

Papers of Herbert Paine Shumway

1856-1918

Herbert Shumway wrote many letters, but very few survive - he saved the letters which other people sent to him! Therefore some articles from him or about him are included.

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THE LIFE AND WORKS of Herbert Shumway, Republican Candidate for State Senator

Herbert P Shumway, of Wakefield, nominated for state senator at Hartington 27th ult. by the republicans of the 8th senatorial district, was born in Caledonia, Minnesota, April 18th, 1856. His youth was passed on his father's farm and in attending district school in the winter until he reached the age of nineteen years, when desiring a better education he purchased his time of his father and started in life for himself. In the summer of 1875 he came to Nebraska and taught a term at Lyons, Burt County; next year continued to teach school, and in the fall of 1876 entered the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis for a five years course, where he graduated in 1882. To support himself he taught school and worked on a farm in the summer vacations during the whole of his course in college. In the summer of 1881 he commenced his experience as a lumber dealer in connection with Hon Fremont Everett at Lyons. Immediately after graduating, in 1882, he bought out the lumber yard at Wakefield then conducted

by H F Skinner, which he has since conducted and to which business he has added farm machinery and fuel [handwritten insertion: "and put yards in Lyons, Winside, Coleridge and Concord"]. In 1886 Mr. Shumway bought what is well known as the Howard farm, a fine half-section of land one mile east of Wakefield which he has since farmed.

Mr. Shumway has always taken an active interest in everything relating to the development of Northeast Nebraska but was never identified with politics [handwritten note; "as a candidate"] until last fall, when he was the candidate of this part of the state for regent of the State University, and received every vote of the fourteen counties of Northeastern Nebraska. Mr. Shumway favored the nomination of Judge Reese, and although he was offered the nomination to support Judge Norval, he preferred to lose the nomination rather than to combine against Reese.

W. D. BELDEN,
Registered Pharmacist,
Dealer in
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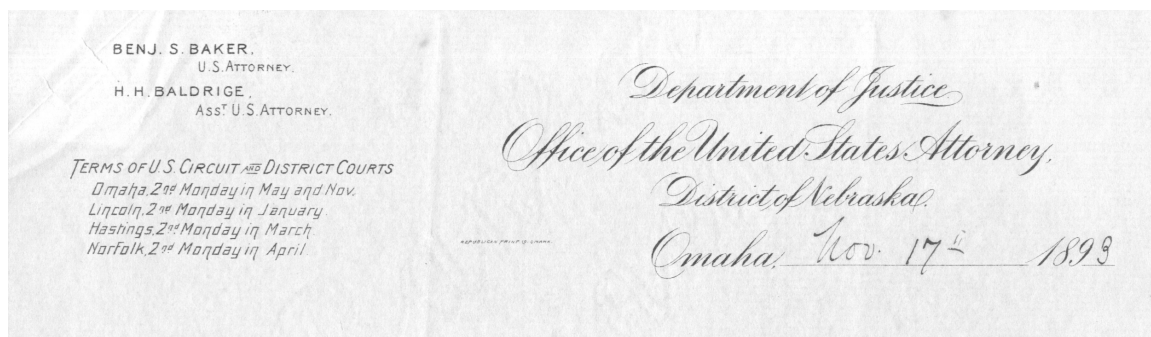
CALEDONIA, MINN., 8 / 8 1893

Letter dated August 8th 1893 From Will Belden, Caledonia, Minn to Herbert Shumway

My dear Herbert,

Have received a letter from Mrs. Frankie Evans in which she says she thinks it is too late to complete arrangement for a reunion this season and that she and her husband are going to the Fair in about two weeks. So I suppose it will be best to let the matter drop and begin early enough next year to make it a success. It is quite a disappointment to me as I have been anticipating great pleasure in again meeting in social reunion many of my former pupils, but shall live in hopes that another season such reunion can be had. Though there is no reunion, there is nothing to prevent you and yours from visiting us at the dates you mention. You can come just the same. I want to see you very much and shall be most happy to entertain you.

Hoping you will come this way and visit us I am as ever your most sincere friend.
Will D. Belden.



Nov 17th 1893

HP Shumway, Wakefield, Neb.

Sir: Give names of witnesses that will swear to Johnson having sold or given liquor to indians. Send this information by return mail. Very Resp. BS Baker, US Attorney (Ret all papers)

Letter dates Sep 10th, 189_ from Dr M.L. Hildreth of Lyons, NE to Herbert Shumway

Mr Shumway; Dear Sir. Yours with sample of food rec'd. "The best proof of a pudding &c.

I have examined the food, as well as I can on short notice, and will say that I believe it is all right. It is quite a job, and takes some time to put an article of the kind through chemical & microscopical tests, and in this case I do not think it is necessary. Horlick's food is considered a standard, I have used lots of it, and with good results. There are several kinds of food which are perhaps equally good. Once in a while we find a brand which is a "fake." In individual cases there are sometimes features which one kind of food will m-t better than others, and the best proof is the effect. While they are all subject to the same general laws. I believe that this sample is all right. If it is the kind which has served you well so far, I would certainly keep on with it, at least until there are plain indications for a change.

It might be that a fresh sample would work better, would suggest that you get a fresh supply if this has been in stock long and perhaps hold up a little on the amount of feeding. There may be some other cause for the fretfulness than the food.

For the last few weeks I have noticed a tendency to fretfulness on the part of children, much of which has been due, no doubt, to disturbed digestion.

Regarding the attitude of your Dr. in the matter I have to say - Doctors are subject like other people to quirks, sometimes they are a little foolish, I think. I certainly would speak well of a bridge which had carried me over safely, no matter who had discovered it. Sincerely hope the trouble will be only transient, and that baby will get on to his feed again ok Very truly, Hildreth.

Just returned from a flying trip to the mountains Pike's Peak &c. Had a little chat with Ed at Denver.

● newspaper clipping LETTER FROM MEXICO

City of Mexico, Apr 23 1901-Friend Wheeler - The ride down from Chihuahua was very pleasant, taking nearly two days and nights. The greatest thing of interest to me on the trip down was the great drainage canal was the great drainage canal, a few miles north of this city. This was commenced in 1607 to drain the valley of Mexico. This was a most stupendous undertaking to be done by mere human strength. It is almost four miles long and from 150 to 250 ft. deep. The Indians were compelled to labor as slaves, and tradition says 115,000 of them were worked to death in the building. It is the most impressive example I have ever

seen of what the pure physical strength of human beings can accomplish.

But this city! There is so much to say that I am discouraged. Words can convey no conception of it to one who had only seen the cities in the US. But the great churches and cathedrals is what impresses me the most. There are so many of them and they are so massive, rich and grand. They were mostly built during the 16th and 17th centuries, there are but few less than 150 years old. One can only consider with awe the wonderful power of the Church of Rome at that period, which

enabled her to build such magnificent monuments in this new hemisphere. I have seen nothing in Chicago or New York that is any comparison to these churches. The cathedral is a most massive building, with sister churches that open into it about 400 ft square. The main room is 177 ft by 400 ft with an arched roof of stone and brick 179 ft from the floor, supported by 14 immense pillars of stone about 10 ft in diameter. And such massive walls! We climbed up the tower over 200 ft and the walls there were 46 inches thick. Words can convey very little idea of the interior. There are two immense organs at least 150 ft high and the altars and shrines were of carved woods, gold, silver and precious stones. The vessels holding the holy water of which there were several were almost five feet across and two feet deep [and] were cut from onyx. The paintings on the walls and ceiling were very fine and there are some famous paintings brought from Europe. I have never seen such a picture of worth and grandeur in a church. It is built on the site of the Aztec temple. The first church was completed in 1524 but the main cathedral was started in 1573 and completed in 1667.

