

FAMILY LETTERS
1863-4

Brooklyn Jan 9th 1866

Dear Son Thomas,

I am feeling very anxious concerning you and expecting a letter from you daily you must be well aware how unpleasant it is to remain in ignorance of friends at so great a distance. The last letter we received was shortly after your answer to the dispatch it appears a long while ago to me. I trust we shall receive one soon informing us of the improvement of your health. Thomas I feel sad to inform you that Mr Smith is very ill indeed like unto death the D^{rs} have given him up as they cannot persue longer for him I was over on Saturday his friends were in deep sorrow as you may suppose it is very distressing to be called on to part with our near and dear relatives The distance they live from us forbids my going frequently he has been confined to his room a month. Disease of the heart and liver lastly he has been attacked with dropsy a complication of malady. I am expecting to hear of his death daily as there is such slender hope for him.

Your brother J. has been very ill with dysentery I was sorry to see him sick at this time he is much restored and comfortable, I am thankful indeed I have been writing to ~~his~~^{his} wife's sister to inquire of Henry, as I begin to be troubled for his comfort and happiness. Harriet was here the day pretty smart and family John family are

well at present. Now Thomas, I wish you all a Happy new
year and hope you have enjoyed it in your usual
way and manner. John was pleased to receive his friends
I was here, Christmas Evng, and remain here still I
and girl I shall go home in a few days to look to
my affairs. Aunt Sally has a bad cough in her St year
she is quite a wonder often speaks of you and sends love
to you and family I keeps on his liking business I hope
he will prosper as he devotes great attention to it
I trust your business advantageous as ever. I hope your
little ones, grow in holiness and obedience to their parents
then the Lord will bless them. I feel tolerable
thank morey under all considerations. Aunt Priscilla
is pretty smart since her attack we fear another
hope not at present John will attend to your bus-
ness and pay the cash on your loft; I thought he
might write in this letter he sent on the deed in
the package which Mr Teller, was to have taken
his friend told I he sent it by another opportunity
I hope you have received it safe, please write and inform
me. I was in hopes we might have heard something more
favourable from Mr Smith but No, I fear we shall not
Now my dear child I will close as I have written all
that may interest you. Again I wish you a merry
Christmas & a Happy - Years. With the blessing of almighty
God I remain your

Affectionate Mother
R. Whaley

John wishes you to answer his letters without delay
the answer he gave me when I wished him to write
in mine

for Whaley.

Dear friend.

I sent Kate this afternoon for my dress and Cape that I left at your house. I hope they have not been in your way. I have sent her twice before but each time she could not get in. I hope this will find you and your little one well. Peter has not had the 'measles' as I supposed when I saw you last, but it has proved itself to be quite a large disease under her left ear. She is cured it and she is much better.

Will you please let me know if you inquire anything of Mr. Bingham.

relative to my ~~lack~~ I think we
are going to have ~~more~~ gains.
I shall be ~~glad~~ to see you next
week. Come and see ~~me~~ soon.

Yours friend,

Emma J. Simmons

Sunday.

Jan 10 - 1869.

My kind regards
to Mr. & Mrs. Whaley
& Capt. & Mrs. Patton

Rock Hill Jan 11th
1863.

Mrs. Whaley,

Dear Friends,

I write you a few lines
that you may know you
are not forgotten I
I have been quite anxious
about you both since I
left - I am I am & have
longed to hear from
you but presume I
cannot have that
pleasure unless I
write - God bless you all!
I will joins me in love to you
all - wishing you & yours
"Happy New Year"

I remain your true
Wm. C. Gatewood

San Diego, Aug 17-1883.

My Dear Wife.

Frank and I arrived here last Sunday, got to town about nine o'clock. I intended having written by return Steam but neglected to do so till after the Duke left town. I did not enjoy the trip, though the weather was very pleasant after leaving San Francisco. The night was cold and owing to the motion of the vessel could not sleep. The place is extremely dull and without anything to eat. Have worked myself out of it for more reasons than one. The scarlet fever, the measles are raging in town and the small pox is expected to break out from San Juan. I shall leave here by next steamer expected to arrive here the 23rd and would go sooner to Los Angeles only that the disease of the small pox prevents me. This may reach you before the steamer leaves, if so do write to my aunt tell me how you all are - and send the Publication. Frank is very well, he is still

being with Mrs Robinson and I am with Miss
Edworthy My R. Lucy her love to you
and desire to be remembered to the
Major - My love to you and the children.
Remember me to the Major Capt
Kellogg and with many kisses
to you and the children -

I am your affectionate
husband

Wm. D. Swanwick

Dont forget the Saddle at Mountain Home to bring
it in to Redwood City and leave it at the
Stable when we hire the waggon and pay the
man for the use of it, though it has been of little
use to either of Sophie or Mrs. Whaley
Have you the key of the black sack —

San Diego Navy 24th 1863.

My dear Wife,

The steamer did not arrive yesterday as expected, and, as she did not come this morning I write this to go by the mail which leaves in the morning notwithstanding there is still a probability of the steamer coming as she did not leave San Francisco till the 20th. I wish she may come. I have got entirely through my business here. I am having headache besides the weather has not been quite as fine as I should wish. Every body is of the opinion that this is a most extraordinary winter being extremely cold and disagreeable more so than any winter I passed here during my former residence of seven years. I feel much better than when I left home my neck being a little stiff yet affected by the changes of weather. Frank has not been very well during these or four days having a stiff neck produced by cold. Today he is much better and has been walking around with me during the pleasant portions of the day. The Indian party has not yet reached this place. The people are in doubt of it and expect it to break out daily. I hope I shall get away before it comes. Give my regards to the Major and family. Capt Kellogg is due here the little ones for me and hope to see them soon after the receipt of this from your husband.

