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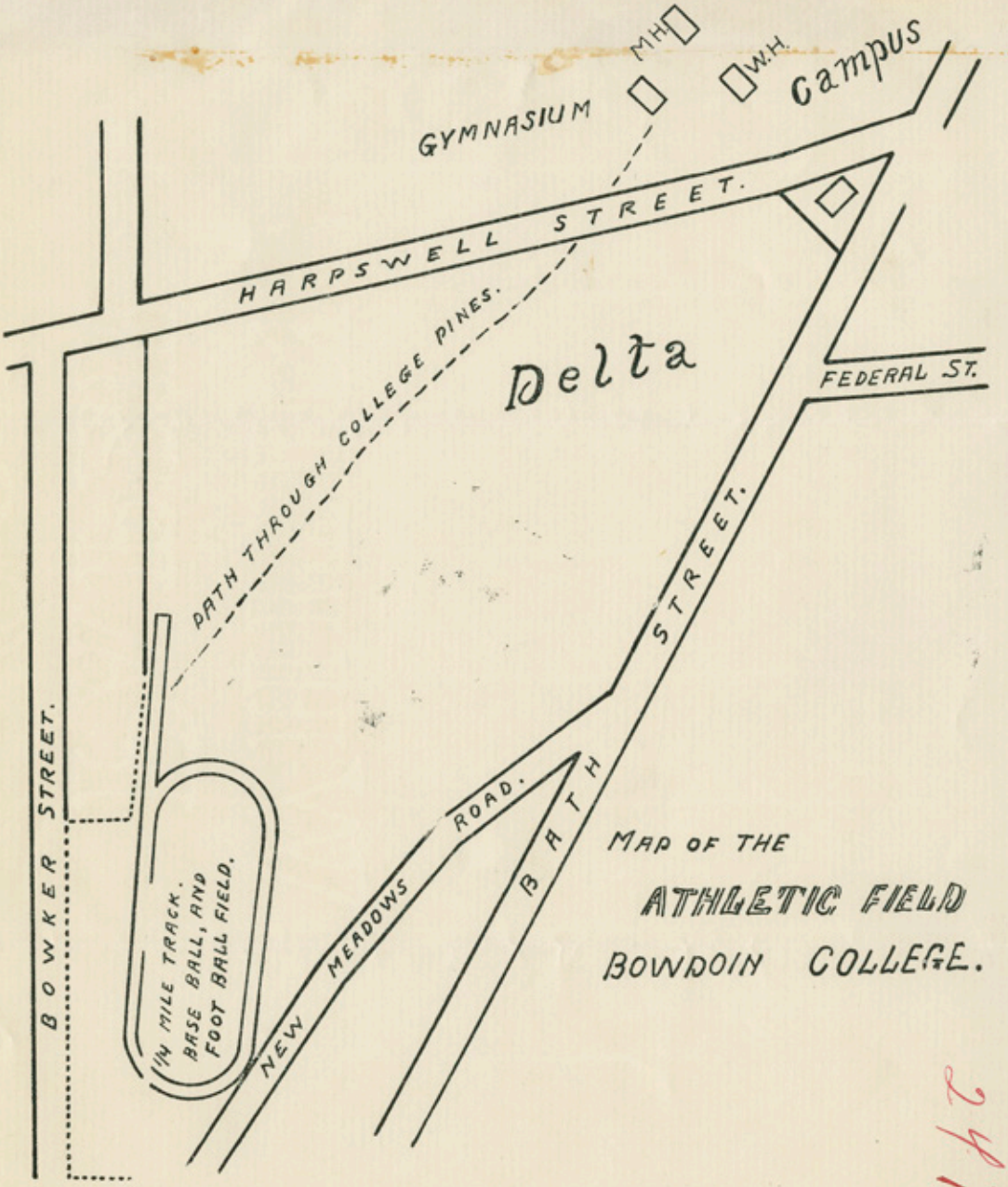

MAP OF THE
ATHLETIC FIELD
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J. C. SMITH, Sect'y and Gen'l Agt.,

Jackson, Tenn., Nov. 2 1896

Gen. O. O. Howard
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir:- While in Kansas City Mo. I wrote you a letter about a matter in which I feel some true interest. I made a suggestion- I also wrote Dr Samuel Phelps Leland to call & talk matters over with you- Am anxious to know if happy arrangements might not be effected between us-

Inclosed I send you a copy of our printed charter- & mark points-

Would be pleased to know your mind- I refer you to my esteemed friend Gen A. L. Chetlain of your city- whom you doubtless know & who knows me & the objects at which we aim

Very truly yrs

Hugh Calvin Smith

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To Genl O. O. Howard

Burlington Vt

Please preside at Bible and Tract Society meeting tenth instant

T. L. Shearer

J. W. HOWARD,
CIVIL ENGINEER,
No. 1 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

Nov. 2/96.

