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Jackson County Veteran Association.

HARVEY REID, Adj't.

MAQUOKETA, - IOWA, Iowa, JAN 25 1899 189

~~Orders No.~~

Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear General:-

We have in the organization designated on this letter head one of the best county soldiers associations that exists anywhere. We meet annually in reunion at some point in the county decided upon at the next previous reunion. The reunion to be held this year will be the twelfth, and will assemble in this city (Maquoketa). There is an intense desire among the membership that we should on that occasion meet the old army commander under whom a large majority of us served, either in the Eleventh Corps, the Fourth Corps or the Army of the Tennessee. I am therefore instructed to write and

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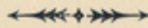
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ask you whether it might not be possible that you may be able to meet with us and address the large audience that our reunions always attract. The date of the meeting has not yet been fixed and can be made to accommodate you if necessary. We have a two days meeting, usually in August or September near the full of the moon but preferably before the meeting of the National Encampment G. A. R.

The Jackson County Association of Sons of Veterans and the Jackson County Association of Patriotic Women meet with us and add much to the interest of the occasion and they concur heartily in this invitation.

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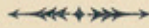
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come in the way of some other
trip that you are planning but
we sincerely trust that you may
be able to include us in your
plans, and we will accommodate
our dates to your convenience.

Kindly state your terms for a
lecture when you write and we
will arrange for providing the expense.

With sincere regard I am, on
behalf of the Jackson County Veteran
Association

Very Sincerely Yours
Harvey Reed
Adj.

Not having been able to learn
your address, I send this to care
of the War Dept.

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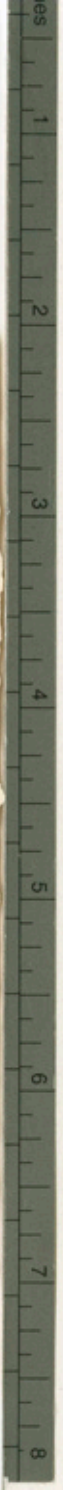
My Dear General Howard:

Mrs. Milling, who conducts a very
worthy and successful mission in Hell's
Kitchen, in West 32^d St, to which the
Sunday School has twice sent Christmas
gifts, is going to speak to the
School next Sunday afternoon at
3.40. I believe her to be an interesting
speaker; besides having something to
say, and I invite you and your
ladies to join us at that time.

Very sincerely Yrs
Arthur H. Straighton

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[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]



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Worcester Local Union.



Organized 1887.

President—WALDO H. LEWIS, 45 Jaques Avenue.
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Worcester, Mass. Jan. 25 1899

Gen. O. O. Howard

10 East 23rd, St.

New York City,

Dear Sir,

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Very truly yours Waldo H. Lewis.

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THE FORUM, 111 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

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Dear Sir:-

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Thanking you for your courtesy in submitting the articles to me, I am,

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J. M. Rice
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Watbury, Vermont.
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Dear Gen. Howard,

Having heard
you both at Constanti-
nople, and in Hampton
Virginia at the Normal
School for negroes & Indians
where I taught for ten years,
I am wondering if we
can not secure an
address from you for
our lecture course some
time during the next
six weeks -
My father, Dr. Cyrus Hamlin

has just been with me
for a week - He values
your friendship very
highly -

Can I trouble you for
as early a reply as is
convenient, telling me
on what subjects you
prefer to lecture, and
also if you can come for
such a low sum as
forty dollars?

We have had considerable
difficulty in getting up
this course because the
last-lecture course given
here some years ago - was

a very poor affair gotten up to make
money rather than to benefit the public.
And this lecturing is not a healthy place
so that we can not offer what we
would like to - as Burlington is so
near us, and as above all I know
that you are a man of great public
spirit - I wanted to write to you
on this matter - Please address as
before - Yours very respectfully
Wm. George E. Saddle - Henry Townsend Saddle.
Falmouth.

DWIGHT L. HUBBARD, M.D.,

117 WEST 93D STREET.

UNTIL 1, 5 TO 7; BY APPOINTMENT.

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NEW YORK, January 26th. 189 9

Gen. O.O.Howard:-

My dear General:- Because of haste in printing the invitation for the dinner of the Baptist Social Union, I did not wait to communicate with you concerning the subject of your address but took the liberty of assigning the following;- "God in War"; The Duty of a Christian Nation"- which I trust will be satisfactory.