San Diego July 15/63

Thos. Whaley Esq.

Dear Sir

Do you want to buy 2 No. Vouchers to the amount of about \$800 = about \$300 = was issued a year ago & the balance some two months ago.

Is there any prospect of their being paid in coin

What would be the prospect for you to take them & wait for chances.

Will you do me the favor to send me by next steamer Express an Opera Glass like the one you had down here, which was good cheap & conveniently small.

You can send it by Express
with the bill as a C.O.D.

We have had several
little rains since you were
here, but it has been so very
cold that the grass has
grown scarcely any.

Nothing new, remember
me to Frank's.

Yours &c

E. H. Morse





1. The first part of the document is a list of names and addresses of the members of the committee. The names are listed in alphabetical order, and the addresses are listed below each name. The list includes the names of the members of the committee, the names of the members of the sub-committee, and the names of the members of the advisory committee.

It my parents were "Baptist" they do not christen there is no command in the Bible to have our little ones sprinkled our fathers took them up in his arms and kissed them such is the kindness of heaven - but as I say if people feel bad lets find have it done

I do not feel that much can be done for a little child or what will become of the grown up. I wish you to address this letter to your friend in St. B let him give it to Henry himself if it be possible or perhaps he may not get it I think that Dear John Thomas must be wrong about my letters. I am sure myself

I sent you a long letter last week, I am sure you expect to hear from me very soon, I will feel anxious concerning you as you may suppose since you have been so long ill of late, these you was to have for your time you may have returned and that I trust very much improved in health. We are all well & all altered well so far. The children has had their chicken pox. I had had cold but better. I hope you are comfortable. I wrote in my last that Aunt Sally was very ill. she is in a fair way to recover more than any of her friends expected. I hope you are sorry to hear that you had been so long sick. I had to see you one of these days with us in I should have been glad had you have decided to come so long as I know it had to have your family but you may come yet. Time is working away at a leisurely pace. I don't think it will make the world and all, they will be still as they fast in the high as prices other were lower. I hope he will visit you as full statement of all transactions I think you will be quite satisfied. I am glad you wrote to me. Then I sent the expression to Annie rather at Washington they write that they had not heard of them in a year. What can the reason be. I send you his piece of evidence they say they have written every one they know to gain their place of residence. It is very strange that do not write to Annie sister. I hope

I have had disturbed dreams of late as though
something of a world of horrors I do not like
to speak of, I feel fearful that I am in some unpleasant
situation. This horrible ^{idea} makes people feel dejected & broken with
it's end ^{is not} ^{known} but I have ^{heard} ^{that} the ^{blood}
is sickening to think of and what a ^{shed} ^{cause} ^{is} ^{it} ^{for} ^{those} ^{who} ^{have}
to mourn the loss of their near & dear friends. I must say I am
thankful indeed that all is well with me so far
March 15th no letter from you I was in hope I might bring one up to day
I have had his back & chest, it is excellent you will say so where
you see it as you will know one of each off the family with mine
That I have been looking with European curiosities I want to
keep them for your children I wish they came in your keeping
we often speak of you I has decided to buy a 3 story house at
little distance from his present one price \$500, he considers it
a good purchase I hope business will be plenty I talk of
building one next to mine as I do not like living so far away
from them my year is most expired, where I live quite pleasant
in summer very cold this winter can hardly by this it
is a trouble for me I have since first of May I house
is not large enough for me to have the second story I want
perhaps to keep house, all I crave is comfort and quiet
therefore I must have a place for myself as children do not
like to be chided now a days, but must knock and knock
on. Superstitions must stand aside no respect shown. I hope you
will excuse this letter as it was not accidentally I did not
wish to lay it aside

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Mrs. Thompson decided to sell the large house they had
 in at his death she finds that there is a great market
 for her, though she had but one small child of seven
 her son is lately married she is lonely indeed no doubt
 notwithstanding she has plenty of this in sold good her brother
 Joseph is an executor, I was glad of that as he is a just man
 Thomas I hope and trust your health will be better after
 this bit of illness as you must have suffered wonderfully
 I often think of you and wish you was near by that I could
 attend in an emergency you have four letters and I hope
 they are all well I thought the baby picture was very fine
 I hope you may be spared to bring them up Thomas do not
 neglect to write of them place of residence her son thinks they
 left St. Thomas how strange they act not to write to me
 or them. Remember me to Mr. Thompson and Monsieur De
 would they know my picture How are the boys coming on she is
 a fine lady in sickness. Aunt P & Ann are tolerable send love
 to you and family. I would like to send a package if you have
 an opportunity I hope John has written and sent his pictures
 to you - I shall see him soon on the way put them in
 this. As I have written all that will interest you I will close
 with bidding you farewell my Dear child
 I can begin again should I have aught of your Mother's
 to communicate I would be glad. M. Thaly
 to hear some good news soon.

March 2nd ^{Feb. 15}
your very welcome letter has given me a new subject
I saw by Jimmy's smiling face that they had something for me
Lina drew it from her pocket - O! said I a letter from Cal - yes
well I have been thinking of I in the morn I was quite excited
and forgot to attend to my company so eager to read it, and look at
the sweet pleasing face of your baby, a singer too how I should
delight to see and hear him, bless him, soon I attended to my
little visitors, to a glass of wine and cake, then resumed my reading
while they warmed themselves. Your letter was interesting to me indeed
glad that your trip was of service to you with your son Frank, a
fine boy no doubt - you may well be glad that you have left S. Diego
by your account - Brooklyn is a nice place I was sorry to read that
cold affected your neck do be very careful and pay strict attention to
your diet and what the Dr. prescribed. Indian made in different
ways is very good don't mind if you do not like such food
take it for all our sakes, if it only helps you roasted apples, pruned
figs, oranges. One thing I think you keep your mind so agitated
by constant anxiety for things you cannot well control therefore
I beg that you will try to feel satisfied under all circumstances. I
hope and trust that you will in less than the time you have
named be able to return home. You say that you are highly favored
and having in your power to supply your pecuniary wants besides
there is not one who claims a part from you on any side which
ought to encourage you considerably I hope and pray your good
fortune may continue so as to permit you to return home sooner
than you premeditates. You talk as I wish you but do not defer
it too late or what will be done I do not wish to gloom over your
calculations but you must look to all things one with another

