

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG1346.AM: Oblinger, Uriah W. (Uriah Wesley), 1842-1901

Papers: 1840; 1862-1911; 1931-1968

Indiana; Grafton, Fillmore County, Neb.; Gove County, Kan.; Hickory County, Missouri; Minnesota: Soldier; farmer; District Court Clerk

Size: 3.5 cubic ft.; 3 reels of microfilm, digital files

BACKGROUND NOTE

The Uriah W. Oblinger Collection was donated to the Nebraska State Historical Society in 1958. Though the collection includes a variety of papers relating to the Oblinger family, the most important items are 318 letters dating from 1862 to 1911. At the heart of this correspondence lies the story of land and its settlement, of Uriah's lifelong attempts to settle and prosper on a farm of his own. Principal writers include Uriah, Mattie Thomas (Uriah's first wife), Giles Thomas (Mattie's brother), Laura Bacon (Uriah's second wife), and the Oblinger children. A large cast of supporting writers--blood relatives, relatives by marriage, friends, and associates--also plays a part.

Uriah W. Oblinger was born May 14, 1842, in Montgomery County, Ohio, the son of Samuel and Esther (Zook) Oblinger. The family moved to Miami County, Indiana, in 1843. As a young man Uriah helped both with farm work and with the running of his father's grist and sawmills. Samuel Oblinger was also a Dunkard (German Baptist) minister. Uriah's early religious convictions are unknown, but letters written during their courtship indicate that he met his first wife, Martha Virginia "Mattie" Thomas, at Sunday school. The Thomas family was Methodist Episcopal, and farmed in neighboring Cass County, Indiana.

Near the beginning of the Civil War in April 1861, Uriah enlisted for three months service in Company D, Sixth Indiana Infantry. He re-enlisted in August 1861 and served for three years in Company A, Thirty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and in the Eighth Indiana Volunteer Cavalry. He was mustered out of service in Indianapolis in September 1864. During the war Uriah corresponded with Mattie; a few of these letters survive in the collection, along with some written to the Thomas family by Giles Thomas, Mattie's brother, who served in Company K, Ninety-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Uriah and Mattie continued their courtship after the war, but Uriah had few resources and Mattie's father apparently had reservations about the relationship. It would be five years before they married. Searching for a place to settle and trying to earn enough to marry and support a family, Uriah traveled to Minnesota in 1866 and to Illinois in 1868. A number of letters survive from this period in which the couple discuss their separation, their longing to be settled together on a farm of their own, religion, politics, family, crops, weather, and local events.

Mattie and Uriah were finally married on March 25, 1869. They rented a farm about three miles from the Thomas family farm in Indiana until the fall of 1872, when Uriah and two of his wife's brothers, Giles and Samuel Thomas, journeyed west to settle in Nebraska. The three young men took advantage of the Homestead Act which Congress passed in 1862. The act offered 160 acres of free land to qualified entrants who fulfilled residence and improvement requirements. Uriah filed for land approximately eleven miles west of Geneva in Bennett Township, Fillmore County, Nebraska. Giles and Sam took claims nearby, approximately a mile and a half south in Momence Township. Sam, however, returned to

Indiana within a year. Uriah's letters back to Indiana between September 1872 and May 1873, when Mattie joined him in Nebraska, paint a vivid and detailed picture of the homesteading experience: filing a claim, sod-busting, building a sod house, and all the accompanying hardships. In a letter dated December 1, 1872, Uriah wrote, "the longer I stay here the better I like it, there are . . . mostly young families just starting in life the same as we are and I find them very generous indeed. we will all be poor here together."

Mattie and Uriah worked their land together for almost seven years--fighting blizzards, drought, grasshopper infestations, and low crop prices throughout the 1870s. Their letters to the Thomas family in Indiana are filled with descriptions of their homestead and their improvements on it, crop and livestock reports, weather, neighbors, local activities, and politics. Giles wrote about similar subjects, especially crop conditions, prices, and farming.

The Oblingers' personal finances were beginning to improve when Mattie died in childbirth, along with an infant son, in February 1880. She was thirty-six and left Uriah with three young daughters: Ella (age nine), Stella (age five) and Maggie (age two). Unable to make a living farming and take care of the household and his children too, Uriah sold nearly all of his possessions and moved to Morristown, Minnesota, to be near his father and siblings. There he took whatever work he could find. His daughters lived with relatives, separated from each other and their father, until Uriah could provide a home and mother for them.

Little is known of their meeting or courtship, but on October 30, 1881, Uriah married Laura Iona Bacon at Sharon, Le Sueur County, Minnesota. The couple had three daughters, Sadie, Nettie, and Lillie; a son, Chester, was also born but died at nine months of age. Uriah initially supported his family by working for a railroad surveying party, moving throughout the region as sections of the line were finished, while Laura stayed near Ottawa, Le Sueur County, Minnesota. After leaving the construction crew in 1882, Uriah again took work where he could find it until 1883, when he returned to Fillmore County, Nebraska, with his family. The Oblingers rented a farm about a mile and a half south of Uriah's original homestead, farming there until 1885.

