

Traversedes Sioux March 17. 1853

Dear Eliza

I hope that your writing
for the Patent Post Office will be some use to you
So I will encourage you to persevere
Let us do all the good we can Let us daily
ask for wisdom to direct us in the
right way Let

~~us~~ lay down
some good rules ~~to go by~~ Or rather
let us go by the rules laid down in the
word of God We should not forget to pray
for Victoria & Julia I hope Julia will have

a good influence over Alex's I pray much
for Eli & Rufus Frances & Harriet O what
joy it would be to have good evidence that they
were all truly converted — God is love God
is good he still hears prayer

Like as a father pitieth his children,
so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
wisdom. I pray for me that I may be faithful in
the service of God to the end of my days

I am your father A. G. Huggins
To Miss Eliza B. Huggins

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Miss Eliza M. Huggins

Patent Post Office

Denver, Colorado

March 17. 1853



Know all Men by these Presents :

That "THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS," a Corporation by law established, (having its offices of direction and business at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts,) in consideration of one dollar

paid by Alexander C. Huggins of Traverse-des-Sioux, Minnesota Territory, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby remise, release and forever quit claim unto the said Huggins all its right title and interest in and to lots number four and nine in Block number one hundred and fifteen in the city of Traverse-des-Sioux Minnesota Territory, to have and to hold the above released premises, to the said Huggins, his heirs and assigns ^{and their} to his use and behoof forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions" hath hereunto set its common seal, and hath also caused these presents to be subscribed in its behalf by William J. Hubbard the Chairman of its Prudential Committee, and by Rufus Anderson the Clerk thereof, (the officers specially designated by the Charter of the said Corporation to authenticate its deeds,) on this Eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

Signed, sealed, and delivered,
in presence of us,

the words "and their" being
first intimated

D. G. Hubbard
Francis O. Matz

Wm J Hubbard
Chairman of Prud. Com
of A. B. C. M.

R. Anderson,
Clerk of Prud. Com.



Know all men by these presents, that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, } ss.
CITY OF BOSTON, }
That "THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS," established (having its office of direction and business at Boston in the County of Suffolk, and Com-
monwealth of Massachusetts)

Be it remembered that on this 11th day of July
A. D. 1857 personally appeared *Wm. J. Hubbard*
the Chairman of the Prudential Committee of the said "American Board
of Commissioners for Foreign Missions," and *Rufus Anderson*
the Clerk of the same, (personally known to me to be the
same persons described in, and who executed the within instrument,) who
jointly and severally acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed
in their said official capacities, and the free act and deed of the said Cor-
poration.

Before me, *Francis O. Bates*
Justice of the Peace

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said "American Board of Commissioners for
Foreign Missions" hath hereunto set its common seal, and hath also caused these presents to be sub-
scribed in its behalf by *William J. Hubbard* the Chairman
of its Prudential Committee, and by *Rufus Anderson*
the Clerk thereof (the officers specially designated by the Charter of the said
Corporation to authenticate its deeds), on this 11th day of
July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

and
Signed, sealed, and delivered,
in presence of us,
John B. Hilditch
James B. Hilditch

Wm. J. Hubbard
Rufus Anderson
Francis O. Bates
Justice of the Peace

THE UNITED STATES,

In the Ramsey Investigation
To *Abner C. Higgins* Dr.

DATE
1855

To 2 days attendance as a
Witness in the said Investigation
@ \$1.25 per day
To mileage 140. miles @ 3.¢

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\$6.70

Received at St. Paul, *1855* of *Willis A.*
Gorman, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, *Chief*
\$20 Dollars in full of this account

I certify, on honor, that the above account is correct and just, and
that I have actually, this *day* of *1855* paid the
amount thereof.

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

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THE UNITED STATES,

To _____ Dr.

DATE _____

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Received at St. Paul, ----- 185 of Willis A.
Gorman, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, -----
----- Dollars in full of this account

I certify, on Honor, that the above account is correct and just, and that I have actually, this ----- day of ----- 185 paid the amount thereof.

