



Horatio P. Van Cleve and
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Darwin Prairie Mo
June 16th 1840

Dear Dan

Yesterday's mail brought us a letter directed to you from Brownstown, - Also Cultivator and also a letter from Mayr Street, enclosing a Certificate of Deposit in the Bank of the State of Missouri for the sum of \$75.50, - made payable to yr order, - which I herewith enclose. I regret that you did not get the money at St Louis, - but recollect this money holds for 5 to 10 per cent premium over Gls, Kentucky & funds -

We have no news, - all are well as usual, - it has been quite lonely for several days with us

I had a letter from George Brown
yesterday, - he states that yr
Father's estate is safe, and in
the hands of Abraham T. Brown
now living in Rochester.
I am now at work in the corn
next Mr Hampton, - it was covered
with the harrow, - and I find that
there is too much corn up, - I
am thinning it, - it looks quite
promising. -

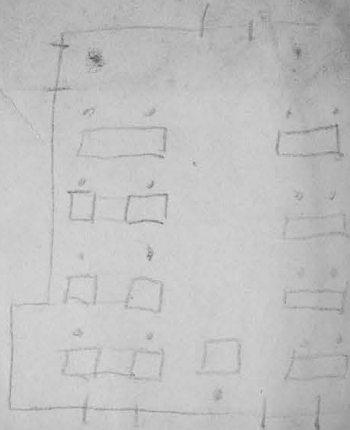
I suppose Mayr Gwynne (one
of the Keepers) will charge you
nothing for showing old Flip.
But be careful to ask the old
man no questions, - because
the immortal Gwynne, Wright,
& Co. would be offended at yr want
of sympathy and generous consider-
-ation. I have taken the little
boy, he is small, but quite a pretty
boy. - Louisa is inclined to take

the little girl his sister, - she is
older -

Louisa sends much love
to Mrs C. & family, also to Char-
lotte, Mabel & yourself.
Remember me to Mrs C. &
family, to Charlotte & Mabel.
Yours affectionately
C. C. Davenport

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Darcip Prairie Mo Free
June 16th 1840 C. C. Darcip

P. M.
H. P. Van Clive Esq.
George St.
Cincinnati
Ohio



La Porte Indiana Jan. 22nd 1840.

You will see by my date, my dear mother that we have left Flat Rock and are so far advanced on our journey we turned our faces towards Mississippi a week ago, and made a visit of a day at Ypilanti, where we found a new little nephew, a few days old viz. Augustus Fanclove. All seemed much delighted and ^{well} satisfied, with the young stranger excepting Marty, who says she wished it had been a girl. He is a fine large child and Marty is much afraid he will be too clumsy. We are now about 170 miles from Ypilanti and thus far our journey has been as pleasant as we could expect for this season of the year and we feel as if we should be very thankful for having been so mercifully protected thus far. A man who is going to Iowa will bear us company most of the way and he is a great assistance to Horatio. He has travelled the road before, and on that account we are glad to have his company. If our lives are spared and we meet with no unlooked for detentions, we expect to be at Laveys Prairie in about two weeks. You may imagine from anxious we are to get there for you know traveling is never very pleasant when you have the charges of a child, and more especially at

this season of the year. I feel extremely anxious to hear from you and beg of you to answer this as soon as you receive it directing your letter to Davis Prairie Lewis Co. Missouri. How are the children, and when have you heard from dear Malcolm? I often wish he could see his Mamelake, I am sure he would feel proud of him. How I long to see you all, but I hope it will not be long before we are again united, and I pray our Heavenly Father that the remainder of our lives may be spent together. When we find a home dear mother, our happiness will be increased if you will consent to share it with us, and bring our dear sister and her little home with us. I should really like to hear a word of her now and then from Mary. Tell her if she could see her dear nephew now she would feel more anxious than ever to give him a good squeeze and she would bid too that he could squeeze back again pretty substantially. He is a dear child and learns to talk plainly very fast. He has been very anxious all the evening to write to "Gansma" I think he will have to add a few words.

Let not the Seymour blood of my dear sister Mary grow too warm, when she hears that we are traveling in a covered wagon such as all our men use, for I assure you it is exceedingly comfortable and although it seems strange to me that we are moving in a covered wagon still it does not hurt my feelings in the least. Do not think that I forget that I have the honor of being in the native state of my illustrious father on the contrary it was the first idea that cropped my mind on entering within its boundaries.

