother could
not have ^{time} till fall home now
it would have been how
she would have enjoyed
seeing you all, but such is
life so uncertain we did
all we could to make her
comfortable, good by uncl Ed

Center Point
May 8th / 29

Dear Nephew.

I have very bad
news to tell you, our
Dear Mother and grand-
mother died May 2
Thursday night at 10 o'clock
she had been in her usual
health until four days
before the end came. Sunday
we had a supper party
an Effie and Paul. she
was feeling fine, talked
ate ice cream and enjoyed
herself, Monday she was
not so well, complained of
pains and was kind of
sleepy Tuesday she was

very sleepy, and did not
eat much. Wednesday she
was so sleepy we had to
awaken her. In the afternoon
we could not arouse her
at all. we should have
called the Dr sooner but
she had had sleepy spells
before and we thought we
would wait till morning
when he first saw her
he said that she would
not live that she was
in a state of Coma.
she was just coming down
with the flu and with
her other troubles it was
to much for her. she died
so easy she didn't appear
to suffer any. I was holding
her hand when the end
came. she was breathing
naturally when all at once
ceased breathing without a struggle

and lay there so sweet
and peaceful. it seemed
to me I had never seen
Mother so beautiful a moment
before her face was twitching
with the palsy. now it was
so smooth we could hardly
realize she had departed
this life. Mother had
been bedfast since four
years ago last Feb she
was 80 her last birthday
aug 24. we had the
funeral on Sunday
and buried her alongside
of aunt Caroline there was
quite a few at the funeral
from a distance. Lydia came
we sent a telegram to
Lenny but they could not
find her at first, so she
did not get to come father has
been having the flu too

(2)
Blanche is taking
a years teachers course
at Cedar Falls. She borrows
the money at the bank
and expects to pay when
she gets to teaching.
Nona started to high
school this fall, but
got discouraged and
quit. She has some
sort of a nervous trouble.
Your Grandpa is quite
feeble. He has not been
out of the house since
last August. He gets
around the house
by holding to chairs.
It is so lonesome. We
make it as pleasant
as we can for him,
but since dear Mother
died he has been just
sitting away.

Dec 15/29

Dear Nephew, we
received your letter
yesterday and was
very glad to hear
from you. Father got
your announcement
about your daughter, also
a letter last spring.
I have written a num-
ber of cards and letters
but guess you havent
got them. We have
been sending them
to Medford. I will
enclose one that came
back. We havent heard
from your father
for a long time. I don

know if he got my
letters or not. we

Congratulate you and
your wife, a baby in
the home has a pow-
erful restraining
influence for good.

I just know some-
how, that you have
chosen a good companion
and hope you will have
long and happy married
life, our children are
all grown up now.
Donald the youngest
is most as tall as I
am, he is the best boy
I ever saw. he has
worked out some this
summer. Paul has
worked out all summer
and fall

he was 86 years old
and I am sorry that
you didn't have a good
year. it sure would
have been nice if you
could have come back
for a visit, we had
a poor season too,
our oats and rye made
half a crop and the
corn is little better.
the ground was too
wet in the spring
then got too dry.
Eastern Iowa has had
poor crops for the last
six years too much
rain when we don't
need it, then none or
very little when we do
need it, farmers are
getting awfully discouraged

(3)

most of the farms that
was mortgaged is lost
and the rest will be if
conditions don't change
for the better soon.

a number of farms has
lain idle for two and
some for three years.

most of the banks has
gone broke. I in Walker

1 Tenny, 2 Central City, 1 Bitter
Point, 1 Albemarle, 2 in Byron
1 Greenbush, 2 Winthrop.

The old mill at Tenny
is being taken down
Tenny won't seem quite
the same without it.

