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1839, JANUARY 23. E.S. TAPPAN TO JOSEPH C. LOVEJOY. A.L.S.
2 LVS., 1 P.

Augusta, 23 Jan^y 1839

D^r Friends,

It was in my plan to make a visit to Oldtown in my late visit to Penobscot - but I failed as you know. It was a satisfaction to hear so directly from you as I did by Benjamin upon his return from Bangor, the day of our arrival, & more particularly from Abby, who represents yourself to be in good health & spirits - your wife looking better than in the summer - Joseph as a fine child - & Samuel tho' sick, we hope not dangerously. In return, we are all well, in both houses - at Hallowell they were in usual health & occupation on Monday last. Mrs Moody gave Mrs Tappan a little bundle for Oldtown, which for greater security she put into her little basket - this however was left behind us the very first night. We staid [sic] at Mr Waterhouse's, China & it was not until after we had ridden 2 or 3 miles that we discovered its absence - it contained probably a pair of stockings - We have not yet got the basket from China, but it will doubtless remain safe until you come over to the meetings in Feb^y - as we trust [2] you will & Sarah also. Mary had not returned from school when I was at H. but I met her in the street, looking as ruddy & bright as usual - they say she likes going to school very well. We are encouraged by a better state of things among us than we have ever had. Last week there were meetings every evening in the week at which Mr Carruthers was present - they were full to overflowing - Many were more or less affected - mostly among the young - among whom were Hannah Moody, & Mary Roby, who lives with us. There were at the last evening meeting 26 others besides those just mentioned. Last evening & the evening before were meetings at the Vestry - an hour of prayer followed by preaching by Mr Park of Waterville - There is an attention altogether unprecedented also about 2 miles N.W in a part of this town, on the road to Ladd's Mills so called - school house full to hear preaching - & at their last prayer meeting there were 100 present, more than w^d be 1000 in the village as the man remarked who mentioned the cir- [3] cumstances. My brother is unusually animated - his Chh. beginning to awake We do exceedingly need the reviving influences of the spirit of God among us The annual session of the Legislature always brings snares and temptations into the midst of us which nothing but divine grace can enable us to resist. In the N Parish also has been more or less of refreshing - & nearer here some instances of hopeful conversion consequent upon Mr Carruthers' meetings in the school house near [torn] Belfast road. He is now laid [up?] for a few days in consequence of being thrown from a sleigh in which he was going to Mr J Babrock's with Anna Tappan - He seems just the man for certain districts & for certain people. How do you go on at Oldtown Doubtless you find more & more how insufficient man is for your arduous work - but be not dismayed - His grace who called you is abundantly sufficient. Love to Sarah - kind remembrance to your mother.

Yours truly

The Hannahs join in love, E S Tappan

1839?, FEBRUARY 16. DORCAS B. SINCLAIR TO ELIZABETH LOVEJOY.
A.L.S. 2 LVS., 1 P.

My Dear Dear Aunt

I have waited long and anxiously hoping to receive a letter from you but have been thus far disappointed It would indeed be gratifying to receive some token of remembrance from one who now in my loneliness seems doubly dear to my heart. Yes my dear Aunt I am Motherless no mother to pity no mother to pray for me in sickness and [sic] health. My Dear mother died on the 6th of Dec. of a disease of the brain. She was sick but four days and considered dangerously so only a few hours before her death. She fell asleep as peaceful and calm as the Autumn sun sinks to rest leaving a halo of affection around her bereaved [sic] children. If Mothers have been more needed surely never was one more missed than mine. I have been so long confined to her that her presence seemed almost interwoven with my existence. She now lies entombed at Mount Hope and will probably not be buried until spring as Brother Jefferson was not at home at the time of her death. he is on the Aroostook lumbering this winter. By the way I would mention that Mrs Brackett who you know resides at [NB. u. ?] on the Aroostook has buried her daughter Abigail the past summer the Lord has indeed lain his hand heavily upon in taking her husband and two children in so short a time. Hannah is spending the winter with her Mother and report says is about to be married to Mr McShan. Once the husband of Abigail Aunt Chase spent a few weeks with us the past fall [2] her health is better and she looks and appears younger than when you left she was likewise here at Mothers funeral she wished to be remembered to you in love and tenderness says she has attempted to write you many times but the tears flow so fast that she has been obliged to relinquish the idea she has been spending the fall at Still-Water with her children Jane is there fitting herself for a teacher in a high school. Stephen has become a Methodist preacher. Your other sisters I believe enjoy a good degree of health I frequently see Aunt Hurd, who now resides in Correna - Abner and Stinson have buried their wives. I have recently been at Old Town but a change has come over the place since you left you would scarcely know where to look for a familiar face. very many of your acquaintances have left and strangers have taken their places. There are but three remaining members of the church that were members when you left. Mr Barnard and wife having taken themselves out rather uncerimoniously remarking that all the green benches were loped [sic] off. I suppose [sic] they thought it impossible to flourish on a withered vine. I believe you already know there has been quite an addition to the church in numbers but it is to be feared that the most active members are not the most humble nor possess the most wisdom and prudence. Henry Hyde united with the church and is I believe preparing [sic] for the ministry [sic] Caroline is married lives at Old Town Mrs [Leawens?] is in South America with her husband. [3] Dr Bates doubtless you know left Old Town some time since his wife and her mother both died in Dec. Mrs Godfrey has lost her husband and is now keeping boarding house here in Bangor. I sincerely [sic] hope you will write me a good long letter as soon as you receive this write all about your health and how you like the country. I have some idea of migrating in the spring though probably not so far west as you are.

but still I should not know to return to Maine and not see you. How do Sibyl and Elizabeth do where does S. live. Celinda wishes to be remembered to you in love her health is very good she has a little daughter calls her Helen [Mar?] my health has been miserably poor this winter you must make all due allowance for the scrawl and without filling my sheet I shall b [sic] obliged to bid you an affectionate farewell

Dorcas B. Sinclair

Bangor Feb 16th [1839?]

1839, MARCH 21. ELIZABETH LOVEJOY TO ELIZABETH G. LOVEJOY. A.L.S., 2 LVS., 1 P.

Thursday Old Town March 21 1839

My Dear and blessed child and children (for when I write to one I feel as if I was writing to all) but this letter is intended for my dear Elizabeth as she has directed one to me and she only and now my dear daughter I must tell you why I have not answered yours of Jan 22 it was received something short of three weeks from its date I was at Stillwater with Mrs Reed who has been in a most distressing situation I was with her almost seven weeks the home was kept in such confusion it was not possible (as it seemed so) for me to write and when I came home Joseph had received a letter from Sibyl and said he was about writing to her and I better not be in a hurry about writing and as he has informed you about his appointment and you have seen by the papers all about the border troubles I need say nothing about it only inform you he went to Houlton and was there two weeks returned home to attend the Anti-Slavery and temperance meeting at Bangor his health was I think not very good he left for the east yesterday morning is going almost one hundred miles above Houlton will be obliged to camp in the woods you will all have some conception how I feel about him and about the war I shall not attempt to describe my feelings but this I will tell you had I have written for some days past my letter would have been like Ezekiel's [roll] But yesterday in the afternoon and to day I feel better I always know that the Lord reigns and that he reigns in righteousness but do not always realize it but I think I may that I may I know I am a sinner and fear there may be and is some sin that I do not realize for I know God is good and does not willingly give or afflict the children of men and yet the [2] troubles of my heart are enlarged unexpected events are continually occurring when I think the clouds are passing by and the sun may possibly shine on my path again new clouds begin to rise and like St Paul, (say trials and afflictions abide me. But like Israel of old I find none and then a cluster of pleasant grapes your sweet and cheering letter was one Sibyls to Joseph was another it cheers me to think you wish to have me with you and now let me tell you I have decided to leave here by the Middle of May Joseph before he left the first time spoke very encouraging about my going though he could furnish me with means yesterday when he left I told him I thought most likely if he did not return till June I should be gone he spoke discouraging about my going soon though I should not have any thing to go with. But I do believe God will provide some way in his providence for me to leave this cold and sterile region it seems as if I had been withering under the curse of Canaan almost as long as God has appointed for me. And now I want Owen to give me some directions about which will be the best day to send on some things I calculate to have some large boxes and send one if not two bedsteads & Table some chairs some other articles besides bedings [sic] will it not be the best and cheapest way to send them round by the Lakes to Chicago or how and what will be the best way how Label them will some one of you write immediately upon the reception of this letter, and tell me all about it dont say any thing that looks discouragement Dear Lizzy you ask for News well the great AS and Temperance meeting at

Augusta has been sent you in the papers Ann [Tramuds?] Mrs E Shaws deaths I have written I dont think of any but what I have written it is very healthy here and in all this eastern region [3] Mrs Stinson received a letter from you which she is very proud of I dont know but she has sent the notice of it to Bangor. But says I am the only one that has seen it I rather think she is [Anne?] to you as she can be to any one she is Mrs Stinson you and Sibyl may expect some handsome presents when I go on one of you enquired about M Cates she left here last Autumn with the full consent of her Mistress She began to call her [Bilhah?] and I could but think she began to feel She Hagar And Joseph stood like Abram he let her Mistress do with her as she pleased and like Sarah of old she dealt rather hardly with her and I dont think she will crouch and fawn round like Hannah but keep her distance This is all vanity but I thought it might amuse you in lieu of something better. Mr Coddling has been here he is wide awake he is a powerful neusance [sic] but the people not many of them know enough to estimate his arguments Mr Sinclair has been sick almost all Winter but his health is finally well restored it would not be strange if you should see him in Illinois this spring he soon sets out upon a tour to the great west he goes round by the way of Florida and calculates to go through the western [torn] till he finds a place to establish himself Eliza and [torn] William are in Ohio Dorcas talks of going on this spring Mrs Lovejoy is gone to Stillwater Mr Thayer is [ordain?] there to day we are all well Relief Rich lives here is a very good girl Mary has come from [unintelligable] Saml. is as good and pretty as ever Joseph is beginning to walk says some words Dr Payne has begun another quarter in the [teaching?] Mr Parker is settled in Brewer & Fred Fuller is a going to be married to Margaret Godfrey of upper Swater She wishes to be affectionately rememered [sic] to Sibyl I dont exactly know what more news to write as nothing of consequence occurs I hope to see you in the course of two or three months

Yr Mother
E Lovejoy

I understand Mrs Reed is much better I have not been to Unity or Bangor this winter

Dont allude in the most discrete way to any thing I have written

1839, AUGUST 1. OWEN AND SIBYL LOVEJOY TO ELIZABETH LOVEJOY.
A.L.S. 2 LVS., 1 P.

Princeton Aug 1st 1839

Dear Mother,

We were all surprised, and disappointed at receiving a letter from you dated at Quincy; we had been expecting one from Buffalo, or from some point at the north. And why did you take the Mississippi instead of the Ills river? We are keeping house as you know, and of course Sibyl is our house keeper, and is employed in "domestic cares. John is in the harvest field-and I am tied down to the preparation of two or three sermons weekly so you see that it is not easy for any of us to leave. Sibyl's health is not very good, indeed it is poor, owing to the warm weather, and troublesome teeth. Consequently it will be impossible for us to [2] go to Quincy. I shall try and go to the anniversary, and Sibyl intends going with me. You had better take a boat we think, and come round by water, it will probably be better than the stage as it is a hundred and fifty miles, a great ways for you to travel by the stages they have in this country. Why cannot Celia take Edward and come on with you? We think that it is a good while for you to remain in the State without seeing you, and beside [sic] it is much more sickly on the river than it is here, and you have arrived at the sickly Season, and it would not be strange that you should be some what unwell after your long journey, and we should dislike very much to have you sick so far from us, when we could not be with you, and attend upon you. So that we shall ex-[3]pect to see you very soon. [Hennepier?] is the proper place to stop at. You can take a boat to St Louis, or Alton, and then you will find our coming up the Ills

Your affectionate Son

Dearest Mother

Owen Lovejoy

You have given us the slip sure enough we have been looking till our eyes are dimmed and our hearts faint. We were so disappointed when your letter to think your [sic] in the State and we could not see you. Owen has told you how we are situated so that it seems almost impossible for any of us to leave [just?] now. You know you dont allow ministers to leave their people. And I am not able to go at any rate. Elizabeth I have not seen since your letter came for I have not been out. And now why cant Celia and Edward come with you and stay till the anniversary it is so healthy here. Dear little Sarah you did not find. I knew you would feel her death very deeply. Am glad to hear that Sister Celia is so well sustained for I expected it would nearly take her life. Tell Celia we should be very glad to see her and dear little Edward. I should have written to her before but have not been able. Owen is not settled yet he is expecting [4] two calls one at Ottowa and one here. Tell Celia they had better give him a call a [sic] Quincy if they have not a minister there Love to all,

Sibyl.

The Lovejoy Letters

Virginia Spurlin

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1848, DECEMBER 4. JOSEPH C. LOVEJOY TO ELIZABETH G. LOVEJOY. ALS.

1 piece, 2 leaves, 4 pages.

Dec. 4, 1848

My Dear Sister Elisabeth,

The Indian Summer has produced an additional bud to our olive plants, so that we stand eight all counted on the tally list fertile as the prairies are. You must hurry up or you will not catch us. On Friday morning the 17 Nov. the alarm Bell was rung at about 3 oclock and with moderate effort the cry "all out" was heard at about nine in the morning. She is all Father, they say & I am to have the privilege of giving the name. So hand along some of yr. beautiful names, that you have long treasured up, and may never be able to use. Mary rather scowled, that it was unshapen and had no waving locks nor French twists. Sara chuckled and looks very wise. Jose snickered right out loud and covered up his head. John was amazed, wondered and was completely befogged by the story of the Doctor, and told his mates next day, he could buy babies [2] plenty for ten cents apiece. Mother and babe are well. Tell dear Mother, I did not like the nomination of Martin Van. "that new made man" only in song. Nevertheless I did what I could to knock the two Generals into a cocked hat. I lectured about 25 times in ninety days preached on the Sabbath and gained five pounds of flesh and blood—the first start I have had above 150 lbs. for ten years. We did a first rate business in the "Old Bay State." We converted nearly all the voters in it—at least once—and

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I must crosswrite and brag a little on children. Mother gives such glowing descriptions of Austin and Sewellen. [?] [?] [?]. Mary is a good singer—has a very good voice. Sammuel is larger and promises a prayistic form. Jose is our Samaritan. all Nerve & Poetry and song. John has the courage of a young lion—is better in disposition since his terrible I cold. Cora is a sweet picture—flowing ringlets around the face of a ruddy child—just challenging her first words are always pretty. Give us a Daguerreotype of your Nursery Plants. Love to Mother. Bro. Owen—Yr. husband & his wife—.

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1849, APRIL 25. CHARLOTTE B. CHEEVER TO ELIZABETH LOVEJOY. ALS
1 piece, 2 leaves, 2 pages.

New York April 25th 1849

My Dear Mrs. Lovejoy,

It has been my wish to write you ever since your affectionate remembrance in a letter to my son George but till now have heard of no private conveyance, and wishing to send you a volume of this I avail myself of Mr. Warren's kindness to forward it, knowing your fondness for the Puritans, I feel assured it will be acceptable; it gave me great pleasure to hear so particularly from you and your family by Mr. Warren, whom we all value very much, and to learn that you are so pleasantly located in the midst of your children, we have both much cause for gratitude and praise to God, for His great goodness and mercy to each of us, in this particular, that in our advanced years we are permitted to live with those so dear to us, permitted to enjoy the watchful care and society of good children, and to receive from three those constant attentions which are so grateful as we draw toward the close of life, and I trust we both of us have the happiness of feeling assured that thus far we are contributing to the comfort and adding to the enjoyment of those around us. We have both left our early Homes but not lost our early associations your good Husband is often presented to my mind, and linked in grateful remembrance with some of the pleasantest and profitable hours of my life, your son Joseph, we are all very fond of, with Him then

was kept up a constant and familiar till we left Hallowell, and since then an interchange of letters has been continued we spent a very pleasant day at this House in Cambridge-Post when last in Morton. He has a charming wife, and a fine family of children. We hope to see Him Here at the Anniversaries; I beg you to give my kind remembrance to your daughters and sons also my dear Elizabeth and Henry request their affectionate regards to you and them, Mr. Warren has united with the [?] [?] Church [2] over which my dear Henry is Pastor, they needed aid more than the Puritans' Church. He is esteemed quite an acquisition, is Superintendent of the Sabbath School; which has increased, and is now quite flourishing. I wish we had a dozen more like Him, but we are hoping and praying for an increase, and if God should please to bless the effort of His people, and send His spirit to convert sinners, and also revive the drooping graces of His children, we may yet share in the rich blessings that are [?] out on a neighboring city. I commend my dear Henry and His [?] Church. As your prayers, a few engravings have been taken of my dear Gary from a Daguerreotype; likeness presented me by a member of His Church, thinking it might gratify you to receive it, sent you one it is not so good as the picture from which it is copied. Mr. Willey the Publisher Had them struck off for a Book, which is now in Press, without the knowledge of my son, who would send His kind regards if He knew I was writing. He was gratified to hear from you and would have complied with your request had it been possible,

and now my dear Mrs. Lovejoy, wishing you a continuance of thou
Spirited and temporal blessings you now enjoy, till like a shuck
of corn fairly ripe, you are called to your eternal rest; I am
very truly your affectionate friend, and Sister in Christ

Charlotte B. Cheever

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weak but was restored to a comfortable state of health but when she wrote she said her old complaints were returning. Thus my dear sir we've the uncertainty of all earthly enjoyments and your profession is calculated in a special manner to remind you of the frailty of poor mortals and that it is of the greatest Moment to seek an inheritance in that world where [?] and sorry can never come and all tears will be wiped from every eye we must likewise remember it is a holy place where sin can never enter nor any thing that defileth and in order to be prepared we must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ sanctified by his spirit now created in his Image be prepared to serve him here below and dwell with him in heaven. I hope my dear sir if you have not you will make this a subject of your supreme attention for I religion is any thing it is every thing and it is something everything I will now give some account of my family Josephs situation you know Sibyl is Married in Iowa has two sons which she calls Charles Edward and [?][?] her Husbands name is John Ray Blanchard a farmer and something of a Mechanic Owen Married a Widowed Lady with three little daughters she is one of the best of Wives He has two children a daughter and a son and their grandmother [?] very promising children their names Sarah Mooding [?] Owen Glen Dower Elizabeth has four sons Austin Charles— [?][?][?] Joseph— [?] Clarkson John has one daughter Mary.

