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158 (Since I do not have the original but a notebook copy, I am not sure that all the
159 doubled entries are present. Certified copies are on file at D.A.R. & Illinois Historical
160 libraries.)

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162

163 BJB JESSE BAKER BIBLE

164

165 MARRIAGES

166

167 Jesse Baker was born in Tenn. March 19 1799

168 Christina Baker, his wife, was born Jan. 23 1803

169 Jesse Baker was married to Christina Teter Dec. 31 1823 (Springfield record - 28 Feb
170 1824)

171 Mary E. Baker was married to William Crumm June 5, 1852

172 Martha M. Baker was married to Royal Porter Nov. 10, 1856

173 Zepha C. Baker was married to John Pratt June 17 1858

174 Philip M.H. Baker was married to Elizabeth Lowry April 15, 1865

175 Harriet Lucinda Baker was married to George Butler April 15, 1865

176

177 BIRTHS

178

179 Philip M.H. Baker was born Feb. 6, 1825

180 Miles L. Baker was born Oct. 29, 1826

181 Francis M. Baker was born Aug. 24, 1829

182 Mary E. Baker & Ziba C. Baker were born Nov. 21, 1831

183 Greenbury Baker was born Aug. 4, 1834

184 A. Lincoln Baker was born March 17, 1836

185 Martha M. Baker was born Apr 8, 1838

186 Jesse Jasper Baker was born Oct. 17, 1840

187 Harriet L. Baker was born Jan. 13, 1842

188 Sylvester H. Baker was born Feb. 8 1850

189

190 DEATHS

191

192 Jesse Baker died Aug. 20, 1879 with old age.

193 Christina Baker died Jan. 12, 1882 of old age.

194 Caroline Pratt died Aug. 20, 1894.

195

196

197 (Comments - Ziba C., Caroline & Zepha C. are Zepha Caroline (Baker) Pratt. Sylvester H.
198 is Sylvester Harris Baker, called Harris, son of Jesse's older deceased brother, Sylvester.
199 Jesse & Christina raised him. The Crumm marriage is William Montgomery Crum & Mary
200 Emeline Baker).

201

202

203 BMC WILLIAM M. & MARY E. (BAKER) CRUM BIBLE RECORDS

204

205 BIRTHS

206

207 William M. Crum Oct. 30, 1827

208 Mary E Crum Nov. 20, 1831

209 Ida Viola Crum Feb. 6, 1854

210 Francis T. Crum Sept. 26, 1855

211 Jesse J. Crum April 18, 1857
212 Perry W. Crum June 29, 1858
213 Abram F. Crum Dec. 16, 1859
214 John P. Crum March 28, 1861
215 Alvin A. Crum August 7, 1863
216 Martha C. Crum Nov. 18, 1866
217 Wm. Oscar Crum Feb. 12, 1869
218 Fred M. Crum June 24, 1873

219

220 DEATHS

221

222 Francis T. Crum died Oct. 20, 1855
223 Perry W. Crum died Sept. 11, 1866
224 Ida Viola Crum died April 25. 1871
225 Wm. M. Crum died Dec. 7, 1872
226 Fred M. Crum died July 29. 1876
227 Wm. Oscar Crum died April 22, 1904
228 Mary E. Crum died Dec. 26, 1917
229 Jesse J. Crum died Jan. 14 1918
230 Alvin A. Crum died April 7. 1928

231

232

233 BDE DAVID CROCKETT ESTEP BIBLE

234

235

236 Bible of David Crockett Estep (Bk 35), American Publishing Company, Hartford, Conn. -
237 1870

238

239 Marriages

240

241 D. C. Estep & Mary F. Baker 12 Nov 1863
242 Miles E. Estep & Nellie S. Berry 19 Aug 1898
243 Horace Griffin & Mesta M. Estep 1 Mar 1892
244 G. W. Haynes & Etta Estep 24 Jul 1895
245 D. C. Estep & Elizabeth Haynes 22 Jan 1899

246

247 Births

248

249 D.C. Estep 7 Nov 1838
250 Mary F. Estep 10 May 1846
251 Etta Estep 28 Jan 1865
252 Miles E. Estep 12 Feb 1868
253 James S. Estep 10 Mar 1870
254 Mesta May Estep 5 May 1872
255 Arminda I. Estep 20 Jul 1874
256 Hattie V. Estep 27 Sept 1876
257 Frank D. Estep 11 Dec 1878
258 Gerald H. Griffin 10 Jan 1895

259

260 Deaths

261

262 Mary F. Estep 18 Oct 1879
263 James Sylvester Estep 25 May 1871

264 Armina I. Estep 6 Sept 1875
265 Hattie V. Estep 17 Feb 1877
266 D.C. Estep 1 Apr 19
267 George W. Haynes 3 May 1945

268
269 (The names in complete form - - - David Crockett Estep - Mary Frances Baker Estep -
270 Miles Edward Estep - Mesta May Estep - George Washington Estep - James Sylvester
271 Estep)

272
273
274 Bible of James Estep , Alexander Stereotype edition - The Holy Bible - Philadelphia
275 stereotyped and published by C. Alexander & Co. Arteman Building, Franklin Place -
276 1834

277
278
279 BCP BIBLE OF JOHN & CAROLINE PRATT

280
281
282 Marriages -

283
284 Mr. Henry Pratt was married to Miss Cordelia Estep Feb the 18th 1883.

285
286 Births-

287
288 John Pratt was born in Vermont May the 11th 1811 his wife Caroline Pratt was born Nov
289 the 21st 1831.

290
291 Abner Pratt was born Aug 13th 1838.

292
293 Leah Pratt was born Apr 3rd 1840.

294
295 Clark Pratt was born July 18th 1949.

296
297 Henry Pratt was born Aug 15th 1858.

298
299 Alice Pratt was born Nov 18th 1859.

300
301 Francis Pratt was born Oct 1st 1864.

302
303
304 Deaths -

305
306 Abner Pratt died Jan the 9th 1865.

307
308 Clark Pratt died Nov 17th 1875.

309
310 John Pratt died Aug 2nd 1878.

311
312 Caroline Pratt died Aug the 20th 1894.

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316 ---- Footnote - Henry Pratt listed above was a foster son of the Pratts. His parents were
317 born in Germany and his correct name was Henry Garrett. He went by Garrett and raised
318 his family as Garretts. He married Cordelia Estep, (see E5311-10) as Henry Garrett.
319

320
321

BWT BIBLE of WILLIAM H. TETER

322

William H. Teter & Hannah Thompson Ware were married 6 Jun 1850.

324

Births

325

326

William H. Teter 3 Nov 1827

327

Sarah A. Teter 23 Mar 1851

328

John L. Teter 5 Apr 1852

329

Elizabeth J. Teter 12 Jul 1855

330

William J. C. Teter 9 Apr 1858

331

Archibald W. Teter 28 Feb 1861

332

David G. Teter 22 Nov 1864

333

334

Deaths

335

336

Sarah A. Teter 5 Apr 1851

337

Elizabeth J. Teter 6 Apr 1857

338

William J. C. Teter 18 Apr 1861

339

David G. Teter 3 Mar 1881

340

Archibald W. Teter 2 Mar 1906

341

John L. Teter 15 Mar 1927

342

William H. Teter Sept 1884

343

Harriet Thompson Ware Teter Oct 1902

344

345

Births

346

347

John Ware 1 Feb 1818

348

Hannah Thompson 11 Sept 1824

349

Nancy Ann Ware 8 Sept 1841

350

Moses G. Ware 11 May 1843

351

Lucy Ann Ware 1 Apr 1845

352

Thomas H. Ware 16 Sept 1847

353

354

Deaths

355

356

John Ware 13 Apr 1849

357

Moses G. Ware 8 Nov 1845

358

Thomas H. Ware 4 Apr 1851

359

Lucy Ann Ware 16 Dec 1856

360

Nancy Ann Ware Cobb 7 Mar 1917

361

362

363

BCC CHARITY J. CHANEY BIBLE

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365

366

367

368

Marriages -

369
370 George D. Samms of Weir City, Kans. married Charity J. Chaney of Poplar City, Ill. at
371 Havana, Ill. on 23rd of Jan 1895.
372
373 John R. Chaney was married to Missouri Gregory May the 8th 1834.
374
375 Births -
376
377 John R. Chaney was born November 4th 1811.
378
379 Missouri Chaney was born Feb 16th 1814.
380
381 Sarah Ann Chaney was born March 26th 1835
382
383 James Thompkins Chaney 26 Feb 1837
384
385 Mary Elizabeth Chaney 30 Jun 1839
386
387 Charity Jane Chaney 3 Dec 1841
388
389 Catherine Chaney 7 Dec 1843
390
391 Harriet Emily Chaney 10 Sep 1846
392
393 Thomas Harris Chaney 1 Sep 1848
394
395 Martha Cordaline Chaney 7 Dec 1850
396
397 John Richardson Chaney 17 Sep 1856
398
399 Missouri Alice Chaney 30 Nov 1858
400
401 Elizabeth Chaney 6 Jul 1795
402
403
404 Deaths -
405
406 Thomas Harris Chaney died 16 Feb 1873
407
408 Missouri Chaney 25 Mar 1892
409
410 Moses Chaney 5 Dec 1844
411
412 Elizabeth Chaney Nov 1855 (no day)
413
414 John R. Chaney, Sr. 5 Jan 1895
415
416 Martha C. Poland (nee Chaney) 23 Aug 1887
417
418 Charity J. Samms (nee Chaney) 9 Nov 1903
419
420
421 Loose sheet in bible:

422
423 James T Chaney died 15 Mar 1902
424
425 Mary Elizabeth Estep (nee Chaney) died May 26 1916
426
427 Catherine Clark (nee Chaney) died Nov 25 1918
428
429 Harriet Emily Williamson (nee Chaney) died Oct 11 1919
430
431 Missouri Alice (nee Chaney) died Jun 7 1933
432
433 John Richardson Chaney died Jul 25 1936
434
435
436 BIS ISAAC & ELLEN (HOHIMER) STITH BIBLE
437
438 Isaac Colson Stith of Petersburg, Ill. married Mary Ellen Hohimer of Petersburg, Ill. on
439 Jan 25th 1871 at Petersburg, Ill.
440
441 Joe Hardy Stith married Nellie Gertrude Samuell 1 Aug 1901 in Easton, Ill.
442
443 Hattie May Stith married Henry Charles Eckelberger on Feb 18 1903 in Eastom
444
445 Harry Pearl Stith married Mabel Keaton Feb 23 1911
446
447 Births -
448
449 Isaac Colson Stith born March the 11 1848
450
451 Mary Ellen Hohimer born April the 8 1849
452
453 Their children -
454
455 Joe Hardy Stith born 27 Jun 1872
456 Hattie Mae Stith born 31 Mar 1877
457 Harry Denis Stith born 8 Aug 1879
458
459 Grandchildren, children of J.H. Stith
460
461 Gertrude Winifred Stith born 16 Aug 1902, Easton, Ill.
462 Joe Gordon Stith born 29 Dec 1903, Easton, Ill.
463 Donald Stith born 23 Aug 1907, Mason City, Ill.
464 Mildred Stith born 11 Jun 1910, Easton, Ill.
465 Dorothy Stith born 18 Jul 1912, Salt Creek Twp, Mason Co, Ill.
466 Ruth Stith born 6 Aug 1914, Salt Creek Twp.
467
468 Harry Stith, Jr. son of Harry Denis Stith born 13 May 1913, Mason City, Ill.
469
470 Deaths -
471
472 Isaac C. Stith died at Mason City 15 Feb 1917 aged 68 yr 11 mo 4d
473
474 May E. Stith died 10 Feb 1926 at Mason City aged 76yr 10mo 2d

475
476 Harry Pearl Stith died 21 Oct 1914 at Mason City aged 25yr 2mo 13 d
477
478 Joe Hardy Stith died 6 Sept 1951 at Mason City
479
480
481 BMV A Copy Book in possession of Mrs. Ora Scott Cobb (at that time). Front page
482 inscribed in old English lettering, "Frances Huffman". A family history is written on the
483 last three pages.
484
485 Charles Vanauken was bornd July 6th 1848
486 Catherine Eliza Vanauken was bornd June 15th 1850
487 Marius Vanauken was born March 17th 1820
488 Fanny Huffman was born March 4th 1827
489 Marius Vanauken to Fanny Huffman was married March 20th 1847
490 Decatur Vanauken was born June 11th 1853
491 Frances Matilda Vanauken was born June 6th 1855
492 Pheba Ann Vanauken was born May 15th 1858
493 Henry Vanauken was born December 25th 1866
494 (In red ink) Decatur Vanauken Died May 20th 1857
495 Frances Vanauken Died March 11th 1871
496 Charles Vanauken Died May 1st 1871
497 Pheba Vanauken Died oct 19th 1875
498 Marius Vanauken Died Jan 10 1895
499 (pencil) Henry Vanauken died Feb the 23 1918
500 (red ink) M. Vanauken was married to helen May 27 188_ (Helen Moore Brisby)
501 Last digit of year is illegible (2 or 3).
502 Decatur Vanauken Dide May 20th 1857 Aged 3 years
503 11 months and 9 days
504 (pencil) Eliza Baker nee Vanauken died May the 10 1918
505 (red ink) Eliza Vanauken was Married to Haris Baker Oct 22, 1871
506 Fannie M. Vanauken was Married to John A. Scott March the 14 1875
507 (pencil) henry Vanauken died Sept. the 23 1918
508 (pencil) Cora C. Scott Died july the 12th 1901
509 (red ink) John Vanauken was borne Feb 18 1883
510 (indelible pencil) Sarah Scott nee Chaney was borne March the 26, 1835
511
512 -----
513
514
515 (Obituary) Marius Vanauken
516 Was born in Pa. March the 17 1820. And died January the 10 1895 Age 74 years 9 mo 28
517 days. He was married to Fannie Huffman of pike co pa march 20 1847 she died march
518 the 11 - 1871. From this union there was 6 children 3 are still living & reside in this
519 county Eliza Baker in Tina Mo.
520 He moved to this state about 1854 and resided in bath a few years then moved on a
521 farm on field's prairie. There he joined the Methodist church remained a member untill
522 he inlisted
523 inlisted on 12 day Aug 1861 in Co. C 2 Reg Ill. cavalry Vollenter Relisted Apr 20th
524 1864 into same Reg Muster out of the U S survis July 30th 1865
525 he was married to the present wife May the 27 1883 by this union there is three small
526 children to mourn his death
527

