



Frederick P. Leavenworth Papers.

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I am glad Roger Pryor was not
killed. Make my regards to the Doctor.
I shall write to the Express soon, and
you must then take that paper.

Tell me how Betty Lyon is, and
all the girls. I am almost sick for
want of the sight of a decent woman.

The chambermaids here are British,
and instead of "cleaning up one's room"
make a sty of it. I have found one
or two people however who are worth
making friends of, that is, people who
take the flies out of the coffee and don't
put a mouthful in without taking
the feathers or hair or sticks out of
it first. Winter approaches, when

the mails will be irregular.
I fear. Don't fail to write
to me. I shan't stay here
over three years. I shall
go West, or to Kansas. That
climate I think would suit me
better, although I haven't been sick
a day here. Don't be surprised at
my not writing, as I am often 20
miles out on horse back.

Sincerely Yours F. M. L. Larnum

Answered Sept. 16th

St Peter N. T.
Sept. 2nd 1856

Dear Aunt

I do not know where to
write to reach father or Nellie, and
at any rate, since they have taken
to travelling on Northern railroads, I
have renounced them, and left
them to the care of the Divine
Providence which takes care of the
sparrows.

I am now settled in St. Peter,
a citizen of St. Peter with almost
a vote. We have excellent society
as far as males go. I am a mem-
ber of an excellent Lyceum, and
have some business. We have al-
ready as Real Estate Dealers, from
\$10,000 to \$20,000 worth of property to
sell, and our business is increasing.
If I had money, I could make
fine fortunes here in a little.

while. Last Sunday I went to Travers des Sioux to church. His two miles from my office, and I heard a Presbyterian preach on the "rest that is to come". He prayed with a 40 throne power for those who were held in bondage in the states, and sunk poor slaveholders to everlasting d-m-n-t-u very fast. There were about 20 men in the room, and one negro. He was a tall buck nigger, and looked pretty well, though I could not help thinking Cuffee would have cold comfort when the winter came, and cold weather began to circulate.

Please ask Mrs Nelson what Hugh and Walter did with their claims. If they were well located, they are worth from \$500 to \$1200 at the present time. Also what Township, Range and Section they were situated in.

There are some Baltimore boys here, and I have found some good singers. We sing hymns every Sunday when we can't go to church. We have no finished church in St Peter yet, although lots have been purchased by four "societies" for them.

The negroes Indians are coming in with cranberries. This delicious fruit of which one never tires is gathered in the marshes by the Sioux and sold at from \$1.00 to \$2.00 ^{per bushel} according to the honesty of the buyer. I have picked up many Sioux words, and can make a talk after a fashion with them. When you write, let me know when father and Helen are, as I want to write to them. Remember me to all friends, and occasionally send me an Express or Intelligence. Don't be afraid to write to me, as I delight to read your letters.

Answered Oct. 13. th"

St Peter, N.J.

Sept 29th 1856

Dearest Aunt,

Your kindly came to hand in
about ten days, and found me out. When I
came in from the Fort (about 40 miles off) your
letter did my eyes good. You and Miss Alston
have a gay time of it in Petersburg, living
like the two mice in Esop's fables on beef and
beans with an occasional apple and a few
"praties". I have been in the Indian country
for the last two weeks, and have seen most
red-painted, black-painted, and yellow daubed
fiends than would make an army. There
was old Hirta-Murra (He who beats the Iron). His
right in. His left hand, His right in a sling
and in a tin gill-box the fragments of his
wrist-bone shattered by a Chippewa bullet.
The old devil had seven crow-feathers fastened
to his scalp-knot each of which had a gash than
 which gash was edged with ornament
signifying that he had stuck his knife
into seven Chippewas last year. The same ball
which shattered his wrist passed entirely through
his chest, and has materially affected
old fellow's wind, as he catches his breath

occasionally. Probably his lungs are not air-
tight. The poor fellow's eyes are terribly sunken
and he had a wo-begone look. I had some talk
with him, in which the half-breeds assisted.
He said he often wished to rest, that he was troubled
at times by footstept of those he could not see whom
he had slain, but that whenever his arm gave
him a tinge he was eager for the
blood of the Chippeways again. Hir-ka Muzza was
accompanied by twelve of the upper Sioux
braves all men of might, full of fleas, noble
in countenance with a calico cloth around
their waists and a blanket over their sloping
shoulders. If they would only show more
taste in painting I could forgive many
of their eccentricities. For instance a favorite