My mother is getting sleepy and I must leave my letter lying down to all my friends and to the children I am very anxious to see them I assure you do not let them forget me. When we arrive at our new home I shall if possible let you know in order that you may be relieved from all anxiety. You may feel on our account, for they must good bye, Horatio and Mary. May Heaven bless and keep you all from harm.

Your affectionate daughter
Charlotte
Malcolm sends his love to "Gansma" and sister.
little Malcolm



1845
Miss Charlotte A. Clark
George Street
Cincinnati
Ohio

St. Louis

Dayton July 20 Monday

[1840,
1846, or
1857??]

Two years of the 18th In. too late to return
by the return mail yet. ~~by~~ this morning
but as you request herewith enclose you \$500.
I was not a little disappointed to learn on our
return that you had aimed at Cincinnati
longer flitting you may think your prospect
I cannot but believe that it would have
been much better for you had you remained
in the country you have left: a judicious
selection than at some promiscuous point, in
 Iowa or Illinois. Even in the business you now
propose could not but have seemed to you
all that you can expect at Cincinnati
and would have placed you in a situation
to have become acquainted and with your
good habits and qualifications must have
seemed to you all the benefits of the
future growth of the country. To have realized
these advantages I promised if unable to
come from your own return to assist
you in securing a property. at the present
time I did not believe an investment and
one made to advantage. The people
in the far West do not appear to realize
to carry which they are to realize. That a
year or two hence will be the proper time
to purchase for cash.

I am gratified to find you encouraged
with the prospects before you and hope that

you him probably desired your plans. Can
you get along without capital. without
incurring Mr Clark who I conclude has
already as many cans as he can manage
comfortably. you should act with such
caution that should the enterprise fail
it will not embarrass yourself or Mr Clark
of the wages you should be able to determine
and act accordingly

After we left you we spent a few
days at Quincy. Crossed from there to Naples
on the Illiana. and took a steam boat
200 miles to Peoria. This looks an excellent
line of stages upwards of 100 miles to Chicago
then spent a few days and embarked
on board the great western and have a
very pleasant voyage to Detroit. On our
way stopped and spent a day at Monroe
and then at Detroit and a few friends
went up the river and spent 10 days
at Oshkosh. Planned to return and took
a steam boat to Sandusky. On our
way met Eliza and Mr Witherby
at Columbus on their way to the
Lakes. &c. the rest of our time was taken
I expected to see him

Remains affectionately to
Chautau and all our family
your friend H G Phillips

Dr. Benson is going to the East in a few
days Lucy goes with him



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Mr. H. J. Vander

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Cincinnati

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1850.
J. H. P.

Cincinnati Oct. 23 1841.

My dear Sister

Your letter was rec^d a few days since, and you may rest assured it made our hearts glad to hear from you. We had not before heard that you were in Michigan, although we learned from Elizabeth Worthington that you had started for that region. I hope you may soon find some escort to bring you this way for I am anxious to see your face once more. Uncle Phillips was here a few days since, and said that he expected to go to Maumee soon, and thought it was probable he would go as far as Upsilanti, and bring you down.

I was glad to learn that John was doing so well on his farm; you were much mistaken in supposing that he wrote to me all about his crops, his stock his prospects &c. Far from it, John's letters are like angels' visits: altogether unheard of, at the present day. And: Hous writes just as often. Neither of them would write to day if it wd answer as well to write tomorrow, and tomorrow is never present, but always to come. I know them well and have known them for many years. — You tell me nothing about Hous or what he is doing but merely say that he is going to write soon. Sid was always going to, as

Hours will tell you. — Tell John that we have changed our quarters since he was here. We now live at the North West corner of Broadway & 4th Street, a few doors from the Episcopal Church which is opposite Worthingtons.

Your room is ready for you. It is pleasantly situated, and from it you can have a fine view of the Country about Lexington in Kentucky. We are very anxious to see you, and are looking forward with much pleasure to the time that you will spend with us. I wish much that Hours could accompany ^{us} & we should be delighted to see him. But when you have an opportunity to come do not wait for him, for he cannot start before next week and we will not see you before next fall. Do persuade Hours to sit down and write to me, in answer to some of my letters. I have written some that I feel very anxious to have answered. I have often thought I should like to keep up a correspondence with the different members of our family; but they do not consider it worth their trouble. Has Hours any notion of taking a wife? Does he think he will do well at Upsilanti? Has Upsilanti improved any since I saw it? How many churches have they? Does Mr Weed still preach there? What kind of a preacher have they in the Episcopal Church? Is he a godly man? Does he preach like one who feels that he must soon be called upon to give an account of his Stewardship? Or does he fear to declare the whole Counsel of God lest he may wound

The tender feelings of some of his hearers? You must come prepared to tell a great deal of news.