528 (From this copy, I cannot be sure of Marius. In my mother's writing it looks like Mariis
529 with only the second "i" dotted. It could be Marius, Marris, Marcis etc.)
530
531
532 BAS An old bible with cover gone in possession of John Scott. Inscription - The property
533 of _____ 1806 (faded & illegible)
534
535 Mr Aaron Scott was Born in the year of our lord
536 January the 22nd 1786
537 Mary Scott was Born December the 25th in the year of our lord 17
538 (edge of leaf torn)
539 Hannah Scott was Born February the 8th 1809
540 Mary Scott was Born September the 10th 1811
541 Susanah Scott was Born January 6th 1813
542 Martin Scott was Born June the 10th 1814
543 Mahlon Scott was Born September the 6th 1816
544 Pheba Brown Scott was Born December the 3rd 1817
545 Rhoda Scott was Born October the 31 1819
546 Samuel Scott was Born Ma__ (torn) the 13 1823
547 Levi Evans Scott was Born September the 14 1824
548 Asher Scott was Born March the 22, 1826
549
550 Susanah Scott died July 10th 1813
551 Mahlon Scott died November the 5th 1816
552 Rhoda Scott died September the 7th 1820
553 Aaron Scott Died April the first A.D. 1847 aged 61 years 2 months
554 and 9 Days.
555 Mary Scott Wife of Aaron Scott Died August the 30th 1859
556 Aged 71 years 8 months and 5 Days
557 Martin Scott died November 24th 1889 Aged 75 years 5 months
558 and 16 days
559
560 -----
561
562 1870 Bible of American Publ. Co. owned by John Scott.
563
564 Asher Scott was married to Miss Sarah Ann Chaney
565 february the 24 1853
566 John A. Scott was married to miss Frances M. Vanauken
567 March the 14 1875
568 Asher Scott was Borne March the 22 1826
569 Sarah A. Chaney was Borne March the 26 1835
570 John A. Scott was Borne January the 12 1856
571 Sarah F. Scott was Borne november the 17 1860
572 Emily J. Scott was Borne march the 11 1862
573 Otho Earl Scott was born April 27 1899
574
575 BIRTHS
576 Harris Scott Blakely Feb 8, 1809 Mary S. Norris Sept 10, 1811
577 Susana S. Jan 6 1813 Marton Scott Jan 10 1814
578 Malon Scott Sep 6 1816 Pheba S. Murdock Dec 7 1817
579 Rhoda Scott Oct 31 1819 Samuel Scott May 13 1823
580 Irvin Scott Sep. 14 1824 Asher Scott Mar. 22 1826

581
582 DEATHS
583 Sarah F. Scott Died March the 13 1861
584 Asher Scott died june 25 1882 age 56-3-3
585 Sarah Scott Madden died Jan 10 1912 age 76-9-15
586 Martin Scott died Nov the 26 1889
587 Asher Scott died June 25 1882
588 Marton Scott died Nov 26 1889
589
590
591 ACCOUNT BOOK OF JAMES MADISON ESTEP
592
593 James G. Perkins and Mariah Frances Short were married Jan 28 1852
594
595 James Madison Estep and Mariah F. S. Perkins were married Feb 14 1858
596
597 Hickman B. Samuell and Sarah A. Estep were married July 20 1876
598
599 Edward F. Leonard and Carrie E. Estep were married Aug 25 1881
600
601 A. Franklin Crum and Cordie C. Estep were married Oct 9 1883
602
603 Chas F List and Ella J Estep were married Sept 18 1889
604
605 Harry O Tytherleigh and Ida L Estep were married Aug 1 1897
606
607 James Garrison Perkins was born in Menard Co Ill Nov 5, 1828 Died Oct 9 1856
608
609 Mariah F Short was borne June 12 1835 Died Apr 27 1916
610
611 James Madison Estep was borne Dec 14 1819 Died Oct 17 1904
612
613 Sarah Abigail Estep was borne Jan 24 1859
614
615 Dillard Monroe Estep was borne Sept 13 1862 Died July 29 1863
616
617 Carrie Emeline Estep & Cordie Caroline Estep were borne May 16 1865
618
619 Ella Judith Estep was borne Feb 25 1868
620
621 Ida Lena Estep was borne Feb 4 1871
622
623 Edgar Lee Perkins was borne Sept 12 1853 Died Feb 28 1863
624
625 James Dunbar Perkins was borne Aug 24 1856
626
627
628 L1 LETTER FROM HENRY BAKER TO JESSE & ABEDNEGO BAKER 1833
629
630
631 Address - Jessee Baker, Sangamon County, Illinois Salem post office 18 3/4c
632 On back - Union Mo July 26
633

Franklin County Mo June 7th 1833

Dr father and friends I once more take my pen in hand to address you tho full at a loss for words to express myself in consiquence of having wrote to you some months ago and have neverd an answer I indeavour to write again to let you know we are all well and hope these lines will find you enjoying a simaler blessing - Old Mr Cary and family is all well I expect to start the day after to morrow to look at the Arkansaw country and expect to be gone some four or five weeks and I want you to anser this letter against I return or as soon as you can and let me know times is there and how you are doing etc I will inform you that Eliza has a fine girl calls her name Emily and if I like I expect to move about the first of september nothing more at preasant But must conclude by subscribing myself your affectionate son and brother till time is no more

Abednego Baker Henry Baker

LETTER FROM HENRY BAKER TO JESSE BAKER & HENRY SEARS 1874

December 3 - 1874

Der Brother and Sister it is with great pleasure yhat I tak my pen in hand to inform you that I am in they land of the living yett and on praying ground this levs us all in tolobel helth and I trully hop this will com to hand in diew time and find you all injoin they same I reseved your cind and most welcome letter dated Oct they 10 Which giv us grat satisfaction to her from you all I Was glad to her that you was well as comon tims is hard her in this contry for this im (A.M.) corn is Worth 50 cents per bushel Whet 75 cents pork 6 cents and money is hard to gett holt of Jesey lafayett hour youngest son landed hom last knit from Kansas and he talks lik he is goin to stay with us this winter they ar living they sam place that wey was befor wey went to Kansas clost to our twin dauter and her man her and family is well they both send you all ther best lov and respects they say they want you to rit to them and her twin brother is mared and he lives in they chery key nation and our 2 youngest dauters is mared and living in Kansas A fiew line to henry Sers and Vasha I wold like to se you and talk with you I want you to rit to us and giv us all the knews and tell us how you ar getin along and sow rit and dont fal So I Will hav to bring my fiew lins to a close for this time for this is 2 letters I hav riten to knit I hop to her from you all soon and ofin I want you to let us know which sid you was on deurin the War

Direct your leters to Avoca Benton Co Ark.

Henry Baker and famley To Jesy Baker and family and henry Sers and family god by for this time

(Abednego Baker was father to Jesse, Henry and Vashti (Baker) Sears. Jesse Lafayette was a guerrilla, later murdered.)

L2 LETTER - ISAAC TETER TO ABRAHAM ESTEP 1840

Address - Mr. Abraham Estep, Sarcxie Postoffice in or near Jasper Co., Missouri

On the front - Havana, Ill. June 13 - 25c

June the 12th 1840

Dear Nephew I gladly im brace the oppertunity of letting you now that we are all well except Elizabeth & Malissa tha have the hooping cough and I hope these lines will find you all in good helth I received your letter the eighth of this instant and it gave me mutch

687 satisfaction to here of your helths I received on the same day a letter from sinclair (St.
688 Clair Co, Ill.) from Abram teter the first I have had from him with this in scription a fine
689 sone and tha call it Moses Smith and grate rejoicing the rest was all well Levi is dead he
690 dide the third of March 1839 Phillip Teter has an are and they call it Lucy Annis &
691 Solomon has another and call it Louisa. yor school master (John Holbert) is married to
692 Clarissa Carr Manerva herring is married to henry Drew and your mate is still single now
693 for the details of my on cuntry young joseph Watkins is dead Susanna norris is dead
694 lincoln Baker is dead now for births Christena has a fine sone and call him Jesse Jasper
695 Priscilla has a fine daughter and she calls it Mary Rody clary is dead now for marages
696 old Henry norris is married to Mary Scott Elizabeth Leace is married to James Mizely
697 Zachariah Clary is married to a wagoner times is very hard and gitting wors no money and
698 thousands of demands pollaticks is plenty and poly tishoners is more plentyer they try
699 to trampel down the dimmeocrats caus but tha cant doo it and I hope a change of cuntrys
700 will not change your minds stick to the right caus read this to your father and mother I
701 wold be very glad to see yo all Jesse Baker is still living on the same place and is all well
702 Lemuel Pelham is living about three quarters of a mile north of mee and are all well E.D.
703 Taylor and E.D. Baker is candidates for state sennight Thomas Nance and John Ben net
704 is candidates for representatives I shal stick to the old track no more at present but re
705 mains yors

706 Isaac Teter
707 to
708 Abraham Estep

709 direct your letter hivanna post office tazwell Co

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712 (Levi and Solomon are Teters, Christina is Baker nee Teter. Abraham's mother & father
713 are James & Abigail Estep. Abigail Estep & Christina are sisters to Isaac and Levi Teter.)

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716 L3 LETTER FROM RHODA HALSEL & ABRAHAM
717 ESTEP TO ISAAC TETER & JESSE BAKER
718 All of this is one letter

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720 On back of letter - Macon Mo March 11 th 25c
721 Address - Mr Isaac Teters State Of Illinois Mason Co Havanna postoffice 1845

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723 Jasper County, Mo, Spring River

724 Dear uncle - I now take the exquisite pleasure of wrighting you a few lines to let you know
725 that we are all alive yet but we have some afflictions Among us at this time which is bad
726 coales and its terminated what they call the winter fever and I am afraid it will prove very
727 fatal with some they havent bin as yiet but some 3 or 4 deaths in this neighborhood and
728 hoping that this few lines may find you and family and all of our relations A injoying good
729 health and A reping the nourishments of this life I will further inform you that father is
730 fixing to move to texis so is John Armstrong they expect to start in about 5 or 6 weeks
731 they are lots of others say that they will go but I think its unsertin Times is hard here At
732 the presant corn is scares and none to be had under 50 miles and it tis worth 30 two 37
733 sets per bushel bakin 5 dollars per hundred and plenty at that they are more money
734 here than they are corn oats is worth 37 sents per bushel and second rate cows and
735 calves is low as we think a cow and calf is worth 5 dollars in cash and 10 in trade I will
736 now inform you of the marrage's that has bin this winter I was married on the 6 day of
737 february last to Mr Benjamin B. Halsel and Cousin Arminda Estep to Elzy Mathis on the 9
738 of the same month Jesse Armstrong step daughter married a camellite preacher name
739 Harrison Davis and lots of others to tigious (tedious) to mention I rather expect that Mr

740 Halsel will go to taxis he is A Blacksmith by trade and they say a man of that business
741 can shine there as for myself I am reconcile to go enny where he gows Mother ses that
742 she would like to se you all onst more she sends her best love and respects two you all
743 Mary sends the same and ses that she is a going to taxis but it tis against her will I would
744 like two here from you all onst more but if we go to taxis I cant here from you untill I
745 wright to you after I get there and then you must anser me amediately I will give you a
746 fool history of the cuntry so I will give room for the others I now subscribe myself your
747 loving and affectionate Niece untill death so fare well
748 March the 2 1845 Rhoda C. Halsel to Isaac Teter

749
750 Dear Uncle, I will know drop in a few lines to you to inform you that we are all well
751 excepting a little chills I have had the chills ever since the 9 of Sept last but I can drink 5
752 or 6 cups of coffee and other victuals acording and hoping that this few lines may find you
753 and family and all of our relations A injoying the greater happiness of this world I expect
754 to gow to taxis when father goes which about this 5 or 6 weeks we have fine nuse (news)
755 from that cuntry which we can rely on they are sevurl of our neighbors that has bin to se
756 the cuntry and has come back after theire famalis to make a final move of it and they give
757 a fare representation of the cuntry and allso it states very fare to all immigrants that
758 comes in between this and next June they offer to make them a deed to the lan as sutch
759 all men or wimmen of famalis shal have 3 hundred and 20 acres of land pick out enny
760 where in the collony and what constitutes a family is thus a man and wife or a man and 2
761 children or a woman and 2 children is what they call a family and also a man that is
762 single and 17 years and over old is intitle to 1 hundred and 60 acres of land which sutch
763 induces me to gow I have had verry bad luck with my horses I lost 3 head this winter
764 which only leaves me 2 behinde My daughter is fat and sausy and as bigaty as a woman
765 she will soon be large enough to gow to school I low (allow) to rase hur on polke which we
766 have a plenty of here and they are a over stock in taxis so we leave the coons to grinn and
767 grase on clay but it has sickin some and has kild some
768 to Jesse Baker and Isaac Teter Abraham Estep
769 Cela Estep

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771 We would wish for you to let mother reade or har this Mother Brothers and sisters our
772 healths resonable good at the prisant and am hoping that yours may be as pure as the
773 snue (snow) from the forest we would of like to of hard from you all before we start to
774 Taxis but I expect that it tis impossible for we will start in 5 or 6 weeks we rote to you
775 some time ago and hante (hain't) had enny answer from it we have looked hard for a
776 letter but the post master ses that they ante (ain't) none for us in the offis we havent
777 forgotten you all if you all have forgotten us we have paper and ink and they is a post
778 offis here and I inspect that they are one in taxis so I will wright to you all after we get
779 there and try to here from you all onst more John Armstrongs wife has bin expected to
780 die but she is up and about so is all of thier relations as far as I nowe we knowe wright
781 our farewell lines to you all until we get to taxis we would wish for you to give our love
782 respects to all of our relations and inquiring friends and reserve a potion to your selvs we
783 have nothing more at the prisant only two subscribe ourselves your loving and
784 affectionate children untill death so fare well to you all
785 March the 2nd 1845 Abraham Estep
786 Two Mother brothers and sisters Cela Estep
787 The long inquiring friend

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790 The next thing I will inform you The cause of my making a contract with your niece
791 Colonel James K. Polk is our president and he is sutch a great cause of poisoning so
792 many coons That I would like to give him a little stronger surports with my name whether

793 he will have enny use for it er not it tis right to prepare in time and a magoryty ses that
794 polk is helthy but undoubtedly polk is poison to coons they have give their money to
795 keep from being poison but has spent all of their money and hung at last My paper is out
796 so I must close so subscribe myself yours

797 Truly with respect March the 2 1845

798 to Isaac Teter B.B. Halsel

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800 (James Estep is father & Isaac Teter is uncle to Rhoda & Abraham Estep. Jesse Baker's
801 wife is their aunt).

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804 L4 LETTER FROM JESSE BAKER TO JAMES ESTEP

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807 ADDRESS - Mr James Estep Sarcoxie Newton or Jasper Co Mo

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809 On outside - Petersburg Ill Feby 21 25c

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814 Menard County Feb 7th 1841

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816 Dear Sir -

817 Without anything transpiring on my return worth communicating to you, I arived at
818 home on the 19th of Jan. and found our family in good health. Since that we have been
819 well untill the last week Phillip was taken down sick of a winter fever but is on the mend
820 In this Country we have had a great deal of sickness but not many deaths. Malinda
821 Seaman died about the middle of Jan.

822 We expect to move out about the June next if nothing prevents and Riol (Royal)
823 Armstrong is preparing to Leave for your parts. The notes you left with John Clery
824 remains Just as you left them neither is any of Enochs money is not collected and we
825 expect to have to collect evry cent of it by Law We have a new Co. between Illinois &
826 Sangamon Rivers and up Salt Creek to the boundary line & across the Ill. River & we
827 expect to have the Coun seat at or near Havanna on the River & it is Called Mason Co.

828 Our legislative body have passed a law property taken on Execution shall all be valued
829 and not sold unless it brings two thirds of the appraisement value times are hard &
830 property low in value farmers cannot sell any kind of produce for cash wheat is selling
831 for 50 cts pr. bushel corn 8 1/4 cts oats 20 cts pork about \$2.50 in trade

832 We have not heard from St. Clair since I came home. Isaac Teter and family are in
833 good health So is Pelham and family & doing well as common.

834 Henry Sears and family is in good health and says if he can sell he will move to your
835 country. We hold our Co. Election on the first Monday in April to Elect County officers. A
836 glorious chance for candidates about these days. Direct your letters to Havanna Mason
837 Co & give our heartfelt compliments to all our friends & always think we remain your well
838 wishers.

