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Nathan Daggett was Postmaster of Kirtland, Ohio from 1840 to 1848. He was born in Freetown, Massachusetts, in 1802, married Eliza Howden in 1830, came to Lake County in 1835, and owned stores in Painesville and Kirtland.

The following is a transcription* of papers made available to the LAKE COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM by David Daggett, Nathan's great-grandson. The papers are in chronological order, starting with the earliest:

1822:* *Letter *To* **Nathan Daggett** *from* **Elisha N. Tobey**. *On a sheet 16 inches wide, 10 inches deep, which was folded to form its own envelope, addressed*: Nathan Daggett / Assonet Freetown / Mass , *and postmarked:* SAVANNAH / JUL / 13 . *A large "23" is written in the upper right-hand corner for postage, and there is a wax seal.*

The letter is three pages, as follows:

Savannah July 12th 1822

Dear Friend

Your kind letter of the 25th June is receivd I now for the first time attemp to open a corrispondance with you which I deem ~~it~~ to be one of the most assential springs to our future happiness.

How many ~~an~~ hours we have Idled ~~away~~ , which Might have been spent in this way, which might have afforded as much pleasure and our friends great satisfaction

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* *This transcription is done in accordance with the Guidelines published by the "Ohio Memory Scrapbook" , which specify that transcriptions should be as faithful as possible to the originals, in respect to spelling, grammar, lineation, and pagination . This is followed here, with occasional changes made in the interest of clarity.*

Most of the papers are inked cursive, unless otherwise described. Transcriber's notes in the text are bracketed ([ ]).

However for the future I will endeavour to appropriate
some considerable part of my leasure moments in this way
and flatter my self that you will accede to my
wishes so far as may be reasonable
I own with Shame that I ought to have
written you long ere this though I could not
wrightly inform My Self how you was situated
as you have an Idea of Going to the lakes after My
absence. . I feel really happy to think you have
awakened me from my lethergy, nothing could have
given me greater pleasure than ~~you~~ the perusal
of you epistle
It called forth every scene we have past
through, being accessory to each others happiness it affords
Me Much More pleash than it other wise would have done
I have nothing of any great import to write
you but May have more in My next I feel
Much Indebted to you for ~~you~~ the information
you gave me of Marriage, and deaths and hope you
will do the Same in your next <u>over</u>

[page ends]

You cannot conceive how much pleasure it affords
one who has been so long absent from his place
of nativity as I have been, to hear of all that
has past since my knowledge

When I reflect for a moment on the past Years
and call to Mind the happiness we have onc enjoyed
I cannot but regret that we are So Situated
as to be entirely Seperate from each others company
how ever as you have an Idea of visiting the South
I have Some hopes we shall be reunited once more
as for My part I will endeavour to do all I can
for you. if you could make an agreement
with some one to the north it would be the
and then come on with them
most sane plan ^ I am acquainted with Several
that do dusiness here from Rochester & Bridgewater.

I will write you more particulars here after
I have engaged with Mr G Newhall for one year
commencing 4th Jan he left Savannah last week for
the north I am quite a lone and in good health &
Spirits thank you

Give My compliments to all the young ladies
and Gentlemen married or Single. You informed me
A. T. was out publisten & ruth Hathaway Married
query who would not Get Married I believe all
the virgins will Get Married before I return
inform me about all of My old Sweet Harts
and Miss Wilder if she has got married yet

[second page ends]

as for your Sister She has got Married but you did
not inform me of it She has a fine daughter
She has acted up to the laws of Godly Multiplying
and replenished the earth as for my Self I have
bad luck or I Sow My Seed in poor ground
You have heard that I am paying attention to a
rich young lady. I am not payin attention to any
one that is rich ~~but~~ in purse but rich in virtue
I must draw to a conclusion as I cannot inform
you all that I have been through untill I see you
I Spent 2 or three months last year in South Carolina
Give my compliments to all of family ~~
My Brother is in the Country 200 miles from Savannah
it is more than one year since I have *[erasure]* seen him
I hear from often he is well. Call on ~~our~~ Mother and
inform her that I am well
My love to all & to you Shall never fail
Yours with Much Esteem

Nathan Daggett *E. N. Tobey*
Freetown Mass

I Shall wait with great impatience
for your next which will be in the course
of 3 or 4 weeks -- *E. N. T.*

1 8 2 4 **Letter: Eliza Howden** *to* **Nathan Daggett.**

Eliza was born in Bristol, Vermont in 1809. The letter, on paper 8 inches wide, 13 inches deep, was folded into its own envelope, and sealed with wax. The only writing on the envelope face is: Mr Nathan Daggett / Vergennes. *The letter reads:*

Bristol Dec 25, 1824

My Dear Husband

Father was at the Villege this evening when John got home from Vergennes, and said that you was there and was not going to Whitehall till next week, which almost makes me wonder you did not come home with him to see me, as you must know that I am very lonesome, and besides I have not been very well which makes me want to see very much. if you should receive this before, you go to Whitehall, and even I wish you would come and see. I am so lonesome that's yet am alone and cry every day, and I am crying now because you did not come home with John. I am almost sorry that I came out here when I did seeing you have stayed so long in Vergennes ~ Oh my Dear husband when will the time come when we can live together and not be separated so much. it is all but one year since we have been separated, and only seen each other occasonally the time seems as long again here as it does in Vergennes ~ if you cannot come to see me now do just write me a line and tell me when you think you shall come for it will do me some good to hear from you. do let me see you or hear from you soon and do believe me your truly affectionate and loving wife

Eliza Daggett

1 8 2 9 **Letter** *from* **Nathan Daggett** *to* **Eliza Howden.**
One page on paper measuring 8 by 10 inches.

Vergennes Thursday August 27, 1829

Dear Eliza

I have delayed writing untill this late
period waiting for Mr Parkers return from Castleton
to make arrangements for our contemplated loving ~
But instead of returning has wrote that he has been
Ill ~~was since~~ and confined to the House ever since his
arrival at that place which places me in such a
Situation as to be unable to give any decisive direction
hopeing however his health may soon improve & return
our business = to releave me when
to take charge of ^ ~~the stom when~~ I will inform you
what to do ~ I think you had better be getting
ready and if it should so happen to prevent our
Journey
~~Lacking safe~~ it may not be a great disapointment
Please accept of my best wishes and
excuse me for my delay and the disapointment
occurring ~

Yours Affectionately
Nathan Daggett

1 8 2 9 **Letter** *of* **Isaiah Sherman** *to* **Nathan Daggett.**
One page on a sheet 8 inches square:

Vergennes 1st Dec. 1829

Mr. N. Daggett

Dr Sir this morning
I received your Letter ^ explanatory
of the first respecting the person of your Choice for
a Companion and am happy to Learn that it is Miss
Howden. I thinke her a worthy & Amiable young Lady
and have no doubt she will make an agreeable
companion and an Ornament to her House and
Society ~ have consulted your sister on the
Subject & she unites with me in cordial approbation
of the Connection ~ and if Consumated shall
be happy to see her here with you and such of her
friends as you wish to invite ~

Ish. Sherman

1 8 3 0 **Letter** of **Eliza Howden** to **Nathan Daggett.**

One page on 8 by 10" paper, which folded into its own wax-sealed, 3 by 4 ½" envelope. It has a penned "6" for the postage, and a poorly inked postmark, in which the following are legible: "JAN 7" *and* "VT". *The letter reads:*

Bristol Jan 5th 1830

Mr Daggett

Sir According to promise I write you a few lines respecting what was said upon the subject of being Married next week. After a little reflection I have come to conclusion that it would be very unpleasant without a little snow, therefore ~~I do assume~~ I do think best to wait 2 or 3 weeks longer, for it is altogether probable we shall have sleighing by then if ever, (however I ask you to wait no longer than you think best.) we could have a pleasant ride if there was snow, be married in the morning and ride to Middlebury would be very plesant. Till then we need lose no time for we might be making ~~domestic~~ preparations, and go to house keeping sooner ~ ~ I wish you to write and tell the day to be published, the day and hour we are to be Married that I may abide thereby It will be too late in the week for me to receive an answer by mail, however you can delay writing untill next week an send by some other conveyance ~ ~ ~ Do not tell Mr Hoskins his wife, or Eliza any thing respecting our present prospects I do not wish to have them know it until we are published How do you not think we had better wait 2 or 3 weeks for sleighing. I know you will for it will contribute so much to our happiness. I wish you to write your mind upon the subject, and also exactly the time ~ ~ ~ ~

I hope you will excuse this poor writing ~~this time~~ I will endeaver to do better next time

Until I am permitted to see you I will endeaver to remain Your faithful friend *Eliza H.*

1 8 3 0 **Letter** of **Nathan Daggett** to **Alexander Lowell,** written on one side of an 8 by 5 ½" paper, with bold strokes and flourishes, especially in, and under, the signature:

Mr Alexander Lowell

Sir

You will please give Notice tomorrow afternoon that marriage is intended between Mr Nathan Daggett of this place and Miss Eliza Howden of Bristol ~

Vergennes Jany 16, 1830

I Am Yours Respectfully

Nathan Daggett

1 8 3 1 **<u>Letter</u>** of **Nancy Daggett** to **Nathan & Eliza Daggett.** *Two pages on a sheet 15 inches wide and 10 inches deep, which folds to make a wax-sealed envelope. On the 3 ½ by 4 ¾" envelope face, written by the postal clerk, is:* Freetown, Ms / July 19 / 10 ¾ *[the postage] and the address:* Mr. Nathan Daggett Vergennes Vermont. *The letter reads:*

Freetown, July the 18 1831

Dear Brother and Sister

I have been inatenitive in not writing sooner
I hope it is in a seasonable hour prehaps you think
the time has been delayed I have on the acount of Farther
and Mothers health Farther has been sick these month
past and is now it was ocasioned by a sudent cold Mothers likewise
We are very anxious to see you Feb, last we receive you letter
it was a great satisfaction to hear that you all enjoyed good
health and that you expected to visit us this fall do not
delay you visit to long for if you do it may be to late
to see Farther Mother is concerned very much thinks at
times his health will never be restored I have not enjoyed
my health month past but at present better oftimes
Dear sister, do I think of you and O may we be blessed to meet on
earth if not O may we be so happy as to meet in heaven.
Dear Brother Farther speaks of the oftimes but
the distance your are from him dose not erase you from
his mind. Mother and Farther joins with me in love to you
and Capt Sherman and Sister Harriets children Dear sister
H. do excuse me in not writting to you we should be happy to
hear from you we have expected a visit from you and
hope we shall receive it. Sister Charity her family is
all well her son Benjamin married ten month since Caroline Cole
of Barrington and is keeping house there

[page ends]

Aunt Susan Terry has moved to the Widow Browns
and Nancy their health is as good as it was when your
were here all Mr B Terry Family is well Capt G I Lanton
died July come home from the south sick with the
southern fever Capt Luther Winslow died, 20, Feb, as for
news it is very dull except Elizabeth is married to
Mr Howland Pearce, and Susan Terry and John
Winslow is far from marry as they were when you
were here, to what Jean see. Annd M Hathaway was
present when this was wrote and as for her if
she think that she is destitute for a beau for Barnay
W Hathaway lays at the point of death the Doct has
no hope his Sister Betsey is very sick is not danger
ous they Both have the typeous fevour. Ann thinks
now of taking a journey with me through the
lakes. you can write before we shall undetake the
Journey if you think we should be successful in obtaining
a beau. give my love R Wetherman and wife and
children and all of my Friends

I remain your sister and well wisher,

Nancy Daggett

Nathan Daggett
Eliza Daggett

1 8 3 6: **Nathan Daggett's Diary.** *A pocket diary filled with a variety of notes and accounts. Selections from it are as follows:*

Written on the flyleaf: I left home May 6th 1834 *[Mr. Daggett came to Lake County some time in the year 1835.]*

Entries on diary pages: Wednesday Apr 19, 1836. Arrived at Utica 7 ½ Oclock. Left Utica 9 Oclock Friday Evening for Rochester, 113 miles, Packet Boat Detroit, Capt Greeman, $6.50. Arrived Syracuse Saturday at 12 Oclock A.M. for Travelers Guide. Arrived at Rochester 10 Oclock, Sunday A.M., left for Buffalo Sunday 12 ¾ Oclock PM, and Brockport 5 ½ Oclock P.M. Paid fare for Rochester to Buffalo 3.75.

