

LETTERS WRITTEN IN 1842 RECOUNT EARLY HARDSHIPS

Dedication of Marker at Mullan Home Site Brings to Mind Stress of Pioneering.

Dedication of a marker by Waterloo chapter, D. A. R., this afternoon at the home of Charles Mullan, first settler west of the river in what was to become a portion of the town site of Waterloo, recalls the stress of the times as to money matters and other conditions for that period. These are imparted in an impressive way in letters written at Elkland, Tioga county,



CHARLES MULLAN.

Pa. Charles Mullan's native home in 1842, by his father, Charles Mullan, sr., and by William Mullan, his brother.

Arrived Here June 21, 1846. Young Charles Mullan was born in Elkland Nov. 9, 1811. He arrived at the future site of Waterloo June 24, 1846. He died Aug. 27, 1874.

Preceding him were the G. W. Hanna and Wm. Jordan families, who lived between Waterloo and



MRS. CHARLES MULLAN.

Cedar Falls, and James Virden, whose log cabin was on the east side of the river.

These three families were the first to settle in or near Waterloo. Representatives of the Mullan family west, settled in Illinois; there they intermarried, and that is how the three families were reunited in this county in the 40's.

Severity of Pioneer Life. The first letter referred to, appended below, dated April 2, 1842, and written to Charles Mullan at Albion P. O., Edwards county, Ill., gives some notion of the severity of life over in northern Pennsylvania at that time. It speaks of the arduous work of William, the brother, in maple sugar-making; about the scarcity of specie and the uncertainty of the banks; about the deer hunts and the bound killings; about a person during his minority "selling his time," etc. It all sounds very much like frontier life, and yet that was in Pennsylvania where the state was quite well settled up in spots.

William's letter reads as follows: Elkland, Penn., April 2, 1842.

Dear Brother: I received your letter dated February 1st—25th inst., which gave me the satisfaction to hear that you were well for it is an inexpressible satisfaction to hear from you, but it would be much more satisfactory to see you and the rest of our folks enjoy good health at present. I taught school three months in our schoolhouse last winter. I had the largest school that we have ever had on the whole I had nearly 50. I had \$16 per month.

Since my school was out I have been making sugar. It is the best thing sugar making is now about finished. There has been a very good season for making sugar.

Last fall there were a great many beech nuts. This winter has been remarkable easy, which made it well for those that got on nuts. There has been scarcely snow enough for sleighing.

Father has sent to the city and got you a Philadelphia patent compass, instrument and chain, all complete. He sent by Gordon Mason for the compass. He went out a few days ago and brought them in, but he did not see Mason. Therefore he does not know the exact price. But he thinks that the whole would amount to about \$25.

I expect that you are very impatient to know about my coming out this spring or summer. I would have written to you sooner but I had not concluded when I should come, money is so scarce and specie is so scarce, and it would be of no use to travel to the west with these hard bills; there is not a note about the banks that it is not safe for a person to keep much of them; for the banks are all nearly alike.

Anthony Fort Messall last winter and I lent him \$40 to buy his time before. I received your letter. He then came home and went to school. So that I think that I cannot make up money and arrange business to come much before fall.

If you come out to the state of Ohio, this spring in a driving cart, and I can take you to come home and see the folks. You have been some time nearly five years. I think I think when you left that such a length of time should elapse before we should see you again. But the memory still is fresh. And we would be happy at your arrival. I should be glad if you would

arrange your business to come without any more delay for your arrival several times but all in vain! I want you to write to me as soon as you get this and let me know what I ought to bring, &c. &c. Whether I had best to bring a surveyor's compass or not. I have an opportunity of getting one cheap, and I would get it if you think best. I think it is a good one. I have done some surveying with it, and I have more than 1000 feet of line. But still it would be of no use to buy it unless it would be of service to you. I want you to tell me about the price of store goods and matters and things in general and what will be the most necessary things for me to bring.

I want you also to give me a small history how you prosper in the world, what your occupation has been, &c. One thing I had almost forgotten to tell you that is, you are missed in the bound killing speculation. There were great many folks came up from below to Browns for Browns to assist them, in running the deer from the Elkland side of the river. There have had some of their hounds killed before, and Browns got them to join them to chase the deer and then at Elkland that we were all ready for them, the good work prospered that rate, there were three and four killed in a day. They were slaughtered with money and but few deer killed. They had to give it up for a bad job. My hands are so stiff and sore that I can hardly write, therefore you must excuse for it was done in a hurry. These few lines from your affectionate brother,

W. MULLAN.

You must write to me as soon as you receive this without fail, and make your calculations to come by the time I have mentioned. No more at present.

I send my best respects to Wm, and John Hardy and would be glad to hear from them.

First Surveying Instruments. The letter from Charles Mullan, sr., to his son, dated Dec. 19, 1842, tells about buying a surveying outfit and sending it, with other things, by a friend from Pennsylvania to Illinois. Again the hard times loom as an annoying factor, and yet the Mullans were probably as well to do as other families. These surveying instruments four years later were brought by young Mullan to Waterloo and were used in laying some of the first surveying ever done in Black Hawk county, and for the platting of the town site. These instruments after the father's death were kept in the home of a son, the late Judge Charles W. Mullan. The letter, from father to son is as follows:

Elkland, Penn., Dec. 19, A. D. 1842. Respected Son: I take this opportunity to send you a few lines, to inform you that we are all well and were much pleased to hear from you, and still more so to hear that you were well. Jonas Hardy arrived here in safety, and gave me the letter you sent informing me what things you wished me to send to you by him. The I cannot possibly send all that you sent for, at present, on account of money being so scarce and hard to get. The lumbering people on Loyalsock have disappointed me on account of lumber having no sale, that they are not able to make sale for their lumber at any price. Therefore I send by Jonas Hardy all the things that I have for you which are your surveying instruments, a surveying chain and socket, which is all I can send you at present. I think perhaps that Francis or Gideon Boyles (or some others from these parts) will be coming to

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that part of the country with a year, and probably next spring, so that I can send you a rifle and the other things by them, if I do not think it worth while to send many particulars, as I expect Nancy will be able to give you a history of the times more satisfactory than I can in the limits of a letter, if she arrives there in safety. The ground has been covered with snow for four weeks past and is now good sleighing, tho' the summer has been very dry, so that we have not out more than half the hay this season that we commonly do others. And it has been very unhealthy during the summer past, several have died in this part, but nothing in comparison to the numbers that died on Towanda Creek and Troy.

Anthony has got a shop and set up his trade at Stonington. He has more work than he can do so that he has to hire two or three to work with him. And the rest of your brothers and sisters are all well at present. So no more from your Father.

CHARLES MULLAN, SEN. To Charles Mullan.

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