SCOPE AND CONTENT
The Preston King/Simeon Smith Papers consist of over 600 items and includes correspondence, business papers, receipts and legal papers relating to the two men. Also included in the collection are several letter books and account books. The Preston King Papers cover a period from 1834 to 1865 and are of particular interest in the 1860's, during which time reference is made to the conflict between the North and South and to the nomination and the election of Lincoln. Also of importance is the correspondence covering the Canadian Rebellion of 1836-1837.

The Simeon Smith Papers cover a period from 1845 to 1866 and consist of personal correspondence, legal and business papers, court cases and legal briefs. The legal papers are from Smith's law practice in Minnesota and cover the period from 1857 to 1860.

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Biography: PRESTON KING
Preston King was born in Ogdensburg, N.Y. in 1806, the son of John King and Margaret Galloway. At an early age he was committed to the guardianship of Louis Hasbrouck, an Ogdensburg lawyer. In 1827, King graduated, with honors, from Union College and began to study for the bar with Mr. Hasbrouck. He was admitted to the bar and established a large practice in St. Lawrence County. In 1830, Preston King established and edited the ST. LAWRENCE REPUBLICAN. King served as postmaster of Ogdensburg from 1831 to 1834 when he was elected to the Assembly, where he served for four years. In 1843, King was elected to Congress and served until 1847, and again from 1849 to 1854. Though he was a zealous democrat, and had almost reached the leadership of his party, King left in 1854 and joined the Republicans who nominated him for Secretary of State. In 1854 Preston King was elected to the United States Senate where he served until 1863 when he returned to his law practice in Ogdensburg. In 1864, King was appointed collector of the Port of New York. He assumed his duties in New York during the summer of 1865, and it was while in this position that he died on November 12, 1865. (source: Dictionary of American Biography.)

SIMEON SMITH
Simeon Smith was a law clerk in the office of Preston King and was married to Jane Webster, a cousin of King. In 1845, Smith moved to Washington and became a clerk in the Registry of Patents office. In 1860, he became the paymaster of the Army in Illinois, and later moved to Chatfield, Minnesota. It was there that Smith conducted an active law practice and assisted immigrants in taking up land grants in the West.
Organization & arrangement

I. Preston King

Box

A. Correspondence. Arranged chronologically.

1-3  1. Business and personal. Contains correspondence to and from Preston King
    2. Miscellaneous correspondence.

4  3. Preston King to Simeon Smith.

B. Receipts.

5-7  1. Arranged chronologically. Contains personal and business receipts.

C. Legal Papers.

8  1. Arranged chronologically.

D. Miscellaneous.

9  1. Newspaper clippings. Contains photocopies of articles relating to Preston King.
    2. Political printed material. Contains material related to Preston King's political career.
    3. Invitations. Contains invitations received by King.
    5. Miscellany. Contains photocopies of loose envelopes and calling cards, and a few miscellaneous lists.

E. Transcripts.

1. Arranged chronologically.

2. Contains transcripts of letters written by Preston King. These transcripts were found with the King Papers. The location of the originals is unknown.

F. Windmill Papers.

1. Contains affidavits concerning King's participation in the Battle of the Windmill. These papers are restricted. Permission to use them must be obtained from Mrs. Margaret Carlisle.

II. Simeon Smith

A. Correspondence. Arranged chronologically.

1. Business & Personal: Contains correspondence to and from Simeon Smith and his family.
    2. Miscellaneous

B. Legal Papers.

15-20  Arranged chronologically.

C. Receipts.

21-22  Arranged chronologically. Contains household and business receipts.

D. Account books

ABBREVIATIONS

a.l. autographed letter.  a.l.s. autographed letter, signed.  S.S. Simeon Smith.

 d. document (printed).  a.d. autographed document.  m.s. manuscript, signed

 a.d.s. autographed document, signed.  m. manuscript.  P.K. Preston King.

 a.m.s. autographed manuscript, signed.  mss.note. manuscript note.
1834
Sept.21. a.l.s. P.K. to George Redington. Ogdensburg. Informs Redington that Samuel Young and Judge Willis were nominated for the Senate.

1836
Aug.2. a.l.s. P.K. to "Editor of THE GLOBE". Informs THE GLOBE that Mr. Felt has moved to Felts Mills and wishes his paper sent there.

1838
Sept.5. a.l.s. P.K. to George Redington. Ogdensburg. Sends the names of the Franklin County delegate to the convention.

1840

Nov.6. a.l.s. P.K. to George Redington. Election news.

1841


1842
Feb.2. a.l.s. R.R. Delderfield to P.K. Acknowledgement of a payment.


Oct.8. Printed notice to P.K. About a note that is due.

Nov.21. a.l.s. R.R. Delderfield to P.K. About a payment that is due.


1843

1844


1845
Jan.18. a.l.s. P.K. to John Y. Mason. Recommends Robert Hagumin for position in the Navy. Nov.30. a.l.s. R. Webster to P.K. Ogdensburg. Brief note asking P.K. to call on the Smiths occasionally. (This note was originally found in the Simeon Smith papers).

1846

1847
Sept.11. a.l.s. P.K. to Gideon Willis. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves About Silas Wright's death.


1849
Jun.3. a.l.s. P.K. to (?). Ogdensburg. About Henry S. Randall for a candidate for Secretary of State.


1850
Mar.27. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. Financial matters.


Jul.5. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. Financial matters. Also about building a plank sidewalk.

Sept.24. a.l.s. John A. Reed to P.K. Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Sends a copy of the OHIO TIMES. Encourages P.K. to patronize the paper.

1851


Mar.28. a.l.s. D.L. Bailey to P.K. Lowville. Asks King to order the NATIONAL ERA IN EXCHANGE for him.


Nov.20. a.l.s. Martin Thatcher to P.K. Canton. About the buying and selling of land.

Nov.21. a.l.s. John Powell Jr. to P.K. Ogdensburg. Powell sends a "...'visiting card' which along with the 'Traveling Pass Word' will ensure your reception into any Division of the Sons of Temperance..."

1853

Jan.1. a.l.s. A.M. Brush to P.K. Clayton. Inquires about a patent. Also includes a printed receipt from the patent office and a draft signed by Brush.


Apr.27. a.l.s. Martin Thatcher to P.K. New York. About a debt. Also mentions the political appointments of St. Lawrence County. "...if the present course is pursued in future appointments, this State will be hopelessly Whig."

Apr.28. a.l.s. Martin Thatcher to P.K. New York. About a bank note. Note added,

Apr.29. acknowledging the receipt of a letter.

Jun.7. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. About the payment of a draft.

1852


1855


Aug.16. a.l.s. A. Bacon to P.K. Bacon declares his insanity and claims "No act done by a person in a state of insanity can be punished as an offense..."


1856


1857

Mar.9. a.l.s. P.K. to Gideon Willis. Washington. 2 leaves. About the new administration..."Buchanan changed his cast of the cabinet and gave his inaugural a stronger direction towards slavery after he came here on Monday..."

Mar.15. a.l.s. Amos Dean to "My blessed old Friend". Albany. 2 leaves. Discusses various lawschools.

Oct.20. a.l.s. P.K. to Franklin B. Hough. Answers some questions that Hough has asked in a letter.

Dec.5. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. About the rent of a store.

1858

Jan.18. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. Inquires about a fair price for the rent on a store. Miss McDonald is interested in opening a shop in the store.


Jan.29. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. About renting a store on Isabella Street to Peter Robertson. Attached is a note with an offer for a building.

Feb.11. a.l.s. P.K. to James B. Swain. Washington. King is unable to send a report that Swain asked.

Feb.18. a.l.s. M.S. Daniels to P.K. Ogdensburg. Notice of taxes due from the Ogdensburg and Canton Plank Road.
Feb.27.  a.l.s.  D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. Mr. Parish {George} is about to leave for Europe. Also political news, "Buchannan seems to have got to the lowest depth of Political infamy."


Apr.1.  a.l.s.  J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. About leases on various stores. There are several vacant stores and one or two occupied at minimal rents. "...business prospects are not flattering."


1858
May 4.  a.l.s.  S.S. to P.K. Chatfield. Sends a note for $5.00.

May 8.  a.l.s.  D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. Chapin has collected some money from C.P. Geer which he sends to S.S.

May 12.  a.l.s.  S.S. to P.K. Chatfield. S.S. inquires about a loan.

May 18.  a.l.s.  S.S. to P.K. Chatfield. Smith acknowledges the receipt of a loan from P.K. and a payment from Chapin.

May 24.  a.l.s.  D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. Political letter, discusses the Republicans in Illinois and St.Lawrence {County}.

May 24.  a.l.s.  J.C. Allen by S.D. Renolds to P.K. Washington, D.C. About some books due to P.K. as a Former member of the House of Representatives.

Nov.24.  a.l.s.  P.K. to T.A. Chaney. Ogdensburg. P.K. is about to leave for Washington to be there for the opening session.


1859
Jan.2.  a.l.s.  D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. Chapin has done a title search on some property and advises P.K. purchase the lot.

Jan.3.  Printed notice from the Executive Committee of the "Alumni Association of Union College". Informs King that his subscription is one hundred dollars. Mss.note added: "Sent draft for this $100.0 January 13, 1859-by mail to R.M. Blatchford.

Jan.20.  a.l.s.  L.C. Campbell to P.K. Chicago. Inquires about Mrs. Wright's pew in Ogdensburg. Mrs. Wright is of it.

1859


1859
Feb.15.  a.l.s.  John W. Thompson to P.K. Ballston Spa. About a note.


Feb.17.  a.l.s.  G. Bailey to P.K. "I await only the certificate of the clerk. The deed + note I have drawn up. You said, I believe JOHN W. Thompson.

