

## Isaac Goodnow correspondence

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This series of the Isaac Tichenor Goodnow collection includes sent and received correspondence of Isaac T. Goodnow (1814-1894) and also the correspondence of his brother, William E. Goodnow (1807-1876). This correspondence includes early courtship letters between Isaac and his future wife, Ellen Denison, as well as letters between William and his future wife, Harriet Paddleford. There are also several letters written by their brother, Jotham Goodnow. The correspondence is arranged in chronological order. Box 6 includes undated letters arranged by the first letter of the correspondent's last name. Isaac Goodnow moved to Kansas in 1855 and established the town of Manhattan and Bluemont Central College. He died on March 20, 1894.

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Dadson? J.W.

Winthrop, Mass. Dec. 14. 1845.

Dear Bro. Goodnow:

Yours of the 5th is received, and  
I herewith send you amount of taxes \$2.96.

Now will you do me the favor of writing  
me about the present value of my lots in Kansas,  
and whether I can sell them or trade them  
for some other property? I should like  
to put them in your hands to dispose of  
as you would if they were your own.

On sending receipt please advise me  
and I will pay you for your trouble.

Yours truly,

J. W. Dadson,  
Winthrop,  
Mass.

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Barrows, L. P.

Plymouth W. Va.  
Dec. 15-1875.

Isaac J. Goodnow Esq.  
Bear Riv.

Please find  
enclosed P. O. order for  
\$9.18 amount of tax-bill  
due.

Don't know whether  
or not, I have sold my  
lots; but hope so, if I  
can get enough to get back  
the shocking tax-bills I  
have paid on them.

Respectfully

L. P. Barrows.

P.S. Plymouth W. Va. is my  
residence. L. P. B.

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*Fairbanks, P.E.* *Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1875*

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS RAILWAY.  
WM. BOND, Receiver.

**CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.**

F. E. FAIRBANKS, Controller.

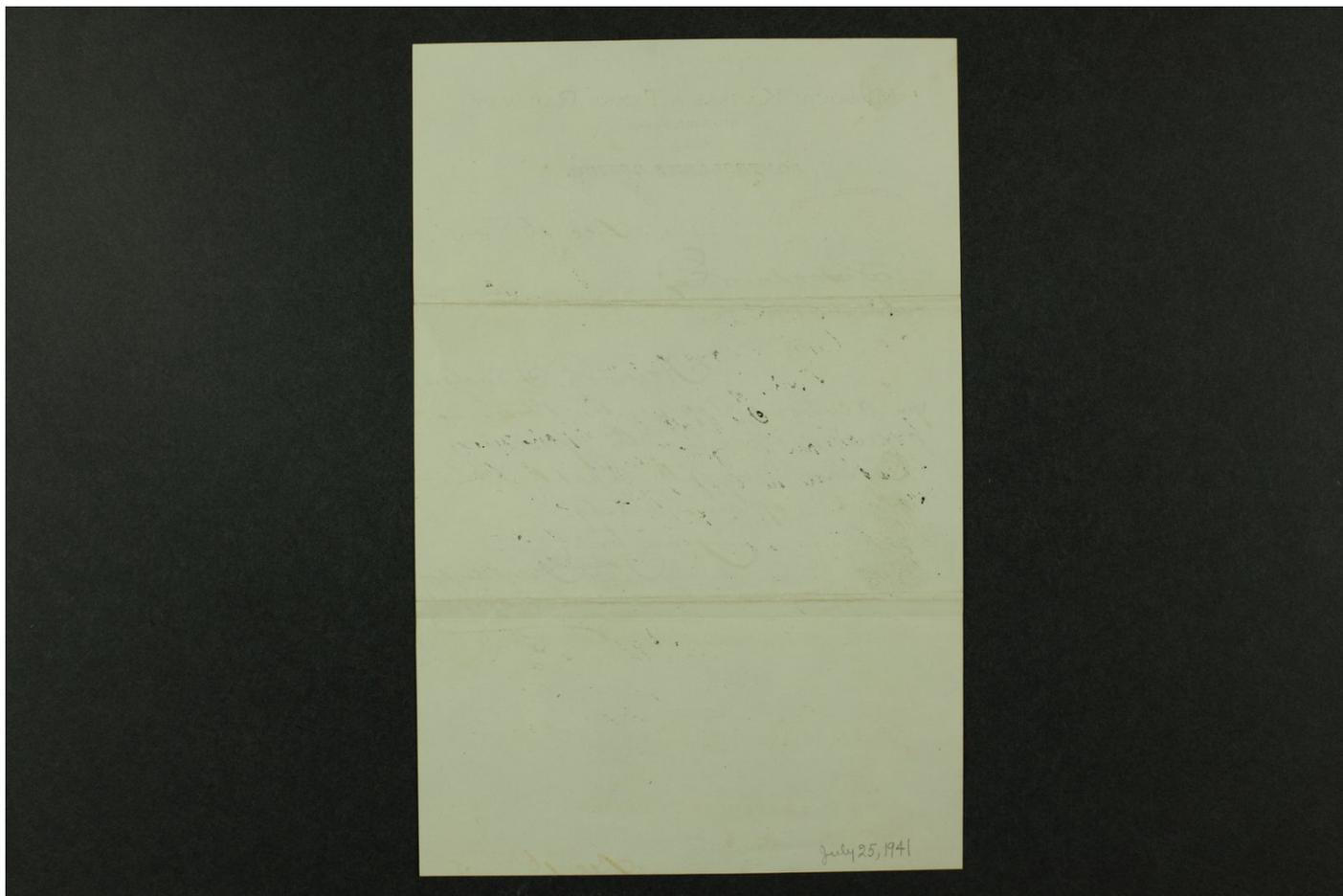
*Sedalia, Mo. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1875*