Sundays Mar 6th 1863

Mrs Staley,

Dear friend

I am getting

A little better of my aches & pains
but not well yet please thank your
good husband for me & tell him I am
not afraid I will trouble him much yet
I am very glad to hear you & your little ones
are all well we have nothing new in
the way of news here except that Brown
you remember Shillers Brown well he was
to be married this evening ^{at} the Hotel
but the steamer did not bring the
lady & he has invited about forty persons
to a supper, Old Strauss did not call
on me but he left fifteen nice ap-
ples at Mrs Miers & told her she could send
them if she chose to me he did not care
we have earthquakes very often & cold
disagreeable weather & rain sufficient
to make the old hills look quite green

I want you to write as often as you can
it is a great pleasure to me to hear from
you dear friend William sends his love
to all frankly in particular I forgot to tell
you Mrs Nicols has a little girl I hope it
will not take after Sister Adda.
I want your kiss frankly for me & tell
him not to forget his grand ma in
San Diego & Aden. Thank little Rose-
bud nany the pride of every Alhaley
& every Lanny I have nothing that
will interest you therefore I will
close please give my love to
all the family

your friend

Sarah R Robinson

P.S. please say to Mr M.
his letter & the sacks
of flour & meal came
to hand & I thank him
kindly yours ever S.R.

Brooklyn 11 March 29 1862

Dear Son Thomas

I still have not any letters
of yours to response to, this is the first that
I have written, since I received one from you, I
am, sorry to say this. ^{Though}, I must say that
I was much surprised to read ^{to} from you to ^{Wm. Hill}
respecting the 38 dollars, I received by draft from you
to pay John for your interest, land tax, and water tax
of which I have rendered you a strict account
\$38 - just paid within a few cents for one
year. This year is again due on next May
the 2^d day. you even ask the sum of the
Mortgage, and the rate of interest, do you not
know what the Lot ¹⁹⁰⁰ cost, or have you made
a purchase in ignorance, if so it is strange
As you want an account again, I will
send. Lot bought 1851, May 2nd, Mortgage
\$8,400 - interest seven per cent, ^{land} taxes from
\$4.8 to 9 dollars, water tax, 2 per cent, this is
a correct account as I have sent before.

I will ask for a receipt of the \$38 and the payment of one year's expenses on your lot.

How does your attempt to fix our taxes and
interest as he is not at home for a year
John is much opposed to the manner your
father has, very few years would he able to get
that would attend to your business, so time
and faithfull as your father has, I will
this in my own behalf, as I receive the
benefit you are it to go with the letter to each
then I consider I had done my duty, would
to send to any one to interupt me as I had
at of give an account to them, unless it was
I or Mr. Smith. Why not write to your
any brother, that that him with indignation
I had he done a thing wrong. I say No -
at May next he had paid two years expenses
or your lot it is that, and to be condemned.
By no means, I was happy that that he could
send you the same for a while, and are
Much disappointed that you had not sent
up a draft, or written to John. I know what
John is correct. I would say the same to you
on the same occasion. In future you will do
well to send on the same. I have stated to you
on while your case on for not doing, having the
of possession your Loan like for \$50 while

referred to you as John say he cannot take
his pay in that form as he has no cash and
has no money, its been to government it is a
disposal towards you. we all respects. I wish
you to look over my letters since I received your
draft, and give me their credit due for my com-
munication, as I reluctantly write as I have stated
in his letter as well. That when business
called him south's condanity which left you
alone, but as you think proper I want
you will to pay as fast as one another, as I
have always brought you to do. ~~What~~
I can think for a moment that you in
touch to inform as the letter has done,
I write to I and inform him of your plan
as I have encouraged to write as the act will
that his in my honor. We have all looked out
the likeness of your children, and say they are good
but I am so accustomed to look on your grand
child as that, I am not surprised. I am in
hope Grandy looked more like you & the one
quitty well at present thank money and hope
your own family enjoy the same blessing & I want
to often look well, I hope he will answer it.

you write that you are Commissary stores
keeper I am happy to hear that you retain your
situation on a letter. So Mr. Thompson
is boarding with you. Give Mr. Tom my best wishes
as I ever shall esteem him as one of my best
young gentlemen in times gone by. Inquire about his
mother and where they live in N.Y. I must inform
Mr. Chesman as he is a friend of Mr. T - I hope
74-12 St. Mary St. N.Y.
he has as fine a wife as he is calculated to be a
husband. I trust, the two ladies are fine
associates which is pleasant. Has Mrs. Laney left
for N.Y. I now am much at a loss what to say
about Bridget Murray, she has not called of
late, last time as I wrote she was resolved
to sail in March, the time is almost expired
she lives a great distance from us. I hope
she will go on I will send my parcel by Sped
as the things will not rot. The weather for
the last two months has been very stormy and
chilly. What has become of Mont Denys enough
I trust he is doing well. Mrs. W. Smith called
to see us a few days since very smart.
The War is progressing it will be a great injury
to the country. Do write about the Days if
they write of coming home, at present my respects
to them they are making money no doubt.