Feb.22.  a.l.s.  John W. Thompson to P.K. Ballston Spa. Asks if King has recieved his draft.


Apr.25.  a.l.s.  G. Bailey to P.K. Washington. "I am glad Mr. Thompson issatisfied...I trust he will have No to regret his investment."

1859

May 14. a.l.s. S.P. Chase to P.K. Columbus, Ohio. Sends certificate for one share of stock in the Chicago Block Company.

 Jun.20. a.l.s. P.K. to L.B. Storrs. Ogdensburg. Responds to a notice of a meeting at St. Lawrence University.

1859

Aug.18. a.l.s. George Parish to P.K. {Ogdensburg.} Invitation to dinner.

1859

Sept.18. a.l.s. W.B. Taylor to P.K. New York. 2 leaves. Taylor writes on behalf of John B. Staats and asks King to keep him on at his post at the Custom House.

1859

Sept.22. a.l.s. Sophie Huntress to P.K. Great Falls. About some money she has lent King.

Oct.4. a.l.s. Sophie Huntress to {P.K.}. Acknowledges the receipt of a draft.

Nov.21. a.l.s. J.G. Hopkins to P.K. Requests partial payment for a fence which separates their property.

Dec.6. a.l.s. B.F. Butler for Maitland Phelps and Co. to P.K. New York. Acknowledges the receipt of a draft which will be credited to the account of George Parish.

Dec.8. a.l.s. Charles R. {Westhov?} for George Parish to P.K. Ogdensburg. Acknowledges receipt of the above mentioned draft which is full payment of a bond and mortgage.

Dec.9. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. About the above-mentioned bond and mortgage.


Dec.21. a.l.s. A.W. Woolley and Henry Masters to P.K. Ogdensburg. "With many thanks for your trouble and kindness...."

Dec.21. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. Acknowledges receipt of a tax payment. Also discusses the congress.

Dec.22. a.l.s. R. Webster to P.K. Ogdensburg. Acknowledges receipt of a check.

Dec.23. a.l.s. E.N. Merriam to P.K. Ogdensburg. Acknowledges receipt of a deposit. Also,"We are all very anxious that the disunionists be defeated...".

1859

Dec.27. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. Acknowledges the receipt of two checks. Also, "We are anxiously looking for the organization of the House...".

1860


Jan.16. a.l.s. Evelyn Littelson to P.K. Ogdensburg. "As I am thinking of moving to Albany soon, you Will oblige me by sending me fifty dollars."

Jan.25. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. "He {Judge James} says Maj. Ripley is pressing him to pay over the amt on the mortg. as he is about going to California to be gone some time."


Jan.31. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. In regard to a suit filed by Major Ripley.

Feb.3. a.l.s. James + Hopkins to P.K. Financial.


Feb.3. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. Financial matters.
Feb.10. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. Financial matters. Also discusses an upcoming election.
Feb.15. a.l.s. E.N. Merriam to P.K. Ogdensburg. "J.G. Hopkins elected Supervisor by 88 Maj...".
Feb.18. a.l.s. S.S. to P.K. Chatfield. Acknowledges the receipt of two drafts.
Feb.22. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. About the collection of rents. Also about a pension.

1860

Mar.6. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. Inquires about renting a lot on Isabella Street to Mr. Calvin Goodno.
Mar.8. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. About a delegate to Chicago. Suggests that S.N. Sherman should be the next congressman from the area.
May 5. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. Calls King's attention to an ordinance and advises King about how he (Barter) will bring King's property into compliance with this ordinance. Also mentions trouble between the North and the South. A copy of the ordinance (xerox) is attached.
May 19. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. About the nomination of Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Hamilton.
Jun.12. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. About the iron railings on King's building. Also expresses disappointment that Lincoln was nominated over Seward. Mentions an assassination attempt on the life of a Mr. Sumner.
Jun.16. a.l.s. P.K. to T. Apoleon Cheney. Washington. Acknowledges the receipt of a letter, says that he does not have the works that Cheney has asked about.

1860

Jul.17. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. About a speech by Sen. Summers on slavery which was to be mailed to Barter. "It would be ungraceful to suppose that PUBLIC DOCUMENTS forwarded by your committee would be systematically suppressed at Washington."
Jul.25. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg.
Aug.6. a.l.s. M.W. Spaulding to P.K. Canton. Acknowledges the receipt of fifty dollars to "...satisfy your subscription for benefit of PLAIN DEALERS."
Aug.27. a.l.s. O.D. Baker to P.K. Potsdam. 2 leaves. Discusses the political prospects in St. Lawrence County and the nation.
Aug.28. a.l.s. P.K. to Edward Wade. Acknowledges the receipt of some correspondence.
Aug.28. a.l.s. S.P. Remington to P.K. Canton. 2 leaves. "I have just returned from the Republican State Committee and am well pleased with the ticket nomination."
Sept.10. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. Political news about St. Lawrence County and the upcoming presidential election.
Sept.26. a.l.s. E.N. Merriam to P.K. Ogdensburg. "The political sky is bright in this direction...".
Oct.4. a.l.s. E.N. Merriam to P.K. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. Acknowledges the receipt of a draft.

1860

Oct.5. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. "The election of Lincoln I regard as certain...".
Oct.10. a.l.s. P.K. to T. Apoleon Cheney. Washington. King has no spare copies of the GLOBE for the 35th congress to send to Cheney.
Oct.26. a.l.s D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. More political news. Expenses are becoming high. New York politics are unsettled and Chapin suggests that King return home. "You say
you are determined to be home in time to vote—would it not be a great shame SENATOR if you are not."

Nov.15. a.l.s. P.K. to Rev. Bernice Ames. Ogdensburg. King is unable to supply the documents that Ames asked for.

Nov.22. Printed invitation to a meeting of the K.A. in New York.

Dec.11. a.l.s. E.N. Merriam to P.K. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. Financial. Note added discusses the political atmospheres.

Dec.12. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. About election results and the different viewpoints of the North and South.

Dec.19. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. Informs King of the amount of taxes due.

Dec.23. a.l.s. P.K. to Thurlow Weed. Washington. "The Union however the essence of this Glorious free Government of ours which is the hope of mankind must and will live."

Dec.26. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. Acknowledges receipt of two letters and a check to pay the taxes.

1861

Jan.22. a.l.s. P.K. to George Ashley Washington. Political letter about the unrest over slavery.

Jan.27. a.l.s. Martin Thatcher to P.K. New York. Thatcher sends King a payment on a note. Note added. "If the Republicans back down from their Chicago platform, they are bound to go to pieces...".


Feb.23. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. Informs King of the death of one of his tenants and asks advice on renting the store.

Feb.28. a.l.s. P.K. to E.A. Stansbury. Acknowledges the receipt of a letter.

Mar.1. a.l.s. James Boyd to P.K. Michigan. 2 leaves. Boyd recalls an early friendship with King and asks him to use his influence to help Boyd obtain an appointment as Postmaster.

Mar.2. a.l.s. J.W. Thompson to P.K. Ballston Spa. Encloses authorization for Mr. Blair to accept a proposition which has been made on some property.


Mar.15. a.l.s. U.H. Pearson to P.K. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. (Recommends Mr. Pearce?) for the position of Postmaster. Also, about Fort Sumpter being evacuated.


1862

Mar.25. a.l.s. P.K. to {?}. Brief note in response to a letter.


May 11. a.l.s. M.A. Carter to P.K. Washington. About the atmosphere in Washington. "We hear nor see anything in Washington but Military Flags, (yes, the glorious Stars and Stripes of our glorious Union, which I pray, may remain to wave over this country, forever and ever) martial music, cheering and all sorts of patriotic devotion."


Jun.17. a.l.s. P.K. to {?}. King can not provide the documents requested.

Jun.17. a.l.s. P.K. to E.A. Stansbury. Ogdensburg. King can not give him an opinion of his chances for an appointment.

Jul.15. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. About King's village taxes. Also about a proposed increase in the pay for privates which is before congress.

1861

Jul.20. a.l.s. P.K. to T. Apoleon Cheney. Washington. Suggests that Cheney write directly to the State Department in regard to his appointment.


Jul.25. a.l.s. John W. Thompson to P.K. Ballston Spa. Acknowledges the receipt of a draft.


Aug.29. a.l.s. P.K. to E.B. Allen. Sends a letter from Jones.

Nov.8. a.l.s. P.K. to T.A. Cheney. Ogdensburg. King can not provide the documents that Cheney wants.

Nov.11 a.l.s. George W. Bradford to P.K. (Farmer, N.Y.?) Requests volumes eleven and twelve of the Pacific Rail Road Survey.

Nov.15. a.l.s. P.K. to A.X. Parker, Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. About a letter written by {Parker}.

Nov.20. a.l.s. P.K. to J. and H. Langley. Ogdensburg. About a subscription to the DEMOCRATIC REVIEW.


1862

Feb.4. a.l.s. P.K. to E.A. Stansbury. In reply to Mrs. Stansbury's letter.


Feb.18. a.l.s. William M. Wermerskirch to P.K. New York. About a resolution passed by the German Republican Central Committee.

Feb.22. a.l.s. Benjamen Smith to P.K. Russell. "I have concluded to give myself the best treat the world and the age can produce. To wit see 200000 military men in camp, the stupendous fortifications...".


Apr.2. a.l.s. H.R. James to P.K. Ogdensburg. Financial and political matters.

Apr.5. a.l.s. P.K. to (?) Washington. 2 leaves. About an appointment. Also mentions the Army of the Potomac.

Apr.21. a.l.s. P.K. to T. Apoleon Cheney. Washington. King is unable to send the documents that Cheney requested.

1862


Jun.3. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. Concerns the defeat of the Bank Division, also the war.

Jun.4. a.l.s. Edward Lynch to P.K. Ogdensburg. Acknowledges the receipt of a check.


