

21 1859-01(?): Letter

From DMC: This letter has no date, but it also appears (second sentence) to be some 20 months into George and Electa's stay in Grinnell. If that is correct, the date would be late 1858 or early 1859. I do not know who Chas Poms, Samuel, Les, Eugene, Emma, Seth Cooper, Mr Mitchell of Boonsboro, and Les Parker are, though at least some of them appear to be candidates—or perhaps ultimately—early trustees of Grinnell College.

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5. R.B. sent one pastoral letter, so I gave one to Munroe.

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I have a yoke of Oxen and a cow I keep them in a shed about 4 rods from the house and stack the hay outdoors the same as most everyone does out west. I lived where I am now now and after 20 mos I made Grinnell let me have it for \$25.00 per year (cheap enough and dear enough). There are dried apples peaches to be had here. Green apples were for sale here last fall \$1.00 bushel. I picked up a great many from under the trees near the City last fall when I was down. I am told they grow in abundance 40 or 50 miles south of here. If the RR goes straight west it will crop the 35 A 60 rods N of the house. If not, it will be south of the road about 60 rods south of the house which is best for me. You say tell the particulars about Chas. Poms? He and Samuel? Les? were here the last day of Jan and took dinner with us. We were glad to see them. He was going to Iowa City on University affairs. These trustees (7) have \$3.00 a day for attendance and \$3.00 for every 20 miles. It more than pays expenses. He told us about Eugene and his children, Emma and his folks in general. east, south, and west, his and Sam's families are well.

6. I think I told you the state is divided into 11 districts in each of which a judge is annually chosen who is called the "District Judge". The District Judicial Districts. Each district is composed of about 11 counties on an average. The District Judge holds 2 courts I believe in each county each year in his Judicial District. I think I told you our school law requires a State Board of Education composed of 11 members chosen one from each Judicial District at the same time with the Judge. Both upon the state ticket in October. Seth? Cooper of this place was chosen from this District and a Mr. Mitchell of Boonsboro in? the District of which Boone County is a part. This Mitchell brought Chas forward as trustee of University. and Cooper brought Les? Parker our teacher for one. Other members had other names. So after some bargaining Chas and Parker and others to the number of 7 were chosen University trustees. They meet again in June. Their business is to choose a President, professors, and appoint agents to take care of the funcns of the University.

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From DMC: Perhaps this is the page 3 of a previous letter.