

Larne Sept 9 1860

Dear Robert

I forward these lines  
in a hurried way to you as I  
have no other way of finding  
you out but by applying to your  
brother David we still think  
there might be word from some  
of you but none the postboy  
passes twice every day but no  
word from you but we must  
do the best we can but I am  
still on the look out for you  
as there are something on hand  
at present which I think would  
be worth while a looking after

William Dick is dead inside  
these six months William  
Hoyle was left Executor and  
there were nothing left too

John Raney and he has took  
it very ill and William Hoys  
and John is in bad terms which  
is so much the better for you  
David Dombare has bought  
the farm and living on it  
Aunt Bell is dead a month  
ago without a will but John  
Raney daughter has took  
what was in the house I hear  
<sup>£</sup>100 William Hoys says it would  
be worth while a looking after if you  
would come over it would be best  
and if not he would try and foreclose  
it to you from Belfast to see what  
is best so you can think on what is  
best. write by return of post as  
quick as possible and send the  
right Adress no more at present  
remains yours James Edwards  
Direct to James Edwards  
Maxwells lane Larne

out home and I guess they  
got tired of her there  
so she went over to Ikes

She was telling me this and  
he said he did not want her either  
but he said he was not going to  
tell her to leave he said they  
had no work for her to do he  
told me she was going up to

Billy Doudles he wanted her to  
come up there and stay with  
him and I guess she is going she  
cannot get any thing to do around  
here I heard she was in town  
trying to get support from the town

but they said they could not give her  
any as long as she had a man living  
it is only hear say so I dont know it  
was aunt Margaret told Arren so  
you have all I know about it only  
I think probably she would go out with  
you now she says she is all the time talking  
about you pretty near she asked her if she  
could go out and she said she did not know  
I think she will get her temper cooled  
a little I will be on the look out  
and let you know all the truth that  
I can hear you must not believe  
every thing other folks tell you because  
some folks delights in nothing else  
but keeping up strife if it is between  
man and wife so no more at present  
write soon I am as ever your affectionate

Son James D Elliot  
Robert Elliot

Beardstown

Cass Co  
May 1868

Dear Father

I now embrace the present  
opportunity of writing you  
a few lines to inform you  
that your letter of the  
13<sup>th</sup> has come to hand  
and I was glad to hear  
from you and to hear  
that you were well and  
safely landed this leaves  
us all in good health  
at present I got my  
arm sprained but it is  
all over now. The weather  
here is pretty good here at  
present it has been rather  
bad I am putting in some  
corn this year again I am  
putting it in on Doudles

farm along with Bill  
Maslin and Tom Baker  
we have got about 80 acres  
if it keeps good weather we  
will get about 40 in this  
week I had to buy me  
another horse old bet got  
so lame that she could  
not work that is my old  
bet I tried to trade that  
mare of bobs but I could  
not so I had to buy

well you were asking about  
Nancy I do not know much  
about her the baby is well  
Nancy is staying at Isaac  
Wiggles she has been out there  
for some time what it  
is you heard I do not know  
unless it was about her  
living in town the way  
I heard that was Allic

told me bob hired  
Allic to work on the road  
with his team and they  
came in and rented a little  
house in ravens wood back  
of Mc fellows I suppose you  
know where it is it looks  
like a schoolhouse well  
they rented that for a month  
at 3 doll per month and Nancy  
was going to keep house for  
Allic and when he went to  
get work on the road they  
would not give him any for  
he was too small and the  
team was not good enough  
and when they saw that they  
wanted to move back and the  
man would not pay them the  
money back so they had to stay  
there or let it go so they  
stayed awhile and she moved

got in is just coming up fred is  
worse tom wilson hant got  
searsely any in he planted  
some of his ground 3 times it got  
drowned out every time it is the  
wettest spring that has been known  
around here for many years tom and  
bob is working on the railroad they  
could not do any thing at home  
there is more poor corn for this time  
of year that I ever saw I have not  
tried to raise the money yet but I  
guess I can do it I have been troubled  
so much about that land trying to  
work and now it is all for nothing  
so I had to make something or  
starve this leaves us all in good  
health at presant and I hope these  
few imperfect lines may find  
you enjoying the same great  
blessing so good Bye for the  
presant I remain as ever your  
affectionate son James Elliot

P. S. I would like to have you  
write as soon as possible

J. E.

Beardstown June 24/69

Dear Father

I now embrace the present  
opportunity of answering your  
long unanswered letter and  
you must excuse me for not  
writing sooner I will try and  
tell you how it was well after  
I got your letter telling me  
to send Nancy out I went  
out to wiggles to find her but  
she was not there so I went  
over to old Jimmys and as  
the dutchman says she wasnt  
there to but they told me  
she was down at Thompsons and  
Ellic was getting ready to go  
down so I thought I would  
send down by him so I told  
him to tell Nancy to come up

for I wanted to see her but I  
after wards learned he did not  
go down so I told wiggle to  
tell her so he did and then  
she came to see me but I was  
gone that was sunday then monday  
she came back and I was gone out  
to the farm and arrene told her  
what I wanted and she said  
may be she would come in saturday  
and on thursday I went to work  
on the so I did not know whether  
she came or not I told arrene to  
waite and let me know and she  
did write but I did not get the  
letter and I did not know anything  
about it till I came home yesterday  
so I thought I could not send her  
this week I have to go back tomor  
row and I did not want to send  
her with letting you know so I  
thought I would put it back a

little over a week longer and  
I will come back a week from  
saturday and then send her on  
monday morning July 5<sup>th</sup> so you  
will have time to prepare for  
her she is staying at my house  
now and she is willing to go  
you had better meet her at the  
Depot for she will not know where  
to go her and the baby is well  
at presant.

I am at work on the railroad  
about 30 miles off so it is not  
very handy for me to come home  
I had to quit working on the  
farm for it has been such a wet  
spring it rains about 3 times every  
week so I had all my work for  
nothing we had 60 ceteres broke and  
30 planted and it all drowned out  
Trunie has not got near all that  
field in and some of what he has

Beards town July 3/69

Dear Father

I embrace the present opportunity  
of writing you a few lines to  
inform you that I am well  
and all the rest are in the  
same predicament I cannot  
start Nancy Monday for the  
train does not start till  
Tuesday there is no train  
running west on Monday  
so I thought I would let  
you know so you could  
meet her on Wednesday so  
you must excuse this short  
letter this time for it is  
time for the mail to  
go out so no more at present  
and hope Nancy will have a  
safe journey and hope you will  
have a happy meeting

and live happy hereafter  
for I think you both  
have had a pretty good lesson  
I will give her all the instru-  
ctions I can so good bye for  
the present from your  
Son James Elliot  
To Father

is pretty sick she is hardly expect  
ed to live they are having a  
great time about the farm now  
the old woman wants to sell it  
and the rest are trying to stop her  
from they had one trial which  
lasted two days that was lost  
monday and tuesday and then they  
put it off till next tuesday the  
old woman wants the rest to buy  
her life time right she wants nine  
hundred dollars I dont know whether  
they will buy or not tell nancy I do  
not know much about her folks only  
that bob is married he married old  
tommy Bucks daughter Martha  
well I guess I will have to close for the  
presant give my love to all the  
enquiring friends I am as ever your loving  
son James D Elliot  
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Beards town  
Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 68