*I. J. Goodnow Esq*  
*Said Com<sup>r</sup> &c*  
*N<sup>o</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>*

*Herewith I enclose  
you a certified copy of the Receiver's  
order abolishing the present  
Organization of the Lead Dept  
which explains itself*

*Yours truly,  
F. E. Fairbanks  
Controller*

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Newhall, Warren

Lynn Dec. 16, 1875

Mr. S. J. Goodnow

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find a check  
on New York for twenty two  
10,000 dollars for amt. of tax against  
the land. <sup>(Sub. Newhall)</sup>  
Please return the receipted bill  
by return of mail.

I Oblige Yours Respectfully

Warren Newhall

Will you please let me know about  
what the land is probabk worth  
at this time, and what you  
think the prospect is in the  
near future, in your judgment.  
Mr. Amos L. Linn is now in  
Europe or he would have written  
instead of my self. Warren Newhall, 46 Commerce St.

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Thayer? L.P.

44 Seward St.  
East Boston Dec. 16, 1875

S. J. Goodnow Esq.  
Dear Sir

Yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> was  
received yesterday. Enclosed find  
(\$2.) Two dollars, with which please  
pay the taxes due as you see fit  
I have not sold my lots, but  
would like to do so if I could.  
I have hesitated about paying the  
taxes, but think perhaps I may be  
able, some time to get back the amount  
I pay in that line.

I should not so much regret the  
loss of the original investment, had  
it contributed to the school to which  
it was originally given, but I suppose  
I have only to pocket the loss and  
be glad for next time

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Should there chance to be an opportunity  
to dispose of the farm property, I would  
be obliged, if you would advise  
me of it.

Truly Yours  
L. H. Meyer

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Goodnow, Wm

(1875  
Thorndike Mass. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>)

I. T. Goodnow Esq.

Dear Bro.-

Your notice that taxes were due, & informing me of amount reached me last evening. I have to go 24 miles to obtain a Post Office Money Order, this being the safest way of sending. I take an early morning horse to attend to the matter. Hope it may reach you in season. I add six cents to the bill to pay postage for the notice & for the return of receipt.

Please return Receipt for the amount of taxes.

All well as usual.

Yours faithfully,  
Wm Goodnow



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**Cash Assets,  
\$12,000,000.**

THE OLDEST  
PURELY MUTUAL  
Life Insurance Co.  
IN THE  
UNITED STATES.  
Distributions Annually in Cash.