Ne-nouah that is the eldest daughter
picks a bushel of cranberries, ties them
up in a bag, shoulders it, slips a
strap of elk-skin across her
forehead to balance it, and after
painting her countenance as her
described starts. Arrived at the town she goes
round, carefully investigating the prices at all
the stores, if your offer does not suit her she
signifies she prefers to eat them herself, per-
haps infers \$2.00 per bushel for them, and finally
gives them away for a 1/2 pint of whiskey. The
bag is then rolled up and a famous pipe

is produced, and Miss takes out
her calico bag of Kinnik-
Kinnik, fills her pipe and walks off
puffing away. With a step that never fails, and
a stride far beyond a white man's, she will
be on many miles back to the hunting
camp where after eating a wild duck dipped
in hot grease, and engaging in the dance,
she will go to sleep.

I regret to hear of Doctor's conduct. I wish
I had his value in my pocket now, I could
double it in thirty days. If father will sell
them both I can so murder with the money
this winter.

Make my kindest regards to Mr. Mrs.
Nelson. Ask when Hughes claims is? I have
not heard from Helen for two weeks.

Your letter arrived 1 day 30th Sept. having
been Sept 17th 13 days on the journey.

Do you know that Thomas Phillips of Wauwaton
has met with a slight accident? He was killed
by a lady, and went laughing to his room.

Placing a gun to his mouth, he fired it with
a stick, and scattered his brains about the
room. He was very dissipated indeed.

If my coat and rifle could be sent to
Chicago and left in Adams Express office or
at the Tremont House I could get them. I
must today, though the Indians have

Kept me in buffalo robes quite warm
so far, but we have had a week
of clear cold frosty weather very disagreeable
wollen socks are \$50 c. per pair here. I wear
moccasins of elk-skin altogether. The
prairie grass has cut my clothes into
various fringes not always ornamental
and I have become quite a tailor in the

ST. PETER, MINNESOTA TERRITORY.

This City is situated on the West bank of the Minnesota River, on a most charming Prairie; and on the opposite bank is large and valuable timber, extending for many miles North, South, and East, dotted through with beautiful Lakes, filled with Fish of the best quality. Between St. Peter and St. Paul, Steam Boats ply regularly during the navigable season.— Building material of the best quality is convenient, and this point is growing with a rapidity more akin to magic than enterprise. Capitalists are investing here, and the value of property rapidly advancing. This place has now been selected by all who have investigated its geographical position, as the point essential to be reached by our Rail Road system West of the Mississippi River, and Westward in the direction of the Red River of the north, the Missouri and the Pacific Coast.

A Bill was before the last session of Congress granting lands for a Rail Road from St. Paul to St. Peter, and another from Winona, on the Mississippi River, to St. Peter. And the Pacific Rail Road Bill, introduced in the House of Representatives, had the following:

Sec. 9. "And there is hereby granted to the Transit Rail Road Company, of Minnesota Territory, their associates, successors, and assigns, to aid in the construction of a Rail Road from Winona, via Saint Peter, to such point of intersection with the Northern Lakes and Pacific Rail Road as said Transit Rail Road Company may select, and for a branch thereof to such point of junction with any one of the Iowa Roads as said Transit Rail Road Company may select. Ten Sections of land per mile for the length of this said Road and branch thereof."

This is enough to satisfy strangers, who may be looking Westward for favorable points to invest capital, of the truth before stated, that the prospective future of St. Peter is the great centre of the Rail Road system of our Territory, West of the Mississippi River. Come and see it, is the request of the proprietors.

When I cannot write immediately I will
send papers, write to Helen.

Respect to Mrs. Quaker & friends

Very Truly Yours

Wm. L. Garrison

Go to see Mrs Nelson. Ask
what Hughes P.O. is. When is
Lug? Come north I suppose.
Give my love to them. How
is Betty Lyon. Ask her if I
may bring home a half-breed
squaw with me. Olive complexion,
jet black eyes, pearly teeth, lithe figure,
speaks French, knows little English,
is the daughter of a French
Trader and a chiefs daughter.
Shown Betty this.

Roger Pryor is a chivalrous fellow.
I wish the people here were a little like
men. But they are all a set of infernal
pirates. Travis Roper says "Why, a man
calls you a — rascal, and when you
go to knock him down, he says he means
no offence whatever." Still I don't think
Pryor can make anything by shooting
at Ridgely.

I wrote to Mrs W. Bradbury
lately. Love to all. Remember
me to my friends. Make my
regards to Mrs Nelson, and tell
me when you write what she said.