Dear Father

I now embrace the presant  
opportunity of answering your  
long neglected letter I have  
been a good deal bothered  
lately I was working on the  
railroad and I have been  
bothered about getting my  
pay me (that is Tom and I)  
took a job and the estimate  
the engineer gave us on the  
work it ran us in debt  
me any way for I had to  
hire a horse to finish the  
work with for I have had  
such good luck as to lose  
the use of both of my horses  
this summer and it has run  
pretty hard with me they

are not fit to work yet I dont  
know what I will do I did  
not send the things out  
with Tom because I did  
not know that he was  
going so soon but I expect  
you will be out before long  
your self I cannot come out  
this fall and I dont know  
when I can come out if  
I keep having as bad luck  
as I have had Arrene has  
been sick for two weeks  
she was not expected to live  
but she is getting better now  
she had the erysipelas in  
the head and throat we had a  
great time with the bab  
we had to feed it all the

time for she could not nurse  
it any the rest of us are all  
pretty well sissy is fat and hearty  
well I have not raised you  
any money you have no idea  
how scarce it is looks like  
every body wants money I  
asked Hansmier and draunie  
and they did not have any  
and I have been trying to  
sell your things and it looks  
like there is nobody wants to  
buy I want you to send me  
word how much is the least you  
want to take for them and  
then I can tell better what to  
do I suppose Tom has told you  
all the news that is of any impor  
tance but I will tell you one  
or two things Gerline Miller

land I want to attemp and  
I want to make a spoon or spoil  
a horn this year I am going  
to try to run three teams this  
year the land is good and clean  
it was over flowed last year but  
I trust and hope it won't be this  
year if it is I am gone up it  
is going to be the worst for me  
to live and get corn for my  
horses folks don't like to sell their  
corn that has any for less than  
one bushel and if one had  
the money they could get it in  
some places for 50 cts but that  
is the least well I send you  
here another money order it is  
frank aren't mate well I will quit  
for the present but I remain as ever  
your affectionate son James D Elliot

Beardstown

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 70

Dear Father

I now embrace the present opportunity  
of writing you a few lines in  
answer to your letter which I  
received in due time and I  
was very glad to hear from  
you and to hear that you  
were all well this leaves us  
in the same condition at  
present but we have had  
a very sickly time around  
here this year I never saw  
as many folks that I was  
acquainted with die in one  
year as there has in this  
I have been making and attending  
on the sick for three weeks off  
and on the <sup>man</sup> that I rented the  
place of in the island is  
dead his name was Job Wade

he has lived on the island  
a good while his family were  
all sick but his wife Thomas  
Coward was sick well he is sick  
yet he has been sick two weeks  
Eli Jackson is dead he died  
last Sunday Nancy Jane Panke  
that was she was married about  
a year ago she is dead she left  
a little child and George Pankeys  
wife is dead and Arrene Hardy  
lost her little girl she have been  
in pretty good health since  
last fall when Arrene lost her  
head well no not quite her head  
but her hair she was a great  
looking sight but her hair  
is growing out again

Old man Davisons house  
burned down the other night  
and they lost nearly every thing  
they saved their beds and  
part of their meat well I will

tell you how it caught  
fire I heard that they  
threw out some ashes by  
the side of the house and  
there were some coals in  
them and it caught the  
house some time in the  
night I think it was the after  
part of the night and it had  
got under good head way before  
they found it out they did  
not even save their boots and  
shoes they are living at Ske Niggles  
they were in town after lumber  
in two or three days after that  
to build another

I have moved out of the Island  
I have moved on the other side  
of the lake on at Siberds  
place it is right east of  
the Glassby place over on  
the sand ridge that is where  
I am living I can get all the

March 28 1840

Dear sister  
I received your letter  
of february 27 which  
gave me pleasure to hear  
that you was well  
but grieved me very  
much to hear of father  
and mother getting their  
house burnt but i hope  
it will be a lesson to  
them and learn them  
to be more carefull  
about where the poote  
there ashes and tell  
father that i think  
he will not wish so  
many times that the  
house was in ashes now  
that he has got a trial  
of it but i some times  
think it is a wonder that  
there is not more happens

to them for i can  
See now very plainly  
that no good ever attends  
any man and wife living  
in the way the do  
When you might let  
me know what brother  
Robert and wife is doing  
And what all the folks  
about Sandprairie for  
I like to <sup>know</sup> how the folks  
is all getting along i have  
No news to send but that  
That we are going out  
on a farm and i hope  
When these few lines <sup>reach</sup>  
Reaches you the with <sup>you</sup>  
Enjoying as good health  
As this leaves us at pres<sup>ent</sup>  
And may the blessing  
of the almighty god be  
With you all is the wish  
And prayer of your affection<sup>ed</sup>  
Sister Nancy Elliot

have rented and I do not know  
whether he will fence after the water  
goes down or not I wish I was away  
out of here to some place where I  
could be sure of raising something  
well I will have to close hoping  
these few lines may find you and  
yours all well it is nice weather here  
now over head I remain as ever your  
affectionate Son James Elliot  
To Robert Elliot

Dear Father I had intended to have  
sent you this money two weeks ago  
but I took sick and this is the first  
time I have been out I had the long  
fever I am pretty weak yet if you can  
let me have that money write as soon  
as you can any way and let me know I will  
get it next week this is draucies yours J. E.

Beardstown

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1870

Dear Father  
I once more embrace the oppor-  
tunity of writing you a  
few lines to inform you  
we are all well all that is  
left of us our dear little  
babe is dead he got burned  
to death he got burned on  
the 24<sup>th</sup> and died on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
O the agony he must have  
suffered when he was burning  
but he was so badly burned  
that he did not be sensible  
to the pain so much as he  
would have done if he had  
not been so badly burned  
the burns did not seem very  
deep but they must have  
struck inwardly we had a

doctor as soon as we could  
get one and put liniment on  
it but it did not do any  
good we have to haul or carry  
our water about a quarter of  
a mile and I was away from  
home making some rails and  
she had to carry some water and  
while she was away I guess  
sissy got to taking some fire  
out of the stove and dropped  
a coal on him and the clothes  
were nearly all burned off his  
body when she came back he  
was eleven months old but he is  
at rest where no pain or sickness  
will ever trouble him more

well I suppose you have been  
looking for money for some time  
but it is such hard work getting  
money the money that Hansmier  
owed you was twelve dollars and  
I lifted that in corn I got a load

from him I had to have  
some corn to feed my  
horses and I got a load from  
hill Anderson he owes me some  
yet and Drawie he has not paid  
me yet nor fred Cullifer I guess  
I will get his next week may  
be I will get Drawies to send you  
now as I go to town. now father  
I do not know what I will  
do for corn I have not got any  
money to buy with and they  
that have it wont sell it on  
time I have to live on corn bread  
without any meat of any kind  
and I dont know how long I  
can have corn to live on and I can  
not raise a crop with out corn I  
have got four horses to feed I can  
not sell or do any thing with that  
mare of yours and she is so lame  
that I cant do much with her the  
water is up now over the land I

White Deer Run  
April 29/72

Mr. James Butler

Sir there is some dispute  
in regard to the 2 claims  
taken in the North 1/2 of Sec  
1 Township 1 Range 7 West  
Will you be so kind as to  
send me the exact shape they  
are where homestead one is taken  
by Jacob Seebach and the other  
is taken by Robert Eliot  
and oblige me yours

Truly  
S. E. Wilson

Please send return with  
Mr. Henning's certificate

Robert Elliott homestead  
deeds Lots 3, 4 & 5 or the N<sup>w</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
all <sup>are</sup> west of the Republican  
River -

Jacob Twobaugh homestead  
deeds Lots 1-2-6 & 7 or the  
N<sup>e</sup>/<sub>4</sub> - 1 & 2 are north side  
of the Republican River &  
6 & 7 on south side of said  
River -

A.C.