**New England Mutual  
Life  
Insurance Co.**  
OF BOSTON.

N. B. CLARKE & CO., General Agents,  
OFFICE, 607 SEVENTH STREET.

Example of Non-Forfeiture Plan  
OF THE  
New England Mutual.

Insured, aged 35 years. Ordinary Life Plan.

1 Annual Premium continues Policy 2 years, 3 days.
2 " " " " 4 " 12 " "
3 " " " " 6 " 27 " "
4 " " " " 10 " 66 " "

All Policies protected from  
forfeiture by State Law.

Washington, D.C., Dec<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1875

Friend Goodnow  
Dear Sir,

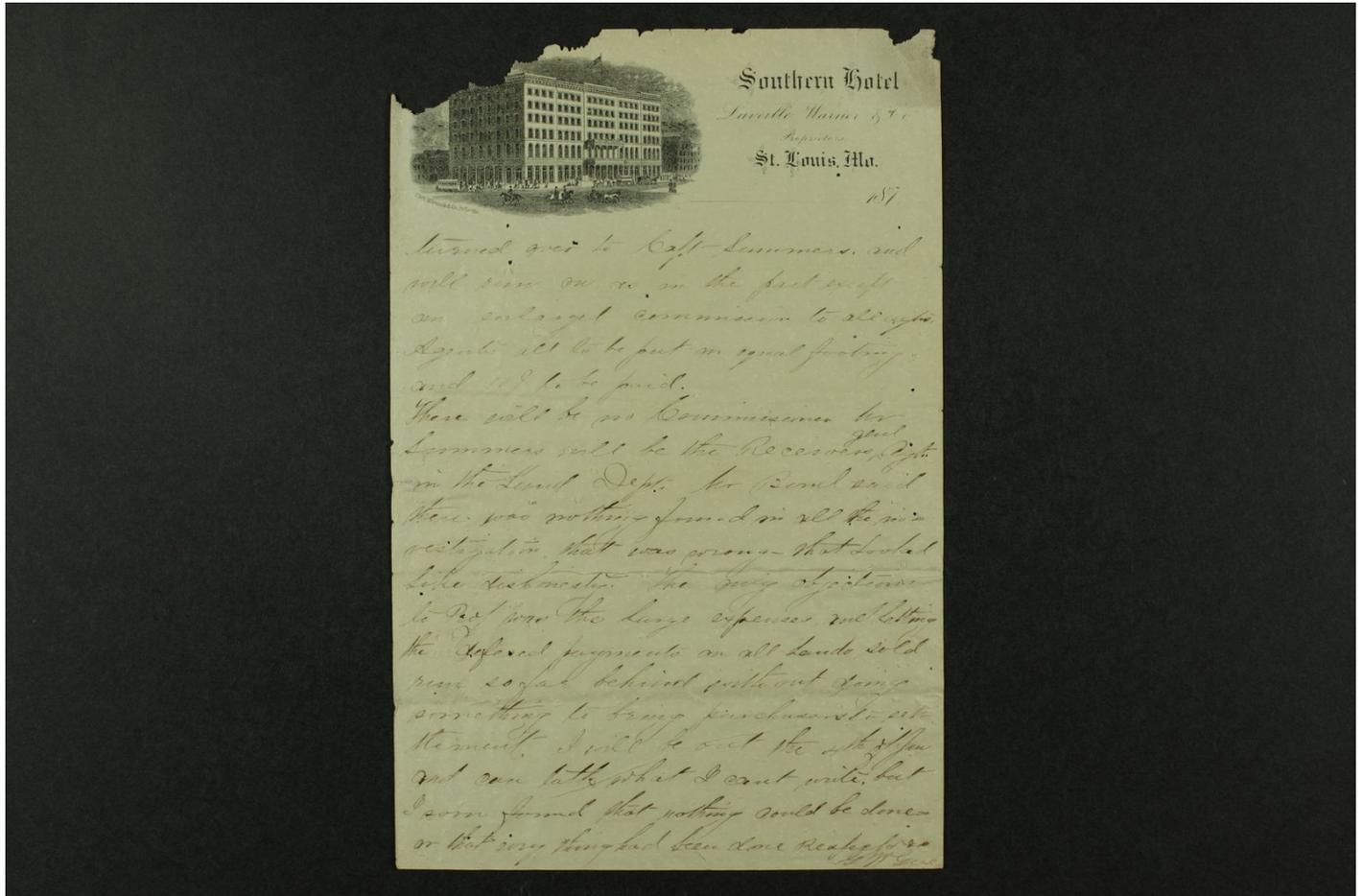
I have your of Dec  
11<sup>th</sup> giving amount of Taxes enclosed  
60<sup>cts</sup> currency please send me bill  
received for the same I am  
much obliged to you for  
your kindness in remembering  
the same - Mrs C is still in  
Denver and will remain there as  
she is satisfied I must be.  
all well as usual