In late 1885 Uriah heard good reports of the Kansas country and made a trip to survey his prospects in the area. By April 1886 the Oblinger family was settled in Gove County, Kansas, where Uriah farmed and served as clerk of the Gove County District Court. Laura broke her arm in January 1887, and when the break was not set properly, went to her parents' home in Ottawa, Minnesota, for treatment and rest. She took the younger Oblinger daughters, Sadie and Nettie, with her to Minnesota. She discovered that she was pregnant (with Lillie) while in Minnesota. A large number of letters survive from this separation, including several from Stella and Maggie Oblinger to their stepmother. Laura's letters tend to focus on health-related topics, the children, and Uriah's Minnesota relatives, while Uriah's replies include his own opinions about Laura's health, weather, crops, information about court cases and land proofs, local Gove County news, politics, and the children. Stella and Maggie wrote mostly about housekeeping in the Oblinger dugout, livestock, and school.

Laura returned to Gove County in the fall of 1887. Uriah lost his bid for re-election as District Court clerk in 1890, largely because he was out of the state at a Grand Army of the Republic (G. A. R.) regimental reunion in Indiana during the campaign. A series of letters in 1890 document Uriah's application for a veteran's pension, and also include descriptions of the trip to Indiana for the reunion.

Laura kept the clerk's office running during Uriah's absence, and her letters relate mostly to court business, politics, and her health.

Soon after the election Uriah visited friends in Wheatland, Hickory County, Missouri, searching once more for a new place to start. By spring of 1891 the Oblingers were living on a rented farm near Wheatland, where they stayed until the fall of 1894. Letters from 1894 make it clear that the Missouri venture was not a success. With mounting debts in a failing economy, Uriah headed back to Nebraska, while Laura remained in Wheatland to settle the family's affairs. He rented a farm near Danbury, Red Willow County, where his oldest daughter, Ella, farmed with her husband and children. Laura and the younger children joined him there, but on her doctor's recommendation Laura spent the winter of 1895-96 in San Francisco, staying with her parents, who had moved to California from Minnesota. She came back to Nebraska during the spring and summer of 1896, but returned to San Francisco permanently that winter. Letters are sparse from these later years, but show that despite enduring so many setbacks, Uriah maintained a basic optimism and was ready to start again. By 1900, however, with his health deteriorating, Uriah had to move in with Ella. He died on March 27, 1901.

Giles Thomas stayed in southeast Nebraska. His letters to the Thomas family complement those of Uriah and Mattie during the 1870s. It was Giles who wrote to Indiana with the news of Mattie's death in 1880, and of Uriah's desolation in the months that followed. Between 1880 and 1886 Giles's letters reflect his own growing prosperity as he expanded his farming interests into neighboring Clay County, Nebraska. No letters by Giles survive after 1886, but he lived to a very old age and died in Geneva, Nebraska, on February 16, 1929.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of manuscript material arranged in seven series: 1) Correspondence, 1840, 1862-1911; 2) Diary, July-September, 1864; 3) Account Books, 1864-1886; 1897-1899; 4) Oblinger Family History; 5) Related Family Histories; 6) Miscellany; and 7) Letters and Transcripts, edited versions.

The Correspondence, 1840 and 1862-1911, of **Series 1** comprises the bulk of the collection and provides insight into many aspects of the Oblinger family's life. Transcripts were made of most letters prior to 1880, and a few after that date. The transcript of a letter will often have a notation concerning a corresponding envelope, the original of which may be missing. All extant envelopes have been placed in front of the corresponding original letter. A chronological Calendar of all letters in Series 1 follows the Description section of this inventory.

Researchers should note that two edited versions of the letter transcripts appear in Series 7 of this collection. These versions differ both from each other and from the filmed versions in Series 1. When the letters and transcripts were reprocessed for filming in 1996, the NSHS staff found that parts of some letters had been incorrectly combined and transcribed with other letters of different dates. Some letters were labeled as incomplete, but the missing parts had merely been appended to the wrong letter. The NSHS staff has made every effort to correctly combine the letters and adjust the transcripts.

Of particular interest are the courtship letters exchanged between Uriah and Mattie Thomas during the 1860's. During the Civil War, Uriah describes raids against the Confederacy in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. After the war, Uriah tells Mattie his experiences in Minnesota and Illinois, while Mattie

writes of events and local news in Onward, Indiana.

By 1873, Uriah and Mattie Oblinger were settled on a homestead in Fillmore County, Nebraska. Their letters back home discuss their land, work, neighbors, crops, religious meetings, sod houses, grasshopper problems, and finances. The Easter Blizzard of 1873 is described. Also included in the correspondence are letters written by Giles Thomas, Mattie's brother, to his parents in Indiana. Giles' letters are similar to Uriah and Mattie's in content.