Nebr City Nebraska

November 5<sup>th</sup> 93

Cousin Robert

I received \$20. Dollars &  
today and will send it as  
you Directed in a registered  
letter & will send the  
other as soon as I can get  
it from Dan we are all  
well that includes  
& family Bob & family  
and company I have  
husked any corn get  
worth 25 cents wheat 40  
to 60 oats 25 potatoes 75  
you must excuse this short  
letter as I am in a hurry to  
get home write and let  
me know when you receive  
it. Yours truly J. L. Thompson

I killed 16 from  
Saturday morning untill  
Monday night

Well I will stop for  
this time hoping  
to hear from you soon  
I remain as ever your  
eloving son  
J T Elliot

P.S. Meathy and Robert  
sends there love to you  
give respects to friends  
if you find any enquiring  
for me. give them a drink  
and let them go  
J T Elliot

Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> 1873

Dear Father I now embrace  
the present opportunity of  
writing you a few lines to  
let you know that I am  
and all the rest of the folks  
are well at present. hoping  
when these few lines reach  
you they will find you  
and all the rest enjoying  
the same privilege of receiving  
your most kind and welcome  
letter yesterday. and you wanted  
to know why you had not  
received that money. Well I  
will try and tell you.  
Johnny could not get the  
money from Dan. and Tom.  
bought some wheat from  
Dan enough to amount

To \$19 Well then Tom  
paid that to Johnny  
and Dan said to John if  
he would wait while he  
would pay him the rest  
I was down to rock creek  
at that time and I went  
and seen Tom one day in town  
the same day I received your  
letter and I told him to  
tell John to send on that  
money and not wait for  
the rest now so I think  
you will get the money  
pretty soon. you said you  
wanted to know how the  
Markets were Well Corn  
is worth 25<sup>00</sup> Wheat 75 to 80  
Potatoes \$1.00 Barley \$1.20.  
Cabbage 6<sup>00</sup> Oats 25  
Stock Cattel 3 1/2 to 4 1/2  
Beef Cattel 4<sup>00</sup> to 4 1/2  
Hogs 3<sup>00</sup> to 3 1/2 here

and you wanted to know  
also if I had got any  
news from Illinois  
Well I will tell you  
I received A letter from  
Gomer the same day I  
got yours and he says  
that there all well but  
him and he is having  
the chills has been for  
A year he says that  
Agnes is staying there  
now and has a good use  
of her tongue or ever.  
he also says that Lerra  
is staying at home  
part of the time and  
loping the rest of it  
I am sorry I aint out  
there to knock over some  
of them Turkeys as for  
beere there are plenty  
of them here

I thought that a year ago  
last fall when we were digging  
potatoes that you said if we  
did not have an increase in our  
family untill you had in yours  
would be a long time - now  
you have beat us badly. Tom old  
man Griffins & I had a deer hunt  
one day there was seven came  
in here Tom got two shots at  
them & I one but we got ner a  
deer it is the first and last  
I think that I will have on  
foot I dont believe I was ever  
any tireder. write soon  
I remain as ever your cousin  
with best respects to you &  
family  
J. C. Thompson



Nebraska City  
January 25<sup>th</sup> 1874

Cousin Robert

I seat my self to write you  
few lines while my hands  
as I have five to write besides  
this. now for businness I have dined  
Dan for the ballance that is coming  
to you time & again and cant get  
it. now I want you to write and  
tell me what to do about it. he  
says that you were to allow him  
two & a half Dollars for the old  
hay rake. it was my understanding  
that he made you a present of it  
I want you to enlighten me.  
I had a letter from Virginia on the  
23 Hugh is married again to a  
miss White she lived near <sup>or</sup> near  
John Finn & Alvenia Thompson  
are married also. Samuel Ross

has sold his share of the farm  
to William Gamble. Willie John  
& George Elliot, John Thompson  
have each of them a son with  
few hours between their ages  
John has bought out McHenry's  
interest in the store & wants  
his <sup>own</sup> brother John to go in with  
him. Uncle James family John  
Corregan & Willie John are talking  
of moving to great bend Kansas  
to homestead. some of Uncles boys  
have taken claims now. Hugh  
turned Willie J. off on account  
of his drinking a little too much  
your Nephew R. D. Elliot is taking in  
grain for George Plaign & Co. Jane  
Hery wants to come out here  
Dian McGinnley has a nother  
boy. Keanna Griffin was married  
new years night we were on  
hands to help eat the good things

she married a man by the name  
of Kenery still. Dian lost one  
of his horses this winter the big  
bay one he pulled back in the  
stable & broke his neck. he has  
bought two more. I havent  
got through husking corn yet  
I havent got to husk but three  
days since 2 of Dec on account of  
snow I have only about 25 bushels  
out corn is worth 45 to 50 white  
wheat 1.15 rife 1.03 oats 35 potatoes  
1.25 per bushel. Jo Shellenburger  
fell off a load of fodder and got  
killed friday. I dont know whether  
I will stay here a nother year  
or not I havent made up my  
mind yet we are well & hartz  
Tom & family also Bob Matty &  
Thompson were a week ago I  
havent seen any of them since  
~~for a week~~

Virginia

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 74

Dear Brother

I am sorry I have neglected  
to write but I did not think  
that you were in such a hurry  
for it or I would have wrote  
sooner but I hope it is time  
yet we are all well at present  
the children have had the  
hooping cough but they are  
getting better I have just come  
back from Chandlerville and  
the folks are all well down there  
I have to move this spring again  
if I can get a team I was owing  
Wm Campbell and he took my  
team from me I did not raise  
more than enough to pay the  
rent so I dont know what I  
will do yet well I will close

for this time as I have  
not much news to write  
hoping these few lines may  
find you all well I remain  
as ever your loving brother  
James D Elliot

P.S. here two pictures  
that Isabell sends to you  
J. D. E.

They are in jail now awaiting  
their trial. Mr. Waters ought  
to have been hung long ago as  
he has killed two if not three  
men. They are still digging coal  
over at Dunbar they want to  
vote 20,000 twenty thousand  
dollars on the county for  
to prospect for coal in any  
part of the county I don't believe  
that they will carry. Tom &  
family are well. Write as  
soon as convenient to let  
me know if it comes all  
write. I haven't rented yet  
but think I will stay  
a nother year or until  
fall then perhaps you  
see me out there. No more  
at present I remain  
yours truly J. C. Thompson

Nebraska City  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> 74

Cousin Robert  
I received a letter from you  
they same day that I mailed  
one for you. we are all well  
at present hoping that you  
and family are enjoying the  
same. I have finally got a  
settlement out of Dan whether  
it will be satisfactory to you  
I still hold the note until I  
hear from you. he held back  
the rake  
I will give you a statement  
November 5. received \$19.95  
intrest on that amount for one  
month and five days 22c.  
\$19.95 deducted from note left  
\$16.15 still due \$2.50 from

\$16.15 Leaves you  
 with intrest for 4<sup>months</sup>  
 and twenty days witch amounts  
 to

\$13 65

Regenerating two letters	total	34.44
leaves you		34.08

on your note of \$36.10 or  
 counting two fifty that Dan.  
 held back it would amount  
 to \$36.50 not counting expence  
 I will put the money in this  
 \$14.09 I sent you twent Doll  
 so I am keeping expenses out  
 of this .41 cents hoping it  
 will be satisfactory to you  
 I had a letter from  
 the have a nother lit  
 corn is worth 40 cents  
 them the grasshoppers dried  
 their corn up for them so  
 that it is a little scarce  
 corn & everything is considerable

lower than when I last wrote  
 you. Bob has bought him a  
 young team of mares at 275.00  
 Dollars & sold his old to Thompson  
 for 240.00 & Thompson is going  
 to raise corn for Bob at 12 1/2 cent  
 per bushel Bob boards him &  
 team. There was a row in a  
 saloon in the lower part of  
 town friday week Mr Waters  
 & a son of old Crooks shot two  
 men & beat a third over the  
 head with a pistol one of the  
 men has died the other two  
 it is thought will get  
 the men were all German  
 & the Germans  
 offered a reward of  
 \$500.00 for the arrest of Mr Water  
 & Crook. They were caught on  
 saturday at a farm house  
 nere Hamburg & brought

\$418.08

Neb City Mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1874

on the first day of Oct  
after date I do or either of  
us promise to pay Lyman  
Thorburn the sum of four hundred  
and nineteen dollars and nine cents  
with interest at the rate of  
ten per cent <sup>per annum</sup> after maturity  
for value received of him

Jas A. Gilmore  
P. M. Elliot

#81 August 22: 1874

received on this note  
\$81 Eighty Dollars

15856	
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It is not the distance of the place  
 Neither the lapse of time  
 It is not the absence of thy face  
 Recalls thee to my mind  
 J. S. Elliot

Was very good there:  
 now I believe I will bring  
 my letter to a close as I  
 have no more news to tell  
 the folks are all well:  
 give my love to all inquir<sup>ing</sup>  
 friends: So good by for the  
 present. remains as ever your  
 affectionate Son of J. S. Elliot

Prices of Grain in Nebraska  
 Corn 16 3/4  
 Wheat 100 = 65  
 Barley 145 = 80  
 Oats 135 = 40

Write Soon (Write soon  
 Write tomorrow)