Concept of Eggs 5th 63

was wholly

I here send you some butter
& eggs as a present from me I would have
sent them sooner but we have not been
sending any butter to the city market
now if there is any defect or deficiency
you will excuse me as you know that
I am a new beginner and have tried my
utmost to send you a piece to board
but it failed me but I think there
is a place here which will answer you
better it is a house that is over by us
which has been left vacant lately and
can be hired for more walking I think
you could spend the summer in it
more pleasant than boarding it is in
a nice location and it would have
plenty of room in it for three
or a large family depending on

It is owned by a Mr Carter
who is a clerk for the Lonsley Water
works Co. There is another house near
there with a young orchard in the
-people that can be hired but not so
wisely located it is owned by a
Mr Mr Calister who keeps the Pacific
Temperature House in the City. I wish
you would send some more to the
-I wish you would send more to the
-to me give my love to the children
-to Mr Whately and except the same you
-self also to Kate and Mary and Miss
-return for me]

yours
Mary.

Fort Bragg, Cal. April 13. 1868.

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter, Mrs O'Meara, a Land-
dress of my company, goes to San Francisco with her daughter
Kitty, a nice little girl, who is too old to be knocking about a
garrison: her object in taking her down is to place her at
school, and I thought perhaps that Mrs Whaley would like
to have her to take care of the children for her board. Her
mother is abundantly able to pay for her schooling and
clothes, but would like to have her live in some respectable
Catholic family, where she could make herself useful for
her board. If you can make some arrangement with her
mother to keep her in your family, or recommend her to
some good school, or to some good Catholic family, you
will much oblige her, and confer a lasting favor on myself.
Mrs O'Meara returns to her company where her husband
now is.

I leave to-morrow to join my Company at Round
Valley, (Fort Wright:) I made arrangements with the pay-
master to settle my accounts with you, and I hope you have
been more successful in getting coin for them, than I have been
with the remainder of my pay. I received 73 cts in silver
and the balance in greenbacks, which are at 85% discount
here. The payment of the troops in depreciated currency
has worked great evil among the California Volunteers.

We have lost some of our best men from desertion, and others will probably leave.

The secessionists of Long Valley, are getting up some rebel plot, and have threatened to take our train which starts to day, loaded with ammunition and a mountain howitzer on. We have a good escort, and unless they greatly outnumber us, we will get through.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Whaley and her mother and family; also to Col. Ringgold and Capt. Kellogg. Please send me a few papers occasionally, and I will be very grateful. Direct to me at ^{Fort Wagon} Round Valley, Mendocino Co. via Ukiah City.

May the Blessed Virgin and all the Saints protect you and yours, is the earnest prayer of

Your friend
And Obedient Servant
Wm. H. Hayes

P.S. I hardly think you can make out what I have written, as I am in great haste and have written very rapidly.

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San diego April 17th 1862

Mrs McKaley

Dear Friend

I have but a few moments
to write before Mr Brill will be round for
me, so you must excuse brevity, many thanks
for your very welcome letter by the last
Steamer, I suppose Mr McKaley and Franky
was glad to ^{see} San Francisco for Sam Diggins
in a state of decay we live poor and looks poor
and I suppose we will remain so as long as
this horrid war lasts I have not heard
from William and I suppose will not
until all is settled, I had a letter from
^{Mrs} Ames she has lost her dear little Haddie
I am very sorry for her, he was a beautiful
Child, Lucy Fisher is not living with me
now. I was not willing to wait on her and
^{her} visitors and I told Mr M. to take her
she would not help me with the house work
and I am getting old and like quiet -
I was very glad to see Mr McKaley and Franky
but was sorry that I had no better accom-
-modations well poverty is not a sin but it is ^{inconve-}nt

I want you to tell Franky, that he has
not sent me a flag yet, and it must
have bars and stripes

Present me kindly, to your husband,
and the Maopis, and kiss the children for me
and believe me to be as ever your friend.

Sarah N. Robinson

Brooklyn May 14 - 1863

Dear son again I receive your
 letter to inform you that yours of 11th came to hand
 yesterday I was thankful to read that you felt so
 likewise your wife and little ones, I love to hear you
 speak in praise of your children, I agree with you
 they must be smart, a fast age, I hope they mind
 and obey your words, or where will your pleasure be?
 John says you will have to take them to Bureau, I tell
 him they all you say first rate in a little while, and
 we shall see. All your named letters have come to
 with my splendid boy Leatherhead, how beautiful he is.
 I am pleased with the remark that you will choose
 some country spot, better for you all. I wish you
 here at this time, I would gladly join you, I must see
 is a compliment gentleman, please present my kind
 salutations to him, with any thanks for his kindness and care
 to my son & family. You must have a concert indeed.
 What does the Dr say about that sensation in your neck?
 I hope and trust you will be successful get with your
 property though you could not give the little to please
 you would have realized a pretty sum, so have read
 glad you to come home I live in hopes that we may
 meet once more. I will answer your letter more fully next
 I am glad you received the part de visited of your
 children? I did have in view to them, but was not pleased
 your mother & Whaley write soon I wish to hear from you

Thomas Buckner
Buckner April 18 1858

I am glad to hear of your success in your studies and hope you will continue to improve.

Dear Son Thomas

I have received and answered your February letter and am in full expectation to receive another very soon, I would rather have them more frequently than so long, I hope you receive all the letters I write. Thomas every one is so pleased with the picture of your darling boy.

I long to see the little fellow, as the old saying is he looks like papa, kiss him for me and then he is a darling bird do cultivate his art in little George Jr, W. John - Harriette & family

are comfortable, I am happy to write I sincerely hope to hear that you are quite smart and preparing to return home, as I think it will be for the best, if you get very sick it would be so sad for you to be so far away

only think, many think it strange that you do not return, as you have been away so many years we will talk strange with other what a pity.