One afternoon we went out to visit Quadalupe [sic] almost 7 miles north of the city. This is the holiest shrine and the most costly church in all America. It is not very large, the nave 122 ft by 200 ft and 125 ft high. But the interior! I have never seen anything so rich and beautiful. The altar has solid silver railings, and has a dazzling beauty with its gold, silver and precious jewels. In 1895 a crown was placed over the Tilma of the Holy Virgin. This coronation was perhaps the greatest gathering of Catholic Ecclesiastics ever held in America. The jewels for the crown were donated by the wealthy ladies of America and Europe and is a galaxy of gems. The first shrine was built in 1532 and through the centuries additions have been made, more especially to the interior until now the small church is said to have cost about \$12,000,000 besides jewels donated.

Time forbids much of a description of the National Museum and art gallery. They are far better than I expected to see and contain relics of priceless value. Marelló [sic], Rafael and have each a painting here. But I can better appreciate Clave's and Ramirez. The great sacrificial stone upon which the Aztecs offer human sacrifice impressed me very deeply.

The National Library is very fine. One could spend days there. There are two books printed in the 15th century and quite a collection of American and English books.

The rock of Chapultepec is a wonderful place, crowned with the magnificent castle, which now contains the school for cadets, the West Point of Mexico, and the residence of President Diaz. By getting a permit we were allowed to examine the famous castle. But there is so much of interest that one cannot write about it.

This valley has an altitude of 7000 feet and the finest climate I ever saw. It is midst of summer here now and a little warm about three hours in the middle of the day, while a person wants to rest. The rest of the day is rather cool, but as I have on my winter underclothing it is not uncomfortably cold. There are few flies or fleas or small insects here. The air is pleasant and invigorating. It is a pleasure simply to exist here. I attended a Masonic meeting and found the work practically identical with that in Nebr.

The work of the different protestant missions require more than a passing word. They are doing a great work here, it seems to me, with wonderful success. Their adherents are now estimated to number 70,000. Seeing something of what they are doing here, I can appreciate as never before the need of such work and the fruit which it bears. It seems to me that it is the noblest work that a human being can devote his life. Sunday Mr. Everett and I attended the M.E. Church in English, for there are many Americans here, and listened to a very able sermon from Rev. Bassett of Iowa, and then attended services in the Mexican M.E. church. There was quite a large attendance, and to look into the faces of those persons it seemed as if their inmost being had been lifted and exalted by their religion. We could not understand the Spanish, but they sang "Rock of Ages," and "Jesus like a Shepard lead me." It seemed to me it was the sweetest music and carried one the nearest Heaven of anything I have ever heard in my life. I shall never miss an opportunity to hear the Mexican-Christians sing those old songs. In singing they have sweet, musical voices and the worship seemed from their hearts pure and undefiled religion.

We have had an unexpected delay here of nine days, to get some of the concessions signed in which some of our party are interested. But it has given us a good opportunity to see the city and study its people in customs of which I have not time to write. But it seems during the 16th and 17th centuries Mexico enjoyed a period of great activity, as is shown by the magnificent monuments left. During the 18th and until the latter part of the 19th it was in a deep sleep, from which she is just arousing. And it looks for the immediate future to show a progress and development equal to that of Japan. President Diaz is doing a wonderful work, and I believe is one of the greatest men of this age and that of the future will give him a place in Mexico's life similar to that held by Washington and Lincoln in our own.

Tonight we start south in a very arduous trip of about 2000 miles.

Very Respectfully,
H P Shumway

● newspaper clipping LETTER FROM MEXICO Oxaca, State of Oxaca, May 4, 1901-

Friend Wheeler - Leaving Mexico we took the Mexican railroad to Orizaba. This is one of the most delightful rides in America and no one should come to Mexico without going down there. A few miles after leaving the city we pass the pre-historic pyramids at San Juan Teotihuacan. There are two, one 216 and the other 151 feet high, and I should think about 800 and 600 feet square at the base. They are about half as large as the famous pyramids of Egypt. They are built on the level plain, and it is a wonder who built them and for what purpose. I am surprised that so little attention has been given them. For seven hours we ride over the

undulating plateau covered with hundreds of thousands of acres of Maguey from which the Mexican drink pulque is made. The plain is very fertile, dotted over with villages and such lots of churches, "grand old churches, centuries old." It seems as if the entire wealth of Mexico during the 16th and 17th centuries must have been given to building churches, for they are everywhere, so immense, grand and rich. We pass by the volcanoes Popocatepetl¹

¹ Popocatepetl

and Ixtaccihuatl² and Orizaba³, 18250 ft, claimed to be the highest mountain in North America. The view of these mountains is very impressive. The peaks in the Rockies are along the ranges so even Pikes Peak appears very small in comparison for these peaks rise almost out from the level plain about 11,000 feet and about 4,000 feet covered with perpetual snow giving them a sublime beauty. About 2 o'clock the train stopped to get water, just as we commence to leave the high plateau of 7,000 feet and drop to the low land of the coast. There is one of the most charming lovely views I ever saw. Malteata [?] lies just at the foot of the Mt 2000 feet below, in a lovely little valley while the road runs 13 miles to reach it. While Nagoles lies in plain view a few miles beyond but in another drop in the valley of 1,000 feet. It is worth many miles travel to see that picture. To follow that valley down through the mountains was a great engineering feat. In 29 miles the road makes a descent of 4100 feet. Orizaba is a lovely little city with its tropical plants and flowers, and after our long ride over the plateau it seems like an oasis in the desert.

Vera Cruz is a hustling seaport, but we found little of special interest there, excepting yellow fever which caused us to abandon our trip through the Isthmus and go back to the highlands and down here. We received at Vera Cruz a most impressive temperance lecture. In inquiring of various persons about the probabilities of taking the fevers, the first question almost invariably would be "Are you addicted to the use of strong drink?" And when we would answer "No" they would say that we would probably get through all right but it would be almost sure death to one who had drank much liquor.

Yesterday we went down to the ruins of Mitla⁴ 30 miles from here. They are much more interesting than I expected to find. They are scattered over ground about 2 by 2 1/2 miles and show remains of immense buildings. The Mexican government is excavating and exploring and are finding courts and rooms and catacombs and finely preserved walls richly ornamented with hewn stone. In one court are six obelisks still standing about 12 ft high and 4 feet in diameter. Some of the walls still standing I should think were 20 feet high. Over all the doorways are immense stones instead of arches. I measured one which was 3 1/2 feet wide, 4 1/2 feet high, and 22 feet long. The walls in various places are covered with hieroglyphics which have never been deciphered. The doors are not over 5 1/2 feet high showing that the builders were a small race of people. There being no tradition among the Indians of the builders of the temple at the time of the Spanish conquest, shows that the builders were exterminated by a people who were themselves exterminated before the conquest. While on the road there we stopped to see the Big Tree at Tule. This is a gigantic wonder for a tree. The trunk 6 feet from the ground is 154 feet in circumference.