Mattie died in childbirth in 1880. The following year Uriah married Laura Bacon. Most of the letters from the 1880's were written by Laura and Uriah while they were separated from each other by Uriah's work or during Laura's illnesses. Laura wrote from Ottawa, Minnesota, while staying with her family. Uriah moved with his job on the railroad, then settled in Gove City, Kansas. Uriah describes his new homestead in Kansas, crops, weather conditions, finances, immigrants and housing in town. Also included are more letters from Giles, still in Fillmore County, Nebraska, describing improvements made on his land.

Other correspondence of interest describes Uriah's Civil War service in letters concerning his pension (1889-1894); legal cases in Gove County, Kansas, while Uriah served as District Court Clerk (1886-1891); and the presidential election of 1900 in which Uriah supported the McKinley-Colfax ticket. The single 1840 letter, written by W.P. Thomas, Mattie's father, to his relatives in Virginia, is available only as a photocopy. It describes emigration and land in Cass County, Indiana, where he and his family had recently resettled.

Series 2 contains a typescript of the Diary, July-September 1864, kept by Uriah W. Oblinger while serving with Company A of the 8th Indiana Cavalry. He describes raids made by his unit in Alabama and Georgia, providing information on amount of railroad track destroyed, men lost, prisoners taken, enemy killed, and miles marched per day. The original diary appears in Series 3, Vol. 1].

The Account Books, 1864-1886, and 1897-1899 of **Series 3** are a financial record of receipts and payments by Uriah Oblinger. Besides recording produce sold, bank accounts, and other business transactions, Oblinger kept a breeding record in Volume 1. This volume also contains recipes, family medicines, horse medicines, and a "Record of Chickens" kept by his daughter, Stella, which shows the prices of eggs and chickens and the items for which this money was used. The original Civil War diary, which appears in Series 2 in typescript form, is in Vol. 1, p. 99-122.

Series 4, Oblinger Family History, includes genealogy and marriage records, recollections, research materials, documents and family reunion programs.

The Family Histories of **Series 5** contain information about families related to the Oblinger line through marriage.

Series 6, Miscellany, includes autograph books, a Bible, a poetry book, hymns and military songs, clippings, invitations, programs, Stella Oblinger's notebook, publication agreements, etc.

Series 7, as noted above, contains edited versions of the letter transcripts, one by Phyllis Winkelman, the other by the University of Nebraska Press. Additional complete and incomplete copies of the transcripts containing editing marks are present, and may have been copied or taken from the

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Winkelman and/or University of Nebraska Press edited versions. Copies of letters/transcripts quoted in the 1996 Ken Burn's documentary, "The West," are also included.

Three children's books, two Valentine cards, and a scrapbook containing advertisement cards, decorative cards and stickers have been transferred to the Museum.

Series 1 through 4 are restricted for preservation. Patrons must use the microfilm copy or digital files.

Note: See the Library of Congress' [American Memories](#) site for scans and transcriptions of the Oblinger correspondence.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE, 1840, 1862-1911

Box 1

F1	Feb. 17, 1840
F2	1862
F3	1863
F4	1864
F5	1865
F6	January - October, 1866
F7	November - December, 1866
F8	1867
F9	February - June, 1868
F10	July - September, 1868
F11	1869
F12	1872
F13	January - April, 1873
F14	May - December, 1873
F15	1874
F16	1875
F17	1876
F18	1877
F19	1878
F20	1879
F21	1880
F22	1881

Box 2

F23	1882
F24	1883
F25	1884
F26	1885
F27	1886
F28	April, 1887
F29	May - June, 1887
F30	July, 1887

- F31 August, 1887
- F32 September, 1887
- F33 1888
- F34 1889
- F35 March - April, 1890
- F36 August - September, 1890
- F37 October - December, 1890
- F38 1891
- F39 1893
- F40 January-February, 1894
- F41 June-November, 1894
- F42 March 1895; 1896-1897
- F43 1900
- F44 1902 and 1911
- F45 Undated Letters and Fragments

SERIES 2: DIARY, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1864

Box 3

- F1 Diary kept by Uriah W. Oblinger, July-September, 1864; Experiences while on raids with Company A, 8th Indiana Cavalry (Transcript; the original diary is in Series 3, Vol. 1, p. 99-121).