May Sunday - 1858

I again receive my letter to you, I am at the time with you at your brother's friend, as you will recollect

San Francisco, June 22

Harriet
San Francisco, May 20 63

off the letter of your
husband was ~~an~~ enclosed ~~photograph~~
of ~~you~~ ~~received~~ ~~long~~ ~~before~~ ~~as~~ ~~usual~~
last. It gave us much pleasure to hear
from you and as it was to see you and
what a lot of news and news we have
got ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~so~~ ~~very~~ ~~pleasing~~ ~~and~~ ~~if~~ ~~our~~
mother would say they are as good as
they are good looking they will do
I should like to ~~take~~ ~~them~~ ~~up~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~hair~~
and kiss them and bless them but as they
cannot be done they must ~~take~~ ~~the~~ ~~irre-
spective~~ ~~the~~ ~~intention~~ ~~of~~ ~~Frank~~ ~~and~~ ~~Mary~~
and much pleased with the appearance of their ~~children~~
and want to know they shall see them ~~at~~ ~~the~~
puzzling question among which I should like to ~~ask~~
things are going rather prosperously with me at present
~~and~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~continuance~~ ~~of~~ ~~health~~ ~~and~~ ~~without~~
reversal I think in the course of a year or two I may be
able to return home with enough to support my
comfortable. My I might have some years ago had
I got all the time to pass and wait for the
I lost all. With age we should ~~have~~ ~~some~~ ~~experiences~~
so I hope to be more fortunate in my ~~future~~ ~~equipment~~

We have a family of four children two boys two girls -
 Francis Hinton I pray Anna Amelia 5. Gene
 H. Ruggles 2 1/2 Violet Eloise 7 months They
 are all nice children and much admired
 for their beauty nature & beauty of mind. We are
 proud of them and live comfortably and happily
 together at such a much ~~so~~ ^{more} ~~than~~ ^{more} ~~than~~ ^{than} ~~most~~ ^{than}
 of people do. I almost invariably pass my evenings
 at home finding no society more agreeable than that
 of my family. The children go to be at school
 sometimes I go to the theatre to a concert to the
 opera or to a ball with my wife who is
 as gay as a lark and of company, love music
 and dancing perhaps has the true vivacity of
 character and enjoys herself at all times and under
 all circumstances with proper moderation. I am
 quite the reverse grave and sedate almost as a
 dog I wish I was not as much so, but it is nature
 to me. It gives me much pleasure however to see
 others enjoy themselves and I like to contribute
 to their happiness. The children all take after
 their mother for liveliness they can sing & dance and
 never on the go. Even the baby upon the sound
 of the piano turns suddenly, moving and with
 the blood upon his face to make them go to work
 they must. We have a comfortable cottage on
 Holton Street between Dundas and things for the low
 rent of \$400. per annum. I say low because it is really

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with a great deal more being in ~~one of the~~ far fine a
locality as there is in the city - On opposite to my
reside some of the wealthiest and ~~most~~ aristocratic
~~Crato families~~ Cracy - (money is the only thing
necessary to make that in California) ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~best~~ ^{best}
though not comparable to Fifth Avenue mansions, are
surrounded with much fine gardens, green and
blooming almost from one year's end to the
other. It is a scene in paradise to be had. This
extending the whole length of the block a
distance of 800 feet. We have a nice little
front yard in front of our house, but hardly worth the
mentioning as we are not on the busy side
of the city. The employer (two girls) our apt.
look at \$25.00 and the other as nurse at \$20
and good girls they are too. ~~We~~ have had good
luck with our servant during the past four
years never having occasion to change ex-
cept the wen married and had children, or
got married. They are busy all the time
washing, ironing, sewing & quilting when not
thus engaged they take the children out
walking or riding. I bought some time ago
a cabinet sewing machine Grover & Baker
pattern for my wife if cost \$129.00 but I see
her that though she keeps it going away
all the time she seems to have more work
than ever to do - The country always

looks beautiful here but just at the season it
is particularly so - Now is the time when
people begin to go to the country - I shall
send my family soon when I can find
a place ^{that is} reasonable and when they can en-
joy themselves to their hearts content. Expect
of living here and much greater than in New-
York notwithstanding what some writers may
say to the contrary - We live plainly - but
comfortably, have very little company and
yet with the \$2000 ^{or 2500} which I get and my
I could live in some better style at home
and for half the money as well if not better
than I do here. ^{Write out several ways}
fire gas and water are more expensive
here - ~~Costs~~ about the same, some
things being more others less. Meat is
cheap but eggs butter chickens etc are
higher - I take all my salary and use
it to pay expenses and if it were not that
I make something besides and been successful
in investing it. I should have very little hope
of being able to return home soon - I have invested
something in real estate which is likely to prove
profitable and a little in ^{rapidly} Egyptian mining
stock. I have forty shares worth to day \$100
per share and so soon as they commence pay-
ing dividends which will probably be

Brooklyn June 12 - 1863

Dear Gen Thomas.

I begin to feel anxious to hear from you, we often speak of you and wonder what ^{you} do not write, I think I might have a letter each month at least, as your health is not the best. I hope you reciev'd my last two letters in answer to yours. In my last I wrote of what my physician thought of your case I wish you to converse with your Dr and compare what I write to you, you can judge of the two. We are all pretty well, in health, hope you & family are the same, these last times the business has not been very good of late, efforts to raise an order some he went to the Union a week or two ago, you see few best soldiers and regiments, deadfall & heartily wish this War was over, was a sad event they began to talk of drabbling again, a great stir at present as the Southerners are about to attack Philadelphia Baltimore soon for the Capital. anxious to reinforce it. I hope you will consider is quite well with the city. I am still opinion I believe it good for me to build next door as carriage shops is in deed of their own houses of great value, to look on their own. I thought best to see how I should like the situation it is pretty good. The weather has been rather cool for the season it will be warm after the 1st of July not far off. I wish you to answer my letters fully.