Oaxaca is a very fine city of about 30,000. Being in the tropic with an elevation of over 5,000 feet is delightful. During the last four years the extremes have been 65 and 80, and during the last year 67 and 78. It rains every afternoon during the summer months, so it is a little cooler in summer than in winter. The water is cool and wholesome, a very rare thing in Mexico. Being so far south the sun is directly overhead at noon this time of year, and the days are surprisingly short. Daylight comes about 5:15 and dark quarter to seven. Santo Domingo church here rivals

Quadalupe⁵ as the richest church in Mexico. It is claimed this cost \$13,000,000 and looks much the richer, for nearly the whole interior, even the dome is covered with beaten gold, and one can appreciate the richness of gold. While Quadalupe has so much solid work that don't make the show. It is claimed that at Quadalupe 26 tons of silver was used in the railings alone around the altar.

To us from Nebraska the farming seems very crude indeed. Now that I have seen farming here I can for the first time realize the farming mentioned in the Old Testament. The plows are a long pole with a sharpened stick morticed in, a handle fastened on so it can be held upright, then it would stir up the ground about 4 inches deep. We did not see a steel plow among the farmers in Mexico. To cut the grain they would gather what stocks they could hold in one hand and then cut it with a sickle. Children would gather these handfuls up carefully, put them in bundles, and a man would follow with withes and bind the bundles. We saw one field with 50 at work harvesting. In plowing the big fields there would be an overseer on horseback and from 20 to 35 teams at work. One three-horse Nebr. team would do more work than the whole bunch.

Threshing was the queerest. They would make a stone floor, erect a revolving part in the middle, fasten a long pole to that, tie to the pole usually 22 mules and drive them round and round until the wheat was threshed out. To clean the wheat they would stretch an oxhide between poles, punch holes in it, and toss it up and down until all the wheat runs through the holes. No wonder only the richest can afford to eat bread.

I cannot understand the seasons here. There are two, the wet and the dry. But they seem to sow and reap irrespective of months. Many large fields of both wheat and corn would be divided into four parts. In one they would be preparing the ground, the next would be growing, the next ripening while in the next they would be harvesting and threshing.

As a farming country Mexico is exceedingly poor. I should think that about two-thirds of Mexico was semi-arid, comparing unfavorably with eastern Colorado. With irrigation the soil would be exceedingly productive, but there is no water to irrigate only a small portion of the arid part. Western Nebr looks like a garden compared to a great part of what we saw of Mexico.

Everything being in such a primitive condition there, the mines, cattle industry, rich lands along the coast, manufactories, and the improvements in the cities, offer great inducements to American capital and enterprise. But anyone must be very careful about going there unless he has a good position assured or takes a lot of money, human labor is about the cheapest thing there. Many of the farm laborers get only 18 cts a day, Mexican equal to 9 cents our money and it takes a very skilled mechanic to get a dollar a day Mex or 50 cts Amer. But to keep the peons at work and do it anywhere near right they have to have overseers for everything. And there is a great demand for American overseers and managers. The greatest demand is from the plantations in the low lands, where it is very dangerous for northerners to live. One must be very careful about going without money. The government offers great inducements for capital to develop the country and millions are flowing in from the states. Mexico has today great opportunities for safe and profitable investments.

Respectfully yours

H P Shumway

²Ixtlahuacatl

³Orizaba

⁴Mitla?

⁵Guadalupe

TELEPHONE: MAIN 4101



CHEMICAL CO.
INCORPORATED
170 MADISON STREET.
CHICAGO,

NOV. 12, 1902.

Mr H P. Shumway,
Wake field, Neb.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date with itemized account of the \$12.27. I was indeed very much surprised to receive this statement. If you have ever spoken to me about it, I have forgotten it, and I believe that as far as I am concerned, it has been allowed to the renters. I am inclined to think that Mr Wheeler lived in the house at the time and you done a certain amount of advertising in his paper, in fact he always paid for his own repairs as far as he and I were concerned, and I am under the impression that if Mr Wheeler did not pay this bill, he should have done so. I probably have quite a number of Wheeler receipts and accounts and will look into the matter as I want to pay everything that I owe, but I do not want any more bills to run this length of time without a statement. As far as I am concerned, I do not believe I ever got a statement of this account before, as I am not in the habit of allowing matters of this kind to run along for any length of time.

Our families are quite well with the exception of Lawrence having a heavy cold.

Yours very truly,
W. L. Paul⁶

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Jan.29,1903.

My dear friend:

Failing to meet you again in St Paul as we planned, I was much disappointed and wrote you to that effect. I received a letter from you written about the time you reached home expressing about the same sentiments but not mentioning the receipt of my letter. So I was in the dark whether to look for you to answer mine or whether you were expecting me to answer yours. The uncertainty led to my pigeonholing yours until the elapse of time should settle the uncertainty and as too often happens when me put off for & short time it stays put off longer than we think. In consequence I find myself replying to your personal letter of last Aug. 24th. and at this late date thank you for your kind tender of assistance from the stump should my political interests stand in need at some future time. My only consolation for such delinquency is that if your memory is really as bad as you tried to make out, you may have forgotten all about it before this time.

That part of your letter impressed me that said the trip to St Paul was a new experience to you, all your time and trips heretofore having been occupied with the serious thought and effort of improvement and gain. I think a little more association with me would do you no harm if it would show you that if you don't take some reward for your labor from this time on your whole life will slip away, and some one else will get your reward, before you know it. I have about as much as you but I made up my mind some time ago to enjoy my existence here, and succeed and make just as much money beside. That wont do when a young fellow who starts out in life with nothing but the time comes when he ought to get out of the rut of drudgery, from all points of view.

Since the St Paul meeting, I have been looking forward to the next T. C. at Seattle, and the trip to Alaska, and have counted upon seeing you there. I think it will be a most enjoyable trip and I hope nothing may happen to prevent

⁶ Will Paul was Herbert's brother-in-law, married to Nettie Howard.

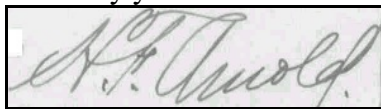
our going. I hope to take along my daughter, we have for some years talked about a trip to Alaska, who delights in traveling with me.

Our M.D. Press Assn makes a trip to the Pacific Coast next month (and possibly to Honolulu) and the itinerary takes in Helena, Spokane, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Omaha, St Paul, and there ends. As members of the Assn will not have to pay fare, I am thinking seriously of going along. If I do and do not take in Hawaii I shall be in Omaha early in March and may be able to see you.