Elizabeth

My (I can say truly) dearly Beloved and esteemed friend

I received your Joint letter Jan. 24 some weeks after date and I believe I need not tell you such letters are a cordial Although I feel I have christian friends in this place and dear children that are all to me that I can desire yet you know I must have desolate and lonely hours I am a widow of 77 and have felt the infirmities of age this last six or seven months more than ever before yrs I think I enjoy better health and have stronger than most of my age that I was ever acquainted with And you know my friend God has carried me through great and sore trials yet he has not let the waves swallow me up and when clouds and darkness are round about him I am enabled to say Justice and Judgement is the habitation of his throne if I am not deceived I rejoice that the Lord God omnipotent Reigneth o that I may not be deceived I have been hoping and praying that God would be pleased to pour out His spirit it is a very dark time as respect the great concerns of the immortal soul how great the stupidity of poor dying mortals but I hope and trust there are some that do mourn over the desolation of Zion our Church voted to attend to the fast appointed by President Taylor if the scribes and pharisees sit in Moses seat and had us do what is right we must obey them and we believe it right to pray for president Taylor although I always associate him in my mind with Joab a bloody man but God is a sovereign and can turn the Lion into a Lamb Blessed be his name. We had something of an exciting time in this village the first of this month a

fugitive from injustice as we abolitionists call it came into this village about eight or nine months since came into this place hired himself out to labor clothed himself decently and felt perfectly safe and so did his employers he was from Missouri but on the 3d of the present month two kidnappers from Missouri came boldly into this place found John at work in the field laid violent hands on him bound him with cords fastened him to a [?] in the main street of the village but our Antislavery friends was awake John was dragged bound to the court house but his bonds were shortly sun-dered and he sat at liberty and a warrant issued to arrest kidnappers and confined them in the court house till they got bonds of one hundred [?] dollars for their appearance at Court [2] We were surprised at the impudence of the slaveholder But it strengthened the Antislavery cause for those Israelites that was hid in dens and caves came out boldly to rescue John I presume you will see the account in the antislavery papers our Church is pretty well abolitionized although some of the old members are at heart only [?] as trees walking—Dear Mrs Adams I have felt deeply for you as well as your husband but how extensive the promise all things shall work together for good to them that love God. I Must now tell you something about my family by the way what are sons doing in Baltimore. I presume you know as much about Joseph as we do Sibyl and John are in as you know away beyond the great Mississippi I have not heard from them since last December Sibyl has two sons and a daughter John two daughters and a son Elizabeth

Mrs Wiswall with whom I live has four fine healthy sprightly boys good scholars the youngest whom we call Clarkson will be six in Nov. Owen was Married six years ago last January to a widow with three daughters he has had born unto him three daughters and two sons their first born son died at the age of eight months they are all well you see the accounts of the cholera we have had a few cases here which the physicians call cholera one in the church a young man which proved fatal but it is not Sickly at present but we know not what [?] day will bring forth I sometimes hope I shall see you out in this western world we have a new brick Meeting house all finished but the steeple I need not ask your prayers for all that love God are praying for the whole church of God and pray kind God would cut short his work and make a short work in the Earth I often think of your sermon Mr Adams from Daniel 7th 27th and rejoice I hope as [?] rejoiced in the day of Christ I am some time scribbling and I think you will be reading Owen and Elizabeth wish to be remembered to you how glad we should all be to see you and hear Mr Adams preach in our new house not impossible we may but I hope and o I believe we shall meet in heaven where we shall see the Saviour as he is

Your friend remembers you with much affection

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1849, JUNE 25. CATHERINE [?] ADAMS AND THOMAS ADAMS TO ELIZABETH
LOVEJOY. ALS. 1 piece, 2 leaves, 4 pages.

Thompson Geauga Co. Ohio June 25, 1849

My dear Mrs. Lovejoy—

Soon after your long and excellent letter reached me by the hand of Dr. Snell. my husband left for this state & my poor shattered mind, which had been "tempest tossed" became for a season a wreck. I was four months at Worcester an inmate of the Hospital. My mental sufferings were great. The feeling of despair which constantly brooded over my mind was terrible. Reason was gone & conscience so morbidly sensitive that every thot' which passed thro' my mind was taxed & mourned over as if it had been a crime to think at all. I say every thot' for it does seem to me as if in that dark & dreary period I found nothing in myself, but sorrow.

My grief was not in connexion with any thing that ever had occurred in past life but with perhaps a profane thot', or something of the kind, which would be all unbidden & unloved as it was accompanied with such remorse, such utter despair that I verily believe my dear friend I do know something of the gnawings of the worm that never dies. It has pleased God to restore me to my family tho' I am told I am liable to a return—Still I hope for the best—My attack was in connexion with my age and, as I think a little more labor than was judicious.

[2] I do not often speak definitely upon this subject, but to you it will have a mournful interest & it was love to you to say

something upon the trial that kept me from acknowledging your welcome letter seasonably. At this late hour you will accept my thanks; it has been quite a comfort to me and in answering it I shall tell you of your family & hope it may be as interesting to you to hear of our welfare as it was to me to be introduced to your daughters, as matrons with their households about them & to your sons as heads of families. How soon our children come up to take places of their fathers in active life. You have trained up a large family & how has God honored you in them. You have a hope of meeting them all in heaven.

But I said I would tell you of our present situation. You see by my letter that we are on the Reserve. My husband is not settled but has been preaching more than a year to a small but very interesting & intelligent congregation. I think we never have been connected with a church as intelligent as this is. We are surrounded by stumps & have among us here & there a log house but we have become accustomed to them and are not at all disturbed. We occupy a comfortable dwelling the parsonage & from time to time receive kind offices from the people among whom we dwell. How much good has been [3] done to these immortal souls I do not know, but it is a privilege for my husband to be able to tell them the story of the cross.

Our daughter Sarah is with her uncle at Winslow. Our sons Thomas & William are at present in Baltimore—our youngest a lad of nine years, sits by us reading while his father and I write.

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quiet retreat, on the borders of that pleasant pond; and all because I was sure of a warm welcome when I got there. And then the meeting of our association, and our Conference; we have no such meetings out here in Ohio. It is stiff & frozen presbyterian-

But I will have nothing to do with it. We formed an association of three members; and one of these has been taken away from us. We are among a very kind hearted people here, who, though do not give us a fat salary, make us very comfortable for time being, and we do not allow ourselves to be anxious with respect to the future. I find enough to do here fully to occupy my time and thoughts, and I can assure you, whether it from any right feelings on the subject or not, I felt as if I had got home again, when I got away from editorial toils and public agencies, and found myself once more in the regular routine of ministerial duty. I hope, on the whole, you will not undertake to make me President of the United States, for I think I had rather be minister in Thompson though I am willing to confess I have the vanity to think I could manage some of our public concerns quite as wisely as they are managed. Things are in a strange condition now, and what is to be the final result it is useless to conjecture. If all who profess to be Christians were to act decidedly and consistently, I should have no fears for the final safety of our country; but when I see them carried headlong by political zeal, and showing more interest for the cause of Zachary Taylor than they do for the cause of Christ, my mind misgives me, and I fear there is not salt enough to save our country from destruction. I suppose,

however, that you will think I have some right feeling around me

I tell you that I reside in the Congressional district represented by Joshua R. Giddings. Now you must not retaliate upon us for our long delay in answering your letter. Do let us hear

you very soon. We feel interested in your whole family circle, and shall want to hear from them all. We had a short visit from Joseph at North Brookfield, just before I came out here. He

up to deliver his sermon on the death of [?], and he called and took tea with us; I have heard nothing directly from him since. Give our kind regards to Owen and Elisabeth, and any other of your children that may be within your reach.

Sincerely your friend

Thomas Adams

*Transcribed: Virginia Spurlin
11-13-74*

1843, September 18. Joseph C. Lovejoy to Elizabeth Lovejoy.
ALS. 2 lvs., 1 p.

Cambridgeport Sept. 18, 1843

Dear Mother,

I embrace the opportunity by Mr. Bergen to send you a few articles of clothing viz. a blous [sic] be Suine [?] & Calico dress, cotton flannel for under dress lining & [?]. I hope you will receive them in season for winter & that they agreeable to you. They of course will be a long time in getting to you. he does not expect to get there till November.

Mrs Moody is at the present time quiet [sic] unwell. her had the influenza but is not considered dangerous. The other members of the family are all well. I very recently wrote to Owen, I shall probably write again to some of you before this reaches you.

I want more particulars about the family condition of John & Sibyl.

We are always exceedingly glad to hear & read your letters, & hope you will inform some of your prospective [?] L. [?] in giving us full accounting from Illinois. I think of you all very often & wish it were possible to be nearer together.

Your affectionate Son,
Jos. Lovejoy

*Transcribed by Yenny Stinson
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1843, September 8. Joseph C. Lovejoy to Owen Lovejoy. ALS.
2 lvs., 1 p.

Cambridgeport Sept. 8, 1843

Mr Dear Bro Owen

We are sadly, sadly disappointed in not seeing you here after the Buffalo Convention. Had I known that you would be there & could not come on & visit us I ll certainly have gone on to see you. Mother, Sibyl Elizabeth John & yourself. We were very glad to have a line from anyone. I have written you once or twice since I have received anything from the West. But you may well suppose that Mothers Letter made us exceedingly sad as she hints at some kind of trouble in Iowa, but does not tell us what it is. Now of course we can but Imagine the very worst. Moreever She says tac [?] must not ask what it is, now this is impossible as you very well know, & I cannot but feel easy a day till I know the worst of the case, and shall go all the way there if need be to find out. So tell us without any delay. Has Dear Sister Sibyl an unworthy or unkind husband? Has John has any difficulty of any kind and if so what is it? One of these two things it must be but which is it? I wonder poor Mother, but is not broken underneath her there must be the ca--tasting [?] "As thy day is so shall thy strength be." So may she find this promise fulfilled to you all. The ways of Providence are dark beyond my power to fathom them, painful sometimes beyond the power of patient endurance. Bro. Alden I have not seen but a moment since his return but intend to have a talk with him before I finish this letter. Our little ones are all well. they anticipated a great pleasure in seeing "Uncle Owen" and were sorely disappointed when he did not come. Mary was laying her plans to go home with you, as she wishes very much to see her Aunt Eliz. & children and all her new cousins in the West. I feel almost alone in this part of the woods, no "kith working" in the State. Sometimes feel as though I would go & live and die by the beautiful lake & the sweet waving Meadow of Childhood & you come what say [?], will you go & buy David Farm & the next one to it & gather the whole colony & go and live again the days of yore? What (philosophical) retirement we might preferably enjoy. I am very pleasantly situated here, but it is all bustle & responsibility. Sometimes I think I shall sink under it & come to nothing. Mrs Read has been crazy a great part of the time of late. Of other friends in Maine I have heard nothing of late.

Mrs Moody, (who you know is living with us is now quite unwell with the Influenza. She generally enjoys excellent health - John has been a little troubled with bowel complaint but is now better. Sat. morning - 9th I have seen Bro. Alden & he says you made them a most effective & admirable offhand speech, and that you had a grand convention. He thinks it will do great good to the cause. There is a Mr Bergen in this vicinity, whom I saw at yr

house as a travel seller, says he was fined a hundred Dollars at Galesburg, for acting as a justice of the Peace & He is collecting money to pay his fine & his expenses of travelling. &e [?] I suppose it is all right, he has put up with us two or three nights & I have endorsed his hopes. He will probably collect in all about 200\$ which he provided to spend in the course, if he does not need it to buy his fine. Will you inquire into the case & see also how the money is appropriated. he will of course get rid of his fine if he can. How is it with yrself if you should need any friends to pay expenses & small fines, just write this way & let us know. I think we could some assistance for you. If they get 8 or 10 hundred Dollars on to you any way, you must be in a condition not to pay it. When does yr trial come on? At the Dinner of Phi Beta Kappa at Cambridge, we had the venerable J.Q. Adams and he made us a grand speech. Ande [sic] Mr Hilliv [?] of Boston gave us a capital address "The Relations of the Poet to his Age". I will endeavor to send you a copy. Everything seems to be rather quiet here at the present time. Millerism is dead, almost, Mormonism we have none of it. Perfectionism is very veaver [?] - demand small - Presbyterianism exciting attention & some alarm. The Buchers are engaged in forming a "Holy Alliance" among some of the city churches for the support of its Western Colleges O Lane Seminary. How they succeed I do not know. Mr Kink is rather quiet in Boston just now. they are building for him a church. They are painting the top of the steeple today, intend to finish the whole in about 2 months from this time.

Mrs. Hamil Moody now at Lowell was here yesterday. She often speaks of you & Elisabeth with interest. Sara threatens to write to some of you before long, but I do not believe she will do it. She has 4 children & that excuses everything.

Mrs Moody wishes to be remembered to Mother Sarah send love to all. Give me the Post Office address of Sybil & John. Send on yr Western Citizen occasionally I can send you the Puritan or the Mirror if you would like to see them.

Dexter Fairbanke of whom Godding can tell you a story, a member of our Chr. feels great interest in yr affairs out to Illinois - says sometimes he shall go out & join the forwarding line, perhaps it you need friends it could well to write him, he is very energetic thorough going preacher m [?] - will have it, if he has to fight for it.

Write forthwith
Yr Affectionate Bro.
Jos. Lovejoy

1843, November 12. R.S. Bergen to Owen Lovejoy. ALS. 2 lvs.,
1 p.

Galesburg Nov 13th 1843

Bro Lovejoy,

Dif. [?]

By this you will perceive that the fugitive has returned. I visited Your Bro at Cambridgeport, it was very refreshing to meet with him like water to the thirsty panting hard spent 2 Sabbaths with him, no doubt he has written You Since I was there. I want to see you very much [sic]. I will come up Eve long if I possibly can.

I recd Some clothing for the panting fugitive. And since you a small trunk of it with a bundle from Your Bro Jos I wish I could deliver them to You. You can do with it just as You please, only let it be found in Canida [sic] Soon.

The friends East will at all times be ready to furnish us clothing as we may make our wants known. I have some promises for the Spring Trade! I rejoyce [sic] at Your deliverance from the vengeance & malice of Your Enemies in the recent indictments. I am very much [sic] disapointed [sic] at the result. I could not believe any other result than guilty in Your Case. Ah the Lord is on our Side, why should we fear what man can do.

I can but feel that the decision in Your case must effect the interest of our heavenley [sic] cause more than any one thing in for some time. I wish You would write me Your opinion about our Establishing a rout [sic] from Havou through our place to Princeton, or some where in that direction to Wisconson [sic]. I now not to a certainly what will be the views of Joseph on this subject, but suppose his hatred to the Missouri n's would prompt [sic] him in this thing to prophsy [sic] immediate efficient action, to Extermination. That not a slave be left Their [sic] to till the Soil, or carry a cup of cold watter [sic] to m [?]
I have made up my mind to effect the establishment of this rout [sic] if the friends do not advise otherwise.

The rout [sic] from Quincy now such has become so public that their [sic] are many watching it, and some change must take place I expect to go down on the rout [sic] from Rochester to Quincy soon, and distribute clothing & Trade. This will be a voluntary Agency. As well as that of procuring clothes East E"cs.

Bro Lovejoy I can hardly tell what I written to You, for it is prate hast hast. I was expecting some to go to jail today. I endeavoring [sic] to affect something I have been so completely employed that I could fit but a moment to devote to You. It has all grown out of the fact that the Barrer [sic] of this was about to leave early Monday morning.

I wished to send You the Bundle from Your Bro. and with it
I have sent you some chothing [sic] for the poor fugitive.
I [sic] You need more for fugitives I will send You some
shortley [sic] if it arrives. I suppose it is at Chicago.

In prate hast
Yours for the Slave
R S Bergen

Write me soon

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1844, January 8. Joseph C. Lovejoy to John E. Lovejoy. ALS.
2 lvs., 1 p.

Cambridgeport 8 Jan. 1844.

My Dear Brother John

I was very glad to hear from you. you are beyond a doubt the best correspondent of the family because you tell a body somethings they want to know. Now after telling you a great many wh [?] I intend to saying in this letter. I want you to set down and tell me all about Sybil & her husband and all about yr wife & Owens wife. I shall never get acquainted with any of them unless you do so. Tell me how you all get along at Princeton Ille.