I think you will be pleased with Ohio. It is a fertile Country and many of the farms are well improved. There are some very pretty towns to be seen. If you sh^d come by the way of Columbus, you must not forget to visit the Lunatic Asylum, Prison &c. The Asylum is said to be one of the best regulated in the Western Country. — Dayton is a pretty town. Cincinnati is increasing very rapidly. More than 800 houses have been built this year, and it is calculated that the number will exceed 1000 by the close of the year. It has been very healthy this year. I think it is one of the healthiest places in the West.

We are all blessed with good health.

Charlotte joins with me in love to all. Farewell. May God bless you my dear Sister. — Horatio.



D. B. H.

*J. W. Vancleve Esq.
For Miss M. F. Vancleve*

*Gpsilanti
Mich.*

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Dayton, Aug. 4, 1841

My dear Sister

I cannot let Mr. Estlin go to Phil^a without sending a word to you. Our School closed for the summer on the 16th of July, and, on the next Tuesday we had a visit from John & Alfred Hunter. They spent a day in Cincinnati, and on the following day we accompanied ~~with~~ them to this place. We have now spent a couple of weeks with our friends here, and calculate to return to Cin.^t in two or three days. John & Alfred returned to Michigan about ten days since. So much for our movements. This evening Mr. Estlin leaves for Phil^a. I would be glad if you could make it convenient to accompany him on his return west. If you do not visit us now, I do not ^{know} when I may calculate to see your face again. To make a journey to the East with my family, wd be too great an undertaking for me to think of at present. And I have heard since I have been here that you think of leaving the State of single blessedness next spring, after which all hopes of seeing you west must be given up. —

I was very sorry to hear from John that Noah was

very low-spirited. He needs something to rouse him. It would have been well for him to have married some years since, but he was too proud to marry without the means of supporting a wife handsomely. We sh^d write to him frequently and try to rouse him.

I was surprised to learn a short time since that Uncle Houston was married. The first intimation I had of it, was from a notice in the Presbyterian. I sincerely hope that his wife may add to his comfort and happiness. They have my sincere wishes for their happiness.

Do you ever hear from Sister Mary Anna. She has discarded me altogether; I have thought it hard-very hard.

Mr Este is now bidding good bye, so I must bring this to a close - May God bless you my dear sister, - Charlotte sends much love. - I asked Malcolm what I sh^d say to his aunt Margaret; he said, "Tell her to give me a letter and give me her love; Father I don't know any more things."

Very affectionately dear Sister
Your brother Horatio.

Give much love to Uncle & Aunt.

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him.

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Hor. P.V.

Aug 4 '41

Miss M. F. Van Lear

Philadelphia

Pa.

Wm D. Ester

Cincinnati Apr 2^d 1841.

My dear sister

We were glad to hear from you, a day or two since (on the 31st ult.) Messrs. Dick. He called on his way home and had time to spend but a few moments with us. He delivered your letter and the package. The models will answer very well, my dear sister, and I am really very much indebted to you for them. There were ten numbers: Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4, of the Vermont Episcopal Institute, Nos 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 of the London work by Fairland. No 2 of the latter was not sent. I think they were not dear, but as I never purchased any I am not a judge. We feel very much encouraged about our prospects here. Our school increases gradually, and I believe it stands below none in the city in, character, although it has been but a little more than half a year in operation. We are now doing better than our friends here anticipated, and we have reason to believe that our school will, in a few months more, enable us to pay all the expenses incurred, in establishing ourselves. — We are in a convenient house, in a very pleasant part of the city. The lower rooms are connected by folding doors, and are very suitable school rooms. In the rear is a dining room

and back of that a kitchen. Our sitting room is up in the second story. From it we have a fine view of the gardens of our neighbors on the opposite side of the street. The little room over the hall, that you are to occupy when you come to pay us a visit, overlooks these same gardens. Our bed room is back of the sitting room. Our time is very much occupied of course, but we are contented and happy as we can expect to be in this world. God has blessed and prospered us far above our deserts. What more c^d we ask? We and our little ~~only~~ enjoy good health, and we are under the care of a kind parent, who sees all our necessities and never suffers us to want. How apt we are to forget all God's goodness to us, and how backward to trust to his care. In adversity how soon we despond; in prosperity as soon forget our benefactor.