Monday Apr 22, 1836, arrived Buffalo 12 oclock A.M. Stopped at the Mansion House until 7 oclock PM, when left in the Steam Boat General Perry for Cleveland Ohio. Arrived at Fairport 1 oclock PM Tuesday 23 Apr. Arrived at Cleveland 5 oclock PM, Friday 23 Apr 1836. Left Cleveland Wednesday 2 oclock PM 24 Apr for Edingburgh, pd fare to Ravenna 40 miles 2.00.

Oswego, Wednesday Sept 14, 1836 – Joshua Griffin has a Stave Machine that cuts faster .... right for the town .... will saw for the Plank 3000 a day with 4 hands = 1000 Plank Bd runners will make 1000 Staves and 3000 staves seasoned will weigh 2340.

21 Sept 1836 – Saw at Utica Mr Marsh of the Maesanesky Farmers Hotel who was from Burlington and has a Brother in Painsville by the name of Phocion Marsh also James H. Paine one of the firm of Paine & Birge was formerly a deputy Sherriff in Virgennes under Jonathan Hoyt =

I.W. Howden calculates to ship from N. York Saturday 24 Sept and from Troy Thursday 29 Sept and arrive in Buffalo on Thursday 7th Oct and on Saturday 9th Oct arrives in Fairport by Steam Boat with T.B. Gaige - when at Buffalo, write to I.W. Howden at Troy – about price of Salt, also write that a young Man ... has hired out to the Rockwoods in Painesville as Clerk for 4 years, and he says that they are from New Mumford, Conn. and that he was told by a relative of theirs that they sold from 25 to 30,000 a year ... and that they retailed at about 30/M cents = this story corroborates with the Story of their Brother to me, whether true is a matter of doubt, at least I am more encouraged about the place.

Monday 26 Sept 1836 – called on the Salt man in Buffalo about Salt, and found that Williams sells the greatest quantity and now

asks $2- a Bbl ft from Buffalo, may be got for 25 a Bbl, but some have paid last week 31 cts. Wrote to Howden about it at Troy.
Sunday 1st Oct 1836 – Attended forenoon Presbyterian Meeting – Contribution being made for the heathen Ministry and gave 2.50.
Monday 2d Oct – Sent a Letter to Gaige at Buffalo and one to Eliza Bristol
Monday 10 Oct 1836 – Left in company with Mr Niles and Jenkins for Cleveland on Horse Backs to get insurance on goods. Mr Hitchcock is agent for the Geauga fire Insurance Comp- and will not Insure. Paid at Shagrin, oats .12, Denim pants .50, arrived at Cleveland 5 Oclock PM.
Thursday 11 Oct – Made an agreement with Strickland & Gaylord agents of the Hartford fire Insurance Com to Insure $8000 of goods in the Paines. Store at 1 ¼ per cent. Policy to be sent to care of the Niles Painsville.
Thursday 13 Oct – went to Fairport to see about goods, and at 4 oclock P.M. Gaige arrived in the Steam Boat David Clinton = all of the goods he buys are shipped in the Schooner John Quincy Adams by Kingman of Buffalo, and left them there on Tuesday 11th Oct. –

Saturday 15th – agreed to have the Store

[Conclusion of selections from Nathan Daggett's 1836 Diary]

1838 *A* **Printed Receipt** *of the* **Daggett Store**, *measuring 3 by 5 inches.*

PAINESVILLE, **GEAUGA COUNTY, O.**

1838.

No. 2, Commercial Buildings, State street.

Mr.

Bought of N. DAGGETT.

A **Newspaper Advertisement** *of the* **Daggett Store.** *One column wide and 1 ½ inches deep. Date unknown, as the ad was clipped out of the paper, but almost certainly in the 1830's.*

N. DAGGETT,

Has constantly on hand, a full
AND COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF
Staple and Fancy
DRY GOODS, -
DRY GROCERIES, &c. &c.

A **Broadside** of the **Daggett Store**. *A printed 9 x 12" notice, large enough to be posted in public places and suitable for mailing. Undated, but contemporary with the Receipt of 1838 transcribed earlier. There is a border of printer's rosettes, enclosing the message. It begins with letters ½ inch high, then goes to smaller faces, with the body of the notice in very tiny letters. Our transcription is in type faces similar to those of the original*:

NEW STORE
AND
New Goods .

N. DAGGETT,

GENERAL DEALER IN

STAPLE & FANCY DRY GOODS, CROCKERY, GLASS-WARE,

and West India Goods,

(No. 2 Commercial Buildings, State Street,)

PAINESVILLE, GEAUGA COUNTY, **OHIO** .

Dry Goods .

Black, Brown, Green, and Dahlia Broad Cloths; Mohair, Beaver, and Pilot Cloths; Buffalo and Mole-Skin do. Cassimers, Sattinetts, French & Eng. Merinos, Gro Dete Merino (a new article,) Circassians, Camblets, French, London & Merimack Prints; Ginghams, Cambricks, Sheetings, Shirtings, Tickings, Checks, Drillings, Padding, Wadding Canvass, Muslins, Irish Linnen, Black and Brown Holland, Linnen table Spreads, Mackinaw Blankets, Horse do, Erininett, Cot. Yarn, Silk Vestings, Valencia, do Silk Velvet, Taby do. Blk and white Foundation Muslin, Book, Lawn & Swiss do, green & white gauze Veils, Silk and worsted Blond, Hoisery, Buck Skin, woolen and Gentlemens Fur Gloves, Kid and Ladies Silk do.; Blk and white French Crape, Green Baize, Plumes, Stock, sewing Silk, pat. Linen Thread, cotton do, buttons, combs, hooks and Eyes, pins, pocket Books and Wallets,

lace Ribbons, Fancy Silk, Gauze, Shally & Merino Dress Hdkts; Merino, Cashmire, Tartan, Prusian and Silk Shawls, - also a choice lot of **Black & Fancy col'd SILKS,** together with a choice lot of FUR CAPS, Capes, boas, Tippets, Gloves, & &c. &c.

WEST INDIA GOODS.

Imperial, Gunpowder, & Young Hyson Teas; St. Croix, Muscovado, and New-Orleans Sugar; Sugar-House and *N.* Orleans Molasses, Ladies Twist, Cavendish, and Cuba Tobacco; Java, Rio, and St. Domingo Coffee; Codfish, Mackerel, Rice, Raisins, Pepper, Spice, Ginger, Cloves, Cassia, Cocoa, Mustard, Saleratus, Bar and wind. Soap.

Lamp Oil, Bears do. and Macassar do. Cologne & Lav. Water.

The above comprises a part of the Goods now offered to the Public, for sale at GREAT BARGAINS for Cash or Produce. Persons desirous of purchasing *good* and *cheap* Goods, will please call and examine.

[Four vertical lines of very large type on the left and right margins complete the message:]

CROCKERY, GLASS, & STONE-WARE.
BROAD, MOHAIR, BEAVER, & PILOT CLOTHS.
Teas, Sugars, Coffee, Molasses, & c.
DRY GOODS & WEST INDIA GOODS

1 8 3 8 **Letter** *from* **John** *and* **Mary Howden** *to* **Captain Nathan Daggett** *[Before he left Vermont, he was captain of the "Water Witch", a vessel which plied Lake Champlain] . The letter is two pages on 8 x 10" paper, folded to make its own 3 x 5" envelope, with the customary wax seal. The following is on the envelope face:* Capt Nathan Daggett / Painsville / Ohio / To the Care of J Blanchard Esq . *The letter reads as follows:*

Bristol January 1st 1838

I wish you a happy new year
We Injoy as good health as usual
but your mother has not been so well for a few weeks
but is better the place here is as healthy as usual we
have not much news at Present Exept the Canada
news & you of Course git that Gill Brown is here
and some or ten others from that section who have
had a price set on their heads your Friend Shepard
near Vergennes was Buried on Monday Last he died
with a fit of the numb palsey. Busness goes on
as usual here Exept Mr Foster has ben shut up &
a New firm Establised Wm Rider &c M Gale has
Come to a fockus & his name is turnd to Spaulding
I have Expected that you would ahave writen to me before
as you wrote you should. I paid Mr Dana one Hundred
& two Dollars & Mr Wood brings 98 and I have had to
Borow & Borrow again & you must send the money
Sent soon as I am in great need of it it was
verry inconveenat for me to Spare it but as he
discounted so much I thought it best for you
do it if you could have it paid at Troy to the Credit
of the Bank of Vergennes it would do . you must give
our Complemints to John & Eliza & Titus & the Letta
Girls in Peticular tell them that we want to see them
verry much Thare is no day but we talks about them
I was at Vergennes on monday Last I saw your Mother
and Nancy & Capt Richard thay were all well Capt
Sherman & wife ware gone to Mr Shepards Funeral
I saw them on there return thay are all a comming out

[page ends]

to our house next week. give our Complements to all
frinds . as to John I never heare anything from
him exept by accedent he never has writen to me
and I care not wether he ever does as he has ben
so Long silent tell Eliza that we received her
Letter wich I am much Oblidge you must have
a great deal of Buisness on hand as we git no
Letters from you except two one from you and
one from Eliza. we remain yours

Respectfully

John & Mary Howden

NB I wish you would not forgit to transmit that
mony as I cant do without it I have got an
Order for them Jugments against the Kelloggs which
I will send to you if thay will do you any good
Wm is at Shoram to School this winter and
Learns well it is a fine School Sarah Send Love
to you all Espesle to the Girles

1 8 3 8 **A Patent Registration** with a **Transfer** to **Nathan Daggett.** *A printed, legal paper 13 ¼ inches wide and 18 inches deep, composed for newspaper publication. There are three sections: the first is a description of the machine and inventor's rights. The second is a detailed mechanical description, and the third is the instrument which transfers all rights to Nathan Daggett.*

The first section is as follows [since the printed lines are 11 ½ inches long, our technology will not permit transcription of the lineation] :

REPUBLICAN PRINT] [PAINESVILLE, OHIO

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

To all to whom these Letters Patent shall come:

WHEREAS, JOSEPH W. BRIGGS, LUTHER C. CARNER & JOHN S. CARNER, of Painesville, Ohio, have alleged that they have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Machine for Pricking Leather, preparatory to stitching, for Harness and Coach makers &c., which they state has not been known or used before their application; have made oath that they are citizens of the United States, that they do verily believe that they are the original and first inventors or discoverers of the said improvement, and that the same hath not to the best of their knowledge and belief been previously known or used; have paid into the Treasury of the United States, the sum of thirty dollars, and presented a petition to the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS signifying a desire of obtaining an exclusive property in the said improvement and praying that a patent may be granted for that purpose.

THESE ARE THEREFORE, to grant, according to law, to the said JOSEPH W. BRIGGS, LUTHER C. CARNER, & JOHN S. CARNER, their heirs, administrators or assigns, for the term of fourteen years from the twenty-sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight the full and exclusive right, and liberty of making, construction, using, and vending to others to be used, the said improvement, a description whereof is given in the words of the said BRIGGS, CARNER & CARNER, in the schedule hereunto annexed, and is made a part of these presents.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the PATENT OFFICE has been hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Washington, this twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and of the **Independence** *of the United States of Amrica, the sixty-second.*

JOHN FORSYTH, *Secretary of State,*

Countersigned and Sealed with the Seal of the

PATENT OFFICE. **HENRY L. ELLSWORTH,** *Comissioner of Patents.*

[End of the first section, which is three inches deep on this large page. The next, and longest, second section, begins on our next page.]

[The below transcription is the detailed mechanical description, which fills most of this very large page. We transcribe only parts of it because of its great length, and also because the description depends upon "annexed drawings", which are not available at the time of this transcription.]

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

BE IT KNOWN, That we, Joseph W. Briggs, Luther C. Carner, & John S. Carner, all of Painesville, Geauga County, Ohio, have invented a new and useful stitching machine, for the purpose of stitching harnesses, thorough braces, &c., and we hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description.