A carriage will call for you at 6.15 p.m. Feb. 2nd.

Respectfully yours,

Dwight L. Hubbard
Secretary.

100-100000-100000
100-100000-100000
100-100000-100000

New York, January 20, 1900

100-100000-100000

My dear General:-
In view of the fact that the
the dinner at the Hotel de Ville, I did not wish to
state with you concerning the subject of your statement
of the fact that the following - "In view of the fact
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of the fact that the following - "In view of the fact

A copy of this letter will be sent to you at 100-100000-100000

Sincerely yours,

100-100000-100000
Secretary.

The
Young Men's Christian Association
of New Brunswick.
76 Church St.



EDWARD L. STEVENSON, Ph. D., President.
NICHOLAS W. BINDSEIL, Treasurer.
WILFRED W. FRY, General Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

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Jan. 26th 1899

Gen. O. O. Howard.
125th Ave.
New York.

My dear Sir:-

I received with regret the note from
your Secretary Mr. Ellis this morning
stating that your engagements would forbid
your addressing our Soldiers' meeting of Feb. 19
& I write to ask whether it would be
possible for you to come on the 26th inst.
as if so we will change our plans to that
date.

I sincerely trust that we may be able to
arrange this as I feel that the service will
offer great opportunities of helpfulness.

May I ask for a reply at your very early
convenience.

Trusting that it may be a favorable
one.
Very truly yours,
Wilfred W. Fry.

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William W. Fay.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY,

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

Jan. 26, 1899.

Dear Gen Howard

Your favor of 23rd at hand, and has been presented to the executive committee for consideration of your proposition to have a payment made on the amount due on the Four Seasons Farm;

After careful consideration, and desiring to comply with your request, we beg to state that in our opinion it would not be advisable to make a payment, unless you are quite sure that the funds to pay the balance due can be secured in a short time by either borrowing or by donations to the institution, or provided the Trust Co. will enter into an agreement to extend the notes a fixed period of time in case we make a payment.

I will briefly state the reasons on which we base our conclusions, as it may possibly be that you are not familiar with all the conditions as they exist.

I have today posted the accounts of the University to date and find that I have on hand, \$914.26 Cash, having paid some bills since the 10th inst. the date of the statements that I sent you a few days ago. The end of this month will be here in a few days, and it will take \$250⁰⁰ to \$300⁰⁰ to settle with the teachers, and students who have worked on the farm, and pay boarding house bills &c, so that if we

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CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE

Jan 22 1899

William B. Thompson

Dear Sir:
I have just received your letter of the 20th inst. and
in reply to inform you that the records committee
is now in the process of preparing a report to the
board of trustees. It is expected that this report
will be ready in about two or three weeks.
In the meantime, I am sorry to hear that you
are having some trouble with your eyes. I hope
that you will be able to get them better soon.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
G. O. Howard

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CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

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Make a payment: it could not at present exceed \$500.⁰⁰ or \$600.⁰⁰, which is so small an amount on so large a debt, that we doubt if any agreement of extension of time would be granted.

By telephone, I have today learned the terms of the mortgage, which is on record at Tazewell our County seat.

The mortgage is executed by A. A. Myers & Cyrus Kehr, to The Columbia Finance & Trust Co., of Louisville Ky. For, \$10,420.⁰⁰ dated Dec. 24, 1896.

\$3210.⁰⁰ due in 7 months without interest.

3500.⁰⁰ " " 1 year. with 6% "

3710.⁰⁰ " " 2 " " " "

Whenever any notes become past due 30 days all the payments become due, and the Trust Co. have authority to take possession at once; and sell the property after advertizing the sale in four consecutive publications of a weekly newspaper published in this County. The Trust Co. have the right to fix the terms of the sale.

We think that, with these conditions, we are wholly at their mercy, and it is in their power to take possession at once, and sell the property. We are inclined to think that they will do so soon unless a considerable payment is made, or they have the assurance that it will be

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as registered our county book.
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to the Columbia Business & Loan Co.
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2010 due in 7 months without interest
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2030 " " 2 " " "

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weekly newspaper published in this county.
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the sale.

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at this moment and it is in that form
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made soon, as it is almost the season for beginning to get the land ready for crops &c; when in 60 or 90 days from now it will be too late;

Further, when you have received the statements that I sent you, you will discover that since our meeting here last July, you have been sending in most of the funds to pay the running expenses of the school; which we think have been some heavier than they should have been; although we have only been carrying out the contracts already made before we took charge, and which we assumed.