We have not heard from Louy since I last wrote. Of course I have not heard from my brothers, they never write. I do not know what is the reason, but I have sometimes thought, I did not possess the happy faculty of making friends, or of retaining them if made. You, Louisa & Leaviss are my only correspondents. Dick says his father thinks of going to the East this summer. If he does, I wish you c^d arrange it so that you c^d come

and pay us a visit. Uncle told me last winter, he thought he w^d go, and if he sh^d he w^d try to bring you back with him. — I am sorry to hear that uncle Houston suffers from low spirits. I am surprised that one so constantly occupied as he must be, should suffer from such a cause. I sh^d like much to pay you all a visit, but such a thing I do not dream of. I may in the course of five years, but not much sooner. By that time you may be married. Who knows? — When you get into the new establishment you must give me some account of it. Dick says it is a very pretty place and within three miles of the city. Give much love to uncle. I ~~trust~~ the return of good roads, the pleasant wea^{ther} of spring, and the bustle of business will tend to ~~revive~~ ^{revive} the spirits of all. And may God bless you all, and keep you in health. We sh^d constantly bear in mind that the time allotted us in this world is short and we sh^d so improve it that we might enjoy a happier inheritance hereafter. Our parents, who but a few years since were with us, have been called home, and we must soon follow them and give place to another generation. We will soon be forgotten here, but our souls will live forever. May God keep you in the way of truth and may you never forget your Savior.

Your letters heretofore have been properly directed. I go to the post office almost daily, and there is no other of our name in the City.

I shall be glad to hear from my dear sister frequently. Your brother Horatio.

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L. Houston Esq.

For Miss M. F. Vanclene

Philadelphia

Pa.



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Cincinnati March 20, 1841

My dear Sister

I have but time to say a few words and that on business. My time has been very much occupied of late, so much so that I find very few moments of leisure, in the course of a day, that I can devote to exercise. Notwithstanding the close confinement my health continues very good. Our little one has been very sick since I last wrote to you; through the goodness of our God, who is ever merciful, she has recovered, and now enjoys excellent health. I wish, dear sister, you could see our little ones. Malcolm is a fine stout boy, and, of course, bright. Although he is now three years old we have not yet taken the trouble to teach him his letters. We expect to let him run at large, and learn what he pleases till he is four or five. Our little daughter, whom we have named, Anna Houston, after our mother, is much more sprightly and much prettier than Malcolm was at her age. I think you would love them if you

were to know them. You must certainly make up
your mind to pay us a visit next summer. All your
friends out West would like to see you.

But it is time I should mention my business.
I wish to learn who has the settlement of
Mr Voorhes' estate, — There was a small amount
coming to ^{me} after you should come of age, and I want
to know, what prospect there is of my getting it.
As you will soon be of age, I wish to know to
whom I must write for this information. I am
very much in need of funds at present and the
sooner I can get it the better. We have been obliged
to incur a good many extra expenses in starting
our school. Rents are very high, and we can't
well keep school out of doors; Boarding is
expensive, and Doctors bills are not small. —
Our school however is increasing and we
would now be able to meet our daily expen-
ses, were it not for our back expenses.
From what I have said you must not think

I am at all involved in debt. About \$400
would set me straight, and I understood
two or three years since that there would be
about \$800, coming to me. If you can give
me the information, I would be glad
if you would let me know as soon as
possible, to whom I must apply.

Charlotte sends much love. Give
much love to uncle, William &c
May God bless you my dear sister
Your brother Horatio.

HPV



C. Houston Esq.
For Miss M. F. Vancleve
Philadelphia
Pa

Since writing, this
I have thought that
there must be a defi-
ciency of good school
teachers from the
fact that Mr. Childs
sending his children
to Cincinnati, do you
know how it is?
I first mention their
things so that if you
say any thing even
saying, you can let
it pass, the next
of possible to mention
our plans well before
we settle any, for
I before remarks
that more, if we not
next time since and I at-
tend last day
Young Charles.
1840.