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840 James Estep

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Jesse Baker
Christena Baker

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844 L5 LETTER FROM JESSE BAKER TO JAMES ESTEP

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Mason County May 20th 1841

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848 Mr. James Estep and Friends - Sir I received your letters on the 18th and we were glad to
849 hear from you and after our respects to you will inform you that we are well and all our
850 connections and it is a general time of health through the country Sister Elizabeth died
851 on the 30th of April with the lung fever - Old Mrs. Hohamer the 10th of May after she had
852 removed back from Missouri here. Harrison Shorts wife with the same complaint and
853 several others that I suppose you were acquainted with. The times here are such as I can
854 not describe The scarcity of money is such as can not be told I have commenced suit on
855 the Wagoners but I Know not what to do for the Legislature passed a law last winter that
856 property levied on by the constable should be appraised and sold for two thirds of its
857 value and the deffendant may make his election of his property to turn out - the balance
858 of the Demands they are I believe trying to get to pay over but I have collected none yet. I
859 shall in the Wagoner case have to take the property at two thirds of the appraised Value
860 and pay the cost myself. You may tell Enoch that the amount the Wagoners filled a bill of
861 injunction on it is my opinion and the opinion of others that he will never be able to
862 collect without more trouble and cost than it is worth I write this that he may not place
863 any dependence on it for fear he might Injure himself in so doing. Old Jesse Grimms
864 House was robbed a short time ago of a Large amount the sum I dont know and a large
865 reward offered for the Robber. Elijah Jones has sold out his plantation and calculated to
866 move to that country but the purchaser was not able to shell out acording to contract and
867 he has had to take it back. Josiah Crawford and myself are talking of coming on and
868 improving us a place and moving in the fall for I can not raise any money in any way I
869 dont believe there is enough in Menard County circulating to pay my ferriage across the
870 Illinois River. If we come we shall start in a few days.

871 Isaac Teter run as a candidate for County Commissioner and received fifty eight votes
872 mostly in our own precinct and three of them were Democrats in the New County of
873 Mason. Horses may be got for cash here at \$20 & 30 Cows for \$6 & 10 Corn 12 1/2c per
874 bu wheat 40 Bacon 3 & 4c per lb. and other things in proportion And any quantity of
875 mariages but none worth mentioning

876 Henry Sears family are well and he has not got his money from Spears and Ballard yet
877 nor dont expect to very soon.

878 there is a great many talking of comeing to that country but money is most to scarce.

879 Absolom Mouns connection wishes to know if he has moved to that country and if he
880 has to let him know they are all well and doing well

881 I have no more to write and remain Yours in Friendship and Respect

882 Mr James Estep Abigail Estep Jesse Baker Cristiency Baker

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884 PS - Ira Patterson wishes to know of Enoch Estep if William will be out this fall and if he
885 will sell him his lot of Land so that he may be prepared to buy it. Jesse Baker
886 Write as soon as you as you receive this for I am verry anxious to know about all the
887 concerns the times and so forth

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890 L6 LETTER FROM JESSE BAKER TO JAMES ESTEP

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892 On outside of letter - Petersburg Ill Mar 17 25c

893 Mr James Estep Jasper Co Jasper P.O. Missouri

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895 Petersburg March 17th 1842

896 Dear Friend James Estep,

897 The reason of my not writing before was that I wished to communicate the intelligence
898 of Abraham marriage, he was married on the tenth of March his wife name is Celia Clary

899 he is as well pleased with his wife as a boy with a rattle The winter is broke and spring is
900 here with her train of sister graces Abraham intends starting for the Missouri in about
901 three weeks. Our friends are in the enjoyment of good health. Bowling Green is dead, he
902 died very suddenly and George Miller has died since it is quite sickly here. The prevailing
903 disorders are the winter fever and the measles the Bank her is broke and the paper is not
904 at par and probably will never be worth much I want those depositions sent on as soon
905 as possible and then you may look for this child to be there about next fall I am playing
906 at the old game talking religion and politicks I am no (now) holding a long controversy
907 with the devil and I am afraid he will out me for he has more friends among the Methodist
908 than I have

909 I am etc.

910 James Estep

Jesse Baker

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913 (On the inside page)

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915 Friend Enoch Estep

916 I will give you a round in time with the rest your suit is still progressing slowly if
917 the ? trials at the day of Judgment are brought on by Lawyers I shall have no fear on that
918 score They will probably dispose of it next court, at June next I do not know what will
919 be the result of it Well I am now in the Burge (Petersburg) and it is as dead as the tombs
920 and if it had taken a fit of the ague it would not look more cold and desolate than it does
921 property of all descriptions is low and there is no sales at any price There is nothing
922 interesting here, but some talk of my running for the senate if should happen to be
923 elected I shall come out in the fall I am laying low and keeping dark But I am afraid
924 there will be no fight at all. I intend to give the Burg a dose of prikesy and prugesy and
925 mix a few reserrection pills and am in hopes that it will the means of defeating the
926 opposition candidate, James H. Walker. Wright is still living in the Burg and looks mighty
927 poor he says that has not much cooking meat lately.

928 I remain Yours etc

929 Jesse Baker

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932 (Jesse Baker & James Estep were brothers in law. They married Teter sisters. Enoch was
933 James Estep's brother.)

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936 L7 LETTER FROM MARY RICKUPS TO JESSE BAKER

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938 Naples - April the 13 1861

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940 Dear Brother - I am wel at this time and hope thees lines may find you all the same I
941 have not been as well as usual I should have wrote sooner to but thought that I would
942 wait until the winter was over I have had the fence reset a round the lots this spring and
943 have made garden and am a getting a long as well as usual I shal raise corn this season
944 as wil do me and potatoes and cabage and hogs also I have too young calves and have
945 four cows and a pair of horses give my love to all and tell them I am wel but cannot come
946 up this spring Let me know Philip and his family is a getting a long The last letter that I
947 got from any of yo was from Lucinda and tel her to write often not to wait for me to write
948 no more at present but remain yours until death

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950 to Jessai Baker
951 and family

Mary Ricohs
(Rickups)

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953 (Jesse's sister from Naples, Illinois)

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959 (Child's writing)

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963 dear father and mother - it is with pleasure i seat my self with pen in hand to let you
964 know that we are well and sincerely hope that this will find you both the same i would
965 love to see you both mighty well if i could pick up my hat and go to see you both i would
966 like it pretty well we have got to mighty fine mules and a new wagon and two cows and a
967 mare and colt the children would like to be there mighty well and help you dry apples
968 quit for this time so good by your affectionate son and daughter
969 p and E baker

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971 neal station parker county texas
972 Miss belle Lowry writer Belle Lowry

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975 grandpa if you cant read my writing get some of the school girls to read it (written in
976 adult hand)

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978 (Philip & Elizabeth (Lowry) Baker and Belle Lowry, Philip's step-daughter. Philip is
979 Jesse's son and this was probably written to Jesse Baker.)

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982 L8 ODD ESTEP & BAKER PAPERS

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985 July 12th 1820
986 Received of Isaac Teter Seven bushels and one tole dish of corne in full of acct to this
987 Day on the account of James Estep
988 Daniel Griffith

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992 Rec d Dec 2nd 1827 of John C Vance 37 1/2 cts in full of Jas. Estep a/c
993 Layne V Elkin

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997 December 20th 1827
998 Received three Dollars of James Estep in full of all accts until this date
999 John Sturts

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1003 Recd of Levey Teters Eight Dollars & 46 cents in full of an execution in the name of Ponter
1004 Glasgow & Alcorn vs James Estep Debt & costs Wm. Ashley

1005 May 16 1820
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1009 Received of James Estep one Dollar his account in full up to this date Feby 14th 1829
1010 Harry Riggin
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1014 Recd of James Estep the amt of his account up to this date
1015 Oct 20th 1830 Geo Warburton
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1019 New Salem Recd of James Estep Two Dollars in fool of all accounts up to this day
1020 May 4 1831 H.G. McNeal
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1024 Recd of James Estep Two dollars his account in full May 4th 1931
1025 Geo Warburton
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1029 Mr John C. Vance
1030 Sir please to let James Estep have the cow & calf belonging to me that is in your
1031 possession and oblige yours
1032 June 4 1828 Samuel Gleason
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1037 Recd Petersburg April 12 1827 of James Estepp four Dollars _____ his account in full to
1038 date John Taylor & Co
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1042 Recd of James Estept Six dollars 29 cts account in full on Grocery Book May 4th 1831
1043 Warburton & Clary
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1045 -----
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1047 Recd of John Estep the amt of his acct in full up to this date
1048 Jun 28 1831 Geo Warburton
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1052 Recd of James Estep four Dollars 68 1/4 cents to account of Jesse Baker in full of his
1053 account March 10 1832 Henry Lincan (?)
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1057 Havana Sept 25th 1831 Recd of James Esteps son one Dollar & ten cents in full his
1058 account Hurd & Neteler

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1062 Recd of James Eastep Twenty five cts in full of all accounts up to this date New Salem
1063 Feb 16th 1832 J. Duncan for
1064 Justin Morgan
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1068 Military Bounty Land Act of March 22, 1852 - Registrar's Office - Springfield Feby 25th
1069 1853 - Military Land Warrant No. 2777 in the name of Jesse Baker has this day been
1070 located by Jesse Baker upon the SW Qt of the Se quarter of Section 7 in Township 20 N of
1071 Range 7 W subject to any pre-emption claim which may be filed for said land within forty
1072 days from this date.

1073 Contents of tract located 40 acres James R. King - Register
1074 pcg
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1078 Springfield Dec 11th 1828
1079 Recd of Jame Estep by John Vance one Dollar & fifty cents in full of accts up to this Date
1080 J.D. Henry & Co
1081 per S.C. McNabb
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1085 Comments - Henry Riggin was in Athens, Ill. George Warburton was in New Salem
1086 H.G. McNeal was in New Salem John Taylor & Co. was in Petersburg J.D. Henry &
1087 Co was in Springfield.

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1090 L9 LETTER FROM DAVID RICE AND SALLY SHORT TO JOHN P.SHORT.

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State of Illinois,
Morgan County,
April 14th, 1833

Dear Brother:

After my compliments, I tell you that through the mercy of God we enjoy a common degree of health, and we hope that these lines may find you and yours all well. Times are tolerable dull at this present, though we have had a very favorable winter which helped us reach grass without very much loss of stock.

We have a nice spring for work and the people are using considerable of industry. Crops of wheat are tolerable promising, though wheat was very much injured by the dry freeze in the winter. Wheat is worth 75 cents, corn is worth 30 cents, bacon is worth 10 cents, and cows and calves are worth from \$10 to \$12.

1109 You may tell Cornelius that I have entered forty acres of land west of my farm which
1110 takes in some timber and I consider a great addition to my situation. You may also tell
1111 him that James Short went over into the Military land last fall, and he said he likes that
1112 part very well and wants him to come over next fall and go with him, and take a general
1113 jant through that country.

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1115 We should be exceedingly glad to see you and your family. Come and pay us a visit
1116 and see my boys. I can tell you sir, whether you believe me or not, that I have two boys
1117 that fans out any thing in the connection, and the name of the youngest is John Glover. I
1118 some expect that we shall be glad to see you all next fall if we all keep well, and if I don't
1119 make a purchase of land which I am watching for, and that is a little uncertain.

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1121 I have nothing of very great importance to write. I want you to understand that I am
1122 writing to father and to mother, and all my connection in that country as well as you. I
1123 want to give my compliments to my good friends in that country that thinks enough of me
1124 to enquire.

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1126 Uncle Steve and Aunt Sally is here and they are all tolerable well, and wishes to be
1127 remembered to you all and to Mr. Schooling and family, and particular to old Aunt
1128 Susanna Schooling. Grandmother Potts wishes you to accept her best wishes. She is in
1129 tolerable good health and wants to be remembered to Aunt Sally Roling.

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1131 I have a good steady cropper with me this year, and we are getting on very well with
1132 our work. My oats is very nice, and I have most of my corn ground broke. I shall have
1133 about forty acres in corn this season.

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1135 Times with regard to religion in this place is tolerable dull. There has been some stir
1136 and increase among the baptists reformers. Some call them Cammelites.

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1138 We feel very anxious to hear from you as we have had no lines from you nor heard
1139 since Cornelius was here. Do be so good as to write, and direct your letter to New Salem
1140 post office, Sangamon County.

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1142 Samuel Short was married sometime in February to a Miss Carver. Joel Potts started
1143 to Kentucky about two weeks ago. I saw old Uncle Thomas Smith and Aunt Betsy some
1144 weeks ago. They were tolerable well and wished to be particularly remembered to father
1145 and mother and all the family. They saw Adam Schooling a few days ago, they were all
1146 well. Excuse my scribbling pen and consider me your unworthy but affectionate brother.

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1148 David R. Short and Sally Short

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1150 To

1151 John and Elizabeth Short
1152 Sextons Postoffice
1153 Boone County, Missouri

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1156 Relationships:

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1158 David R., John and Cornelius Short were brothers, sons of Josiah and Isabel (Crane)
1159 Short. All were in Boone County, Mo. except for David. (see JZS).

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1161 Samuel Short was a half brother of Josiah Short and Uncle Stephen was a foster
1162 brother of Josiah. Grandmother Potts was Martha Tynes Short who married David Potts
1163 after William Short's death and had a son, Joel. (see WZS).

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1165 James Short was California Jim Short, a brother to Sarah (Sally) Short. (see JKS).

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1167 The Schoolings and the Rolings (Rawlins or Rawlings) were closely associated with the
1168 Shorts and were probably related but no connection has been found.

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1171 L10 Letter from Eli Estep to Elijah Estep
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1173 Letter addressed to Elijah Estep, State of Missouri, Berry County, Sicoxey Post Office and
1174 return of Jupiter, Madison County, Ark. 23 June 1840, 25 cents.

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1177 State of Arkansas, Matizon County, June 7th 1840
1178 Dear Father and Mother and Brothers

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1180 I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am still in the land of the living and enjoy
1181 tolerable health with all my family and friends in general I will just let you know that me
1182 and Rachel hav obtained a hope in Christ and have been baptized in his name By
1183 immersion there is no church organised here yet but we hope ther will be one soon there
1184 is one Gospel preacher lives on the west Fork by the name of Stephen Stricklin there is a
1185 Methodist Church started here but we think the scripture there is a different Rule of faith
1186 and practice to that exercised by them. I hope my friends in Mo. will consider on these
1187 things for themselves Read and under stand and obey that they may enjoy everlasting life
1188 I will now give you a short account of temporal affairs we have had an uncommon wet
1189 season this spring from the 1st of April to the presant but we have got our crops all in in
1190 tolerable good time Crops looks verr well here forall I should have told you before that we
1191 had a very high water white River was 3 feet higher here than you ever saw it I have
1192 seven head of horses and seven head of cattle and nineteen head of sheep and I cant tell
1193 how many hogs I will tell you we have another daughter and call her name Elizabeth I
1194 wish you to write and let me know where you live and when you write direct your letter to
1195 Jupiter post office Madison County we have a post office here in the neighborhood and
1196 let me know where to direct my letters so they will find you I want to here from you all in
1197 Mo. very bad we must come to a close by subscibing our selves your affectionate sone
1198 and Daughter till death

1199
1200 To Elijah Estep and Eli C. Estep and
1201 Elizabt Estep Rachel Estep

1202
1203 Writen by William G. Shastid he sends his best Respects to you all Excuse mis takes.