Very Affly Yours
Fr. Hammond

Answered Sept 2nd / St. Peter, Min. Ter.
Aug 21st 1856

Dearest Aunt

Yours of the 7th reached me
here yesterday, forwarded from St. Paul, and
I hope your next will be directed to
St. Peter

Nicollet Co.

Minnesota Ter.,

and then I will be sure to get
it in ten days at the outside. I
sent you a copy of the S.P. Courier with
a notice of my distinguished self. I also
sent a copy to my sister, who is now
a Northern Belle I understand, and
has honored the Niagara Springs with her
presence. Write to her often, excuse my
sad remissness, in not having written to
her myself oftener. I have to work very
hard here now, examining the country
collecting the government maps
&c. I walked 28 miles into town

yesterday. I went out to an infernal Dutch town called New Ulm on Saturday, and saw more dirt, smoke, filth and beastly humanity than I suppose exists in any other part of the territory. Even the lower Sioux, corrupted by the whites, do not equal the Dutch in dirt and squalidity. The foreign settlers in Minnesota are not worth a fig, and the Americans are always sorry to have them for neighbors.

On my return from New Ulm I was overtaken by a band of Sioux who had seven Chippewa scalps. They surrendered my old brass compass and saluted me with a wild but good natured "Ough", gave me kinnik-kinnik to smoke, and passed on in grand procession. The women carried the packs, the men, tall, handsome, fellows with a streak of red paint across their faces, stalked along innocent

of any other freight than a gun and blanket. The children rolled along teasing the horses, or sitting down in the prairie to pick off the fleas. Two chiefs rode grandly along decked out with hawk's feathers and vermilion. They stopped, and I gave my slender stock of Lacorah an airing whilst resting. If the truth be told, the venerable Bad-Hail, war-chief of the Cissiton Braves, who are always fighting the Chippewas and bringing home many scalps - was rather dirty, and smelt powerfully of whiskey!! The whole band passed me with that deference which Indians always show to a

surveyor. I have given A. J. a power of attorney to sell my R R stock in Boston. I can make 25 per cent off money here, while that realizes only 8 then

I hope Helen's future will be happy.
Uncle M. writes that she gathers round
her the love and affection of everybody
who approaches her. I know what
she is, and have no idea of her
falling into the hands of an inferior.

When my house is finished and
my patents issued, I may want
a housekeeper, and I should be
happy to have Helen come and
see how people live here. The
scenery is Elysian, and I have never
seen such a healthy climate. I send
you a paper with a notice of
Red Stone in it. The printer has of
course mistaken some part of my
name. Send me a paper, and tell
me what you have said to Helen about
the subject I have underlined above.

With regard to all my friends, we
are all well. Dr. Metcalf is
going off next day.

H. P. Lawrence

St. Peter M.T.
Nov 22nd/56

Dear Aunt,

I have owed you a letter
for some time, but the stoppage
of the Mississippi by the ice has stopped
all the mails for some time, and
it did not make much difference
whether I wrote or not. I believe
the wagons have been put upon
the route from St. Paul to Dubuque,
and although slow, the transit of
the mail will be sure. Just think
that this letter has four hundred
and eighty miles of staging, over
prairies and through the Big Woods,
until it reaches the iron track of
civilization at Dunleith. Our commu-
nication this winter will be at long in-

travels, as we have to run the gauntlet
of uncertainty with the Illinois and other
western roads which are not infrequently
blocked up in the winter season. However I
shall write as often as I have the opportunity.
Mr Venable, will I presume visit you
in Petersburg, and he can tell you
more about this country than I would
dare write. He left so suddenly that I
had no time to give him any little things
to carry home for me. You must make
him show you his pipes and mecumars
and his "original merkin" which is a sort
of mythical animal much respected amongst
the Dakotas. I returned a few days ago
from a surveying excursion into the Big
Horns where I had a very pleasant
season with a gentleman from St. Louis
et. On Saturday last I received a letter
from Uncle Nat of Bridgeport giving an
acct. of the gathering about to take

place there and of dear Nellie's
movements. Some hints he had
dropped relative to the measles made
me very uneasy about Helen until
I heard from him again. What a
fine time they must have had on
Thanksgiving Day! I wish I could have
been there. Such reunions are productive
of priceless good in the kind charity and
good feeling which they diffuse through
out a family. The good dinner well
cooked, the presence of all that can
cheer, the warm fire be all keep the
people in good humor, and prevent those
petulant differences which cause dis-
unions in families. There is the creation
of circumstances, and if you place
him where it is not convenient
or agreeable for him to quarrel, he
will be a very well behaved somebody
after all.