The nature of our invention consists in working the awl, punching the holes and moving the leather with the action of the feet, and may be done with any degree of rapidity desired by the workman who uses it. To enable others skilled in the art to make and use our invention, we will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

We construct a bench two feet eight inches long, eight inches wide at one end, and eleven inches at the other, the widest end being fitted to answer as a seat for the workman. The bench is supported by four legs placed near the four corners, two feet in length and standing at an angle so as to place them 17 inches apart at bottom; the bench is of plank two inches thick and the position of the bench and leg is seen in the annexed drawings ..... There is a foot piece ..... in this foot piece or treadle there are cut two mortises or gains to receive the lower ends of the working rods ... Attached to the bench are two upright jaws ... These ... are elevated perpendicularly from the bench, and firmly attached to it by tenons on the bottom of each .... and secured by keys or pins ... One the inside of each of the jaws nine inches from the bench is cut a horizontal groove or mortise fourteen inches long, half an inch wide and three-eighths of an inch deep, to receive the carriage. ..... By the action of the foot in passing down the foot piece, the awl is driven through the leather to be stitched ... The machine may be made larger or smaller at pleasure. This size is suitable for the finest, coarsest and heaviest stitching required in harness making. For heavy thorough braces to coaches, the machine should be larger and stronger.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by *Letters Patent*, is the method of pricking the holes by means of a sliding awl, operating in manner substantially as above described, and the method of working and regulating the motion of the sliding clamps in combination as above described.

WITNESSES, **NATHAN DAGGETT, EDWARD FLINT, JOSEPH W. BRIGGS, LUTHER C. CARNER, JOHN S. CARNER.**

[The second section ends here. For those interested in seeing it, unedited, a copy is is on file at the **Lake County History Museum**, *Kirtland Hills, Ohio.]*

[The third section of the patent document is a legal form with spaces to be filled in, which we indicate by underlining. It reads as follows:]

Know all Men by these Presents,

THAT We Joseph W. Briggs, Luther C. Carner & John S. Carner of Painesville in the County of Geauga and State of Ohio for and in consideration of Twenty four thousand Dollars, to us paid by Nathan Daggett of Painesville County of Geauga and State of Ohio the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Nathan Daggett his heirs Administrators and assigns, the right to make, use, Vend Sell and convey to Others to make use vend sell and convey in the States of Connecticut Rhode Island Vermont & Also Massachusetts & Maine ~ a certain improvement in the Machine for pricking Leather preparatory to stitching, for Harness and Coach Makers & c., for which LETTERS PATENT of the *United States* were granted unto JOSEPH W. BRIGGS, LUTHER C. CARNER & JOHN S. CARNER, all of *Painesville, Ohio,* bearing date on the 26th day of March, A. D. 1838, a copy of which LETTERS PATENT and the specification (except the drawings) referred to in said LETTERS PATENT, is hereunto affixed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We *have hereunto set* our *hand and Seals this* twenty first *day of* April *in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and* thirty Eight ~

WITNESS,

Benj~ N. Fletcher

Orrin Blossom

Joseph W. Briggs

Luther C. Carner

John S. Carner

[The three signatures on the right have wax seals affixed after their names. The document ends here.]

1 8 3 8 **Letter** *of* **John W. Howden** *to* **Nathan Daggett.** *Two pages on an 8 by 10 sheet, folded to make its own, wax-sealed envelope, on which is written:* Nathan Daggett Esq / City Philadelphia / Pennsylvania. *There is a postmark, reading:* CHARDON / O. / SEP / 9 , *across which is written:* Single. *A large "25" is the postage, written in the upper, right-hand corner. The letter is as follows:*

Painesville September 7th 1838

Nathan Daggett Esq

My Dear Sir

You have undoubtedly
Ere this secur'd the necessary papers and made your
arrangements I recvi'd a Letter from White & Barnes in
from New York stating thay are disposed to do all
that they can to show me timely on the White & Green note
they are quakers and presume they are fine fellows
I want you to call on them and say to them that
they will be paid a part this fall and the remander
as soon as can be Brought about you will
know what to say to them I am now shipping one
Load Staves to W Williams & Co and if you
call on Baily & Reynolds you can tell them ~~to~~
about the things be as easy with them as you can
but blow them all that is necessary I think you had
better buy a Large Lot of Liquors and we can
Supply all the Tavern Rupus with Liquors and there is
no mistake but what any amount goods can be sold
for cash at a good profit perhaps you had better

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buy of the importes as they had offered to introduce
you into such houses and buy by the package
and you will buy Enough Cheaper if you do
not buy so great a variety you can buy
Enough so that It will not make much difference
a Large Lot with a moderate Variety will
do good business I presume you have ere this
reci'vd Philips Letter to Doc^{t} Crittenden and
have made your arrangements I have been
to Munson today and am now at Chardon
I have rented the Munson Ash'y and sold
all the remnants that were there and closed
that business Stock on Hand was $80.00 well
Sold all, an well and no great alternative

Yours Rupusfully in Haste

John W Howden

Nathan Dagget Esq

1 8 3 9 **A Bill** *to* **Nathan Daggett** *on one side of a slip of paper 8 by 5 inches:*

Mr Dagget

to Ohio City Exchange	Dr
4 ½ Days Board	4 50
Sundays	1 50
	6.00

Ree ' ved Payt

S B Atherton

Ohio City Feb 18 1839 *By G H Bradly*

Copy of a Letter from **Nathan Daggett** to **E. Morse,** *which Nathan wrote as a record of his original. One page on an 8 by 10 sheet. As is common when writing for one's own use, the copy is slightly "scribbly". Illegible words are indicated by periods [....].*

Copy ~

Painesville Geauga Co Ohio 11 April 1839

M[r] E. Morse

Sir

M[r] Carter has recommended me to write to you upon the subject of dispensing you a Lot of Tea for Cash ~ say about $2000 worth that is what can be done in sending it to your other House and in getting it into Canada and selling it there for Cash ~ the Tea consists of young thyme cut in ~~Nxxxxx~~ Muhet from abt 39 / 48 & 55 [lb] some Gunpowder Cut 65 & 70 cts ` the greater part is young Nyen ~ a ~ except plum write whether it can be disposed of safe in the above way and also whether .... of charges from the ..... for Cash and what amt

Yours truly *ND*

Letter **Isaiah Sherman** *to* **Nathan Daggett .** *Two 8 x 9" pages in well-written script on a sheet 16 inches wide and 9 inches deep which folds to make a 3 by 4 ½" envelope. On its face is:* Nathan Daggett Esq / Merchant / Painsville / Ohio / per Nancy Dagget / Via Fairport. *The letter reads:*

Vergennes 24th May 1839 ~

Mr. N Daggett ~

Dear Sir

Yours of the 13th was receivd here on the 20th I wrote in reply by Nancy she comes without your Mother and as far as Buffaloe by the Western Packet ~ I, Sherman & I have requested Capt. Mathews to see her with her effects on the first Steam for Fairport after her arrival at Buffaloe ~ I have made a very special request of the Captain to pay particular attention to her & hope & Trust she may have a pleasant passage & Meet you in health & find with you a more agreeable home than my House can be Made to her ~

I have endeavord to do my duty toward her & Your Mother ~ how well I have suceeded they can best judge my chief regret however is in not having been able to Make them so happy as I could wish ~ I have no doubt that your Hand will be more attentive to your Mother ~ she doubtless will I think be tender & kind to her; ~ While Nancy was here the Mother was with her in her Room & Harriet left the Care of her to Nancy ~ but now Harriet is the Only Child with her and will take all needfull care of her ~ and it is (<u>you are aware</u>) in accordance with my feelings to have your Mother live with us: ~ as well as agreeable to my arrangment when you Brought her from Freetown ~ if however you would feel better Satisfied yourself to have her with you I shall Cheerfully help her to get there in the Most Comfortable Manner and without

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expence to you ~ but I have thought it best for Nancy to come to you for her home ~ and unite with you in advising your Mother & , I, shall cordially acquiesce in assisting her to Carry such advice into effect ~ and if at any time it should be to come and live with you I would if able to do so come with her and meet you at some place to be agreed on ~ altho I should prefer having you come here but dont wish you run any risk of trouble if you fear it. ~ for you have had enough of it

I dont know the routine of business in Ohio but think it likely your business may be good by this time ~ it is good here for Vermont ~ but it was the dullest Winter for Business for many years

I am fully aware of the Democratic feeling in relation to the Banking alias Credit System – by the Means of which our Country has enjoy[d] unrival [d] prosperity ; & wherever that policy preponderates a deleterious influence is felt in all commercial pursuits; ~ but the Sentiment is fast changing & general prosperity may I hope again gladen the hearts of the American people

You mention that you wrote me from Buffaloe by Miss Buss of Bristol in which you say you gave a Statement of the Managment of the Boat ~ the Letter has not been receivd and I dont you know what you refer to, if there is any Improper Managment on Board the I Sherman I ought to know it although I have hired out My part for the Season

Please write me often as convenient & I will endeavor to do the Same ~ Respectfully Yours

Iah Sherman

[Note: Since Mr. Sherman writes his first name in an abreviation, we are guessing it is "Isaiah"; in a later letter, however, the "h" in his first name looks more like an "l", so his name may be "Ishmael".]

[On the back of the envelope, in a different hand, is the following:]

Harry Howden lives in the Town of Hume 20 miles South of Leroy and Leroy is 11 Miles East of Batavia

A **Receipt** *from* **Joel Enos** *to* **Nathan Daggett,** *on one side of a paper eight inches wide, 4 inches deep:*

Mentor May 27 1839 ~

Received of Nathan Daggett by the hands
of Chs D Smith one Silver Watch one Cutter and
One Two horse Sleigh to be delivered when Called
For, or the above described property to be released
If John Walker shall pay to Nathan Daggett
Ten dollars Within Ten days

Signed Joel Enos

I hereby Certify this to be a true Copy of
the Original

Ch^s D. Smith

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*An **1839** **Deed of Conveyance** written by* **Nathan Daggett**. *Two pages on both sides of a paper measuring 9 inches wide and 13 inches deep.*

I hereby release to Luther C. Carner, John S. Carner &
J W Briggs all of my right and title to Connecticut
Rhode Island & Vermont as named in the written deed
Painesville May 29, 1839 ~

N. Daggett

In presence of
John W Howden
Erastus Wilkins

I hereby release to J W Briggs, my right and title
to the within State of Massachusetts, for the State of Maine

which said State of Maine is to remain to the N Daggett
Painesville May 30, 1839 ~

N. Daggett

Deeded the State of Maine to Erastus Wilkins
of Warner County of Merrimack of State of New Hampshire
this 5th day of June 1839 for a valuable consideration

[The following is written on the other side of the paper by Ira Paine. The date of 1838 may be an error. If so, it should be 1839.]

United States of America
State of Ohio Geauga County ~ I Ira C Paine
Notary Public duly commissioned and sworn
dwelling in the Town of Painesville in the
County aforesaid do hereby certify that the with-
in is a true copy of the original deed of
conveyance of the within described patents from
Jos. W Briggs Luther C. Carner & John S Carner
to Nathan Daggett the said original being sent
to Washington City for the purpose of being rec-
corded in the patent office . In testimony
whereof I have hereby set my hand
and affixed My Seal of office
at Painesville this 14th day of May A D
1838

Ira C. Paine Notary Public

1839 **Slip Deed** from **Milo Harris** to **Nathan Daggett**. *Written in 1833, then amended in 1839. A printed, 8 x 10" paper with blanks to fill in, which are indicated here in script:*

Know all men by these presents, that I **Storm Rosa**, Trustee for the proprietors of the Presbyterian Meeting-House, in the village of Painesville, Geauga county, and state of Ohio, for and in consideration of *Seventy five* dollars, received to my full satisfaction of *Milo Harris of Painesville* ---------- in said county, do give, grant, bargain, sell, and forever quit-claim unto him the said *Milo Harris* *Slip* No. *Thirteen* ---------- in the said meeting-house, beginning at the south range, and numbered from the east end of said house; together with an undivided right in the lot on which said meeting house is erected, that the value of said *Slip* shall entitle him to when compared with the whole expense of the said building ~ To have and to hold the above granted premises and *Slip* with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to him the said *Milo Harris* his heirs and assigns, for their own proper use

and behoof, with other owners of said house, forever.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, as such trustee, this *28* day of *January* A.D. 1833

Storm Rosa

Trustee for the owners of the Presbyterian meeting house in Painesville.