SERIES 3: ACCOUNT BOOKS, 1864-1899

Box 3

- F1 1864-1879; "Record of Chickens", 1897-1899; also includes recipes, family medicines, horse medicines, breeding record, and the diary of Series 2 in its original form.
- F2 1883-1886

SERIES 4: OBLINGER FAMILY HISTORY

Box 4

- F1 Genealogy and Marriage Records; (includes photographs: part of the original log house of Nicholas Oblinger, built in 1751 in Lehigh Gap, Pennsylvania; Oblinger and Thomas graves)
- F2 "Sketch of My Father's Life", "Sketch of My Grandfather's Life", and "A Family History", (all three written by Ella Oblinger Roesch).
- F3 Recollections of Maggie (Oblinger) Sandon
- F4 Recollections of Maggie (Oblinger) Sandon, written to Mrs. Wesley Huenefeld
- F5 Research material gathered by Phyllis H. Winkelman - primarily Oblinger Family genealogy and Uriah Oblinger's residency records in the various states.
- F6 Uriah Oblinger's homestead in Fillmore County, Nebraska - case records, patent record, maps

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- F7 Documents - Education, Military, and Pension records
- F8 Family Reunion Programs, 1931-1968
- F9 Phyllis Winkelman's correspondence about Oblinger family portraits

OD130 F10 "Family Record" (Family Tree) drawing by Uriah Oblinger

SERIES 5: RELATED FAMILY HISTORIES

Box 5

- F1 Genealogies - Thomas and Black Families; includes research correspondence and notes gathered by Phyllis Winkelman.
- F2 Genealogies - Thomas and Black Families; includes research correspondence and notes gathered by Phyllis Winkelman.
- F3 Thomas Family Genealogy - includes research correspondence and notes gathered by Phyllis Winkelman.
- F4 Genealogies - Thomas, Black, Henderson and Howe Families; includes research correspondence and notes gathered by Phyllis Winkelman.
- F5 Greene Family Genealogy - compiled by Phyllis Winkelman
- F6 Notes on Neale Family History
- F7 Wheeler Family History and notes

SERIES 6: MISCELLANY

Box 5

- F1 Vols. 1-3, Autograph Books owned by Ella and Stella Oblinger, 1884-1898
- F2 Vol. 4, Bible
Vol. 5, Poetry of Affections, bought by Uriah Oblinger (1864) and presented to Mattie Thomas (1866).
- F3 Hymns and military songs

Box 6

- F4 Clippings, invitations, programs, penmanship lessons, Stella Oblinger's notebook
- F5 University of Nebraska Press; Editor's notes concerning "Land of Their Own"

SERIES 7: LETTERS AND TRANSCRIPTS, EDITED VERSIONS

Box 6

- F1 Letter transcripts, edited by Phyllis Winkelman - June 1865-Dec. 1872
- F2 Letter transcripts, edited by Phyllis Winkelman - Jan. 1873-Feb. 1880
- F3 University of Nebraska Press, Editor's copies of letter transcripts, Aug. 29, 1862-June 25, 1868

Box 7

- F4 University of Nebraska Press, Editor's copies of letter transcripts, July 5, 1868-Dec. 22, 1872
- F5 University of Nebraska Press, Editor's copies of transcripts, Jan. 12,

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F6 Complete set of transcripts, Feb. 17, 1840 and Mar. 27, 1862-Mar. 13, 1870

F7 Complete set of transcripts, Sept.-Dec., 1872

F8 Complete set of transcripts, Jan., 1873-Dec., 1877

F9 Complete set of transcripts, Jan., 1878-Aug., 1911

Box 8

F10 Incomplete set of transcripts, Mar. 27, 1862-May 10, 1868

F11 Incomplete set of transcripts, Nov., 1872-Aug., 1911

F12 Copies of transcripts and letters quoted in Ken Burns' "The West"

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CALENDAR OF LETTERS IN
SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE, 1840 AND 1862-1911

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
FOLDER 1:			
Feb. 17, 1840	Cass Co., Indiana	W. P. Thomas	His uncle & aunt
FOLDER 2:			
Mar. 27, 1862	Lincoln, Indiana	Lonesome Lizzie	Mattie Thomas
Aug. 29, 1862	New Carlisle, Ohio	John Verity	Mattie Thomas
FOLDER 3:			
Mar. 22, 1863	New Carlisle, Ohio Clark County	Sallie Stafford	Mattie Thomas
May 24, 1863	New Carlisle, Ohio	Mary F. Stafford	Mattie Thomas
July 16, 1863	Jackson, Miss.	Giles Thomas	Thomas Family
FOLDER 4:			
Jan. 30, 1864	Scottsborough, Alabama	Giles Thomas	W. P. & Margaret Thomas
Mar. 27, 1864	Lincoln, Indiana	Lonesom Lizzie	Mattie Thomas
May 11, 1864	Indianapolis, Indiana	Uriah	Mattie
Aug. 18, 1864	On bank of the Chattahoochie	Uriah	Mattie
Dec. 19, 1864	?	Lili	Mattie
Dec. 20, 1864	Peru, Indiana	Allie Monson	Nettie Thomas
Dec. 23, 1864	Cass County, Indiana	Mattie	“Most esteemed friend”
FOLDER 5:			
Apr. 26, 1865	Larkinsville, Alabama	Gillis	Mattie
June 8, 1865	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
Oct. 29, 1865	Morristown, Rice Co., Minn.	Uriah	Mattie
Nov. 12, 1865	Morristown, Minn.	Uriah	Mattie