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Sincerely Yours,

Lou Howard

1372 BROAD.
TELEPHONE [redacted]
CABLE ADDRESS:
LISLIO NEW YORK.

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CYRUS KEHR,
1101 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
CHICAGO.

Chicago, November 2, 1896.

Major-General O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vermont.

Dear General:-

I think I have now well arranged a way for you to reach Mrs.McCormick. I find that a few of my best friends are intimately acquainted with Mr.Durand, and I think that when you are here, we can get Mr.Durand to go with you to tell Mrs.McCormick what he knows personally of the situation at Cumberland Gap and the character and value of the lands which we have secured for the University.

Can you not stop here on your way to St.Louis, in order that no time may be lost in bringing this matter to Mrs.McCormick's attention? Mr.Durand told me that Mrs.McCormick intends to put her money into Southern education, and some one else has told me that the Presbyterians are nursing a school at Asheville, N. C. and another at Marysville, Tenn. Furthermore, President Frost, of Berea, Ky., is seeking funds. I fear that Mrs.McCormick may make promises to others before we can have her consider our work.

I expect to have our work presented to the country at large through the Associated Press within a few weeks; and we can

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Very truly yours,

Cyrus Kehr.

P.S. I presume you have not yet heard from Mr Patterson.

C. K.

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AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

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10 East 23d Street.

W. W. RAND, D. D.,
G. L. SHEARER, D. D.,
WM. A. RICE, D. D.,
} Secretaries.
LOUIS TAG, Ass't Treas.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2nd, 1896

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Dear Sir:-

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We earnestly hope that we will have an affirmative reply to our letters and the telegram, which have just been sent.

Yours very cordially,

G. L. Shearer
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New York, Nov. 4th 1896

General O. O. Howard
Burlington Vt.

Dear General

I have returned from Fla recently, where I procured extension (tacitly) from Mr Wimbrodt the Commissioner of Agriculture on most of the Companies tax defaults, until Jan 1st. our Colony holds it own in spite of the hard times and many Western farmers are settling in their vicinity; particularly on the South side of the Manatee where we have about 6-700 acres water front on the Manatee and Braidentown Rivers close to the booming town of Manatee I have had an offer of $5 pr acre for this land from a Wisconsin Man a Local Real Estate agent and think the Land is worth much more and likely to be worth $15 – 20 pr acre before long this land has in addition to the tax sales a State's foreclosure by Bostwick the Landlord of our Sachsuville office, where we owed abt $600 for Rent. I think we could settle with him for $3-400 and taxes about $150 in all Manatee Land abt 1900 acres. The Mortgaged Land on which your and my note indorsement rests is also more valuable as timber Land have doubled in price since the late destruction of Forests in Fla. other good properties can also be acquired. It seems to me now that

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New York, March 4 1896

Samuel O. O. Howard

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I have received your letter recently where I promised to furnish (Gratis) from the Assessor's Office in Brooklyn a copy of the Government Tax Schedule for the year ending March 1st 1895 on the ground that it had been many hundred years in effect & that the Assessors are willing to give Government particulars on the ground being of the Revenue. Notwithstanding the fact that I have been about 6-700 years working for the Revenue Department, I have had an offer of a company formed for the purpose of buying from a large number of acres that real estate represented was worth in round numbers one million & a half dollars 20 years ago. This land has in addition to its tax rate a steady appreciation of 10% per annum. It also had on it a Hotel which was rented, when surveyed at $100 per week. I think we could rent such land for $3-400 a day in about 1000's of Dollars. Land at 1000 years. The Hotel rented also in other years was only intermittent but in late years was probably on continuous lease. Land in question is situated in Brooklyn, Queens Co. Long Island. After long hesitation I am sorry to say. It is a very good property.