Then I can tell that you have received money. When you
was in W. do want to advise, Mother that she has
a letter from Henry, he writes that they have lost one
of their witnesses, I hope he is doing well, I am glad he
has forgotten all secondary matter thinks so little of it
Thomas the last letter, it was contained out of the office of
John & Henry I hope you have them, do inform me I was
them first with witness, John is most excited, I have
it is not great hope I have it when later next time.
Come to W. I again receive my letter not a letter from
you yet. Thomas I hope you will inform me
what your Dr says of your ears, I trust you are
very careful, do attend, to his advice, I have
written to you, all I know or have heard will be
good for you, well the W. is open and I think
we have little cause to be alarmed. There was some
I hope affairs will soon come a lighter appearance
I presume your business is prospering as usual
and all friends well, my regards to all the
family, I think of this always, kindly, in some
Thomas, I wish I had some interesting news to write
to you we are all well, I am writing home, June 30th
I have a good card, at last - compare it with my
photograph, I am well pleased to say it is good
the weather is getting quite warm. The son
is excellent, lost a tooth lately & great noise
she is moved and settled in her 19th St, house
see her and wife board with her, she has
reason to feel the remuneration, good has not
open her

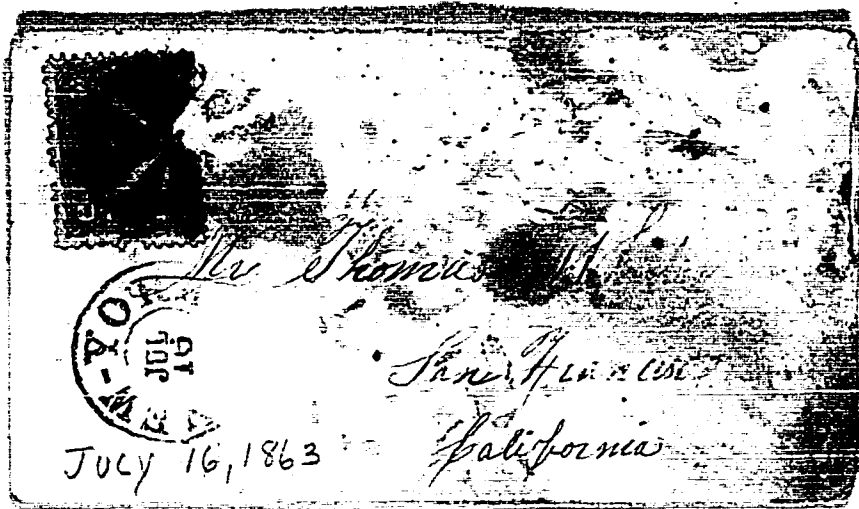
though she has a sufficient of this world's
goods she is a very interesting lady
of excellent principles. I am all of a kind
not to receive a letter from you this summer
I write frequently, if that is any satisfaction
to you and there are a few in return
I hope the little ones are well and grow
kindly as you are a careful parent
Recent Dr G. Angelina sends you to you, it
is with Harriette, as he is away. He then
from you get this you send me letter I
enclosed, to your friend that we were
that we received it, I can do no more
may be prospect and be happy, it may
hope. I hope you have sold your Jan-
Guineo property in a good interest,
and preparing to return home, July 5
The W. is so far, I spent some as
usual at home, I was in hope to get a letter
to give me hands in France, but that the
the family I hope he will write me a line
soon now my dear child I will do
with my love to you and family in which
they all give me a good Affectionate
Mother E. Whaley

July 11th, 03

My dear Son, yet a matter word to say
how as my letter has been postponed
I hope ~~and~~ pray your health is feeling good
this warm weather Aunt Sally has gone to
Thomas Strong's, country seat. I was so fearful
of the law to accompany her he has a most
splendid place at Metuchen take the Philadel
phia train then Aunt Peggy daughter at
Milford Pa, has sent me the most kind
invitations to visit her, a distance of 90 miles
I recoid least some accident may happen to me
I wish I had more courage than I might travel
about more you are the voyager thought still
at last, I hope you are saving up money to
take a jaunt home you had better do so

Received Aug 15
Andrew
H. D. C.

P.S. a great change in the postage of letters from
10 cents to three



POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO

JULY 16, 1863

Mr. Thomas H. [unclear]

San Francisco

California

1863 - July 19th
see 1819 file

Rachel writes

Thomas - This
paper is one of the
few things belonging
to his father

Thomas Whaley Sr.
They revolted on
Parade & were sent
to prison -
Whaley Sr served in
war of 1812

to the about a contract from looking back of
begin to wish you not muddled with business
I suggest him to quit going to work, but the
the man go to school and become a teacher
I may hear of them, we had a letter from Frank
tending to see the - Franklin and family with my
was to see up for the country, but if the draft comes
again I fear to hear of such works too hard times I wish
they were over, and his liberty people have rest

I will write again soon you must not be
silent so long improve as how your health is
my kind regards to all your friends you may see
I will see me by Partridge, or so I thank I will close
with love to you and family they do join me

Do not keep this old paper your affectionate Mother
of further to the me be excited. He is writing
under as he has written on it
and sent to Miss and you

Brooklyn July 19th 1863.

Dear Son Thomas.