1204
1205 Rachel Estep was Rachel Chastead, first wife of Eli and Elizabeth was Elizabeth Stone,
1206 a widow and second wife of Elijah. William Shastid (sic) was probably Rachel's umcle.
1207 Samuel Shasted (probably another uncle) had Rachel Estep, a four year old daughter of
1208 Eli & Rachel, living with him in 1850 after the death of her mother.

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1211 N1 PAPERS TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN
1212
1213 The director and officers of

1214 The Carpenters Guild of Christiania

1215

1216 Make known that Hans Hansen, 22 years old, born in Grue parish and trained by
1217 Edward (illegible) master carpenter in Christiania, has in the city's hall under this date
1218 presented himself before the guild, and in accordance with the July 15, 1839 laws
1219 pertaining to the crafts has proven

1220 1. To have completed the required apprenticeship project.

1221 2. That he can read and write.

1222 3. That he possesses the needed ability to draw. The last mentioned is attested to by the
1223 Royal Norwegian drawing and art school in Christiania.

1224 Whereas apprentice Hans Hansen has demonstrated to possess the qualities needed
1225 for a journeyman carpenter, we permit him to be enrolled into the Christiania Carpenter's
1226 Guild, and to certify this we issue the following

1227 **DIPLOMA**

1228 Whereas we recommend Journeyman carpenter Hans Hansen for work here in town and
1229 elsewhere, we declare ourselves prepared to (lost through tearing) The good will shown
1230 him.

1231 In testimony thereof we have of our own free will signed this diploma and we have
1232 attached the seal of the Guild.

1233 Christiania, Oct 9, 1857.

1234 (Signature of director, secretary and two board members.)

1235

1236 Certificate - The Royal Norwegian School of Art and Drafting here certifies rhat Hans
1237 Hansen has in accordance with the law of July 15, 1839 fulfilled the necessary
1238 requirements for becoming a journeyman carpenter. His grade was good.

1239

1240 -----

1241

1242 **VACCINATION CERTIFICATE** This certificate, which is to be provided
1243 without cost, should be presented to the parish pastor within 6 weeks of receipt.

1244 Hans Hansen, born at Stemsrud of parents Hans Larsen and Wilhelmina Colbjornsen
1245 and residing in Grue Parish, 1 2/12 years old, has by me in the year 1836, October 16,
1246 been vaccinated against smallpox. Through careful observation between the 7th and 9th
1247 day after vaccination I have found all evidence that the vaccination was effective.
1248 (Description of pustule follows); Hans Hansen has therefore been vaccinated against
1249 smallpox, which is hereby attested to, certified and witnessed by O. Ericksen, Mollerud,
1250 October 24, 1836.

1251 This certificate was shown to me January 17, 1837.

1252 Dahl, Parish pastor for Grue.

1253 (Comment - This is a printed certificate with names and dates entered in spaces. The
1254 surprising thing is that Jenner developed vaccination in 1790 in England and the English
1255 and Americans did not accept it until almost 1900 but, in Norway, they are using
1256 certificates in 1836.)

1257

1258

1259 N2 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN

1260 Martin Hansen to Christian Hansen

1261

1262 Gaard, June 2, 1876

1263 Dear Brother,

1264

1265 I have received your letter of April 10 together with enclosed power of attorney. It was,
1266 indeed, an event to get a letter from you since none of us have heard for several years.

1267 Arne received a letter from Hans a year ago last spring and it was in his reply that powers
1268 of attorney were sent to you and him, in accordance with father's wish. He wanted to
1269 avoid official probate, in the event he should die. None of us have heard from Hans since
1270 that time.

1271
1272 I note in your letter that you expect to learn of considerable news from us but I fear
1273 that I cannot provide any which would be of specific interest to you. A number of minor
1274 incidents have, however, taken place during the long period between now and our last
1275 letter. I must begin with that which lies closest to us.

1276
1277 We are all in good health except for sister Marthe, who, in the last few years, has not
1278 been well and suffers from a chest disease which might prove to be very serious.
1279 Although she is not in bed, she has, periodically, a very bad cough. At other times, she is
1280 much better. Despite his age, our father is quite spry and healthy. Arne was forced to go
1281 bankrupt last summer. The earlier golden age came suddenly to an end. His business
1282 has been timber and lumber fell drastically in price. Several years ago, he was a
1283 prosperous man. His good fortune at the beginning together with general prosperity and
1284 high prices for timber caused him to be careless so that proper precautions against
1285 depression were not taken. When less prosperous times came, he found himself faced
1286 with obligations he could not meet. Conditions have improved somewhat. The ones who
1287 survived the crisis will manage. This included most business enterprises, save for
1288 scattered small business concerns and particularly those dealing in land. O George
1289 Olsen, school teacher, O. Keyser and Arne together with Peter Eriksen Kvestberget all
1290 dealt in timber until they lost all.

1291
1292 Brother Lars is doing well because he has log timber which he can resort to in the
1293 event firewood resources should be reduced. He also made a major purchase two years
1294 ago when he bought attorney Andersen's property for 10,000 Spd. He will manage to pay
1295 for this. Last summer, he set up a saw mill at Thuraven (?) by the Holen place which cost
1296 about 2000 Spd. He now cuts up himself the tops of all the trees he permits to be cut.
1297 Colbjorn and Ole do not fare too well but still they manage through heavy work and toil as
1298 cotters. Lars and I have helped them some. Ole has many children. Colbjorn's children
1299 are mostly grown up now. Because of this, it is a little easier for Colbjorn.

1300
1301 I continue as auctioneer and collector but there is very little to do. Lately, there seems
1302 to be slightly more to be done in these areas. I live on at Gaard. Lars and I often mention
1303 that we feel that both you and Hans should come and visit us, a wish that you have also
1304 expressed. From appearances, this may not happen in the near future. We hope that you
1305 will some day surprise us with a homecoming. One can manage over here if one is
1306 industrious and thrifty but this is necessary. I note that you fear the military draft but I
1307 do not think this is to be feared. The worst that could happen would be to serve out your
1308 remaining time. Perhaps you would be able to avoid even this now that Sergeant
1309 Sorkness, who so efficiently reported all those who returned from America, has retired.
1310 Halvor and Gunerius Skytteren were reported by Sorkness when they returned and had to
1311 serve out their military obligation but they were neither punished or fined. Halvor's case
1312 was similar to yours. He had served a portion of his time in the army when he left.

1313
1314 Mrs. Colbjornsen has sold her farm, Stemsrud, to one Lomoe from Elverum and has
1315 moved to Christiania in order to live with her children. She got 12,000 Spd. for her farm
1316 and hence possesses considerable money. Regine Colbjornsen was married last year at
1317 pentecost. She married a clerk named Jorgensen from Christiansand, who worked in this
1318 area for five years in a judge's office. Last year, he received a position with a magistrate in

1319 Christiania (now Oslo) and married then at this time. I attended their wedding held at
1320 Hotel Royal in Christiania on the 3rd day of pentecost.

1321
1322 It would be quite different if I could talk with you rather than write to you, because in
1323 the moment one writes, one does not recall the many small events that have taken place
1324 and many of them are too insignificant to mention.

1325
1326 Father now has a living income from both half parts of the farm. He sold the northern
1327 part to Arne in the fall of 1874 for 1260 Spd. Johannes Pedersen Sorknos and Peder
1328 Pedersen Smidehalen undersigned the purchase. As a result, they were forced to buy the
1329 farm at auction for 800 Spd. when the bankruptcy took place. The farm will be liquidated
1330 under their supervision. The legal document giving the conditions for guarantee was so
1331 worded by O. Ingelsrud that they were simple underwriters and not fully responsible
1332 underwriters. For that reason, the remaining 460 Spd. may have to stand until probation
1333 takes place. These underwriters have done everything possible to escape responsibility.
1334 They have even suggested that father take back the farm. Both we and father said a
1335 decided no to this arrangement. They will not escape paying even if it may take some
1336 time before it be done. According to the contract drawn up by myself, the purchasers
1337 must pay 5% interest so it does not matter if this does take time. Arne had arranged it in
1338 such a manner that it became impossible for us to help buy back any of this property
1339 unless we paid much more for it than its value. It is possible that Lars will help him to
1340 buy something elsewhere. Lars bought back considerable equipment at the auction - 170
1341 Spd. worth. Arne has had and still has a job as timber marker for Lillestro saw ___ and
1342 planing mill. I do not think he earns much since there is very little timber being bought
1343 these days.

1344
1345 Lars rents out attorney Andersen's, Begvem, to an attorney, Hoegh, for 150 Spd. a
1346 year. Hoegh is married to Schultze's daughter, Ann. Andersen has moved to Christiania
1347 where he serves as assessor in the city government. I assume that you know that
1348 Schultze is dead. The widow also lives at Mollerud with her son in law. She sold her
1349 farm, Molstad, to Annund Bredesen Opset for 12,000 Spd. Bredesen has not yet moved to
1350 this farm. From the mentioned farm sales, you can note that the prices of landed
1351 property are holding up in this district. It will take some time before these prices will fall
1352 even if the times are not favorable. We have lost one of our youngest public servants,
1353 Doctor Otto Bergh, a son of Dean Bergh (dean of church). He died of a heart attack. I am
1354 the executor of Dr. Bergh's home and properties.

1355
1356 We have had nice weather today and yesterday. Prior to this, we had a long cold spell
1357 - nearly all of May and we lack rain. The grass may not prosper this year because of a
1358 long bare frost last winter. We received no snow before March.

1359
1360 Lars and I have recently received a letter from Seminarian Andr. Underthun, who has
1361 been a teacher at a private school which Lars together with others established in
1362 Andersen's office building at Mollerud a year and a half ago. This Underthun went to
1363 Christiania during Easter vacation, reportedly to get a medical statement disqualifying
1364 him for military service. He did not return. Several days ago, as stated, we received a
1365 letter from him marked "North America 75" (?) in which he explains the reason for his
1366 sudden departure. He maintains that he had fallen in love with a girl who worked at
1367 Haarstad, where he lived. Because of this, he had fallen out of grace with the people of
1368 the household - people he could not stand. He instructed us to write to his friend, Mr.
1369 Lewis, 79 18th St., Detroit, Michigan, an Englishman with whom he had been living.
1370 With the help of a friendly Nprwegian, he is now going farther west. He would not say
1371 where or give any address. He is a peculiar fellow, but capable. Lars and I were his

1372 friends and we wish him good fortune. I mention this in the event that you should ever
1373 meet this Mr. Lewis and then find out what happened to Underthun. Detroit, however
1374 might be too far from you.

1375
1376 There are three children from here who attend the school I mentioned, Maren 14,
1377 Martin 11 and Hans 8. Lars has only one more child, Wilhelmina 6. Arne's boys, Ole 14
1378 and Hans 12, attend the same school. They are good boys. Maren and Martin have
1379 intended to write you but they are occupied with school. Your suggestion that we
1380 correspond more regularly is joyfully endorsed. I wait eagerly to hear from you soon and
1381 to hear what you have experienced at the centennial and world's fair in Philadelphia. You
1382 will certainly meet many Norwegians there. I have not written earlier because I believed
1383 that you had moved. Forgive my rapid and bad writing but I trust that it is still readable.
1384 Greet Hans when you see or meet him. I must close now. Warmest greetings from us all
1385 and especially from me.

1386 Your brother
1387 M. Hansen
1388

1389
1390 a letter to inform you about this, but since I have heard nothing, I assume that he has
1391 not done this. Through father I got your address. He had recently heard from you.
1392

1393 The best arrangement is, I suppose, to buy a bank draft in Christiania, payable in
1394 Chicago. This was done for Christian. It would be convenient if someone over there
1395 wanted to send money to relatives here. They could give you the money and I would
1396 forward the amount due you to the relatives in question over here. I suspect that it is not
1397 very easy to arrange this. The first mentioned plan is perhaps the best after all, even if it
1398 costs a little to process. This way we know that all will go well.

1399
1400 I learned from your letter to father that you are married. Congratulations and good
1401 luck.

1402
1403 As this is mainly a business letter. I will write no more. I will write more later. Things
1404 are well here. The crops are doing well and we hope for a good year. The depression goes
1405 on. Greeting to yourself and your wife from all of us, and especially from your

1406 Brother

1407
1408 M. Hansen
1409

1410 -----
1411
1412 JACOB E. DYBWAD Christiania, August 3, 1878
1413 J. DYBWAD & SONNERS Carl Johan Street 3

1414 Mr. Hans Hansen

1415
1416 Ayers Court No. 20, Chicago

1417
1418 (Paraphrased translation)

1419
1420 Upon the instructions of M. Hansen, it is my pleasure to forward to you draft no.
1421 21964 for the amount of \$133.40. The amount received in Norwegian currency was 515
1422 crowns.
1423
1424

1425 Respectfully,

1426
1427 Jacob E. Dybwad

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1429
1430 N4 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN
1431 From Martin to Hans

1432
1433 Gaard, Aug. 6, 1878

1434
1435 Good Brother.

1436
1437 I have received yours and Christian's letter of June 4. Regarding your declaration
1438 concerning the money due you through Father's "gift letter", I have sent the money to a
1439 banker in Christiania, who sent a draft directly to you, despite my instructions that it first
1440 be sent to me by mail. I presume that this course is equally good, and that the draft has
1441 reached you before receiving this letter. The fact that your draft, \$133.40, is 37 cents less
1442 than what I sent Christian must be due to the fact that the banker deducted postage, I
1443 sent him precisely the same amount of money, 515 kroner. (crowns - crown = abt. 35
1444 cents)

1445
1446 I understand that the draft will negotiate in New York, which is less convenient than if
1447 it could have been Chicago. On this matter, you should confer with Christian since your
1448 draft is drawn upon the same bank as his.

1449
1450 You must write me the moment you receive the money. I have a copy of the draft, in
1451 case anything should go wrong the money could be reclaimed here. Instruct Christian to
1452 notify me as well. I did, indeed, receive a receipt from him, but according to his letter, he
1453 had not processed the draft.

1454
1455 As indicated, I sent 515 crowns to Christiania and had postage expenses of one crown.
1456 According to the "gift letter" 515 crowns and 82 ore were actually due you. I have held
1457 this money for some time, because I did not want to forward it until I heard from you. I
1458 assume that you will not demand interest in as much as I have not received any interest
1459 on this money. It has laid available for transfer. I am enclosing a receipt and ask that it
1460 be signed by two witnesses or in any other manner you think fit. Your receipt must be
1461 attached to the "gift letter" certifying proper disposal of the money.

1462
1463 Things are nearly the same here. We have a fearful drought, something we seldom
1464 have. Everything points to an unfavorable year, due to lack of rain. The problem is
1465 intensified when we consider the crop failure of last year and the poor price for lumber
1466 and wood. I am writing this in the most intense heat, and fear that I write incoherently.

1467
1468 This letter must be regarded as a business letter. Later I shall write more. There is
1469 little by way of news. I close with warmest greetings and not least from

1470 Your brother

1471
1472 M. Hansen

1473
1474 Greet Christian and your wife.