Aug.4. a.l.s. P.K. to Col. N.W. Green. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. About the Civil War and Ogdensburg's interest in raising a new Regiment.

Aug.29. a.l.s. P.K. to Edwin D. Morgan. Ogdensburg. About the resignation of the commanding officer of the 18th Regiment of New York State Volunteers.


Dec.6. a.l.s. J.C. Barter to P.K. Ogdensburg. About the taxes on King's property.
Dec. 24. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. Chapin tells King that he agrees with his political
decision and mentions Fredericksburg.

3 1863
Jan. 13. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to P.K. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. About a change in the denominations of
insurance stamps.
Mar. 7. a.l.s. Lucy A. McBrown to P.K. Heuvelton. Family news.
Jun. 9. a.l.s. Moses Stevens to P.K. Acknowledges the receipt of a draft.
Aug. 27. a.l.s. P.K. to Monroe Henderson. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. King writes about Henderson's poor
health.
Sept. 9. a.l.s. P.K. to Thomas W. Olcott. Ogdensburg. Congratulations on his nomination as State
Comptroller.
Sept. 11. a.l.s. P.K. to A.X. Parker. Ogdensburg. King is sorry to have missed his visit.
Oct. 6. a.l.s. P.K. to A.X. Parker. Ogdensburg. About some meetings to complete a school district
canvas.

1864
Mar. 5. a.l.s. P.K. to A.X. Parker. Ogdensburg. Hopes to see Parker in Albany.
Mar. 18. a.l.s. Andreas Willmann to P.K. New York. Speaks against a law which would prohibit the sale
of liquor on Sunday.
Mar. 20. a.l.s. (?) Clark to P.K. Auditors Office, Post Office Department. About the closing of King's
account as Post Master of Ogdensburg.
Mar. 24. a.l.s. P.K. to A.X. Parker. Ogdensburg. About the letter from Andreas Willmann. Also about
lowering the waters of Black Lake.
Apr. 13. a.l.s. P.K. to A.X. Parker. Urges Parker not to tire out. "Somebody must discharge their public
dutie, and an honest faithful fearless discharge of them will be observed and appreciated by the
public."
Apr. 13. a.l.s. P.K. to A.X. Parker. Asks Parker to consider James H. Titus for a vacancy on the Board of
Regents of the university.
Apr. 14. a.l.s. P.K. to A.X. Parker. King says that he was behind the times and now realized that the
position on the Board of Regents has been filled.
leaves. (envelope) Giffin expresses pride in his company.
in the Army or resign and return home.
Nov. 25. a.l.s. S.S. to P.K. Fort Leavenworth. About the financial affairs of the deceased Mr. Huntress.
1865

Feb.5. a.l.s. Ella Spafford to P.K. Rockford, Ill. 2 leaves. Family news.
Feb.6. a.l. {?} to Moses {?}.. Ogdensburg. About a deed from Simeon Smith.
Feb.12. a.l.s. A.G. Brady to P.K. Point Lookout, Md. "...Prisoners are only allowed to take the oath by
order of the Sect. of War or Com...".
obtaining a transfer to another department.
Mar.22. a.l.s. {?} to P.K. Washington. Informs King of documents which are being sent to him.
Apr.28. a.l.s. U. Pearson to P.K. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. About the repair of some Ogdensburg property.
May 2. a.l.s. C.P. Smith to P.K. Brooklyn. Asks King to help his son Theodore to obtain a commission
as Notary Public.
May 2. a.l.s. U. Pearson to P.K. Ogdensburg. More about making repairs on King's property in
Ogdensburg. Material is very difficult to find.
appointment. (letter not enclosed)
May 8. a.l.s. G.W. Palmer to P.K. Plattsburgh. 2 leaves. Palmer is seeking an appointment as
consul to Nice, Italy.
May 15. a.l.s. {T. Weed?} to {P.K.}. New York (illegible)
May 16 a.n.s. P.K. to "Postmaster". Very brief. "Please deliver letters me to the Bearer Wm. A. T.
Breckville."
Jun. 18. a.l.s. Alfred Wilkenson to P.K. Syracuse. About the character of a Mr. Smith who is in line
for an appointment.
Jun.22. a.l.s. J.J. Briggs to P.K. Salina. Supports Mr. Agan as Post of Syracuse.
Aug.2. a.l.s. Gabrial P. Disosway to P.K. In support of L.P. Gilbert.
Aug.5. a.l.s. Cornelius B. O'Leary to P.K. Savannah, Ga. Asks King's help in being discharged from the
Army.
Aug.11. a.l.s. D.P. Bissell to P.K. Utica. 2 leaves. Bissell writes on behalf of his son Frank, who wishes
to join the regular Army.
Aug. 13. a. l. s. Martin Thatcher to P. K. Bradford, Vt. 2 leaves. About obtaining a position for Mr. Wright's son. Also political news of a Union League Convention in Saratoga Springs. The convention is endorsing Andrew Johnson. (envelope)

Aug. 13. a. l. s. William Young to P. K. New York. 2 leaves. Young has spoken to Mr. Draper on behalf of King. (envelope)«PG»

Aug. 13. a. l. s. John Benedict to P. K. Rome. Thanks King for help in obtaining a discharge for Eli M. Wood, also requests King's help in being appointed to a position in the N. Y. Custom House.

Aug. 13. a. l. s. Frank Bissell to P. K. Navy Yard, N. Y. About obtaining a position as Postmaster in the Navy. (envelope)


Aug. 13. a. l. s. John Fine to P. K. Ogdensburg. 2 leaves. Thanks King for a copy of the NAVY REGULATIONS. Also writes about the possibility of King being appointed to the cabinet.


Aug. 15. a. l. s. A. X. Parker to P. K. Potsdam. News of friends. (envelope)

Aug. 15. a. l. s. H. W. {Moss?} to P. K. New York. 2 leaves. Congratulates King on his appointment. "...I may say that it will be especially gratifying to see the collectorship of New York once more in the hands of a gentleman of unblemished character."


Oct. 3. a. l. s. William J. Young to P. K. New York. 2 leaves Young is seeking employment.

Oct. 12. a. l. s. P. K. to {?}. About the discharge of James Norris.

Oct. 16. a. l. s. P. K. to Ira Harris. About a position as "Keeper of the beacon light".

1865  {n. d.} a. l. s. Kate Gullier to {P. K.?} Malta. (partial letter).


a. l. s. P. K. to {?}. Encloses something for Mrs. Welles.

a. l. s. J. Whitaker to {?}. (partial letter.)

2. MISCELLANEOUS

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1864 Mar. 29. a. l. s. A. Ramsey to "Dear Sir". Washington. Expresses support of a salary increase for Paymaster's clerks despite unfavorable attitudes in Congress.

3. PRESTON KING TO SIMEON SMITH

1845
Jun.2. Brief note about the weather.
Jun.11. Brief note acknowledging the receipt of Smith's letters.
Jun.30. About the fourth of July celebration in Ogdensburg and the Northern Rail Road.

Jul.5. About the case of Dodge vs. Fitzhugh.
Aug.30. P.K. has just returned from a trip.
Sept.4. About the Northern Rail Road. P.K. plans a trip to Washington.
Sept.19. More about the rail road.
Sept.21. Brief note. P.K. also sends a letter from Mrs. Smith. (not included)
Nov.19. P.K. has arrived in Albany. “Mrs. Smith and the baby stand the journey very well indeed.”

1847
May 24. Encloses a letter to Mr. Gillet. Also about making an appointment.
May.28. More about the above-mentioned appointment.
Jul.11. "I rec’d by the last nights mail letters from Mr.Hale + Mr. Laughlin recg. your appointment as PM here."
Jul.26. About the emigrants moving up the river.
Aug.5. Brief note about a draft.
Aug.31. Mentions the death of Silas Wright.
Sept.10. More about the death of Silas Wright.
Nov.20. Brief note acknowledging the receipt of a letter.

1848
Mar.9. King will attend the Baltimore Convention. Talks about the possibility of Clay being a candidate. Also discusses how he thinks New York will vote.
Sept.2. More about the elections.

1849
Aug.11. Advises Smith on what to do when he finishes in Washington.

1850
Oct.14. Expresses surprise and regret at Smith's "removal." Also discusses what Smith will do; asks if he will return to Ogdensburg.

1852
Nov.5. About a fire in Ogdensburg. "The village looks some what desolate but it will be very promptly rebuilt."

1853
Mar.22. About some books.
Mar.30. Expresses confidence that Smith will find a "...first class clerkship...".
Mar.31. More about some books.
Apr.8. More about some books to be shipped.
Apr.18. More about the books. King describes the contents of three boxes of books and talks about packing boxes.
Jun.11. King sends a letter to be hand-delivered to Mr. Cleeland, Secretary of the Interior, and says "...I think you will be appointed as you desire."

Aug.23. King expresses sorrow that Smith's clerkship was not approved.

1853
Aug.29. About a telegram that Smith sent to Washington.
Nov.19. King advises Smith of a package being sent to him.
Dec.3. About the election results. Also news of friends in Ogdensburg.

1855
Dec.18. He can not come home until January.

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1857
Nov.7. Asks about a land warrant. Also election news.
1858
Jan.15. Political and personal news.
Feb.9. Personal news.
Mar.29. King sends Smith copies of some speeches.
Apr.29. Business letter about a draft.
May 3. Brief note acknowledging the receipt of a letter.
May 17. Brief note about a draft.
Dec.15. About some school books and paints. Also news about Washington. (envelope)
Dec.24. King accuses the Democratic Party of "...perpetrating frauds as a means of carrying the Elections and continuing themselves in power...".