This winter I am looking after my limited business matters bowling some for exercise and having a very comfortable time of it. I bought a Densmore typewriter and am learning fairly fast to write upon it. My parents, sister Emma and I live here together. My daughter is attending school in St Louis this year. H.V. Arnold is in the Pioneer Office every day working on something. Geo. B. Winship is Receiver at U.S. Land Office in Grand Forks. Tom Olsgard, who attended the Academy when we did, has been in the Minot, N.D. land office for eight years as Register, and just now is out and has resumed the practice of law. You have noticed that Senator Hanabrough, whose political interests frequently kept me from the sessions of the Trans-Miss. Congress, has been reelected to the Senate, so that I still have two staunch friends at that "court".

I hope you will find time to write me soon as I would like to hear from you before the Coast trip begins which will be about a week hence. With kind regards to yourself and my friends there,

Sincerely yours



To H.P. Shumway,
Wakefield, Neb.

May 11, 1903

Hon H.P. Shumway
Wakefield, Neb

Dr Sir and friend

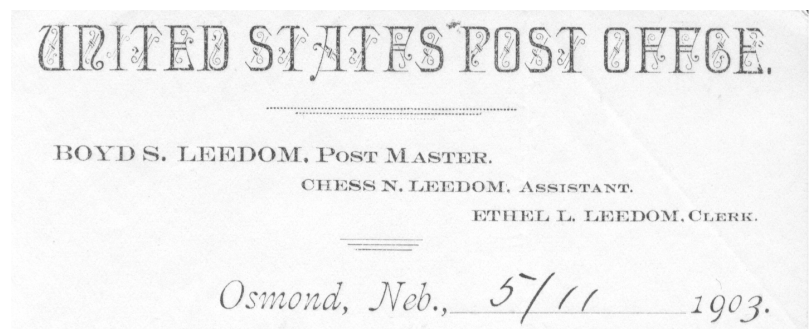
I wish to say a word to you about our Miss Stella Kelley who has been employed by

your district as a teacher in your schools. She has held down our primary room here for the past three years and has given universal satisfaction. She refused to be an applicant this year on account of one of the other teachers whom she does not consider a lady and the same opinion is held by a large number of the patrons. Miss Kelley is the best primary teacher we have ever had in our schools and I have been a patron of that room for a good many years. She is right up to snuff in handling little people and I know that your district made a wise choice when they employed her. She is a teacher well worth a salary of \$75 per month.

Now, Bro. Shumway, Miss Kelley is a personal friend of mine and I thus freely express myself to you as a friend and hope that you will aid her in her work in your town. I ask this from you as a personal favor, and I know she will not disappoint either you or I.

We have had a steady three days rain up here and I want to put in 100 acres of flax just as soon as it dries up a little.

Very truly, Boyd S. Leedom.

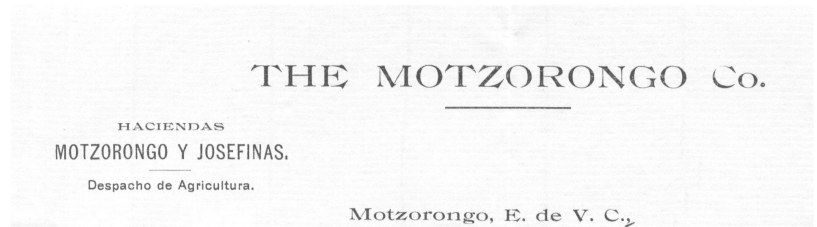


Sep 5th 1903

Bro Shumway & Family, Wakefield, Neb.

Dear Sir it is a long time since I had any communication from you. I met Mont Everett & family when they went through but at that perticular time there was conciderable sickness here and they did not stop and we were going to

Orizaba for a short time. Now everything is in good shape it rains terriable so it is hard to get any thing done. We now have 250 on the pay roll here besides the force at Josephienis. I had a severe atack of maleria fever but am well now so is all the family. The thermomitor seldom goes over 80 no flies no musquitoes so it is quite pleasant onley for the rain. We now have about 700 acers of cane 300 acers of corn have also set out a lot of orange trees. We are getting the sugar mill in shape & expect to run as soon as wet season is over. We will grind about 150 tons per day. I beleave we have a grate proposition. Let us know how you all are & what is doing on the Pan Am. I should be more than pleased to see you down. Come & bring Nellie. Regards to sister Lucy & Bro Howard Resp. W.L. Paul



Portland, OR Jan 24 1904

to Mr. H.P. Shumway, Wakefield, Neb from E.M.Yeaton

Dear Friend - Yours of 16th at hand. We are incorporated for \$200,000. \$50,000 paid up All stock sold is paid up & the money has been invested in timber. We are bying nea[r]ly all White Pine I don't beleve thare is a better tract of WP in the State of Washington than that which we have bot. We have options on a lot more that is just as good, which we will by just as soon as we can get the money.

Hurbert I wish you wear hear to look at the Timber I now if you wear to see it you wold be more than pleased. The Timber is just marvelous you neaver saw a better logging proposition we have a fine stream of watter the Saw Mill will be on the O.R.& N.R.R. The Timber is 25 miles North of Hood River Ore. I was talking with Mr Johnson our Manerger to day he says if you come. He can show you the Timber, the Snow may may be purtley deep in the upper part of the Timber but not as deep but what he can show it to you. I expect to leve Portland soon we expect to move to Shererden⁷ Ore if I hant hear call on Mr J.H. Johnson #20 E 10th St he will be redey to gow with you eny time if you come.

Yours Truley E.M. Yeaton⁸

Minneapolis, Minn. , January 27th, 1904. Mr. HP Shumway, Tapachula, Mex.

My Dear Friend:-

I cannot say that I was much surprised at the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst; not that I expected, that you would, be In Mexico any more than in Japan, but as soon as I saw the Mexican post-mark, I knew that some of your interests were down there and. that you had concluded to avoid the cold weather we are having here now for the more congenial tropical clime of southern Mexico.

We have, indeed, been having a cold snap lately. The official registration shows the low point at 33.2 degrees below zero. This is the coldest weather we have had in this city since the establishment of the weather bureau here, something like 16 years. Of course there are those who claim that the thermometer was 43 decrees below zero here last Sunday, but, that is not the official report.

You will be interested to learn that Mr H. R. Prosser has just returned from Alaska. I understand that he has

⁷ Sheridan

⁸Elias Yeaton was from Portland Prairie, MN and Lyons, NE

done very well, but he does not make any talk at all about what he has done in the way of profits. Rumors have it that a certain Minneapolis, who answers the description of Prosser in every way, has recently returned to Minneapolis after having made \$75,000.00 in Alaska. I sincerely trust that Prosser has had this good fortune, and while he may not have made so much, still he was inquiring the other day as to what the outlook would be for starting a country bank, so he must have at least a goodly sum or he would not contemplate such a business as that.

The alumni will have a meeting and banquet next Friday evening at 7 p. m, at which quite a number of the members of the class of '82 will be present. Wish you could be there with us.

Sidener is in good health, but is working very hard. Says that he is sorry that he did not quit the university ten years ago to go into the practical assaying business in the west, but like everyone else, he hates to break away from a sure thing. Ha has been very busy lately reading prof for a text book which he has published for use in his classes.

I do not know whether I advised you of the death of Mary Holt last fall or not. The pall bearers consisted of the old members of the class of '82, of which I was one.