truly  
N. B. Clarke

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Gore, G. W. Dear Sir Jan 18 75  
I found Mr Bond very  
pleasant and willing to converse, but  
in a very few moments found that  
every thing had been considered  
and nothing could be done.  
I did not see all I wanted to, but  
all that was necessary. Mr Tripp  
and others came in, so I thought best  
to excuse myself as they seemed  
to have important business on hand.  
Every thing is left in the hands of the  
Board of Directors and all propositions  
must be made to Mr Cross & Pitt.  
Mr Bond will do nothing unless it  
be referred to them, and will approve  
all their suggestions.  
After the 1st of Jan every thing will be

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Herrick, A.F.

Amherst, Mass.  
Dec. 18, 1873.

Isaac J. Goodnow,-  
Dear Sir,-  
Have  
this day received your Bill. En-  
closed find amount \$, 94, and  
please return Bill receipted,  
and oblige  
Yours Truly,  
A. F. Herrick.

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Phinney, E. O.

East Boston Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1875

Isaac T Goodnow, Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the amount of tax for 1875 as indicated by yours just received.

After a long illness my wife departed this life the tenth of Sept last; and I am now alone in the world so far as it respects family.

I am stopping here with a brother a few weeks before going south as far as Baltimore. Expect to return to Providence, Providence permitting, about March next when I will execute a deed of those 2 lots if you will have the goodness to sell them for me.

You can remit the tax bill to my present address 24 Princeton St  
E Boston Mass. and oblige

Yours very truly E. O. Phinney

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Chamber Henry

Willsboro Center N.H., Dec 21 1875

Dear Mr Goodnow

I send you my tax for 1875. \$10.  
I am not near a bank or P.O.  
Write to me I send in best paper.  
Please return a receipt bill

Truly yours  
Army Chandler

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### Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company,

LAND DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM BOND, Receiver.

I. T. GOODNOW,  
Commissioner,  
A. M. SOMMERS,  
Secretary.

N. S. GOSS,  
Land Attorney.

Neosho Falls, Kan., Dec 27, 1875

Dr Br Wm Down Hill  
after Jan. 1, 1876,  
No longer Land Commr,  
Office abolished!

Send me immediately  
All my tax bills, paid  
for others, you of course  
will pay taxes on the  
House & L. as usual,  
Money is going to be tight  
with me!

Yours  
I. T. Goodnow

Have about the woman's

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Wava, H.S.

Phillipston Mass  
Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1875

Dear Bro. Goodnow  
Yr. letter &  
Papers were received a few  
days since and I should  
have answered the before.  
Inclosed please find bill  
I think I will send enough  
to pay tax of 1875 & 6. Say  
\$1.30 If this is not enough  
when you send Leg Bill for  
1876 I will make it right.

I am in a store here  
in Phillipston Mass. have  
been in since last April.  
Have done full as well  
as I expected though on  
account of hard times could  
not expect to do a very flourishing business.

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My sisters are at home  
in the old place. I have  
charge of the schools in this  
town and my sister Mary  
has taught here several  
times since I came to town.

I would like to come  
out to Kansas and buy  
a farm of your. but my  
wife does not wish to go  
west. I suppose you have  
some good chances, perhaps  
some that would pay better  
than any investment in the  
Manhattan Lot.