Another sick and it appears to me I would give all that I am
worth, yes and more, for that would be a very little, to be with
you, my health is very delicate and it seems as if nothing
would do me so much good as to be with mother. But this I
suppose is out of the question for a poor farmer's wife and
I must not talk, or think about it; never theless if I
get better you may possibly see me sometime before next Chri-
mas. Don't be alarmed about my health, I think there is no-
thing dangerous in my case, my system has become much
debilitated by frequent attacks of the ague, and a little fatigue
appears to overcome me, and often brings on a slight attack
of chill and fever. Besides this my symptoms have been strongly
existed of late as it regards something else, but I will write more
fully when they become more confirmed, for the present do
not breathe a word to any one, lest it might reach the ears
of a certain fair cousin on fourth street and then its trip
up the canal, would be but the work of a day.
I have written a page and have not told you that Louisa
has a fine daughter about 5 days old, who weighed 10 1/4

The morning after she was born. What do you think of this
souri? Mother and daughter are doing very well, I believe
they intend calling her Mary Houston.

If such an accident should happen to me, I think I should
try very hard to be with you, they have curious ways of
managing in this country.

I have the prospect of getting a very good school in an
~~out of the way~~ place, as soon as they complete the school house
and if my health permits, I shall like the undertaking
much. We are very unsettled yet, as to our plans for the fu-
ture. Rask is very fond of farming and as he becomes stronger
he feels as if he should do very ^{well} on a farm, then sometimes he
wishes he could get a good school, where he could realize

things pretty comfortable. This last plan is my wife
like farming very much, but in our case, I have too ^{many}
objections to it, viz^t it takes some capital to buy and
carry on a farm that is any thing like improved, more
I am afraid than we could raise, 2^d it seems to be much
out of our line of business and I am fearful that Rask's
want of practical knowledge might cause him to suffer much.

Another serious objection to farming in this state, is Slavery
we will not own slaves, that is out of the question, as to
hiring them of their masters, that is about as bad we would
not do that, then our alternative is to hire white servants
which they say is impossible, we cannot do every thing
ourselves, then how can we farm? If we attempted it we
should of course try to hire whites, but we want to
look well about us before we settle on any plan, for we

cannot afford to make many more moves. Now my heart
my inclinations and feelings tend towards a school in some
village, town or city, where we could live respectably and
comfortably upon our earnings, and enjoy many privileges
which we have so long been denied. Should we decide
upon any such plan, we should of course try and find
out where would be the best place.

Satisfied on that head we would try and arrange it as
as ^{all of us} could together. One thing is certain, I will not go far-
ther from you than I am now, I am decided on that
head, and being almost of age I mean to assert my
rights. Three places rise up in my mind, Cincinnati
Dayton or Springfield, the first I suppose is already
flooded with schools, I do not know how it is now.

but I do think that in either of the other two
places a first-rate school (and that is the kind we should
teach) might be very well supported. I believe Rask is
well calculated to be superintendent of such an insti-
tution, and between yourself Mary and me, it seems to
me we could not fail to have a good boarding-
school at all ^{our} time. If you like the

it practicable, you might just make some inquiries
and let us know, it would do us no harm and might
be of benefit to us. I have faith unshaken faith that we
shall one day be thus employed, if our lives are spared
for it seems to me our education was not given to us
to bury in a napkin, or I might rather say in a corn-
field, and therefore if we pray to be guided in the right
way surely God will open a way for us to turn our

to account. Pray for us dear mother that we may
 be guided in the right way, and may not in the inter-
 mediate time take care of us, and speedily write us.
 I received a letter from Malcolm a few weeks since and
 have answered it immediately had I been well
 enough, please tell him this for me when you write or
 see him and say also that I shall write to him soon.

Y

Eliza Francis Mo.

May 4th 1840

Mr. Bartlett & Co.

George Street

Cincinnati

Ohio

at 10 o'clock as you
 allow you to make such mother me
 shall be delighted to hear from you
 your letters do us much good God bless
 you all and shield you from all harm

and direct my letter to Cincinnati, his letter was
 very affectionate and I was much gratified with it
 Dear boy I pray that God has still much good in store
 for him. Horatio and Malcolm are in very good health
 for which blessing I desire to be very thankful both for
 me in love to all of you. I am glad to hear that Charles
 and Carry are well and still with you give much love
 to them both. Tell the dear children I think of them all
 very often and would be delighted to see them.

