West Point, N. Y., May 10, 1884.

To the Graduates of the Military Academy:

The next annual meeting of the Association of Graduates will take place in the Chapel at 3 P. M., Friday, June 13, 1884. The time selected will enable members to be present at the closing exercises of the next graduating class, which will probably take place in the morning of the same day.

The Graduating Hop will be held Thursday Evening, June 12.

The following letter explains itself:

Philadelphia, Penn., April 30, 1884, No. 532, Walnut Street.

To the Secretary Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y.,

Sir:

I am instructed by the Reynolds Monument Association to invite the members of your Association and all other graduates of the Military Academy, to attend the unveiling of the Equestrian Statue of General John F. Reynolds at the Public Buildings in this City, on Tuesday, July 1st next, at 4 P. M. Be kind enough to ask those who intend being present, to notify me by postal card, that places may be reserved for them.

Very respectfully, &c.,

J. G. Rosengarten, Secretary.

There are on hand a number of copies of General Cullum's Supplement to his Biographical Register of the Graduates of the Military Academy. A copy will be presented and sent, if desired, to those becoming new members of the Association, provided one dollar extra is sent to cover the expenses of binding and postage. This Supplement contains the history from 1867 to 1879 of all Graduates.

The Annual Report of the Association of 1881 contains the paper read by the late Professor Church, giving his early recollections of West Point. It also contains an interesting account of marches made by the Cadets in 1820 and 1821; and a list of all graduates of the Academy from 1802 to 1881, inclusive.

The Annual Report of the Association of 1883 contains General Cullum's address upon the unveiling of the Thayer Statue. The subject is, "Sketch of the life, character, and services of General Thayer, particularly in his relations to the Military Academy."

A copy of both of these reports will be sent to any one wishing them for $1.50.

All Graduates are requested to become members of the Association. The only requisite for membership is the payment of the initiation fee of ten dollars by any graduate. No formal application or balloting for membership is required. There are no annual dues. The money derived from the Initiation Fees is used to pay the printing and postage expenses of the Association. The dinner is paid for by those who partake of it.

The annual dinner will be served immediately after evening parade in the Cadet Mess Hall. The Executive Committee earnestly desires members to state as early as possible in response to this circular, whether they propose to be present at the business meeting and at the dinner. The tickets for the dinner have been limited to $3.50; it is essential that the Committee be informed as early as possible what members intend to be at the dinner in order that no extra expense shall accrue.

By order of the Executive Committee:

Charles Braden,
Lieutenant, U. S. A.
Secretary.

In answering please give the date of your Class.
To the Acting Graduates
U.S. M.A.

May 10, 1884
Omaha, May 17, 1884

My dear Ottie: It is near the home of three in the afternoon. Eng and Jeanie have just left and Johnny with them. Hany was in town but has gone after the rest as far as the cottage. Bernice is at the Missionary meeting and Chaney at the Mollie Missionary School. I am left alone with a little fire on the hearth to keep me company. We have had some warm days as yet, but just not enough to be comfortable. I think when you return here you will be likely to arise where the house has lives, so the men fence changes the look of the place very much. But alas it cost over the hundred dollars I set about to pay for it. So I have
to come any more. You would have to finish the journey to Alexandria and the letter come back by the steamer making ten days at least later than the East. I think "No Dept. must be my quiet. All Gibson is away and only business done.
I still read the Times quite regularly. I have come to the conclusion that the "English" are slow on the Government. William told me that Sarah and Pat. are to sail for Ireland the last of this month. Her sister and husband got also to get the property left to them. It is ready for them when the heirs all appear at once. I wonder when you and Jeanie are to leave. I trust you have had an enjoyable Sunday. Do get Jeanie on all well. Eng had the interest on the mortgage. The Bury County Board will be here next year. Mr. Dandy is building a house half way to the Fort. But a great deal of love to Jean and Jeanie. Wife
not found one hundred dollars this month towards paying for the house. I have no idea what he might do anything for in the month. Chas says he has all he needs. Bessie says she will do without. Mrs. Kay, she sent me something. All are much interested in Chas's farm. He has rented the place for fifty dollars this year and hopes to keep it longer.