We have been very well in the family during the past year. My only complaint the dyspepsia troubles me sometimes. You would snicker right out aloud - if you should come in here at twilight & have a great rosy cheeked and bright eyed girl jumb up into yr lap followed by three bouncing boys, all crying "Uncle Uncle" and huddling one to get higher than the other. Your soil may be richer and produce faster out West, but we can show you the bright roguith [?] - fat and healthy - our children all go out to slide - John stronger than the rest - and he is fierce saucy and full of all sorts of mischief.

Sister Lizzy is likely to have surely, more than the Ark did once contain. Hope she will be able to train them all up in the way they should go. How do Owen grafts flourish? Do they take into the new parent stock pretty strong. Any natural branely [?] seem to be putting for the buds of Spring. It will be with us I judge the time of full corn about March. They "come" at the East as well as the West. We yesterday for the first time worshipped in our new and beautiful House. It is not large, but very neat and well done in every respect. Our Church has grown nearly one half within the year so that we have about fifty members now. They are small in number not overburdened with money but good courage and a great deal of go ahead in them. You did not write anything about Mother. How does she do? Has she received the Bundle wh [?] we sent to her by the hand of Mr. Bergen?

Whether you will be able to get hold of a paper when you can praise Briney and abuse Clay I do not know, but generally that business is poorer even than Farming in Maine or Iowa. I was in hopes that with your Scotch wife you would give us an example of a genuine Western Farmer with cattle sheep and asses as numerous as Abraham Job or any of the Patriarchs. It seems to me that you would do well now to get hold of a good Farm as they must be very cheap at the present time and will rise in value in Illinois, if they get their canal through as they probably will. But the time hasteth that they that buy will be as though they possifsed [?] not. It matters not so much what our outward

condition in life is, as what is the state of our hearts toward God. To know Him expemneutally [?] is the bread of the life that now is, and the assurance of that which is to come. When shall we expect a delegation from the West to come on and see how we do in this region.

We should be right glad to see any members of the family. The fare upon the Lake, I suppose will be very low by another season. It is only now about five days journey from here to Princeton. I wish it was reduced to five hours. The Clarkes from Kentucky are in this region and they make quite a sensation on the subject of Slavery. One of them Melton drived with us today and has started for Maine to attend the annual meeting at Hull. This week you knew I suppose that Abigail Brackett is dead. Every one of Mr Prays children but Ezra Joseph and one other. Mrs Cammet is alive & well. From the Unity people I have not heard for a long time. Boston and the vicinity is growing very fast. Building Houses and Churches is the order of the day in every direction. One member of our church is a "Pulpit Maker" by trade and has constant employment for himself and two or three others & within a short distance from home. Mr. Edward Beecher is here still & they want him to settle in one of the vacant shops in Boston, but this he declining doing. How is the College going on? Will it live? How does your Academy flourish at Princeton? By the way how many responsibilities have you? What are their names? What do you expect to do next summer? I leave a Postscript for Sarah for this is the only way She will ever write. Much Sincere Love to all the family. Write Soon.

Your Brother
Jos. Lovejoy

P.S. Sarah is so busy altering gowns, mending boys Superintending the Cook, directing the millinery cutter [?] taining [?] Company, making beds sweeping and all the etceteras of housekeeping that she cannot add a word.

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1844, October 3. Joseph C. Lovejoy to Sibyl Lovejoy. ALSF.
1 lv., 1 p.

Cambridgeport Oct. 3, 1844.

Dear Sister Sibyl,

We have an opportunity of sending you by Rev. M. Holbrooke, Dubuque Iowa and you will please accept a small parcel at his hand. He preached for us a fortnight hiter [?] and we gave him a contribution for his meeting House. He is a good preacher, I wish you had a Thousand such scattered over the West. Aunt Brackett has been up to see us and spent a week, left last Friday. She is well and has not grown old very fast. Though the death of so many in her family has made an impression. I see _____ nothing else ever did. She does not to complain of _____ but still feels the privations of settling the _____ times in her life in the unbroken forest. There are some hard cases in this world. Sometimes I am puzzled and perplexed in trying to account for them But God will make it plain here after. I sometimes feel almost wearied of life and long for evening to "un_____?" but the evidence of preparation for the untired and unfair is by no means what I could denn. I wrote immediately on the receipt of your letter and expect an answer about this time. Did you get my letter? By the way Aunt B. wants you to write her at " No. 14 5th Range Aroostook [?] Co. Maine, Care of "Her own". Louisa and Hannah both live with the family in the woods. The former expects soon to be married but not very favorably I judge. Mrs. Read is well from last accounts. Mr. Eben Shaine has a wife that keeps the family and the conversation in a turmoil! Poor Eben! Our family are all well, and the children grow freely. I enclose a letter from Saul to his Grandmother. Thinking you might like to see it and then forward it to Princeton by first opportunity. They not forget the names of Aunt, Uncle and your mother out west. John is very shrewd and witty Boy - I should be right glad to see your little responsibilities and if they do and it to their mother. They must be right smart. Sarah looks as young and healthy as when She had the first born upon her knees. Her humor has all disappeared from her face and it is smooth as young ladys. Henry at 6 mos old and sits up on the floor. Mrs. Moody is very well and Mrs Dunimor [?] of Lowell is _____ making a visit here in fine health.

As to Parrish matters, an important _____ in the company of a minister. They go _____ as _____ [?] as usual. I reckon I have gotten gaines than lost since I came here. And our getting acquainted in other Towns by frequent calls to Lecture on the Subject of Slavery. I go out about once a week on a average. Our Congregation is on the whole increasing and prospects about as good as common in this very uncertain world. Boston & vicinity grow prodigiously. Revivaly of Religion almost unknown. Millerism

near vanished & revived. Liberty men is growing. Slander and
falsehood abounding. Sabbath breaking abounding. What kind of
a country have you out west? I leave the East h_g_ [?] for the
[?] of my better portions. Will She fill it?
Doubtful.

Ever your affectionate
Bro. Jos. Lovejoy

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1842, OCTOBER --. SECRETARIES OF THE TOTAL ABSTINENCE AND
WASHINGTONIAN SOCIETIES OF IOWA CITY TO THE POSTMASTER
OF JONES COUNTY, IOWA. ALS. 2 lvs., 2pp.

Iowa City Oct 1842

Messrs

The Subscribers Secretaries of the Total Abstinence & Washingtonian societies of this City have been directed & requested by the Total Abstinence society, to correspond with the different Temperance Societies of the principal places in this Territory, for the purpose of ascertaining what can be done for the support of a permanent Temperance Missionary for this Territory. In performing this duty we are aware of the difficulties that surround a project of this kind-- pecuniary distress that now afflicts all classes of the community will interpose an almost insuperable difficulty to an enterprise of this kind. But it cannot be denied that the evils arising from the prevalence [sic] of intemperance require from the Philanthropist and patriot to exert all their powers to stay the devastating progress of this most dreadful destroyer of mankind. To this end, the advocates of Temperance here are determined to raise a subscription to see what can be for the furtherance of this object and at the same time to ascertain what our Co-workers can do to aid in this good and great cause. To accomplish this object it is thought advisable to make an appeal to the different temperance societies of this Territory to raise a subscription to support a permanent Temperance Missionary for this Territory whose duty it shall be to travel from one end of the Territory to the

rest of the family. What is the Post Office address of Sibyl? What is the full name of her husband-- what kind of a man is he? You have not attempted any description of him-- how old is he? What kind of a girl is John Scotch's wife? How does he make it go on his farm. How many sons and daughters are there in the ark? How does Sister Elizabeth do? Where is dear mother? I should have written to her in Iowa but I did not know where to direct it. What do you hear of Lilli brown [?] ? Mrs Reed has been at the Hospital Augusta-- nearly all winter. When we get old, (if we live) and worn out preaching, we will go back to the old spot-- and you may buy David's & the widow's Farm-- and we will make a manor around that beautiful Lake-- There is no mistake about it-- that is a little the prettiest spot any where out of Eden-- that darling Island Sitting as a g---- [illeg.] in the waters-- that border of lilies around the shore-- the sloping hills-- the waving green meadow-- I feel like flying to the spot in the beauties of Spring. The Buffalo Convention is put off will you not, with y[ou]r Lady come on and see us this summer? Bro. Leavitt is going to England the middle of the month. The region around here begins to look like the garden which the Lord planted-- but error and sin abound in the moral and religious world.

Remember me affectionately to Mother, Sibyl, Elizabeth & John-- Also to Mrs Lovejoy and other kind friends there--
Your affectionate Brother

J. C. Lovejoy

other And establish temperance societies in every neighborhood thereof. This cause to be permanently useful must be brought to every man's door otherwise our efforts must necessarily be disjointed and in a great measure fail to accomplish the great object in view. We trust Therefore you will interest yourselves so much a[s] to draw [?]-, up a subscription to be paid quarterly to the Treasurers of the different Societies to be appropriated under a joint regulation that hereafter

be adopted to the support of some individual who will undertake this arduous task. As soon as you obtain all the subscription you can, you will have the goodness to forward to the Post Master of this place the result of your labors which will be given to the public through the medium of some the papers published in this Territory.

J. Bowen S. T. A. S.

S. Fa----- -- -- [illeg.] J. C. W. T. S.

1843, MAY 2. JOSEPH C. LOVEJOY TO OWEN LOVEJOY. ALS. 21vs.,
3pp.

Cambridgeport May 2^d, 1843,

My Dear Bro. Owen,

Yours of Feb. came direct and I was right glad to hear of you. I have been down to Maine and made arrangements for the removal of my family and expect them next, or the following week. They have been all remarkably well during the winter-- except wife who is troubled with her sore face somewhat, but is some better now. John is a real cunning little fellow, and Mary begins to take with great ease the airs of a young miss She is rather handsome-- has cheeks clear red and white-- loves and cleaves to her plain diet yet [?] potatoes bread & cold water-- by the way-- the Homoeopathic [?] and Hydropathic [?] Systems of Germany are gaining grounds in this region-- to say nothing of M----- [illeg.] and Mill----- [illeg.]. Mrs Moody will come with the family and then a Hydropathic [?] Doctor takes the house at Hallowell.

Kate is unmarried yet and I told her it was a hopeless case now. Dr. Gillett is yet in fine health and enjoyed a --[illeg.] old age-- The whole Town had recently a donation visit at his house and about 200 \$ worth of various articles were left. Our little Ch[urch] here [?] have nearly filled up a subscription for a new Meeting House 66 by 50-- with a good handsome steeple [?] The plans are drawn and the contract for building will be completed by the 15th inst[ant]. The Chapel in wh[ich] we now worship will then be for a vestry. Thus far

every thing looks as well as I hoped-- Next Sabbath we shall have then added to the ch[urch]h-- two of them-- recent converts.

There is at present after the long winter considerable sickness in this region. I went home the 28 & 9 of March and the snow was 4 and five feet deep-- solid and shaken [?] together over the walls and fences and such riding and wa----ing [illeg.] you never saw-- there has been 15 ft of snow in Maine during the winter-- The Ice only left the Kennebec the 22^d of April. The 20th from Hallowell to Brunswick there were drifts 3 and 4 ft deep-- around [?] here the 21 and they were spading [?] their gardens

For yourself you have married a wife and family all at once-- well this is an easy way to get them. I think I saw Sister Eunice when I was there at any rate give my love to her and tell her I should be very glad to see her-- Dr. Stone I hear of but do not see-- he is well. Your Parish is one of the very best, if not the best, wh[ich] I saw in all the West-- It has been cruel times to get money and you must slack [?] away a little now and they will come w[ith] [?] repairs by & by-- You can buy almost everything for a very little money now. Moving about is bad business-- you lose friends-- comfort, influence and everything else. Hope you will find it pleasant and profitable to you and the Ch[urch]h to remain for the present at Princeton. You could do but little by sending Flour to this region it is very low-- 5\$ in Hallowell little higher just now. There is no merchant (Flour) connected with my people but I will enquire one as it [is] in Boston and at [sic] you know should you have occasion to need any better let y[ou]r farm if you can however-- How and where are all the

1843[?], ---. ELIZABETH LOVEJOY TO ZEBINA EASTMAN.
1 lv., 2 pp.

[torn] Eastman Dear Sir We the members of the Female antislavery society of Princeton Bureau county Ill was formed into a Society July 1843 and the constitution published in the Citizen But as no particular account of our doing have been transmited [sic] to your paper the Society voted to forward an account of what we have done and are calculating to do We meet once in two months to Work and we hope to pray for the Slave we have furnished clothing for a number of fugitives that has passed this way (But latterly the underground rail Road has taken a different track and runs on the other Side of the River) we have Sent a box of clothing to Quincy with directions for Mrs Work to take whatever Articles would be useful to her with five dollars in money for her Benefor our number consisted when formed of forty four members two has left this vicinity none has deceased others meet with us but have not put their to our paper We have been in the habit of thinking it was our duty not to let our left hand know what our right hand doeth But remembering likewise that the Blessed Savior has said let your light shine that others Seeing your good works may be led to glorify your Father which is in heaven and as we know it rejoices our hearts when we hear What others are doing we think it may impart the same joy to them to hear from us But we have near on to fear it cannot be Said of us as Christ said of the woman in the Gospel She has done what She could But we do desire to bless God that he has put it into our hands to do something with a desire to do more to pray more to feel more

to humble ourselves in the dust before God for our Short-
comings in duty And when we consider we compose a part of this
guilty nation we feel as if we ought to be cloathed in Sackcloth

lay in the dust before God and cry unclean unclean if so
be that there may be hope Sometimes we think there may be hope
in Israel concerning this thing and sometimes we fear the
judgements of God must be poured out upon us for the Savior
has told us with what measure ye mete[?] shall be measured to
you again[?] and O what measure has been meted[?] out to the
pour[sic] Slave by the nation... [oblit.]

Mr. Eastman will have the goodness to correct any errors or
leave out anything he may think Superfluous the writer has
lived over her three Score years and ten and almost seventy
three and has waded through a furnace of affliction but
Sometimes has almost faith to believe She shall live to see

Slaves emancipated God hasten the time yes hasten the time

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[verso:] But in the language of the Rev Thomas Adams of Maine
[torn] would say Slaveholders might rage and I should not fear
the -----[illeg.] might join them in their rage and this would
not move me but what grieves and disheartens me is the Strange
Strange apathy of those we hope are Christians and of Ministers
who refuse to open their mouths for the dumb; This was said
seven years ago what will Mr A say how we think he must have
lost all hope for such Ministers and Christians and especially

the professed christian Editors of the so called religious
paper we shall take the Liberty to name some of them such as

Newyork observer the christian Mirror of Maine Mirror so

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called but we think it reflects darkness rather than light we could name others of the same stamp[?] but these are the ones we are most acquainted[sic] with and while we lament that So many have been throwing clogs in the way of the wheels We rejoice that there are more at work in cleaning out the track we will name some of them) for the righteous shall be had in everlasting [sic] remembrance while the name of the wicked shall not) Baily of Ohio Leavit of Massachusetts Willy of Maine Goodell of Newyork we could name one in own state Eastman of Chicago we could name others but these are the ones we are most acquainted with And we are not afraid to say and do say to every truehearted abolitionist what Elisha said to his servant Fear not For May that be with us one more than they that be with them yes God is on our Side we know it that says everything and all Christians are commanded to be workers together with God

Now we would say if there are Christians hid in mount Ephriam that they show themselves for the Philistines are fleeing before Jonathan and his armour bearers and if they would not have the Curse of Meroz resting upon them we entreat of them to come up to the help of the Lord against the Mighty

We would say a word to our Lord pleading[?] --- [illeg.] law makers and judges and all those that uphold them in their unrightious [sic] deeds And ask them to remember that they too must be judged they must shortly appear before the judgement sent of Christ then too will be Walter and Fanny Work Thomson Burr and others and many black Slaves the judges will enquire what have these men done that ye cast them with their scars

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understanding of the time of discussion. But says-- "Very Well-- he was the mover in the affair, & if he understood it so & is satisfied the rest of us are." So that's over. I found a letter from Jefferson Sinclair. He says his mother is quite feeble-- almost helpless, & will hardly be able if I understood him to remove to this country. Aunt Chase [?] quite well. He says nothing of Joseph. He (Sinclair-- thinks he will be out in this county next winter. I feel quite well, so you must have no anxiety about me. It is getting towards the end of the week & I must stop. Give my love to Sibyl & tell her to rely on the promise, I forget the chapter & verse but you will know. If any of us are sick I will write you so you must not be troubled.

Ever your aff[ectionate]. Son
Owen Lovejoy

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into prison what are these marks that I see on some of them will
you dare [?] you lift up your heads and say Lord they were rash
they ventured to obey Thee and do as thou commanded them they
delivered the Spoils out of the hand if the Spoiler when we
made laws

..contrary to the laws they insifted God should be
obeyed rather than man) we enquired of them by our lo---st
[illeg.] ... who is the Lord that we should obey his voice or
let the people go free and like the proud King of Egypt we
sold them we know not the Lord [?][hole] wither will we let the
people go do you suppose you will ---- [illeg.]

1842, NOVEMBER 3. OWEN LOVEJOY TO ELIZABETH LOVEJOY
2 lvs., 2 pp.

Princeton Nov 3^d 1842

Dear Mother

You see that I am back once more. I found a good road to Dubuque & the country more settled than I expected. I think that there may be a settlement at Mineral Creek yet. It is a better place than some others where I found settlements. I think Mr Blanchard better not sell your claim unless he can get something fair for it, as it costs nothing to keep it. It ought to bring from one to two hundred dollars in something equal to cash. I did not stay but one Sabbath at Galena. I felt on Sunday & Monday so much like the Ague [?] that I thought, I would come home. I feel better however & shall escape it. I found all well at home, except Elizabeth who has one of her Sore throats. It is near breaking & she will be better. The little ones all well. Abundance of sorrow of course that you are not to return till Spring. Yesterday I read my answer to the church in substance, 1st that I did not feel it my duty to change the conditions on which I was settled. 2^d I was willing for the coming year to be taxed any amount that the church would vote provided the vote was taken on a full meeting.