Should be glad to hear from  
you often. Thanks for Papers  
Thanks for looking after  
my tags

Yours  
H. S. Ward  
of Phillipsburg  
Missouri

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Richardson, T.P.

Lynn Dec 30/75

Isaac Goodnow

You of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
with statement of acct of Taxes  
due on Kansas Manhattan lots  
is at hand Enclosed I forward  
you \$1.20 as per acct. I would  
make the inquiry in the lots  
worth anything as in other  
words is there any sale for them

Please send receipt for the enclosed  
& oblige

Yours Truly  
T.P. Richardson

P.S. Hope Mr G is improving am  
happy to say we are all well remember  
us kindly to det G and all inquiring friends

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ST. JAMES HOTEL,  
Cor. 5th and Walnut Sts.,  
R. BOYLE, PROPRIETOR.

St. Louis, Dec 31 1875

My Dear Br. Wm,  
Your letter was duly seen  
in connection with tax Bill,  
Those taxes are perfectly awful,  
I hardly know what we are  
coming to in Kansas! It is enough  
to frighten timid people out of  
the State! you & I not being of  
that sort will have to stay! See  
you did not pay the taxes on the  
place occupied by you! What's  
the matter? Bd Dorison is terri-  
bly hard up! I hardly know what  
he is coming to! He is almost  
wild! His income is next to  
nothing! I am out of office & no  
salary & it will be as much as

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I can do no easier way to  
bear my own expenses for 1876  
I shall try & be up to the  
Annual Bank Meeting June 11<sup>th</sup>  
I believe & we will then talk  
over matters, that no ques-  
tion must be very trying to you,  
I was fearful if it got out it  
would be fatal the consummation  
The disparity in ages, would far-  
nish ground for gossip & criticism  
Not many young ladies at 22, even  
it is a social such as might be  
considered. It seems to have become  
a public idea that you are  
exceedingly anxious to get  
married, & all such was talked  
about. Well you need a good  
wife but you have got to be ex-  
ceedingly discreet to secure  
one, you will have to make  
love slowly, trust in the Lord  
& ask his wisdom to direct you.

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A good wife is said to be  
from the Lord. Ellen has been  
sick for the last 2 months,  
she was almost discouraged  
a while, but she is now bet-  
ter, & is around, the sympathies  
with you. She has always said  
that you should have a home  
with us, if he don't opt, we  
said! We expect any of us re-  
main much longer, & we  
must try & do the best we can  
while we do remain, and be  
sure & not make any serious  
mistakes. It may be all for the  
best that you did not marry  
one so young. It might have  
brought you into trouble if you  
knew not of. It is at the best  
a serious risk to marry with so  
great a difference of ages; you  
are old enough to be his grand-  
father!

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ST. JAMES HOTEL,  
Cor. 5th and Walnut Sts.,

R. BOYLE, PROPRIETOR.

St. Louis, ..... 187  
How you any other are in view?  
I think you will have to keep dark  
& lay low awhile! How long will  
Harry wish to live with you?  
& how long does Mrs. Hough want  
remain? You seem to be  
sporing in your letter! I ex-  
pect you have written more in  
another direction, How comes  
on the Road petition & what is  
the prospect? Write me in fall  
by Monday's mail, I left town  
yesterday & return from here  
to night. Regards to all,  
Your truly,  
I. J. Goodnow

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<sup>Bigelow I.B.</sup>  
Ware Jan 3 - 1876

Dear Bro

I send you herein a Post Office Order for \$337 to pay my taxes. Why is it that they have more than doubled since I paid them? Is the increase the result of delay in paying? Please remember that you promised to attend to my taxes. Let me have the bill as soon as it is made out. Can you tell me the value of my land? I should be pleased to come and visit the west, but it looks like a long way to us in Nov. Send me my bills and the receipt of this.