I feel as though I had a letter notwithstanding it was addressed to your ^{sister} I am thankful to read that you write in such good spirits. Your letter is long & communicative respecting your family & children if one does not take comfort with their lives ones who should. It is a great pleasure to see them thrive and grow, but when it comes to be with them as you say, not any trouble at all, I begin to think you must have better children in Cal, than in Brooklyn for every knows there is double the trouble with children that was in my day, not that I am willing to decrease any extra attendance to children at my time of life, though I love little children dearly, your little George's face is stamped

am any necessary, he looks so sweet than he
looks more like you, which enhances him
in my ~~attention~~, that I cannot help, that the
pictures which did not take in his eye comes I
took it last the one you sent me last of him is not
an handsome, I presume he is the pleasure of the people
there are all in looking of his, I am with it &
John likewise. You did not say what you thought
of it and her daughter & when they are smart
take of my grand-mother. Oh, if no one else if they
all only behave as well as they appear, what
I send children I shall persist to cheer me
on the down hill of life, not be sorry and
with to their aged grand-mother. I am a
well regulated family is the kind of cheer I
know of. I hope you are blessed with
good students vicarious who will comfort their
parents in their declining years, then you have just what
will have a people to turn on. I shall be no
more. — And you will think of me no
doubt. I don't in Utah considering a country here there
I myself am with & those children I trust
you have them & since which I send this
I am with you standing on sitting

the one standing is good I wish you to
convenient open it as we think it good
I must say I make quite a smart toasting
elderly lady of my age, well I am with
come in fact — when I am young I was
it appears to her to help children away from their
relations so long. Prudence! I am with
a heart full heart in my heart, you may
have have if it were years if I may be in
if they begin to sleep again, this would be
how things our peace & comfort I should say
you would often think of us all if so you would
write more frequently to improve after her.
you appear not to mind any of my persister
or even say you can get away without them
do not see to disagree or regret — the
good friends who will comfort their
I am with you standing on sitting
I am with you standing on sitting

though you may call me an old fogie
I wish there was more like you you have
great reason to feel very grateful to me
for my many liberal indulgences. I hope
you will be willing to gratify your
son, I will thank George if he proves
as good as he looks Sings too.

August 2nd in 2 days it will be Stens birthday
I hope he is well and happy it is a very full moon's
day - Thomas I have sometimes been trying to
feelings not to be replaced Stens John had been
on a short visit with a friend in the town
on returning home some children took his
watch from his vest pocket when I heard of it
I felt as though I had heard of a death it had
been in the family so many years, I -
have not spoken to John about it I am certain
he feels sad indeed with his loss, but I always predicted
that it would be so, I often shed tears
to think of it. the only valuable relic John
left, if I was to speak, I might only say him
as he feels very bad, he said he would not go
out on the 4th of July that was the result only
at this time he is gone to Baltimore to see off

San Francisco, July 29 - 1863

My Dear Little Wife -

I was much pleased to hear from you and the children and that you were enjoying yourself so much. We are very busy in the Commissary Dept but I am trying to get things so arranged as to go up by the boat Saturday and remain till you come home Monday or Tuesday. I delivered your message to Capt K. He will leave for the Crystal Springs Thursday and go from there to the Warm Springs so you may expect him in the Major and family are well and desire to be remembered to you - I leave Maudie at this hour in the morning and Frank brings her home as he returns from school. They have ~~been~~ good children - I read your letter to them and gave each a kiss - I may bring Maudie with me when I go on Island My Gray. He will go up on Sunday would go Saturday only that it is Steam day - Walking down Montgomery Street last evening I thought I saw Humphreys bald head shining in the gas light in the back part of Bees Store and so went in and found him there assisting to buy account of stock. I told him of Mrs. G's idea of return -

ing Wednesday or Thursday. He has written
me a letter which find enclosed. He
will not go with me Saturday - I have
been pretty busy since you left and have
found myself lonely only when night came
but I beg Maggie's society to me and
content myself in this way. I take my
meals at home not liking the noise at the
restaurants. Sunday I took the children
down on the Wharf at South Beach and
then got into the cars and rode over to
Maggie's Wharf to see the monkey and the
animals. By the time we got home dinner
was ready. I was not feeling very well
when you left but am all right now.
You can write me upon receipt of this. I
will get your letter probably before I leave
and should you need anything let me
know. Give my respects to Mrs.
Hugston and Mrs. Gray who I hope enjoy
themselves. Kiss Peter and Violet for
me. Mr. Linn was down to see Kate
the day you left. Mary talks of coming
down in about two weeks time.
With much love to I remain your ever
constant and devoted husband,
H. W. Hading

Received August 22 through R. S. Bedford -
Baggage Master Misses W. L. L. -

Answered Oct 2 1863

Virgin Bay Nic. July 25th 1863

Dear Brother -

Your of the 9th June was
received here on the 27th - and read with real pleas-
-ure =

If it can be made convenient in any way I will surely visit
you before returning to New York - I am pleased to learn that
Mr Bessie succeeded so well on his arrival there - His son
in Law a Mr Swan - is one of the Clerks in our Telegraph
Office in N York - hence our acquaintance.

By the same steamer that brought me your letter I
received a Telegraph despatch from Harriet - It was dated
the 11th June - and all were well - by return to San
Francisco I sent her a despatch - so you see I make use
of your line - though in Central America.

It is truly a pleasure to hear of your success and I
hope that you will soon realize your most sanguine wishes.
I came out here on a new enterprise - I am prospering I
hope to make money - if not there is always a position
for me at home - the climate suits me better than
a cold one - this the War deprived me of in the

Station and I am fond of adventure - especially where
I can do better than at home - with a good prospect
ahead. The Gent^l at whose solicitation I came here desired
me to bring my family - that I could not swallow - as
they are better cared for where they are and I should not wish
to have Harriet endure any hardships - she is too good to
be visited.

It is very strange - you do not hear from Henry - when you
write remember us to him and his. Harriet often speaks of
him and all were solicitous for his welfare and anxious to
hear from you & her!