In presence of
Wm Holbrook
I. A. Tracy

THE STATE OF OHIO / *January 28th 1833*
Geauga County, ss. / **Personally appeared STORM ROSA,** and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed, as such trustee.
Before me Wm Holbrook Justice of the Peace

[On the other side of the paper are these three lines:]

I hereby assign all my right and title to the within Slip to Nathan Daggett ~ Painesville June 1, 1839 *Milo Harris*

A ***Bill of Sale*** to **Nathan Daggett,** *on an 8 x 10" paper:*

Nathan Dagget

Bought at Auction

1 Red Shawl		$7.50
12 ¼ Yds Bourbazim		20.67
18 " Blk Cambic	11	1.98
4 prs Ladies Seal Shoes	51	2.04
5 Toys	5	25
4 ~~dogs~~ plates	11	44
6 Tumblers	24 ½	1.47
¾ Ream wrapping paper		1.06
		$35.41
Int from 12 Jan^{y}		1.07
to 22 July 1839		**$36.48**

Re 'd pay by Note July 22, 1839

Abel Kimball 2d Shff

I. A. Tracy Deputy ~

A **Financial Account** *with the* **Mormons** *on an 8 x 9 ¼" page taken from a ledger:*

The Mormon Temple at Kirtland

In Acct with Daggett & Granger Dr

1839

Agst	20	To Paid L Rich ~		- 75
	26	To Cash to get Nails & Butts at Painesville		3.50
	30	To Paid George Stocking Pav l e ~		5.00
		" Paid Donlinson		-35
	31	" Paid S. Green p av le ~		3.00
Sept	5	" Cash for Nails		1.50
"	"	" Cash Paid Robison		1.00
"	9	" Paid Mr Cooly		.63
"	"	" Cash paid I B Pease Bill Iron	248	
		" dr to I B Clayton do Tin	113	
		" Paid Rich going to Richmond	50	4.11
		" dr Balance on Iron		-38
		" Cash for Nails		38
	18	To Cash Paid for 15 lbs White Lead	210	
		2 Gallons L. Oil	250	
		4 Books Gold Leaf	200	
		Balance on Iron 27/11	348	10.08
	21	To Cash paid for Gold Leaf at Painesville		3.00
	28	To Paid A. Fellows for Blacksmith work		8.00
Oct	10	To Paid Solomon Gee his Amt of Work on Temple for Jacob Bump Certificate		31.00
				72.68
		To Demus L. Bryant Acct		40.49
		" John Martin do-		25.64
		" Henry Kellogg do-		6.23
				$145.04
		Interest to 11th Oct 1845 6 years ~		52.21
				$197.25

[The sheet is folded several times. On a fold 2 ½ inches wide is written ....]

Morman Temple at Kirtland **$197. 25**

[... and in pencil ...]

Trustees Ira Bond Hiram Kellogg Ira Fisk Reuben Mc Bride
Jeremiah Knights Hiram Winters Lusian Heath

1 8 4 0 **Letter** of **John W. Howden** to **Eliza Daggett**. *This is one page of a letter of unknown length. It's an 8 x 10" sheet folded to make its own envelope, which must have contained at least one more sheet. The envelope is addressed:* Eliza N. Daggett / Kirkland / Ohio, *and has a return address of:* Bristol Vt / March 2. *The postage is written:* 25 . *[We feel it appropriate to remind readers that transcriptions are done as written.] The letter begins:*

Bristol february 17th 1840

My Dear Daughter,

You wrote to us that you had been sick and we have heard since that your health was not good yet but I hope you will get well again soon. I have thought that I should see you again and your lovely children but I begin to think it is uncertain whether I do or not providence is against all our plans to go to your place and we must give it up I should like to live near you if I could but I find every comfort must be removed to make room for something opposite I have been trying to be reconciled to every thing that happens and I think I shall be soon I hope your days will be leangthened out to take care of your children and may God give you grace and streangth to do your duty to them I think a great deal about them children I think sometimes I must see them again William has a sweet babe but it dont seem like yours they call it Mary Eliza my health is as good this winter as it has been any time since you went away tell Nathan I hope he wont be led away with bad compiny as John has and go to drinking for there is nothing that will make a fool of any boddy so soon, it is the reason there is so many bad bargins made they feel so rich and so vain when any one begins to drink a little. they get to be a sot before they realise it I think sometimes it would be better for mankind if there never had been any spirits made but I expect it is to try us the more allurements we have to sin the greater will be our reward if we resist them

[The first page, which is all that is known of this letter, ends.]

Letter from **Eliza Daggett** to **Nathan Daggett**. *Four pages on two sheets measuring 8 inches wide and 13 inches deep. Pages 3 & 4 form an envelope for themselves and the first sheet. The envelope's circular postmark reads:* MIDDLEBURY / VT / JUL / 20 , *and a large "25" in the upper, right-hand corner is the postage. Eliza addressed it:* Mr. Nathan Daggett / Kirtland, Lake Conty, Ohio / via bufflo & Albany. *The letter begins:*

Bristol July 16th 1840

My Dear Husband

I received two letters from you yesterday at Vergennes they came to Bristol and father sent them out. I was very glad to hear you get along so well I saw Mr Munsil yesterday he wish you was well and also that your garden looked well, and front yard also I went to Vergennes the 3rd day of July to attend the Whig Celebration on the 4th , they erected a log cabin the day before there was a great many people there. the Ladies in Bristol villege made a very nice flagg for the Bristol compney. I spent 4 days in the villege before I went to Vergennes and saw them making it at Mr Peaks. I visited Titus and his wife Rosea makes first/rate house keeper – and Titus a good husband Ben Allen lives in the Villege. Luther Blodget lives in Huntington a poor miserable drinken sot they live in a small house miserable enough if report is true. Titus want to see you very much I had a good visit at Vergennes Mrs Strong came over and invited me over to tea and Hariet too. they have built them a new house just beyond the old Gen. Strong place it is an elagant house they had just mooved in I saw a good many old frends and been very happy so far I will assire you. Charles is at Castleton to scholl he was home on the 4th he has got to quite a youn man but he cannot talk plain yet for that reason he says but little he will be at home this week to stay Mary Sherman was on board the boat but was expected up yestidy I should have staid but had to come home to answer your letter I shall go out again bye and bye to go on board the boat and see Richard I left Frances to school there they say she is a good schooler, and Mr Sherman is quite pleased with her he think she has improved very much indeed sinc she has been in Ohio next week is vacation Frances will come here to spend it and go back again. Benj is at home going to school in Vergennes your Mother seems to enjoy herself very well, and I should think Harriet did very well by her ~ neither of them has much to do they bothe seem the happest I ever see them. I did all I for her I think she will come out here this summer. Capt Sherman let me see both your letters he re cd one the same day I sent yours. I am sorry you put so much property in his hands you never will get again, however if we can come to some conclusion and get a home some where, where we can be happy

is all I ask for peice and quietness at home is far before rich.
I hope coming here will be a benifit to my health evy body tells me
how poor I look how much I have grown old altered in my
looks very much so I hope I shall recruit a littel I feel perfecty

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easy about home so far and hope I shall all the time untill we
meet some where father has been himself perfectly ever sinc
the first week I came he has done well for him and I hope it
will continue he has had several offers for his farm lately and can
get the money, but father had much rather you would have it than
to let it pass into stranger hands you did not understand me if you thought
I meant for us to live in the shop. I meant our folks, but father
would bye a place nearer he thinks of getting the Adams plac up here
so to be near us. father says he will give us up the place here if we think
best to come, for my part I had rather come and live here than to
any farther west, and so had Mother. we should have to fire over the house
some next summer, but thats I dont mind if we can only live here.
father will write about it to you. he thinks it best for him to go Ohio
instead of your coming here so if you Make a fancy in you can move on
when he comes so you can be setting up and Making calculations
accordingly he will go in time to do something this fall. I do think we
should do better here, than any where else, it is a good farm for stock
you could fetch your Mulberry trees and I could make some silk. you
had not better sell much out of the house if you move here. I should
not think it best for me to go back at all if you should come for
you have got the keys and can pack up things yourself as well as though
I was there. I expect father wait untill he gets a letter from you
before he starts from here all he wants at present is to pay his debts
if you can do that, he will wait for the rest a long time if you
take the nohob from it seem a pity it should go to strangers
July 19th , you see I have delayed my letter some, but I wanted to know more
to write epecially, and now I do I am happy to inform you that it is
fully decided for us to move here this fall (if you mind corresponding !)
father says I must tell you that you must have the farm at all
events. he is so glad I have come so that we have aranged it so
to do, he says if you can settle the dets it is all he asks at present
he will go to Ohio in August some time, in two or three weeks from
now I should think so you can make such a bargin as you
like if you can, if not perhaps you even do some thing else but I
think it is best for father to go now instead of you coming here for if
you moove this fall as I think you will it would save you some
trouble if he goes soon to Ohio, and then you can see and know
for yourself just what to depend upon before you come. Mother is

as much pleased as father they both think you are the right one
for them. father says he feels 20 years younger since he has found
out by your last letter that you will come here and live, and I feel

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about 10 years younger myself sinc I do believe it will be best
all arond for us and then too it will make a good home for us
and I believe do as well by our children here as any where ~ ~
father has concluded to bye the house where Mrs Sofer lives
the old Dusbee place so that William can live in one part
and they in the other ~ so they will move out when we move in
there is enough raising on the farm for us all this winter
so you see it is all fixed fair and square to the entire
satisfaction all here concerned there is nothing more wanting but
your approbation, and that I am sure you will give when
you see how father feels about it he says I shall have the
most he feels more willing to do for us than the boys and
so does mother I have no doubt but you will be satisfied
with what he will do they both feel the happiest since I came and
come to the conclusion to move back that they have sinc we left
so you can work things around that mony and make arrangements
to come this. I want to see you all but can wait parting till the
time works around father will write in a few days you must
write us soon as you receive this, but wether father will go before
your letter comes or not I do not know but I think he will ~
I will send Benj. 8 shirts but he will want some more outside
clothes to come with I will send Mary some things she will need
by father, and you some collars My Dear husband how glad
I shall be if evry thing works arond as we now calculate if you
are as well satisfied as we are and I think you will be. I believe
Mr Sherman's family and your Mother will be as glad as any one of a letter
I know your Mother will for I talked with her about it and Mr
Mason too they would be well suited. while father is gone
you mother will come out and stay a week or so with Mother and
we shall be all alone You must settle or
sell what you think best sow the flower seeds, and tomato
seeds and make some catsup I will give you my receipt
to one gallon of tomatoes after the skin is taken off -
3 table spoon full of cloves pulverized / I have given you my
3 do - do of Mustard seed – do - / receipt in full I do not
4 do - do of Black peper - do - / know as came any thing about it
4 do - do of Allspice - do - / I hope you will write about
4 -do - - -- Salt / anything you want to know about
8 pods of Red pepper --- / or give me any directions what to
1 pint of Vinegar ---- / do here, you will find enough to do
Put in a tin pan and simmer on / I presume without minding little affairs
the stove 3 or 4 hours then strain it
in a thin cloth and bottle it up

[This is the fourth page, composed of the envelope face, described earlier, and also of what Eliza wrote on the three flaps which folded inside the envelope :]

about my expencs out here – are as follows. $7 ½ on board the steamboat $12, and was bound on board Cte E Flennoen, the bill 3 dollar on the passage, so I boarded with then it was later for. I paid soner for shoes and some other things but have enough for the present I lent father 5 dollars he said he would let me have it any time again I had no bad luck I did not go to any tavern nor pay out a cent for any thing but my passage except what I told you and now adieu for the present keep up good courage for my sake, and your own too and we shall yet do well I shall try for one kiss the children for me and I hope we shall all meet in all time

you must write as soon as you receive this and what you think about fathers coming to Ohio perhaps he wont go till I get your letter, but you must Make all things settled father dont talk about any thing else but you coming *[end, first flap]*

hold on to all the mony you can for some of the debts must be paid this fall. the rest can be got along with until they can be paid. Father and Mother both have perfect confidence in you and if you appear to have in him all things will go well. it is a good birth for us no mistake

I will write you a long letter by father log in some things out of ..... *[paper missing here, caused by opening wax seal]* store debts .....both &c so as not to go to ..... *[second flap ends]* I will send you some papers soon give my love to all enquiring frends I have two Vol. of the Mothers Magazine at Mrs Coes do not forget to get them and Marys bonnet at Mrs Bierds and my bandlose it will want a cotton Lotto boy to put it in you will have to put my old bonnets in it to move. you can see that my dreams are filled with good things, however I will say notten more about that yet another time will do. I hope you will be satisfied with what I have written but if there is any thing I have forgot to mention please mention it when you write I must close but believe me your affectionate wife *Eliza Daggett*

[A postscript on the left margin of the first page:] Tell Miss Smith I bought her book in Buffalo coming along. I paid $1.25 cts I will send it by father, but if she does not want it, I am willing to keep it for my girls. it is much cheaper than she expected so I thought I would get it give my best respects to her and she may to the young ladies in chool

[Nothing more is written in this letter of July, 1840.]