This Indenture

Made this

18th

day

of

August

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six

BETWEEN

Eugene

M. Wilson of Winona County Minnesota Territory

party of the first part, and Frederick Leavenworth of

party of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of one hundred & sixty dollars

to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, and does by these presents,

GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever,

all that Tract, Piece or Parcel of Land, lying and being in the County of Winona

and Territory of Minnesota, described as follows, to wit: Lot three (3) in

Block one hundred & thirty six (136) of West Winona - according to the

plat of the town of Winona in the County Winona Minnesota Territory, as

recorded in the office of the Register of said County. being sixty

feet front by one hundred & forty in depth.

To Have and to Hold the Same, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto in anywise belonging. And the said Eugene M. Wilson

Party of the first part, does COVENANT with the said Part of the second part, his heirs and assigns as follows:

First, That he is the owner and lawfully seized of said premises. Second, that he has good right to convey the same. Third, that the same is free from all incumbrances whatever. And fourth, that the said party of the second part his heirs, and assigns, shall quietly enjoy and possess the same:

And that he will forever WARRANT AND DEFEND THE TITLE TO THE SAME against all lawful claims, and persons claiming the same.

In Testimony Whereof, The said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEEN AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF

M. K. Dress

William Mason

Eugene M. Wilson

SEAL

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Territory of Minnesota, } ss.

County of Winona

Be it Known, That on this 18th day of August A. D. 1856, personally came before me Eugene M. Wilson the signer and sealer of the foregoing Deed, and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed

And

wife of the said

upon examination by me separate and apart from her husband acknowledged that she executed the same freely and of her own accord, for the purpose and intent therein expressed, and without fear or compulsion from any one

M. H. Drew
Notary Public
Win. Minn.

Aug. 18. 1856

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WARRANTY DEED.

E. M. Wilson

To
Fred. Leavenworth

OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

County of

I do hereby certify that the within Warranty Deed was filed in this office for record, on the day of at o'clock, and was duly recorded in Book of the record of Deeds, page

Register of Deeds.

Aug 18 1856

St. Peter M. T.

Aug. 3rd 1856

Dear Aunt,

I have been very busy superintending the building of our office this last week, and have had very little time to do anything in the way of writing. I have, however been well. Last week 1200 warriors, Dakotas all came down and camped before us. Consequently everything in town that could be stolen is gone. Meat, Bread meal, Flour, Sugar but especially Whiskey, took unto themselves. In a few days I will write an article for the express, and give my Territorial experience. I find Gorman my partner improves upon acquaintance, and we get along with an excellent division of labor. Has the new paper started? Who went north? When? Tell me all about the Tribes that live in the east. Two Salem boys Peimons are my neighbors. Write soon. Write soon.

Best love to Helen and Lu. Nelson.
and Patience and Esther Foster and
the rest of the blood. Write to me at
St. Peter. Yours affly
Fred. Lammert

4060

Miss Mary A. Peabody

Big House

Petersburg

pen
nummun }

St Peter N.J.
Dec 3rd 1856

Know all men by these pres-
ents that I, George Herber
have received of ^{Frederick Leavenworth} his land warrants
No^s 69.598 and 54530 of 120
acres each in part payment
for the N¹/₃ of Lot No 5 in Block 199 ^{in the town of St Peter}
being 22 ft front on Front St and
running back 156 ft. And whenever
the said Frederick Leavenworth
shall pay me \$10.00 he shall be
entitled to receive a warranty
deed of the same from me

Signed in
presence of

Geo Herber

Wm Kimball

Wm Kinkead

69528 G W Charlton
54530 Joel Kim

LAYING OUT SURFACES.—*Lay out an acre in a circle.*—First fix a centre, and with a rope as a radius, seven rods, three links and three-eighths long, one end attached to the centre and kept uniformly stretched, the sweep of it at the other end will lay out the acre.

For one-quarter of an acre, a rope *three* and *fourteen* links will be the right length.

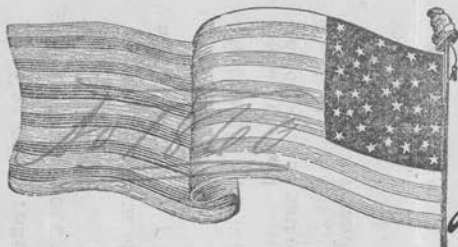
For one-eighth of an acre, a rope *two* rods and *thirteen* links will be enough.