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
FOLDER 6:			
Jan. 6, 1866	Morristown, Minn.	Uriah	Mattie
Aug. 26, 1866	Near Dixon, Illinois	Uriah	Mattie
Sept. 2, 1866	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
Sept. 14, 1866	At father's western home	Uriah	Mattie
Sept. 23, 1866	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
Sept. 23, 1866	Morristown, Minn.	Uriah	Mattie
Oct. 1-2, 1866	Morristown, Minn.	Uriah	Mattie
Oct. 6, 1866	Deer Creek Valley, Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
Oct., 1866	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
Oct. 25, 1866	Morristown, Minn.	Uriah	Mattie
FOLDER 7:			
Nov. 4, 1866	Morristown, Minn.	Uriah	Mattie
Nov. 4, 1866	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
Nov. 4, 1866	Indianapolis, Indiana	Moses Puterbaugh	Uriah
Nov. 18, 1866	Logansport, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
Nov. 25, 1866	Morristown, Minn.	Uriah	Mattie
Dec. 16, 1866	Morristown, Minn.	Uriah	Mattie
Dec. 16, 1866	Onward, Indian	Mattie	Uriah
FOLDER 8:			
Jan. 6, 1867	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
Jan. 10, 1867	?	Jacob & Sarah Murray	Uriah
Jan. 13, 1867	Morristown, Minn.	Uriah	Mattie
Feb. 26, 1867		Elizabeth Oblinger	Uriah
Mar. 24, 1867	?	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
FOLDER 8 [cont.]:			
May 12, 1867	At home	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah
July 4, 1867	At home	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah
Aug. 5, 1867	At home	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah
Sept. 1, 1867	At home	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah
Sept. 4, 1867	At home	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah
Sept. 30, 1867	At home	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah
FOLDER 9:			
Feb. 13, 1868	At home	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah
May 3, 1868	Lacon, Illinois	Uriah	Mattie
May 10-11, 1868	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
May 19, 1868	Lacon, Illinois	Uriah	Mattie
May 24-25, 1868	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
May 31, 1868	At home	Sabra G. Van Doren	Uriah
June 1, 1868	Peru, Indiana	Jacob & Sarah Murray; Susie Murray	Uriah
June 2, 1868	Lacon, Illinois	Uriah	Mattie
June 7, 1868	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
June 14, 1868	Lacon, Illinois	Uriah	Mattie
June 21, 1868	Onward, Illinois	Mattie	Uriah
June 26, 1868	Peru, Indiana	Moses Puterbaugh	Uriah
June 28, 1868	Lacon, Illinois	Uriah	Mattie
FOLDER 10:			
July 5, 1868	Pipe Creek Township	Sarah Murray	Uriah
July 6, 1868	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
July 12, 1868	Lacon, Illinois	Uriah	Mattie

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
FOLDER 10 [cont.]:			
July 18, 1868	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
July 29, 1868	At home	Sabra G. Van Doren	Uriah
Aug. 3, 1868	Belle Plain, Illinois	Uriah	Mattie
Aug. 6, 1868	Pipe Creek Township	Jacob & Sarah Murray	Uriah
Aug. 13, 1868	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
Aug. 23-Sept. 3, 1868	Onward, Indiana	Mattie	Uriah
Aug. 27, 1868	Lacon, Illinois	Uriah	Mattie
Aug. 30, 1868	?	Eliza Cook	Uriah
Aug. 30, 1868	At home	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah
Sept. 6, 1868	Pipe Creek Township	Jacob & Sarah Murray	Uriah
FOLDER 11:			
Jan. 27, 1869	Morristown	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah
Mar. 10, 1869	Fort Wayne, Indiana	L. W. Monson	Uriah
Aug. 25, 1869	?	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah
FOLDER 12:			
Sept. 29, 1872	Forest Livingston Co., Illinois	Uriah	Mattie
Oct. 6, 1872	Burlington, Iowa	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Oct. 13, 1872	Osceola, Clark Co., Iowa	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Oct. 22, 1872	Lincoln, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Nov. 3-5, 1872	Sutton, Clay Co., Neb.	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Nov. 17, 1872	Gile's House, Fillmore Co., Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Dec. 1, 1872	Gile's House, Fillmore Co., Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Dec. 3, 1872	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Uncle and Aunt [John/Eliza Cook]

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
FOLDER 12 [cont.]:			
Dec. 8, 1872	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Dec. 15, 1872	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Dec. 22, 1872	Lincoln, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Dec., 1872	?	Eliza Cook	Mattie
FOLDER 13:			
Jan. 12, 1873	Lincoln, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Jan. 19, 1873	Lincoln, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Jan. 26, 1873	Lincoln, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Feb. 5, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Thomas Family/W. P. Thomas
Feb. 9, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Feb. 16, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Feb. 23, 1873	Bachelors Hall, Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Mar. 2, 1873	Bachelors Hall, Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Mar. 9, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Mar. 16, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Mar. 23, 1873	Bachelors Hall, Fillmore County	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Mar. 30, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Apr. 6, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Apr. 13-18, 1873	Bachelors Hall, Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Mattie/Ella
Apr. 17, 1873	?	Uriah A. Cook	Mattie
Apr. 27, 1873	Bachelors Hall	Uriah	Mattie/Ella