August has moved out. Chas has been calling back to the store, as they cannot do without him, so he does not get all things in order as he expected. He will do the best he can now to get the chickens to put on the farm. Tomorrow the potatoes are to be planted. Then he returns to the store, most likely will get increase of pay. Bessie and lots of other people send flowers and other things on the dinner table. You write that Mother is pretty well. She has had some sick days this spring. No letter from Grace. I must write to her this evening. All the children have come in one after another and we are going to have dinner. Bessie bought me some flowers, tulips, and we have them on the dinner table. You write that Bessie from the farm looked like Seattle. I should think it might. The scenery cannot be so grand but it may be more picturesque. I hope you will go to the Italian lakes and I have an ear of corn and a potato.
It is a wire fence thus:
And Chancery fence which is on the terrace is like this.
Our front fence is 3 ft. 4 in. high,
Chancery's about 1 ft. 4 in. Jane says she sends her love to you. Their house is nearly finished. They are going to paper it tomorrow. I will show you the plan of our farm.

Hope you are well. Your letters came pretty slowly.
Give your love. Answer my love. About your looking son.

Dear Papa,

Last Sunday we had our missionary meeting and not having much time I did not write, but I will try and put all the news in this letter. I left off in my last letter saying that Joseph was going to lecture that evening.
His lecture was very good and was very strong against Infidelity. He called Robert Augustus problem.
academic Ocic. Monday Charlie heard about a patent about 3½ miles from Omake, and on Tuesday he and I rode out there and found it on the Irvington road about north westerly direction. On Wednesday Johnnie and I went there and cleaned the rubbish out of the house. Thursday, Charlie got permission to have the vacation. So he, John, and I went out on Thursday, and Charlie and I went to work trimming the trees and cutting out the underbrush in the orchard, while Johnnie went to wash the outside of the house. Saturday and Monday we worked on the house. Sunday we went to church. On the evening Mrs. Sharp preached in answer to the question, Would the plans which were drawn will be enforced in this way.

On Thursday evening brought in water to make a well from 60. By Wednesday day slept there all night. Of Thursday I did not go out. Of slept with Charlie out there one Tuesday. Wednesday he had the room papered and Johnnie and he painted inside on Monday. Charlie and I finished painting inside and outside except one corner and one gable. Yesterday Charlie went alone to feed the two pigs. (Forgot to tell you that Charlie has two pigs.) August Brown’s family are going to live out there. Johnnie and Charlie have gone half interest in it. Charlie expects to raise chickens. He expects to put some chickens out there tomorrow. August is out there now. We shook our fences around our house close in towns done.
May 15, 1882

Wednesday Afternoon

The regret I feel after my visit this morning was that I remained too long; it was a mistake and I made another in telling you the incident I told you are willing to believe that you can be like Christ in mercy, in love, in humility, and freedom from self-life. I can not think that you can exercise the power that the positively says is the portion of those who know him. If we had faith, we could move mountains. do you the-
live that? Fear is the
weathering rain and con-
cour of the redeeming kind
of Christ-like people. You
have a heart full of
trust, but pardon me
if I say it, you have not
entailed into the enjoy-
ment of the larger light
that will come to you.
Let me comfort you by say-
ing that your visit to Egypt
will enlarge your vision
as you do not now dream
and when I see you there
you will tell me that this
is true prophecy.

Chosen has the trust and the
uplifting power of love in his
make up, he has also the
evidence of greater weight.

that his Master has knowledge
of him, in the “miracles” that
he can produce. Only a
nighlighted mind calls it a
miracle to heal the sick,
restore the blind and many
other things done when he
was on earth. Nothing was
lost to us by His going.
The very same power that
he showed to His Disciples
are yours to mine and un-
der right conditions we
can live, share and to the

Except we become as little
children we cannot enter the
Kingdom of Heaven.” I in-
spire this to mean that
unless I live at absolutely
insignificantly my life will

do I accomplish anything?
Omaha, Neb. May 18 84

My dear Father:

I hope you reach this safely. You must mention these in some of the letters you write home so I could know that you received them last night as Mr. Sheriff was away we had no service. So I went to the S.S. United at the 2nd Cong. Church with Mr. & Mrs. Ainsworth. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday I must not go to the farm and worked dividing the big-fence into two parts, helped Mrs. Ainsworth plant potatoes etc.

Please send me stamps of every country through which you go.
Give my love to Jamie & source yourself & remain your loving son:

Harry S. Howard
Thursday I did not go out because I had to music lesson that afternoon. I did not go Friday because I went to a party which was that afternoon. I did not go Saturday because it was raining and I didn’t feel like it. We have new neighbors which are very nice people. Their names are Chase. There is a family of 5. Two young ladies, a little girl, a little boy, and a baby boy. Mr. Chase is a teacher. Mrs. Chase is a nurse. She was left there. Mr. Chase very well. They were the house next to us (the one in which they live). Miss Miriam Chase has been abroad 1½ years. She and myself are learning a duet together. Then we sing together too.