Nathan Daggett's *Answer* to **Eliza.** *Two pages on a 10 x 16" paper which folds to make a 3 x 5" envelope. It is addressed:* Mrs. E. Daggett / Bristol / Vermont. *The postal clerk wrote : 25 [the postage]* / Kirtland Mills O / Aug 1 / . *The letter begins:*

Kirtland July 31, 1840

My Dear Eliza

I wrote to you a few days since in answer to your letter in reply to my two, and now I take this occasion to address you again, and say that we are all well. Nancy is here and works well, but I find some difference in the progress of getting along since you left, and am at almost all times quite lonely for want of your company and this is as I expected it would be which caused my indifference about your leaving here ~

I received this day a letter from Capt Sherman ~~this morning~~ in answer to the one from me when you was at his House ~ he states as follows =

" In regard to your Meeting with Mr Howden it is a Matter the propriety of which I cant judge of. You are conversant with every thing relating to it & can best judge yourself. It does seem to me however that the amt which his plan here would sell for would buy a longer & more productive place somewhere else within the Circle of your knowledge better calculated to support a large family & at the same time increase in volume" ~ This idea of the subject gives a colouring different from what you stated he said in your letter to me and goes to show that he had rather I would remain at a distance from him than to be near by, on account probably of my being at a distance of course Nancy would be, and consequently he would not in that case be troubled with her in his House = all of this I do not care much about more than to see

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the disposition exhibited upon the subject ~ it is not
a matter which I care much about. Whether he
likes it or not, if it is best for us to do it and
that you probably can judge as well as any one ~
I am desirous of doing that which will contribute
most towards our happiness and pleasure, instead
of weath & riches ~ had you not wrote that your
father talked of coming on here I think I should leave
in a few days for your place and see about
the business, but as it is I cannot leave until I
hear from you to know whether he is coming or not, as
I might pass him and not see him at all ~
Should we moove from here this fall it will
be necessary for me to keep it still on account of getting
away the furniture from here as some trouble might occasion
by detention from ~ in haste

Yours Truly ~

N. Daggett

N. B. please write often – say what Benjamin Allen
is about and how he gets along ~

1 8 4 1 **Letter** of **Captain Sherman** to **Nathan Daggett.**

Two pages on 8 x 10" paper, folded to make a 3 x 5" envelope, addressed: Nathan Daggett Esq . / Kirtland / Near Painesvill / Ohio. *The postmark is:* VERGENNES / VT / JAN / 2 3 . *There is a large "25" written in the corner for postage, next to which is stamped* **PAID**. *The letter is as follows:*

Vergennes 21st Jan y 1841

Dr Sir

Yours of the 11th Inst is receiv,d & in reply will remark that I shall endeavor to see Mr Chas Smith & so manage if Possible as to secure the Money, & not get factorized – therefore shall omit writing to him & try and see him & get him to pay the Money if I can before it becomes due. ~~~~~

The Bond was receivd enclosd in your Letter from Middlebury & Esqr Bradley accepts for Sopers Note also ~ I have not heard of any Action on the Note as yet ~

Your Mothers health is better than when you was here & sends much Love to you all & Nancy in particular. My health is about the same as when you left the remainder of the family all well ~~ & we are all glad to learn that Eliza & her Mother had so good a time geting from Vergennes to Kirtland ~~

We have had the greatest freshet ever known in this part of the Country & considerable Stock swept off & Drownd . our neigh bor Burkett lost seven Cows & some other stock ~ the water was about half way up to the 2d floor in the New Store. Much Lumber swept away & some Damage done in the Stores - & also in the Store on the Other side & the Lumber all washd away ~

I have sustaind the greatest Damage at Whitehall the Bulkhead to the Dam is gone, & the Raceway & floom to the Mill entirely gone – also the Docks to both the Grist Mill & Saw Mill

[first page of letter ends]

Are gone & Saw Mill ruin^{d} ~ will have to be taken down it was within 10 Days of being ready for business under an entire new arrangment & an Expensive One ~ you may say it was a new Mill ~~ M^{r} I. H. Boyd my Partner in the property writes me that our loss cant be less than $3,000 Dollars ~ the Lower Bridge across the Stream just above the Mill is carried away - & Lumber Wood & every thing carried into the Marshes or into the Lake ~

I shall do all I can for M^{r} Howden & as soon as I can ascertain whether the Money can be had on the Bond before the 1st April or not will write you again

We have had some cold Weather & good Sleighing a short time – this great flood was produced by the loss of the snow with two or three Days Rain ~ & the ground is now bare

Flour remains at $5.50 here corn 50 Cts. Oats 2/- Pork $5 Dollars this last article is as it would seem but little in advance of Ohio prices ~~ I suppose from the price of Wheat there that you can Make Superfine Flour for $3. Dollars p^{r} Bbl & so some business I should think might be done as you suggested

Harriet unites with me in love to yourself and all the rest of the family ~~~ and am Respectfully yours

Jah^{l}. Sherman

Mr. Nathan Daggett ~

Letter of **Captain Sherman** to **Nathan Daggett.** *Two pages on the same paper as his last (January 1841), and with an envelope face on the outside fold, saying:* Nathan Daggett – Esqr / Kirtland / Ohio / Via of Painesville. *The conventional circular postmark says:* VERGENNES / MAR 5 / Vt., *and there is a large "25" for postage, next to a stamped* **PAID.**

The letter, in excellent script, reads:

Vergennes 4th March 1841

Capt N. Daggett

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 6th Febv was duly receivd & waited a reply until I could see Mr Chas L Smith which I did not succeed in doing until yesterday & should not now have written nor until something definite had been done with him but for his statement of a fact which perhaps you may not be aware of that is he says that David P Nash has an Attachment on the farm the Amount of Which he did not know but would go to Middlebury this week & ascertain the Amt and would see me the begining of the next week. ~ but for this attachment I believe I could arrange with him & cancel the Bond: ~ after my next interview with Smith I will write you again – but thought it my duty to give you Immediate Notice of the Attachment that you might either come & attend to the business yourself or give me some Specific Instructions in relation to it that is for Mr Howden to give me the Instructions if you dont come .. –

Mr Smith told me that there are several persons calling on him & seem impatient waiting for the 1st of April to come & he seems to be willing & rather desirous I think to have the business settled before the first of April ~ & I am of the Opinion that you had best come & see it closd up ~ I know the expence of the jaunt is con =siderable & I will do any thing I can for you or Mr Howden but you percieve My Health is very precarious & am oblig d to be extremely Careful & notwithstanding My Caugh has returnd upon me & the consequences are doubtfull : - if it proves to be a fact that Col Nash has an Attachment on the place – I presume his entire claim must be allow d before a Settlement with Smith can be made - which I

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I think must be done before the first of april or great difficulty will ensue ~ & I have no doubt if you come & give your personal Attention to it Immediately you will be doubly Compensated for you time & Expences ~

Your Mother desires me to say that her health is about the same as when you was here & to give her love to you all & to Nancy in particular & when you write again to say in a particular Manner how Nancys Health is & all about it also how you are situated & how M^{r} Howden is Situated and Eliza^{s} Health is & also the Childrens

Harriet desires to be rememberd to you all affectionately – in love - & with hers you will please accept that of your friend & Obed Serv^{t}

Sah^{l} Sherman

Capt. Nathan Daggett
Kirtland – Ohio ~

1 8 4 2 **Postmaster Daggett's List**. *An 8 x 10" paper written in Mr. Daggett's hand two years after he was appointed Postmaster of Kirtland. It has adhesive discs on the four reverse corners for wall mounting. Also on the reverse is Mr. Daggett's label for filing:* Bill Posted of Advertised Letters for Quarter ending 31 March 1842.

List of Letters remaining in the Post Office
at Kirtland Lake County Ohio April 1, 1842

Arehn Asa
Andrews John
Balding Lomegea
Boilen James A
Boris Daniel 2
Butler Nelson
Brown Alva
Button Elijah
Booth Sam l S
Bliss Daniel
Colton Josiah
Caroll Mrs Rheame
Cummings Caleb E
Church I
Dickson Christopher
Danold Mc
Davis Wm N
Gaylord John
Harris Percival
Hart Elias
Hill John
Haskins Lincoln
Healy Arnold
Hemenway Samuel
Johnson Harvey
Larabee Henry
Kellogg Hiram
Kingsley Elias
Molton Mrs Elizabeth
Mosher W D
Martin Erastus
Mills John
Mallory A S
Moore Miss Orinda
Nash Miss Rosina
Palmer Charles
Rider Lorenzo
Richards William T
Ring Stephen
Stanard William
Tinkle Lois M
Todd Orin
Thompson Abigal
Whitley William

N. Daggett P M

Letter of **James H. Hunt** to **Nathan Daggett.** *Two pages on a sheet large enough (15 ½" wide, 10" deep) to fold up and make its own 3 x 5" envelope. On its face, the postal clerk wrote:* Knoxville Mo / 16 July / Free *(for the postage). It is addressed:* Mr N. Daggett P. M. / Kirtland, Lake Co. / Ohio. *The pages are 8 inches wide:*

Knoxville Mo.
16th July 1842

Mr. N. Daggett

Dr Sr

Yours of June the 21st came duly to hand, in answer to which I Must first acknowledge the receipt of "Mormanism Unveiled", for which You will please tender My thanks to Mr C Bartlett, reserving the same for Yourself for the Interest You have been kind enough to take in this Matter. I have not examined the Work, as I Only recd it Yesterday, but Mr Bartlett's request will be complied with. If Anything further that would be of advantage, should be forwarded, it will be gratefully acknowledged & in time I trust reciprocated ~

You enquire the circumstances attending Govr Boggs' death. I Am happy to inform You Sir, That Gov Boggs is not dead, but was able to ride in the country a few days since. ~ The Circumstances from which the rumour of his death originated are briefly as follows. He was Sitting in his office, reading 'till a late hour, & was Shot by some person unknown, through a Window from the Street, Nine Large "buck Shot" entering the back of his head, tho' none

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With force sufficient to fracture the skull.
Suspicion by some rested upon a Morman,
(I do not remember his name) This However, seems to
be unfounded. The probability is that the deed
was perpetrated by a M^{r} Childs, with whom
The Gov^{r} had a public quarrel, some days previous.
Childs had challenge^{d} him to combat which
The Gov^{r} declined, in consequence of which Childs
(probably) took this opertunity of revenge. I am
Satisfied Myself that this is the correct state
of facts. ~ I Remain Sir,
With respt,
Yours truly

N Daggett Esq. *James. H. Hunt.*
Kirtland
Ohio

Letter of **Nathan Daggett** to **Eliza Daggett.** *One page on an 8 x 10" sheet, folded to make its own envelope, which Postmaster Daggett addressed to himself to save postage. The postmark reads*: JACKSON / Mich. / AUG / 3 , *and the address is*: N. Daggett Esq / Post Master / S Kirtland / Lake Co / Ohio . "Free" *is written in the upper right. The letter reads as follows:*

Jackson Michigan Agt 2 – 1842

Dear Eliza

I arrived here on Friday last in good health and have been traveling about the Country here ever since ~ I have been at Mr Egerthon's ~ they are all well. Mr Egerthon commenced teaching a school yesterday, having been out of a school about 3 Months ~

I think I shall get away from this place on Saturday next for home, which will make a longer time absent than I anticipated ~ the crops are good in this section of the Country, but it is not such a Country of Land as I should wish to live upon ~

With Much Respect
I Remain Your Affectionate Husband

N. Daggett

1 8 4 3 **<u>Letter</u>** of **Simeon Fuller** to **Postmaster Daggett**.