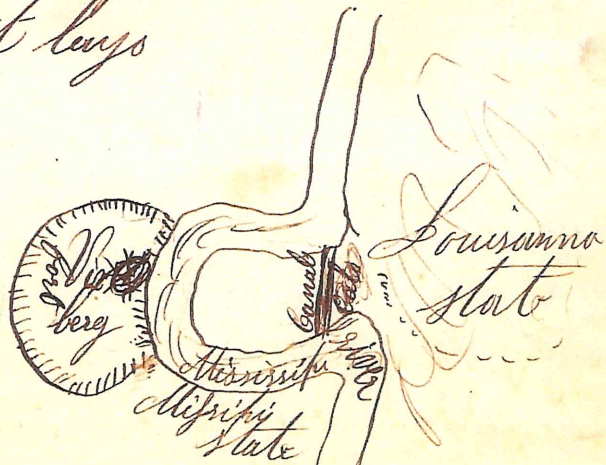
we have been having
foggy weather for ten
days before that we had
about ten days that was

hero and ten below.
We got the mail route
changed so it comes
by air plane, which
is quite an improvement
also by next summer
will have hard surface
road too.

I will try and have
father write to you
we have asked him
many times but he
always says that he can
is your father a doctor
the same as yours?
Tell him to please
write I do so enjoy re-
ading his letters he makes them
so interesting.

good by
with love to all
your uncle Ed

for it is too strong fortified here
the way it lays



I will say now more to day
for I have not got time I will write again
Direct your letters to Memphis
113 reg Ill. Vol. Co. G. care of Cap
John S. Woodruff

From your

Cousin

William S. Phillips

January 30th 1863

Dear Friend I take paper in hand
to let you now from me and where I am
and how I am I told you that I had
enlisted I enlisted the 4th of August
1862 in the 113 Ill Vol Co G Cap J. S.
Woodruff and we stay in Chicago three
weeks and then left and came to
Memphis and stay there 2 weeks and
then we got marching orders to go to the
Tallahassee river for General Price was
there with 50 thousand rebels and we
started with 40 thousand men and we
chased them 2 weeks and they would not stand
to fight so we went back to Memphis
and stay there 1 week and then started
down the river to Vicksburg we sailed
down the Mississippi river to the Yazoo
river you can look on the map and find it
and then we turned up the Yazoo and
sailed one half day and then went
ashore. I forgot one thing the day before

up the river to arkansaw port and there
was 1000 rebels fortified there and we had
to fight them and we fought them one
day and took them all prisoners and they
took the prisoners to springfield Ill. and
half of our regiment went to guard them
and our company stayed and then we came
back down the missipi river again and we
stopped at Napoleon that is at the mouth
of arkansas river and we stay there 2 days
and got reinforcements and came down the
river to take Vicksburg again and now we
are at Vicksburg 4 miles this side we are
digging the canal across the the ~~francis~~
the land there is a bend in the river here
that it is 16 miles around and it is 1 mile
and an $\frac{1}{8}$ th and it is 50 miles from Vicksburg
I will show you on the paper the shape of
the river and Vicksburg and where we are digging
the canal. they can not reach us with their
batteries and if they come out of the fort
to stop us from digging we will take Vicksburg
and if they don't we can not take Vicksburg

we turned up the river was christmas
and christ mas morning we land on the
Louisiana side of the river and marched
out in the country about 13 miles and tore
up the railroad that runing to Vicksburg
and then we marched back to the boat
and then went up the arkansas river the
next morning then when we got to the
up the arkansas river was 4 miles from Vicksburg and
the next day was saturday and then the
fight commenced at Vicksburg and they fought
all day saturday and Sunday they fought
again and I thought I would try my chance
and I went to fight on sunday and I
got in but I could not get out again
and the ball whistled around my head
and I got enough of fighting that day
and they fought for days and we got
whipped and on saturday night we had
to get aboard of the boat and retreat up
the river to the mouth of the arkansas
river and then we started up the ark
arkansas river and we ~~started~~ sailed

Camp at Memphis Tenn
March 20th / 64

Dear Casin

It is a long
time since I have met you
and you must excuse me for
it for I have been so that I
could not last October I left
Corinth and went with General
Sherman to Chattanooga and
I was so busy there and I could
not get any paper nor ink
I did not write home either.
Father did not know what
had become of me for he did
not hear any thing of me in
so long and when I got to
Chattanooga I sat down to
write one day and got my
letter about half done
when the boys said that the