Bessie and I got over there and played ball with the young ladies. We had a very fine session that afternoon. Upon “staying for other sake.” Last Tuesday Bessie and I went riding out to the post. Next Tuesday Mrs. Miriam and myself expect to riding. I have an invitation to go to Willard with Mr. Davidson one of our church, a spend few days there. We need a letter from Grandpa say that all were well, can you did you go into the Sphinx in Egypt.
Ossoha, May 18, 1884

My dear Alice,

I have quite a big

mail from you and Jamie. All

the letters from the Superintendent of the

Navel band came nearly at the

same time. The telegrame from the

Admiral to the Navy Dept. on the eighth

of May let me know when you were

if your name didn't appear. As we

have quite late news of you. I'm
to tear up both an so well. Hove

Jamie is free from boils. I had a letter

from Grandmother all well then

Charles was in Indiana. Dan, Mr.

Thickson and Lizzie. The letter not

quite well. Grandmother has one

hundred dollars for Jamie, and

will send to me to forward same I

will send to you name to Dovel.
Happy [redacted] Paris. I will write when I come to see you in time to send it before your next 12th. He will go the first of next month. We all think your coming on the service will be very much enjoyed by all of you. Bernie writes that you have finished the thirty-third article the last one cut out for the next issue in number twenty-three last week.

Bernie was not at all well on account of some throat. Dr. Sumner came to see her yesterday. I think she is some better tonight. She is very anxious to be well by Tuesday so as to take horseback rides and to the Country. She is very pleasant and cheerful and not very frequent. Hang in away. In a few days the last of this week as she has written.

Cheery and Johnnie had not come in yet. Hang on Bennie love you a deal. I promise. I sent of letters with Bennie after dinner. Harry came in for a few minutes and joined us in my room. I left as they went to their beds and Bennie did not care to have me stay as she runs my longer as they would be.
the law, that seems to rule our world, that the strong is ever preying upon the weak. I had hoped that there would be among the officers wives, some good christian women, who would try to brighten the life of the soldier, and lead him to better ways. No doubt they are sad enough, but think of the life they lead away from the restraining influence of those who know, and care for them. And are they worse than many of the officers wives if they write such a good example. Will you not speak a kind word to Leeds and show him you are interested in him, he has a soul to save, and is a human being, though in a low position. He know nothing of this, I hope it will do no harm. My only excuse for thus troubling you, is that I am his sister.

Respectfully, M. T. Berridge

May 26th 1884

Dear Sir,

I am much troubled about my brother Leeds, and feel that a few words to you might in some way better his condition. He is the son of a minister, and ought not to be where he is, it was a terrible blow to us when he took the step which I know he has deeply regretted, and even when we heard he had enlisted, we hoped he might be rejected, as in his school days he was thought to be near-sighted. I have read much of the treatment of the men by the
officers, and will enclose a piece cut from a paper, that made my heart ache. I have wondered how Speeds could stand it, knowing his independent spirit, to be ordered about by servants, to do menial work, must be galling to one of his disposition. We have thought him to blame in that respect, he was considered a good druggist when quite young, and was much thought of by his employer, but took offence at some real or fancied imposition, and left. What was that in comparison with his condition now? The Chaplain at Dakota wrote me there were many bright young men in the army, and that if the Gods of the life were avoided, the discipline would be beneficial, so that we have hoped for the best. When Speeds was ordered to Fort Laramie, and was placed under your Command, hearing that you were a christian and like a father to the men, we rested in the hope that all would be well. Speeds is not in the habit of complaining, fearing I think to worry us, but there is a spirit of desperation, running through his last letter, that we do not like, and knowing his disposition, we are fearful something dreadful might happen. Why is it so many of the men go crazy? Can it be owing to the treatment they receive? Can it be the aim of the Army of the U.S., simply to find and maintain slaves for the officers. Do not the laws reach the officer as well as the soldier? I can only recommend that a revision of things by
Henry, Ill., May 21, 1884.

Dear General,

I am well and hope you are. I don't know whether you are at home now or away. I have not heard from you personally since I wrote you a thank you. The pencil manuscript of reminiscences by me on the death of Col. Ford. I send them to you so that you might see what my views were on life here but beyond expressed at a time when I was not in controversy. I wish you would return the manuscript to me when you look it up read it, if you did not do so when you got it. I see your son is married. Done to you. yours truly

F. S. Hart
General O. O. Howard,
Omaha,
Nebraska.
Lieut. Guy Howard,

Headquarters Department of the Platte,

Omaha, Neb.