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
FOLDER 14:			
May 19, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Thomas Family
June 16, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Wheeler Thomas Family; George & Grizzie Thomas
N.D.	[San Pietre, Indiana]	George W. Thomas	Thomas Family
Aug. 18, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Thomas Family
Aug. 25, 1873	At Giles', Fillmore County, Neb.	Mattie	Thomas Family
Aug. 25, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Giles S. Thomas	Thomas Family
Sept. 28, 1873	Crete, Nebraska	Sam G. Thomas	Thomas Family
Oct. 5, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Giles S. Thomas	Thomas Family
Dec. 10, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie & Uriah	Thomas Family
Dec. 28, 1873	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
FOLDER 15:			
Jan. 18, 1874	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Jan. 26, 1874	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Thomas Family
Apr. 12, 1874	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Thomas Family
Apr. 25, 1874	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Thomas Family
July 5, 1874	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie & Uriah	Thomas Family
July 5, 1874	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Oct. 28-30, 1874 [Misdated 1872]	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie & Uriah	Thomas Family
Nov. 24, 1874	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Thomas Family
Dec. 14, 1874	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie & Uriah	Thomas Family
FOLDER 16:			
Feb. 15, 1875	Agency City, Wapello County, Iowa	Giles	Thomas Family

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
FOLDER 17:			
Jan. 3, 1876	Sutton, Clay County, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Jan. 10, 1876	Agency City, Iowa	Giles	Thomas Family
Feb. 27-28, 1876	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie & Uriah	Thomas Family
Apr. 1, 1876	Turkey Creek, Fillmore County	Giles	Thomas Family
Apr. 16, 1876	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Thomas Family
May 7, 1876	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Thomas Family
July 23, 1876	Turkey Creek, Fillmore County	Giles	Thomas Family
Aug. 8, 1876	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Thomas Family
Sept. 10, 1876	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie	Thomas Family
FOLDER 18:			
June 24, 1877	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Dec. 1, 1877	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Dec. 30, 1877	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie & Uriah	Thomas Family
FOLDER 19:			
Jan. 16, 1878	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Mar. 15, 1878	Coal Ville, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Mar. 24, 1878	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah & Mattie	Thomas Family
May 17, 1878? [fragment]	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah & Mattie	Thomas Family
June 7, 1878	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Sept. 1-20, 1878	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah & Mattie	Thomas Family
Oct. 6-8, 1878	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
FOLDER 20:			
Feb. 2, 1879	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Sept. 30, 1879	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah & Mattie	Thomas Family

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FOLDER 21:			
Jan. 11-19, 1880	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Mattie & Uriah	Thomas Family
Jan. 12, 1880	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Ella Oblinger	Thomas Grandparents
Feb. 27, 1880	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
May 17-18, 1880	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
July 18, 1880	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Sept. 26, 1880	Fillmore County, Nebraska	Uriah	Thomas Family
FOLDER 22:			
Feb. 15, 1881	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Apr. 30, 1881	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
June 12, 1881	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
July 11, 1881	Sibley County, Minnesota	Uriah	Thomas Family
July 22, 1881	LeSueur, LeSueur County Minnesota	Laura Bacon	Uriah
July 27, 1881	Rush River, Minnesota	Uriah	Laura Bacon
July 31, 1881	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Aug. 15, 1881	Rush River, Minnesota	Uriah	Laura
Aug. 28, 1881	Sharon, LeSueur County, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Sept. 4, 1881	Rush River, Minnesota	Uriah	Laura
Sept. 11, 1881	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Sept. 25, 1881	Rush River, Minnesota	Uriah	Laura
Sept. 27, 1881	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah

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FOLDER 23:			
Jan. 8, 1882	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Jan. 11, 1882	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Jan. 17, 1882	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Jan. 29, 1882	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Jan. 29, 1882	Lake Sakata, Minnesota	Uriah	Laura/children
Feb. 22, 1882	Sutton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Mar. 19, 1882	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Mar. 26, 1882	Horse Shoe Lake, Minn.	Uriah	Thomas Family
May 16, 1882	Lake Sakata, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
May 19, 1882	Faribault, Minnesota	Uriah	Laura
May 26, [1882]	Morristown, Minnesota	Uriah	Laura
May 31, 1882	Faribault, Minnesota	Uriah	Laura/children
June 2, 1882	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
June 4-6, 1882	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
June 9, 1882	Northfield, Minnesota	Uriah	Laura/children
Sept. 17-24, 1882	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
FOLDER 24:			
Jan. 4, 1883	Ottawa, Minnesota	Uriah	Thomas Family
Jan. 4, 1883	Ottawa, Minnesota	Ella & Sabra [Estella] Oblinger	Thomas Grandparents
FOLDER 25:			
Apr. 19, 1884	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
July 13-20, 1884	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Aug. 3, 1884	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Aug. 31, 1884	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family