After reading the communication Bro Philps remarked that I had mistaken the views of the ch[urch].-- that they never contemplated a permanent reduction, but only for the year. The Resolution however said nothing about the year, nor the committee that gave it me. The Dr Says that it was not the

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Jerry Moore

1845, March 31. George Shedd and Asa Turner to John E.
Lovejoy. ALS. 2 lv., 1 p.

Denmark, See Co, Iowa. Mar. 31st/45.

Mr. Lovejoy,

Dear Sir,

The Rev. Mr. Turner has this day put into my hand a letter from you which he wishes me to answer. Mr. T. is in too feeble health to write and has been so for several weeks. The letter pertains to the establishment of a paper in the Territory written in consequence of a letter in the Citizen from Mr. Allen. It is true the subject of a paper has been agitated agitated by the Anti S. men of the Ter. We need a paper different and better than any at present published among us. We have enough such as they are and to spare they are small in almost every sense of the word. too "small potatoes" for this fertile and growing state.

At a Co. convention held in this place about the first of Jan. and attended by Mr. Allen the following sentiments and propositions were agreed to by the convention--that we need a paper want and will have one as soon as practicable, that shall be a chaste (?) family paper free from scurrility high toned morally and intellectually, bound to no religions or political creed, or party, but becomingly open and respectful to all--seeking truth and pursuing it, and combatting error wherever found for truths and error's sake. Anti Slavery in principle and at all times, but kindly and respectfully so, nor yet exclusivily (sic) so, but devoted also to Morality Education Temperance Agriculture and the general times of the day.

Such very briefly is the character the paper we want and we believe such a paper can be sustained. Of course as one man expressed it our Editor must have a mind, a heart, a soul, in short, must be a man a whole man. To give the paper circulation and ensure it life, it must commend itself to the reading public as better far better than the ordinary journals of the day, and such we want it to be or we do not want it at all. And such must be its prospect at its commencement, or it had better no commence. We should greatly regret a failure. To all this I think you must say, amen, most heartily. We have no Editor fixed upon nor in mind, so far as I know. Burlington is thought the most eligible place for many reasons. Some Friends in an inland county and town are anxious to publish it htere and among themselves, but it will not give satisfaction.

The enterprise must be undertaken we suppose upon individual responsibility and the subscription list and advertising

patronage must be its support. The person who shall undertake it ought to know much more upon many practical (sic) points than we do. Your suggestions seem just and valuable. For myself, I am not at liberty to give you any encouragement or disencouragement, in regard (sic) to occupying the Editors chair. Probably Mr. Turner may be able to add a line. My object has been simply to state a fact and ask for your information and consideration.

Yours in behalf of Truth and Humanity with respect.

Geo. Shedd.

Brother Lovejoy.

Our object is to have a good family news paper--one that well (sic) be orthodox (sic) on the subject of Slavery--but not make anti slavery the prominent object--we think such a paper would in the end make more abolitionists because it would be read more extensively (sic) I have been sick for some 3 months--I cannot tell what Geo. has done Committees we appointed in Lee Desman Union and Washington counties to see how many subscribers could be obtained--our hope is some time to find a man who would have the ability to publish such a paper, on his own responsibility The executive committee of the Anti S Society have the direction of the matter and I cannot tell how it now stands--I do not expect anything will be done about it before another fall--If you feel in time to come and start a paper of the character we wish our friends will do all they can to sustain you

Yours in affection

Asa Turner

Please to remember me with affection to your brother and family. We remember with gratitude the kinship received at his house last summer--Mr. Lorel (?) has presented us an interesting (?) (illegible) the past winter.

A.T.

1845, April 29. Delia Lamberson to Elizabeth G. (Lovejoy)
Wiswall. ALS. 2 lv., 1 p.

Hampton April 29th/45

My still dear friend.

I am glad to find time to say to you once more, how do you do. O that I might be permitted to say it with my lips and not with this same steel pen. You know very well that I have not forgotten you, although your good letter has looked at me so many times complaining of neglect, and begging that I would inform its dear kind authress, that it had come safely, and caused me to shed tears both of joy and sorrow by bringing before me the "Sight of other days" in all their freshness, when I enjoyed her pure friendship, nor thought of all that should follow is so soon. You have ever had a month of charity to throw over my faults, and failings, and I indulge strong hope that a corner of it is left to hide away my seeming neglect towards you, but do not let it take up much room, for no doubt others will come along to be tucked away if we are spared to have much intercourse with each other.

Mr. L.'s health is much better than when you wrote, though still feeble. He has on the whole been gaining slowly most of the winter, walked a short distance to meeting three times before we left Galena. About a fortnight since we went on board a boat at G. at night and found ourselves in Hampton by day break, (100 miles) whither we have come, on account of Mr. L. to see friends and ride about, and recover strength. We shall go down river about a hundred miles farther, to see my grandmother, (who came from the east last fall 74 years old) and other friend. And how delighted we should be to come and see those that we love in P.! Perhaps we may do so if he gains strength enough to travel by land, which is so fatigueing, that he could not do it at present, as nothing is worse for him than to go beyond his strength, and moreover he could not talk much if he should undertake to come at present.

We have just heard of the death of Mr. L. mother. She was on board the "Swallow", returning home from a visit to her mother's in Schenectady, when the boat struck a rock and immediately sunk. The night was dark and storming and the accounts of the wreck are most distressing. You will probably see accounts of it in the papers which you receive. O what a shocking death to die. 'Tis hard to think of her struggling (sic) alone in the dark with no one to rescue her from such a scene of distress and death. But 'tis not for us to murmur at the dealings of God with us, rather should we submit and learn the lesson which he gives in all these

afflictions It is a consolation to know that my He does "not afflict us willingly", but in kindness to our souls. If we make a right use of them we shall no doubt have reason to praise him for them forever, and I think I feel to say it is "good for me that I have been afflicted." I am almost confident that I should love this world too well, if the ties that bind me to it were not severed often, and realizing this as much I do I can but sit still, and say "the Lord reigneth let the earth rejoice".

We left our family in G. well. Eliza taught a school of little children the first quarter this winter and since that has been to the seminary for young ladies. Mother went down the river and spent 3 weeks with her mother and brothers and sisters at Keokuk, before we left.

Give my love to your mother I think of her often and should be very glad to see her. If Eliza were here she would say give my love to her, and to Mr. W. in particular. How is Mrs Anthony? Has she forgotten us, or what is the reason that she does not write to me, when she knows how much pleasure it would give. And sister Eliza C. I did think that she would have let me heard from her before this time. I love her as tenderly as ever and hope that her friendship for me may not cease. Give my love to Mrs Waldo and tell I remember her with affliction, and if she was a good girl she would have written to me, and not waited for me to write when she knows how my hands have been tied all winter. I had promised myself much enjoyment in communing with dear distant friends the past few monts, as every thing seemed to promise me the time to devote to it. but so it has not been, and it has not been among the least of my trials, that I must be compelled to treat my friends with such neglect. As it is, they must take the will for the deed. I send the first full sheet that I have written (since yours came to hand,) to you, and next I am in debt to Mrs Dr. C. for 1 r 2 good long ones, and then I will try to write to those those naughty sisters there (that will not let me hear a word from them), out of spite if nothing else. Buell is very well and has grown very much, and learned some. He remembers Austin and Charles, call Princeton his home, and cannot think that he has any other. remember me kindly to Mrs. Dea Phelps, I should be glad to write to Cecilia if I could. Let her read this and then write to me. I hope she is happy and always will be. Remember me to Mrs. Walton's, any one else that enquires after me.

Now do do write immediately, and tell me every iota of news that you can imagine. Direct to Hampton, Rock Island Co. Ill., and we shall get them from here let us be when we will as Ero. David Lamberson lives here and will know where we are. Remember me to Harriet and alll the other girls, and believe that I am a affectionably attached to you as ever.

Delia Lamberson.

1845, May 27. Elizabeth Lovejoy to Mrs. (William T. Allan.
AL. 2 lv., 1 p.

Princeton May 27 1845 My dear Mrs. Allan. When I pass on the natives of your female state society it rejoices my heart that God was raising so many advocates for the glorious cause of humanity (yes I may say glorious cause for I do believe God will be glorified in the redemption of the poor Slave) And and after thanking the society for the honor of choosing me for your president I did hope and pray that I might be permitted to be with you at Peoria and at your present Meeting but God in his procedure seems to order it otherwise my health for six months or more has been rather failing I had a long intermitting fever last winter that and the effects of ague trouble, and old age has impaired my fasten of body and mind my memory is very much shattered I cannot keep a regular train of events as formerly But O how thankful I ought to feel for the measure of health and reason I still return (retain?). I think my love for the cause of Christ the Salvations of Souls the redemption of a ruined world the speedy emanuation of the poor downtrodden decendants of Ham are daily gaining new and increased vigor in my feeling as the things of this world are receding from my mind and if I am not deceased (?) I rejoice that I do feel as much as I do and pray that I may feel more may pray more may do more But I know and so you know that our strength is in God and o that he would pour out such a spirit (?) of prayers and Supplications on all his children engaged in this cause that would gives his next till he does (illegible) and vindicate his own cause for I am not affraid to say that I know the Antislavery cause is the cause of God and he will prosper it. Yes I feel as Nehameh (?) did when he said the God of heaven he will prosper us therefore we his servants will arise and build, and I would entreat you my dear Sister to God on the whole amount of God for you know we have to (illegible) against principalities against powers against the rulers of the darkness of this world against wickedness in high places. But we have abundant reason to thank God and take courage although the enemy may rejoice for the division that has taken place in the A S movement. don't let it discourage or dishearten us for a moment Garrison has done and is doing good and I can say of Garrison what Cooper said of England with all thy faults I love them still. Garrison set in motion great work he has to contend with a mighty host not only wicked and cruel Laws with imprisonment with mobs, but ecclesiastical bodies the professed Ministors of Christ engaged themselves against him and Solomon says (illegible) maketh a wise man mad who can

wonder that a man possessed with such ardent feelings a W. L. Garrison should have his head turned a little the wrong way. And how many wise and good men view things in a very different light. But I am frank to acknowledge (sic) after investigating and viewing the system of American Slavery in any and every shape it can be made to appear it does appear dreadfully deformed and entirely opposite to the Gospel of Christ and I have no fellowship with any that apologize for it or even tolerate it in any degree. And I do fear and believe if it is not speedily reported of and put away from us as a nation the judgements of God will burst upon us you see the clouds are gathering blackness but O that God would in infinite mercy disperse scatter (?) them I do dread war. I feel like David. I should choose pestilence rather than war. But the Lord reigneth let the earth rejoice we know it will be well with them that fear God and feast before him and (illegible) my dear sisters. I hope God will be with you and bless all your movements guide you by his holy spirit and I hope you will remember me in your prayers My spirit will be with you and it has been a gratification to be with you in person and visit the grace of dearly beloved son but I must confess when I think of Alton I think of Nineveh but think I can pray that God would bring them to repentance and forgive them My dear son Owen has been very sick. I fear his young will be too much for him he is very weak tell the brethren they might keep a watch over him and not exert himself too much. Mrs. Allan can find to write me a few lines it would be very acceptable.

(1845? _____). Elizabeth Lovejoy to Cobourn. ALF.
1 lv., 1p.

Dear Miss Cobourn The undersigned Although a stanger to you in person (illegable) not in spirit I am a member of a female Antislavery Society in Princeton Bureau county in the Northern part of the far Western State of Illinois Have resided in this state almost Seven years if you have read the Memoir of my dear Son that was murdered at Alton you will See I am a native of Maine which I believe is your native State And as there is something although our feelings as being born in the state State how much more is there in being born of the same Spirit in being united to the same great head And being engaged in the Same blessed cause of truth and righteousness in doing good to the poor and needy and who so needy or the poor downtroden Slave God knows our Native but we know the cause is just Yes Miss Cobourn I have no more hesitancy in saying that I know the Antislavery cause is the cause of God than of saying I know Christianity is and when I reflect how long the profited ? people of God have Slept over it I feel humbled in the very dust and would cry out Blessed God forgive us and enable us to do something now even at the Eleventh hour It will be only three years in July Since we formed ourselves into a Society our number was forty-three our design was to furnish garments for the poor fugitive that Should travel this way but it would seem they have found a newer trail to the land of freedom for very Seldom any pass through this (torn) But we have not remitted. our efforts on that amount we find other channels through which we can com(torn) and do good and o that we may do it in a way that will be acceptable to God I think the death of Mr Forry has given a new input to the Antislavery feelings throughout the whole country thus God makes the wrath of man to praise him (torn) and the remainder he will restrain he will Say to the rage of his enemies as he does (torn) (illegable) to the (illegable) of the Sea hitherto shalt thou come and no further and have Should they (torn) found (illegable) be stayed It does Seem as if Satan was making his last effort by putting into the heart of our rulers to engage in this unmention (?) war for the extention and perpetuation of Slavery But I hope and believe it will be like Pharoah whose (illegable) was Swallowed up in the Sea and a very way will be opened for the deliverance of the poor Slave. As you see by the papers all that are doing among our friends in this cause it is useless for me to write on the subject Suffice it to Say we rejoice that God has put it into your heart to deciate (sic) yourself and all that you possess to his

cause and we do pray he will give you strength equal to your day.

We have fitted out this Small box Mr. Eastman Said when here in May to the convention he thought he could forward it to you with very little expence (sic) let that be as it may we calculate to pay him not have you put to any cost no doubt you will find what few articles we Send useful and you know the given has the greatest blessing we wish you to write to us as soon as is convenient after you receive this direct to Elizabeth Lovejoy Princeton Bureau County Illinois tell us what Books you need most and what particular articles of clothing perhaps God may enable us to do something more for you now the God of peace be with you and make you perfect in every good work to do his will working in you that which is well pleasing in his Sight.

this fall I was taken aobut the same time that Sibyl was,
and have not been well since although I have been about part
of the time and _____ [torn] little. I have never received
your [?] letter and have not heard a word from Princeton
directly since I left there. Where did you direct your
letter to me and when did you write it. The children have
both been well all the time and are yet. I am expecting to
teach school at the grove this winter. Who _____
_____ [line obliterated] as yet

Give my love to all of the folks and write to me soon.
Direct your letters to Sibyl and I to Canton, Jefferson
So. Iowa

Your aff Son,
John E. Lovejoy

1846, JUNE 9. MARGARET [PATTEE] FARWELL TO ELIZABETH LOVEJOY
ALS. 2 lvs., 3 pp.

Unity June 9 1846

Dear Sister I have long desired to write you & have at
last concluded to write it seems a long time since last we
parted. never never to embrace again till we meet among the
spirits of the just made perfect if it shall be our unspeakably
happy lot I read your letter received by J Sinclair was glad
to learn it was well with you & yours you have heard how it
is with Sister Chase I was with her in her trying time of
bleeding & shall never forget the sweet look of Christian
resignation with which she said dear Sister I do not know
but I had as leave die so as any other way Brother Eben. is
better than he was last year his cough does not trouble him
much Sister Whitney's health is very good her family are
well & prosperous. Sister Hurd has been ill but is much better
Abner is married at last all well. Sister Dyer's family are
well poor Mary is in Ohio I presume you knew My Husband is
as well as I ever knew him my health is good as is common for
me to have The older Children are all well there has been no
death in their families except Margaret's who has a large share
of human _____ [illeg.] Henrys widow is well married Jewett
and his family are well they have a son & 2 daughters lost
a son 4 years ago. Nathan is on his passage to London he
sails the barque Epervier [?] has a wife & 3 daughters in
Thomaston Willard lives where he did when you were here is
well himself & family has 1 son & 3 daughters Joseph is
practiceing [sic] law at Thomaston has a wife & son Eliza is
making us a visit is unwell but hope nothing serious she has
made her home at Joseph's since he was married Charles is
keeping School in Thomaston at 33\$ per month Violette

f Ann Bass

1846, OCTOBER 7. SIBYL AND JOHN W. E. LOVEJOY TO ELIZABETH
LOVEJOY. ALS. 2 lvs., 3 pp.

Canton, October 7. 1846.

My Dear Mother:

Your letter, dated the fourth of August, came to hand last week and found me lying upon a sick bed, from which I have hardly risen for two months. I was taken sick the latter part of July with the fever and ague and have had it constantly ever since. And as added to this I had a son born about three weeks since, six weeks before its time and it died three days after its birth. And I am yet helpless upon my bed and do not appear to gain strength at all[?]. Mr Blanchard and the children have also been sick a good deal of the time, and as it was impossible to hire a girl any where we have suffered a good deal for the want of care and assistance. You heard before that Mr Blanchard and the children were sick last fall, and these facts together with circumstances must be my apology for not writing sooner. I presume they will be sufficient.

You will suppose of course, that I am very much reduced by my long sickness. And such is the case. You would hardly know me as the same person I once was. I should be glad to have you here on some accounts, but suppose that you are more comfortable where you are. And then the country here for the last two years has been so extremely sickly, that it seems as though none will escape it. Some of us have been sick nearly the whole year, and the children are but mere shadows to what they were. This season has been the most sickly ever known in the territory. Mr Sinclair of the Scotch Grove died this summer, and also the old woman the mother of the Sutherlands [?]. We live now at this place formerly known as the Mall where we were when you came up before. We shall leave as soon as we get able to so [?]. I am not able to write or even dictate to John who is writing for me and must close. I wish some of you to write and let me know how you all do since your other letter was written.