Know all men by these presents that I
Horatio P. Vanelev of Cincinnati Ohio have
and by these presents do make and constitute and
appoint George H. Brown of the County of
Somerset & State of New Jersey my ^{lawful}
Attorney for me ^{and} my name and to my use
to demand & receive of Abraham O. Voorhees
Executor of Robert Voorhees deceased who was a son
of Dr John Vanelev deceased all moneys due
to me or to grow due to me from the Estate of
the said Dr Vanelev and in my name to give
proper discharges & releases to the said Abraham
O Voorhees Executor as aforesaid for all moneys
property and effects received from him as afore-
said and to make a final settlement with
the said Executor, Abraham O Voorhees of my
interest in the said Estate; and to give legal
and free discharge therefor as fully as I my-
self could do if personally present

whereof I have herewith set my hand & seal
this day of _____ in the
year Eighteen hundred and forty six.

Sealed & Delivered
in the presence of

State of Ohio

City of Cincinnati

Be it remembered
that on the 14th day

of, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred
And forty one, personally appeared before
the Subscriber.

Aratus P. Manclive who was satisfied the
person named in the foregoing letter of Attorney;
and having first made known to him the
contents thereof, he acknowledged that he signed
sealed & delivered the same as his voluntary
act; and also

that he had no other business before
a Court of Equity or a Court of any State.
The receipt of a copy of the foregoing
Deed of Manclive

Jersey June 9. 1841

Dear A. The foregoing power of atty. & acknowledgment
through my company were to enable the executors to put
my discharge upon the file of the Orphans Court after a
final settlement. I mentioned in a letter enclosing a copy
- Cate of deposit for \$452 per date June 4 (1841) (please
acknowledge receipt) that in a report of the
in detail of the property of the
- Deed of the estate of R. Bookers
R. Bookers with the March 1841
Mr. S. Gibson took a mortgage for \$500 in part of the
made some improvements before say \$1000. The mortgage is now
in suit. The principal interest & cost amount to say \$4000.
I was not willing to take the mortgage for any of the parties I
represent as cash (feeling some loss upon it) & the executor
was unwilling to make any statement or to guarantee.
I see no way of getting out this improvement unless the
legators will all agree that I shall receive it & divide
the loss ratiably if there be a loss.
2. I think the estate of R. Bookers legally bound to make good
two notes received by them for rent of the new house &
amounting to \$540. & interest from 1834. Given by J. M. Howell
& Dunn. I think both notes might have been collected.
The executor declines to make good this amount being part of it.
I would not advise a lawsuit. The expense would be considerable &
the delay indefinite. The Orphans Court has ordered the executors
to for the prompt administration of the estate.
3. Next. It was admitted that the executor in the account
of R. Bookers as settled in 1834 of \$1000. Directed \$250. The
error must be returned upon motion to the Orphans
Orphans Court, but will not occasion much delay.
Write your wishes respecting these several matters. If
it were my own case I would settle upon the best terms
to be had without litigation, if I had immediate occasion
for the money. I think upon the final settlement the amt.
due to each heir, including what has been received will

from \$4300. to \$4500. but later on account of an
error in adjusting the above figures. You have rec'd
with what I have sent you \$3500. & then will be
due you still \$100 to \$1000.

The expenses deducted from amt forwarded to you
are for printing by getting copies of will, inventory, account
of R. Brown & for going over to New Brunswick & twice
to Princeton. Cost of binding of paper \$2.75

Printing expenses

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Ben. H. Brown
Jan 1846
due Jan 1846

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Wm. H. Brown
1846

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Beautified by me at Princeton & find nothing
at Princeton. That I have \$3.65 more than the
actual expenses. The other for same way I deducted
from all I have. Please write more at length.
I am sorry we should be so far separated. But
do not forget I mean that by friendship -
very affly
your friend & house

J. H. Brown

Aspen Hill N.Y. Jan 4 1841

Dear A.

I attended yesterday, for the purpose of making a final settlement of your father's estate, at Princeton - but John & Houghton not being represented & for other reasons, I cannot do so - I draw for you however \$465. which (expenses deducted of which I will give you a full account shortly) you will find enclosed. There will be done on the final settlement, I think \$700 more - But I have particular for the present being much pressed for time. I prepared the certificate of deposit enclosed to be drafted on Philadelphia. It is worth more here - I shall write next week - Remember me to your wife whom I hope soon to see & know

Very affly

Your friend

G. H. Brown

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P.S. The Princeton Bank corresponds with
the Mechanics Bank of Philadelphia -
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Linnville N. H. Dec. 25. 1841

Dear A.