Sunday Sep 13. 74

Dear Father I embrace  
 the present opportunity of  
 writing you a few lines  
 to let you know that I  
 am well at present hoping  
 that when these few lines  
 come to hand they will  
 find you enjoying the  
 same blessing: We have  
 been having lots of Grass  
 hoppers here they did not do  
 a great deal of damage here  
 not so much as the Dry  
 Weather: but between Line  
 old and Kurrery Hill and  
 North of there they have  
 taking every thing in  
 shape of Corn: around  
 here we will have a  
 half a crop of Corn

I guess I have 45<sup>+</sup>  
acres of Corn .35 of it  
will go about .30 bushels  
to the acre, the other .10  
was on new ground and  
will not go so much  
Bob has about .32 acres  
and he says it won't go  
.10 bushels to the acre  
all the Corn around here  
is very light the small  
grain was pretty good but  
we have had no rain here  
for about three months  
until last week then it  
just poured down. We  
are making hay now  
We have up about .25 tons  
and want to put up about  
.50 tons more Bob and I  
are putting it up on halves  
I think there will be a

demand for hay this  
Winter: I was thinking  
about coming out there  
this fall on a Buffalo  
hunt. I want you to write  
and tell me if they are very  
close there yet and tell  
me how the crops is out  
there I wrote you a  
letter last Spring and  
I never received no answer  
I beg that you will write  
this time and let me  
know how all the folks  
is getting along and  
tell me all the news.  
I have not had a letter  
from Illinois for a good  
while but Uncle and Aunt  
are out here they come  
out about six weeks ago  
they say that fall wheat

place here John Hoagland is  
building a dwelling house on his  
place this fall. I suppose that  
I may give Dan his note as you  
dont say any thing about it.  
we are well & hearty & have a little  
boy 4 months old. we are still  
on Nicks place & likely to be  
every thing dull here & a way down  
fat cattle 2 to 3 cents stock hogs  
from 2 to 4. Sugar 8 to 10 bound  
to Dollar; tea 50. to 100. per pound  
coffee 3/4 to 4 to Dollar prints  
8 to 10 cents domestic 12 1/2 to 15 &  
every thing is down from what  
it used to be. well I cant think  
of any thing els at present come  
in & I can tell you better than  
write it. I remain

your Cousin

J. C. Thompson



November 2<sup>nd</sup> 74  
Cousin Robert

I received yours  
of October 18 on the 24<sup>th</sup> I have been  
busy since helping thrash & getting  
up my potatoes. The are good in  
the ground but wattery to eat the  
turn out about like the did that  
fall you helped me get them out  
John & Margaret came out about  
first of August & stayed untill  
sometime in Sept. I took them  
down to Kansas was gone three  
weeks from there to. It go to  
Willie & Jennies the got to see  
all of the folks that the were aquain  
with in this part of the country  
the like it here and are coming  
out as soon as the can sell there  
place at any thing like its value

Willie & Jennie have gone to try  
their fortunes in California  
they started about 10 days ago  
my Bro James & Ann are here with  
us at present James came up after  
a load of corn & Ann came back  
with us the grasshoppers cleaned  
him out all that he got was 6  
acres of oats chints buggs took his  
wheat & Ann has lost her health  
she came up to see if a change would  
do her any good. they are building  
a railroad from Neb down the  
river it wont go any further than  
Brownville this winter. corn is  
very light here it will ruin from  
nothing up to 25 or thirty bushels  
mine will go about 8 at present  
it is 50 cent per bushel where it  
is for sale there is hardly anyone  
that has more than the need  
potatoes 75 oats 45 & wheat 50 to 60

they have splendid crops in Ill  
this season with exception of spring  
wheat it wasent any account  
winter wheat was good George  
has splendid corn but like you  
he was unlucky he lost two horses  
Tom & family are well and getting  
along about the same as usual he  
has got 23 head of cattle & he lost  
his <sup>well</sup> colt about 10 day ago with  
collic Bob Thompson & Matty  
are all well and Thompson wonders  
why you dont write as he has  
written 3 or 4 times to you & has never  
heard from you. his corn will  
go about 20 bushels Bob was lucky  
in having in 20 acres of barley this  
season he got 92 cent per bushel  
for it. Jo Snider was married  
to Newmans third daughter in  
Sept Penn & family have gone  
back to Pennsylvania & rented his

J. J. Elliot

I will put some corn in  
the tin. is pretty hard  
here now.

Johnny Thompson has bought  
that place of Wicks that  
he was living on. Tom is  
still living on the same

place. Bob has broke up  
house keeping, and is boarding  
at the old Mrs Austins

We are all well at present  
I believe I have no more to  
say at present. but answer  
this week and tell me all  
the news and tell me if there  
are any Rail. R-s- going to run  
through there this summer.

Give my love to all the children  
so good by for this time  
but remains your affectionate son John. J. E.

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March 17. 75-

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Dear Father I now embrace  
the present opportunity of  
writing you a few lines to  
let you know that I am  
well at present, hoping when  
these few lines reach you they  
will find you enjoying the  
same blessing I am not doing  
any thing at present - but  
expect to in a few days.

It has been very cold all  
this winter and there has  
been nothing to do all  
winter but a little fire  
Halling on the rail Road.  
there was a great many  
people almost ~~detritate~~  
destitute of every thing  
Crops were very light here  
corn did not go any thing

to the acre but about 5<sup>or</sup> bush  
on an average and hundreds  
of folks did not have an ear  
out 10 miles from here they  
stert they did not have any  
and what we had here was  
no account - hardly Poor light  
stuff the wheat was pretty  
fair about 10 bushels to  
the acre on an average Oats  
was pretty good where I have  
been barley was good but  
not much sowed I worked on  
the Rail Road this winter  
about a month and made  
about \$4 per day there has  
been a Rail Road put thro<sup>gh</sup>  
since last spring from  
Nebraska City to Brownville  
and we were halting ties for  
it this winter and they want  
to comence this spring

and ~~it~~ extend it from  
Nebraska City to Omaha  
if they can get the Bonds  
and I think they will  
old Doctor Connerse is trying  
his best and they are going  
to extend it down to the State  
Line through Nemaha County  
and they have voted they  
Bonds in Nemaha County  
I have been thinking about  
coming out there all this  
winter or I would have written  
before I am sorry that I  
could not I wanted to  
come out there so bad but  
I did not like to come out  
and live off you for I  
could not bring enough out  
there to do me any length  
of time I am going to break  
Prarie part of this summer  
and if I can get the ground

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

Camp Cook Neb  
Febr 24<sup>th</sup>

Mr Robert. Crow,

Superior

Rockolls Co  
Nebraska

Syracuse May 16<sup>th</sup> 1875

Dear Father

I now embrace the present opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present hoping when these few lines reaches you they will find you enjoying good health I wrote you a letter a good while ago but never got any answer and I am anxious to hear from you I wish you would please write and tell me how you are all getting along ~~the~~ people in here are all pretty bad off: there is not one man out of ten who has got any corn to feed their horses and can hardly get enough to feed themselves times are awful hard here now there are no money in the country hardly and

people are getting discouraged  
the grass grows one in five

What it is worth there  
are no one a round here  
that I know of that  
is able to buy ten bushels  
of wheat. there are lots  
of land for sell but  
no body to buy  
Please write soon and relieve  
my suspence of your  
being sick and tell me  
every thing you know  
Direct to Syracuse Nebraska  
So good by for the present  
: Dear Father: but remains  
your affectionate Son. J. C.

P.S. if I had any money  
I would send it to you  
but I have not  
J. J. C. J. J. Elliot

people are getting discouraged  
the Grasshoppers are in here  
thick now and are eating  
up all the Wheat nearly  
some Farmers are all ready  
plotting up their Wheat fields  
and some are trying to burn  
them up they put straw in the  
Wheat and then set it on fire  
if we dont raise any Crops this  
year I dont know what we will  
do I hear that in the eastern part  
of Kansas the Grasshoppers  
have eaten up every thing and  
that they are waiting for the  
Grass to get big enough to  
get away and that they are  
leaving by neighborhoods and  
going east and west I am farmin  
this year again I thought I  
wouldnt but I am I expect

the grasshopper will eat up  
every thing here I guess the  
folks are all well I have  
not had a letter from them  
for some time Robert is farming  
this year Mattie is working  
out Johnny has bought  
that place of Wicks that  
he was living on. Tom is living  
on the same place I have  
not had a letter from Illinois  
for a long time and I dont  
know how they are getting  
along but I guess there are  
no grasshoppers there so  
they are all right.