1859
Apr.18. News about Ogdensburg. "Madame Vespucci who has been living with Mr. Parish so long is going to Europe in the month of May and it is supposed they will no longer live together."

1860
Feb.6. King completes the transactions for the purchase of Smith's lot.
May 31. Brief note about friends.
Jul.13. King sends copies of some speeches. (speeches not enclosed)

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1860
Sept.13. a.l.s. More about the above speeches.
Dec.15. a.l.s. Political note about an opening as a senate clerk.
1861
Feb.6. a.l.s. "The clouds of Treason are breaking away here somewhat and the prospects are looking better for the country and worse for the Traitor."
May 20. Acknowledges the receipt of a letter.
May.27. About an appointment for Land Register at Chatfield.
Jun.7. About a draft.
1863
Feb.28. "I should have been gratified by a return to the Senate but I bow cheerfully to the decision of the Legislature." (envelope)
1864
May 12. Expresses concern for the illness of Smith.
Oct.14. About the death of Mr. Huntress. (envelope)
Oct.24. Expresses sympathy over the death of Mr. Huntress. (envelope)
Dec.23. Sophie Huntress is staying with him after the death of her husband.
1865
Jan.3. About the financial affairs of Sophie Huntress.
Mar. About an appointment as paymaster.
Jun.3. Brief note. King has just returned from Washington.
Jul.14. "Your name is placed on the list for Brevet Lt Col when the appointments are made."
1865
Sept.9. King responds to a request on behalf of Mr. Van Cleve. (envelope)
B. RECEIPTS

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Jul. 15. to Hon. William H. Seward.

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1863  Feb. 28. to S.S.

F. WINDMILL PAPERS
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Windmill papers. These papers are restricted. Permission to use them must be obtained from Mrs. Margaret Carlisle.

G. ACCOUNT BOOKS AND LEDGERS
9A
1830-1843  Ledger. Pages 71-78 missing.
SIMEON SMITH
A. CORRESPONDENCE
1. PERSONAL AND BUSINESS.

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1845
Jun.18. a.l.s. William Dart to S.S. Potsdam. News of the Northern Rail Road. Also political comments.
Jun.28. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Foxboro, Mass. Expresses great sorrow over the death of Andrew Jackson. Suggests Silas Wright as a possible successor to Jackson.
Jul.2. a.l.s. C.W. Baldwin to S.S. New York. Questions the manner of acquiring political appointment.

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1845
Jul.13. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. "There is a great deal of talk about the railroad."
Jul.13. a.l.s. Julia Galloway to S.S. Ogdensburg. About the Forth of July celebration. The boat NIAGARA was in town to take people to the Falls for free.
Jul.20. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Lisbon, N.Y. Family news.
Aug.7. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S Ogdensburg, N.Y. Family news. Mr. King to go to Washington on Nov.6.
Aug.10. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Ogdensburg. Discussion of the proposed northern railroad and the opposition to it.
Aug.10. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. Many children are dying of bowel complaint and the "hooping cough".
Aug.16. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Joseph Rosseel is missing and believed dead by many.
Aug.23. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Mr. Rosseel has been found. News about Jane's health and the medicine of the time.
Aug.29. a.l.s. Catherine Eddy to S.S. Clayton, N.Y. Family news

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1845
Sept.3. a.l.s. L.M. Emmond to S.S. Brief note asking Smith to deliver a message to his friend, Laughlin.
Sept.9. a.l.s. D. Hershey to S.S. Ogdensburg. Political note—praises Preston King, complains of the Whigs, and says that war with Mexico is sure.

Oct. 5. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. She will travel to Washington with Preston King.
Oct. 10. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. "Aunt Sophia...had a fit. It was supposed to be occasioned by her taking camphor."

Oct. 28. a.l.s. P. Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Political note and complaint about D. Chapin.
Oct. 30. a.l.s. Charles Anthony to S.S. Gouverneur, N.Y. "We are bound to lick the Whigs of course but fears are entertained that we may fall short of the glorious 1500 majority in the country."
Nov. 2. a.l.s. Mrs. Elizabeth Hathaway to S.S. Potsdam, N.Y. Family news. Building a new schoolhouse.
Nov. 3. a.l.s. M.P. Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Brief business note.
Nov. 4. a.l.s. L.M. Powers to S.S. Rochester. Friendly note about Power's family.
Dec. 3. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. New York. Political note about Oregon territory, the Whigs and Silas Wright's chances of becoming the next president.

Dec. 4. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Webster has quit his teaching job because of an insolent student as old as himself. Also, comment on the petition against annexing Texas as a slave state.
Dec. 11. a.l.s. Henry Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Political letter—comments on Polk's message on foreign affairs and on financial affairs. Includes a note to Jane.
Dec. 14. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Brief note—glad that little Margaret is reconciled to her black nurse. Includes a note from John Webster commenting on President Polk's message.

Jan. 7. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. New York. "War with Great Britain is inevitable." Hersey is going to Cuba for his brothers health and wants to know when S.S. thinks war will start. Congratulates P.K. on his Oregon Speech.
Jan. 11. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family has had the itch. Fears Mr. King has entered into a discussion beyond his capacity.
Feb. 2. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Foxborough. Long discussion of possibility of war with England."God of Heaven planted this nation I believe he will never suffer it to be rooted up."
Feb. 16. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Town elections are coming up. Hopes the defeat of the Whigs will result in his being reinstated in his teaching job.

Feb. 17. a.l.s. Charles Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. "Senator Allen takes high ground in his non-interference resolution—the only ground which I think a patriotic statesman should take."

Feb. 22. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Whigs successful in local election—he charges corruption. Says he is satisfied with the passage of the "notice" so far through the Senate, and that this will show that "both the heart and mind of the Yankee is engaged in this controversy."


Feb. 25. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Fears they are getting into the Southern custom of having a Negress carry their child around, and this is causing her (the child's) slowness in learning to walk. Also, family gossip about Aunt Sarah and her baby—mystery or secret.

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Mar. 8. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Brief family note. Aunt Sarah's child was stillborn. "That's the secret of the matter I am instructed—officially—to say this."

Mar. 15. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Diatribe against Ogdensburg, calls it a "den of avarice, petty ambition, strife and passions...". Also about sickness there. Gives mothers cold remedy: "...make use of the pepper in copious quantities till you break the cold + then take Dr Kelly's pills."

Mar. 16. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Foxborough. About his theory that there will soon be a war with Britain over Oregon and other matters.

Mar. 22. a.l.s. Gurdon Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. Suffers from a complaint called "the gravel" which he feels may end his days before long. Also news of the farm and finances.

Mar. 22. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. About recent election "I am no friend to young Democratic Faction—Still I believe expediency will prompt us to sustain our ticket generally."

Mar. 29. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. About his distrust of negroes. Also about the delegate to the convention and the possibility of war with England.

Apr. 15. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. About the Oregon question.


Apr. 27. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Heuvelton, N.Y. Describes the new parsonage in Heuvelton. The Methodist Society is getting larger, but the people's moral seem no better.


Jun. 2. a.l.s. David Hersey to S.S. Foxborough. About Mexico, Great Britain, France and war.

Jun. 7. a.l.s. Rawlings Webster Jr. to S.S. Ogdensburg. Boston folks are buying up local land for the railroad.

Jun. 8. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. "War! War!! Extermination of the Yankees is the general cry in Canada." Also, news of school.

Jun. 14. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Hopes war won't end until "Old Rough + Ready' treats with the Mexican Commissioner in Mexico City while the Stars and Stripes fly from the highest peak thereabouts." Also, gives a remedy for bowel complaint.

Jun. 21. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. The citizens are getting rich on railroad prospects. Also about Oregon and Calhoun.

Jun. 26. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Foxborough. About Oregon and California. Thinks that Silas Wright should be the next president--fears the opposition of Taylor.

Jul. 5. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Describes the celebration of July 4th in great detail.

Aug. 9. a.l.s. Rawlings Webster Jr. to S.S. Ogdensburg. Not much news of the railroad or the war. Includes a note from Mary saying that she wants to see the baby.

Aug. 17. a.l.s. J.N. Gray to S.S. Cleveland, Ohio. Requests the legal right to publish the U.S. Laws in his paper.

Aug. 27. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. Tells of his studies and those of his brothers and sisters.

Sept. 16. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. "Today Ma has put up the kitchen stove." Democrats sanguine about their chances--he feel that it is the only "true party for a Republican form of Government." Also about a man who has been lecturing about the power of electricity to heal the "blind, halt + maimed".

Sept. 20. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. The lecturer on electricity now is lecturing on Phrenology, as applied to teaching, prison discipline and selecting partners.

Sept. 28. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Ogdensburg. Political note about California and Mexico. Also about a candidate to succeed P.K. in Congress. "The St. Lawrence R.R. business is going on finely."

Oct. 4. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. News of the Democratic party. "I think I am fortunate in casting my first vote for Wright...".


Oct. 25. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Brief note about his new job as insurance salesman.

Nov. 6. a.l.s. J.B.B. Hale to S.S. New York, N.Y. Brief political note.

Nov. 10. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Foxborough. About the defeat of Silas Wright.

Nov. 22. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. The Whigs are elated over victory. Also the remedy for some health problems "...wash in warm water, in order to bring out poison + then use the ointment".

Dec.27. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. About a fire on a local farm. Also about Christmas and New Year festivities.

Jan.2. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. Uncle has bought up most of Heuvelton.

Jan.17. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news and news of visits. Also, Preston King's speech was well received he is talked of as a candidate.

Jan.27. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Smallpox is prevalent in Brockville and scarlet fever rages in Potsdam.


Feb.18. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Foxborough. About the need to elect Wright and the state legislature which refuses aid to citizen volunteers.

Mar.2. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news and news of friends. A relief meeting was held for the Irish, but was adjourned for a week.