In my last letter (by the steamer with the California
passengers for New York) I remembered you to all and
they will learn that your letter was received here - with
joy - John has been making crates for the Government
and up to a week or two of my leaving had plenty to do
and I presume was making money. I hope he is again busy
as he deserves wealth - he works hard enough.

Affairs in this Country are still in an unsettled
state and no one can even guess - when they will get
through fighting - my opinion is that they will keep it

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up until - there are none left to fight - unless some Foreign
Power steps in - and takes possession of the Country - as they
should do! Central America and particularly Nicaragua
can be made a garden spot - by another race - this is
worthless =

The property of this Company is now in the hands of the
American Minister and its disputes with this Government (if
one may so call it) are to be settled in Washington - with
proper management it can be made a quick and delightful
route -

Give my love to your wife and Children all of whom
I hope to see at an early date - whenever you have the
kindness drop me a line - the Person of any Steamer on
this route will cheerfully bring it - My materials for this
portion of the line have not yet reached here - have been
waiting for it over a month - My youngest Brother -
Counselland is here with me as assistant - he is 24
Years old and no children -

Accept my best wishes for your and your Family's
Health and Happiness - with kindest love I remain
Your Brother
Wm. H. Hays

Recd
Aug 22nd 1863

Thos. Thaley Esq
U. S. Commissary Dept.
210 Sansome Street
San Francisco
California

Witness of
James A. Hayes Taylor

Dear Mr. [Name] 1872

London

I have the pleasure to inform you that your letter of the 10th inst. has been received and that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am sorry to hear that you have been obliged to leave your country and that you are unable to visit us at present. I trust that you will be able to return to your country in good health and that you will be able to visit us again in the future. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[Name]

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Fort-Myrtle, Cal. Nov. 10. 1868.

Dear Sir, the bearer of this Mrs. Mary O'Meara, is leaving for San Francisco tomorrow, with the intention of remaining, if she can obtain a situation at service in some good family, until such time as she can succeed in getting her husband transferred to one of the companies of my regiment now stationed at Benicia: and where also she can be near her daughter Kate, and provide a home for her, as she feels unable to bear the expense of boarding her at the Sisters' School. If you can in anywise further her objects, you will confer still another favor on the many you have heretofore rendered me.

Since Mrs. O'Meara has been in my company, and during the last eighteen months while I have been doing duty with Co. F, I have neither seen or heard anything derogatory to her character, as an upright, virtuous and hard-working woman, and she leaves the Company now solely for the purpose of being near her daughter. Although very loath to lose her services

in my company, as I cannot but willingly
recommend her, as competent help in any family
requiring her services.

My kindest regards to Mrs Whaley and family
and hoping you are still prospering in your business
and social affairs, allow me to subscribe myself
Your obedient servant &c

Wm H. Hayes

1st Lieut. 2nd Reg. C. G.

To Thomas Whaley, Esq,
San Francisco, Cal.

Saw Keys CA
Nov 29th '13

Mr. Gus Whaley
N. C.

I wish you
would purchase for me one
and a half by Express, I pair pants
42 inches in waist and 38 in leg,
a vest, and business coat.

Size, waist 44

Breast 43

Back 5 1/2, 31

Sleeve 34 1/2

a good article
not expensive, and one of dark
color which will not fade,

Yours
C. L. Whaley

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Dear Mr. [Name]

I am much obliged to you for
 improving in your health as it gives you great necessities, which I wish you
 should do as much as I did, and I am sure you will be very glad that you may get better of
 your malady, and if you are not yet recovered, I am sure you will be much obliged
 to what I have written, and I am sure you will be much obliged to me for what I have
 the pleasure in writing to you, the same as I have done in the past.
 My dear Mr. [Name], I am sure you will be much obliged to me for what I have
 what is the object of your study, and I am sure you will be much obliged to me for what I have
 if you have a mind to go to school, I am sure you will be much obliged to me for what I have
 to the fall, and I am sure you will be much obliged to me for what I have
 not permit you to do anything but what I have written, not to let me
 I hope I will be much obliged to you for what I have written, and I am sure you will be much obliged to me for what I have
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 will be much obliged to you for the advantage of a good education, as
 he is your great natural ability, you are a good man, and
 I am sure you will be much obliged to me for what I have written, and I am sure you will be much obliged to me for what I have
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Yours truly,
 [Signature]

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I shall be quite happy to receive a letter from my grandson
I think if I do write I shall say he had been at his school
if indeed my dear wife is still living I must make her
with her ill health I must write to her making a most
busy at times she is at her seat occasionally. I do not think any of
my grand children will be married those my son those that I
can pass any judgement on I think George & Jane will make a nice
pair, I would like to see ^{her} I would not wonder if she was quite forward
in her studies, Harry was a fine looking boy & she will be ^{very}
a help to his father not to the detriment of his business that I can be
to know, I do not hear that George had brought any news of his
they say they do not hear from them, I do not know how it is
I believe I wrote that he was going to see her mother.

The reason I inquire of Amelia and her mother, you wrote that they
was about to leave town I asked you if she was gone or if she was married
not that I care - my ^{dear} ^{one} ^{is} ^{always} ^{present} ^{to} ^{me} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{same} ^{as}
the rest of I remember, it is a great pity that they should not be right

I like you people have great trouble in this world without any
imaginary ones, as - in a word of it one, but amidst ^{all} I must keep
up my dignity if I am put down on one side I will peep up
on the other I am only guided in one way that is very easy
I can write to say of my new children those who has been
must have the trouble with them, my father in law never had
any trouble, I always treated him well for my two hands sake, I never
had a unkind word from him in my life I always asked him you never
heard a word to the contrary of - I thought of your relations don
a long while I hope