I believe I have no more  
news at present I would  
give you the prices of grain  
but there are none to sell  
of any kind so I dont know

Nebraska City Jan. 23. 86

Dear Father again I seat  
myself in another perhaps  
vain attempt to reach your  
ears by a letter of affection  
I have been waiting long  
for a letter from you but  
have not received any  
and I cannot tell why  
therefore I write again:  
This is the fourth letter  
I have written and have  
received no answer I hope  
that when you receive this  
you will remember that  
you have a son that  
loves you as well as any  
son loves his father and  
is as much interested  
in your wellfare; therefore  
I beg of you for the sake of

your children to write  
and answer this letter

We are well at present  
and I sincerely hope when  
this comes to hand they  
will find you enjoying  
the same blessing that  
comes from the hand  
of him that is the giver  
of all good and perfect  
gifts. We are having  
a very pleasant winter  
Mary has just recovered  
from a very severe spell  
of sickness she was near  
Deaths door she had  
another baby and the  
second night she caught  
cold and for about a week  
we kept her up but  
Thanks be to our heavenly  
Father she did not die

but if she had died she  
was prepared to meet God  
in peace; the baby is living  
and well they told me  
that I could name this  
one so I named it  
:Robertha: gone; after  
you and Mother I  
think that is a very  
pretty name too  
Old Uncle John Shump  
is dead he died very

Thanks be to our heavenly  
Father I he did not die

but if I he had died I  
was prepared to meet God  
in peace: the baby is living  
and well they told me  
that I could name this  
one so I named it  
:Robertha: gone after  
you and Mother I  
think that is a very  
pretty name too

Old Uncle John Shump  
is dead he died very  
suddenly he just dropped  
and Uncle Hughs wife  
is dead again that is  
the second one now hes  
going to marry again  
in a few weeks

Aunt Agnes has sold  
her place for 42 Dollars  
per acre and has

Atto Fulton Co Ill Feb 12th 1846

Dear Father

I take the present opportunity to inform you that I am still in the land of the living and my family and my self are in pretty good health and I hope when these few lines reaches you they will find you and family all well and doing well I have been practising medicine for the last five years my health got poor and I couldnt work at my trade I went to Memphis Tennessee and attended medical college for 6 months before I went to practising I hadent seen nor heard from Brother James till the other day for over 3 years he and family are all well but not doing very well James is in rather poor circumstances at present

I have a Drugg and grocery Store in this  
little town, and I havent any competition.  
I am doing moderately well, but I dont  
wish to write much particulars. I have merely  
written the little that I have  
in answer to your letter. I would be very happy  
to hear from you again and I hope you  
will write enough to write to me,  
it will not probably be much, but I will  
be glad to hear of you. I would have written  
to you but I dont know what you  
will write to me. I will give you  
some history and tell you any thing  
you wish to know that I can. I will close  
by asking you to write soon.

yours affectionately

William H. Elliott

to Robert Elliott, Jr. family say, address  
is Otto Fulton County Illinois

he was buried up at  
Virginia in the old grave  
yard: I believe I have no  
more to tell you of at  
presant but I want  
you to write soon as this  
comes to hand fo it  
may be the last one  
that I may <sup>ever</sup> get from  
you and if you possibly  
can I wish you would  
send me your Photograph  
this time but dont  
forget to write and pray  
for your son that he may  
ever be kept faithful  
give my love to all the  
Children.

So good by for this  
time yours Son J. J. Elliot

April 13. 1879

Dear Father it is with  
feelings of regret that  
you have not answered  
my last letter yet I  
feel hopeful that I  
will receive one soon We  
are all well at present  
& and hope when these  
few lines reach you  
they will find you  
enjoying the same  
blessing We are having  
breadful weather now  
it is snowing today  
and has been all day  
the people have been  
hard at work for the  
last week putting in  
their grain for they

they thought Winter  
was over but I guess  
not yet: I am here yet  
but am going away  
next week if the  
Lord permits yet I want  
to get a letter from you  
before I go We had  
a letter from Illinois  
the other day and  
the friend of my youth  
the playmate of my  
childhood is dead  
Alex Danison is no more  
he died at Uncle  
Johns: and ~~at his~~  
although almost all  
his life was spent in  
wickedness and rebellion  
against God yet as King  
David said to his son  
he had not forgotten the

God of his fathers  
but just before he died  
he fell as it were into the  
bleeding arms of a Crucified  
Savior and his immortal  
Spirit was borne away by  
by the angels unto an  
everlasting inheritance  
undefiled and that fadeth  
not away he died of the  
Lung Fever and was sick  
about three Days he had  
a minister there that staid  
with him until he died  
he died happy and asked  
the minister if he did  
not see the angels around  
the bed they had come  
to take him home and  
he realized the blessedness  
of being born again

Oct 29: 1876

Dear Father

it is with pleasure that I embrace this opportunity of writing to you again I wrote you a letter last Spring but I received no answer so I could not tell whether you received it or not. Thompson left for the west last Spring he has not written since he left so I cannot tell you any thing concerning him.

I have not herd from Ills for some time the last letter I received stated the death of Cousin Bob of mason<sup>ra</sup> he died last Spring

Crops in this part is tolerable with the exception of oats which was nearly a failure corn is good wheat something over half crop Grasshoppers did not do much damage here but I expect they will next year for they deposited eggs here thick I dont know what I shall do next summer I have not rented any land yet Toms and Johys folks are well I believe I have been busy and have not been their for sometime I believe I have no news to write as I do not

know for certain your  
direction I will close  
hoping this may find  
you all enjoying good  
health and the smiles  
of a kind and Heavenly  
Father good by write soon  
from your loving son  
R. M. Elliot

for the West he said he  
was going out on the Solomon  
Well I believe I have no more  
news to write at present but  
hoping that I will hear from  
you again as soon as you receive  
this I will ascribe myself  
as ever your affectionate Son  
J. P. Elliot

P.S. when you write please tell  
me if there are any places  
that a person can buy cheap  
around there

P.S. we all join in sending  
our love to you all  
good bye  
J. P. E

Sunday April 14-78

Dear Father

I now seat myself to answer  
your kind and most welcome  
letter which I received yesterday  
and was glad to hear that  
you were all well and doing  
well. I would like very much  
to come out there and see  
you all. I would have come  
had I received your letter  
sooner but it is impossible  
for me to come now until  
next fall as I have went  
to farming again but I  
am coming out next fall  
to help you build that  
Stone House that you laid  
the foundation of in your  
mind some years ago

I hope you will be ready  
to build when I come ~~out~~  
I am going to tell you some  
some good news now I attended  
Brother Bobs wedding a few  
weeks ago and we had a  
splendid time and lots  
of good things to eat he  
he married a young Lady  
by the name of Harmon  
her Father & lives down at  
Rock Creek the first house  
North of Payns you know where  
he lives perhaps and I guess  
Sister Mattie is going to  
get married next fall so I  
will have to dance in the  
hog trough after all  
well we have had a tolerable  
wet spring so far but every  
one has their small grain in

and are now busily  
plowing for corn

Bob is living on Jefferys  
Place yet down on Rock here  
he had a letter from  
Brother Jim not long ago  
him and Family are all  
well he is living at Otto  
McLane Co. Ill - I

Johnny got a letter from  
Uncle John the other  
day and he said that  
they were all well Ann  
Tompron Johnys sister is no  
more she went the way  
of all the world a few  
weeks ago of heart disease  
Jimmy Tompron is doing  
tolerable well now I believe  
you knew old man Griffin  
well he has sold his place  
this Spring and started

Otto Ill June 26th 1882

Dear Father

I arrived home, all safe and sound, on Tuesday evening, the next day after I left you. I found the folks all well at home, but didn't expect to see me home so soon, we are all well at present, and I hope when these few lines reaches you, they will find you and your family all well, and happy, there were several parties after me to go to see the sick, while I was gone, and I have been home more than half an hour till I had to issue medicine to a sick person, yesterday morning I was called out of bed early to wait on a woman in confinement. I delivered her of pair of fine twins, daughters, got my ten dollars, and got home by 3 o'clock P.M. after travelling 4 miles on horse back.