Mr. Myers is now in Ohio somewhere; was at Andover a few days ago, wrote to Mr. Lawrence that he did not know where he was going to; He don't expect much financial aid through his efforts, although we sincerely hope we will be disappointed; and that he will send in large donations soon.

I have calculated the interest on the mortgage and make \$11,610.15 the amount due Jan. 24th. Now it seems to us a considerable risk to pay \$500⁰⁰ more, without some definite arrangement for further time; but if after you consider the existing conditions, you are of the opinion that it would be best to send them \$500⁰⁰, please wire me to "make a payment" and I will at once forward them that amount with your letter addressed to them. Trusting we will pull through all right.

I remain sincerely Yours, Chas. L. Eager Secy.

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P.S. He would suggest that an effort be made to get the Trust Co. to hold up for at least 30 or 60 days, ^{more} provided you think there is a reasonable certainty of securing in that time, at least \$5000⁰⁰ or \$6000⁰⁰ to pay them; or of getting a loan to pay them the whole amount.

I think they have been very lenient indeed; but as they have received nothing for two years, and we have had the use of the farm; it would not surprise me if they soon took steps to get possession;

General; I trust that my long letter will not weary you; but I wanted to recite all the circumstances as fully as I could.

Yours &c. Chas. L. Eager Secy.

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GENERAL D. O. HOWARD, Managing Director

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Q. The money suggests that an effort be made
to get the same Co. to look up for
at least 30 or 40 days, provided you
think there is a reasonable certainty of
securing in that time, at least \$1000. or
\$2000. to pay them, as of getting a loan
to pay them the whole amount.
I think they have been very liberal indeed.
But as they have received nothing for two
years, and we have had the use of the same,
it would not surprise me if they were
not at all generous.
General, I think that my boys like with
you every year, but I wanted to visit
all the circumstances as fully as I could.
Yours to
Chas. F. Cooper Esq.

J. H. CLARKE & CO.

Dry Goods,

NO. 333 MAIN STREET.

WORCESTER, MASS.

1/26/99

Dear General

I suppose you have heard from the Christian Endeavorers again for they were on to see me, and I trust it will be in your way to accommodate them for it may be possible I shall want you for the 17th instead of the 16th as a Hall we want is engaged for the 16th.

Should you be at liberty on the 17th and conclude to come for these good people. we could exchange evenings. They

take the 16th and on the
17th so under these
condition trust your time
is not taken for the 17th.

We shall not know un-
til Next Tuesday about
the Hall, but if you have
the night of the 17th looked
for some other location
beside Worcester then
we will still claim
your services for the 16th.

If both nights can
be given to Worcester that
is if you conclude to
come for the Christian
Endeavor, then we can
make some satisfac-
tory arrangement with
them should we want
their night only hope
both nights are at

J. H. CLARKE & CO.

Dry Goods,

NO. 353 MAIN STREET,

WORCESTER, MASS.

Liberty. So you can ac-
commodate us all.

If you have a
photograph convenient
that you could loan
me or we could get a
cut from it for the
papers. it would be
appreciated.

Yours truly
At a former

Gen O. O. Howard

1897

NO. 101 MAIN STREET
WATERBURY, MASS.

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of a copy of the "History of the Town of Waterbury, Mass." as published by the Town of Waterbury, Mass. I have the pleasure to inform you that a copy of the same has been forwarded to you by express of the 12th inst. and is at your service. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. B. Johnson

W. E. D. STOKES,
OFFICE,
No. 242 WEST 76TH STREET,

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NEW YORK,

January 26th 1899.

My dear General:-

It is my brother Amos Phelps,
Stokes, 37th St & Madison Ave, who is so deeply
interested in the project you name & if you
will drop him a line or call at his office at
Cedar St. he will be only too happy to talk the
matter over with you.

Yours truly,

General. O. O. Howard.

10 East 23rd St.

N.Y. City.

W. E. D. STOKES
100 WEST 10TH STREET
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NEW YORK
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My dear General:

It is my duty to inform you that
the Board of Directors has decided
to accept the offer of \$100,000
for the purchase of the land
in the city of New York
and to issue the bonds
for the same.