I have been away on a little jaunt myself. I was down in Southern Kansas looking up some oil properties, but came back without making any investments. The weather down there was very mild, just cold enough to freeze a little at night, while in the daytime it was no unusual thing for me to drive out into the country barehanded. On New Years eve we were in a room at the hotel and had. to throw open the windows to keep cool, although there was no fire in the room, except the natural gas lights for lighting. Some of the boys have made a lot of money down there and some have lost a lot, the Standard Oil Company being the only sure winner, as they make about \$25.00 profit on every barrel of crude oil that costs them from 60¢ to \$1.30.

I was much interested in your story of your travels, and will be glad to hear from you again. If you strike any proposition down there out of which \$100,000 can be made in ten years, kindly put me on.

With best regards and. well wishes, I am, Yours very truly, GEORGE J. BACKUS.

**EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE,
CITY OF LARIMORE.**

H. F. ARNOLD⁹, mayor.
LARIMORE, N. D.
Feb.1, 1904.

Hon. H .P. Shumway,
Wakefield, Neb.

My dear friend:

Your letter from Tapachula, Mex , drafted Jan. 14th. came to hand three or four days ago. I was very glad to hear from you and to hear your views upon Mexico. I have a few dollars invested down in that country just east of your railroad. I have been expecting to make a trip there this winter but guess will not get arrangements made in time.

If that country were only invigorating and healthy, there are great, opportunities for a man to accumulate a fortune, by going there and taking advantage of some of nature's provisions.

I suppose if we live another quarter of a century, we will see vast changes from five years ago on this continent. There is a great immense region of fertile prairies in western Canada that will produce stocks of small grains and live stock in time and develop a hardy race. There is a steady stream of land and home seekers flowing that way by the roads leading out of St Paul.

My father is well and postmaster at Larimore. My mother and sisters also have very good health. My parents are 76 and my daughter 20 this month so I fear time is not far distant when I can still call myself young. Seems strange for us to be on the verge of getting old, don't it?

Did you go out to Seattle last summer to the T-M C.C? I had to go to Oregon in July on business and could not afford to go again in Aug. I did not go to the Nat'l Irrigation Cong. either. Did you?

Well here's the last line, so I'll stop. Write oftener. Your friend, HF Arnold.

⁹ Horace Arnold was a boyhood friend from Portland Prairie, Houston Co., MN

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Lyons, Neb., Feb. 23, 1904

Hon. HP. Shumway, Wakefield Neb.

Dear brother:

Rec'd draft all right. I am sorry that you and the other members of the board are in trouble with Tom Rawlings. Seems to me that your play was to have ignored his remarks. But perhaps it is best to fight the thing out before the public. What do you learn about John Piper's chances of going to the National Convention from this district? Please do what you can in this matter, not only in your own county but in those adjoining.

Fremont Everett

Lincoln, Nebr

Nov 3, 1904

Mr HP Shumway

I send you the bill of Earl's board and room as he says that is what you expect me to do altho it seems to me a simpler and better way for him to pay me.

Board, six weeks, Sept 20 to Nov. 1 @ \$3.00	\$18
Room, two month, Sept 20 to Nov 20 @ \$8.00	\$16
	\$34

Sincerely, Julia Haskell

Chicago, Ill Dec 29, 1904

Bro Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr.

Dear Sir I have your letter & Note carefully its contents, will say in reply that in the Business we we would be most likly to engage in you probably know more than all the Bal[ance] of us put together, namely Lumber & Saw Mill Buisness where we would own our own timber & do our own logging we could safely figure on a profit of 45% to 50% per annum. Also cattle or in fact anything we might shape up or figure out after we got located. The most we are looking for is a fine climate where we can live out-of-doors, hunt & fish we do not worry about not being able to make enough to live on & you are probably worth more money alone than all of us put together & still any one you talk to about it that knows anything about the country admit that there is far more money to be made in various [?] here than here besides we are all arriving at an age that if we are going to have any comfort out of life we better be getting at it & in this way the whole family can be close together. The RR fare will be one fare for the Round trip pluss & 2 good 21 days leaveing Chicago 11 PM Feb 7 Omaha 4:10 PM Feb 8th via UP we intend to take the train that carries tourist sleepers I expect C C Letts¹⁰ will come this way & start with me Will Grant writers me that he will try to arrange to join us at Omaha he likes the ide. I think we can arrange for retention of tickets for return if absolutely necessary. Of corse I wont know how many are going so we can arange acordingly & those that do not wish to go the first trip but leave it up to us for locating how much they will put in on a land deal so we may buy acordingly. There will be no going into debt but buy what we can handle safely. We have one deal in view that is a dandy if we get it let me hear from you again soon. Yours very truly WL Paul

Get Mr Everett to join if he will.

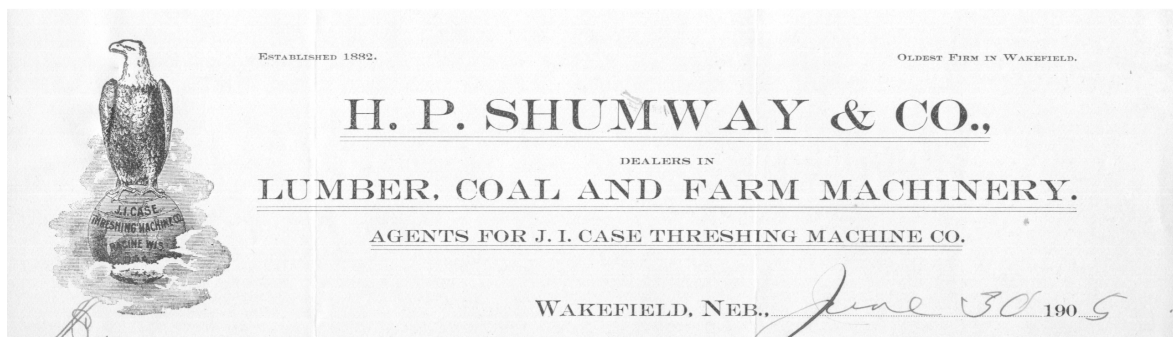
¹⁰ Charles Letts was another brother-in-law, married to Edith Howard.

June 30, 1905

\$100 Received of HP

Shumway one hundred dollars to bind the sale of the South East Quarter (SE 1/4) of South East Quarter (SE 1/4) of Sec twenty one

(21) Township no 27 Range 5 Dixon Co., Nebr, this land being sold at \$52.50 per acre or \$2100. The balance (\$2000) to be paid March 1, 1906 when I agree to give a deed and p----- of said land to said HP Shumway. Said land to be free from all encumbrances whatever, and deed to contain the usual covenants of warranty. And also furnish an abstract showing land clear. Said HP Shumway to ___ the fence on the west side to the line. In presence of Jce Wilhelm, Alex Carlson.



427 So. 17th St

Confidential.

Omaha, Nebraska,

July 25rd, 1905

Hon. H. P. Shumway,

Wakefield, Nebraska.