From Nebraska  
on the way coming home the crops  
looked well all the way through Nebraska  
and Kansas. When I got into Iowa the  
crops looked worse than they do in  
Illinois. We have a splendid crop of  
wheat. if it only stays dry enough to  
harvest it but it so wet it rains nearly  
every night, and sometimes in the day  
the corn crops looks bad, you know that  
don't suit Illinois farmers, that is their  
main stay, Corn is worth here 75 cts per  
bushel, wheat 1.25, oats 36 butter 15 cts  
eggs 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  per dozen, Father, Margaret  
and the children all send their love  
to you, and says they want you to be  
sure and send them your picture  
they wanted to know how I enjoyed  
my visit I told them we enjoyed our  
selves splendidly. so we did, didn't we;  
well Father hoping to hear from you  
soon. and give my best respects to all  
inquiring friends I am yours affectionately  
W F Elliott

Otto Ill Sept 20th 1892

Dear Father

these few lines leave  
us all well at present, and I hope  
they will find you and family all  
the same. I received your kind and  
very welcome letter some time ago  
and was glad to learn that you  
were all well. I presume you think I  
am a long time answering your letter  
but please excuse me and I will  
try and not be so long again. I  
expect I would have answered it sooner  
but I have been quite unwell for over  
a month until at present I am getting  
stought again. I have had two spells  
of sickness the first spell my folks  
were considerable alarmed about me

I am well again thank the lord  
and able for business. there is not  
a great deal of sickness here at present  
and I am glad of it, but I have some  
thing to do every day but not pushed.  
you said in your letter you thought  
you could get me a farm reasonable  
near by you and to let you know  
soon but owing to the failure of the  
corn crop here this year I cant make  
my collections to suit me and I  
will not try to buy this year. the wheat  
crop was rather light here it didnt  
turn out as was expected wheat is worth  
85 cts per bushell corn 60 rye 50  
oats 37½ fat hogs gross \$6.25 cattle  
3 and 3½ per hundred butter 15 cts per lb  
eggs 15 cts per dozen timothy hay \$15  
per ton I sent you 2 news papers did you  
get them. did I leave my revolver at  
your house if I didnt I lost it. its a small  
loss any how no more at present, but write soon  
yours truly  
W J Elliott

and the second time I felt some  
what alarmed about my self I thought  
I was going to die. the first I didnt  
know much about it. I had been feeling  
unwell all day and at night about eleven  
oclock I was called away six miles  
off to see a sick patient. and it rained  
on me and I got worse part of the time  
I didnt know what I was doing I  
took the wrong road coming home  
in the morning and went about 5 miles  
out of my way although I was well  
acquainted with the road. I was in  
my buggy and my horse took me  
home I had the neuralgia of the heart  
and was sick about a week. I think it  
was caused from fatigue and exposure  
I had to ride again before I got well  
enough to stand it. and in about a  
week I was taken down again with  
Congestion of the Stomach and  
liver and the bilious fever set in  
and I felt very sick sure but.

P.S I havent heard from any of our  
Connction Since I come home  
my wife and me are going to  
attend the Saint Louis fair  
on the 2<sup>d</sup> of October for about  
4 days if nothing hapens to prevent

W. H. E.

I am well again thank the lord  
and able for business. there is not  
a great deal of sickness here at present  
and I am glad of it. but I have some  
thing to do every day but not pushed.  
you said in your letter you thought  
you could get me a farm reasonable  
near by me and to let a K.



plenty of sleigh riding  
that is about all we can  
do at present, our crops  
were pretty good through  
this part of Gosh's moral  
heritage, but the snow  
came on so early that  
very few people got their  
corn all out I have about  
1000 bushels to gather yet.  
suppose I will have to wait  
until spring to gather  
it, every thing has been  
a very fair price this  
season, corn is worth now  
33<sup>cts</sup> Hogs is worth 5.80  
to 6<sup>cts</sup> here the new Park  
Packing establishment  
here, is killing about  
1000 hogs a day so that  
keeps them up to a fair  
price you see

I made a short visit to  
the home of my childhood  
this fall, and found  
very thing about the  
same as when we left  
it, Henry Dray, never got  
able to pay for that place  
so he was sold out under  
the hammer, and has  
rented a place on the other  
side of the river, to which  
he is going in the spring,  
Mrs. Dray told me that she  
wished they had never  
seen that place, she said  
they hadn't planted  
any thing that grew to  
do any good except a  
mortgage, that grew all  
over the place, well I  
would not live back in  
that sand ridge if they  
would give me a place

Leases

1892

December - 6

PIONEER

Dear son i thought that  
I would send you a few  
lines you know that i am  
uneasy about not hearing  
from you i have not seen Henry  
Thompson since i come back  
i see ed a few days ago and he  
wants you to write to them the  
are all well and so is our  
folks we have the greatest  
part of our stuff moved over  
to the other place and intend  
to come and spend the winter  
among you folks and try if  
if my head wont get better  
i want you to write soon and  
tell me how you are all  
getting along i will close for  
the presant Hoping the blessing  
of god may be with you all as the

Wish and prayer of your  
Father Robert Elliot  
Please write soon

After 10 days return to  
GRAND UNION TEA CO.,  
405 North 24th Street,  
SOUTH OMAHA, - NEB.

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*Mr. R. M. Elliott*  
*Talwaga*  
*Nebr.*



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Uncle Robert:

I expect you think I am asking  
 too much but I am driven to it I have  
 been saving and skimping and doing  
 every thing I knew of to save up enough  
 to get us through this trying time but  
 I lack about \$35<sup>00</sup> and if you could possibly  
 get it for me for 60 days I would save it up  
 before that time if nothing more happens  
 to hinder I expected to get it from Grand Pa Hayden  
 and when I wrote him he told all the folks down  
 there about it and wrote back to us that  
 he thought an operation was unnecessary and if  
 we would just get a Christian Science Dr. Maymie  
 would be all right. The Bank here will not lend money  
 without security and I do not know anyone here I could  
 ask to go my security so if you can get it for me I will give  
 you my note and promise faithfully to return it inside of 60 days.  
 If you can get it can you send it tomorrow I need it this week or Monday  
 I have left Drs and Drug bills and everything all paid up so far and when  
 I went to Hospital today found I needed about what more than I have  
 good boy  
 W. E.

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Mr & Mrs R. M. Elliott

Salvage Neb.

Dear Bro & Sister and Family

Maymie got home Saturday evening feeling about like she did only awfully tired and this P.M. we took her to the Hospital and the Drs expect to operate on her tomorrow; Sister Lula came yesterday and is going to keep house for the children and me; Frankie went up with us to the hospital and will stay with Maymie a couple of hours and I will go and see her again this evening the children are well; Lula said Pa's folks were pretty well I hope you are all feeling better love to all -

Ed-

will get along better than you  
did before, Tom came up tonight  
I have been at Nebraska city since  
I would like for you all to have  
your pictures taken and send  
me one for I don't know when  
I will ever see you all again  
it is very hard for me to tell  
it is not very cold tonight  
I go to Sunday school and  
meeting when ever I can. I  
go to meeting nearly ever  
Sunday evening I can not  
think of any thing more to  
write this time as Robert  
has told you all the news  
so I guess I will close for  
this time will write more  
next time write soon <sup>from</sup> Hattie

Johnage Jan 18<sup>th</sup>  
Dear Father  
yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> received to  
day, I was glad to hear  
from you, and to learn  
that you were able to  
get around, and to know  
the rest of the folks was  
well, this leaves us all  
in good health, Hatty  
is with us she has been  
here for some time she  
is well and likes to  
live in this part very  
well, Dave was here but  
he went down to Auburn  
Monday to see Jim and  
Mally. he said he would  
come back here soon

unless he got a job of work.