Mar.21. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Fort Covington, N.Y. Webster is traveling on business and writes about his trip. Tells why he switched employers.


Apr.5. a.l.s. H.M. Smith to S.S. Sends a note from James Williams dated Feb. 21, 1947 about the estate of their grandfather Williams.

Apr.6. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Foxborough. Political note about the possibility of a Wilmot ticket. Also speculates on the futures of Webster, Scott, King, Wright, Taylor and Smith.


May 11. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Brief note including one from John Webster asking about a West Pint appointment.


May 22. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. She can't obtain stomach bitters in Ogdensburg.

May 31. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. She does not want to settle permanently in Ogdensburg—she says it's too cold.


Jun.13. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. About the railroad—Parish went to Boston and "...stirred them up..." about it. Prices are very high and going higher because of foreign demands.

Jun.17. a.l.s. Thomas Fine to S.S. Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. News of his expulsions for drinking and tearing down fences. Brief political comments about local politics.

Jun.20. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. Discusses men's shirt fashions as she is going to make S.S. some shirts.

Jun.27. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Heuvelton. Family news. Brief penciled comment {from S.S.} on last sheet.
Jul.3. a.l.s. David Hersey to S.S. Foxborough. Hersey was impressed with President Polk when they met in Boston. He is eager to start campaigning for a Silas Wright--Zachary Taylor ticket.

Jul.3. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Burlington, Vt. About young ladies Webster has met in town. Tells about the local Fourth of July celebration.

Jul.5. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Heuvelton. Scarlet and ship fever is raging. Family news.


Jul.25. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Burlington, Vt. Webster wants to try a whaling voyage. Hates Ogdensburg. Also, a diatribe against Foote.


Aug.8. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. About family and whether she should come home for the winter.


Aug.9. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Foxborough. The railroad will be good for Ogdensburg. Thinks a Wright-Taylor ticket preferable to a Wright-Butler ticket.

Aug.16. a.l.s. W.J. Galloway to S.S. West Potsdam. Wants S.S. to try to obtain a post office for West Potsdam.


Aug.28. a.l.s. R.C. Jackson to S.S. Canton. About the death of Silas Wright.


Sept.10. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Comments on the death of Silas Wright. Also, family news.

Sept.11. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Burlington. Webster still wants to go to sea, he hates selling. Talks about the future of the Democratic party in Vermont.


Sept.12. a.l.s. F.M. Smith to S.S. Potsdam. Wants to know the future of the West Potsdam post office.


Sept.20. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Alstead, N.H. Webster will sell "Dr. Gain's Supporters or Braces" for some friends.

Sept.20. a.l.s. I.B.B. Hale to S.S. McConnelsville, Ohio. About the possibilities for lawyers in Ohio. Encloses a letter from E.T. Stickney discussing the same topic.


Oct.10. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Preston King is discouraged at a decision of the convention. Nothing new about the railroad, many doubt that there will be one.


Oct.19. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Granville, N.Y. Webster has decided not to go south to sell suspenders—begins to feel like studying.

Oct.30. a.l.s. R.W. Webster to S.S. and Jane. Ogdensburg. About the railroad. The contracts are all out and work will soon begin. Fears the Whigs ill take the election due to a split in the ranks of the Democrats.


Nov.28. a.l.s. Sophia Webster to Jane Smith. Ogdensburg. Family news and news of friends. Encloses a note from John Webster.

Dec.5. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. About a dispute over the route of the railroad. Also, political comments on the election.


Jan.15. a.l.s. A.M. Skuls to S.S. Potsdam. Wants the mail route between Ogdensburg and Potsdam changed. Encloses a petition and asks Smith's help. Also includes a note from F.M. Smith about the post office.


Feb.7. a.l.s. James Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. Describes his studies and the booming business in Russell.


Feb.24. a.l.s. Charles Smith to S.S. Potsdam, N.Y. News of the death of their sister, Elizabeth.

Feb.27. a.l.s. J.R. Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. Family news. Have given up the idea of a Canton-Carthage railroad and will have a plank road instead.

Mar.5. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Tells of a Sons of Temperance meeting in Canton. Also, family news.

Apr.13. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Describes the Irish moving into town and an Odd Fellows initiation.

Apr.23. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. The railroad is almost done. Attended a funeral with the Odd Fellows in full mourning regalia.


May 14. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. People are in suspense about the national convention.

Jun. 4. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. "There are quite a number who stand firmly by the proviso colers..." Hopes for a leader.

Jun.9.  a.l.s. Henry Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Brief note about their brother, Ben. He has small pox and may not live.

Jun.11. a.l.s. Henry Smith to S.S. Ben is better, he has passed the crisis.


Jun.19. a.l.s. R.C. Jackson to S.S. Russell, N.Y. Family news. Discussion of the upcoming election--the democracy of New York will "never give their votes for a man who was FOR creating new slave territory."

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Jul.5. a.l.s. Linda Powers to S.S. Rochester. Asks S.S. to make a collection of autographs for her of Polk's administration. She wants it for a gentleman who has promised a large contribution for such a collection.


Aug.28.  a.l.s. Benjamin Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. Political note about the corruption in the democratic party and the number of Cass men in the area. Also about Van Buren's chances.

Sept.1. a.l.s. William Gallagan to S.S. New York. Tells how hard it is to make a living as a lawyer in New York. Plans to apply for a government position if Cass is elected.

Sept.3.  a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Wilkesbarre, Pa. Asks Smith to ascertain whether there are any penalties for peddling maps in Virginia or Maryland. He may try those states as business has not been good in Pennsylvania.

Sept.3.  a.l.s. M.K. Laughlin to S.S. Boston, Mass. Feels that Van Buren will win. Preston King is much talked about for governor.


Sept.18.  a.l.s. M.K. Laughlin to S.S. Ogdensburg. Ogdensburg seems to be going for the "loose ground" party.

Sept.22.  a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Lawrenceville, Pa. Political letter about Pennsylvania voters. Also about the coming election. Webster is going to make a political speech.

Sept.27.  a.l.s. Rawlings Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Whigs are in trouble. Also about the railroad and congratulations on the birth of Smith's son.

Sept.29.  a.l.s. James Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. Mass meetings are being held. Van Buren will triumph over the Whigs and Hunkers.

Oct.8. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Wellsboro, Pa. Taylor will probably carry the state, but Wilmot will carry the county. Describes a Hunker meeting he attended.

Oct.9.  a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Ogdensburg. Preston King is the nominee of the Van Burenites. He will undoubtedly be elected. More about the election.

Oct.17.  a.l.s. Lucy Spafford to S.S. and Jane. Rockford, Ill. Urges Smith to come for a visit, as he has talked about settling in the West. Family news.

Oct. 29. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Wellsboro, Pa. About a political meeting--Taylor will probably win in the state.

Dec. 3. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Wellsboro, Pa. Asks Smith to write.


Dec. 23. a.l.s. Lydia Powers to S.S. Rochester. Thanks Smith for the autographs. Assumes he won't be in Washington next year, as he was a "proviso man."


Jan. 2. a.l.s. Catherine Eddie to S.S. Clayton, N.Y. Condolences on the death of his daughter, Margaret.


Jan. 26. a.l.s. Ino Ames to S.S. Troy, N.Y. Concerning a soldiers' claim to land. (fragment.)


Feb. 1. a.l.s. C.C. Covey to S.S. McConnelsville. {Ohio} A reply to Smith's query about admission to the bar of Ohio. Enclosed is a copy of the laws pertaining to the subject.

Feb. 10. a.l.s. William Collins to {S.S.} House of Representatives. Expects information from Healey in his own defense. Also discusses a bill they hope will pass.

Feb. 27. a.l.s. Harry White to S.S. Canton. Requests Smith's help in obtaining a patent on a pump. Explains the pump's workings in some detail.

Mar. 4. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Discusses the number of persons seeking office in the Custom House.


Mar. 10. a.l.s. A. Tyler to S.S. Ogdensburg. Requests an abstract of papers relating to the post of Collector of Ogdensburg.


Mar. 14. a.l.s. Robert Clarke to S.S. Washington, D.C. It is necessary to remove the remains of Smith's child from the public vaults--the space is needed.

Apr. 5. a.l.s. James Smith to S.S. Plans for future schooling.

Apr. 25. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Small pox is under control. The dam across the river broke.

Apr. 30. a.l.s. Harry White to S.S. Clinton, N.Y. Requests further aid in obtaining pump patent.


May 27. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. Wishes Smith good luck in finding a job--most have gone to the Whigs.

May 27. a.l.s. H.N. Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Mary Smith is in New York to consult with doctors--hopes Smith can get up to see her.

May 28. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Greensburgh. About going to Texas.

Jun. 15. a.l.s. D. Hersey to S.S. Foxborough. About the death of Hersey's daughter.

Jul. 22. a.l.s. F.W. Smith to S.S. Potsdam. Tries to make up after a family quarrel.
Jul.28. a.l.s. Edward Elderkin to S.S. Elkhorn, Wis. Responds to Smiths query about the requirements for admission to the bar in Wisconsin.


Aug.3. a.l.s. H.K. Laughlin to S.S. Franklin House, N.Y. Describes a train accident.
Aug.5. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news.
Aug.12. a.l.s. Benjamin Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. Upset about money owed to him by Mr. Gillet {S.S.'s employer}. Also "we hope for a unity of democrats in the state."

Sept.8. a.l.s. H.K. Laughlin to S.S. Ogdensburg, N.Y. Plans and reasons for Laughlin's upcoming move west. King and Redington are going as far as Oswego with him to attend the State Convention.

Sept.23. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Hopes Jane will come home for the winter. Thinks the railroad is proceeding slowly but will go on.

Oct.27. a.l.s. H.K. Laughlin to S.S. Fond du Lac, Wis. About life in Wisconsin.