One page on 8 x 10" paper, folded to make a 3 x 5" envelope, which has a Columbus, Ohio postmark, dated "Jan 19". There is a large "F" in the corner, meaning free postage. The address reads: N Daggett Esq P. M. / Kirtland / Lake C^{o} Ohio. *The letter reads:*

Columbus Jan. 18th 1843

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst. was duly received. I immediately laid it before Messrs Spindlas and M^{c}Nulty the two members from Knox neither of whom have any Knowledge of the Messrs Winslow for whom you inquire.

I have delayed writing for several days thinking that I might possibly get the information you wish from some other source but have not suceeded ~ If I learn any thing further on the subject I will write again ~ No news of consequence there is verry little prospect of this Legislature will do any thing ~~thing~~ that will benefit the people ~

We have to-day in the house ordered to a third reading a bill to punish by 30 years confinement in the penitentiary any member of the Legislature who shall resign his seat without leave of the house to which he belongs ~ I think if we should all resign to-morrow it would be a greater service to the public than any thing we are likely to do by remaining here

Yours &c

N Daggett Esq

Kirtland Ohio *Simeon Fuller*

Letter of **Postmaster Daggett** to **Congressman Giddings**, *which the Congressman answered on the same paper. The Congressman addressed the envelope:* Nathan Daggett / Kirtland / Ohio. *It bears a postmark with the words:* Washington City / D.C. / Feb 28, *is stamped* **FREE** *and has the Congressman's signature in the corner.*

P. M. Daggett writes:

Kirtland Lake Co Ohio
Jany 30th 1843

Sir

Will you have the goodness to ascertain if the Mail Contracts for Ohio are published in a pamphlet and if so to procure and forward one to Me ~ and if all the Contracts throughout the United States are compiled in one Book and that not to large to forward by Mail, to forward one of them ~
by so doing You Will confer a favor
on Your friend and Hbl Svt
Nathan Daggett

Hon G. R. Giddings
Member of Congress
Washington D C

[... and in the Congressman's hand:]

They are not printed in pamphlet
form but probably will be soon
Yours GR Giddings

Letter of **Albert S. Foot** to **Nathan Daggett.** *One page eight inches wide, folded to form an envelope, addressed:* Mr Nathan Daggett PM / Kirtland Ohio, *with a postmark reading:* CLEVELAND O. / MAY / 20 , and stamped **FREE** .

The letter is as follows:

Cleveland May 19nth 1843

Mr Nathan Daggett

Dr Sir

Yours of the 15th Inst has come to hand I have Seen Sheriff Miller relative to your enquires. He says he will accept of your first proposition viz You may have the lot for fifteen Dollars or in that proportion for what may be good. Will you have the goodness to see Mr Case and get a pair of shoes he was to make for Mrs Foot and an overcoat of mine which ~~the~~ one of the young Mr Cases borrowed when here Will you also take the trouble to get a root or two of the doubleleaf Sage of Mr Joseph Coe and a root or two of Parsley of Mr Lord if he has not plowed it up and can share it and please send them to me if you have a convini opportunity or bring them if you should be coming up soon ~ Mrs Foot sends a peck of love to Mrs Daggett and say if she can spare any of it she may distribute it to them who may take the trouble to enquire after her

Yours Sincerely

Albert S. Foot

P. S. Will You pleas ask Mrs Lord if she has seen a retorical reader of Elisabites and Chemistry of mine

Much love to yourself & family & Mr & Mrs Lord

Letter *of* **James Cummings** *to* **Nathan Daggett**, *written on both sides of an 8 x 10" sheet, and mailed in a "home made" 3 ¼ x 7" envelope, addressed:* Mr N Daggett / Post Master Kirkland / Lake County / Ohio. *In the faintly-inked postmark, we can read* BUFFALO. *The postage is written,* "free", *and, in the lower-left-hand corner, is inked* Money. *The letter reads as follows:*

Chippawa 8th June 1843

Mr N. Daggett

Sir

I should have replied to your letter of the 3d Alt.: before this, but a Consequence of a Mr Pierce of the Village stating he was going to Ohio in a short time and would take Charge of the Money of the Kirkland Bank which Mr. G B Sealy went away and left, some years ago, but not in my Charge – as I was not the person who got the valueless Money from him, but was One of the Magistrates before whom the investigation was proceeding ~ Mr Sealey thought proper to go away before any decision was come to - Had he remained in all probability the Money at the time would have been restored to him, although then Considered not worth any thing ~ I have been party to some inconvenience and expense, and will as I am going to Buffalo the first of the week, as you have directed put up a small parcel to your address – and if you will remit Ten dollars the packet, Books & all shall be sent - let me know-

yours respectfully

James Cummings

[on the reverse side of the paper:]

I have put up the large Bills One Thousand dollars - Viz - 6 ~ 100 - 600

8 ~ 50 - 400

$ 1000 –

J. C.

Letter *of* **Nathan Daggett** *to* **Eliza Daggett** *on an 8 x 10" sheet folded to make a 3 x 5" envelope, addressed to himself, as follows:* N. Daggett / Post Master / Kirtland / Lake Co. / Ohio. "Free" *is written for the postage, and the return address is:* Green Creek O., *below which is written:* July 28.

The letter reads:

Green Creek 8 Miles from Lower Sandusky O.
Thursday Evening July 27th 1843

Dear Eliza

I arrived here this evening at 7 oclock P M well, having performed the journey thus far in better health than when I left home ~ we have had extremely warm weather on the road until this afternoon when we had a very refreshing shower ~

the wheat crops about this part of the country have been mostly gathered in fine order and a promising yield ~ no price however has been established as yet ~

If the weather should be good tomorrow we shall tomorrow evening be in Perrysburgh O, and arrive in Detroit some time on Sunday next, when I will write to you again ~

You may tell Mr Smiths folks that Mr Smith is well and performed the journey good ~

It seems a long time already I have been absent from home, but hope to succeed to be shortly at home again with you, and hope you will have nothing to Mar Your happiness until that time arrives ~ Believe Me to be

Your ever and affectionate
Husband ~

N Daggett

Letter *of* **Eliza Daggett** *on an 8 x 10" sheet, folded to make four pages five inches wide:*

pge 1

Vergenns August 43

To the folks at home
It is about one
week since I wrote to you
Benj' received Janes letter last
Monday Morning contaning you
potographs, it was quite a supr
but a very plasent one. thy were
all vey glad, to see them. they look
very well and was glad you sent them
We, that is your Aunt Harriet and
Benj and I went out to see Walter
last Teusday. we had a very nice
visit. they have a good farm
and evry thing very comforable
they get along first rate Walter
looks as though he was 70
years old but is smart to work.
Wednesday we that is your Aunt
Harriet and Edwards wife, Benj and

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2
my self went over the Lake
to see Laura Welch and her
neice, Mrs Noble, well Laura
was not at home, she had gone
to Rochester to visit some connections
will not be at home untill Sept –
she had been gone a month, we
wer all very much disappointed
yet we all enjoyed her vist very
much I had no Idia of seeing so
much, magniffien, and splendor,
it was the most costly furnel Laur
I was every in, it was worth
what it cost us, to see what we
did, their house stands upon the
Lake shore, in a very plesant place,
they had company from Bosten
which made it made it very
pleasant, all around. Mrs Noble
is a very pleasent and lovely woman
she will write to Laura Welch all
about our visit. I will tell
you the rest when I get home ~

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3
well I suppose it begins to seem
a good while sinc I left home
and I begin to feel that my mission
is about finished, it is hard work
to visit, and the weather is getting
very, warm again, and I well satisfied
that going around through Mass. will
be more than I have strenth to endure
it tires me very much to jaunt around
and besides It would cost a great deel
more than your father is aware of ~
Benj Skinner is a going to take some
goods to the Cn't. regions some where
and is going to stop awhile his wife
is going there before long she is not
quite ready yet, she is not very well
this week, her sister Julia Nall is
going with her, they have a Grandmoth
living not far from Akron where they
intend to make a visit before they
go to where Benj is the sister is going
to stop with her Grandmoth all winter
Benj wife has been teasing me to go
along when she goes to be company
I have to have that I should not be
ready

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page 4 Benj wife, (we all call her
Nelly) had a letter him this morning
he told her to write when she
was ready to start and he would
meet her some where, at touke her
and make a visit at Uncle Walters
so you see that Benj intent is
to make you a visit. she thinks
she will be ready in about 2
weeks or a little over
If I do not go to Mass. my visit
will be made out all around
so that I could go along with
them. if their minds are made
up to go Kirtland, I would not
like to say any thing to prevent it.
I think you would like them and
have a good visit. I will write
more about it if I conclude to go
with them. Our Benj will not come
home with me, he will stay quite
a while longer ~ I cannot tell much
about it untill we go to Bristol,
which which we shall tomorrow or
Monday. he has enjoyed himsef best
and you would think the rest did too, if
you was here E D

Deed *of* **Michigan Land** *to* **Nathan Daggett.** *A printed form, measuring 14 inches wide by 10 deep, and folded to a size of 2 ¾ x 7 inches for filing. On the 2 ¾" fold is the following:* Horace Gifford & Wife & Jacob C. Allen & Wife To Nathan Daggett / Q. C. Deed / Register's Office, Jackson County, Rec^{d} & Recorded Aug 9th 1843 at 2 O'clock P.M. in Lib. 13 of Deeds on Page 632 & ex^{d} *N. Thompson*, Register .

The body of the deed is the customary printed format, with blanks to fill in. We transcribe the written-in words in bold-face:

QUIT CLAIM DEED. PRINTED AND SOLD BY G.W. RANEY, JACKSON.

This Indenture, Made the **Eighth** day of **August** in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty= **Three** BETWEEN **Horace Gifford and and Melissa his Wife and Jacob C. Allen and Electa M his Wife of Concord Jackson Co. & State of Michigan** of the first part, and **Nathan Dagget of Kirtland Lake County and State of Ohio** of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said part **ies** of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars** to **them** in hand paid, by the said part **y** of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, and forever **QUIT CLAIM** unto the said party of the second part and to **his** heirs and assigns forever, **All that certain piece or parcel of Land situate and being in the County Of Jackson aforesaid And described as follows Viz. The South East Quarter Of Section N^{o} Thirteen in Township N^{o} One South of Range N^{o} One East, Containing One hundred and Sixty acres of Land More or less** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ .

Together with all and singular, the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining; and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest,

claim or demand whatsoever of the said parties of the first part, either in Law or Equity, of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the said hereditaments and appurtenances, **To have and to hold** the said **premises** to the said party of the second part, and to **his** heirs and assigns to the sole and only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part, **his** heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, The said part **ies** of the first part, have hereunto set **their** hand **s** and seal **s** the day and year first above written.

Clarissa S Corwin Horace Gifford

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN THE PRESENCE OF

Amasa Hawkins J Q Allen

[On the right margin of the paper is the following :]

STATE OF MICHIGAN
SS.
COUNTY OF **Jackson**

On this **Eighth** day of **August**
one thousand eight hundred and forty-**Three**
before me, for said County, personally
came dthe above named,
Horace Gifford and Jacob C Allen
known to me to be the person **s** who executed the forgoing instrument,
and acknowledged the same to be **their** free act and deed. **And Melissa Gifford the Wife of the Said Horace Gifford, And Electa M Allen the Wife of the said Jacob C Allen on a private examination separate and apart from their husband, acknowledged that they Executed the same freely & voluntarily without any fear or Duress of or from their said husbands or any other person.**

Amasa Hawkins

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[Nothing more is written on this 1843 Deed to Nathan Daggett.]