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an Era of prosperity is before us, and greater security to property and Life under our Republican administration is assured to Florida that we ought to resume operations on the lines originally laid out or put our Lands in such a shape that we can sell some to advantage and thus recover some if not all our Cash invested. We have the good will of the people and friendly aid of the State authorities to help us in either. I wrote part of this to Sen Swayne also to Mr Ellis to inform the Spanish Stockholders. Mr Noah Swayne never told me his father, the General, did not expect we would hear much from that quarter. I have not seen General Swayne nor Ellis lately; but there ought to be some ~~more and~~ effort made to accomplish either of the above in an honorable and satisfactory manner to all concerned. and I would be willing to take 25¢ on the dollar for all the Company owes me for Cash advances made and to my Credit on the books. I could also obtain in all probability the Note and Mortgage which I assigned to one of my creditors, $4000 and interest for $2500. There is not much time for delay as a new Governor is seated on the 1st of January and in all probability there will be lots of people ready and willing to buy Tax Titles for as many

Now the State authorities who want to sell millions of acres from the Land Office purchases which would be worth all the settlement in one year in the Legislature and Congress make you and I remain as much friends as ever F. Irsch

My dear Genl Howard.

The sight of your familiar signature is always a pleasure to me and it affords me pleasure to enclose an order for $468.25 gold dollars therefor —
I watched your good work in the west (all your work is good) and we may now congratulate ourselves on the result of the election.

I trust this will find your Mrs Howard and all the family quite well and with kindest regards I am

Very truly yours

A. B. Carey.

N.Y. Nov 4th/96

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My dear Aunt Howard

The sight of your familiar
hieroglyphics is always a pleasure to me and
it affords me pleasure to receive an letter
for Mr H. & Aunt Helen thanks —
I received your report with the best
(when marked) and I am very sincere
Congratulate cousins on the result of
the election

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Very truly Yours
H. B. Conant

Wed Nov 4 1896

Swanton Ohio
Nov. 4th 1896

Maj. Gen. O O Howard
Dear Bro,
I write this to ascertain if it would be possible for you to stop off. The train some time the ensuing winter and give us a lecture? I am pastor of a suburban church 18 miles out from Toledo O. on the Air Line - Lake Shore R.R. If you have a date near us, or west of us I presume you could do so. We are an intelligent people here but not wealthy. We could pay you $25 or 30

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and entertainment. Did I not know the kindness and generosity of your heart I would not venture to offer you so little.

If the lecture course should pay it benefit our Church.

I am not now connected with Island Park Ind. but we are talking of Toledo a Monumental rally Chautauqua assembly, somewhere in the vicinity of old Fl-Meigs of 1812 & 1813 fame - if so you will hear from me -

Shall be pleased to have a speedy answer. Yours sincerely

W B Love

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Adjutant General's Office.

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Harrisburg Nov. 4, 1896. 189

General O. O. Howard,

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My Dear General:

I am sure we can extend congratulations upon the great McKinley victory, and recall with pride and satisfaction the part that we bore in the campaign. I shall always appreciate it and consider it one of the honors of my life to have had the privilege of campaigning with yourself, General Sickles, and General Alger through the western states.

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Dated Chicago Ill 3

To Gen O. O. Howard

US Army New York

I have carried Illinois by one hundred & twenty five thousand thanks

John R. Tanner

New York Nov 5th, 96

Gen O. O. Howard
Burlington Vermont

Dear Sir

I wanted to ask your advice as to the best manner to proceed in the following matter, and perhaps you can tell me just as well by letter if it will not be trespassing on your time too much.

A young man a private at Ft Leavenworth 6th Cav took leave of absence without permission. He immediately sent word he wished to return and came back at once - out less than four days - According to art 132 he did not desert. And the limit of punishment - "Gen orders #21 - 2 to 9 days out 10 to 10 days". but they Court martialed him and found him guilty of desertion and sentenced him to one year, hard labor forfeiture of all pay and dishonorable discharge. He is I am sure a victim of persecution on the part of 1 or 2 non com off's. This sentence is not in accordance with other proceedings at the fort. I cited cases showing men out from 3 months to over a year and not voluntarily surrendering and the most any of them received was one year at hard labor.