Give my love to all the folks and kiss the children for me. I will write myself as soon as I get able to do so.

Your Daughter
Sibyl P. Lovejoy Blanchard

If those things from the east can be sent by mail, You may send them to this place by mail directed by Dubuque.

S P B

[Endorsed:] Dear mother

I have only [?] time to write a few words. _____ [torn]
and I are here with Sibyl at present although we can not do much
ourselves as neither of us are well. We have both been sick

is in Camden instructing school Deborah is at home with me is 15 year old are healthy I had almost forgotten to mention Sister Jones' family there has been no death in the family since their father They are doing well

Respecting the Albion church

Mrs Brackett moved on to the Arcostic tho male members are B Davis, J. Chaloners [?], L Crosby, Wm Stacpole, & from 12 to 16 female Rev. Smith Clinton officiates half the time

Mrs Camet lives with D Barton retains her 3 d of the estate Mary Crosby, died last June all that are living of the Rays are well there has been deaths among them of the aged men in albion few are left Elder Crosby Jerem [?] White J Camet old Mr Haywood & Mr Woodcock have died with in the last few years Mrs Woodcock has married Deacon Billings of Unity has lost all her children I saw her last summer she is very much broken said she loved me I looked so much like Mrs Lovejoy Widows White & Taylor live with their respective sons have sufficient to insure them a good maintainance _ _ ey [illeg.] Sibley & wife are living

Give my love to all your Children tell Sybil I shall long remember the visit she made with dear Anne -- it was her last tell Lissy I should like to see some of the sons she is bearing to Noah be spry and be done the sooner

Should like to know the particulars about Parrish's widow & son, finally dear Sister when you receive this write me all about yourself & all your Children The season is very forward have the prospect of abundace [sic] hay & as far as human knowledge extends of every other good thing which is natural to our climate

I hope to hear good tidings from you & with this wish & a sincere prayer for your present & future welfare I bid you farewell

(Elizabeth Lovejoy)

Margaret P. Farwell

[Endorsed; at bottom left side of this page:] Write about the Sinclairs

[Endorsed, in pencil at top of first page:] Margaret Pattee-sister Elizabeth Pattee Lovejoy

1845, DECEMBER 9. [JOSEPH C. LOVEJOY] TO OWEN LOVEJOY. AL-FRAGMENT. 2 lvs., pp.

Cambridgeport Dec. 9. 1845.

Dear Bro. Owen

Your favor of 24 Nov Came to hand today. I am glad to hear you are all well. it has been so sickly in that region that I feared many of you were sick. Mr Cummings wants you

to see to his papers a little (the Emancipator) and try and get up single subscribers in place of the Bundle for which he will allow you forty or fifty cents a piece for each subscriber with the money. Leavitt & Alden went all to Lincoln [?] with the Daily Chronicle You see I have been Editor for two weeks past -- also you will notice my Thanksgiving Sermon -- for which Dr. Edward gave me a severe drubbing in a letter and when he found I was ready to publish it with my remarks he took it back -- though I told him, which was the fact, that I had no intention of hitting [?] him personally -- that I arrived Mon [?] particularly at the report of the Board and the speech of Dr. Stowe. He will probably review the sermon in the Emancipator next week. He is too much in the clouds for me.

We are getting along here in tolerable shape-- it takes a heap of money to live in this place -- I have earned within the year closing this month over 1200\$ and yet I never have hardly a cent in pocket -- rent 212\$ -- Fuel 100\$ and meat at 12 1/2 cents a pound -- and chickens fifty cents a pair -- I had 100\$ for writing Clarkes Narrative [?] and got something for lecturing Gave in 50\$ to the Church as they are rather small and the pot [?] is _____d _____d now [?] too in living -- half that sum [?] would do with you -- but then it is just that much harder to get it there. However my courage is good when I have my health. I had more calls for lecturing in October and up to middle of Nov. than I could possibly attend. I believe they reckon me among the No. 1's [?] in this _____ [illeg.] -- and we have decidedly some of the best speakers in the Liberty Party _____ [illeg.] that they can produce on my [?] subject. Stanton, Peirport [?], Colver [?], Andrew, Bradburn, when they are in the mood for it are Capital. Pierport is the most graceful, Stanton, the most ready, witty and figurative. Colver [?] is like a giant carrying away the Gates of Slavery -- Bradburn is awful with his tongue of fire buring with sarcasm. Andrew comes down like rain upon the mown grass -- carries away the audience by the suavity and kindness of his manners.

Our family circle is stationary as yet on the _____ [illeg.] of Henry. Mr [?]. C who is now a great roguish boy -- loving fun and frolick very much. Mary has returned from Hanover -- a great girl and quite a proficient in the art of playing on the piano. The Boys love skating and there is abundance of it in this region. Sarah will write a few lines. I presume in the other sheet and so will all three of the other Children.

I had a letter from John not long since, saying that he had been sick and was tired of the west and wanted to come back and go on the the old Farm. Would he manage it with any kind of profit to himself or others? I sent him a V to help him in the next unit to be addressed to the millions of humanity and told him to think of it and in the Spring we would settle it. Is it desirable that he should come back? has he the means of doing so. As for editing a Liberty Paper out their[sic] a man had better hunt possums for a living. I want you to tell

me what you think about it at once that I may know what to say to him.

1846, (?) . JOSEPH C. LOVEJOY AND SARAH LOVEJOY TO
OWEN LOVEJOY. ALS-FRAGMENT. 2 lvs., 4 pp.

[This fragment is the conclusion of the letter dated December 9, 1845 from Joseph Lovejoy to Owen Lovejoy.]

About coming out west. I do not know when it may happen-- it is coming nearer and nearer constantly [?] The Churches in this region are very cold and dead -- iniquity abounds and now comes the Rumor of war Great Britain, will think it time to head young Democracy when John reads the Message. Well I say the Suckers [?] are right -- John Bull has no right whatever down to the mouth of Columbia River A War with these two countries would be such as the world never saw before: May heaven avert it. Remember me affectionately to Mother, Sister E. and your own better portion.

Your affectionate
Brother

J. C. Lovejoy

P. S. How and when are we to contrive to live together?
When? Where?

[Endorsed:] Dear Uncle Owen i Want to See You Very much
How Do You Do i Hope You are Well i Shal [sic] Come And
See You As Soon As i Can if i Well [sic] Come and See You
Will Come and See You Will You Let Me Ride

[Endorsed:] this is writing of Joseph P Lovejoy to Carry my
Love to my Grandmother my Uncle Owen -- Aunt Sibyl. Aunt
lizzy Uncle John -- and all my Little Praire [sic] Cousins.
Good Bye

Joseph P Lovejoy

[Endorsed:]

Dear aunt Lissy

As father was going to write to Uncle Owen. I thought I would say a few words to you. I have been to Hanover at school for the last year and was very glad to get home. I should be happy to have you come and spend next summer at our house I shuld [sic] be very happy to see you any time. give love to all. good Bye From your affectionate (ten Cousins I never saw yet.) Meire

Mary Tappan Lovejoy

[Endorsed:]

My dear brother Owen,

I cheerfully add a line to say love to our dear mother, brothers & sisters in the west How I should love to see you all together. Mary thinks it very hard. She should have so many cousins and not be able to see them. My Husband has told you all about us here & wound up by telling you how poor he is You well know, & so do I -- "it is all oweing to his wife's extravagance". I like Massachusetts brother Owen very much on many accounts: the climate is no better than in Maine -- much more variable. I spent five weeks in good old Hall^{ll} [?] last Summer & enjoyed it much. Tell Mother there were many enquiries for her I herd [sic]. Lucy Lincoln, one of your old friends was blessed with _____ [torn] little girls, twins, about six weeks cld. She was a little cross said she was satisfied with one at a time. My friend Catharine to say nothing of yours is as good as _____ [illeg.]. Cousin Caroline as kind & as full of _____ [illeg.] fun. I would tell you of some of our interesting Ladies here but I believe Tom is to write a line. Give a great deal of love to your Mother, wife and & Sister Elizabeth. I hope you will find some objects of humanity [?] for the clothing sent from our Anti-Slavery So [?]. (A kiss for the dear little ones.) Ever your affectionate Sister Sarah

[Endorsed:]

Dear Grandmother

I only put in A few words to Say that I have written you two letters and have Received no anwser for either of them. I guess I will write another if you will promise to answer it as Soon as my letter gets to you. I send my love to all my relations your affectionate [sic]

Tom Lovejoy

[Endorsed:] P. S. You will think this a funny looking Letter. I dont know about owing you a letter -- It is mostly after letting my letters lay till you forget them to square all off by saying, "I believe you owe me one now." -- I doubt it _____ [illeg.] but cant say positively say now [?] let us hear from You all often -- Give love to Sister Eunice.

Your brother
J. E. Lovejoy

Transcribed by Anne Justice
Nov. 1974

November 24. Delia Lamberson to Elizabeth G. (Lovejoy) Wiswall.
One piece, two leaves, three pages. [ALS]

Moline Rock Island Co: Ill

Nov: 24, 1846.

My very dear Friend.

It is a long long time since I have had a line from you and I cannot tell which is in debt, but if it is myself it shall not be any longer. If I had the wings of a "pigeon", however, I should not undertake to hold communication with you in this awful slow manner, but would make you a flying visit, and come back refreshed and invigorated by the journey, and the hearty welcome which I am sure I should find in your heart, and house. I may be very vain to think this but it is gratification to me to do so, and I intend to believe it until I can come and prove it. Yes my dear mother, unworthy as I am to hold it, I still feel that I have place in your heart, and cannot give it up. I think of you daily -- (and dream of you almost nightly,) and always with the strongest affection. Absence is not the tomb of my love for my friends -- but rather increase it, for I am constantly thinking letter to them and my best wish attend them at every step. How often do I reflect on the happy hours that I have spent with you and Mr. Anthony, and all tears come unbidden at the thought that they are past forever, with no probability of their ever being renewed in this world, and it is a pleasant thought then that there is a world where friends are separated no more forever.

I was removed from this place last day -- and like I am here
I tell her she is from four to five hundred in bits
Congregational church Methodist and

Hitchcock is our minister. Abolition doctrine are gaining ground here, though there are not many avowed abolitionists. Very few

Slavery papers are taken here and I cannot get half the information about it that I wish. Can you not occasionally send us a Citizen or something of the kind? We have never seen your brothers Sermon at the funeral of Torrez, and should be very glad to get it if you have any that you could send us

Eliza is to be married to a Rev Mr Phillips. -- preaching about 9 miles from Galena. He was ordained this fall and I hear him well reported of, he is a stranger to me.

My fathers health is very poor and I have fears that he will not recover, but I cannot bear to think of it Buell does not go to school -- as we are boarding I have time to teach him at home, and he learns fast. How are all your boys and Harriett? How I should see them

We have all had the ague a good deal this summer, and are not entirely free from it now. Give my love to your mother, Mrs Caldwell I should be glad to write more, and better, but am not well enough and have other letters to write with but little time to do it in, as my brother leaves in the morning and it is now past night. My health is no better -- need my constant care and attention mostly confined to his room, and of course I am. So do let us hear from you often during this long winter for we shall always be glad to hear from you, and I will write as often as I can, which is more seldom than I could wish, as I have all Mr L' wishing to do, and that is not little

Remember me most kindly to Mr Wiswall and do not doubt that

your true friend

Deli. M'erson.

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846, November 16. T Coburn to Elizabeth Lovejoy.
One piece, two leaves, three pages. [ALS]

Queen's Bush Nov. 6th/48

Dear Sister in the Cause of Christ,

I was exceedingly gratified to have a letter from you, a few days since in a Box from your place. Ten Boxes &c were brought at that time, & what was the most singular, they were from Maine to Illinois. Thus you see the Lord is raising up friends in every direction to aid this poor & needy people. Poor & needy they surely are, yet they are struggling along as well as possible under the disadvantages which they labor -- There are about 500 families here

they are making an effort to lay a foundation for a future home for themselves & their children. Yes they hope ere long to be free holders; God grant they may -- However every effort is made to root them out by the whites. Sometimes I am led to exclaim "Where Oh! where will they find a place to rest their feet in this world! The land on the Irish shore destitute of everything, very many the only alternative flies [sic] to the wilderness & clearing -- As yet I see very little so as to begin to live the white man dispossesses him again he flies to the forest: thus have been where villages cleared

Here too every effort is made but we rely in God humbly trust their rights will be preserved

The change which has been wrought in this wilderness is truly astonishing. Four years ago when one of our neighbors moved into this place he was [expostulated?] with for moving so far away from every body. Now it is settled several miles above

We have just finished a nice school-house 28 ft square -- it

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prospect for crops. And indeed it would not be wonderful if famine and pestilence, and mildew, and catarpillors sic and locusts and every plague written in the Book should be poured out upon the land, for it is literally drunk with the blood of the innocent slain by its inhabitants, and the people glory in the deed. Is it not strange, that the moral sense of a nation can be so blinded and its powers so prostituted, as in the case of the prosecution of this Mexican war. I do not think of any thing else to write at present, but hope you will send me answer soon, and tell Lizzy to write

Margaret and the children send love to all friends

Direct to Cascade,
Dubuque Co Iowa

Your aff Son

John E Lovejoy

John, To the Hampshire Colony Congregational Church which in
Princeton: Greetings:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you

In as much there have in my mind some question of conscience the solution and difficult to be, I have thought it good to write unto you, peradventure your collected wisdom might give me some satisfactory advice upon the subject, and that thereby I might be profited

And st. There is no church here with which I can conscientiously unite, being all of the kind have religion without humanity, their words they condemn ever in but that of enslaving their fellow men. Now the question the duty of a person in such situation to unite with such church when he cannot fellowship the member? 2d Is it the duty of person under such circumstance to partake of the sacrament with such church? In addition to this, the church here is in the school of Presbyterian church in the ter

who supplies them with spiritual meat, teaches that when a christian commits sin, it is not the man that does it but sin that dwells in

that is, as I apprehend, there is a piece of the core of the apple which Adam ate still remaining in him, and is still undegested [sic] after a space of six thousand years. Now is it my duty to go and listen to such preaching and to fellowship such disciples? If it is I would like to know it as I have serious doubts about it myself

3d There is a church of True Wesleyan Methodists not far from here who abjure slavery, but have some ceremonies among them which are not exactly congenial to my disposition, such as groanings, shoutings

the like. Now which is most conducive to growth in grace to any of these or to remain connected with your church although [debarred?] it privileges

The church that is in this house salutes you
Written at the Grove Iowa

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1847, October 2. Samuel M. Lovejoy (son of Joseph C. Lovejoy) to
Elizabeth Lovejoy and
J. C. Lovejoy to Elizabeth Lovejoy.
One piece, two leaves, three pages. [ALS]

Princeton Oct 848

My Dear grandson

Cambridge port Oct. 2, 1847

My Dear Grandmother.

Since you inquired why I do not write I thought I would on
this rainy day, there being nothing to do. I have been farming it
a little this summer, with father and Joseph. We had about an acre
of corn and a quarter of potatoes the care of which Joseph and I
took. I mean hoeing. Father helped us gather it a little. We keep
a horse and 2 cows. I take care of the horse and Joseph the cows,
and Johnny the pig. Mr Stikney and family have been here from
Hallowell this Summer and staid [sic] a week. Mary went on a visit
to Bangor this summer, and staid six weeks. Father and I wen after
her and staid week with Mr & Mrs Theodore Brown. He has got
coupple sic of jackasses I went to ride with one and he fell down
and broke the shaft of the waggon. I expect to to chool this
winter. Jhonny [sic] is the only one of u that does n My
horses name is Jenny Lind. This summer when I was taking care of
her, she kicked m nd gave me a preeetty [sic] hard cr ck, but I got
over it in a few days and loved her as well ever. The man that
owns the house we live in and that lived in the other part, died
last week leaving large family, but they are most grown up wo
sons and three daughters. Father has bough a lot of land and
thinks some of building next year. How is all friends out west.
Give my love o them, all the folks send their love.

Your affectione e ranson [sic]

Samuel. L joy

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1848, May 4. CHARLES PEABODY TO OWEN LOVEJOY. 2 lvs. 1 p

St Louis Mo May 4th 1848

Rev, & Dear Sir

I send you herewith an "Address" which will give you a clear & correct view of the work in which the Am. Tract Society is now engaged. You cannot fail, I think, to be interested in the views & arguments which it presents. I will append a few facts in relation to the progress of the Colporteur work in the more Western States.

Twenty one Colporteurs have been employed in Ill. & Iowa during the whole, or a part of the year ending April 1st 1848. They have visited 18,173 Families, in general among the more destitute sections of the country. They have sold 17,400 volumes of Christian truth, and have distributed gratuitously 985 volumes among the needy Families who were too poor to purchase. Great good has resulted from these humble labors. Destitute neighborhoods have been explored. Bibles have been carried to the poor--backsliders reclaimed, souls saved, while the silent leaven of Truth is working on among the neglected multitudes.

The work is still going forward as rapidly as extensively as the means of the Society will allow. There are now 9 Colporteurs in Ill. 8 in Mo. & two in Iowa, yet there are 152 Counties in these three states entirely unoccupied by Colporteurs. Many sections of country are yet very destitute. Says a Colporteur from the S.W. part of Mo. "At least half the Families in this neighborhood are destitute of religious reading. More than one third are not in the habit of attending upon the means of grace many neighborhoods have no preaching. Similar statements come

from other Colporteurs in various parts of the field.