<u>Letter</u> *of* **W.W. Phelps** *to* **N. Daggett.** *One page on an 8 x 10 sheet, folded to make a 3 x 5 envelope. "25" is penned in the corner for postage, and the postmark reads:* NAUVOO / IL /DEC / 1. *It is addressed:* Col. Nathan Daggett / P. Master / Kirtland / Lake Co / Ohio . *The letter reads:*

Nauvoo Ill Nov 29, 1843

Sir, yours of the 30th ult. is recied. In answer I have to say that Doctor Leni Richards does not wish to sell his house and Lot in Kirtland, but is willing that the district should use the house for a schoolhouse if they will shair it. If you would have the goodness to write to let him know Willard Richards and ^ when it was sold for Taxes, and how much the Sum is, you would confer a favor.

I wish to be understood that you can occupy the house for school till call for, for it is not likely we shall want it soon.

Mr Brewster and family and Mr Dustin and family are well Nauvoo goes ahead as the great center of this world, and will.

Respectfully &c

W.W.Phelps

Col. N Daggett
P M
Kirtland, O.

1 8 4 4 **<u>Letter</u>** ***of*** **I. Goodrich** ***to*** **N. Daggett.**
One page on an 8 x 10 sheet, folded to make a 3 x 5 ½" envelope with a postmark reading : DETROIT / Mich. / FEB / 25. *A large "8" is penned on the upper right, and the address is:* Nathan Daggett P. M. / Kirtland / Lake Co / Ohio. *The letter begins:*

Detroit Feb 24th 1844

Mr N. Daggett

DSr - I recieved your letter of the 16th in which you say you have not heard from me since you wrote to me with a scrip relating to the Jackson Bank. I wrote to you directly after recieving it if I recollect right, informing you of the prospect. There is no prospect at present of its ever being good again and I think it would be the best thing for you to do with it is to sell it for what it is now worth, an I will keep it until

you come – and perhaps you and the man
can arrange it to your satisfaction.
In regard to the Cider, I think you had Better let
it go – if you are sure of your pay on the first
of August. I do not think you can do any Better
with it.
When I got it from the other cellar there were
charges on it for the storage to the amount
of about 12/ - which I paid and charge to you
there were also Cartage on it – and I done what
you told me to do that is I let it settle and
I put the corn meal in it, all of which I charge
to you account.

Yours Respectfully

J. Goodrich

An **Advertisement** of the **Packet Boat "Garland",** *which was likely kept in the Daggett archives as a souvenir of Eliza's voyages to and from Vergennes. It's a printed broadside, for posting in public places, measuring 10 inches wide, 14 deep. With an ornate border, and in letters from ½ to ¾ inches high, it says:*

1844.

VERGENNES AND BUFFALO LINE.

New and Elegant

PACKET BOAT

[A print is in this space, showing three horses pulling a boat on a canal.]

GARLAND,

CAPT. A. P. HOBART,

WILL commence her regular trips between this City and Buffalo, in connection with the Packet J. SHERMAN, running DAY and NIGHT, as follows:

LEAVES VERGENNES,	LEAVES BUFFALO
JULY.....9,	JULY.....22,
AUGUST.....20,	SEPTEMBER.....2,
SEPTEMBER..17,	SEPTEMBER.....30,
OCTOBER.....15,	OCTOBER.....28,

THIS Packet is finished in a style unsurpassed by any Packet either on the Northern or Western Canal. Her rooms are large and airy, her arrangements are such that seventy-five to eighty can be accommodated with berths without inconvenience. An experienced Captain and Crew will spare no pains to make a journey from this place to Buffalo pleasant. Every facility will be given to Families who wish to board themselves. For further particulars enquire of

R. CHAPMAN, Agent,
Vergennes, Vt.

JOY & WEBSTER,
Buffalo, N. Y.
WM. STIMPSON,

June 25, 1844.

Letter *of* **R.B.C. Newcomb** *to* **Nathan Daggett**. *One page on 8 x 10 paper, folded to make the standard 3 by 5 envelope, which is addressed:* Mr N. Daggett / P. M. Kirtland / Lake Co. Ohio. *In the upper left corner is:* Madison O / Aug 4, *and there is a wax seal. The letter is as follows:*

Madison Aug^{t} 4th 1844

Mr Daggett

After taking all things into considera tion I have come to the conclusion, that it will be my best way to hire my board the next term, and that too with you, for I shall not be under the necessity of learning the oddities of a new family or the hang of another pair of Stairs. I shall be willing to do as we talked of before I left, believing it will be for my interest.

Should either become dissatissfied with the other or have any other reason for which we should sepa rate before the close of the term I expect it will be done without a why or a wherefore.

If there is any thing which will prevent my board ing with you I wish you to write by return of mail that I may be able to provide myself with another home.

I think of visiting Shalersville this week & per chance I may go or come by the way of Kirt- land, but not very likely

Be assured it gave me great pleasure to learn of the safe arrival of the money & also to receive Miss Ticonderoga. Please give my respects to Mrs Daggett & the children Yours truly

R. B. C. Newcomb.

<u>Letter</u> *of* **Kline G. Shiyolk** *to* **Nathan Daggett.**
One page on 8 x 10 paper, folded to make its own wax-sealed envelope, post-marked: PLYMOUTH / Ind. / Aug / 20. *There is a large "f", for free postage. The address reads:* To The Post Master at / Kirtland / Lake County / Ohio.

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Rochester Indiana August 22^{d} 1844

Dear Sir

Will you Be Kind Enough
To Inform the undersigned whether
or not you have any knowledge of
a man In your County or State by
the name of Daniel H. Whitney. He
become Some years Since the owner of
a Lot of Land in this (Fulton) County
which Land has been Sold for Taxes and
Bought by the person from whom he
purchased It is yet Redeemable but
will Likely be Involved in a Lawsuit
If Redeemed and as I practice Law
In this County and Know all about
the circumstances connected with the
Land I wish To Know where Mr Whitney
resides that I may correspond with him
on the Subject Please Inform me
as Soon as you Receive this whether or
not you have any Knowledge of him.

Yours Respectfully

direct To Rochester In .

Kline G. Shiyolk
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Letter *of* **Chauncey Jerome** *to* **N. Daggett.**
One page on a 7 ½ by 9 sheet, which was folded to make a 3 x 5, wax-sealed envelope, post-marked: BRISTOL / Conn / MAR / 1, *and marked "25" in the corner for postage. The address reads:* N. Daggett Esq^{r} / Kirtland Lake Co / Ohio.

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Bristol Conn 27th Feby 1845

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 20th Alt came to hand in my abscence, And as I have just been favored with a perusal of same letter, I now answer the Same ~ As regards an Agent in Your Quarter ~ I have none ~ If we can make any arrangement whereby you can give me your paper payable at this place & Endorsed by some person (with Whom I am acquainted) , that is good. I will let you have the Clocks for $5.00 Each ~

I am much opposed to any kind of credit yet ~ if you wish to Engage in the business on these terms I shall be glad to furnish you with the articles

Respectfully Yours

N Daggett Esq *Chauncey Jerome*

for W J Jerome
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Letter *of* **Silas B. Waller** *to* **N. Daggett**, *written on a 10 by 16-inch sheet,which folds into four pages used for Mr. Waller's company advertising. The first page is printed advertising, the rest are left blank, for letters such as Mr. Waller's. The sheet is folded to make an envelope, with a postmark as follows:* NEW YORK / 29 / AUG / 10 cts. *The address is:* Nathan Daggett Esq / Kirtland / Lake Co / Ohio.

The printed page reads as follows:

New=York, 184

The Subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public, that they have formed a Co=partnership, under the firm of E. GREGORY & WALLER, and have taken an Office in the Store No. 11 Front Street, in the City of New=York, for the purpose of transacting a **GENERAL COMMISION BUSINESS,** where they will keep constantly on hand and for sale for city custom, **FLOUR, PORK, BUTTER, CHEESE, HAMS, &c.** with a general assortment of Groceries, such as **MOLASSES, SUGARS, TEAS, COFFEE, SEGARS, &c.** either for city or country trade, which they offer for Cash at the lowest prices.

They also solicit consignments of all kinds of **COUNTRY PRODUCE,** upon the receipt of which liberal advances will be made if desired, and sales effected with as little delay as may consist with the interest or wishes of the owners.

Respectfully,
E . GREGORY & WALLER .

EPHRAIM GREGORY
SILAS B. WALLER

[The letter is as follows:]

New York August 28th 1845

Nathan Daggett Esq

Dear Sir

You will notice by this that I have formed a copartnership in the Produce & Commission business ~ Having associated myself in business with

a man of Capital and good business capacity. I must beg leave to excuse my respectful solicitations in behalf of the undertaking, earnestly hoping you may have it in your power to advance our interest in some measure in Ohio. ~ Should you have any business yourself or those of your acquaintances requiring our services we should be pleased have you try and see what we can do for you ~ We feel confident of being able to build up a respectable trade at the same time we are aware it is a work of unceasing labor & untiring industry ~ Could you get hold of any good lots of Dairy Butter in July, you might do well to send it down to this market. Butter (sweet) in such packages will bring from 15 to 18 ¾ Cents ready and the weather about New York & vicinity has been so dry very little has been made, and I think prices will remain good through the fall. ~ Write us on receipt of this

Respectfully *S. B. Waller*

<u>Letter</u> *of* **Nathan Goodall** *to* **N. Daggett**. *Two pages on both sides of an 8 x 10 sheet:*

Green Bay Brown County W. T.
March 26, 1847

Nathan Daggett Esq[r]

My Dear Sir :

Your Letter under date of June 8, 1846 ~ Was kindly received & should have been answered long Ago – but I could do nothing with Hayward, neither have I been able to untill the present time I received his Deed to you Yesterday dated the 18th inst – giving you a Warrantee Deed of 115^{10} Acres of Land the same he originally offered to let you have. I give him for it a receipt in full for your account, & I think you are very lucky he still owes me about 160 $ & I should have been Very glad to have obtained such a piece of Land & would have given him a receipt in full for it, but I never Expect to get the first red Cent from him. I have no more Confidence in him than I have in a Menominee Indian ~ ~ All I wish to Say is I think you are lucky ~ I will Write to Stockbridge Calumet County, where the Land is located & see if the Taxes have been paid & Send the Deed and have it recorded ~ the land is located about 40 Miles South of this place & is in one of the best Townships in the County it is heavily Timbered & a good Settlement

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within 3 Miles of it – A Presbyterian Church - & good
Public House and a Saw Mill - & further South
about 7 Miles is a Methodist Church, a large
Steam Saw & Grist Mill & Store ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
I think there is no doubt as to the Title – I own lands
in the Same Neighbourhood under the same title &
Consider My Title perfectly Good ~ I Shall
be happy to hear from you on receipt of this &
probably by that time I shall be Enabled to have
got you Deed Recorded & have recieved it again ~

With Much respect I
remain Truly your humble
& Obt Servant

Nathan Goodall

July 1847 Student Register. *A list of 23 names, penned by Teacher* **Frances P. Waiste** *on one side of an 8 by 11" paper. [Our records show Nathan Daggett had one son, John H., who was born in 1852, so the relationship of the three girls listed here, to Nathan, if any, is unknown.]*

Teachers general register.

Pupils Names	*Age of Males*	*Age of Females*	*Date of Commence-ment*	*Time of continu-ance*
Charles G. Young	9	-	May 2	45 ½
Darius W. Young	7	-	May 2	53
Henry L. Young	6	-	May 2	62
Joseph M. Plaisted	8	-	May 2	59
William F. Plaisted	5	-	May 2	62
Samuel L. Billings	6	-	May 2	65
Edward N. Billings	4	-	May 2	61
Hiram B. Warren	4	-	May 2	66
Frances McCumber	4	-	May 2	22
Albert E. Crary	3	-	July 26	39 ½
Sarah A. Hart	-	16	July 26	23 ½
Emily L. Hart	-	9	May 2	59
Abigail Warren	-	15	June 19	26 ½
Minerva H. Warren	-	9	May 2	66
Elmira D. Warren	-	6	May 2	65 ½
Martha A. Plaisted	-	10	May 2	66
Harriet L. Daggett	-	9	May 2	63
Eloisa B. Daggett	-	5	May 2	61
Sarah M. Daggett	-	4	May 2	62
Martha A. Andrews	-	7	May 2	54
Emlua Crary	-	5	May 2	66
Mirinda Pitcher	-	6	July 12	11
Rachel Pitcher	-	4	July 12	11

Branches Taught: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammer, Spelling.