I explained enough as I thought to

cause Gen Merritt to investigate at the fort, which I take to be in a bad way.

This young man was threatened by a Sergt. He asked his Capt for a transfer also, and tried to get along. Was told by a Corporal not to mind the Sergt as he did not know half the time what he said.

Five of the nine officers composing the C. M. were 6th Cav Officers. I wrote Gen Merritt first, gave him to understand as I have you only more particulars, and asked to have the sentence set aside. He said if prisoners conduct was good for 6 mo's he would grant clemency. I have ready to send him a long letter, giving him more information, and tell him I want justice if it is to be had. If I cannot get justice, clemency will have to do.

My idea if Gen Merritt does nothing is to go to see Lamont (whom I have met several times) and present the case to him.

These letters would better inform you but perhaps you can advise me from what I have written.

Pardon me but have you any relatives at the fort?

Thanking you for the courtesy extended and also for this favor in advance

I remain yrs very respectfully

J. H. Lockwood

congratulations for McKinley

#5 Clinton Pl.

Republican National Committee

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New York Headquarters

Metropolitan Life Building

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New York Headquarters.

124 South Mill St. Massillon. O. Nov. 5-1896.

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Major General O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir - Could you ask Mr. McKinley to appoint me to the Army Chaplaincy - which is to fall vacant - March 8-1897? Could you ask him to promise it to me - as a gratification to you? I did not see you - when The Generals were in Canton (eight miles from here by steam car and electric line) for I was in Tiffin that Sabbath (Tiffin is several hours distant) by exchange with the Presbyterian minister of that city - Chaplain D. R. Lowell U. S. Army - is to appear before a Retiring Board. So it is noted in The Army and Navy Journal of Oct. 24. I suppose President Cleveland will name his successor.

Respectfully.

John Herron.

Minister to the Presbyterian Church - in Massillon. Ohio.

I should always account this a distinguished honor - to have been assisted by General Howard - into the employment I so deeply desire. Your letter in our October Assembly Herald on the subject of Mr. Cook - I have read with interest and pleasure!

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were in the streets
Such flowing of horns
and beating of drums
has never been heard here
And the places where the
returns were exhibited were
packed with an almost
impenetrable mass of
humanity. The glorification
was kept up all night.
It was a night long
to be remembered in
the History of this Metropolis. I and Wife hope that
your health has in no
way been impaired by
the long hours and laborious
work of the campaign

61. Beekman St.
New York.
Nov 5th 96.

Dear Genl. Howard.

Guns of 2. in
hand! Did you ever hear
such a hard slide.
"The war is all over, and
will turn back.
To the place where we first
started.
We'll open the ring & take
a couple in (with a H.)
And ~~Cheer~~ Cheer the broken
hearted."

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this verse of an old
song which originated
during the mexican war
time. "the girl I left behind
me".

Wife and I both send
you our most sincere
~~congratulations~~ on the
result of the campaign.
In which we feel
you were one of the
mainstays. And did more
to preserve the nations
honor by putting the
issue before the people
in such language as

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could be comprehended
by the masses. And more
so than many whose
actions and words have
been heralded over the
length and breadth of
the land.

We hope to see you
one long in new York.
The parade of which you
speak of was a grand
sight and a great deal
of noise with it, but
oh — if you had
been here Tuesday night
you would of thought
all new York people

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and that after a few days of rest and quiet you will have recuperated your strength and be your self again

With Love from us both.

We are your friends most sincerely

Mr & Mrs Chas. H Stephens

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Bockenheim – Frankfurt a/m.
November 5 1896.

Jos. S. Howard Esq.
156 College Street
Burlington – Vermont.

Dear Sir:

Expressing to you my best thanks for your great kindness and interest you showed in my affairs, I ask you again a favor, to forward the enclosed letter to General O. O. Howard, with the polite request to sign two other letters of introduction to the Consuls of London (England) and of Edinburgh (Scotland) for me. The necessity of need of my request approached me after the letter to General O. O. Howard was finished.

Therefore I take the liberty, to lay my application before you and trusting General Howard will grant and sign them, I beg you to forward the same as soon as ever convenient. If you would take the trouble and address those letters direct to my address in Germany – given below – I would feel extremely obliged and would this perhaps help me to have my business affairs finished in time, to be able to return in time to America and rejoice christmas with my dear friends there.