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FOLDER 25 [cont.]:			
Oct. 1, 1884	Fillmore Co., Neb.	Uriah & Laura	Thomas Family
Dec. 21, 1884	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
FOLDER 26:			
Feb. 15, 1885	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Mar. 8, 1885	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family
Mar. 18, 1885	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	W. P. Thomas
Mar. 22, 1885	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles & Clara Thomas	W. P. Thomas
Sept. 23, 1885	Fillmore Co., Nebraska	Laura	Uriah
Sept. 26, 1885	Fillmore Co., Nebraska	Laura	Uriah
Sept. 28, 1885	Marvin, Phillips County, [Kansas]	Uriah	Laura
Sept. 30, 1885	Wakeeney, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
Oct. 3, 1885	Wakeeney, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
Nov. 29, 1885	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	W. P. Thomas
FOLDER 27:			
Jan., 1886	?	Nettie Thomas Bailey	Thomas Family
Jan. 14, 1886	Grafton, Nebraska	Giles	Thomas Family/Charley
Jan. 17, 1886	Sutton, Nebraska	Uriah & Laura	Thomas Family/Charley
FOLDER 28:			
Apr. 8, 1887	Quinter, Kansas	Stella	Laura/sisters
Apr. 10, 1887	At home [Quinter Kan.]	Uriah	Laura/children
Apr. 15, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Apr. 16-17, 1887	At home [Quinter Kan.]	Stella	Laura/sisters
Apr. 16-17, 1887	Quinter, Kansas	Maggie & Uriah	Laura/sisters
Apr. 17, 1887	Quinter, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children

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FOLDER 28 [cont.]:			
Apr. 22, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura/children	Uriah/children
Apr. 24, 1887	Quinter, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
Apr. 24, 1887	Quinter, Kansas	Stella	Rhoda, Lucy, Sadie & Nettie
Apr. 24, [1887] [misdated 1886]	At home [Quinter Kan.]	Stella	Mother (Laura) & sisters
Apr. 24, 1887	Quinter, Kansas	Maggie	Mother (Laura) & sisters
Apr. 27, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
Apr. 28-29, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	[Laura]	Stella/Maggie
Apr. 29, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Apr. 29, 1887 [with fragment from Laura to Uriah on the back, part of her letter dated May 2, 1887]	Waterville, Minnesota	Samuel Oblinger	Laura
FOLDER 29:			
May 2, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
May 3, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
May 8, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura/children	Uriah
May 10, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
May 11, 1887	[Gove City, Kansas]	Uriah	Laura
May 15, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
May 19, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
May 21, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
May 24, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
May 28, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
June 1, 1887	Rush River, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
June 6, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
June 12-18, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah

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FOLDER 30:			
July 3, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
July 5-7, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
July 12, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
July 15, 1887 [misdated June 15, 1887]	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
July 17-20, 1887	Lake Sakata, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
July 19, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
July 22, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
July 27, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
July 31, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
FOLDER 31:			
Aug. 4-5, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
Aug. 9, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Aug. 17, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Aug. 31, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
FOLDER 32:			
Sept. 3, 1887	At home	Uriah	Laura/children
Sept. 4, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Sept. 8, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Sept. 9-11, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Estella Oblinger	Mother/sisters
Sept. 11, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura
Sept. 11, 1887	Ottawa, Minnesota	Laura	Uriah
Sept. 12, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
Sept. 15, 1887	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children

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FOLDER 33:			
Jan. 4, 1888	Waterville, Minnesota	Samuel Oblinger	Uriah & Laura
FOLDER 34:			
Oct. 21, 1889	Anderson, Indiana	James T. Knowland	Uriah
Nov. 6, 1889	Bunker Hill, Indiana	Robert C. Foor	Uriah
Nov. 8, 1889	Bowen, Illinois	Dr. C. S. Bishop	Uriah
Nov. 26, 1889	Geneva, Nebraska	G. H. Bumgardner	Uriah
FOLDER 35:			
Mar. 1, 1890	Anderson, Indiana	Newsom & Knowland	Uriah
Mar. 13, 1890	Anderson, Indiana	Newsom & Knowland	Uriah
Apr. 7, 1890	Wa-Keeney, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
Apr. 21, 1890	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Green B. Raum
Apr. 24, 1890	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	Newsom/Knowland
April/May 1890 [written on the back of Uriah's letter of April 24, 1890]	Anderson, Indiana	Newsom & Knowland	Uriah
FOLDER 36:			
Aug. 7, 1890	Anderson, Indiana	Newsom & Knowland	Uriah
Aug. 26, 1890	Gove City, Kansas	Laura	Uriah
Aug. 31, 1890	Denver, Colorado	Uriah	Laura/children
Sept. 17, 1890	Granfield, Kansas	Uriah	Laura
Sept. 18, 1890	Kansas City, Missouri	Uriah	Laura
Sept. 19, 1890	Peru, Indiana	Uriah	Laura/children
Sept. 23, 1890	Gove City, Kansas	Laura	Uriah
Sept. 27-29, 1890	Gove City, Kansas	Laura	Uriah
Sept. 29, 1890	Cass County, Indiana	Uriah	Laura/children