I regret to say that by letter
just rec^d from Mr Brooks he declines
making any more payments until a final
settlement. I write as follows

"I hereby give you notice as attorney
for those you represent that the large
House lot of Mr Mangant & Gibson in
Main Street in this borough is advertised
for sale by our Sheriff (Christie) at
the Masons House on Monday the 3rd
of January next by virtue of foreclosure
of Mortgage belonging to the estate of Dr
John Vanhook dec^d & am I am
authorized by the heirs to be present
be present, I fear it will not bring half
its value in these hard times."

In this predicament I know not

What to advise. If I were sold here
I would buy, rather than suffer the
property to be sold for less than the
mortgage debt, interest, & loss. For in
the latter case you must look to
a suit against the executor (uncertain
in its result) for reimbursement.

If you think it proper so to do
write to the other heirs saying so that
I may have instructions from them.
As well as yourself, before the day of
sale what to do in the matter -

I would write myself but am
just now much occupied & the
matter will not admit of delay.

Very truly yours

Edw. H. Brown

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Very truly yours

Wm. H. Brown

G. H. Brown

Dear Sir,

to the executor (in consequence of
your inquiry) for \$200. on
Darius' account. If he (the executor)
has cash on hand, I do not doubt
that he will advance so much &
if not, I will remiss him; & if
not, inform you of it.

I am not able to proceed
in the settlement of the estate without
the intervention & consequent delay of
Court, partly because Houston & John
have no agents here (tho. they have
been repeatedly obliged to appear
themselves) and partly because there
are some matters which Mr Davis
thinks ought to be litigated. I have
lately thought that an arbitration
would be, perhaps, the most speedy
& satisfactory mode of settling
the disputed points.

Please to remember me kindly
to Mrs Underwood, whom I have not
seen, I still feel to be a cousin
& whom you write again to tell me
something of yourself & family &
business. &c. —

We are in much health. Both
I wife well when I last heard from
them. W. M. is at sea, has gone
to the sum on of the East India Islands,
partly for benefit of his health & partly
upon a mercantile adventure. He
has given up the study of Law, which
I regret, for I think he had talents
for the profession.

Very truly yours
Your friend & cousin

J. J. W. Perkins



D.B.

Amelia P. Vanderby
Cincinnati
Ohio -

Nov 8 1841
New York

Cambridge April 14. 1841

Dear Horatio

I recd your favour of date the
5th instant on the 11th in order to
represent you fully as to receive & give
a proper discharge for your business
share of your father's estate, it will
be necessary for me to have a formal
power of attorney in the following effect.

Know all men by these presents, that
I, Horatio Vanevor, of the City of Cambridge
and State of Ohio do make constitute &
appoint George H. Brown of the County
of Monroe & State of New Jersey my
lawful attorney for me & in my name
& to my use to demand & receive of
Abraham D. Voorhies executor of Robert
Voorhies deceased who was executor of
the late Doctor John Vanevor of said
State of New Jersey now deceased, any
moneys due or to grow due to me from
the estate of the said Doctor John
Vanevor & in my name to give

properly to the land
Abraham & Sarah, I do I perform
all other acts of the business the
business is fully in my own hand
do if I were personally present acting
them.

In haste when I have had
time to set my hand. I deal this
day of

In answer to your letter in case you wish
to receive your portion of the estate
without formal attendance. Please
inform what amounts you have received
and the date so that I may compare
with the account of the executor -
I in case I receive any more from
I shall forward it.

I will give my attention to the
matter with great cheerfulness, but
as consequence to other engagements I can
not do so until about May 1st next.
Mean time I hope to hear from you.

I thank you for your kind
letters & remember me to all
upon the same. I am sure
as you may judge I am
Please for my mother to give
Ledy & I believe very early
yours

J. H. M. M. M.

P. S. Suppose the executor has good bonds
& mortgages upon which he cannot
get the money back will you
see him about it.

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Wm. P. Nucleon Esq
Cincinnati
Ohio