With kindest regards, I remain

very truly yours

Ernest L. Kuehs – Schreiber.

P.S

3 Cheers for Mr Kinnley.
E. L. K. S.

c/o Mr Gustav Kuehn
Bockenheim – Frankfurt a/main
7 Untere Königstrasse.
Germany

The dear Lord has blessed me wonderfull - speially - on this sunday upon His great deep ocean, through His great deep love. Where ever I go and where ever I been I feel His Holy Spirit is with me. From darkness to light He has lifted me up and has leaded me from vitory to vitory, to overrome all temptations. He has cleanned my heart and soul from all sin - through His grace - not by my work and so thoroughly, that no longing for wordly things has place therein anymore. He has sent the Holy Spirit to feed me and to dwell in me, since that previous of all days, the day of my conversion on the 6th day of March 1893 (Praised be His holy name), which day is written into my heart with burning letters. I pray daily to God to bless you in your work, whatever you may undertake, because I know it can be only for good.

I hope and pray my letter may reach you, dear beloved Brother in Christ, in good health and spirit and thanking you again for your great kindness

I remain

very truly your Brother in Christ Jesu

E. L. Kuehs - Schreiber.

p. adr: Mr Gustav Kuehn
7 Untere Koenig Strasse
Bockenheim - Frankfurt a/M.

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Bockenheim - Frankfurt a/Main.
November 5th 1896.

General O. O. Howard
Burlington
Vermont.
U. S. of America.

Dear beloved Brother in Christ Jesu:

Very much thanking you for the great kindness in sending me the introductions to the General Consuls of Frankfurt a/m and Berlin, I will not fail to tell you in the same time, how the dear Lord is keeping and blessing me. As you know, through my letter, I started with the Bremer Lloyd Steamer „Trave" - Captain Carl Thalenhorst - on Tuesday October 13th inst. We had a passable voyage only 2 days stormy weather.

Sailing as a first cabin passenger I had the opportunity to get well acquainted with the captain. (Who claims with great joy to know you.) As Sunday came nearer, I did ask the Head Stewart, if the captain or who else was holding the Sunday service and as he replied: "no one" and said that there was no minister on board this time, who could hold the service,

I told him, that I felt very sorry about it and that, if nobody would take it up, I would do it with the Lords help. The Captain hearing about it, was very glad, but did ask me, if I would be really able to lead such service. I showed him my references from different missions and your first reference (from 1893) recommanding me as an christian worker, he at once remembered you and gave his consent. Very kindly he offered to me the help of the music band, which I accepted and the song-books and with the help of the Head-Stewart I found a young christian man in the 2nd cabin out, who was able to accompagny the hymns upon the piano.

The service was set for commencing at 10 30 a.m. in the Salon of the 1st Cabin. Placats and notices were given out by the order of the captain, to all passengers, officers and the crew, which were free from duty at this time

In the morning at 8 o'clock a.m. the band was ordered by the captain to play over the whole ship, in the first and second cabin as well as in the steerage, beautifull chorals. Then at 10 o'clock a.m the band commenced to play several hymns in the Salon of the 1st cabin, to call the people together. At 10 30 o'clock a.m I addressed the meeting and gave out 3 hymns to sing.

Then I opened the meeting with prayer after which we had another hymn and than I read the precious word of our dear Lord: Isaiah 41 Chap. verses 10-13. and spoke about it, filled up by the Holy Ghost and confessed how my dear Jesus had saved me and how wonderfull he kept me ever since the hour He spoke peace to my soul. And that He is the same loving Jesus, as He has been from beginning and that He is willing to save every one - just now - as He has saved me, and that each one, has the privilege to come to Him, and that who soever calleth upon Him shall be saved — shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Than we had a song again and a finishing prayer. All this, the whole service was held by me, in the english language and after I had ended my prayer, I asked, if not somebody in the audience would follow in prayer. After a little while my table and cabin neighbour arosed (a rich gentleman from Barmen, Mr C. Paas, who is the owner of several large factories there) and commenced to pray in german and won my heart in storm, ever since we are very warm and good friends. Then I closed the meeting with: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The captain and all who were present (172 souls) seemed to feel much blessed, as I understood by their thanks and shake of hands.