Nov.1. a.l.s. George Conant to S.S. New York. Requests information on a patent.


Nov.22. a.l.s. Benjamin Smith to S.S. Russell N.Y. Political news.


Jan.27. a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. About a sleigh ride, quilting and young men. She says that she has not heard from Mr. King since he went away.

Feb.1. a.l.s. H.K. Laughlin to S.S. Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Scolds Smith and King for not writing. Feels that he is very isolated in Wisconsin and is considering trying to get a post in Washington.


Feb.12. a.l.s. Julia Galloway to Jane Smith. DePeyster, N.Y. News of family. Also about the Sons of Temperance and the desire to see a city and to obtain schooling.

Mar.4. a.l.s. H.K. Laughlin to S.S. Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. More about his loneliness in Wisconsin.

Mar.10. a.l.s. Benjamin Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. About how busy he is. Also talks about the North being bullied by the "slave oligarchy."


Apr.8. a.l.s. Julia Scott to Mrs. Smith, Norfolk, Va. Newsy letter about her visit to Norfolk.

Apr.9. a.l.s. S.D. Law to S.S. New York. Inquires about old friends. Asks "Is the Union yet dissolved?"

Apr.15. a.l.s. H.K. Laughlin to S.S. New York. Laughlin is in New York on a buying trip.
Apr.25. a.l.s. H.K. Laughlin to S.S. New York. Won't be able to go to Washington.
Apr.28. a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. She and her father have been sick.
May 2. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. New York. Brief note written on the way to Ogdensburg.
May 6. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Tells of the trip home. Also family news.


Jul.1. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Rockford, Ill. He and Sophia have arrived in Illinois.
Jul.19. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. News about the family in Rockford and the countryside. Also about ceremonies in Ogdensburg at the time of the death of President Taylor.
Jul.23. a.l.s. E. Ellis to S.S. Catskill Mt. House, N.Y. Just arrived here for Mr. Ellis' health.
Jul.25. a.l.s. Catherine Eddy to S.S. Clayton, N.Y. Family news.
Aug. 4. a.l.s. Benjamin Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. Tells of sale of an arsenal. People are disappointed at the selection of Fillmore as Secretary of State. Death of Taylor lamented.
Aug.14. a.l.s. Benjamin Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. A petition is being circulated to remove Benjamin Smith from his position as postmaster.
Aug.15. a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Rockford, Ill. Cholera is bad in Chicago.
Aug.29. a.l.s. Mrs. E. Ellis to S.S. Jersey City. Mr. Ellis' health is still bad.
Sept.1. a.l.s. Gurdon Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. Smith is about to embark on a round of visiting. Includes a letter from Benjamin about the petition to remove him from office.
Sept.2. a.l.s. H.K. Laughton to S.S. New York. About a financial problem—also about the life of a western merchant.

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Sept.4. a.l.s. Benjamin Smith to S.S. Russell, N.Y. Benjamin is about to surrender his postmaster position. "They suppose they have appointed a Whig but Boyd is a stiff freesoilers...".
Sept. 22. a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Rockford, Ill. Gives her impression of the west.
Sept.28. a.l.s. John Webster to S.S. Wellsboro, Pa. Political news about Mr. Wilmot.
Oct.13. a.l.s. Henry Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. The railroad is completed. Talks of Smith's future plans, as he has just been dismissed. Tirade against the Fugitive Slave Act.

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May 25. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Election will probably go by default, there is not much feeling. Preston King is putting up a new three-story building on his corner lot.
Oct. 6. a.l.s. H.K. Laughton to S.S. Fond du Lac, Wis. Talks about problems of being a western businessman: transportation etc.
Nov.1. a.l.s. Julia Galloway to S.S. Chagrin Falls, Ohio. About her journey to Ohio, via Lake Ontario, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Lake Erie.
Nov. 23. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. About the election. It is going "rather bad." Preston King leaves for Washington. Also includes a letter from Sophia.

Dec. 28. 1851 a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. About the "holly days" and Santa's gifts. Says she doesn't approve of marriage and losing one's independence.

{n.d.} a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Rockford, Ill. Family and school news.

{n.d.} a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Rockford, Ill. Misses the Episcopal preaching.

{n.d.} a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. She tried to see Jenny Lind at Niagara Falls.


Feb. 5. a.l.s. Catharine Eddy to S.S. Family news.


Apr. 22. a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. Ogdensburg continues to improve.

Jul. 6. a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Written while the house was being moved.

Aug. 22. a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. About a hail storm that broke 400 panes of glass in the church. Went to church 3 times that day.

Aug. 22. a.l.s. Charles Smith to S.S. Russell. Political letter. Discusses Pierce and why he thinks he would be a good president.

Sept. 27. a.l.s. David Hersey to S.S. Ogdensburg. Political letter. Hopes Mr. King will return soon to campaign in this area. Feels that the party needs some enthusiasm.

Sept. a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. About a fire in Ogdensburg. Their house narrowly escaped.

Nov. 7. 1852 a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. The family home was destroyed by fire. They were able to save some things.

Nov. 8. a.l.s. Branch Jordan to S.S. He is sending a barrel of sulphur water according to Smith's order and hopes it will benefit him.

Nov. 14. a.l.s. R. Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. News about the fire that left them homeless.

Dec. 18. a.l.s. Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. She has taken a job teaching school. Encloses a letter from R. Webster saying that the Whigs are all gone.

{n.d.} Sophia Webster to Jane Smith. Ogdensburg. More about the fire in Ogdensburg and about a fair in Canton.

{n.d.} Sophia Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. "It is a firm belief here that Pierce will be elected."

Jan. 10. 1853 a.l.s. Branch Jordan to S.S. Apologizes for the fact that S.S. was not happy with the sulphur water and offers to send more for free.


Jan. 23. a.l.s. B. Smith to S.S. Albany, N.Y. Problems about the grandfather's will. Mentions a political action about which the Whigs are making trouble.

Jan. 30. a.l.s. Jesse Williams to Benjamin Smith, Rome, N.Y. More about the will.
Oct.16. a.l.s. James Orr to S.S. Washington. Political letter. His party was defeated in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. Also, the La Crosse and Miss. road is finished. He hopes that this will make the mail service better.


Nov.17. Printed invitation to S.S. for the "Autumnal Festival". (envelope)


Nov.25. a.l.s. James Orr to S.S. Washington. News about friends in Washington. Also about the railroad between La Crosse and St. Paul. "In ten days now we shall commence a pleasant President-making session of Congress."

Nov.27. a.l.s. H.C. Butler to S.S. Preston. Business letter.


Dec.4. a.l.s. James Orr to S.S. Washington. He has arranged some changes in the Minnesota mail service.


Dec.20. a.l.s. Thomas Wilson to S.S. Winona. Arranges a lecture that Wilson is going to give.


Jan.29. a.l.s. D.M. Chapin to S.S. Ogdensburg. "We must take good care to rout this bogus Democracy in 1860."


Apr.15. a.l.s. A. Moeller to "Dear Sir". La Crosse. Business letter.


May 7. a.l.s. Jennie Devin Reilly to Jane Smith. New York. She is coming west.


Response on the same leaf dated May 11.


Jul.1. a.l.s. I. Edwards to S.S. Albany. Brief note about some law books that Edwards has written.

Jul.14. a.l.s. Hiram Smith to S.S. Whitewater Falls, Minn. Inquires whether Smith is his uncle.


Jul.18. a.l.s. O.W. Moore to S.S. Washington. Brief note; hopes to see Smith next winter.


Aug.1. a.l.s. H.C. Butler to S.S. {Carimona?}. Business letter.

Aug.1. a.l.s. Lenora Fillmore Co. to S.S. Business letter.


Sept.22. a.l.s. George Marston to S.S. Washington. Solicits Smith's aid to obtain another government position. He lost his position because he was a Republican.

Sept.27. a.l.s. John Deere to S.S. Moline. Brief business note.


Dec.12. a.l.s. H.N. Holley to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. Political; asks Smith if he wants to be delegate to the National Convention.

Feb.10. a.l.s. {Dorival?} to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. Political letter; favors Seward for the next president.

Feb.14. a.l.s. James Orr to S.S. Washington. Political news from Washington. A statue is to be dedicated on February 22, and people in Georgetown are upset because the tail end points toward them. Also about the election of House Printer. Says he'll vote for Smith for Congress if Smith will repent of his sins.

Feb.23. a.l.s. H.M. Holley to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. Political letter. Smith will be a delegate to the Chicago National Convention.

Feb.29. a.l.s. Isaac Day to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. Political letter. The railroad bill has failed. Also, the Republicans lack the nerve to sustain a party in power.

Mar.24. a.l.s. Alex Ramsey to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. Regrets that Smith has declined to serve on The Board of Regents of the State.


Jun.23. a.l.s. W. Wilkinson to S.S. Washington. Political letter about the nomination of Lincoln and the possible senatorship of Smith. Also, the Homestead Act was vetoed. Also expresses hopes for the political future of Preston King.


Jul.10. a.l.s. (?D...?) to S.S. Winona. About strategy for the upcoming convention.

Jul.16. a.l.s. J.A. Smith to S.S. Chicago. The best way for Jane to get to Ogdensburg.

Jul.20. a.l.s. (John Arronbose?) to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. Brief political note.


Nov.27. a.l.s. G.W. Willis to S.S. Laporte. "I wonder if my friend Bristol has given up the idea of getting a unanimous vote in Preston."


Dec.9. a.l.s. G.W. Willis to S.S. Laporte. Asks about what is happening in the business.

Dec.11. a.l.s. G.W. Willis to S.S. Laporte. He is happy about the election of Lincoln and figures the Southerners are also.