The wether is very cold here now it was 30 deg below zero Sunday morning. I think that is cold. we had a storm on the same day that you had out there. I believe it was the worst storm I ever seen I am feeding a few cattle this year corn is pretty high but I think I will have enough to run me through without buying. Corn is worth from 38 to 40 I cant remember anything news to write so I will bless you all. and lead the in the paths of peace is the pray of your son R M Elliot

Dear father it is with pleasure that I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to tell you what news that I know I dont know very much news and I went arising to day. I have a good time and hope that you all are having a good time to matter and the children has been sick I staid at dinbar twelve weeks. I went to a christmas tree at talnage I got breast pin gold collar button red plush fotegrof album and a very pretty book with pink silk fringe around it and a little fan with a bottle of perfume on it. I guess that this is all I hope you all had a marry christmas and a happy new year tell mother that she need not fret about me for I can take care of my self I hope you and mother

Falmaze March 28<sup>th</sup>

Dear Father

yours gladly received, and you will pardon me for not answering your other letter.

I was very busy and I had no help, and so I kept putting it off from time to time we are all very well at present but some of the children has been sick for some time caused by bad colds

Dave and Hatty are both well they are both working for Tom, Dave says he will stay here this summer I think he has hired with Tom for the summer and Hatty is keeping house for them

I am feeding a few cattle this year but prices keep very low, I shall hold mine for a while yet. I have corn enough to feed a month or two longer, when you write again will you please send me our ages from the old Bible. I copied them when I was thin but I lost it, I cant think of anything more that would interest you, and hoping these few lines may find you all well and doing well

I remain ever your son  
R. M. Ellis

Nebraska City

May 6<sup>th</sup>

Dear Father

I suppose you think I am a long time fulfilling my promise in writing to you but Tom said he wrote sometime ago and so I was not in so much of a hurry to write Tom left for the Black hills last week I have not heard from him yet and I dont expect to for sometime for he said he would not write until he struck something. I have had no letter from Ills since I come back but Lucy received one from her father he said Alis Davidson was no more he died

at his house after a sickness of but a few days him and Sam Ross come down to Beardstown and put up at the hotel and while there he took sick and then Johny Elliot come down to wait on him he got no better and Bob come in with the team and took him out there and they sent for the Doctor but the Doctor told him he could not live Aunt Margret asked him if he was ready to dye he said <sup>he</sup> didnt mind to dye but he was not prepared and asked her to pray for him and she did so and then they sent for the minister and he talked and prayed with him until the Spirit took its flight to a world *unknown to us*

The Doctor said he had the  
lung fever. Oh how uncertain  
is life we ne net the day nor the  
hour we shal be called to render  
our account may God so teach  
us to number our days that  
we may walk in wisdoms ways  
and trust God for all things

I am busy plowing for corn  
now the Spring is so backward  
that everybody is in a hurry but  
it rains so much that we  
get along very slow I did  
net put in any small grain only  
barkly it looks very well. The  
prospect for small docks favor-  
able as yet. Toms & and Johnys  
folks are well Tom is running  
five Teams this year. Prices

Corn 30¢ per bu Potatoes.. cant sell. old Wheat 1.00  
new 1.10 to 1.20 Cattle fet from 3.50 to 4.50

I believe I have told  
you all the news and so I  
will close hoping to hear  
from you before long, may the  
God which doeth all things well  
bless thee in all thy ways and  
may thy delight be in the Lord  
always is the prayr of your  
son R M Elliot

Direct to New City Neb.

M<sup>r</sup> Niel was there on other business he was ready to  
depend but on John hearing the news a letter from you it  
put a stop to all he had the post boy on watch of  
suspect whether there was no other way he could get word  
so soon so all things is quiet at present & there  
is no other way than for you to make a bill yourself  
he think you will not come over your self - and there  
will be no other way of getting it but he is for  
wrong I would a not sooner but I could give  
no satisfaction to you untill M<sup>r</sup> Miles came from  
Siblin at Christmas I have little more to say  
at this time only <sup>your</sup> old malour Jamey there has got  
his arm greatly smashed in M<sup>r</sup> Barkley thrashing <sup>in</sup> track  
It was thought it would have to come off but I think  
not I need say no more at this time you might  
let me know some particulars the first time you write  
and I shall remain yours truly James Edwards

Dear Robert This is what we may call a second  
edition as I give you the onour of paying all I need not  
say what my reasons is for not doing so the note I sent  
to your brother David I might a post paid it but I  
thought it find out better so I give you the honour of  
paying this one your self I have sum few remarks  
to make to you yit the morning after aunt Bells funeral  
Mr. Roy went down to take inventory of the things in  
~~in~~ the house and he found it broken up and all  
away John Rainey had all <sup>money</sup> during the night the  
next was to get the money from Mr. Roy he took  
them before Mr. Miel and he told them to keep  
quiet with what the had or if any person would turn  
up a norder friend the would lose all the next was to  
Attorney Rea of Belfast where he told him you were  
all dead you had been away 15 years so he sent Mr. Roy  
number of letter <sup>with</sup> cost him a good deal the  
next was Rea sent it to Sullivan where the



16<sup>th</sup> day of february the day that  
was set for us to be merry hearting love your  
love is mine I choose you for my volentine of all  
the beaus i ever saw there is no others i do love  
round is the ring that has no end so is my  
love to you my sweet sugar friend two we  
are and one we will be if you will  
consent to marry me dont be put of with  
the first denial but make the forty second  
trial. love love you are the nicest young man  
that i ever saw in Illinois thus as the  
grape grows a round the stamp you are my  
sweet sugar lump. If these  
lines you do refuse burn the  
paper and me excuse

and if not of  
kind returns  
i shall expect  
from you

J. James  
L. A. Elliot

October 13/1860

I held a Note of one hundred  
dollars against Robert <sup>Elliot</sup> which is lost  
or mislaid this is to certify that  
it is settled David Elliot

Robert Elliot of the parish of  
Felwington & Jane Miller  
of Island Magee were married  
with license in Carncastle Church  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Novr 1741 by me

Wm. P. Curate

From my Cottage by  
the sea  
side

I can see my Mansion  
home

I can see the hills and valleys  
where in pleasure I have

There the first time that I  
met him

Oh how happy then were  
we

but to night I am a widow  
In the Cottage by the sea.

Theirs my poor and aged Father,  
Chorus

Just one year ago tonight  
Love I became your happy wife  
Changed a mansion for a  
Cottage  
to dwell by the riverside  
And you told me I'd be  
happy  
But no happiness I see.  
For tonight I am a widow  
in the cottage by the sea.

Chorus

All alone All alone by the  
Seaside he left me

return  
if not called for  
in 30 days to  
W. B. Elliott  
at the Postoffice  
Ills