My Dear Shumway:-

I simply write you a few lines to inform you that L. V. Haskell came to me Friday evening and asked me to assist him in getting up there near the field of action for two or three months this fall, and I told him that we did not wish any one there now but simply good practical men, and he said that he was going up there any way, so wish you would on receipt of this letter to tell his wife that we do not wish him up there this fall at all, and for her to keep him at home, as he cannot keep his mouth shut, and you know his failing, and I will have no time to watch out for and look after him, and it is not a good thing for the Company and parties interested to have near the field of operation now, the time for him to go there is not this year, and hope that you will kindly attend to this before you leave for your trip West. and wish you a pleasant journey through the West, with kind personal regards to you all, and hope to receive a line from you before you leave informing me that this has been done, and tell her as if it come from you, and not from me.

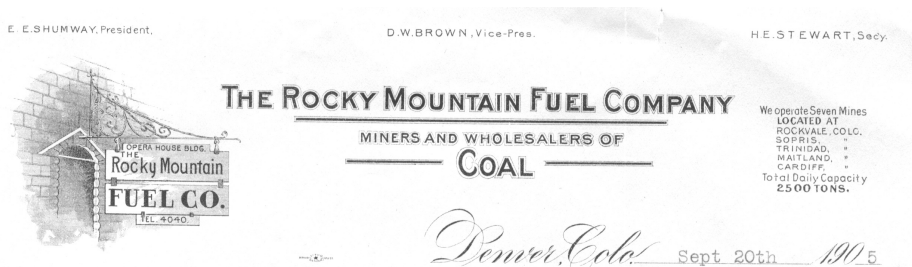
Yours sincerely,

Omaha, Nebraska, P. O. BOX. NO. 145.

Colonel H. P. Shumway,
Wakefield, Nebr.

My dear Colonel:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 18th inst, and to thank you for the interest



you have taken in this matter. Will be glad to hear from you when you learn what Mr. Kimball finds out at Hartington. Am glad to learn that you got sleepers to Omaha and hope you had as pleasant a trip as was possible under the circumstances, and found things in good shape on your return.
With best regards, I am, Yours truly, J.H. Brown

Jany 6, 1906

H.P. Shumway, Esq.
Wakefield, Nebr.

Dear Sir,

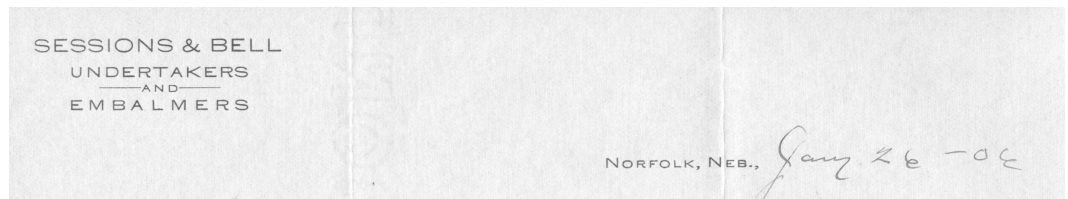
We have skinned out the wolf this afternoon, you surely hit him hard. The bullet split the skin along between _____ cutting off the tips of spines and passing through underpart of throat so I was unable to save bullet.

Now we have this to suggest. You no doubt value the head as a trophy and if it is mounted for a wall ornament on a neat-oak panel it would last for all time practically. A ____ come to pretty _____ and will not look so pretty later _____. But of course the rug will be pretty and last a long time.

If you care to leave head mounted separate the skin would still make a nice rug. I am offering these suggestions for what they are worth and will be glad to do the work any way you may decide. Yours truly,
Sessions & Bell - R.

Jany 26, 1906

H.P. Shumway, Esq.
Wakefield, Nebr.



My Dear Mr Shumway,

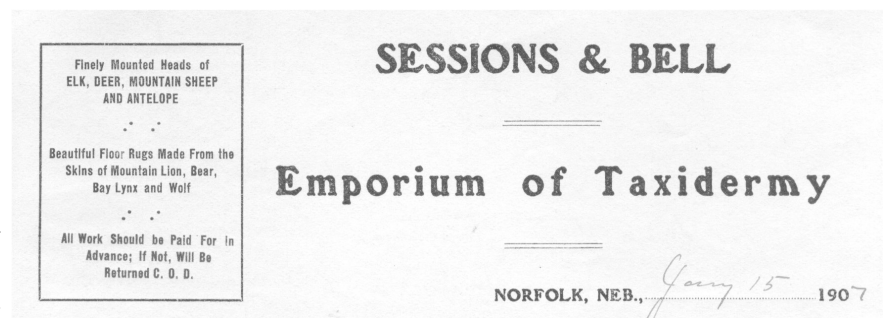
Your kind letter in regard to a wolf hunt was received and I wish to express in some way my appreciation of your kind invitation to join you in the hunt. Nothing could be more to my taste an inclination, but unfortunately for me I am such poor condition, physically, this winter that I would not dare to attempt it. However I greatly enjoy your description of the sport and may I hope for further accounts of your successes with the rifle. With best wishes for your next thot. Sincerely yours,
L. Sessions.

Jany 15, 1907

H.P. Shumway, Esq.
Wakefield, Nebr.

My Dear Mr Shumway,

You are wondering, no doubt, what has become of your wolf rug No. 2 and will settle that question by saying it is boxed ready for the express-man and will send it over tomorrow. I left home early last summer for a long visit with relatives in Flat Head Co., Montana and Mrs and I enjoyed our time so well we didn't turn our faces homeward till the last of October. If you could know what a time you would not blame me for neglecting my work. Fishing, hunting, camping with sail boat, launch & steam boat as the notion took us. Plenty of trout, venison & _____ and the finest apples, pears, plums cherries & berries and the finest cider I ever tasted and near them a wonderfully beautiful country and a perfect climate.



Your last wolf-skin had not come back from the tanner when we left and since our return I have been rushed with work.

I think you will be pleased with the rug and may send \$10 for the two rugs at your convenience. How are the _____ this winter are you doing any good shooting?

Sincerely yours, L. Sessions

Jany 17, 1907

H.P. Shumway, Esq.
Wakefield, Nebr.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of yesterday to hand with draft for \$17.50 payment in full for mounting Coyotes head and making the two rugs. Thanks for same and for correcting my error. I also wish to thank you for your hearty appreciation of our work.

I am very much interested in what you say about the wolf hunt and if I am able will be glad to join you some day. Thanks for the invitation. Sincerely yours,

L. Sessions

Hon. H. P. Shumway, Wakefield,
Neb.

Dear Sir;--

I am in receipt of your very kind.

letter of recommendation on my
behalf to Governor Sheldon for the

position of Deputy State Oil Inspector for the Third Congressional District, and. please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness in the matter, and if at any time I can reciprocate, command, me. Very truly yours,

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Minneapolis 4/13/1906 to HP Shumway , Wakefield Nebr from N H Winchell

My dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry as to going with you into northern Wyoming to examine a gold proposition some time in May will say: that

1- I am employed constantly at St Paul on an archeological work left undone by the death of Hon J V Brown last year.

2- I cannot walk and climb hills like a young man, and owing to a sickness last year when I was a month in a hospital I am not now as physically strong as I was before.

I probably can get leave of absence from my St Paul work for the time required. If I can do so I should be free to go with you. If there is to be much walking and climbing after reaching the place, I should want to obviate it by some means, perhaps by use of a saddled horse.