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1476
1477 N5 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN

1478 Hans Kolbjornsen to Christian or Hans

1479

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1481

1482 Christiania 26 of March 1882

1483

1484 Dear Uncle Hansen,

1485

1486 I want to write and tell you that I up to this date have been feeling exceedingly well. I
1487 have already written two letters. I assume you have not received any of them. Therefore,
1488 I will write again and tell you what has happened to me. My father is still living and so is
1489 my mother and also my uncles here in Norway. There have been great changes since you
1490 were here. I am now married and have had a child that died, we are , however, having
1491 one more now. You said, dear uncle, that I would get _____ when things
1492 improved and it seems things are good "over there" so would you be so kind, beloved
1493 uncle, and get me "over there". I will soon pay you back when I come over. Johanne left
1494 last summer and she is married too. I think she is in Minnesota. I have no news to tell
1495 you except that we have hard times. _____ the salary is no more than two
1496 crowns (?) a day and that is not enough to live on. Therefore, dear uncle, help one of your
1497 relatives of whom you have been so fond. I ask you to send three tickets to Chicago. That
1498 will be for myself and my wife and for a good friend who will accompany us. He will pay
1499 you immediately when we arrive. Please, dear uncle, help me with what I have asked you
1500 about. It would be so nice to see you again after these many long years you have been in
1501 America. It will be a great pleasure for me to see you who has always treated me so
1502 kindly when you were here.

1503

1504 I have no news to tell you though undoubtedly many things have happened since you
1505 left. I have, however, not been home very much because I have been out in the big wide
1506 world after I was confirmed. I have been in Stockholm for 4 years and there I passed an
1507 examination.

1508

1509 I will expect an answer as soon as you receive this letter. Now I will end my letter with
1510 greetings and love from myself, my wife and from all in Solor. My address is:

1511

1512 Hans Kolbjornsen
1513 Hammerstad Street 4
1514 Ballseloker, Kristiania, Norway

1515

1516 Beloved Uncle,

1517 Send what I ask you! You will get the money back as soon as I earn it. I am waiting!

1518

Your own brother's son

1519

1520 H. Kolbjornsen

1521

1522 Write soon!

1523

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1525 N6 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN

1526 Lars Hansen to Christian Hansen

1527

1528 Lundby, pr. Kirkbenaer 2/8 06

1529

1530 My dear Brother

1531
1532 Thank you for your letter. It was much appreciated. You have undoubtedly expected
1533 to hear from me. It is a shame that I have not written. I have frequently intended to write
1534 you a very long letter, but I have been much occupied with many things - farming, the
1535 sawmill and forest work. Yes, dear brother, you are right in saying that our earlier
1536 relationship was so suddenly cut off. It is hardly necessary to say that one could, after
1537 all, maintain a reasonable and regular correspondence. The main reason must be that
1538 the daily toil and struggle stifles the memories and events of the past and not before one
1539 gets older do they reappear in force. At this time, memories from youth and small and
1540 insignificant events concerning dear parents move prominently to the fore. As this takes
1541 place, self-reliance vanishes bit by bit. After such a long introduction, I assume that you
1542 expect full measure in return for your long and informative letter. Such a letter must wait
1543 until fall. I will, however, say something about myself. I believe that brother, Martin, has
1544 told you much about me.

1545
1546 Except for expected mishaps that occur to all, our family life moved on favorably for a
1547 number of years after you visited us. Then my dear Olia became ill (cancer of the
1548 stomach) and later died. She died two years ago, the evening of Easter Sunday. Shortly
1549 before this and following there were a number of unpleasant events which made life bitter.
1550 There have been many heavy days after my wife's death. I find it difficult to adjust to the
1551 loneliness and I have, in this short period, failed spiritually and physically - so much so
1552 that I am no longer myself. Nevertheless, I realize so well that I ought not complain. My
1553 wife lived as long as most people.

1554
1555 It would be wonderful if you and your wife lived here. Could you not move to Norway?
1556 Here are good opportunities for getting a reasonable and good home, even if you had to
1557 build. I have, as you know, both a planing mill and saw mill. If you could only thrive
1558 under our conditions. One, who does not have a large family, could do well here. Think it
1559 over. For that matter, we are not entirely ignorant of American affairs. We get
1560 newspapers from there and our own newspapers carry correspondence from there. The
1561 big difference between the two countries is that one has too much and the other too little,
1562 factors which will harm both societies.

1563
1564 We have currently a noisy turmoil in our parliamentary elections, caused chiefly by the
1565 fact that we are blessed with a number of socialists and other parties who want to take
1566 over the government. I received recently a letter from a Chicago person last Christmas
1567 with whom I have exchanged several letters. I believe I owe him a letter. If you see him,
1568 tell him that he will hear from me soon. He calls himself Otto Bernsen and was a teacher
1569 at our place for some time. He is an able and kind man. I believe he has met you but I
1570 suspect that you live far apart. Besides him, I am acquainted with many others ever
1571 there. Should he not live too far from you, greet him from me. I cannot understand how
1572 you people can endure to live in the big Chicago. There must be a dreadful commotion
1573 and noise in this colossus of a city.

1574
1575 This letter is hardly more than slight evidence that I am alive. Our brother, Martin,
1576 poor fellow, is very ill. It is entirely hopeless, but do not mention this so that it can be
1577 repeated from anywhere. He, himself, believes the illness will pass. I will soon be 77
1578 years old and despite the fact that age has made its inroads, I am quite spry. Greet your
1579 wife, Hans and his wife and son, together with all others I might know over there.

1580
1581 Good wishes and warmest greetings from your devoted brother.

1582
1583 Lars Hansen

1584
1585 My children request that I greet too much. (too much company)
1586 I have lost my ability to write.

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1593
1594 Pastor's certificate for Hans Hansen Haug

1595
1596 Grue record book reveals that Hans Hansen Haug, son of farmer Hans Larsen and
1597 Wilhilmina Colbjornsdaughter Stemsrud, was born September 28 and baptized November 1,
1598 1835, confirmed September 29, 1850 with good knowledge of Christian teachings. He has
1599 taken holy communion, has demonstrated good character and is not bound by any
1600 promise of marriage. He is a carpenter journeyman and now plans to go to Copenhagen.

1601
1602 Grue parsonage, April 8, 1864.

1603
1604 Jens Dahl

1605
1606 Parish Pastor

1607
1608 Paid 32 shilling

1609
1610 Jens Dahl

1611
1612
1613 N7 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN
1614 To Christian From Martin (nephew)

1615
1616
1617
1618 Mollerud pr. Kirkenaer
1619 November 24, 1906

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1621
1622 My dear Uncle:

1623
1624 I received your letter of November 8 yesterday. It was, indeed, a joy to get a letter from
1625 you. I received a letter from Uncle Arne which informed me that he intended to write to
1626 you also.

1627
1628 Many changes have taken place since you were in Norway. I am married, have three
1629 children, 2 girls and a boy. My wife is the daughter of Ole Holt, Myrer in Brandvold. I
1630 have taken over Mollerud, have not gotten any wooded property with it. Hans is also
1631 married but he has no children. His wife is from Broskerud in Valer. He took over Gaard.
1632 Mina also got married. They have one child who is not well. Her husband deviated
1633 completely into drink and fraud. Father and I suffered considerable loss through him.
1634 Finally, he was punished. When he was released, he went to America. Father has taken
1635 Mina and the child into his home and lives at Lundby. Incidentally, he bought Lundby for
1636 Mina. Maren is married but they have no children. They bought a farm near Drammen.

1637
1638 It went quickly with Uncle Martin - just when he had arranged things so that he could
1639 have it nice and enjoyable, he had to leave this world. I will briefly explain how his estate
1640 will be divided. According to the law, his widow will receive 1/3 of his estate. Before his
1641 death, he declared that she should live on and use the farm, Helgeby, together with
1642 movable properties until she died. Upon her death, the property will go to his legal heirs
1643 in Norway. These heirs are obligated to maintain his and her graves.
1644

1645 The total estate is appraised at about 120,000 kroner (\$36000). Approximately 7000
1646 kroner will go for inheritance tax. The (probate) judge has gotten your addresses in
1647 America. There are many heirs because of the fact that, while Uncle Kolbjorn's wife is not
1648 an heir, her children are. The same applies at Bye. Since Hans Kolbjornsen Valer is dead
1649 and left behind minor children, the probate court had to take over the administration of
1650 the estate. I presume that those of you in America have been instructed by the judge to
1651 give him or someone else here a power of attorney to act for you regarding the inheritance.

1652 Greetings from father, my wife and from your

1653
1654 Nephew (brother's son)

1655
1656 Martin Hansen
1657

1658
1659 N8 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN
1660 Letter with draft to Hans Hansen
1661

1662 CENTRAL BANK OF NORWAY
1663 Established by 50 Norwegian and foreign banks
1664 to which belong the banking firms of
1665 Tho. Joh. Heftye & Son and Sev. Chr. Andersen
1666 Established 1818 Established 1845
1667 Telegraph address: Central Bank
1668

1669 Christiania, 19 Novb 1907
1670 P.O. Box 202
1671

1672 Mr. Hans Hansen
1673 822 Talman Ave.
1674 Chicago
1675

1676 We have herewith the honor of sending to you
1677

1678 \$2951.09 check to Chicago - 3.80 1/2 Kr 11228.90
1679 Postage .50

1680
1681 Kr 11229.40
1682

1683 Kindly refer to Solors probate court.
1684

1685 Sincerely
1686

1687 Central Bank of Norway
1688 /s/
1689

1690 -----
1691 Loose slips of paper & cards:
1692
1693 Card - Addressed to Mrs. Carrie Hansen, 1902 W. Huron St., Chicago, Ill., Old number
1694 438 - Chicago, Feb 18, 1910. You are not to expect us for dinner on Sunday. We would
1695 like to attend the meeting in church which is at 3:00 in the afternoon. If we do visit you it
1696 will be quite late. We have been nowhere this past week because of severe colds.
1697 Julia Hansen
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1699 Card - Havana, Cuba March 16, 1915 addressed to C. Hansen, 1900 N. Albany Ave,
1700 Chicago, Ill. USA - Dear Aunt and Uncle: We are well. We have been out in the country
1701 and looked over our land here. It is exceedingly good land. We will remain several days
1702 and plan to return to Chicago during the middle of next week. Yours, Arne
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1704 Slip of paper - Pastor Hansen - The child's name is Klara Oline and was born September
1705 15. Her parents are Kari Knudsen and Hans Hansen.
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1707 Slip of paper - Born June 27, 1877 Died August 29, 1878 (These are dates for infant
1708 Hans Hansen)
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1711 N9 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN
1712 Lars Hansen to Christian Hansen
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1714 Lundby April 15, 1908
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1716 My dear brother:
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1718 I trust that it is not too soon to tell you that your much appreciated letter has arrived.
1719 Because everything appears to be about the same as when you left, there is little to tell.
1720 You will have to be satisfied with a short letter this time. I would be very happy if brother
1721 Hans would send me a few words. I would like to have a lively correspondence with both
1722 of you. Correction would have to be made on both sides. This eternal struggle for
1723 livelihood need not be an obstacle to a freer exchange of thoughts between us. Despite
1724 cold nights and some cold winds during the day we do have spring. I love spring and the
1725 abundance of light we have at this time of year. I know that you are also fond of the song
1726 of birds. All in all, I love nature and the light time of the year. I cannot deny that nature
1727 in the spring is an important part of my religion. Since I was a boy, I have been interested
1728 in birds and animals and have learned their names through books. There were many
1729 song birds at Bergeraasen because the many hardwood were there. I missed the song
1730 birds so much when I moved from there. Then I realized how quiet were the pine forests
1731 and felt badly about it. It was not really a great desire to kill rabbits that took me into the
1732 woods in the old days but a feeling of freedom in nature. I often regret the stupidity of
1733 killing rabbits. I could write page after page on this interesting theme but I will try to find
1734 something else to say so you won't be bored.
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1736 I have been a little sick most of the winter but I am a littlr better now. I will probably
1737 retire in the near future. Rheumatism is plaguing me especially in the upper part of my
1738 body. Poor little Olia. She os failing more and more - God only knows how long her
1739 suffering will last. It is hard to see a good child suffer so much. I suppose there is a lot of
1740 humbug in all the medicines and advice that are offered in America. The advertisements
1741 seem so tempting. My only recreation these days is to walk between the mill, which is
1742 running now, and home and also walking in the woods but still I often feel great

1743 loneliness since I became so alone. There seems, however, to be no prospective of
1744 anything better in the future but rather the opposite. My spirits suffer from this so I often
1745 get angry with little things and afterwards I will have painful regrets. It is as difficult to
1746 understand as it is to be understood by others. So often, both real and imagined
1747 disappointments happen during one's life. I realize that much of this is due to old age.
1748 And you too, my brother, I am sure have had your share on your long walk through life.
1749 Yes, thank God, it is spring. Loneliness has not seemed so heavy now for a long time. I
1750 hope to be in good health as I have been until now and I know there is no reason to
1751 complain. As I said, I have no more to tell you. Do you think of the time we were together
1752 at Oestberg? Since that time, I, too, have led a rather tumultuous life, have had many good
1753 friends, also some enemies but, fortunately, less of the last mentioned but now they are
1754 gone, almost all of them. Without praising myself, I must say that I have had good
1755 fortune to have had good companions, often maybe undeserved. Some of my relatives
1756 have been the most difficult and often have caused trouble and
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1758 Yes - this has been a very strange letter but, at the moment, I have nothing else to
1759 offer. I shall try to do better next time.
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1761 You must not, however, believe that I look so bleakly at everything now. It is when I go
1762 back into the past that one's emotions get into upheaval by comparing the past with the
1763 present. I struggle daily with my rather irritable disposition to find peace and hope I will
1764 succeed.
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1766 I will finally ask you to greet your wife, Hans and his son from me, also my many
1767 acquaintances in Chicago, especially G'tto Berntsen and, if you want to, Franchs and
1768 Gundersens and that everything is fine with their relatives here.

1769 First and last, you are greeted from
1770 your devoted brother
1771 L. Hansen
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1775 Enclosures in above letter:
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1777 Should you learn of something in America which cures epilepsy, I would gladly give
1778 whatever it might be toward an attempted cure for little Olia. L. H.
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1780 Mr. Chr. Hansen Kirkenaer
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1783 I have now settled your brother's estate, wherein your share comes to
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At Hans Koién	Kr	57.37
In Brandvold Savings Bank	Kr	11248.83
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1795 The bank book issued by Brandvold Savings Bank is enclosed.

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(Comment - 2 separate enclosures. The inheritance is from Martin's estate, their dead brother. The amount in U.S. money is about \$2950.)

N10 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN
Lars Hanse to Christian Hansen

Lundby - Kirkenaer January 9, 1909

Good brother!

I have had adequate time to write you both frequent and long letters. It is one thing, however, to make promises and quite another to fulfill them. I must, however, confess that even with the greatest will, it is now difficult to write. There is nothing seriously wrong with me. Many years ago, I had a nasty fall and got a kink in my neck and shoulders which now has settled in my arms and fingers in the form of rheumatism. It is so severe that at times, I must use my left hand for support if my writing is to have any sense to it at all. This problem, together with my lack of energy, takes from me my desire to write. Despite this, I am quite content and happy as long as I can remain somewhat healthy. For this, I thank my God. Now I must think of something interesting to tell you. This is not easy because, to me, everything is about the same as when you were here. My second son has taken over the property and my son-in-law, Stausland (?) has taken over Lundby and has already moved there. Regarding all this, I can relax but Mina and her sick daughter continue to prey on my mind. Mina's husband is presumably a bum in America. I fear that Martin's wife will die soon.

Last fall, I went to see Ole Koyen. He has it nicer in the house than I had. He has a good son. _____ I looked around at the familiar places where I played as a child. This gets more attractive as you get older. But, alas, how it changes. Without giving any figures, many of your acquaintances have left since you were here. I am sure that you would not recognize many things if you came back. I often doubt if these changes are for the better. Pomp and circumstance is taking over and not least among those who cannot afford it. There are quite a few Norwegian Americans here and some plan to stay. When my brother in law, Arne Noer, died, several of his children came in order to share in the inheritance. Two of John Hagen's sons have come home presumably to stay a while. I am currently trying to close all my accounts but it is, regrettably, being done at a considerable loss. Nevertheless, I am content since the shilling still is not so _____. It is a long time since you helped me and since we _____ at Ostberg. I recall those days so often.