Now the question arises: shall the Colporteur work be extended, so that all these waste places may be explored? New German & American Colporteurs stand ready to go into the field. "All that is wanting is the means of sustaining them. In prosecuting labors of love the society depends entirely upon the contributions of the Christian public. Funds are now greatly needed, both for American & German Colportage.

As it is impossible for me, in prosecuting my labors, to visit you, & lay this good Cause before your people, may I not hope that, according to the suggestions in the accompanying Document, will take some convenient opportunity of presenting it yourself.

As it will be more convenient, please send whatever donations may be received to Mr. H.N. Thisell St. Louis, the Soc'y will faithfully appropriate it to this good work.

Yours in the precious Gospel,

Charles Peabody
Gen. Agt. A.T.S.

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1848, October 21. A.SMITH TO OWEN LOVEJOY. 2 lvs.,lp.

Lyndon Oct 21st 1848

Dear Sir

I wrote you a few days since inviting you to come address a mass meeting of the Free Democracy on a day that you might fix Since which a call has been issued by some of the friends fixing the time on Wednesday the 1st day of October(meeting to be held at this place I have not learned that there will be any speaker here from abroad unless will come There is a great anxiety here to have you come You can do us more good than any other man I know of. Bring Mrs. Lovejoy

Come without fail

Yours in haste

A Smith

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1848, October 24. HUGH RHODES TO OWEN LOVEJOY. 1 lf., 1 p. ALS

[Illeg.] Oct 24th 1848

Dear Friend

A Mr Bond left my House this morning for your place and possibly for Canada [?] (Being one of our Brethren that have fallen among thieves) He has forgotten his Watch and left it here I will send it by the Male carrier tomorrow morning to your Postmaster in Princeton subject to your order hoping he may get it before he leaves. But if not probably you will know where he stops and can forward to him sometime

He is free by the act of his Master and ought to stay in Ill many of us think in your village

yours Truly

Hugh Rhodes

Rev. Owen Lovejoy

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[1848(?) _____], ELIZABETH LOVEJOY TO JOSEPH LOVEJOY] ~~2~~.2 lvs. 2 pp.

& [ELIZABETH LOVEJOY TO GEORGE CHEEVER] AL

↓ [ELIZABETH LOVEJOY TO SAMUEL LOVEJOY]

My dear grandson I received your letter from you and your father a few days since and yours preceded your fathers I shall begin to you I had been [?] thinking of writing to you for times I wanted to hear from you all very much I want to hear from your dear grandmother Moody. Mrs. Chamberlain said she was confined to her chamber when she was at your house I have heard nothing in particular from her since you nor your father wrote nothing about her nor your Mother said you was all well which was good news _____

Mr. Wiswall moved into a larger house than he formerly did in I came to live with them last May they are all well four fine healthy sprightly boys good scholars And love their grandmother very much was very much rejoiced when I came here to stay I have wrote all their ages I presume more than once the youngest Clarkson we call him his name is Joseph Clarkson will be five in Nov he is my bedfellow dont like to be called my baby Samuel my dear child I hope you will improve all your privileges And Remember your creator in the days of your [year] read your Bible daily commit much of it to memory fear God keep his commandments ask him every day to keep you from sinning against him

Monday afternoon I wrote one page to Samuel you will see but did not feel able to write anymore or rather my eyes began to fail it is now a dark day but the house is still the children at

school Mr Wiswall and Elizabeth to his sisters about four miles from here Owen was well with his family yesterday preached well had a full house they have a new house nearly finished many have to leave the old house for want of room if you read the Chicago citizen you will see how popular he is- poor child he has enough to keep him humble God bless him

It seems you were not pleased with the Buffalo [Illeg.] nomination cannot swallow Matty. As for his sins I dont think he is a sinner above all men I think he has a fair character compared with Clay or Taylor Taylor his very name is contemptable. A bloody man I compare him to Joab only not half his equal Joab was true to David although he murdered Abraham it was to save David's life it seems that Taylor's not true to any thing but killing folks poor wretch that God would bring him to neptune [?] ther was no hope of Hale As to Van Bueren he is not a slaveholder nor a [Illeg.] If I could forget that vessel [?] and he ordered into the [Illeg.] to recieve the [Illeg.] captives I could swallow him very well I have swallowed him though although he is not entirely digested Elizabeth says he sticks in her throat rather hard your good friend Levett has got him out of his throat and you know his head is a Senate

The bearer James Warren is a young man of good character and in the esteemed [?] estimation of his friends of good [Illeg.] he is a graduate of Galesburg college is going to your city to complete his studies at the Union institute and hearing of the popularity of Dr. Cheever and wishing to attend your church and when I told him your father was a relative of my dear husband the Rev. Daniel

Lovejoy and your mother was a much esteemed friend he wishes very much for a line of introduction thinking your Ministry and counsils [?] might be serviceable to him in his preparation for the Ministry if your mother is with you give my best regards to her and your sister E

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1848, May 12. JOHN E. LOVEJOY TO ELIZABETH LOVEJOY. ALS. 21vs. 4 pp.

Edinburg May 12 1848

Dear Mother:-Your letter reached me this morning, and I write to you as you appear to be the medium of communication. It was a proverb among the old settlers [?] that "it was ill taking the breeches [?] off a wild high loud man", which meant I take it that it is hard to get breeches from a naked person. You anticipate the application I suppose, I have not seen Mr. Blanchard, and presume there is no need of seeing him, as he has no oxen and no means of getting any to knowledge. The deceitfulness of riches does not trouble me much but I believe that I have as much of this worlds goods as he has. The cattle that he bought from Owen are all sold or dead--whether through his negligence or not is not for me to say, as I do not wish to create any prejudice against him, as I have good reason for believing he did against me in order to get the cattle from me-- But enough--if he did it, he has his reward, and I am now the worse perhaps. Suffice i to say that it is a forlorn hope to et anything from him at present. And if Owen can do anything for me, without embarassing himself I shall be very glad, and trust to be able to make a recompense in due time. I know that he has his hands full, and if I was within speaking distance I would preach for him part of the time. When I go down if I should I will have some good gospel sermons prepared if he wants me to preach them.

And now a word as to Hale and King. I thought Owen didn't believe in "jumping a ra recruit over |ar old v teran ont
But I have nothing against al ow. I di

turn out like Billy, and Cassius, but I believe he will stick. As for King he is a nonentity--a mere shadow as far as the mass of the people are unconcerned. He may be a good man as a smart man, but the knowledge of it is confined to a narrow limit I apprehend. You have lived long enough to that this is a queer world, and that there are all sorts of people in it. Dr. Franklin said when a man got his name up he might lie in bed till noon. To be a candidate a man should have a mane for something, either for fighting or preaching, or something else. Owen would have taken better than King for this reason if no other. But I am writing an editorial insted of a letter. You may overlook it as this is the first time. I feel very often like putting on the harness and going to work with pick axe and sledge against the old b---[?], but I am continuously kept back by the body ? of the death-- poverty. I wanted to attend the State conventions here, but as it was a hundred miles or more from here, I could not afford to go. I hope we shall [Illeg] in this county sometime during the summer.

I supposed that Sybil had written to you that she had a daughter or I should have written it to Owen. I do not remember when it was born, sometime in the spring-- not named yet, a fat chubby blackhaired girl.

The measles hav been all about here. Catherine Livingstoh was sick in our house with it but the children id not take it [ary had it you know but Catherine and Owen were exposed to t a number of times but escaped, [Illeg]. Can you tell the reason of that!

I believe that I never told you that I was justice of the peace here, have had some cases to decide and have married to Q couples. I believe I wrote hat to Owen too, but forge I

am also school inspector-- which answers to our Committee in
Maine--have to examine teachers turn them out. I hope I shall
be humble.

Mary still remembers grandmother, and Catherine wants to see
her. The boy grows finely

I like to have forgotten about Hendersons notes. They
never reached me and I suppose they would have been of no use
if they had. He died about two years ago in Dubuque, without any
property I believe

Love to all the folks that want it. Tell Liz if she dont
write I'll give her special goss [?] before long. Write soon and
direct [?] to the same place Monticello. I got your last letter
quicker than any I have ever had.

Yours [Illeg.]

ohn E Lovejoy

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1850, July 27, Zebina Eastman to (Owen Lovejoy(?),) 1 piece, 2 leaves.

Kings College
Oct. 18 1850

Reverend Owen Lovejoy

Dear Brother

Yours of the 9 inst. is in hand. I intend to preach Wednesday Evening Nov. 6th at Princeton, and if any great and over becoming necessity enlisted for doing so I could give your people some "talk" over the subject of Education. If not I wish I may be excused. This is not said through bashfulness or delicry (sic) at all but because I would be tired with my jjourney and have no speech to make. If I speak I must no ?) it simply as a religious duty and because you and your people really ought to have something said on this subject. If you are to have a meeting on Wednesday Evening Please let me know by return mail.

I expect to preach an Ordination sermon from "He gave some pastons (sic)." In which I shall endovor to show trust men need a spiritual guide and advisor and that God Knew and provided for it.

Brother Smith is to be partner in this general lecture. I believe the word "Stated Supply" is not used in the Bible. It may be a very word thought.

I write in double haste and have only time to pray God may bless you and send Mrs. Blanchard best respects to Mrs. Lovejoy. I hope she may be able to go to Dover with me.

Your Brother in Christ

J. Blanchard

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(1850, ---), Elizabeth Lovejoy. Essay on Fugitive Slave Law. 1 piece,
1 leaf. (AD)

Psalm XCIV shall the throne of Iniginity have Fellowship with Thee
which framath mischief by a Lord yea in heart ye work with wickdness ye
weigh the violence of your hand in the earth.

Isaiah Xth Wo unto them that decree unrighteous decrees and that
write grievousness which they have prescribed to turn aside the needy
from judgment and take away the right from the poor. Act II V 19th
But Peter and John answerd and said unto them Whether it be right in the
sight of God to heaven unto you none then unto God judge ye how little
do our Rubin consider they are trampling the Law of the great Jehovah
under their feet. But God say, by Jermiah the Lord hath trodden under
foot all the mighty men And have we not near on to believe that God will
speedily tread under foot all our so called mighty men in this world without
repentance deep humiliating repentance they will stand stripped of all
their earthly glory (which is nothing but a shadow yes Fillmore and
Webster will there stand disembodied spinch their conscience reeking with
the blood of the poor slave And yet we have man that call themselves
ministers of Christ that tell the people they ought to obey this law
and judges so called defend it why I would as soon hear a high way
robber preach as the defenders of this Law it is improbable they can have
the love of God in their hearts; besides they must be extremely ignorant
sometimes I fear we are given over people and sometimes I hope we may
have seven Thousand that have not bowed to the image of Baul And yet I
found all the judgments spoken of in the thirteenth chapter of Hosea
will come upon this ~~nat~~tion We have wicked masters men that fear not God
for as Beecher says when Satan appears at Washington not in disguise
with high tail, horns and all our preachers shook hands with him Bid

him wellcome was all ready to do his Bidding. Although it was right in the face of God's Law which commends his people to deliver the spoiles out of the hands of the oppressed let his fury come out like fire and burn that none can quench it And look into the law of the Old Testament whence the poor infutuated slave go to prove that slavery is right hear what says it in Deuteronomy XXIII 15 Thou shalt not deliver unto his Master the servant which has escaped from his Master unto the he shall dwell with thee run among you in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates where it licketh him but thou shall not offerzs (?) him yet our wicked ruler say set on your hound catch the fugitive sentence him to his master you shall have as much as Judas had for selling Christ O what a day we live in yet it is in the Middle of the nineteenth century of the Christian era and I do hope we have some Lurich ? some Hananiahs some Michael some Azariahs that would sooner be cast into the den of lions or the fiery furnace than obey thy wicked Laws.

Fiery yrs

Peter and John answered

Beloved

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Nov 74*

1850, April 13, Sarah Lovejoy to Elizabeth Lovejoy. 1 piece, 2 leaves (ALSF).

Worcester Mass. July 27 1850

Friend Lovejoy

I am thus far on my way to Frankford. I shall probably sail in the steamer from Boston next Wednesday.

I promised the friends that I would go over to Frankford if \$150 were raised to pay in part my express. It will cost probably about \$300. The Mesheiwes Institute and the people in Chicago raised \$100. Some more has been promised from the country. But that I should go. Dea(?) Carpenter stepped forward and advanced \$50 more money on the scene with the understanding that he would try to raise it in the country.

He requested me to write to you. Its I have many Jesuila (?) friends in your town, as well as there are many friends of the Peace Movement will you not lay the subject before your church, take up a collection, and smit the sum collected to Dea Carpenter! If a bond \$20 were raised the committee would feel that your turn had nobly sustained its part

As I am the secretary of the committee, as well as delegate, I have had to write some letters from which I should like to have been excused, as it looked somewhat like pleading for myself. Glad some other Jersen (?) been delegated, I think I could have raised enough to have paid Expenses with case.

Yours truly

Z. Eastman

I have not time to write about ~~poteteus~~ (?) vc. as I have much to do to get ready.

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1850, April 13, Sarah Lovejoy to Elizabeth Lovejoy. 1 piece, 2 leaves.
(ALSF)

Cambridgepark April 13th
1850

My dear Mother Lovejoy,

I have just parted with my own dear Mother, & I thought you would be interested to hear something of her sickness & death. My husband & children will write I presume all the news, of any intrest. I confess I have been shamefully sugligush (?) in and writing to you dear Mother, & my relatives wish but my excuse must be, I have almost wholly laid aside my pens seldom, writing to my Callowres except on business. It is always with great pleasure we hear - of your continued health & prosperity. Mother was even glad to hear of this arrival, and to have read, the letters from, the wish. You may have heard through my husband, that Mother had a very hard fall last July, fell backwards down stairs heading from the shed into the cellar. Had the doors been bolted as usual at the foot of the steps I think her back would have been broken.

This fall was a shock to her system from which she never fully recovered. Never walked so upright & so easily as before. Although she moved fairly well, attended meetings when the weather was good & had been unusualy free from colds this winter feast , static when last taken ill she observed she had not felt as well as before her fall, her food had invothed (?) less & it was being evident her digestion organs was inflamed in someway. Mother was confined to her room about seven weeks, but able to sit up most of the time. From the first the imflamation was very strong on her mind that it was her last sickness & she must be in readiness for her Heavenly Fathers care. This last two years, she had

often spoken of her gradual decay, & that her work was almost done that she was a poor old worn out woman, & who could desire her stay, when she could do no good to any one. She had a great dread of living beyond being usefulness & bring a burden to friends. I have long felt my dear Mother might take her departure from this world suddenly, as did two sisters, but I have great cause for gratitude that her senses were sound to the last. This mental inisqus (?) was uncomplained & her uncommon resolution held out. Every thing necessary for the last sorrowfull wish, was ~~though~~ of, I fan-feared for, with great composure and calmness. Her speech seemed to undergo a change, she appeared like a little child, so quick & submissive, breast full of love to children and grand children -- & delighted to have them around her -- windear (?). Her children but she must leave them. She wished to go home. This was a favoriate expression and often used. She constantly longed for the welcome messenger, yet prayed for submission to her God. His time was the best time God's will be done. How often she looked up to me, 'Sarah why do you hold me back?' You are very dear to me, & my all but I must leave you. I have done all I can for you -- I long to go home, where I shall be at rest without sin." She breathed her last the 23 of February without a struggle or a groan. Dearest Formes of Cortez sat up with me this last night. She smiled peacefully as we kissed her cheek & bid her good bye. I know I have much, very much to be ~~thankful~~ for dear Mother, that my mother was spared to me so many years enjoyed such uninterrupted health enjoyed her friends & was able to minister to them comfort, yet it is a sad, a sorrowful event to part with a Sarah ?) especially a Mother. Then on times when this heart bleeds and is desolate. The chambers left, looks lonely the such gloomy. I would be very

pleasant to see & to us all could it be occupied by my Husband's Mother.
The children say, why will such (?) grandmother Lovejoy come on and live
with us we want to see her. Mr. Lovejoy is bringing our letters for
Boston. Perhaps I have already said enough. Much love to Brothers Owen
& family, Sister Elisabeth & family & accept a large share for your self.
From yours affection.

Sarah

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their hopes (blotted) blasted by the power of evil men. But the whole is still under the control of a mightier hand. And to His will we should ever submit. I have said [sic] I feel to sympathize with you: but how can I apprehend clearly your circumstances, or share your grief. I have never been placed in a condition which could qualify for me for so delicate a business. I can wonder how you can endure the stroke, but yet I know one lady who has been called to endure as much, and without the consolation which you have. I rejoice to reflect upon the numerous and very rich sources from which, in the evil hour, you can draw. You have had a long experience of God's goodness and the principles of Christianity have embued your spirit, have long since learned, that all earthly good is transitory, and that there is nothing true but heaven; the throne of heavenly grace you have found accessible and upon it a sympathizing High Priest--who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities; your children are not all, cut off, nor are they without hope, or living without God in the world. The one who has been snatched from you has tried usefully and given reason to believe that he had experienced that moral change which fills the immortal spirit for the skies; he has fallen while making strenuous efforts to promote the glory of God, and the cause of suffering humanity, and his name will live in America and Europe, till African sic slavery shall be no more. It remains yet to be known, what will be the results of his untimely fall. As however the ashes of the

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1840, FEBRUARY 1. OWEN LOVEJOY TO JOHN E. LOVEJOY.