Dec.19. a.l.s. G.W. Willis to S.S. Laporte. Asks Smith to help him get his salary from Congress. "Hurra for Old Abe" for the will speak to the Southerners so they will understand.


Dec.30. a.l.s. G.W. Willis to S.S. Laporte. "...let her {South Carolina} secede. We think old Abe will straighten her out when the time comes."

Jan.8. a.l.s. G.W. Willis to S.S. Laporte. Willis has been to Ohio and found the press all for "whipping" the seceders for their insolence.

Jan.16. a.l.s. G.W. Willis to S.S. Laporte. Indiana will do her part to fight the traitors. He is in favor of serving them "as Gov. Wise served old John Brown."

Jan.16. a.l.s. G.W. Willis to S.S. Business letter about a mortgage.


Mar.21. a.l.s. G.W. Willis to S.S. Laporte. Willis is thankful for the outcome of the election.

May 14. a.l.s. S. Bruitnall to S.S. Washington. Discusses Seybolt's various attempts to obtain a position. Also, the city has become a vast military camp.

May 20. a.l.s. O. Brown to S.S. Fairbault, Minn. Brown is sorry that Smith did not succeed in Washington.

Jun.3. a.l.s. O. Brown to S.S. Fairbault, Minn. Cancels an appointment.

Jun.15. a.l.s. George Marston to S.S. Sandown, {N.H.?} Asks Smith to write to Preston King to ask for help in getting him {Marston} reelected. He feels that his opponents have
taken advantage of his trip home to attend his ailing wife and are working against him while he is away. Promises Smith a job if he is reelected.

Jun. 24. a.l.s. O. Brown to S.S. Fairbault, Minn. About obtaining a military position for Colburn and a post for Smith as Colburn's military secretary.

14 84 1863 Apr. 16. a.l.s. C.O. Van Clive to S.S. St. Anthony. 2 leaves. Asks Smith to loan her one hundred dollars.

Jun. 5. a.l.s. C.G. Ripley to S.S. Chatfield. Asks Smith to send him a draft for Mrs. Green's certificate for bounty.


Sept. 2. a.l.s. C.G. Ripley to S.S. Chatfield. Discusses renting Smith's home for the winter.


May 22. a.l.s. Mary {Webster} to {Jane Smith}. Ogdensburg. Mr. King is happy because "Ma" does everything he wants. Also describes the new bathroom. Condolences to Jane on the loss of a child.

May 25. a.l.s. Edward Kemble to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. 2 leaves. Details of the grave and marble cross for Smith's son.

May 26. a.l.s. Gus Mallinckrodt to S.S. St. Louis, Mo. Letter of introduction for Maj. Almstedt, the paymaster in Smith's district. Two cards enclosed. (envelope)

Jun. 7. a.l.s. Jonathan T. Soerill to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. "The draft has just been closed. The greater portion of the drafted men pay their commutation."

Jun. 7. a.l.s. M. Phinney to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. About the movements of the regiments which Phinney has been paying.


Jun. 14. a.l.s. Gus Mallinckrodt to S.S. St. Louis, Mo. Brief note about picking up Mrs. Smith when the MINNEHAHA comes in.

14 85 1864 June 15 a.l.s. G. Mallinckrodt to S.S. St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Smith left for the "Hawk-Eye" state but may have trouble getting over the rapids because there is not enough water to float the boats.


Jun. 21. a.l.s. William Finch to S.S. Clinton Falls. About the pay for a dead soldier.

Jun. 23. a.l.s. M. Phinney to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. The departure of troops for the South has kept him busy. Also news of friends.

Jun. 23. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield. 2 leaves. She is finding it difficult to adjust to the loss of their child. One of their cows has died because the man they left in charge did not follow their instructions.


Jun. 27. a.l.s. Maggie {Webster} to S.S. Ogdensburg. About a visit with cousins, Spaff Giffin and John McBroom, who are home on furlough.

Jul. 3-5. a.l.s. Mary Webster to S.S. Ogdensburg. Discusses the Fourth of July celebration. There will be no fireworks because of a lack of money. Also, Mr. A.X. Parker came from Potsdam to spend the day with Preston King. (envelope)

Jul. 4. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield. 2 leaves. She is still very sad over the death of their baby. (envelope)
Jul.10. a.l.s. Lt. {Craifie?} to S.S. Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Business letter.

Jul.16. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. 2 leaves. She plans to remain in Chatfield until September because of the heat. She deplores the fact that Smith had to go to a party while he was in mourning. (envelope)

Jul.24. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. 4 leaves. Asks Smith to write a letter to thank Mrs. Ripley for her kindness. Also, Capt. Mc Henry is a delegate to the Chicago convention. (envelope)

Jul.24. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. 2 leaves. She is trying to move back to St. Paul and is selling their furniture. Also, tells stories of bushwhackers in Missouri. (envelope)

Jul.24. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. Mr. Ripley is in Chicago for the convention. Family news.

Jul.26. a.l.s. C. Doble to S.S. St. Louis, Mo. Thanks Smith for sending his overcoat. (envelope)

Aug.7. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. 2 leaves. Talks of ways to get to St. Paul.

Aug.10. a.l.s. E.C. Kemble to S.S. New Orleans, La. Describes New Orleans and his fellow officers there. (envelope)

Aug.13. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. 4 leaves. She is planning to leave for Leavenworth. She is still selling things to raise the money to buy housekeeping equipment in St. Louis. Also, political comments.

Aug.13. a.l.s. Alex Ramsay to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. Promises to help Smith with some matter when he gets to Washington.

Aug.16. a.l.s. Lew Oben to S.S. Marietta, Georgia. His regiment is bombarding Atlanta. He wants to be moved to a new Minnesota regiment that is just forming and to be mustered out of his present regiment. Asks Smith's help in achieving this. Also asks if all the northern states have been taken by Whelen and his raiders.

Aug.23. a.l.s. C.G. Ripley to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. Asks the selling price of Smith's house because he has a prospective buyer.

Aug.24. a.l.s. Orvill Brown to S.S. Fairbault, Minn. Political letter about a loss of enthusiasm for Lincoln. Office holders are buying their way out of the draft and Windom is distinguished only for his beauty and the Indian War.

Sept.2. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. She is buying new dresses before leaving for Kansas.

Sept.2. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. Brief note about sending their goods to Kansas. Talks about Major and Mrs. Cleveland as "common low people". (envelope)

Sept.6. a.l.s. C. Oran Cline to S.S. St. Anthony. Fears for Jane's health and sanity and suggests that she go back to Ft. Leavenworth and be active instead of brooding. She {Mrs. Cline} is anguished about the loss of her son in battle. "The taking of Atlanta is glorious news." (envelope)

Sept.16. a.l.s. S.S. to Major {?}. Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Encloses a picture of Major Hunt and asks about payments to the recruits.

Sept.18. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. Her departure will be delayed. Ripley has been defeated and is determined to leave the state. Also political comments about Windom. (envelope)

Sept.26. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. She has sent the boxes by the "Hannibal-St. Jo Road" and she will leave in about two weeks. (envelope)
Sept. 29. a.l.s. H.N. Holley to S.S. Winnebago City, Minn. "Presidential fight waxes hot. I think we shall win and ain't quite clear." Gives results of state elections. (envelope)

Sept. 29. a.l.s. E.C. Kemble to S.S. New Orleans, La. About the transience of earthly friendships. He hopes that they will all meet again in Heaven. (envelope)

Sept. 30. a.l.s. Gus Mallinckrodt to S.S. St. Louis, Mo. The city is in a great state of excitement over the recent price raid and all citizens have joined the militia.

Oct. 1. a.l.s. J.T. Averill to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. About the location of Lt. Marley. There has been a draft and except for about eight hundred men, all are volunteers.


Oct. 13. a.l.s. Sophie Huntress to S.S. Ogdensburg. Asks Smith to spare no expense in caring for her sick husband. Mr. King says that she probably could not get to the fort to be with him. Also, the mails are probably stopped. (envelope)

Oct. 14. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. She is worried about Mr. Huntress' illness.

Oct. 16. a.l.s. Sophie Huntress to S.S. Ogdensburg. Thanks Smith for his kindness toward her dead husband. She asks that he not send the remains because Mr. King thinks that it would be too dangerous. (envelope)

Oct. 27. a.l.s. George L. Febiges to S.S. St. Louis, Mo. Recommends a young relative to Smith as a clerk. Wants to push General Hunter for the new head of the pay department in Washington.

Nov. 9. a.l.s. J.W. Phinney to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. About the election. The Democrats had a one hundred fifty majority. (envelope)

Nov. 19. a.l.s. George L. Febiges to S.S. Cincinnati, Ohio. Would like to have Smith with him on the Examining Board.

Nov. 29. a.l.s. S.R. Marston to S.S. Ft. Larned, Kansas. About his trip to the fort. Indians have been molesting trains lately so he went by stagecoach. He saw millions of buffalo on his way. He will go by horseback to the next fort.

Dec. 1. a.l.s. Emory Peck to S.S. Brownville, Nebraska. About payment of his account.

Dec. 9. a.l.s. Sophia Huntress to S.S. Great Falls, N.H. Asks Smith to send her husband's remains as soon as it is safe.

Dec. 15. a.l.s. S.R. Marston to S.S. Santa Fe, N.M. Has arrived in Santa Fe; describes the city.

Dec. 17. a.l.s. Gus Mallinckrodt to S.S. St. Louis, Mo. The board which examines paymasters is now in St. Louis.

Dec. 29. a.l.s. Edward Kemble to S.S. New Orleans, La. Kemble is worried about the upcoming visit of the Examining Board.

Feb. 22. a.l.s. S.R. Curtis to S.S. Milwaukee, Wis. About Milwaukee and a music hall performance that he has attended.