Do you see many acquaintances in Chicagp? I also have many acquaintances there. It would be fun to see some of them. I still would like to correspond with Otto Berntsen, but I have lost his address. Could not Hans come to Norway and stay a while this summer? He has grown children and is quite well off. We would have pleasant times, please tell him this.

We have had a good summer, fall and winter. We still have no snow or cold and consequently, we have had a good year. What a wretch I am as a writer. I am no good at writing and my arm and fingers are already worn out. I would like to write to Hans too but I cannot manage that now. You must greet him a lot and ask him to please send me pictures of his children. I will always manage a few lines in the future. Until then, my best wishes. Greet your wife, Brother Hans, his wife and children and you are greeted from yourr old devoted

Lars

1849 N11 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN
1850 From Magnhild to Christian Hansen

1851
1852 Stabekk, July 4, 1923
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1854 Dear Uncle,

1855 Thank you for the letter which I received from you a while back. I show it to many.
1856 There are many young persons who cannot compare with you in writing even though you
1857 are quite old. The last letter was so sad that I nearly cried. You even suggested that this
1858 might be your last letter, but I hope that this is not so and that I will receive many letters
1859 from you. You are, I suppose, grieving over the death of Aunty (Aunty Hansen - Julia) so
1860 much that you do not think that anything is as it should be.

1861 I do not suppose you have seen anything of Colbjorn in Chicago. He got sunstroke last
1862 summer and has, since that time, been ill. The remedy, I assume, would be a change of
1863 climate. He should perhaps come home this summer. It is quite a while now since we
1864 heard from him so we are quite frightened. I sent a letter to him to the Norwegian
1865 consulate in Chicago but I do not know if he has gotten it. I do hope that I will hear from
1866 him. We hear nothing from Solor but I presume that things are as usual there.

1867 You said that you have had a cold spring. The same has been true here as well. As
1868 yet, we have not had any real warm weather. Up to this time, we have had a poor
1869 summer. I hope that you are in good health - hope also the same holds true for your
1870 brother and his wife. It is fine that you have them nearby. Greet them so much from me.
1871 Our fondest greetings go out to you as well, but most of all from

1872 Magnhild
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1875 N12 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN
1876 Maren & Nils to Christian

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1878 Bye 3-3-1924
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1880 My dear unforgettable uncle,
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1882 It is two years now since we have had any letter from you. Many thanks for the letter.
1883 I have frequently intended to write , but it has been delayed until now. I must report that
1884 your brother, Lars, is dead. He had felt a little poorly since Christmas but he was up until
1885 three days before his death. He had a quiet and peaceful death. We hope that he has
1886 come to the good place and lives with Jesus. I have heard that your wife is dead. Indeed,
1887 she has it better now than if she had lived as an ill person for a long time. She lived for
1888 Jesus on earth so there is no doubt that she now has it good. But poor you - it must be
1889 difficult. It is splendid that you too resort to Jesus. From him, one gets the best comfort.
1890 Had I only been a little closer, I would have offered to help. I assume that you live well at
1891 the home of your brother, Hans. It is much nicer than to live among strangers.

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1893 Nils and I are healthy and we have built ourselves a house. We have 2 cows and some
1894 chickens so we fare real well. It was planned that Ingvald, Hans' son, should have the
1895 farm, Bye, but things are very difficult in Norway now. Ingvald now plans to go to Canada
1896 to my brother, Christian, this spring. Christian is farming on a large scale over there. All
1897 of us agree that it is for the better that he tries his luck over there. I often wonder how
1898 things are with Albert, Lina's son. We hope that he is well. I must not forget to tell you
1899 that there were many present at Lars Hansen's funeral - more than 100 persons at the
1900 chapel and about as many for dinner at Mollerud. A men's choir sang before the casket at
1901 the chapel. The many wreaths demonstrated the honor shown him. Brother Ole did not

1902 come to the funeral. I have not heard anything from or about him so I assume that he is
1903 well. It is, of course, winter and exceedingly cold so it is not the easiest thing to set out
1904 when one is old. Hans Gaard is also a widower. Ingeborg died of cancer just before
1905 Christmas. She left two small boys. Old man Hagen - the master thief - as we called him,
1906 also died this winter. Some come and others go, such is life's pattern. I should like to
1907 hear from you and find out if your rheumatism has improved. How splendid if you were
1908 entirely well for we have nothing more valuable in this life than good health. Greetings to
1909 all but most of all, our greetings go to you.

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1911 Maren and Nils

1912 Bye

1913 Kirkenaer

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1915 I am enclosing a picture of our house so that you might see what it is like. It is changed
1916 slightly because we have put windows in the veranda.

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1919 N13 TRANSLATED FROM NORWEGIAN
1920 Magnhild to Christian Hansen

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1924 Dear Uncle:

1925 It is so long since we heard from you that we are concerned over how things are with
1926 you. Have you had much rheumatism this winter. It is, of course, this that plagues you
1927 so much when the weather gets cold.

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1929 What a remarkable winter we have had. We have hardly had snow and any freezing
1930 temperatures. As a rule it has been above freezing each day. Such a winter I have never
1931 experienced. It is possible that you have had a similar winter in America.

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1933 It has been good for us that it has been so mild. We have so many unemployed and
1934 they are spared the heavy expense of fuel. Had we not had this weather, many would
1935 have frozen badly. In addition, there are often many small children in such places. In all
1936 events, it is good for everyone to escape this expense. We have, indeed, had difficult times
1937 and everything is expensive beyond reason. I do not understand how laborers with their
1938 weekly salary can manage, especially if they have many children. I need only note how
1939 much we use, even though I think matters through carefully and am as economical as is
1940 possible. There are, of course, eight of us. Grandmother lives with us and we have five
1941 children. Have you seen anything of Colbjorn. It is so long since we heard. Hans has a
1942 nice small home and four lovely children, three boys who are his own and a little girl
1943 which his wife had with her first husband. They both belong to a church congregation
1944 nearby and they live well together. He has been unemployed much of the time so it has
1945 been difficult for them from time to time, Right now he has "need" work as it is called.
1946 This has been instituted by the provinces throughout the country in order to reduce
1947 poverty and unemployment. In this manner a number of persons are helped. The wages
1948 are not large, but it is something. His wife is able to manage with the little they get.
1949 Mother thinks it is so nice to visit them because they never fuss or complain, but are
1950 content with the little they have. We heard from Solor a while back. All is well there. I
1951 assume you know that Lars is dead.

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1953 We buy butter and potatoes from Uncle Wilhelm and we got a shipment at Christmas.
1954 We paid 24 crowns for a barrel of potatoes and 6 crown per kilogram for butter. (1

1955 kilogram = 2.2 lb. 1 crown = about 35 cents) This is regarded as reasonable. Do you
1956 remember the man, Mr. Mortensen who visited you with a youjg man. He is now dead. It
1957 went fast. You can imagine his children on America were happy that they could see him
1958 before he died. The young man, Mr. Modin, runs an automobile business in Wilmett and
1959 things are going great. You have read, I suppose, that Christiania has adopted its old
1960 name and is now called Oslo. What do you think of that. It seems strange at first and
1961 there are many who are opposed to it. I think it is right for that is what it was called 300
1962 years ago. But then the Danish King, Christian IV, wanted it to be named in his memory.
1963 But we can no longer have much interest in this.

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1965 You will soon be 84 years old. How quickly the one year follows the other. It does not
1966 seem long between the times I congratulate you.

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1968 Again I must congratulate you and wish that your evening of life be as bright as
1969 possible. Hoping too that you will not be too plagued with rheumatism and the catarrh
1970 which you also had when you were here.

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1972 All is well with us so you can understand that we have much for which we can thank
1973 our Lord.

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1975 I must say farewell for now. Our warmest greetings from all of us and most of all from
1976 Magnhild

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1978 Greet Uncle Hans and his wife.

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1981 (Magnhild is a nephew of Hans & Christian Hansen and of Arne Hansen Stemsrud.)

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1984 AN1 USA LETTERS IN NORWEGIAN - TRANSLATED

1985
1986 Dear Father

1987 I must send you a few lines and let you know how we are. Both I and the children are
1988 well to date and we now live with my brother, Anders. Saturday, we drove from my sister
1989 - 25 miles - to my brother. How long we will stay here, I do not know. I do not think I will
1990 write any more letters while I am here because it is 10 miles to a post office. The children
1991 seem to like it well. They have said nothing about going to Chicago. You can imagine
1992 how Martin enjoyed the horses at my sisters. They also had two colts. Martin watches
1993 over them so carefully. He says he wants to take them along to Chicago. They must have
1994 much food, he says, so that he can take them along.

1995 We have been getting a lot of cream porridge (flotegrot). I have gotten nearly ____ for
1996 breakfast. We do live good. Would you ask Siverson if it is certain that he wants to have
1997 a pig this fall because Anders has remarkably fine pigs. He would happily send to
1998 whomever will have them. I will get one from my sister. You must write me a few lines
1999 and tell me how things ____ . I long to hear how you are faring in Chicago. I am so
2000 happy over the fact that my sisters and brothers have it so well. I must stop my prattle
2001 now. Write soon.

2002 Greetings from me and the children.

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2006 Chicago August 29, 1885

2007 Dear wife and children,

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I just received your letter and will answer immediately. I am well but have waited so for a letter from you that I feared that something had gone wrong. Your earlier letter was dated July 31 and this one August 24. That is a long time for one who waits. Now that I know that all is well, I rejoice over your letter and am so grateful for it.

I continue each day in Mark St. except Sunday, then I am at Kastrop. During the week, I eat my evening meal at my brother's place. I come home very late because Christian and Julia both work. Olsen has begun to work.

I have so many things to write about but the time approaches when we will happily be together again so I will let it all wait until we can talk. How I wait for that time that we can see each other. The thought that you and the children are doing so well where you are is a great comfort to me. I shall wait patiently until the time you can come. You are constantly in my thoughts and I dream about you at night. I will send you some money the next time I write. I will send it by registered mail because there is considerable bother with postal money orders. In the event you do not fetch the letter yourself, it should be done by a person known by the postal officials. It is getting so dark now that I can hardly see to write. All who know you ask that I greet you. Write soon. Greet your relatives. To all of you, my heartiest regards.

Yours,
H. Hansen

AN2 USA LETTERS IN NORWEGIAN - TRANSLATED

Benson, November 30, 1870

Good brother-in-law

I received your letter of September 18 some time ago and read it with great pleasure. I was happy to learn that you and my sister are in good health. It is also my pleasure to inform you that I have enjoyed good health to date. I feel very badly that I should be so rushed about demanding the borrowed money. But the earnings are very little here. You must forgive me. My wish is that I might have the money by December 20. I intended to buy the earlier mentioned land. Government land must be paid for in cash. It is not true what Hans said when I was in Chicago. He held that one could buy government land and pay for it over a period of so many years. But one can buy railroad land on a 10 to 20 year payment plan. When one pays so much on the principal and interest each year. The land costs from 8 to 10 dollars an acre while government land comes to \$2.50 an acre. Please write to me immediately and let me know how things are. You are to send no interest. Greet Tomson and his wife from me. Tell Tomson to write to me, telling how things fare with him. Greet Hans and his family. My sincerest greetings are extended to you.

Anders M. Lee
Address - Anders M. Lee, Benson, Chippewa Co.

It is best that you send the money by express. The train comes to Benson now. Get a receipt for what you send.

(This letter is probably to Christian. Benson is in Minnesota)

Bidne August 31, 1927

2061 Dear Sister,

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2063 I will write and tell you how I am doing. I am not so well so I believe I will soon be
2064 going to a home that is safe and secure for all those who accept God's grace. And I will
2065 thank you for all the kindness you have shown me. And then I will pray for you so Jesus
2066 can have his way and cleanse your heart with his great compassion and grace. And it is
2067 my whole wish that he will receive me. I think it is so good that Jesus can save sinners
2068 and cleanse them. The word of God shows so clearly that nothing unclean can get into
2069 Heaven and I think it is from God's grace that I have lived so long and that he will receive
2070 me through his great love and grace. Then I will say my last farewell and I wish we will
2071 meet in Heaven.

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2073 You must greet all who are close to me and tell them that they must convert
2074 themselves and believe in the Gospel. Jesus says we must think of our Creator in our
2075 youth before the bad days come and we say we don't want to.

2076 Greetings and Love
2077 Ingeborg
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2080 W1 FAMILY OF REBECCA Mc CORD, WIFE OF ABRAHAM CRUM
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2082 Marriage Bond
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2084 Know all men by these presents, that we Abraham Crum and George Mc Cord senr are
2085 held and firmly bound unto Irving Pleasants, Jun. Esq. Governor of Virginia, in the just
2086 and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be
2087 made, to the said Governor or his successors, we bind ourselves, our and each of our
2088 heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.
2089 Sealed with our seals and dated this 15th day of April 1853.

2090 The condition of the above Obligation is such, that whereas there is a Marriage shortly
2091 intended to be solemnized between the above bound Abraham Crum and Rebecca Mc
2092 Cord daughter of the above bound George Mc Cord senior. Now if there be no lawful
2093 cause to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to
2094 remain in full force and virtue.

2095 Signed, sealed and delivered Abraham Crum
2096 in presence of George Mc Cord
2097 Jos. Wm. Ware (signed, not by marks)

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2100 George Mc Cord married Elizabeth Hendrick on 2 Aug 1792 in Frederick Co, Va.
2101 (Frederick Co. Marriages by Davis). Will of George Mc Cord was drawn 1 Dec 1861 and
2102 probated 6 Feb 1865 in Frederick Co, Va. (Bk. 26, pg 588)

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2105 WILL OF ARTHUR Mc CORD
2106 Wills, Bk. 5, pg. 197, Frederick Co, Va.
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2108 In the name of God, Amen. I Arthur Mc Cord of Frederick County Winchester being
2109 weak in body but of sound memory, thanks be to Almighty God for the same and knowing
2110 the uncertainty of life in this world do settle my worldly estate Which the Lord in his great
2111 goodness has given me in manner and form following that is to say first of all my will and
2112 desire is that my well beloved wife, Margaret Mc Cord shall have this my house and lott
2113 with all the appertenances thereunto belonging together with all my movable estate

2114 thereunto whatsoever during her natural life except one shilling sterling which I give and
2115 bequeath to my son John Mc Cord and also 1 shilling sterling which I give and bequeath
2116 to my daughter Elizabeth Mc Cord and also 1 shilling sterling which I give and bequeath
2117 to my daughter Mary Stapleton and after her decease my will and desire is that my house
2118 and lott together with all my movable estate and whatsoever shall return to my sons
2119 William and George to be squarely divided between them both and lastly do hereby
2120 appoint my well beloved wife what executrix of this my last will and testament and to the
2121 true performance of which I have hereunto interchangeably set my hand and seal this 9th
2122 day of December 1787.

2123 Witnesses his
2124 George Mc Cord Arthur Mc Cord
2125 & 2 others
2126 mark

2127 Will proved and Margaret Mc Cord appointed executrix in Frederick Co. court on 2 Sept
2128 1788.

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2131 W2 Will of Shadrach Estep of Ashe Co, N.C.