ALS. 21v.

Princeton, February 1st 1840

We reached home safely on Wednesday night although somewhat fatigued. We did not reach Charleston on the day we left but stayed at Westbrook's. It took us four hours to cross the river for wh. we had to pay \$2.00, being conveyed over in an old crazy boat half filled with water. We overset once coming home to make us even. Sibyl will tell you a long yarn of my obstinacy, how I reformed to go back where we had lost the road; and how we went over divides and through slough and into brooks and etc. Hereof fail not.

I have not as yet found any cows. I have not received the last quarter's salary, and if I buy the cows of my people in payment of my salary they will charge 25 per cent at least more than I could get theirs for the ready cash. Still I hope I shall be able to get you sometime next month, probably they will not be ready before then, or toward the last of the month, that is September.

You must not work so hard as to make yourself sick. This is the month for that.

Sibyl said you thought of building another cabin and have her come up. Perhaps if you finish that off well and build a shanty it would do as well. I think if I am able to get some cows, it might be well for her to go up and assist about the butter & e. If the market should remain what it now is,

it would no doubt be a profitable business if properly managed, & so also if you had a good breed of hogs, but you cannot get things at once, the only thing is to ascertain what will be the most profitable, among various things that are desirable.

I think you may make an excellent farm there, & one who yield a good profit. It is not now lonely than this place a few years ago. I do not know how exactly you will decide in & regard to the entering of your land, who shall enter wh. sections, or quarter sections & e.? but I trust they may be a [dep²stra] without difficulty, & I suppose the great question is a first to get something to enter it with. The Sub.-Treasury Bill has passed & become a law I suppose, though I have not seen it as yet

The Abolitionists of Ohio are waking up in regard to the political question; & the Philanthropists has almost come out in favor a timid candidate. The last number contains a call the Southern counties to meet in convention ?] to consider the question, & Dr. Bailey advises Anti S. men, whoever they vote for not to vote for Harrison, & if they vote at all to vote for Birney. In fact his last no. was just the thing. I do not think that many of the ch. will vote for him.

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I have changed my boarding place, & am now at San [Lew²heiz]. I mean & try & go on East next Spring if possible. I do not know as I shall be able to compass it.

I suppose you have done breaking as it is getting late I would build a good fence when I built any to make all secure.

Your chickens, & pigs e. I suppose will be around your stable or shed when you build one. I did not think to speak to you particularly in regard to the vest wh. you wanted, you must write, and also about any thing else th. you need & I will get them if possible. By the way you had better keep an account of such things as go into the [fires], the cradle, [shed], & e as it may be desirable to know sometime.

We are all well, that is mother S. & E., & myself. We have heard nothing from the East this long while, & I have not heard from Celia this long while

Little Etholinda I suppose is with you by this time. She was quite well when we called. My respects to Miss Mary & the rest. Write me soon & tell me all about your [covers], & your opinion about matters and things in general. My paper has not yet come, when it does I will forward it.

Your aff. brother

Owen Lovejoy.

1840, JUNE 24. JANE C. ----- TO ELIZABETH LOVEJOY

ALS. 2lv., 4pp

Unity June

Aunt Lovejoy

I received your letter dated Apr. 22d with much pleasure, yes, dear Aunt with much pleasure did I peruse it, and exclaimed it sounds just like Aunt Lovejoy. When I told Mother it was from you, she says "can it be" she was interested in all you wrote and laughed when I read the description of your room. I had been expecting a letter from you for eight or ten months, [sic and could not immagin [sic] why you did not write. I feared you was [sic unable, but I thought Lizzy, or some one might do it for you, if such was the case. I have intended dear Aunt by keeping you in suspense to pay you in your own coin, but I have been waiting to learn something of the history of those you requested me to write you about I have just received a note from Aurelia C. Kidder (a married or unmarried lady I know not) saying that your much esteemed and long tried friend Mrs. [?]Caummet yet lives--her health is quite good--remember you with much affection--oftens [sic] wanders [sic you do not write her--she has gone to Brownsville to spend the summer with her friends there, and that if you will write her--it would be gratefully [sic received and promptly answered. The above mentioned lady--auther [sic] of the note sends her bests [sic] respects to you and your family. Luther Crosby and lady wish to be remembered. The church in Albion

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but 24 hours--he had been unwell during the winter, but the family did not think him in danger. So death resigns would not have it otherwise, for God resigns also and righteousness and judgement [sic] are the habitation of his throne.

"I would not live always, I ask not to stay Where storm after storm rises o'er the dark [w²ay] ^[3] Dear Aunt I most cordially hope with you, that you will meet all your friends in a better world where the ties of nature will no more be severed. Dear Aunt what a blessing hope is I have it buoys [sic] sustains and comforts; especially if built upon the promises of the Bible Thus you have been sustained in scenes of affliction, when you have felt the chastening of the Lord was heavy and thus I hope to be sustained by the power of God through faith unto Salvation. 'Pray for me dear Aunt. I feel the Lord is my refuge, and that I have no other, neither can I say I want any other. I would like a journey out to your State very much if I could leave and had some kink [sic] friend to accompany me. I felt last fall, when Miss Catherine Beecher was getting a class of teachers, that I would have [gone] if I had not been needed here. I should have wanted a location near you. Since I have been obliged to g[ive] up the care of Mother I feel as though I am living to but little purpose--she is not willing I should be out of her room when at home, and when there I am so interrupted I cannot read or study to much advantage But if I am where my Heavenly Father would have me it is enough. I sometimes think perhaps Mothers feelings had better be sacrificed a little

if I can spend my time in study so as to prepare me better for future usefulness, but it is very hard work for me to bear her sad looks. So I presume I shall remain with her while she lives Aunt Whitney was over a few weeks ago--she was nicely [sic] Aunt Farwell has not been here for sometime. She is well I presume I passed uncle the other day so he is living yet--"at what a child" I immagin [sic you say Pardon if I have offended Aunt Hurd has moved from Correna to Searsport I think to live with Asenath (Mrs Straut)

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Give my love to your children, tell them I should be happy to see them. Aunt Lovejoy this letter is written horribly for I have had miserable ink and pen--but I thought if get the ideas it would be all you would care for. Sibyl and Mary have poor health. Betsey looks as young as when you saw her last Sister Achsa has pretty good health. Mrs Burnham and the Dr. are still living. Sister Sibyl has a son who talks of going out west as a teacher. What Salary could he get near you in an Accademy [sic]. ask Owen if you please and tell me when you you write. he is a fine young man--has poor health if he goes I would like to go with him.

hope you will not neglect writing me so long again. I should like very much to go to Boston this fall and visit Joseph's family at Cambrigeport [sic]--I am glad you are so happily situated--hope your children will do all in their power to make your remaining days happy Abolitionism prevails here to some extent I was glad to hear from Mr Sinclair's family

I hope Heaven will smile on you and yours. From your
much attached niece,.

Jane C.

ELIZABETH LOVE O'NEILL TO THOMAS J. ADAMS

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this world [I do not scratched out know but her husband is we hope a christian he makes no perfeccion although a very steady

I now make it my home with them so has Sibyl for some months past Owen boards near by us. John left home last Dec.

the Iowa territory about 1 hundred and thirty miles from here Owen and Sibyl left here last week on Monday for Iowa expect Owen to return this week. Sibyl thought she might spend some time with John a few weeks at least. Sibyl's health has been very good generally on the whole She had an attack of the liver Complaint in the Spring was very [sic] such about one week but not more so that has been before [?] [with] ^[3] My own health is pretty good better this last Spring than the Spring before in Maine Elizabeth [sic] health is pretty good now has a fine son born the 5th of April a very healthy quiet child I don't know but this country is as healthy as Maine. On the whole although I suppose my son Joseph was not very favorably impressed

the health of the country but the South was his journey was Fatiguing from Chicago here the weather was very warm he preached 3 times on the Sabbath left here on Monday a very warm day when he should have rested he was what we call overdone and needed

I do think people in this country expecially in warm weather ought to be particular about their diet and also about overdoing- But this is certainly a beautiful country The Mormons say the ten tribes will be restored and take up their residence in this valley of the Mississippi. I have seen two of the leaders of that deluded people. I asked them a number of questions and

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oppugnancy to my judgement; & as for the course of ratiocination which you pursue, & the arguments you adduce to establish & fortify the positions which you assume, & to justify the contumacious. & pertinacious spirit which characterises your conduct in this thing;--to all this what shall I say? Suffice it to that the entire department not of State, nor of the Navy, this entire department of famality [sic] approve of it, & so there is an end of the matter.

If Sibyl goes up, it will be getter to wait till winter, I should think, so that you can cross the rivers on the ice, & come on runners: it will be both easier & cheaper. I do not know whether it will require more than one to get up the cows. You will hardly be able to walk. Perhaps you had better come on horseback, or if two of you come, you can make one horse do perhaps. This however you can arrange as it seems best. Bro. A~~---~~, said the last time I saw him that he had a pig for you I do not know if you will be able to take it along or not. I hope you will be able to get a team of your own before a great while & then you can have all things separate if you please. Mean while you must get along as smoothly as you can. This talk over when I see you. I shall look for you about the first of next month.

I had a letter from Mr. Turner a short time ago said he saw you, & thought you would have a good settlement there--wants me to go to Iowa City, I forget how far that is from your place. However it is not likely that I shall go, as I cannot

afford to preach without receiving something just

This State went for V. B.* by about two thousand popular votes.--fifty one L. C. in the house, & 40. Whigs, The L. Cs. have a majoriety also in the Senate, how much I do not recollect. Ind. Ken. N. C. Louis. have gone for the Whigs I believe. What do you choose this fall? You must make stump speeches & get into office. I will try & get you a cap. I send you two dolls, [sic] all I have by me, Perhaps that will get you down.

We are all well. Elisabeth has changed her boys name from W^m H. to Austin Willey. Mr. Wiswall is unwell with a cough.

Yours Aff. brother

Owen Lovejoy

* Van Buren

Transcribed by Pat

1840, October 10, and December 15. John W. E. Lovejoy to
Elisabeth, Sibyl, and Elisabeth G. Lovejoy. ALS. 2 lv.

Edinburge, Oct. 10, 1840

FIRST GENERAL EPISTLE OF JOHN

Dear Mother, Sisters Sibyl & Elisabeth

Your joint, comforting, consoling, admoishing, advising, exhorting, and informing letter dated the 25th of August, I received last Tuesday the 7th of October. What its vicichitudes [~~sis~~] and dangers were on the road I have no means of ascertaining, as it contained no information on what subject. All the letters that I have received from Princeton this summer and fall have come a great while out of time. What the cause is I do not know, but, suppose the blame must be cast upon Amos Kendall and the sub treasury, as they are the only two causes of mischief now in the country.

As for you, Mrs. Elisabeth, if it will do you any to know the result of your letter, you may know that I felt consideraby [~~sic~~] comforted when I was reading your portion of the same. It seemed as though I felt revieved and quickened with the consoling matter which it contained. I feel much concerned about the multiplicity of your family duties, and hope you will be substained under their pressure. You will please accept my sympathy, and my ardent wishes that they may be speedly alliviated. As to a desire to see Jophet, I don't know abut it. Does he look like either his father or mother! If so, I do not but I might like to take a peep at him through a glass darkly,

but not full to face. You know that the little varments are an aboumination /sic/ to men.--

Sibyl must prepare to emigrate as soon as the river freezes over: so it is time for her to begin to settle up her earthly concerns and prepare herself for these happy shores. I think the house will be ready as soon as that. Mother writes

she wish to come here and live. I have no sorte /sic/ of objection, only think she would be better off where she is for

present. Another year, if prospered we shall be in a better condition to live and get along more comfortably. But if you think different you shall be welcome to such a home as I have to give. We can talk more about it when I go down

Dec. 15 1840

I had written this much of letter before I went down to Illinois, and as I have no writing paper I thought I would fill it out. I wrote to Owen some time since giving an account of

journey hither, which I suppose he has ere this received We arrived just at the right time, for the ice began to run in ississippi, in two or three days after we crossed. We are getting along pretty well. If we have good luck we shall have it done in a few weeks. We shall have a good one when it is done. My special regards to Miss Sibyl P. Lovejoy. I wish you to hold yourself in readiness to start for the Elysium Fields at a moments warning. Get all the good things that you can for the perennial fruits, and fragrant spices which generally abound here were cut off this year by a noxious exhalation from the earthly regions which lie upon our frontier.

I wish you jointly and severally together with Owen to me those steers which I wrote to Owen about, both Yoke. If I cannot get them any other way I will try and get a chance to print and get some money. We could get along by exchanging with Davis, but I do not want anything to do with him if I can help it and those two yoke would just do the business. All things are not possible I know, but I do feel to desire to get them very much. These oxen that I have got are first rate. They will out pull anything in these parts. I could get seventy dollars them in trade but they can't get them. I ask \$80 cash down. I have been offered 25 dollars for the Durham heifer.

I shall be prepared to give you an antislavery address when I come down, so you may prepare for something special. Get all the hens and pigs you can muster and all other thing necessary. I want your table mother. Give my love to all who inquire and my special regards to all who dont sic--Write soon and let me know what about the oxen

Yours

John W. E. Lovejoy

open my letter to tell you that I shall probably come down very first illeg that arrives. The river sic are frozen but most-of: the snow is gone,--If you could among you lend me a dollar it would be very convient--I want you to write immediately and tell one about what I have written for and whether you have had any snow there yet Remember the meat Sibyl and the table mother. J. W. E. L.

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ashes if they do not clean well. I think that you had better form any partnerships with Vine but keep all you carry over, & divid /sic/ what you raise from the farm & improvements you make according to what you do. Net /sic/ I hope your proportion of what you grow will be sufficient to keep your stock, & so you can have that entirely separate. As to the rails, & other improvements of course you must help him get as many as will

to his share or compensate him in some other way, & in this way you can work together, & yet be sqyare at the end of the year when you have divided the crops. As to keeping the cows this winter of course you must make some arrangements for that also. It is probably for your mutual advantage that you work together for the presant, but I would not lay my plans to do it long. I think farmers miss it egregiously in tilling a good deal of land & keeping to little meat stock such as cattle & sheep & horse. If you keep a good many cows, it will be less work for you & more profitable, & more easily disposed of if

should wish to do so. Mind & take good care of what you have. We have had some very sever weather & March is a trying month for cattle. Are your cows all with calf? You must make lbs from them next Spring & summer & fall.

Mother I think wrote you about the time of coming over. Sibyl's term is out the 3^d or 4th of March but that will be a bad time to com /sic/, especially to get your cattle over. How did you intend to manage about that? You must learn to plan & not depend upon your aged daddy, my son.

There was a man here from Peru not long since who sold some browns to Mr. Turner, (the old man) & he wanted to know where he was & whether he owned any land out here in Henry County. He sold the browns on credit & was anxious about his

pay. I had forgotten where he dated his letter to me, but promised to write to you about it. If you know anything, or are disposed to enquire you can do so, at any rate you can write me his address. Do you expect him ou [sic] there in the spring? If so you will remember the conversation of the [Somantan ?] woman

There is more than usual feeling on the subject of religion here at present. The ch. is more alive, & there have been several conversions, among others the Mr. Poterfield who lived here, & the girl now here, Julia Hitchcock, I hope it will continue to spread. There is an effort making to unite the chs. but I know not how it will end. I have been at Union Grove, where there is or has been a revival & also at Daviss [sic] I have not seen things so promising since I have been here. I ask for a dismission [sic], & had made up my mind to go over with you, but the ch. seemed so unwilling for me to go that I thought it was not duty, & so I stay for the present

Mother's health is pretty good, & we are all well. have not told mother or Elizabeth of the shipwreck of your [illeg.], & so if you feel disposed to keep councils you can do it. You got along quite as cheap as I expected. Though you could not have gone much higher it would seem. Commit your ways unto the Lord & he will direct your footsteps. I would like that we might all be together, & especially I want to make a home for mother. But more of that when we meet. Nothing from Joseph except in the Gazette. I sent you the gleanen About

seven thousand abolitionist votes were cast for President
The same as would not bow to Baal you know.

All send love, as would if I was in town I dare say-
Mrs. Durham sends respects.

If you want anything let me know.

Aff. your brother

Owen Lovejoy

1841, March 28, A. Brackett to Sibyl and Elizabeth G. Lovejoy.

2 lv., 3 pp.

N^o 11--5th Range Aroostook River

March 25th 1841

Dear cousins Sibyl & Elisabeth

Would that instead of writing you I could see you face to face and relate to you the different scenes through which we have passed within a few weeks. God in his providence has been pleased to afflict us in way [sic] we least expected--The last day of December we started from China and arrived [sic] at our home the last day of January, fatigued and glad to find a home even in the wilderness. We found a comfortable house and well filled we were all together for the first time for four years and anticipated a great deal of pleasure in each others society.-- But God had marked out a different [sic] course for us. On the thirteenth of March Father struck the axe in his foot but we thought the wound was not dangerous until a few days before he died. We then sent to [illeg.] after a Doctor but could not any we then sent to Fish river about fifty miles distant;- but before he had time to get here it was too late. The cause of his death was bleeding he bled twelve times after he cut him and the first time it was thought he bled eight quarts. He was so reduced that he could be moved only on a sheet the week before he died. He suffered a great deal* but was insensible the greater part of the time. The last moments of his life were peaceful and he died without a struggle Friday Morn sixteen *[struck out] the week before he died

John Pray had died since we left China,--Susy Hunerwell has put an end to her life, she wrot /sic/ letters to her friends stating that she was wearry /sic/ of life the evening previous to her committing the dreadful deed. She appeare /sic/ as usual except rather lowspirited at times. It is the most unaccountable thing I ever hear of. They say her Father is the most distressed man they ever saw.--Then mother is perfectly calm she is not n her right mind it is thought--

Mrs. Cammet visted us last Fall she wanted me to say to your mother she had visited her old habitation and the grave of her husband and wished to be remembered to you all--George is ready to start and I must close. Give my love to your mother to Owen and John. I want you all to write as soon as you can.