The regular rate is \$25 per day & expenses, but owing to the above conditions I would undertake it at \$20 per day and expenses, in the expenses being included such as assaying as necessary.

Again it might be made a job, long or short, for \$250 and expenses.

Awaiting your reply, Very truly yours,

N H Winchell

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Minneapolis 5/01/1906 to HP Shumway , Wakefield Nebr from N H Winchell

(note in another hand next to name of Horace Winchell- Son of NHW and one of the very best mine experts in the West- S)

My dear Shumway

I have gotten your letter saying you wish me to start with you soon after the 15th of May. I will try to be ready on notice. But according to my experience snow holds on late in the mountains and I would suggest as late a date as consistent with your plans and with the region's climate.

I would like to know at once, where the property is located in order that in case any reporting or mapping has already been done on the region I may read up on it. Please let me know also whether it will be likely to be wet, necessitating rubber boots in the mines or drifts already executed: and if you have a sample of the ore I would also like to see it to get some idea of the problems that may arise. Is the ore an arsenide, or telluride, or chloride, or is it in pyrite? Or again is it free gold visible to the eye?

Nothing in the way of assaying can be done in the field. My work will be sampling, measuring and calculating the value of the ore after assaying by some assayer, taking into account the costs of mining and reducing the ore (in case it is an ore that requires chlorination or roasting) and its accessibility etc.

Very truly, NH Winchell

Also in these papers an assay report dated 4/14/1907 from Henry Wood & Co of 1734 Arapahoe St, Denver; given prices of dry copper @\$4/unit, gold @ \$20/oz silver @ \$0.65/oz one sample had gold .03 oz, silver 0.90 oz and copper .5%, val \$1.18/ton; the other sample .03 oz, 1 oz, 2.25% for a value of \$4.25/ton

N H Winchell

Geologist
Minneapolis, Minn

4/20 1907

My dear Shumway

A man at Ainsworth, Nebraska names J C Toliver thinks he has a meteorite. He has sent me a photograph of it, and it appears to be genuine. Have you any knowledge of this man, or any deal at Ainsworth that might take you there.

I have offered him, in case it is genuine, \$2 per pound. Can you aid me in the matter anyway by informing him that he will not be defrauded if he should send it to me for examination and approval.

Very truly, NH Winchell

● Postcard dated June 26 1910; front has a picture of a pack train on Mount Wilson Trail, Cal.
to Miss Bertha Shumway, Caledonia, Minn from H.P. Shumway

Dear Cousin,

Mrs. S., Ruth & I climbed this mt. last night, and will return to Sierra Madre this afternoon. Do not know when I will return to Nebr.

Yours,

H.P. Shumway

● NEWSPAPER CLIPPING- only visible header reads "RASKA, FRIDAY, MAY"

"Traveling with the President"

Col. H.P. Shumway returned on Sunday from his trip with President Roosevelt and although very busy with his business affairs he kindly gave a few minutes of his valuable time to the Republican man thereby enabling us to present to our readers the following interview. Col Shumway said:

"We had a most enjoyable trip. The first experience was at Lincoln where the Governor and staff, assisted by a regiment of the State Militia officially received the President. Traffic was suspended, the streets cleared and patrolled by soldiers about 1 1/2 miles to the state capitol where the President was to make his address. Ringing of bells and booming of cannon announced his arrival. Besides the soldiers keeping the crowd back, he was surrounded by a special picked guard, hurried to his carriage, and escorted by mounted officers and officials and accompanied by a few carriages, drawn rapidly to the capital. The line of march was thronged by a dense line of people all so anxious to see the President, thousands having come in from surrounding cities. It seemed strange where all the people came from.

"Since the assassination of President McKinley every precaution is taken to prevent a repetition of the tragedy. Files of soldiers or policemen keep the crowd at a distance, while generally six trusted officials surround him, so no one unless properly presented is allowed to come near him on his travels.

"Everything was well arranged for the President in this state and he was well pleased with his reception in Nebraska.

"The Governor's staff and state officers, twenty-one in all, had a special car to go to St Louis. At Burlington the cars of Gov Van Sant of Minnesota and Gov Cummings of Iowa were attached, so we had a fine trip down for eight hours and had very pleasant visits with the officials of those states.

"One cannot describe the St. Louis Exposition, just magnify the World's Fair at Chicago. It seems that the Dedicatory ceremonies were held now to advertise the Fair, so every possible courtesy was shown to the Embassadors and Ministers of foreign countries and the officials of the different states. Nearly all of the Embassies at Washington were represented, the U S Senators and the governors of nineteen states. New York had a delegation of 1800 and many of the most noted people were there, among them Grover Cleveland. It was very gratifying to meet with those people we read so much about.

"The parade was very fine. 8,000 state militia, 4,000 regular troops and 3,000 citizens. Papers claimed it was witnessed by 400,000 people. After the parade the exercises were held in one of the mammoth buildings, seated to hold 40,000 people, but probably 50,000 were present as every foot of standing room was occupied. The speakers attracting closest attention were President Roosevelt, Grover Cleveland, and Cardinal Gibbon. The songs were simply grand. 2500 trained voices make sublime music. It seemed like thunder set to song.

"Friday night a reception and banquet was given the foreign diplomats. The *Globe* said: 'The greatest gathering of notables ever held in the west.' Adjutant General Culver through an old friend got an invitation for Governor Mickey's staff, the only staff officers so favored. It was a great event for us, and we appreciated it. The ladies costumes and jewelry were magnificent, especially Gov. Odell's wife and the wife of U.S. Senator McBride of Washington. After being introduced to the foreign diplomats, we met Grover Cleveland, U.S. Senators Smoot of Utah, Fairbanks of Indiana, Clark of Montana, Hanna of Ohio, Pres. Smith of the Mormon Church, Generals Bates, Miles, Coppe, Corbin and many others J.M. Thurston and wife and Ass't Sec. of the Treasury Mr Andrews and wife were very careful that the Nebraskans got the best of everything.

Governor Mickey a great compliment. He said: 'Of twenty men you meet you set three down as rascals, sixteen you have to study over, one you can trust at first sight and such a one is Gov. Mickey of Nebraska.' That and the reception made Nebraska very prominent."

Feb 4, 1911 - letter from JR McLenahan Wakefield High school to "Prin of High School, Palo Alto, Cal"

Dear Sir: In reply to your request which came to hand some time ago would say: we call 79 a passing grade in one subject, nothing below 75 with an average of 80, is our basis.

At the request of Mr Shumway I am sending the time of each subject was pursued. English 3.6 hr wk, Algebra 3.6, Civics 1.8, Bookkeeping 1.8, Phys. Geography 1.8, Agriculture 1.8. Very truly yours, JR McLenahan

Lincoln, Nebr. , Jan. 29, 1913.
Mr. E.J. Shumway,
1002 Foster Bldg.
Denver, Col.



My dear Boy:--

I think that it would be very well for you to buy a transit, and if you could get one for a reasonable figure that you could measure distances by the long pole, it would be very easy to make maps of the farm. Could you get one of those for \$25.00. If you have to get one of the common kind where you measure with the chain, I would advise you to get one any way, for that is in a new country where you are going and is very rough, the corners are not plainly marked, and nearly every one has to have their land surveyed before they put up permanent fences, and I think that you could get a good many jobs of surveying in that section of the country.