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2135 In the name of God Amen Being weak in body but sound in mind and memory calling
2136 to mind that it is appointed of God once for all men to die. I constitute this my last Will
2137 and Testament, in form and manner as follows First and foremost I bequeath my soul to
2138 God that gave it, secondly I request that my body be decently interred at the discretion of
2139 my executors hereafter mentioned Thirdly, I request that all my Just debts be paid & as
2140 to my worldly estate, I bequeath in the following manner, that all my real & personal
2141 estate to be my wife's and remain in her hands during her life and after her decease to be
2142 equally divided between my children John Moses. Elijah Elizabeth Mary James. Sarah &
2143 Rachel Estep and I constitute my son John Estep & my wife Ruth & Ezikel Baird Esq. my
2144 executors & executrix to this my last Will and Testament.

2145 Signed sealed and witnessed and acknowledged this 31st day of May 1801 before us

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2148 Wynant Vander koot his
2149 Elijah Curtis Jurat Shadrach Estep
2150 (signed by marks) mark

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2153 Proven in Ashe Co, N.C. court, August term 1801.

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2161 Elijah Estep estate - Book A page 147, Madison Co, Ark.

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2164 Probate Court February Term 1861

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2166 Now on this day comes Benjamin Vaughan Public Administrator of Elijah Estep Deceased
2167 and shows to the Court that he has in his possession as such administrator Milit Bounty
2168 Land Warrent No. 9442 issued to the said Elijah Esteo on the 8th day of July 1851 under
2169 the Act of Congress of 28th September 1850 for 80 acres.
2170 And preys that an order be granted auturizing him to sell and transfer the same and it
2171 appearing to the satisfaction of yhe court that the said Elisha Estep left the following heirs
2172 and only heirs at law James Estep Enoch Estep Eli C. Estep Cyntha Larramore and
2173 Obediah Larramore her husband Rebecca Stone Socrat Stone her husband and Elenor
2174 Estep all of whome are adults
2175 It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said Benj. Vaughan as administrator as
2176 aforsaid be and he is herby Empowered to sell and transfer the said warent for the use of
2177 the heirs only of said estate
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2180 W3 State of Missouri Jarsper County September 21th 1841

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2182 Know all men by thease pressints that I the within name Socrates B. Stone in
2183 Considertion to James Estep to me in hand paid by James Estep the Receipt wher of I do
2184 heareby acknowledg have bargan sold and assigned and by thease preasints do bargain
2185 sell and assign to the said James Estep his Executors administrators and assigns the in
2186 name property one black maire four years old Last Spring known By the name of Curley
2187 one bay Ponney the same age last Spring known By the name of trick this property is to
2188 Secure the said Estep as security for me to Leanard Wilson to the amount of one Hundred
2189 and six Dollars and also one note of hand to Dean and Pollard for fifteen or twenty Dollars
2190 I think or thire abouts I think thease nots aire Due in February nex or thire a bouts I do
2191 Covenant withe the said Estep that thire is on the said obligation acording to the
2192 Condition thire of for principal and intrust the sum of one Hundread and Twenty five or
2193 six Dollars I thirefore Deliver to the said Estep the a bove Describe property whire of I set
2194 my hand and seal Witness my hand and Seal this the 21 day of Septembr in the year of
2195 our Lord 1841

2196
2197 Witness S.B. Stone
2198 John Armstrong
2199 W.D. Brown

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2202
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2204 State of Illinois
2205 County of Menard

2206 The people of the State of Illinois to the To the Sheriff of Mason County County
2207 Greeting we comand you to summon George wagner Nancy Estep Betsey A. Estep
2208 Enoch Eastep John Eastep Martha Eastep Henrey S. Estep Enoch L. Estep Also John
2209 Ritter and (illegible) Ritter Ecsecutor of the Last will and testament of Richard Ritter
2210 Deceased A.A. Rankins presant Sheriff and James Gouldsbury former Sheriff of said
2211 county of menard Jesse Baker and Elescander (Alexander?) Stuart if they they can be
2212 found in your county persanily to be and appear before the circuit court of said county of
2213 menard on the first day of the next term thereof to be holden at the court house in
2214 petersburg on the Seckond day of December next to answer the matters and things
2215 contained in A certain bill in chancery Eschibited against them by John wagoner and
2216 alfred wagoner in our said circuit court on the chancery Side therof and further to do and
2217 receive whatever our said court may then hand theme consider in this behalf and have
2218 you theme there this servis

2219 Witness Nathaniel Dresser Clerk
2220 of our said circuit at Petersburg this 30th
2221 day of September AD 1846
2222 Nathaniel Dresser Clerk
2223

2224 The errors are in the originals. These documents are difficult to read due to poor
2225 penmanship and miserable rhetoric. The clerk's portion is much better. In the frontier
2226 areas, I think they hired uneducated lawyers or clerks, who attempted to use stilted legal
2227 phrases.
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2230 W4 Will of John Crain of Mercer Co, Ky. - 1831 - Will Bk. 9, pg 455
2231

2232 In the name of God Amen. I, John Crain of the County of Mercer & State of Kentucky
2233 being old and weak in body but of sound mind & disposing memory for which I thank God
2234 and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all
2235 such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I hereby direct it to be
2236 disposed of in the following manner and divided among the Legatees of my estate as
2237 hereafter named & provided

2238 Item 1st I desire that all the perishable part of my estate togethher with my lands and
2239 slaves be sold at a reasonable credit after my death Except two of my slaves namely Lucy
2240 aged near years old & Rebecca between 40 & 50 years old which two slaves I desire to
2241 have their freedom immediately after my death And that they be held no longer in
2242 involuntary servitude under any pretention whatever

2243 2nd After the payment of my Debts & funeral expenses I desire the proceeds from the
2244 sale of my estate to be equally divided between my children namely

2245 1st Frankey Childress, should she be living or her children in equal portions

2246 2nd Thomas Crain, Jr. or his heirs an equal portion.

2247 3rd My son David Crain is dead I desire his heirs to have an equal portion the parent
2248 would have been entitled to had he been living.

2249 4th My daughter Barbary Hardy I bequeath an equal interest in my Estate to her & her
2250 own children alone.

2251 5th My daughter Nancy Tolly I bequeath an equal interest in my estate to have and to
2252 hold the same for & during her natural life after that event to be given to the children of
2253 her body.

2254 6th My daughter Jane Tolly I bequeath an equal interest in my estate for and during her
2255 natural life after that event to be given to the children of her body.

2256 7th My son Wm. Crain I bequeath an equal interest in my estate.

2257 8th My son Nathaniel Crain I bequeath an equal interest in my Estate. The whole of the
2258 above Legatees as named to hold the 2/5 (?) Interest to them & their heirs forever

2259 9th My son Glover Crain James Crain John Crain and my daughter Isabella Short I
2260 bequeath to them & their heirs one dollar each from my estate & no more And lastly I do
2261 hereby constitute and appoint my friends Samuel Ewing & Wm. Wade Executors of this
2262 my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or Testaments by me
2263 heretofore made In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and fixed my seal this
2264 7th day of July 1831.

2265
2266 his
2267 John Crain
2268 mark
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2270 Proved in Mercer Co. court in December 1831 term by oaths of Jackson Hargrave &
2271 Stephen Leonard.

2272
2273 Will book 10, page 507, Mercer Co, Ky.
2274 This estate amounted to \$4169.34 reduced by debts to \$2984.97 and each child's
2275 share was \$370.37 1/2. 16 Feb 1837
2276
2277
2278 W5 Estate of Eli Cleveland Estep - Madison Co, Ark. 1888
2279
2280 Probate Court Book C, page 297, Madison Co, Ark.
2281
2282 In ????? before J.H. Bohannon Clerk of the Probate Court.
2283
2284 Eli Estep)) And now comes on this day comes M. J. Estep the widow and relic of Eli C.
2285 Estep deceased and files her application for letters of administration on Said Estate
2286 representing in said petition that said Estate is worth of the Probable value of five
2287 hundred dollars and that the names and residence of the heirs of the deceased as far as
2288 known are as following,, Eliza Estep (Elijah), and heirs of Hearvey Estep and heirs of
2289 Samuel Estep who lives in San Saba, Texas, Enoch Estep who Lives in Texas, Nancy
2290 Estep heirs of Texas, Elizabeth Woods of Missouri, Tempy Middleton of Newton county of
2291 Arkansas, Frank Estep (Frances) of Logan Co. Arkansas, Eli Estep of Franklin Co.
2292 Arkansas, James Hill in Washington County, Arkansas, William Estep of Franklin County
2293 Arkansas, Emma (Emmeline) Vaught of Johnson Co. Arkansas, Sarah Lewis, Cassy
2294 (Catherine) Bowman and Mary Neliton (Netherton) of Johnson Co. Arkansas and Rachel
2295 Salyer of Madison Co. Arkansas and the ????? same time the said M. J. Estep present her
2296 bond with Capt. H. Combs and A. J. Tucker as Securities on her bond as Administratrix in
2297 the sum of One Thousand dollars which bond is approved by the clerk. It is therefore by
2298 me J. H. Bohannon as Clerk of the Probate Court ordered that letters of administration be
2299 granted to the said M. J. Estep as administratrix of the Estate Eli C. Estep deceased
2300
2301 In witness where of I have where unto set my hand as such Clerk this 30th day of March
2302 1888
2303 J. H. Bohannon, Clerk
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2307 W6 Will of Thomas Easteb (Estep) of Rowan Co., N.C.
2308 Rowan Co. Will Book G, page 28.
2309
2310 In the name of GOD, amen, I Thomas Easteb, of the county of Rowan in the state of North
2311 Carolina, being at this time in a sound state of health both of body and mind and calling
2312 to mind the mortality of the body, and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die,
2313 I think proper to make this my will, which is as follows; First, I recommen my soul to
2314 GOD, who gave it, and my body to be decently buried in the earth - thinking what worldly
2315 estates it has pleased GOD to bless me with I have and dispose of in manner and form as
2316 follows, to wit, my will is that all my just debts be fully paid. Then I lend to my beloved
2317 wife, Hannah my dwelling house with two beds and their furnishings, with all household
2318 furniture, or as my be required for her to keep house on, also the use of my meadows and
2319 orchard with a reasonable support of my plantation, with all my plantation utentuals, also
2320 one horse creature of which she is to have her choice, also one side saddle, also two cows
2321 with two young calves, six heads of hogs, these to have her choice, three heads of sheep
2322 and all my stock of these are my provisions, that may be on hand at the time of my
2323 decease; all the above articles, I only lend to my wife, while she remains my widow , and
2324 my will is that she shall give security to my executors, which is to be hereafter mentioned,

2325 for the delivery of all the above mentioned articles, except such of them as may have been
2326 made use of for her support during her widowhood, at the expiration of this time the
2327 above mentioned articles are to be delivered to my executors; and then to be equally
2328 divided among my three sons; ISAAC, JACOB and ABRAHAM - also I give to my daughter,
2329 REBECCA, ten pounds in money to be paid out of my estate to her as she may need it,
2330 also I give four pounds to the Church at Eaton Meeting house to be paid one pound a year
2331 to commence from the profit of this my will to be paid into the hands of the deacons or
2332 deacon; until it is all paid, and the rest of my estate both real and personal I give to my
2333 three sons, ISAAC, JACOB and ABRAHAM to be equally divided between them - Jacob
2334 and Abraham Easteb I leave and appoint to the sole executors of this my last will and
2335 testament, which I acknowledge as such, I revoke all others.

2336 In witness hereof I do set my hand and fix my seal this 30th day of April, A. D.
2337 Eighteen Hundred and five.

2338 Signed and acknowledged in the presence of John Hunt, Andrew Hunt and Henry
2339 Hunt.

2340 his * *
2341 Thomas T Easteb * Seal *
2342 mark * *

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2345 Probated in Rowan County, N.C. on 2 Nov 1807.

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2348 IEC

2349 Estep censuses of Illinois.

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2351 1820 -Bond Co. - Ripley twp.

2352 Page 8 line 14 Enoch Estep 100100-00100

2353 9 36 Elijah Estep 430001-00001

2354 9 39 Abednego Baker 010111-02300

2355 10 Abraham Tetrick 100100-10100

2356 2 of my gg grfs, Elijah, father of James, Enoch & Eli C. and Abednego Baker, father of
2357 Jesse. James Estep and Jesse Baker married Abigail and Christina Teter, sisters.
2358 Abraham, above, is their brother.

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2360 1820 St. Clair Co.

2361 Page 131 James Estep 200100-00100

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2364 1830 Sangamon Co.

2365 Page 61 Enoch Estep 211011-100001

2366 65 Beverly Whittington 2110001-122001 Bro to Elijah's wife.

2367 66 James Estep 012001-300101

2368 66 Elijah Estep 00010001-00110001

2369 66 Eli C. Estep 10102-00010001 prob his mother-in-law

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2372 1840 McDonough Co.

2373 Page 220 Beverly Whittington 10011001-1110001

2374 220 John Eaststeep 10001-10001 m to Beverly's dau

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2376 Elijah Estep is in Barry Co, Mo. and Eli is in Madison Co, Ark. but have lost them in
2377 the census. James and Enoch are down there too but James returns later.

2378
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2380 1850 Mason Co - 1 Nov 1850
2381
2382 348-348 Lewis, Henry 45 m farmer 3000 N.C. CRW
2383 Vashti 39 Tenn CRW
2384 Harriet 19 Ill Att Sch
2385 John 15 " "
2386 Elizabeth 9 (m M.V.Estep) " "
2387 Miles 5 " "
2388 Harvey 4 " "
2389 Mary E. 4 " "
2390 Estep, James S. 29 m farmer "
2391 This is Henry & Vashti Sears (the census taker has the name wrong). Vashti is a sister
2392 to Jesse Baker (he is at # 356 in this census). James S. Estep is James Madison Estep,
2393 working for Sears. Jesse is my gg gf and James M. my g gf.
2394 362-362 Easthop, Abraham 32 m farmer Ill
2395 Lelah 25 f Ill CRW Should be Celia
2396 Mary A. 6 f All Ill
2397 James M. 4
2398 Sefrona C. 3
2399 Hannah J. 8/12 Should be Harriet J.
2400 Albert M. 8/12
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2402
2403 377-377 Easthop, James 49 m farmer 1000 NC CRW
2404 Abigail 50 f Va "
2405 Mary 27 f Ill "
2406 William 18 m farmer Ill
2407 Finiss E. 16 m Ill Att Schl
2408 Louisa 14 f Ill "
2409 Martin V. B. 12 m Ill "
2410 David Crockett 10 m Ill "
2411 Isaac N. 8 Ill "
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2414 1860 Mason Co, Ill census
2415 Page 92
2416 James Skipton 40 m farmer 1000-670 Ohio
2417 Rhoda Skipton 35 f Ohio (James Estep's dau, b in Ill.)
2418 William H. 13, Louisa 10, Martha H. 8 & Sarah J. Halsel 14 -All b Ill. (Rhoda was m (1) to
2419 Ben Halsel, now dead.)
2420
2421 Page 202
2422 William J. Estep 29, John 25 b N.J., George W. Jackson 12, Emeline J. Armstrong 6 &
2423 Louisa A. Estep 25 (sister to William J.), All b Ill except John.
2424
2425 Page 205
2426 Sylvester Norris 40 Ky
2427 Rebecca A. Norris 31 Ill (James Estep dau.)
2428 James F. 9 Ill, Charles W. 6 Ill, William R. 2 Ill & _____ Ishmael 22 Ohio
2429
2430 Page 215

