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6. Eaton Nance to Robert Anderson. 21 Mar. 1853.
7. William S. Peachy to Robert Anderson; 29 April 1853.
8. Clara H. Southwell to Helen M. Anderson. 1 Mar. 1855.
9. Clara H. Southwell to Helen M. Anderson. 25 June 1855.

~~Mr. J. H. ...~~
no Corn,

March 1st 1855.

Mr. Nelson St. Anderson,

Wilmington, N.C.
"Miller" 3

Oakland, Missouri Co., Mo

March 10th, 1855-

Dear Mama,
I have had Charles up to bed this morning to get some potatoes for us if there are any to be had. But my best told him he was expecting some. As I am anxious for the horses to be driven as often as possible, I have told Charles to hitch them to the carriage, and as the children want to take a ride, I thought I would take them go up in it. I have told them to go and see you and Mother - they will take some crackers along with them, and I have told them to go up to the baker & and get some cakes to eat and bring home with them, as you need not make any trouble about getting them any thing to eat. I want enough bread of good quality to make Jane Sarah, Catharine, and Margaret hot frocks. Mother can judge how many yards it will take. I do not care about having them alike - I had rather they should all be of different patterns. I have appointed Margaret to attend to Anne's room, and the children, and she seems to get along very well. After breakfast is over and all is settled for the morning, Anne has her at the sewing. I wish you would know the pieces of lining brought for you to look at, that you may make the selection. I expect best has the best. Six of our boys are out - John, James and Randall - I shall write to Martin M. and get him to put up some in the lookout for them. - I neglected to send Tili's letters by Henry Chesney - Charles will carry them up today, and tell Wika I have also sent with them Rebecca's letter. I have not much time to spare, so I must say good-bye until love to Tili, Aunt Anne and all hands -
Believe me ever

Your affectionate Daughter,

Eliza H. Westfall -

James D. S. Corn
Sut. F. Jones

Mr. Helen M. Anderson,

W. W. Anderson,
N. C.



"Parklands,"
Com. sent one and
a half barrels

Perwick Co, Pa -
June 25th 1855.

Dear Maria,

Many thanks for the little note by Anne
Herswick. I sent you by Wm Cheney two barrels of corn -
I sent down to Senck's yesterday, a rather old barrel &
with a wagon load of fine lumber went down to meet him
at Senck's wharf, and I took the opportunity to send down a
barrel of Brandys of Wm Young's which came from the store, and
to ask him to see me a bucket of spruce, as I wanted to buy
a bucket for myself, and had a bucket for you - but he
sent me word they were nearly all gone, that he had been
selling them by the ropes because they rotted so fast on
the trees - he sent me a few, not fit however for preserving
which Mrs. Shaid is making now - I was much disappointed.
I can assure you - I am afraid I shall not get any more
shoes put up for the winter - not having the chance to
get any fruit here except peaches - our wheat is ripening fast
and I think now that what we do make will be very fine
the grain appears to be very large. The oats promise very well -
shod straw but good heads. our corn looks as well as we can
expect - that planted on the 12th only ten days ago is
now receiving the first watering with the blights it had
grown so rapidly. the prospect for our crops is much more
cheering than when I saw you last. I was anxious to

go up to see you all last week, but could not get off. A thunder storm almost every day. I hope the weather will permit Gordon Manly to come down to-morrow, as I am anxious to see him about some idle matters. If I cannot get Judge Starbuck's house, perhaps Mrs Manly will stand and put her on there months. I want to come up to make some arrangements as time is hurrying swiftly away - Not come from York this morning. He says Papa is better, but still very weak. He said he was going to advertise Henry's as a runaway as he had not seen nor heard of him since last Tuesday. I suppose he is with at his wife's. His wife, she knew if Mrs Mallico's servant, and no doubt Henry is at Mrs Mallico's. I always thought Henry would have very well at long as he was able to work, but when it happened upon him I suspected he would miss the attention and food he had at Oakland. But brought us some fish in just some trout which they are all enjoying now at dinner. My face is still much swelled, but the pain has subsided. I was more indispated yesterday than I have been for some time. I had a severe toothache in my left shoulder, pain in the side, and quite a fever, but I feel very well to-day, and am so happy I shall have no more recovers of the fever. Papa had a haul full at York Mrs Sumner and her two children have joined the party here for a short visit. Mrs Ashmun wished to have gone up to

day, but the weather was too threatening for her to venture. She is not yet entirely rid of the "Spring mottle". Mrs. Heild has not yet been able to arrange her goods and chattels satisfactorily as soon as she does, she and Mrs. A. will take their departure for Norfolk. I suppose Annis told you how they are progressing with the back porch. Mrs. Taylor said I would have a good deal of lumber left, and I think I shall have a nice little store-room built in the back yard close to the house. I shall find it very convenient, no doubt. I will have a bedroom room for Bob, which will make him very comfortable. He I believe some of the graft seed is beginning to put up in the circular plot in front of the house, but I fear it will be something of a failure. You must come down after awhile, and see our improvements. I do wish I had some more chambers in the house. One of the pantries at the end of the porch is large enough for a snug little sleeping room. I dare say Bob will occupy it with a cot before his own room is finished. There is such a black looking cloud coming up, that I hardly think Mrs. Sweeney will get off to-night. Our garden improves, and begins to yield a little

We have had some good catches of roach, beets, and shucks, and very good catches - Well things do help out a great deal in a family - I believe my family is more as large as Mr. Tucker's, the seven grown persons and three children - for the carpenters have to eat and sleep in the town with us - Mr. Taylor & Mr. Mammox, are fortunately quite nice young men, or it would be very disagreeable to have them so near us - I received a letter from Mr. Jarvis lately which I will send you to read to amuse you a little - you will see he is at last paid up for closing the chumminet which Mr. Clarke's not receiving my letter accounts for - It is not singular? this is the second letter of mine Mr. Clarke had not received. What a quantity of rain had fallen lately! but for the drying winds after the shower, I expect the wheat would have taken the suck some here is now quite ripe enough to cut, they tell me that which is later may not escape the suck but I shall humbly trust in Providence, and hope for the best. What the seeds I shall consider beg. Mrs. M. A., Annie and the children all say you and Stella much love - If Cousin M. comes ⁱⁿ tomorrow I shall go up to see the next day - A few dear prayers with you to aunt Annie and all - your affectionate daughter X. S. Southwick