Triangles.—If you wish a triangle to contain just an acre, ~~make each side nineteen~~ rods, five and a half links long.

A triangle whose sides are six rods and twenty links long each, will contain one-eighth of an acre.

To lay out an Ellipse or Oval.—Set three stakes in a triangular position. Around these stretch a rope. Take away the stake at the apex of the triangle, which will be where the side of the oval is to come—move the stock along the rope, keeping it tight, and it will trace out the oval.

A square, to contain an acre, or just one hundred and sixty rods, should have each of its sides just twelve rods, ten feet and seven-tenths long.—Carolina Cultivator.



Military Bounty Land Act of March 3, 1855.

1860

REGISTER'S OFFICE,

Red Bluff, N.Y. Nov. 25 1856

MILITARY LAND WARRANT No. *34992* in the name of *Esther*

Jurmer has this day been located by *Gilbert*

Ostrander upon the
Spr of NE 1/4 & NW 1/4 of SE
quarter of Section *Nine* in Township *111 N*

of Range *26 W* subject to any pre-emption

claim which may be filed for said land within forty days from this date.

Contents of tract located, }

160

Acres. }

J. W. Phelps Register.

For value received,

to whom the
within certificate of location was issued, do hereby sell and assign unto
and to heirs and assigns
forever, the said certificate of location, and the warrant and land therein
described, and authorize him to receive the patent therefor.

Witness my hand and seal this day of 185

Attest:

[SEAL.]

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____

On this day of 185 , before me, personally
came

to me well known, and acknowledged the foregoing assignment to be _____ act and deed, and I certify that the said _____ is the identical person to whom the within named Warrant was issued.

This Indenture, Made this 22nd day of December
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-Six BETWEEN
George K. Swift of St Paul Territory of Minnesota

part of the first part, and Frederic P.
Leavenworth of Saint Peter County of Illinois
and Territory of Minnesota

part of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said part of the first part, in consideration of
the sum of One Hundred and Forty

Dollars, to him in hand paid by the said part of the second
part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, and do by these
presents GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY to the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns
forever, all that tract, piece or parcel of Land, lying and being in the County of
Nicolllet and Territory of Minnesota, described as follows, to wit:

The Northern, One third (1/3) part of Lot Number
Five (5) in Block Numbered One hundred and
Ninety Nine (199) and bounded Easterly by part that
Northernly by Lot Number Six in same Block, Westerly
by an alley, and Southerly by the Southerly two thirds
of said lot Number five (5) - And described Northernly
One third part of said lot being Twenty two feet by
One Hundred and fifty five feet - More or less.
in the town of St Peter according to the recorded plat
of said town as the same is recorded in the office
of the Register of Deeds in Nicolllet County

To Have and to Hold the Same, Together with all the hereditaments and appur-
tenances thereunto in anywise appertaining. And the said George K. Swift -
part of the first part, do give Covenant with the said part of the
second part, his heirs and assigns as follows: First, that he is the owner and lawfully seized
of said premises. Second, that he has good right to convey the same. Third, that the same
is free from all incumbrances whatever. And fourth, that the said part of the second part,
his heirs, and assigns, shall quietly enjoy and possess the same; and that he will
forever WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the same against all lawful claims, and persons claiming the same.

In Testimony Whereof, The said part of the first part has hereunto set his hand
and seal the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF

Henry Jones
Geo B. Hays

Geo K. Swift

By Geo Hays

Attorney in fact



Territory of Minnesota,
County of Nicollet } ss.

Be it Known, That on this 22nd day of December
A. D. 1856, personally came before me Geo. H. Swift by his attorney, in fact
Geo. H. Swift to the same the signer and sealer of the foregoing Deed, and acknowledged
the same to be his own free act and deed.

And his wife of the said
~~upon examination by me separate and apart from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the~~
~~same freely and of her own accord, for the purpose and intent therein expressed, and without~~
~~fear or compulsion from any one.~~

Henry Sours
Notary Public
M. T.

WARRANTY DEED.

Geo. H. Swift
TO

Fred^r. Lawrence

Office of Register of Deeds,
County of Nicollet

I hereby certify that the within
Warranty Deed was filed in this
office for record, on the 9th
day of January at 12 o'clock
M., and was duly recorded in
Book 13 of the record of Deeds,
page 186 & 187

Wm. Sours
Register of Deeds

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Dec-22-1856

Private Check of
Oliver Ames & Sons
In favor of Mrs Sally Ames
or order \$ 125.00

Boston July 26/1856

Mrs Clark
Rochester