2431 George W. Estep 37 Ill
 2432 Cynthia Estep 32 Ill
 2433 F.M. 8 Ill, James A. 6 Ill, Mary H. 4 Ill, Rhoda C. 1 Ill & Martin C. Norris 19.
 2434
 2435 Page 216
 2436 James M. Estep 40
 2437 Frances M Estep 24 (Correct name - Maria Frances)
 2438 Sarah A. Estep 2 (This is their dau.)
 2439 Edgerton Perkins 7 (Frances was a widow of James Perkins.
 2440 James Dunbar Perkins 4 These are children of that marriage.)
 2441 David C. Estep 21 (Brother of James M.)
 2442 Elizabeth Short 16 (Sister of Frances)
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 2444
 2445 1870 Mason Co., Ill. Crane Creek twp.
 2446 30-29 Abraham Estep 52 farmer 3200-1500 Ill
 2447 Celia Estep 45 Ill
 2448 James M. 25, Caroline 15, Malvina (f) 13, Rebecca 12, Cordelia 9, Pleasant 7 & Clara
 2449 H. 1 All were Ill. born.
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 2452 39-34 James M. Estep 50 Ill (No value given)
 2453 Maria Estep 35
 2454 Sarah A. 11, Carrie E. 5, Cordelia 5 -Twins, Ella 2, James Perkins 13 All Ill. born.
 2455 Henry Caldwell 15 farm hand Ill
 2456 Thomas Jones 30 farm hand Va.
 2457
 2458 45-43 George W. Estep 46 farmer 3500-800 Ill
 2459 Cynthia Estep 41 Ill
 2460 Finnis 16 Ill, Mary H. 14 Ill, Rhoda 19 Ill, William 7 Ill,
 2461 Celia T. 6 Ill, Alvin 11/12 Ill Sept
 2462
 2463 70-68 David C. Estep 27 3000-600 Ill
 2464 Mary F. Estep 23
 2465 Maria E. 5, Miles 2, James S. 5/12 March All Ill
 2466 George Holsclaw 22 farm hand.
 2467
 2468 85-82 Martin Estep 33 2000-1500 Ill
 2469 Mary E. Estep 30 Ky
 2470 Lawrence 9 Ill & Eugene 2 Ill
 2471
 2472 100-97 Estep, Isaac N. 28 farmer 6000-600 Mo.
 2473 Estep, Caroline 28 Ill
 2474 William 5 Ill, Mary C. 4 Ill, Elmer W. 2 Ill
 2475 Susan Hames 18 Lives with family Ill
 2476 James Norris 45 Farm hand Ill
 2477
 2478 120-115 William Estep 38 11000-2000 Ill
 2479 Judith Estep 34 Ill
 2480 Eula Armstrong 16 Ill Lives with family.
 2481 Harris Cox 13 m Ill " " "
 2482
 2483

2484 1880 Mason Co, Crane Creek, 5 Jun 1880
 2485 4-4 Estep, David C. 41 farmer Ill NC NJ
 2486 Estep, Ettie M. 15 dau, Miles E. 12 son, Nesta M. 8 dau,
 2487 David F. 1 son. All b Ill.
 2488
 2489 40-41 Estep, G.W. 56 farmer Ill NC Va
 2490 Estep, Cynthia 52 wife Ill Ky Ky
 2491 William H. 17 son, Celia Jane 15 dau, Alvin 10 son All Ill.
 2492
 2493 43-44 Estep, J.M. 60 farmer Ill NC Va
 2494 Estep, Maria F. 44 wife Ill Ky Ill
 2495 Cordie C. 15 dau, Carrie E. 15 dau, Ella J. 12 dau, Ida L. 9 dau All born Ill. Short,
 2496 Jacob G. 21 hand Ill Ill Ill, Perkins, J.D. 24 hand Ill Ill Ill.
 2497
 2498 47-48 Norris, Sylvester 61 farmer Ky Ky Ky
 2499 Norris, Rebecca A. 51 wife Ill NC Va nee Estep
 2500 Charles M. 24 son widower Ill Ky Ill
 2501 Rhoda M. 15 dau Ill Ky Ill, Nellie B. 12 dau Ill Ky Ill, Arthur S. 1 grandson Ill Ill
 2502 Ohio.
 2503 p...p
 2504 139-142 Estep W.J. 49 farmer Ill NC NC
 2505 Estep, Judith 45 wife NJ NJ NJ
 2506 Cox, George 26 boarder NJ NJ NJ
 2507 Cox, Emeline 25 servant Ill Ill Ill
 2508 Cox, Howard I. 6 son Ill Ill Ill
 2509 Walker, James 41 hand Ill Tenn Tenn
 2510 Haynes, Elizabeth 40 servant Ill Ky Ky
 2511
 2512 140-143 Estep, F. M. 26 farmer Ill Ill Ill
 2513 Estep, Mary E. 30 wife Ill Ill Ky
 2514 Nancy C. 6 dau, Cynthia 5 dau, Mary N. 4 dau, George H. 2 son,
 2515 Eunice E. 7/12 Oct dau. All b were Ill
 2516 (This is Finis Marion Estep, son of George W. Estep.)
 2517
 2518 147-150 Henry Sears 74 and Vashti Sears 70 have living with them,
 2519 Lawrence Estep 18 grandson Ill Ill Ill (son of Martin
 2520 Van Buren Estep.)
 2521
 2522 148-151 Estep, Isaac N. 39 farmer Mo NC NC
 2523 Estep, Caroline 38 wife Ill Md Ohio
 2524 William A. 15 son, Mary C. 14 dau, Elmer W. 12 son,
 2525 Charles W. 8 son, Hattie M. 7 dau.
 2526 All children are Ill Mo Ill.
 2527
 2528 MDB EIGHTEENTH CENTURY BIRTHS IN MARYLAND
 2529
 2530 Mary, daughter of Thomas Eastub and Mary, his wife, was born 10 Dec 1732 and was
 2531 baptized 28 Oct 1733. From the parish register of All Saint's Parish, Anne Arundel
 2532 County, Maryland - page 368.
 2533
 2534 Thomas Eastob, the son of Thomas and Mary Eastob, was born the 3rd day of November,
 2535 1730. From the parish register of St. Margaret's Parish, Anne Arundel County, Maryland
 2536 - page 46.

2537
2538 William Eastob, the son of Thomas and Mary Eastob was born the 20th day of March
2539 1734. From the parish register of St. Margaret's Parish, Anne Arundel County, Maryland
2540 - page 46.

2541
2542 John Eastob, the son of Thomas and Mary Eastob was born the 4th day of March 1738.
2543 From the parish register of St. Margaret's Parish, Anne Arundel County, Maryland - page
2544 368.

2545
2546 Shadrak Eastap, the son of Thomas and Mary Eastap was born the 10th day of October
2547 1745. From the parish register of St. Margaret's Parish, Anne Arundel County, Maryland
2548 - page 50.

2549
2550 Rachel Estep (Istop), daughter of Thomas and Delila Istop was born
2551 21 Dec 1759 and baptized on 15 May 1760. Sponsors - Michael &
2552 Catherine Hahn. From parish register of Evangelical Reformed and
2553 Lutheran Church of Baltimore (now Carroll) County, Maryland.

2554
2555 Anna Estep (Istop), daughter of Wilhelm and Sara Istop was born 6
2556 Mar 1760 and baptized on 15 May 1760. Sponsors were Christian
2557 and Magdalene Zinas. This is from the parish register of the
2558 Evangelical Reformed and Lutheran Church of Baltimore County,
2559 now Carroll County, Maryland.

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2561 MLR THE LAND SYSTEM OF MARYLAND

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2564 Originally, large grants of land were made by Lord Baltimore to relatives, favorites,
2565 nobility and people who brought in settlers. These grants were the source of most of the
2566 large manors, Calverton Manor, Conococheague Manor etc. From these, land was
2567 patented out to freeholders, originally for settling but later upon payment of caution or
2568 purchase money. After this, the freehold was subject to a quit rent each year to the lord
2569 of the manor and the manor paid rent to Lord Baltimore. On transfer of land (sale), there
2570 was an alienation fine to the lord of the manor, usually equal to one year's rent. If there
2571 occurred treason, a death without heirs or non-payment of rent, the land reverted to the
2572 lord by escheatment. Records of the rent are in rent rolls, rents by tracts of land and in
2573 debt books, rents by individuals.

2574 In addition to these rent records, there are books of patents (original title by patent),
2575 demand books (demand for survey of the land which has been warranted), and warrant
2576 series (the authorization for a patent). There are also three books of proprietary leases.

2577 The caution money varied from 200# of tobacco in 1683 to five pounds sterling in 1776
2578 per 100 acres. The quit rent was 2 shillings per 100 acres in 1642 and increased to 4
2579 shillings per 100 acres for the period from 1733 to 1776.

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2582 LAND RECORDS OF THOMAS ESTEP, SR. & JR. & WILLIAM ESTEP.

2583
2584 Anne Arundel Co, Md. - Liber RB 2 folio 212 - dated 9 Mar 1746. Thomas Joyce, planter,
2585 of Anne Arundel Co. deeds to Thomas Eastrup, planter, of same co. for 3600 pounds of
2586 tobacco, all that tract of land called "Chinkapin Forrest" lying on the north side of Deep
2587 Creek and containing 60 acres.

2588 his
2589 Witnesses: George Conoway Thomas T I Joyce

2590 John Brice mark
2591
2592
2593 Anne Arundel Co, Md. - Liber RB 3, folio 420 - dated 2 Sept 1751. Thomas Eastrup,
2594 planter, of Anne Arundel Co. deeds to Mordecai Hall, planter, of the same co. for 20
2595 pounds of current money, all of that tract of land called "Chinkapin Forrest" containing 60
2596 acres and situated on the north side of Deep Creek adjoining "Brandon".
2597 his
2598 Witnesses: Jno. Brice Thomas X Eastrup
2599 mark
2600 Release by Mary, wife of Thomas Eastrup.
2601
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2603 "The Rock Spring", Patent #4147, of 62 acres patented to Thomas Estep, Sr. on 11 Nov
2604 1752 in Conigocheige Manor. Caution money was twelve shillings sterling and rent was
2605 2/6 per annum. Liber YC S #7, folio 155.
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2608 Frederick Co, Md. - Liber E folio 1016 - dated 17 Mar 1756, recorded 17 Mar 1756.
2609 Thomas Estup, farmer, of Frederick Co. deeds to William Estup, farmer, of the same co.
2610 for five pounds of current money, a part of a tract called "Rock Spring" situated in
2611 Frederick Co. and laid out for 12 acres.
2612
2613 Witnesses: Nath Wickham his
2614 Joe Wood Thomas X Estup
2615 No release by a wife. mark
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2617
2618 ~Valleys and Hills, Tom's and Will's", Patent #4941 of 206 acres was patented to William
2619 Eystep on 20 Mar 1757 in Conigocheige Manor. Caution money was nine pounds
2620 fourteen shillings and rent was 8/3 sterling per annum. Liber BC GS #9, folio 445.
2621
2622
2623 "Kemp's Friend", Patent #2275, of 49 1/2 acres was patented to Thomas Eastep on 29
2624 Sept 1759 in Conegocheige Manor. Caution Money not given. Rent was 2/ sterling per
2625 annum. Liber BC GS #12, folio 474.
2626
2627
2628 "Empty Bottle", Patent #1266, of 50 acres was patented to Thomas Estep, Sr. on 21 Mar
2629 1761 in Conococheague Manor. Caution money not given. Rent 2/ sterling per annum.
2630 Liber BC GS #21, folio 271.
2631
2632
2633 Frederick Co, Md. - Liber G, folio 132 - dated and recorded 18 Aug 1761. William Estup
2634 deeds to William Chadd for 4 pounds 10 shillings of sterling money of Great Britain, part
2635 of a tract of land called "Valleys and Hills, Tom's and Will's" situated in Frederick Co. and
2636 containing 69 acres.
2637 his
2638 Witnesses: Chas Jones William X Estub
2639 Thos Norris mark
2640 Release by Sarah, wife of William.
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2643 Frederick Co, Md. - Liber G, folio 134 - dated and recorded 18 Aug 1761 William Estup,
2644 farmer, of Frederick Co. deeds to Nicholas Wilhelm, farmer, of the same co. for 7 pounds
2645 of current money, part of a tract called "Valleys and Hills, Tom's and Will's" situated in
2646 Frederick Co. and containing 29 acres.
2647 his
2648 Witnesses: Chas Jones William X Estub
2649 Thos Norris mark
2650 Release by Sarah, wife of William Estup.
2651
2652
2653 Frederick Co, Md. - Liber G, folio 136 dated and recorded 18 Aug 1761. William Estup
2654 deeds to Thomas Estep for 15 shillings of sterling money of Great Britain, part of a tract of
2655 land called "Valleys and Hills, Tom's and Will's" situated in Frederick Co. and containing
2656 45 acres.
2657 his
2658 Witnesses: Chas Jones William X Estub
2659 Thos Norris mark
2660 Release by Sarah, wife of William Estup. While the deed does not specify which
2661 Thomas, the receipt for the money names Thomas Estep, Junior.
2662
2663
2664 Frederick Co, Md. - Liber P, folio 117 - dated 9 Jun 1772, recorded 13 Jun 1772 Thomas
2665 Eastep, Junior, deeds to Michael Snowfer, both farmers of Frederick Co. for 91 pounds 10
2666 shillings of current money of Pennsylvania, part of a tract of land called "Valleys and Hills,
2667 Tom's and Woll's" containing 45 acres and lying in Frederick Co.
2668 his
2669 Witnesses: Joe Wood Thos T Eastep
2670 Sam Wilson mark
2671 Release by Susanna, wife of Thomas Estep.
2672 This mark by Thomas Estep, Jr. is a very distinctive T which identifies him in N.C.
2673
2674
2675 Frederick Co, Md. - Liber P folio 137 - dated 9 Jun 1772, recorded 13 Jun 1772 Thomas
2676 Eastep deeds to Michael Snowfer, both farmers of Frederick Co, for 112 pounds 10
2677 shillings of current money of Pennsylvania, all of a tract of land called "Kemp's Friend"
2678 situated in Frederick Co. and containing 49 1/2 acres.
2679
2680 Witnesses: Joe Hood his
2681 Sam Wilson Thos X Eastep
2682 mark
2683 Release by Susanna, wife of Thomas Eastep. He is named as Thomas Estep, Jr. in the
2684 acknowledgement of the deed.
2685
2686
2687 Frederick Co, Md - Liber P, folio 324 - dated 19 Aug 1772, recorded 25 Aug 1772
2688 Ythomas Eastep, Senior, deeds to Peter Erbe, Junior, both of Frederick Co. for 36 pounds
2689 of current money, all of that tract of land called "Empty Bottle" situated in Frederick Co.
2690 and containing 50 acres.
2691 his
2692 Witnesses: David Lynn Thos X Eastep
2693 William Blair mark
2694 Release by Mary, wife of Thomas Eastep.
2695

2696
2697 Frederick Co, Md. - Liber P, folio 346 - dated 25 Aug 1772 Thomas Eastep deeds to
2698 Thomas Gist for 30 pounds all of a tract of land called "Rock Spring" containing 62 acres
2699 and situated in Frederick Co. adjoining "Valleys and Hills, Tom's and Will's" and "Lime
2700 Pitt".
2701 his
2702 Thos X Eastep
2703 mark
2704 Release by Mary, wife of Thomas Estub.
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