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FOLDER 37:			
Oct. 3, 1890	Peru, Indiana	Uriah	Laura/children
Oct. 6, 1890 [fragment]	? Indiana	Uriah	Laura
Oct. 12, 1890	Peru, Indiana	Uriah	Laura/children
Oct. 29, 1890	Quinter, Kansas	Uriah	Laura
Nov. 12, 1890	Denver, Indiana	A.B. Vore	Uriah
Nov. 24, 1890	Humansville, Missouri	Uriah	Laura
Nov. 28, 1890	Wheatland, Missouri	Uriah	Laura/children
Dec. 15, 1890	Indianapolis, Indiana	American Union	Uriah
FOLDER 38:			
Jan. 6, 1891	Gove City, Kansas	Uriah	W.P. Thomas & Family
July 7, 1891	Peru, Indiana	Sabra G. Van Doren	Uriah & Laura
Nov. 21, 1891	Denver, Indiana	A. B. Vore	Uriah
FOLDER 39:			
Oct. 13, 1893	Wheatland, Missouri	Sadie Oblinger	Uriah
Oct. 13, 1893	Wheatland, Missouri	Laura & Nettie Oblinger	Uriah
Oct. 18, 1893	Fostoria, Kansas	Uriah	Laura/children
Winter 1893-1894	[Wheatland, Missouri]	Lillie & Laura	Uriah
FOLDER 40:			
Jan. 22, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Laura	Uriah
Jan. 22, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Lillie	Uriah
Jan. 22, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Nettie	Uriah
Jan./Feb. 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Nettie	Jessie Roesch
Jan. 23, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Lillie & Laura	Estella Stilgebouer
Jan. 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Lillie & Laura	Uriah

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FOLDER 40 [cont.]:			
Jan. 28, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Nettie	Uriah
Feb. 12, 1894	San Francisco, California	W.H. Bacon	Laura
Feb. 14, 1894	Danbury, Nebraska	Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer	Mother (Laura) & Sisters
Feb. 17, 1894	Danbury, Nebraska	Uriah	Laura/children
Feb. 25, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Laura	Uriah
FOLDER 41:			
June 24, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Laura	Uriah
June 24, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Lillie	Uriah
July 8, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Laura	Uriah
July 15, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Laura	Uriah
July 19, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Laura	Uriah
July 21, 1894	Wheatland, Missouri	Laura	Uriah
Nov. 16, 1894	Danbury, Nebraska	Uriah	Laura/children
[1894]	Danbury, Nebraska	Uriah	Laura
FOLDER 42:			
Mar. 31, 1895	Danbury, Nebraska	Maggie	[Uncle] Chas. Thomas
Jan. 29, 1896	Danbury, Nebraska	Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer	[Uncle] Chas. Thomas & Jenette Thomas
Feb. 9, 1896	Danbury, Nebraska	Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer	[Uncle] Chas. Thomas
Feb. 9-13, 1896	Danbury, Nebraska	Maggie	[Uncle] Chas. Thomas
May 24, 1896	Danbury, Nebraska	Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer	[Uncle] Chas. Thomas
Oct. 27, 1896	Danbury, Nebraska	Uriah	Charles Thomas
Jan. 24, 1897	Danbury, Nebraska	Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer	Uncle & Aunt [Chas. & Jenette Thomas]

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FOLDER 43:			
Mar.30, 1900	Ludell, Kansas	Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer	Uriah, Sadie, Lillie
June 26, 1900	Danbury, Nebraska	Nettie	Estella & Willie Stilgebouer
Sept. 1, 1900	Logansport, Indiana	Samuel G. Thomas	Ella Oblinger Roesch
Dec. 3, 1900	San Francisco, California	Lillie	Uriah
FOLDER 44:			
Dec. 30, 1902	Peru, Indiana	Sabra G. Van Doren	Ella Oblinger Roesch or Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer
June 21, 1911	Marion, Nebraska	Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer	Ella Oblinger Roesch
Aug. 3, 1911	Marion, Nebraska	Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer	Ella Oblinger Roesch
FOLDER 45:			
[Fall/Early Winter 1874]	Fillmore County, Nebraska	[Mattie]	Thomas Family
[1897-1912?]	?	Maggie Oblinger Sandon	Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer
[1899-1900?]	?	Estella Oblinger Stilgebouer, Neta & Willie Stilgebouer	Lillie