Remember us daily in your prayers I entreat you and if we never meet on earth may be meet in Heaven at last is the prayer of your affectionate Cousin, A Brackett

1841, April 10. CELIA LOVEJOY To ELIZABETH LOVEJOY. ALS.
2 lvs., 4 pp.

My Dear Mother Lovejoy

Hamilton County April 11, 1841.

Your kind letter was duly received & would have been answered if I had been able. I have been deeply afflicted the past winter I will give you a brief account. In the first place you know something of the hostility which Selina and Mother felt in regard to Mr. Lovejoy, and the antislavery cause. Mother thought best to keep it more to herself than Selina with the hopes of reclaiming me from my error as she supposed, this I have since learned, she expressed a desire and determination to go with me and could not be contented to do otherwise as she was my mother I felt it my duty to do all in my power to make her happy, when my house began to fill up with sounds (?) they were of course abolitionist this she considered a disgrace to herself and Selina consequently she persecuted me all she could which was not a little, she required me renounce my antislavery principles or she would not live with me. I always told her I could not & did not done such a wicked thing, sometimes in January my mind and body (sic) sunk under my trials for I did not receive anything but reproches from her and threats that it would be my destruction if she should be obliged to leave me. I tried to reason the case with but it did no good my sickness was a return of termination of blood to the brain I was in fits and spasms the first ten days I did not expect to live niether could I if I could not got some little relief it brought me very low indeed for ten weeks I was only lifted from the bed to the chair with the utmost care I could not bear any light during this time Mother did not come near me only three or four times when I was first taken, she said all the doings of the abolitionists she expected they would kill me, Mr. Weller remained with me and nursed me faithfully and suffered everything on my account. Mothers hostility was dreadful towards him she did everything she could to injure him, soon as I could be carried on a bed I was removed to a private dwelling this being necessary to save my life, when she began to make preparations to go back to St. Charles and to take those girles (sic) the viligante committee of the city whose business it is to attend these cases presented this case to the court as Mother had not emancipated them the court promised them free and appointed a guardian, when he must to take possession of them she refused and treated the court with contempt. She run them over into Kentucky, and loged them with a real kidnaped (sic) and then she supposed the abolitionist had got them she did not know where they went she soon found that she was obliged to appear and give an account, being summoned to appear before the court she went over into Kentucky hereself with Selina by this means the committee found where the girls were they went reccommended a trial then it appeared soon as she went over she did all she could to excite and influence the minds of the slaveholders aganist the abolitionist

she told them how I had abused her, and had been engaged in helping carry the fugitives from their state _____.(illeg.) She did not appear neither did Mr. Morris the man who was assisting her he was doing all he could to raise a mob and succeeded but, thanks to a merciful God they were not permitted to shed blood, the mob attacked the committee - Mr. Weller and these that went over say they never saw a more infuriated mob at noon that day they expected to be torn to pieces, in this time of excitement against the abolitionist. Mother Selina went down the river a piece with the girls and took a boat, this was ascertained afterward the girls are again slaves notwithstanding _____ (torn) laws of any of the states would free them, _____ (torn) not or even attempted without raising a _____ (torn) the slaveholders are so sensitive in regard to any antislavery movements that they will not listen to any thing from that reporter. Mother stands now committed as a kidnapper and is at the mercy of this committee, by the laws of Ohio it is a penitentiary offense, now my dear Mother I will leave you to imagine what my feelings and struggles have been during all of this and in my low state of health. I could not say one word to palliate(?) or defend my Mother or ought against street justice being executed if the cause demanded it, even should it be done at the sacrifice of my own life, the thought is appalling that she should be imprisoned for life to hard labour, there is a great consolation in the most all of this the land reigns this has been a great support he will cause the wrath of men to praise him and the remainder he will restrain, I am now twelve miles from the city trying to get some titles straight it would give me much pleasure to visit you but with my present _____ (illeg.) state of health I would not dare to go into Ill this summer I am perfectly satisfied in regard to its _____ (illeg.) on _____ (illeg.) in the _____ (illeg.). I do not expect to go out of this state this summer I expect to go to pastor (?) Bushnells next week he resides at the Northbend near Janet Hensons (?), I will continue to take short journey, I think I will go to Stubbenon (?) and some other places in the state, when I return. Edward is very well _____ (illeg.) quite a long boy I wish you could see him, I am in hopes you may before long, do write me soon as you received the end I will answer without delay if I have strength, I wish I could get a letter from John I wrote him last, I do not know what to think about him give my love to the girls. I wonder if they even expect to write me again. I received Owens letter and will answer him Brother Weller is just well he was out to see me the other day and will be out next week to take me to the city. My sheet is full to and have not said half I wish but will wait a little I am very much fatigued. May the sons bless and protect you as the pray of your _____ (illeg.) thoughts

Eliz Lovejoy

1842, September 21. ELIZABETH LOVEJOY To ELIZABETH (LOVEJOY)
WISWALL. ALS. and SIBYL LOVEJOY To ELIZABETH (LOVEJOY)
WISWALL. ALS 2 lvs., 3pp.

Iowa Mineral Brook or Creek Sept 21, 1842

My Dear Blessed Child how do you do how is your precious little ones. Dear little Austin how I long to see him tell him about grandman Charles. I suppose will soon forget me Sibyl says she likes Charles as well as she. does Austin I love the dear child but he does not he so near my heart as Austin Sibyl and I think and talk a great deal about you all and now I must tell you you will not see Sibyl at Princeton at present she is not able to go (no eyes but your own must see this) her health is very poor She was taken a fortnight ago last Sabbath with strong symptoms of a Mi_____ (illeg.) you must guess what was very _____ (illeg.) and very much alarmed was confined to her bed for nerely a week and I reason to believe if I had not been here to encourage her and do what little I could for her it might have brought on a premature _____ which you know would be very very dangerous. She is better and her spirits in a measure restored but far from well suffers a great deal from the tooth she has a pretty severe attack of the chol_____ (illeg.) Morlum (?) but dont be alarmed about her I trust she will do well. We had about set the time for her to start for Princeton I was to stay and keep down(?) but her sickness has settled that question in the negative She can not go I am disappointed as she is I thought much of her being with you in your hour of trial but God has ordered it other _____ (illeg.) I do _____ (illeg.) to rejoice that we are in his hand but my trial is that I am not in submission to his Blessed will David says the good man is not afraid of evil tiring (?) his heart is fixed _____ (illeg.) in the Lord But I am in continous fear and anxiety about my dear children God help them and keep them in the hollow of his hand guard them as the apple of his eye Tell Owen to watch and pray and be sober and remember he must watch for souls as one that must give an account to God of want to hear all about your concerns you will naturally know what I am interested in Owen must write I dont expect you will be able the other letter I intended directing to Owen but Sibyl said most of it belongs to you and she should _____ (illeg.) to you why dont some of you send me some paper I have not received any since I have been here John gets the standard occasionally I have not seen John very recently Margaret was here last week and sister said John was very busy about building the _____ (illeg.) have given him a house lot they want to keep him at the county seat I saw Mr. Livin_____ (illeg.) and most of his family at Macting (?) he was glad to see me I have hot been there yet the girls said he was coming after me soon I told them I could not go till Sibyl was able to go with me we heard today Mrs. Livingston was faling fast it is said to be very healthy through the Territory generally I am very well except the Rheumatism troubles me considerably

I have been to meetings (?) but once a Mr Coles formerly from Connecticut preached the scotch grave as they call it is expected to move here this Autumn an excellent preacher Mr. Emerson called here about two week ago he gave the first No of the Western Citizen I like it will tell Owen I wish him to send it to me as I was Pleased with his remarks on No sin to Neal Now my dear daughter I must tell you I expect if I live to spend the Winter in Iowa and want Owen to put my chest on board the stage and direct it to Dubuque (?) if you are able to see to packing up my things I wish you would the chest must be nailed up and hooped with hoops put in all my wearing apparel bag of stockings old shoes and all and every woolin thing that _____ (illeg.) up piece of carpet and bed quilt that was ready to quilt with the butting(?) theme is a cold Winter coming and this cabin is cold compared to your house. Sibyl wants that little waiter (?) and a little shovel and songs was left at your other house I believe not the trap (?) ones them we do not want I wish you would put in the fourth and sixth volume of _____ (illeg.) my little Bibles that I believe is in Owen Book case and the yarn to finish Owens gloves tell Owen I wish he would send me some thread you will know what sort I need and some Yarn to knit him some stockings I will knit you some if you will send me some yarn I want Owen to write when my chest will be at Dubuque (?) Mr Blanchard will go there after it if you could _____ (illeg.) in a parcel of old papers I should be glad I want to paper Sibyl a bedroom But dont expect you can Elizabeth this is a beautiful place as nature ever formed I hope Mr. Wirvall (?) will sell his property in Illinois and move up here and set up a store there in no taxes to pay in Iowa; but God knows what is best for us all & that we may live to his glory remember me to Mr. Wirvall (?) and dear _____ (illeg.) and all that any _____ (illeg.) after me your Mother that knew loves you dearly

Elizabeth Lovejoy

(Endorsed:)

Dear Lizzy

I am disappointed an _____ (torn) Disappointed and we are all disapp _____ (torn) The time was set for me to start _____ (tprn) They _____ (illeg.) not let me go think the _____ (torn) would be fatal. But you need not be concerned about me am _____ (illeg.) except that faintrous (?) you know I am troubled and I suffer I shall do as well without a Doctor.

I dont feel any alarmed for those that know nothing fear nothing. Will you please send me a sleeve pattern and a cap.

I have but a moment to write for _____ (illeg.) letter baron (?) is waiting Please send me _____ (illeg.) border of my red shawl Mother is pretty well likes _____ (illeg.) claim much. _____ (illeg.) the chest to the stage house in Dubuque(?)

Love to all Sibyl

1842, April 13. JOSEPH C. LOVEJOY To ELIZABETH LOVEJOY.
ALS. 2 lvs., 3 pp.

Hallowell April 13, 1842.

My Dearest Mother, I do this day as I have for many days remember my fault is not writing to any of the family for so long a time. I think of you dearly and make myself some excuse that you had always heard from me enough Lenparcen (? of AS (?) paper.

You said how glouriously you get along hereon both these subjects and I findly hope living may find you enjoying the same blessing. Lately we have had quite a awakening on the subject of religion in this town and in many others through the state . at both it has been wonderful 500 have obtained hopes of having passed from death to life. In Winthrop (?) the number is as larger in proportion to population — In Bangor - Augusta and numerous other places think _____ (illeg.) to be great interest. Also what is stronger still the Universalist and the Unitarians are having _____ (illeg.) meetings few really want conversation as they say. and some of the Unitarians converts in the town appear very well.

You will of course like to hear in order of family matter. Mrs. Woody retains her vigor at the age of 77. Scarcely percieve any change this last five years. Sarah is not quite as well as usual this spring The great Boy John Edward nine months old takes some of her strength. Mary gains on potatoes yet and eats tons with as much enthusiam as ever. talk much of going out to see grandmother and Aunty Sybil and Elizabeth. I Samuel is very active rides on horseback - walks up to Augusta - and is as full of mischief as he can hold - easily subdued and of a pleasant temper - but rather gives to teaching. Joseph is full of real grit - likes to have his own way - and dont hesitate to attack _____ (illeg.) if he abuses him. Little John ia a good natured healthy boy lives on his mothers milk and goes out occassionally (sci) to take the air in these fair April days - exceeding fair they are too - never seen such a April so far - no such a winter in fact - so far - So much for the rest of them now for poor self My health is better this Spring than it has been many springs before. I am busy clipping paragraphs and writing editorial squibs. Now how do you all do? Beginning at the youngest - Where is John? Does he get papers that we send to Edinberg (?) Iowa? Will a letter directed to that place reach him? does he want papers of diffeent kinds sent? How many childern has Sister E? are they good looking and bright or otherwise? How is dear Sibyl? I want to see her exceedingly? will she come on this Summer? It is but two steps now to Illinois - one by Rail Road - the other by Steam Boat. How is brother Owen? Worn out with labor and discouraged? I hope not - till better days may be coming - If he has had any bad vices - wich I hope he has not? Where is Celia? and how does

she do? and how is, good Mother? You have heard of poor Aunt Bracketts former Husband and Son! What blows for her weary spirits! Sarah writes in much love to all the family and Mr. Moody wishes also to be remembered - The Small pox has been seen in Town - seven or eight cases.

Yours
J. C. Lovejoy

(Written across the front of the page is the following)
Prof. Good _____ (illeg.) of Bowdoin College recently had Prussic (?) Acid thrown in his face by a student and there is some danger that he will lose his eyes. How glowing the slaves rising in Cargagigs(?) help on the cause of abolitions - they expect to give a good sound vote this for governing and the presentation to Congress his days of slavery are numbered.

1841, November 8. SIBYL LOVEJOY and JOHN E. LOVEJOY To
ELIZABETH LOVEJOY. ALS 2 lvs., 4 pp.

Sodi Nov. 8, 1841

My Dearest Mother

John received a letter from Lewis yesterday in which was the pleasing news that Sister E. had another son. But she gave us none of the particulars relative to the matter, only that she was well which was the most important to be sure, but I shall expect a minute account from your hand. What kind of a time, what for a looking baby is he as promising as Austin. What is the color of his eyes, hair, what features, whom does he resemble. Is he bright and active? Tell Lizzy She must train him right and begin in season.

Noah feels very _____ (illeg.) I expect two boys in one year and a half He is fulfilling the _____ (illeg.) given to this maverick of old to the letter for sure.

John says you must call him Ellingwood (?) Had you _____ (illeg.) another at his Birth? I would like to have been there to have seen it. I was not much disappointed in not seeing even I know the journey too well to think he would covet it and though it would have been exceedingly gratifying to have seen you and him I know this time of year it would be very unpleasant coming.

John is not married yet, when he will be I do not know but think lilely in a few weeks. I have not heard him say a word about the subject of Owens letter but presume he will write his opinion in full to him.

And now Mother I have something more serious to say. I am thinking about getting married. Is there any harm in that? "no child" you will say. Provided you get a good husband. _____ (illeg.) that is to be forever yet, What is his name? Who is he? What is his business? His name John Roy Blanchard a Bachelor formerly from New York, A Farmer and mechanic of all kinds Congregationalist, _____ (illeg.) man and abolitionist, has a kind of affectionate disposition I think, common sense _____ (illeg.) I am _____ (illeg.) which is possible to be sure. A good manager industrious careful _____ (illeg.) I doubt not make a kind husband, provided the good things of his life in abundance not grudgingly, _____ (illeg.) read and _____ (illeg.) men and things understand _____ (illeg.) very well. As to his person about six feet high well proportioned, blue eyes, dark hair, appears _____ (illeg.) well. There Mother is a faithful description of the man and now what say you? I have weighed the matter in reference to this world and the next I hope and have concluded to accede to the proposition with your consent and approval. If you do this assent, which I expect you will, as you say you wish I was married, I will probably be got along with pretty soon. I should prefer going to Princeton an source (?) accounts - but my health is not very firm and I dread the journey at this season. Also Mr. B is very busy building and it would be quite inconvient. But he is

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very urgent to be married as he has no friends here and wants a home. He says she _____ (illeg.) both old enough he thinks. If _____ (illeg.) works we shall go down in the spring and then we want you to come with us. There is to be a _____ (illeg.) for your comfort.

The case is now fairly before you My dear Mother Brothers Sister and I wait to hear your approval or disapproval as the case may be. I think I shall be happier. In some respects I know I shall.

You will please write your opinion without any delay as I wish to know how to shape my future course. John is very _____ (illeg.) to have are _____ (illeg.) here this winter. He wants me to learn Margaret how to work Yankee fashions. We have preacing every third sabbath Mr. Emerson a congregation- alist has gone to be ordained a very good preacher so you see we are making some improvements. There have been three houses erected in this neighborhood since I have here and another about to be.

(Endorsed)

Dear Mother:

As you seem rather "suspicious" down there in Princeton that we cannot take care of ourselves up here I thought I would add a few words by way of improvement to _____ (illeg.) letter as _____ (hole) description of the subject of her _____ (hole) I do not know as I can take _____ (illeg.) from it or add any to it but I guess it is just about right. You will no doubt feel somewhat surprised but it is only the fullfilment of the old adage it is a long love that never _____ (illeg.) As far as I am concerned I have not the best _____ (illeg.) in the world, and presume you will have. I shall write to Owen soon.

Yours Love
John E. Lovejoy

(Endorsed)

_____ (illeg.) Lizzy I shall want that _____ (illeg.) and those might _____ (illeg.) I expect when I go down which will be in May probably. Mother I wish you was here to advise and direct me in the right way though I might not heed it as I should Give my love to Mrs. _____ (illeg.) Larry and all the folks that _____ (illeg.) after me kiss little Austin and the baby and _____ (illeg.) for _____ (illeg.) Sibyl. Please keep to the subject of this letter dear Have not got _____ (illeg.) letter yet. Pray for _____ (illeg.) and advise.