Mar. 8. a.l.s. Alex Ramsay to S.S. Washington, D.C. He has authorized Preston King to take Smith's request to the department because he has been too busy.

Mar. 26. a.l.s. {S.R.?} to S.S. About a request that has been refused.

Mar. 26. a.l.s. S.R. Marston to S.S. Santa Fe, N.M. About his forthcoming trip to pay the troops in various forts. Also about the reorganization in the pay departments in the west.

Apr. 10. a.l.s. {?} to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. Informs Smith that Joseph Harley is a "Captain of (?) and 11th Rgt. Minnesota Vol. Infantry." (envelope)
Apr.26. a.l.s. C.G. Ripley to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. Hopes that Johnson will "hang all the devils". Discusses the unsuitability of Mr. Waterbury as a possible tenant for Smith's house.


May 22. a.l.s. Sophie Huntress to S.S. Great Falls. Thanks Smith for sending her husband's body and possessions to her.

May 24. a.l.s. C.G. Ripley to S.S. Chatfield. Ripley has insured the Chatfield home and has fixed the fence.

May 29. a.l.s. Hiram Stone to S.S. Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. About Major Heath's becoming Brigadier. Also about ill-will left behind by "our Fort Leavenworth friends" who preceded Smith to Madison.

Jun.2. a.l.s. {?} to S.S. Ft. Leavenworth. Brief note about life at the fort.

Jun.4. 1865 a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg, N.Y. "Stanton will go out. Cousin Pret will I think be in the cabinet." Mr. King sends picture of "Old Abe" the mascot of the Wisconsin Regiment. Also discusses promotions taking place in the army and suggests that Smith talk to the general. (picture enclosed)

Jun.8. a.l.s. I. {Vanderluck?} to S.S. Ft. Leavenworth. He misses his friends who have been moved on. Their friend Lt. Ellis is in trouble. He has been charged with murder.


Jul.1. a.l.s. Jonathan Averill to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. He has been mustering out men; it is a big job.

Jul.2. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Fears the president will not be spared unless he deals more firmly with other traitors than he did with Mosby. Wonders what will become of John Mitchell's case. Also about the Fourth of July celebration. (envelope)

Jul.5. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. About the Fourth of July celebration in Ogdensburg. (envelope) {1865?}

Jul.6. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. She has marked his shirts and handkerchiefs and is putting up currant jelly to bring with her.

Jul.6. 1865 a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg, N.Y. The President is not well. He has just pardoned Mosby. Also, family news. (American Express Receipt and envelope enclosed)

Jul.7. a.l.s. J.N. Phinney to S.S. St. Paul, Minn. Sends a receipt for a newspaper subscription. (Receipt enclosed)

Jul.10. a.l.s. C.G. Ripley to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. Asks some questions about pay for soldiers being mustered out.


Jun.20. a.l.s. H.M. Holley to S.S. Political letter.


Jul.27. a.l.s. C.G. Ripley to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. About the rent of Smith's house.

Aug.6. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news. Also about the illness of President Johnson—"some say he's drunk, others say he's been poisoned."


Aug.13. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Discusses upcoming wedding and "Cousin Pret's" cheapness in giving only $60.00 to pay for the wardrobe. (envelope.)


Aug.28. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. More wedding plans for Lou. Cousin Pret has been kept out of the cabinet by Seward. (envelope)

Sept.4. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news and news of friends. (envelope)


Sept.13. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. They've been making the wedding cakes. Also questions about their new home. (envelope)


Oct.4. a.l.s. Jane Smith to S.S. Ogdensburg. Jane leaves for Madison soon by the "Great Western Route", which she details. (envelope)


Nov.10. a.l.s. {?} to S.S. St. Louis, Mo. He is busy mustering out men.

Nov.19. a.l.s. E.C. Morse to S.S. Washington. He has gone to Washington to work but has happy memories of his time as paymaster in Madison.

Dec.3. a.l.s. L.L. Bridges to "My Dear Brother". Ogdensburg. Family news.

Dec.4. a.l.s. L.L. Bridges to "My Dear Brother". Ogdensburg. About the search for Preston King's body and King's financial affairs.

Dec.14. a.l.s. {E.N. Oenum?} to S.S.Ogdensburg. About a tin box belonging to Preston King which his family has been looking for since his death. Also about King's financial affairs.

Dec.20. a.l.s. Evelyn Tillotson to "My Dear Friend". Ogdensburg. Mr. Myers has gone to New York in search of Mr. King's private papers. Encloses a letter from F.P. Blair to Judge Stilwell.

Dec.23. a.l.s. L.L. Bridges to {S.S.} about King's financial affairs at the time of his death.

Dec.29. a.l.s. P.K. Webster to "Bro". Ogdensburg. Family news.

Dec.26. a.l.s. Lou {Webster} to S.S. Asks Smith to look at Jefferson Davis' clothes at the Chicago Fair. Also about a huge Fourth of July celebration with $3000 worth of fireworks.

Dec.26. a.l.s. Sophia Huntress to Jane Smith. Wishes them a Happy New Year and tells about the family Christmas.


1872
Jan.26.  a.l.s.  {Burrows?}  to  S.S.  "Citadel".  Note about  a possible mistake that
Smith made in paying some men.  (envelope)
year old daughter is dying of brain fever brought on by too much study.
from Charlestown."  Mr. Phillips died on the way home to Montreal.
Jun.25.  a.l.s.  S.S.  to  Jane Smith. Omaha, Neb.  Likes Omaha, his fellow officers, and
the church.
Oct.  27. a.l.s.  {initialed} L.S.B to Jane Smith. Sedalia. Looks forward to the end of the
campaign, for it will send "Mr. Greeley up on the chief out of sight + hearing and the
country will settle down to business once more."
Nov.17.  a.l.s.  S.S.  to  Jane Smith. Omaha, Neb.  Delighted at the Republican victory and
says the liberals have been answered as was Satan, "Get thee behind me."
Nov.22.  a.l.s. S.S.  to  Jane Smith. Omaha, Neb.  Shocked at the news of Harry's death
in an asylum. He is trying to get some passes for Jane's trip from Ogdensburg to
Omaha.

1873
Jan.28.  a.l.s. Harry Huntress to S.S. Great Falls, N.H. Describes life of a young school boy.
Feb.28.  a.l.s.  Sophia Huntress  to Jane Smith. Family news.  She is shocked at a scheme of
Colfax, Garfield and others.
She is 12 years old.

1873
{n.d.}Jan.14.  a.l.s. Maggie Webster to Jane Smith and Mary Webster. Asks them to
write.  Family news.
Jan.22.  a.l.s.  C.G.  Ripley  to  S.S. Chatfield, Minn. About the sale of some law books.
Also about some charges against Ripley and the election of a Governor.
Feb.25.  a.l.s. Mrs. McCormick to  S.S. An "at home" announcement.
Mar.8.  a.l.s. Sarah Godwin to S.S. Washington. Smith should be ready to return to his
old quarters in 1860 for a Republican President will then be elected. William is
opposed to slavery in his heart and often regrets his dismissal of Smith. Mr. Flinn
expects to be martial of the district, but she thinks that he won't succeed.
Apr.15.  a.l.s. Maggie Webster to Jane Smith. Ogdensburg. Describes fashions.
Family news.
May 15.  a.l.s. J.R. Smith to S.S. Willards. Asks if Smith is in Washington.
{n.d.}May 23.  a.l.s. Mary Webster to Jane Smith. Ogdensburg. Thanks them for
inviting her to live with them; she will get ready right away. Includes a letter from Maggie
Webster saying that she is very disappointed that Smith and Jane are not coming.
Jun.16.  a.l.s. H.N.Holley to S.S. Pierrepont Manor, N.Y. Discusses a case. "War news
bad here today..." "Pierce the commander was an ass..." "Two thirds of our
Democratic patriots are nothing but traitors in disguise."
Jun.16.  a.l.s. Sophie Huntress  to S.S. St. Joseph, Mo. They have moved west and she
describes the trip.
Aug.3.  a.l.s.  Fanny  Ripley  to  S.S. Chatfield, Minn.  Jane is staying with Fanny Ripley
and telling her about Chatfield society.
Aug.15.  a.l.s. Mary  {Webster}  to  S.S. Ogdensburg. Family news.
Nov.21.  a.l.s. F. Hawes to S.S. St. Louis, Mo.  Brief business note.  (envelope)
Dec.3.  a.l.s. Stephen Ives to S.S. Spring Valley. Sends some money.
December 31. a.l.s. C.G. Ripley to S.S. Chatfield, Minn. About renting Smith's house.
Thanks Smith for his invitation to visit them in St. Paul but says that the weather is too bad.
{n.d.} Maggie Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Leverett Bridges to S.S. Calling cards with envelopes.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

1858

1876

1877
May 2. a.l.s. {initialed} H.W.H. {Harry Huntress?} to "My dear Mother". Indianapolis, Ind. Has arrived in Indianapolis and will stay at a hotel until he finds a place.

1882

1888

1893
Jan. 12. t.l.s. D. Murphy to E.W. Hale. Promises to do anything that he can to help Mrs. Smith. Also, a.l.s. on verso. Edward Hale to Mrs. Smith. Says that she would do well to get General Curtis to take an interest in the case.
{n.d.} Feb. 18 a.l.s. Mary B. Fine to Mrs. Webster. Watertown. Thanks Mrs. Webster for a favor.
a.l.s. {initialed} G.F.V. to Jane Smith. 2 leaves. Encloses calling cards and sends a pair of gloves to Jane. She may stop by tomorrow. (envelope) This letter was found in a package of letters dated "1872-73".
a.l.s. Sophia Huntress to {?}. Fragment. Describes baby clothes.
a.l.s.. E.C. Edwards to {?}. Fragment. About a fire in Ogdensburg.

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