I have not heard from mother since I was in Sioux City, but I think she must be getting along all right or they would have let me know.

- letter dated Kearney, Nebraska 11/21/1913
to H P Shumway, Wakefield from Mrs. Chas Oliver Norton

Dear Mr. Shumway:-

The other day in a letter from Mrs. Everett of Lyons, she mentioned the enjoyment you had in the Revolutionary War records I had sent your sister, Mrs. Cass. To-day I received from the east the Shumway record, which I have taken pleasure in transcribing on a Sons of the American Revolution Blank for you, as I felt you, like so many men, would prefer to become a SON - if possible through the name of your "Fathers" and service of your great grandfather, Peter Shumway, Patriot.

I think there can be no question relative to this service - and I am also to-day sending your sister still another service, through Edward Aldrich, grandfather of Pamela Aldrich Hayward - who married as his third wife your grandfather Noah Shumway. This gives three fine lines of Revolutionary ancestry, if they all pass muster - as I have no doubt they will.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that Pamela Aldrich was a widow "Hayward" when she married Noah Shumway. This may be understood by you, but some way the name came to me as Pamela Hayward Aldrich and it proved puzzling for a time, until I finally settled that she was the widow of Billings Hayward. I am going to ask your sister to send me a draft for a very modest amount to cover actual expenses of a very large amount of work and I am sure she will be more than happy to pay this for three such splendid lines of Revolutionary Ancestors.

I know you will be pleased with the Shumway line - and I congratulate you upon finding it.

Yours most cordially
Lottie Grove Norton
(Mrs. Charles Oliver Norton)

- letter dated Wakefield, Nebr 1/1/1918
to his children from Herbert Shumway

My dear Children:

I send you below a copy of a letter I wrote your Uncle Roy, Christmas. I send this to warn you of the great weakness of the Shumway family. So that being warned you can try to bring up your children to have confidence in themselves, and not be satisfied with subordinate positions during life.

letter dated Wakefield, Nebr Dec 25 1917
to Martin Leroy Shumway from Herbert Shumway

My Dear Brother Martin Leroy

This Christmas forenoon I'll try to answer your letter of Nov 15th. It is needless to say that your letter hurt very deeply for you have the faculty of saying very cutting things when you want to. But as you have given expression to perhaps the most predominating trait of characteristic of the Shumway family for two and one-half centuries, I'll write of that trait.

When I was a small boy A.A. Shumway, writing to Portland Prairie for a history of our branch of the Shumway family, gave us quite a knowledge of our ancestors. I was early seized with a strong desire to do something to bring honor to that name. In order to do that I had to get an education. Mother's love and council was the power that gave me the courage and perseverance to do that. I have

often wondered how, with \$75, she ever gave me, one of the greenest country lads that ever lived, the courage to go off 175 miles among total strangers for a five years course in college - a striking example of a mother's influence.

When the world opened before me here I thought I could bring great honor to that name and establish a family home here that would last for 200 years as Peter Shumway did at Oxford, Mass. and add to that name great credit, so that that name itself might be a help to any Shumway who wanted "to be" or do anything really worthwhile.

In studying the history of the Shumway family they prove themselves a remarkable race. Descending from the Hugenots, they carry the estimable qualities of that wonderful people down through all the generations of two and one-half centuries. Since the Swamp Fight in Rhode Island in 1675, when Peter Shumway made himself so famous, there has not been a war but in which nearly every Shumway of war age has been a soldier. We can trace our own ancestors in the Pequod War, the French and Indian War, the Rebellion, Revolution, the War of 1812 and now every grandson of Jeremiah Shumway of war age is in this greatest war of all ages for human liberty. I dare say there is not a family record in the U S that equals it. Then in living upright moral lives, doing their duty as God gave them to see their duty, obeying the laws of their land, living a life void of offence to God or man, they have a record perhaps unequalled. But three centuries ago we were serfs, slaves in France and during all these centuries it does not seem that we have been able to overcome as one of our greatest family characteristics, a feeling of lowliness, that it is our duty to fight our countries battles, than hide ourselves in a little business or farm and let someone else command her armies, make her laws, and lead in everything that has made the U S the greatest country among nations.

_____ wrote me that the Shumway family had not equalled the Everett family in the work of human advance. Surprisingly but it seems to be true. As an illustration of the course for two and onehalf centuries, I'll just give you the case of Mr. J D Haskell¹¹. All his sons and nephews, four, are in the army. Two entered as First Lieutenants and the other two are in schools which may give them commissions. By regular army advancement for merit his boys have a better chance to become generals than our have of even getting a commission. In reading over the history of 4000 of the Shumway Family, Judge Milton Shumway of Conn, E E Shumway of Denver, Grant Shumway of Scotts Bluff and myself seem to be about the only ones who have made an honest earnest effort to make of themselves a power in this great onward march for human advancement.

I am well content with the work Edmund did in Colorado. His untimely death left his work incomplete and the strike caused his finances to be slaughtered, but his life-work there will be a benefit for thousands for all time.

For myself the future looks very dark. I have done a good deal and it seems too bad to have to quit when I am just on the verge where a little more would make my work a credit to every Shumway. But I am getting tired. If I do anything "worth while" it must be along the line of politics. And I cannot feel that I have a living relative that fully sympathizes with me. If Mother was only alive, there would be no thought of failure. I do not know of any one in politics in the whole state of Nebraska that gets so little encouragement from his relatives as I do. And I must admit that there is so much of the old serf blood in my veins that my whole being shrinks from making myself conspicuous. But if anyone succeeds in politics or anything else, he must play the game according to the rules. If I should succeed I could not live to enjoy it and my people do not approve it, so what is the use.

Now Roy, I am writing this long letter and giving you my point of view as clearly as possible for a purpose. You have a fine family of children, may you have more, and have a fortune so you can give them all the advantages that money can buy. They have good blood on both sides, so they should rise to high positions of influence. You write, "Our deeds whether good or evil will be found out for themselves." There was never a more faulty doctrine. One has not got to be right but if he has any especial influence for good he must let the people know he is right. Even with your little business there conducted for 36 years, you advertise and hire men to convince your customers that you are right. The great mass will do what is right when they know what is right. But men like us will sit back in our life of luxury and let the demagogues and agitators corrupt and lead the people.

It is one of the prides of my life that I have always taken the people into my confidence and they have responded, putting me into positions where the influence of my work will never be lost in Nebraska. Even in 1916 they gave me 22338 votes more than Judge Hughes. All my life, I have seen corrupt aggressive people advance to high positions of trust and responsibility to the publics woe while the worthy unobtrusive man has been left, without influence, in obscurity.

I hope for the future of your family that you will change your mind about this exceedingly important question. For feeling as you always have, I do not see how your children would ever dare to take the first steps "to do or be" anything really worth while.

¹¹ The Haskell family were local friends and associates in Wakefield (their home still stands) and their daughter Faith was a good friend of Ruth Shumway. Mr. Haskell was a wealthy banker.