Truly Yours  
I.B. Bigelow

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N. B. You can  
give the tax collector  
for 1846 my Post Office  
address & he can send  
me my bill -

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Goodrich, Walter

Agreeable  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

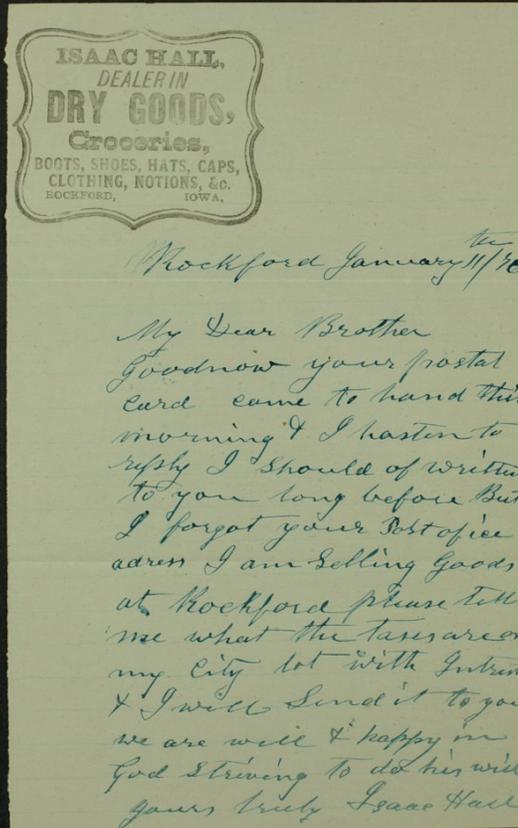
Dear Mr. Goodnow

Enclosed please find the amount due on taxes. We were sorry to hear of sickness in your family. Father & Mother are both of them just now as Lizzie & husband start for that part of the country. As for me I'm a school-marm of the double & tri-stated order & you can imagine the result. Cook-stands curls & eye-glasses press up before me & I solemnly contemplate them.

Love from us all to yourself & family.

Very truly yours,  
Walter A. Goodrich

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Neosho Falls, Kan., Jan. 16, 1876

Dear Br: Wm,  
Yours is recd. Enclosed please  
find check on Bank # 40,  
which closes out all money  
to be paid by me on Wall,  
I see nothing about new road  
in doings of Co. Co. Commission.  
Have they declared your new  
Road open? As a matter of  
Policy, don't advance money for  
Davidson's part of the wall,  
Hold off till you get his man-  
or to pay with! Don't leave a  
stone unturned to get friends  
road vacated!  
Be cautious on the W-n question!  
Don't allow yourself to be made

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a public laughing stock!  
Stand back on your dignity  
if you never get ahead!  
All things will work to-  
gether for good, if you  
do every thing from principle  
& Christian duty!  
I know of now way to borrow  
\$600, on your house, when  
I had borrowed the \$500, I  
thought it was going to  
relieve you, all right!  
To whom do you owe the \$600?  
I noticed in the door yard when  
home last time that you had  
some large good sized green  
logs for wood. I don't wish any  
such cut down, use the down  
wood & the small extras  
good sized trees I wish to  
stand for my own use.  
Watch Glasgow!

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2  
Whom you yourself know  
thoroughly, or your best  
friends. It would be a hard  
fate or fortune for some one  
to marry you for your money.  
This is the danger for pros-  
sors a good deal younger than  
yourself. There is something  
quite unnatural in a  
girl's marrying an old  
man! It is so written down  
as a stepping stone to  
get a younger one!  
All wish to be remem-  
bered to Uncle Wm.  
Be Denison is about  
out of the Woods!  
Write next mail,  
Your Affectionate Son  
Isaac Goodnow

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Lindell Hotel.

GRISWOLD, CLEMENT & SCUDDER,  
PROPRIETORS.

N. Falls. - St. Louis, Jan. 18. 1876

My Dear Br. Wm.

I find that you did not pay  
taxes on the horse lot (20 lots)  
It is appraised at \$2100. & the  
taxes for 1875 are \$107.44  
One half paid by me = \$53.71  
As this belongs to you to pay  
please sign the enclosed note  
& return. Hope & expect you  
will pay the other half in June  
as I shall be pretty short then,  
& expect to have to pay them  
some \$200, besides.

I requested you to see what  
kind of a title I gave Woodman  
for lot 404, W. D. Don't fail to  
ascertain, & report soon.

Yours Truly,  
I. J. Goodnow