Governor, and ex-officio Superintendant of Indian Affairs.

No.
A. G. Huggins
\$6.70
100

Traverse des Sioux January 1st 1855

Dear Friend

It is about bed time but I have been writing a little and would like to bid you a happy New Year before I go to bed O 'tis a great comfort that for the small sum of 3 cents we can have a New Years interview. May I not hope you are writing to me to night. Your step father got a letter from you last mail from which we have heard that you expected to go to teaching school I hope you will find it both pleasant and profitable. There has nothing of note transpired here since I last wrote. I am still on nettles about the timber claim I dont know what I ought to say or do to Fournier. Your step Father seems to think that it is not possible to do any other way than to go by Uncle Sams survey But I do not think Fournier has any right at all to come over your line If I had only been smart enough to have gone out there as soon as it was surveyed and straightened up, I suppose there would have been no trouble I do feel & feel deeply and sorely that I have not done my duty in this thing I deserve to be cast off by you as an unfaithful partner O that I could now remedy it But Alas! it is too late This lags as a heavy weight upon my spirits. I have not done much towards making rails yet Your step Father & I made a bargain that He would make rails as many days for me as I would haul for him. We have made about 800 rails and stakes He has helped me 8 days You will laugh but perhaps we will get a good many yet before spring I want about 3600 I expect to make mine all on the N.W. 40 of the plot I scratched for you. There is about 25 acres of it and I thought you would rather have the one the shanty is on and I did not want to make on ~~it~~ ^{there} & ~~this~~ you take it I am pretty stout Uncle John says I can make as many rails as any body but I cannot I can

average about 80 a day It is late I must close Farewell write soon
& often to your Friend A W HUGGINS

I sold old Bill to day for \$49.00 \$20. down & the rest soon
I could send you if you want it \$75.00. I hardly know what to do but
hop to hear from you again soon The cattle have been running out all
winter at some hay stacks on Mr Heweys claim I got a couple of yoke
up & hauled rails a few days They were very Buckish at first as fiery
as any horses you ever saw but they were oxen before I quit We have
had positively the handsomest Dec. that ever was seen in any country
& January bids fair to be ditto Minnesota lovely Minnesota this is
the country to live in all except the fruit I am in a terrible mess,
fuss or distress about where to put my field I picked out a place
once and broke nearly 2 acres but I have been thinking of changing
and coming up to my north line, north of the sugar trees I wish you
were here to advise me but you are not & I do not know what to do I
do not exactly like the idea of living over out of sight facing all
those Marshes Still in the hill side over by the water hole would be
a good place for a root house cowsheds &c. &c. and there is the
water too good all the year One argument against another I find it
very difficult to decide but decide I must and I think it likely that
when you come back you will see 10 or 15 acres under cultivation just
south of Doctors Marsh If I am spared.

The clock is striking eleven only one more hour remains of the
first day of the New Year. What changes have taken place during the
last year! God only knows what changes will take place this year I
feel sorry & ashamed to see how I have commenced this year How little
I have thought of God O that I may spend 1855 better than 1854 But
I must stop my Egotism Give my love to grandmother I have written to
Uncle Isaac No more at present

A W HUGGINS

Traverses Dis. Sioux Min Ter

April 9th 1856

This Agreement Made and Entered into
this 9th day of April A.D. 1856 Between
A. G. Huggins of the first part and Martin
Simons of the second part witnesseth the
party of the first part agrees to let the party of
the second part have one Cow for the term of
Four years and in Consideration thereof the party
of the second part agrees to return the same
Cow or one worth as much and also the first
Calf or in Case it Should die another one worth
as good The said property to be returned
in as good order as when received and returned
the 9th day of April A.D. 1860

A. G. Huggins
Martin Simons

M. Simons Cow

April 11th 1860

Received the first calf
of the cow

Charles Simons
of the same



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