Very truly,
W. E. D. Stokes



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James Pyle & Sons
New York

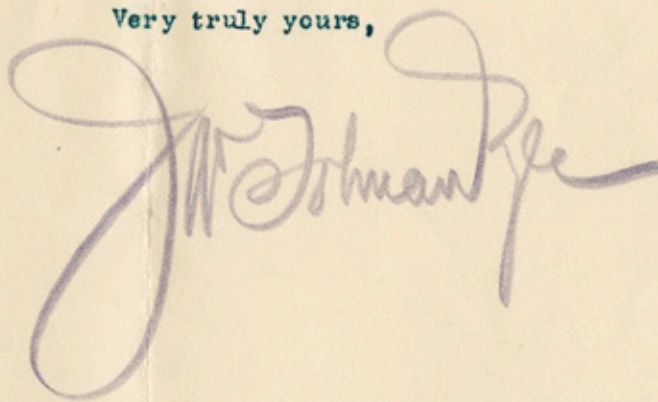
Jan. 26th, 1899.

My dear sir:

I have postponed acknowledging the receipt of your book "Camp and Quarter Deck" until I had read it, and now I have pleasure in thanking you for it; in expressing the gratification I feel in knowing that you cared to send it, and want to congratulate you on being able to, and what is more, willing to give so much real pleasure and information.

Again, I thank you, and want to call to your mind the pleasure I had in hearing you speak at our house.

Very truly yours,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "J. M. Johnson".

To
General O.O. Howard,
12 Fifth Avenue, City.

Jan. 23, 1892.

I have just received your letter of the 21st inst. and have read it, and now I have
pleasure in sending you for it, as I am sending the publication
I feel in sending that you need it, and want to express
of the person being this so, and want to express willing to give so
much more pleasure and interest.

I think, I think, and want to tell you how much
the pleasure I feel in sending you this at our house.

Very truly yours,

Wm. O. S. Howard,
13 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

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CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE.

Lakeside, Illinois, January 26, 1899.

Major-General O.O. Howard,

12 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear General:-

Your letter of the 23rd inst. has been received. It finds me just recovering from a siege of brain fever. I am out of bed again but have not yet left the house.

I am much pleased to hear that you are confident of succeeding in paying off the indebtedness of the Four Seasons property. The abstract is a much larger one than are usually handled. I worked on it nine weeks myself and had the assistance of four other people a good part of that time. There are six bound volumes and accompanying these volumes are a large box of ~~newspapers~~ ^{loose} and a roll of maps and plats. You will see that making a copy would be a tedious matter. Furthermore, a lawyer undertaking to make an examination can be saved a great deal of time if I can review the abstract with him. In this way the examination can probably be made in three days; but otherwise a lawyer might consume two or three weeks and then not be clear as to some points. As I am thoroughly familiar with every part of it, I could probably make numerous points clear to him in a few minutes to which he might alone devote much more time. The entire property is made up of smaller tracts, the title to which came through various separate chains, and to one unfamiliar with the subject it is tedious to trace all these out, notwithstanding the fact that the abstract is systematically prepared. The abstract shows complete title, and there can be no question about this, excepting that there are two suits, one for a thousand dollars and another for about twelve hundred dollars, which have not been adjusted. But the people at Louisville have agreed to stand good for these.

If an examination of the abstract has to be made with a view to satisfying prospective donors, I suggest that you have me come with the abstract. I take it that you can get transportation for me over one of the roads between Chicago and New York.

During the past few months I have done some of my ~~old~~ ^{own} work and earned some money in this way. I did this, first, because my family had to be fed and clothed and because there did not seem to be anything to take hold of in connection with the University. As I understood it, my duties were clearly restricted

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12 Fifth Avenue, New York.

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Lately a friend has given me suggestions for soliciting the assistance of some influential people who are entirely out of the line of those among whom you are working and I have been expecting to look after this matter next month. If I should go to New York I can tell you fully about it, and possibly you may think it best to go with me. The other day I had a letter from Dr. Leland, in which he intimates that his matter may yet come to something favorable for us.

You have learned, I presume, that Dr. Pearsons has finished with Berea. I believe that if our organization were now in such a state as to commend itself for stability, the Dr. would make us an offer. I have not talked with him for two or three months.

Very truly yours,

Ogus Kehr.

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Very truly yours,

James B. Keith