Dear sir:

Your favor of the 17th inst. has been received.

We have two separate divisions of the Safety Fund System and Gen. Howard holds $5000. in each division. Both are conducted upon precisely the same plan but are entirely distinct and separate so far as the deposit funds are concerned. Certificates in one division are assessed only for the losses occurring in that division. Gen. Howard pays $10. on each $1000. of the $5000. held in the Safety Fund Division and that $5000. shares in dividends from the Safety Fund. He also pays $50. to the Security Fund upon his certificate in that division which certificate shares in the dividends from the Security Fund.

We think this matter will now be clear to you, but allow us to repeat our remark above that the only difference is that each division together with its fund covers only the certificates issued to its membership.

Yours truly,

Stephen Hall
Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 2nd inst. has been received.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the above letter, the contents of which have been carefully read and carefully considered.

I have no power to grant a leave of absence to any officer in the department under the circumstances. Your letter is referred to the division in question for their consideration.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Note: The handwriting is faded and difficult to read in some parts.
The American Sunday-School Union,
No. 1122 Chestnut Street.

Philadelphia, May 22d, 1886

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Sunday-School Union, held at the Society's House, on the 15th day of May, you were elected one of the VICE-PRESIDENTS of the Board. An acknowledgment of this notice, at your convenience, will much oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

[Signature]

To
Rev. O. O. Howard.
American Sunday
School Union

Phila.
May 23, 1884,

The American Sunday-School Union.

The President of the Board of Managers of the
American Sunday School Union.

[Signature]

[Additional signatures and text below]
Headquarters Department of the Platte.

Omaha, Feb. 24 May, 1884

Dear Patton,

I incline as a draft to you 5/100 pranced which Grandmother sent me (60)
to send to Jamie. The Sept is to your orders because another has written
you that it would be so sent. All as you will it home. Librany is
taking the rest of his
months holiday it is
working on his thesis a
famous of making a little
more he has bought.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
He also got a name called with its mother. Johnnie has been waiting expecting a place in the Pacific Express Company. I do not have a final answer on Monday. If he does not obtain the place he will study writing etc. with Mr. Myman who lives in the barracks.\v

Mary has gone for a visit to Wilford.\v

Dickinson was unwell.\v

She is now the principal of a school. Her horse is a very fine horse.

With the young miss, who has moved into the house in back of ours. Charles. She enjoys it very much but is not very strong.\v

She is very contented to stay with her and Johnnie.\v

I am still helping house for Mrs. Woodworth. Though our college does sufficiently well done to miss in any day. As her doctors says a grand one appeared to her riding horseback.\v

I have given her a sloop cart in which to drive straight. She is now...
New Haven
May 27/14

My dear Madame,

I must again trouble you for the

head of your mother's family—give

exact dates of birth marriage deaths

(when setting) of your father and

other

your own children—about grand

children—also birth of the six

children of your father's maiden name. His mother

of yesterday ascertained

Mar. 28

Marcus Whitman the pioneer of Oregon

belong to this family—by the Bridgeman

branch Please remember me kindly to your son. So he still

staites a at Omaha

am hoping to publish this summer to

hope you will favor me with an

early full reply. In what books

will I find the best materials for a

brief sketch of your husband.

Very truly yours

C. W. Harris

Harris & Co. in Boston was named

after my father.
To all persons bearing the name of
WHITMAN.

The great majority of those bearing the name of Whitman in the United States are descended from John Whitman, who settled in Weymouth, Mass., about 1640, and from his sons Thomas, John, Abiah and Zechariah.

The record of the family to the fourth generation was prepared by Hon. Judge Whitman, late of Portland, and for many years Chief Justice of Maine. It is the endeavor of the writer of this circular to trace out from that time the various branches, and thus continue the record to date.

If the work is to be well done, it is important that copies of old Bible records, Tombstone inscriptions, family traditions and other matters of interest should be collected and placed in proper hands for preservation and comparison. I therefore particularly request all sons and daughters of all the Whitmans to transmit to me such particulars of their own families, and of their ancestors’ families, for two, three or four generations back, as they can find or obtain, stating, if possible, places of residence, occupation, etc., and especially copies of records of births, marriages and deaths.

It will be thus possible to refer any correspondents to their ancient stock, and name their ancestors.