Recd. Nucleon Esq. Apr. 21. 1861

Wm. P. Nucleon

Lewis Prairie May 6th 1841-

My dearest Horatio

The last mails brought us the pleasing intelligence that you were the happy father of a charming little girl, I rejoice with you my dear brother and hope that she may live to be a blessing and an honor to you & your family. Give much love to Ellen & tell her I send her a mother's congratulations. I am glad to hear that she is so well. I ^{would} love to see the little stranger, but I fear she will be quite a lap before I have that pleasure. I like the name you propose giving your daughter, but that is a subject upon which I never proffer advice, as every parent ought to suit their tastes in the names of their children. I am glad to hear that Malcolm has recovered his health. His flesh & color ~~is~~ ^{is} not like to see those plump & rosy cheeks pale & emaciated, as you described them in the summer. Willy is quite delighted to hear that Malcolm has a sister. He really danced for joy. Mary is sitting in her little chair by my side, amusing herself with her playthings, and Willie is playing at my feet. Mary has become quite hearty, & is a lovely, lively, playful little creature, too much the idol of us all, I fear. She plays "peek-a-boo", "patty-cake", & has a great many amusing tricks. ~~She~~ ^{She} has become quite a docile, obedient child. She of late learned a number of hymns, the Creed & the Lord's prayer. I gave you all this details because you are a fond father, and as a dear brother to me feel some interest in my little ones. Bishop Kemper of St. Louis & Dr. Payne of Palmyra made us a visit about two months since, the Bishop preached for us twice, we had little pups baptized. I received a long letter from uncle Phillips about a week since, which I have since answered.

I felt extremely gratified to hear from uncle; he certainly evinces a great deal of interest in our family, for which he should have our warmest gratitude. He speaks affectionately of you & encouragingly of your prospects. I have not heard from Ypsilanti for some time, but it is my own fault as I have been delatory about writing. I was in hopes of hearing that Aunt had succeeded in his electrotyping business, but as you say nothing of it I fear he has been disappointed, or we would have heard of it.

We are ^{now} sitting by a comfortable fire in the room, your occupied last winter. Our chimneys were completed some time since, & we enjoy the sight of a good cheerful fire very much. I do not however think a fire place as safe for children as a stove. The chimneys are neatly put up, and draw very well. We have had a fruitful season, and have an abundance of the necessities of life, my children are in good health, and I never saw them look better, for all of which mercies, we owe a debt of gratitude to the God of our lives, and the Giver of all our blessings.

Give much love to cousin Elizabeth, and to all my Dayton friends. Remember me kindly to Mrs. Clark, and my respects to Mr. Clarke. Keep your little ones for me, and receive for yourself & Charlotte my warmest New Year's wishes for your prosperity & happiness.

Ever your affectionate sister Loug
I wrote as soon again, if it be but a few lines, I will feel anxious to hear from Charlotte & the little lady. I have not heard of any prospects of May's marrying; had we there, I know she would have written me. I am acquainted with Mr. Johnston, he has been an admirer nearly five years, and I think May likes him. I would not be surprised if we have him yet for a brother-in-law. Of the other bean, I know nothing, being rich, he would probably be under a charm. I hope May will send her love to your dear brother.

My Dear Ruth. We received your letter, giving us the gratifying intelligence that Charlotte & yourself have followed for example, & I trust you will take as much pleasure in carrying the little daughter as I have done. I was much pleased to hear of Aunt's success in her business, & I trust she has urged up Aunt Henson to lend some assistance to yourself & brother; Although Mr. H. has declined to do so as yet, the suggestions of Mr. P. may have some weight and produce fruit before long. I regret my inability to meet my obligations to you, - I have not received a cent from Ruth as yet, I hope however to make something before long, and to be fully able to discharge my dues to you, - the money for the horse has not been collected. - I suppose you got Hensman's letter, - I turned his letter outside in, and sent it on, - he stated that if you w. send him receipts, for the amount he w. send the money, - write the Receipts for H. I don't know if the executors of Pierre Conger &c. - My family have all had good health since you left us. - we have no news which you will look for from this quarter. Ruth I feel the want of Society, - Solly, Mary and weeks pass away without our seeing a single individual besides our own household, - or can we be travelling on the road. - But how to better

I suppose you will be pleased to learn that
 Martin, Peter & Duster all seem to enjoy them-
 selves. Duster has taken a great fancy to follow
 me, - last fall I went to the Muster, and Duster
 followed, - he got lost in the crowd, and did not get
 home for 2 days, but all had almost gone into mourning.

Davis's Prairie Mo.
 Jan 11th 1841

C. C. Davis

P. M.

H. P. Van Cleve Esq.

Cincinnati 120

I recd a letter from Sat Clarke the other day, - he
 was married about the 3rd Nov to Eliza Jones from Greek
 Bay - Alas Maryant has lost her life - Eliza is a fine
 girl, but was too old for him, - his brother died about the
 time that Whitehorn did. Sat says that if ever he comes
 down the River he will call to see you. Give my kind
 remembrance to Malinda Clark & family
 Yours truly C. C. Davis