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50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Newspaper Clipping, 1886

Correspondence

Rev. C. J. Tenney (Little’s uncle, Wethersfield, Conn.) to John F. Willan and Henry G. Little (Wethersfield, Ill.), Oct. 1836, informing Willan and Little that they have been named agents of the [Wethersfield] Connecticut Association, and that they should survey the site of Wethersfield, Ill. to prepare it for settlement; emphasizing that prospective settlers must be of good character; and providing instructions for labor practices and worship in the settlement (includes Circular issued by Wethersfield, Conn., regarding the settlement in Illinois).

Nancy Little (Little’s mother, Wethersfield, Ill.) to “Dear Sister Tenney” (her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Tenney, Hollis, N.H.), June 20, 1841, regarding news about family and settlers of Wethersfield, Ill.; the development of the settlement, including descriptions of construction, farming, education, and religion; and the availability of food on the frontier.

Nancy Little to “Brother and Sister” (Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tenney), June 15, 1844, regarding news about family and settlers of Wethersfield, Ill., and ignorant preachers on the western frontier.

Gen. Martin Kellogg (Newington, Conn.) to H. G. Little (Kewanee, Ill.), Mar. 24, 1857, regarding news about family in New
England and on the western frontier.

Henry D. Smith (Plantsville, Conn.) to Henry G. Little (Grinnell, Iowa), Dec. 7, 1896, regarding news about family and friends; commenting on portraits of Little and his wife; and praising Little’s newspaper articles about the early history of Newington, Conn.

Henry D. Smith to Henry G. Little, Jan. 11, 1897, commenting on Little’s reminiscence “Report to Class of 1844 Yale College 30 Years after Graduation” (with reminiscence attached)

L. F. Berry (Chicago) to Henry G. Little, Apr. 6, 1899, reporting the death of Henry D. Smith

Joshua C. Dodge (old friend of Little, Arlington, Mass.) to Mrs. Macy (Little’s daughter, Maude L. Macy, Grinnell, Iowa), Nov. 3, 1900, regarding Little’s health and his own health

Writings

“‘Run, Speak to This Young Man.’ An Incident of Seventy Years Ago” newspaper article, Feb. 8, 1894

“Early Newington Days” newspaper serial, Hartford [Conn.] Daily Times, 1894-97 [pasted into Eighth Biennial Report, Iowa State Agricultural College and Farm, 1878-1879]

“Six Weeks in Newington” newspaper article, Hartford Daily Times, Dec. 18, 1895


“Early Settlement of Henry County/Early Days of Henry County” newspaper serial, Henry County Arena and Kewanee Star-Courier, 1897-99

“Reminiscences of an Early Day in Henry County as Told by an Old Pioneer” newspaper serial, Cambridge Chronicle, 1899

Handwritten drafts of reminiscences [incomplete]

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Rebecca Perley Reed (granddaughter of Little), “The Family Circle. Grandpapa.” poem

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