Mr Robert Elliot Esq

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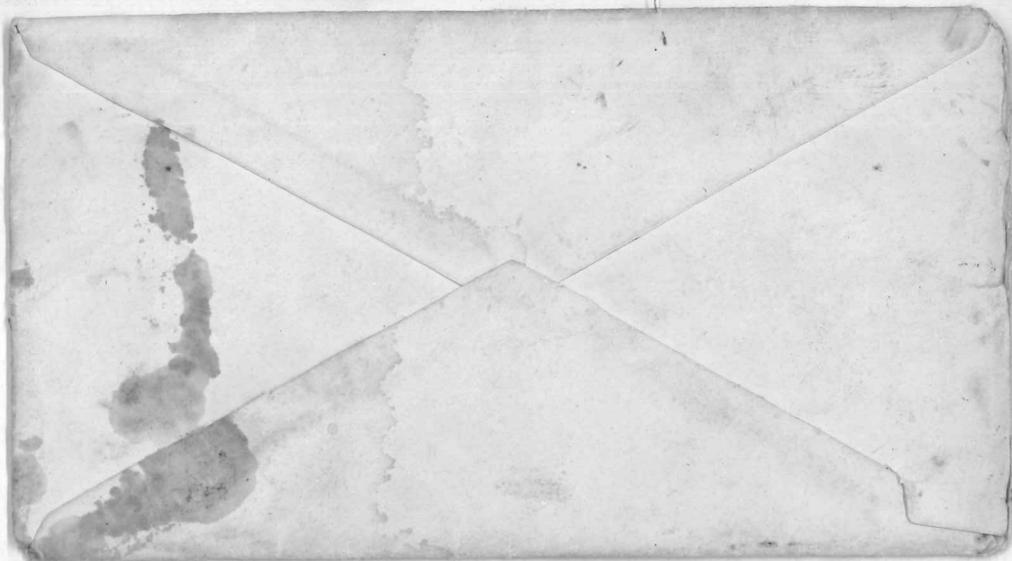
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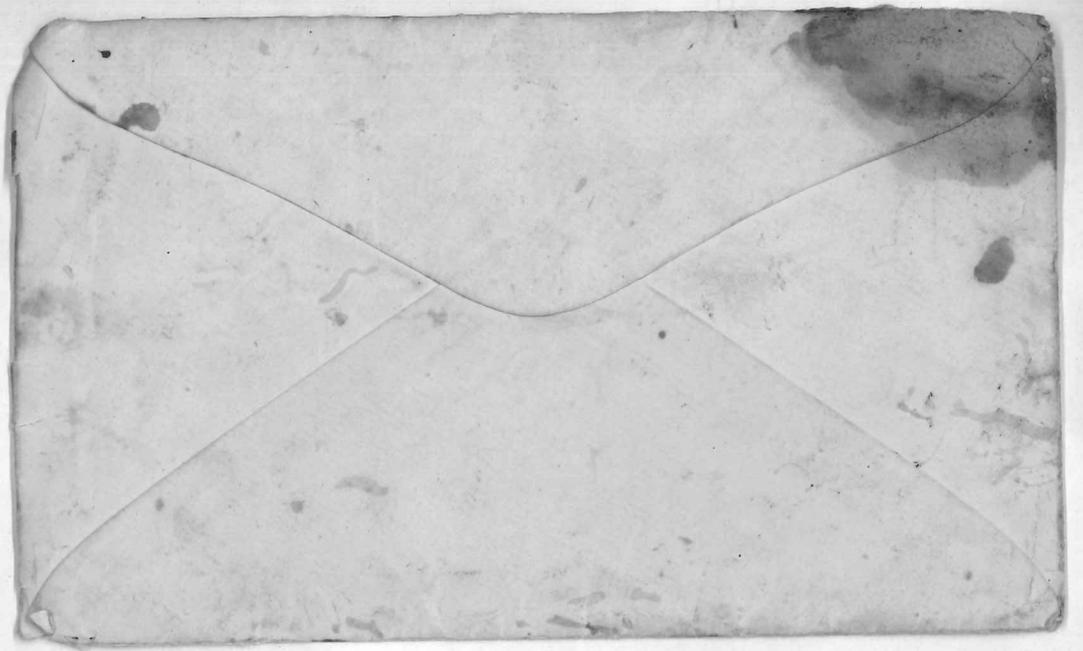
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May 6th

Mr Robert Elliot  
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Nuckels Co  
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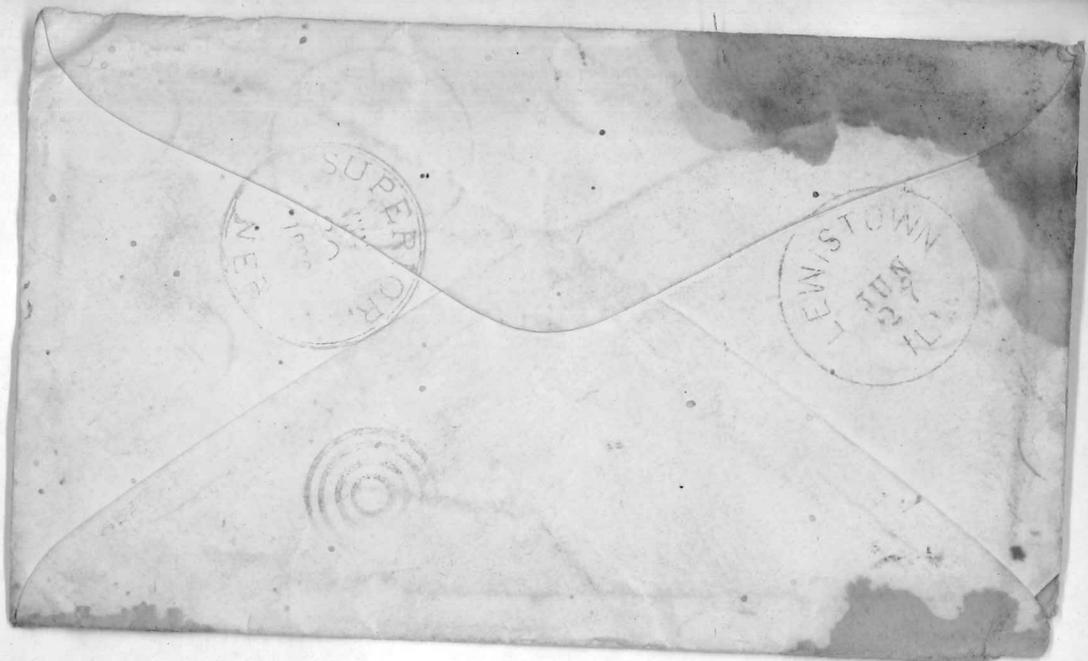
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MANKATO, KANSAS.

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## VOWS WERE SPOKE HALF CENTURY AGO

### GOLDEN WEDDING DAY FOR AUBURN COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Elliott who were Married in 1878 Observe Anniversary in Company of Children and Friends—A Happy Occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Elliott observed their golden wedding anniversary at their home, 2503 O street on March 13. This auspicious occasion was one of great happiness, not only for Mr. and Mrs. Elliott and their children and other relatives but for their friends, many of whom called at the home to offer their congratulations and good wishes.

R. M. Elliott, son of Robert Elliott, was born in Connecticut September 4, 1844 and came to Nebraska in 1869 and located at Nebraska City. He lived for some years on a farm and then moved to Talmage, coming to Auburn in 1907.

Mrs. Elliott, who before her marriage was Anna Harmon, is a daughter of Jacob Harmon and was born in Iowa, September 22, 1858 and came to Nebraska with her parents when a small child and the family located near Julian.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were married March 13, 1878 at the Jacob Harmon home about three miles north of Julian. They are the parents of six children, Elmer, Jennie, Mable, Ethel, Earl and Paul.

Open house was held at the family home on Tuesday afternoon and about forty friends and neighbors were present to share the delightful hospitality and to pay their respects to this worthy couple. Mrs. Charles Grovenburg assisted in serving refreshments.

On Saturday there was a family reunion and the children present were Mr. and Mrs. Lew Broady and daughter, Marjorie of Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blue and sons, Wayne and Ralph of Tecumseh, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards and daughter, Francis Katherine of Alvo, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Elliott and son Robert of Syracuse, Nebraska and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Elliot of Auburn. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warner and sons Marvin and Marion of Nebraska City, Frank Broady of Johnson, Misses Maude, Blanche and Grace Harmon of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grovenburg and daughter Mary of Auburn Mrs. Mary J. Elliott of Paola Kansas, Mrs. Fannie Noyes of Nebraska City. The home was beautifully decorated in a color scheme of pink and white, sweet peas lending their delicate hues in making the effect very pleasing. The dinner was a most elaborate feast and one that well befitted so important an occasion. A feature was the large wedding cake illuminated with gold candles. Besides many beautiful gifts, and a profusion of flowers sent by friends, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were presented with about eighty dollars in gold coin.

Four guests were present who had attended the wedding fifty years ago. They were Mrs. Mary J. Elliott of Paola, Kansas, Miss Martha Harmon of Omaha, Mrs. Richard Warner of Nebraska City and Mrs. Fannie Noyes of Nebraska City.

In honor of this golden wedding "Silver Threads Among the Gold" as broadcast from radio station K. F. N. F. as Shenandoah Iowa Saturday afternoon was dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott and the same afternoon "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet" sung from KMA at Shenandoah, was also dedicated to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are among the most highly regarded people of this community. They have lived here a long time; they have won the love and respect of the people among whom they have lived and these old friends join in extending congratulations and trust that this bride and groom of half a century ago may long be spared to each other and that they may enjoy many years of added happiness.