I trust that all will have sufficient interest in the work to spare at least the time to prepare their own record, and will give the matter their immediate attention.

Address,

CHARLES H. FARNAM,
Assistant in Archaeology, Yale College,

P. O. Drawer 91.                    NEW HAVEN, CONN.
Lucetta Strickland Whitman d. June 30, 1857
m. Dec. 6, 1831.

Alexander Blackwell d. Dec. 3, 1848
b. April 24, 1810

Hattie b. Nov. 4, 1832 m. Feb. 14, 1855
b. Jan. 18, 1830

Elizabeth Ann
m. Feb. 6, 1856.

O. W. Howard b. Nov. 8, 1830
m. Feb. 14, 1855

(known as Rosalind Bailey Howard)

(unknown)

Guy Howard b. Dec. 16, 1855
m. Feb. 14, 1874

Jeanie Woodworth b. Apr. 21, 1859

(known as James Willard Woodworth. Mother Helen Bagg)

Grace Ellen b. Jan. 22, 1857
m. James T. Gray

James Woodworth had.

Elizabeth Howard b. July 27, 1880

Augusta 


Grace b. Jan. 30, 1852

James Woodworth b. Dec. 12, 1860

Chas. E. Geis b. May 3rd, 1863

John b. June 13rd, 1866

Henry Stimson b. July 25, 1869

Bertha b. Sept. 14, 1871
Omaha, May 28, 1884

My dear A. C., I have just finished a letter to Mother to tell her I am going to take Berrie to Chicago next week. She keeps asking the same question, the two tired in anything but the same feeling. I have just been under Dr. Gurney's care and he is giving her medicine and cold him all. She is out of school this week and last. She is riding horseback with Henry once a week to have a horse from the Walker. One day they went out to the Park East Saturday by my horse just called and George taken another out to the P.O. and brought me some flowers from her home. Mr. White is alone and asked them to remain with him this summer. Their horses are all ready and they will be there.
Lena, I am having the good
north of the house leveled and
just put on. The deed comes from
across the street from Mrs. Louis Reedy.
Houses are to be built there and Mrs.
Detwiler has given me permission to
take it before it is destroyed by building.
One man and William are putting it
down. William is making like a
together and I take interest in having
everything done. I he can do my willing
for always. I try to let him know how
much I appreciate his willingness and
his work. I wonder if among the constituents,
you have an Egyptian bug scarabaei or ladybug
as we call them here. They are brought home
and set for eggs one day, I want one from
a town or five hundred years old. Someone
may have learned about them. I keep these
and another pretty well watered and
in stores from you and Grannie. I have
as yet only a postal for you at
Constantinople. It seems so long
for you to get letters. I hope
you were not longer with the lady
than you said. Why later company
I think one someone to take care
you can take some later news. I
don't hear anything from the office only
they don't have much to do. Johnnie
said he would begin taking a course
of three months at Wyman's Business College.
He must have place to begin a coloring time.
The latter has recommended it to him in
some way. I know you will be glad
to know he is hard at work there.
Twenty-five dollars for the three months.
Mr. Barell has a man come back to him
who is acquainted with that Johnnie and
bookkeeping also. Johnnie could not do
the work. Mr. Boggs would have taken
him if he had written a good hand. A
Northwest Iowa Soldiers’ Association.

Sibley, Iowa, May 3, 1884.

Gen. A. O. Howard,

Commanding Department of the Platte,

Omaha, Nebraska,

Dear Sir, and Conrade:

In behalf of the Committee of Arrangement, I beg to extend to you a cordial and unpublicly invitation to attend the third annual reunion of the Northwest Iowa Soldiers’ Association at Sibley, Iowa, June 18th and 19th.

A reunion at this time and to so many members of your gallant former command, the Army of the Tennessee, are expected to be present, would indeed be looking in vain without your familiar face to again invoke the loyal old thousand men of the once dashing Army of the Tennessee, to rally to our association. In their behalf I would make a special appeal to you at this time. With that name your name is still revered and their admiration for their old Commander, as ever.
Northwest Iowa Soldiers' Association.

Sibley, Iowa, 1884.

beyond the measure of mere words. These men are rapidly passing
away. Those who still remain fondly cherish a desire to see you once more. The
arrangements will be made for your accommodation and pleasure, while you consent to meet
again on the old camp ground, on the same
occasion, with every wish carried forth a world of
joy to those in this part of the state,
who once marched under your
victorious command.

Awaiting a favorable reply
I remain
Respectfully, your obedient servant
Chas. A. Robertson
Sec'y. Committee