Frances P. Waiste.

Teacher .

Letter *of* **Harriet Sherman** *to her brother. One page on a long sheet (12 ½ inches deep, 7 ½ wide). An envelope is unknown.*

Vergennes Nove. th 3 1847 .

Dear Brother

I Received your letter last Eve and I hasten
to reply am glad to hear you are all well and
shall expect Frances in the Garland which will
be in Buffalo by the 6 she left here last week on Wedday
I think she will have a pleasant time it is here like
summer – we are in grate hurry preparing for winter
and it is a great task for me to have no one to go ahead –
but myself and Charles is not much experience in
business, but helps me all he can ~ in regard to the
Money you mention I will try to get som for you
if I can collect my rents this fall I shall have some
to spare Mr Chapman has not paid me anything yet
you must write me the longest time you can wait
and how much will due you for the first sum
I do not wish to purchase any more land - if I can
be sure of the Money again I would perfer it, & your
Mortgages and notes are good and the property is sufficient
I will take that you can Judge best for me as I know
nothing about it, my Money is all out on bond & Mortg
I let Walter have $12.00 and took a Mortgager ~
our Steam stock have not Made a dividend this 13 years
our Lake George Boat ran us in debt this year by poor
management
I have no money on hand but have some due me and
will try to Collect it in time if you send when you
require it and the necessary papers you must give
some time to Collect it ~ Mothers money is in
Bank Stock & she gets only 4 pr interest ~
we are all well but Mother she has a bad Cold is some better
Our love to all Yours Affectionately

Charity lives with Benjamin in Tankton *Harriet Sherman*
it a year since we heard from her she was well then

1 8 5 0 Church Membership Transfer *for the* **Daggetts.** *A small sheet, 5 by 10 inches, which was folded to make its own envelope. The postmark reads:* VERGENNES / Vt. / 3 / JUN, *and there is a stamped "10" for the postage. The address is:* Mr Nathan Daggett / ~~Pain~~ South-Kirtland / Ohio. *The top half of the letter is a printed form with blanks to fill in. We indicate the "fill-ins" with script:*

VERGENNES, Vermont

Feb. 20 A. D. *1850*

THIS certifies, that *Mr Nathan Daggett & his wife are* Members of the Congregational Church in this City, and as such *they are* at *their* own request, hereby affectionately recommended to the fellowship of the *Presbyterian* Church in *South Kirtland* or any other Church of Jesus Christ, with whom God in his providence may appoint *their* residence; and when thus received, *their* peculiar relation to this church will be dissolved.

By order and in behalf of the Church,

N. F. Sewitt, Moderator.

[Below the above is written:]

Dr Sir,

I have said your wife too, but I am not certain that she was a Member of this Church. There are two Ladies by names of Nancy & Rhoda Daggett on Church roll but I think on reflection they are the Names of your Mother & Sister ~ Yr friends are well .

Yrs truly, *N F S* ~

1 8 5 7 **<u>Letter</u>** *of* **S. E. Smead** *to* **N. Daggett.**
One page on a small sheet of stationery:

Friday 18th / 57 .

Mr Daggett.

Sir

I received your letter on Wednesday, will accept of the school with pleasure. As I shall be under the necessity of going to Kirtland by public conveyance, I will take the accommodation train Monday morning. If you will meet me at the Mentor station, you will oblige me much, as it will be inconvenient getting to Mr Morley's without you do.

Respectfully

Mr N Daggett. *S. E. Smead.*

1 8 6 4 **<u>Insurance Policy</u>** *of* **Eliza** *&* **Nathan Daggett.**
An 8- by 14-inch, printed form of the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Company, which we summarize. The reverse side folds into four sections, each 3 ½" wide, two of which are blank, the other two printed. One fold has a 10-cent Internal Revenue stamp at the top, below which is:

OHIO FARMERS' Insurance Company, LE ROY, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO. Chartered Feb. 8th 1848. CAPITAL, $250,000. Charter Perpetual. This Company Insures FARM PROPERTY, and Unexposed Dwellings and Barns, and their contents, At Lower Rates Than Any Other Responsible Co. Known. LOSSES Honorably Adjusted And Promptly Paid.

[The other fold contains the following:] CASH POLICY. OHIO FARMERS Insurance Company. *[Below these words is a picture of the Ohio State Capital Building, on which is stamped a postmark of the Le Roy Post Office, dated June 28, and below this:]* Policy No. 4216. Eliza & Nathan Daggett, South Kirtland, Lake Co., O. Am't Insured, $1000. Cash Premium, $6.25. Policy and Survey, - - $1.50. Expires, June 15th, 1869. *Wm Swift,* Agent.

[On the other side of the sheet is the company's letterhead, with two pictures, one of horses and sheep at a water trough, the other of a house and barn, in which the barn is being struck by lightning and is in flames. Interspersed in these are the words:] Capital $250,000, The Ohio Farmers Insurance Company, Chartered February 8th 1848, Perpetual. *[Below this, is:]* Valuation $1500, *and* Sum Insured $1000. *[The policy's wording then begins:]* By This Policy of Insurance , In Consideration of Six and 25/100 Dollars, Premium, received and hereby acknowledged, do insure Eliza & Nathan Daggett of Kirtland in the County of Lake and State of Ohio, Against

Loss or Damage by Fire or Lightning, to the Amount of One Thousand Dollars, on the following property, as described in Application and Survey No. 42168 and forming a part of this Policy. Dwelling House, Seven Hundred Dollars; Household Furniture and Clothing therein, One Hundred Fifty Dollars; Barn No. 1 Fifty Dollars; Hay, Grain and Fodder therein, Fifty Dollars; Storage House, Two Dollars; Barn No. 2, Twenty four Dollars; Hay, Grain and Fodder therein, Twenty-four Dollars.

And it is further Declared, that the said E. & N. Daggett is hereby constituted a member of this Company, and is entitled to all the rights and privileges conferred by virture of its charter. The said Company do therefore Promise and Agree, to make good unto the insured, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, all such immediate loss or damage as may happen by fire or lightning, to the property specified above, not exceeding in amount the sum insured, for the term of five years, commencing at noon on the 15 day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty four, and ending at noon on the 15 day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine ..... *[This is followed by 14 long lines of legalize in very small type. The page ends with:]*

In Witness Whereof, the President and Secretary of said Company have signed this Policy, at Westfield, the 28 day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty 4

A. G. Hawly, Secretary. *Rufus Freeman*, President.

1879 **Marriage License** *of* **John H. Daggett** *[son of Nathan Daggett]* & **Julia E. Beacher.** *A legal form measuring 10 inches wide and 14 deep, bordered by scrollwork and a floral wreath. There are cupids flying in the corners, and a picture of a marriage ceremony with over a dozen people, forming the center for lines of ornate type saying:* MARRIAGE LICENSE, STATE OF OHIO, *AND* COUNTY OF HURON. *[Below this is:]*

To any Person authorized to solemnize Marriages / IN SAID COUNTY : / YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN *[Here begins a section with blanks to fill in . Note that Miss Beacher's name is spelled two different ways:]*

Mr. John H Daggett and Miss Julia E Beacher

In Testimony Wherof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Probate Court of said County this tenth day of November Eighteen Hundred and Seventy nine

D H Fox Judge

Certificate of Marriage

This is to Certify, That by authority of a License under the Seal of the Probate Court of said County, Mr. John H. Daggett and Miss Julia E. Beecher were by me on the 12th day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Nine legally united as HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Joe H. White

Alice L Arnold *C. C. Creegan*

Eliza Daggett passed away February 23, 1874, and Nathan on April 28, 1891. He is buried in the cemetery on Chillicothe Road, ½ mile north of Chardon Road.

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The Tracy Paper of 1839

A legal paper penned in professional cursive by **Jabez Avery Tracy***, *Justice of the Peace of Painesville, Ohio. It's a conventional legal size, 7 ¾ inches wide, 12 deep, and was folded for filing to 2 ¾ by 7 ¾ . A list of costs appears in a ruled-off panel, 1 ¾ inches wide, in the upper-left corner:*

The State of Ohio Geauga County Painesville Township ss

Gurdon W Huntington	
for the use of	
David P Hall	
Summons	12 ½
Satisfac^{t}	10
Adjournment	10
Subpoen^{d}	24
S 3 Witness	12
Judg^{t}	25
C. Bon Summ^{s}	15
" " Subpn^{d}	45
Witness fees	150
Bail	25

Action in Case on the following bill of Particulars to wit Painesville Sept 5th 1837 Mr Geo Pease you will please pay the rent money to Mr D Hall that will be due on the room you rented of me for your dis't School & oblige Yours G W Huntington Endorsed this Sept 14th 1838 pay to D P Hall

D Hall

and also the following acceptance across the face to wit This order is accepted to be paid when there is money in the Treasury Geo B Pease Treasurer Summons isued February 9th 1839 Returnable on the 12th inst at 9 O Clock A.M. which was duly returned C Brownell Const endorsed served by reading, Feby 9th 1839 Parties appeared Feby 12th 1839 at 9 O Clock A.M. and by agreement cause continued till 6 O Clock this evening Subpoenas isued for R Moody L Lockwood W E Williams & Isaac Gillett Parties appeared at 6 O Clock P.M agreeably to adjournment Trial had R. Moody W E Williams and Isaac Gillett sworn and examined as witnesses After hearing the testimony of the plaintiff I am of the opinion that it is not sufficient for the plaintiff to maintain his action It is therefore considered by me that the defendant go hence without delay and recover of the plaintiff his costs herein taxed at three dollars and four Cents this 12th day of Feby A D 1839 *J. A. Tracy* Justice of the Peace

In the action of Gurdon W. Huntington for the use

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* *Information on Mr. Tracy is at the conclusion of this transcription.*

of David P Hall against Geo B Pease I, Ira C Paine acknowledge myself bail for David P Hall the appellant in the Sum of fifty dollars to be levied of my goods & chattels lands & tenemants in case the appellant shall be condemned in the action aforesaid and shall fail to pay the condemnation Money together with the interest and costs and costs that may accrue in the Court of Common Pleas Ira C Paine

Taken signed and acknowledged this

20th day Feby AD 1839 *J. A. Tracy* Justice of the Peace

[On the reverse side of the paper is the following :]

The State of Ohio Geauga County Painesville Township ss

I do hereby certify that the within is a full and true copy from my docket of the proceedings had by and before me in the within caue *J. A. Tracy* Justice of the Peace of the aforesaid Township

[On the 2 ¾ x 7 ¾" fold is the following:]

Huntington / for use of / D P Hall / vs / Geo B. Pease / This Transcript 31 ¼

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* **Jabez Avery Tracy** was born April 26, 1798 in Franklin, Connecticut. He came to Painesville and engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, **Josiah,** from 1824 to 1830. He was Justice of the Peace in 1839, 1843, and 1844, Mayor of Painesville from 1843 to 1844, a Deputy Sheriff in 1843 and 1844, and the Sheriff of Lake County in 1844.

Mr. Tracy is well known for his role in a slave escape which occurred near the Unionville Tavern in August, 1843. Two slavecatchers, Postlethwaite and McGowan of Kentucky, had slave Milton Clarke in custody. Tracy, then a Deputy Sheriff, was sympathetic to Clarke, and through his official actions, and with much help from sympathetic citizens, Clarke was disguised and helped to escape. Because of this incident, and many other similar ones, no slave was ever captured in Lake County.

In 1825, Tracy married the former **Aurelia T. Loomis**, who was born in 1795 at Lebanon, Connecticut. Jabez and Aurelia had a daughter, **Catherine**, who was born in 1825 in Painesville, and married **Thomas Hiram Morley.**

Jabez died in 1860, and Aurelia in 1873.

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