The Quarter Master was
going to give the boys a
forbury and let them put
on the regiments and give
me one the two the letter
up and I was going right
straight home that night
and I thought that I would
surprise the folks so one
day I came walking in the house
and took them in a surprise
for they never expect to see
me again they said I found the
folks all well except mother
and she was down east and
has been there all winter
I was surprised to see George
who I left home I was the
largest and now George is the
largest by 3 inches more having
been at Memphis now and we don't
know how long we stay here I expect
to leave her soon next week I guess

and I am going to many a good
one (there is no telling who
I will ~~rather~~ be so there
is no use of your answering
this letter I will write
again soon and then I can tell
who I will be.

Yours &c. &c. &c.

From your Cousin

W. S. Phillips

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March the 6th 1865

Dear Cousin

some time since I have heard
from you and I thought that I would write you a few
lines to day, I would have written to you long ago but
I have not been well all winter I have been sick all the time
with sore eyes and have not been allowed to go out doors at
all I was in the Hospital two months and did not see daylight
at all I was blind as a bat two weeks I can hardly see
these lines now to write on them this is the first letter
I have written my self in three months I have had to have
them all written for me I suppose that you have heard
of Josephs death by this time and what a hard way
he died if you have the next time that I write I will
tell you about it. We had five or six letters from David
Uncle Samuels boy was here very sick this winter with
the lung fever and was getting better when he wrote
the last letter that I had from home the folks was
all well except Father and he was complaining,

with a bad cold and a head ache George is
as lively as ever kicking and fat as
any the weather is v here now the
citizens are making planting potatoes
and the trees begin to and the grass is green
and nice as it is in up there
We are having a very a time here in Memphis
now we are in the town doing present duty and
have the means kind of a turn I will have to close
for this time I send my best respects to
all

From Your Companion

W D Phillips
Care S. W. H. Hall, Jr / S

Memphis Tenn

Blue Island June the 9th 1865

Dear Cousin

I received a letter from
you this morning and was very glad
to hear from you as I all ways am the
letter went to Memphis and then came
to me I am at home now and have
got my Discharge and I am very glad
of it of course any one would be
that had been Suffering three years I was
two years and ten months in the
service and that was enough for me
I got my Discharge in the Hospital
and am rich yet but am gaining fast
the folks are all well at present except
George he has got a large hile on his rump
and it bothers him a great deal in traveling
around Father is all through planting and he
through his corn and potatoes once and is
commenced to go the second time through
every thing is doing fine and looks as if they
was going to be good crops this year

It has been pretty dry for about two
weeks back but we got some rain today
which done a great deal of good to every thing
Father has got about 20 acres of oats and 20
of corn and 6 of potatoes and about 24 of roughness
and has got about 180 acres of hay to cut this
year and that pays better than corn or oats
we have got two good teams of horses and
15 cows and have got two nice men Father
calculates to do a big business in hay this year
he has got more 15 tons to haul to Chicago more
from last year hay he could not haul
it all last winter and he is going to
haul next week I think I have told all I know
of this time Oh how did the folks up year ever
take it about the President's death they took it
pretty hard here I think I will quit for
this time

From your Son
W^m L. Phillips

Dearest Mother
Love her

Always aff. this

Blue Island Nov. 24th 1865

Dear Cousin

It is quite a spell since I
received your letter and I thought that I
would not write until I knew whether I
was coming out there or not but I think
I will not know yet awhile Father is go-
ing to go to Newark in a boat tomorrow
and like enough I will go with him if I do
not I will come out there and I guess that
one of the girls will come with me

My health is no better I have got a cold
cough yet and I am a fevver I am
not a going to get well of it

We are demonstrating say here we have
made about 900 gallons and about 400
of ourselves we have got our potatoes and are
threshing down with George is well and
so is all the rest of the folks Lib is not
at home she is about three miles from here
a sewing I believe I will have to quit
writing for this time until some

Wm Phillips