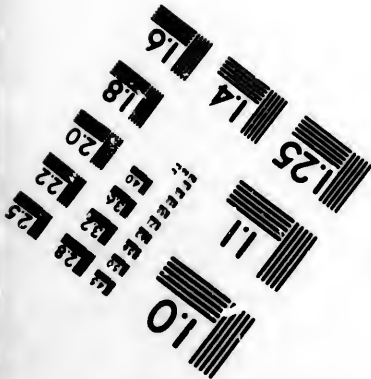
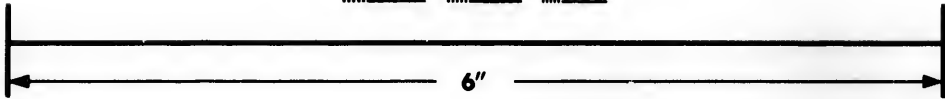
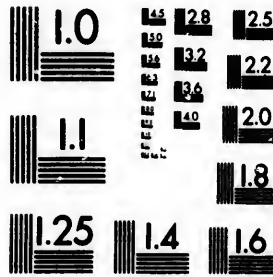


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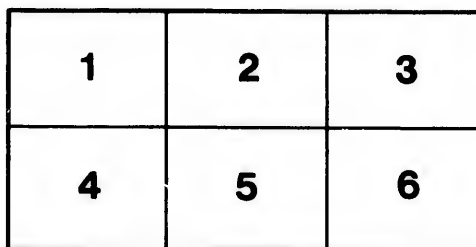
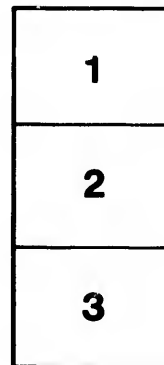
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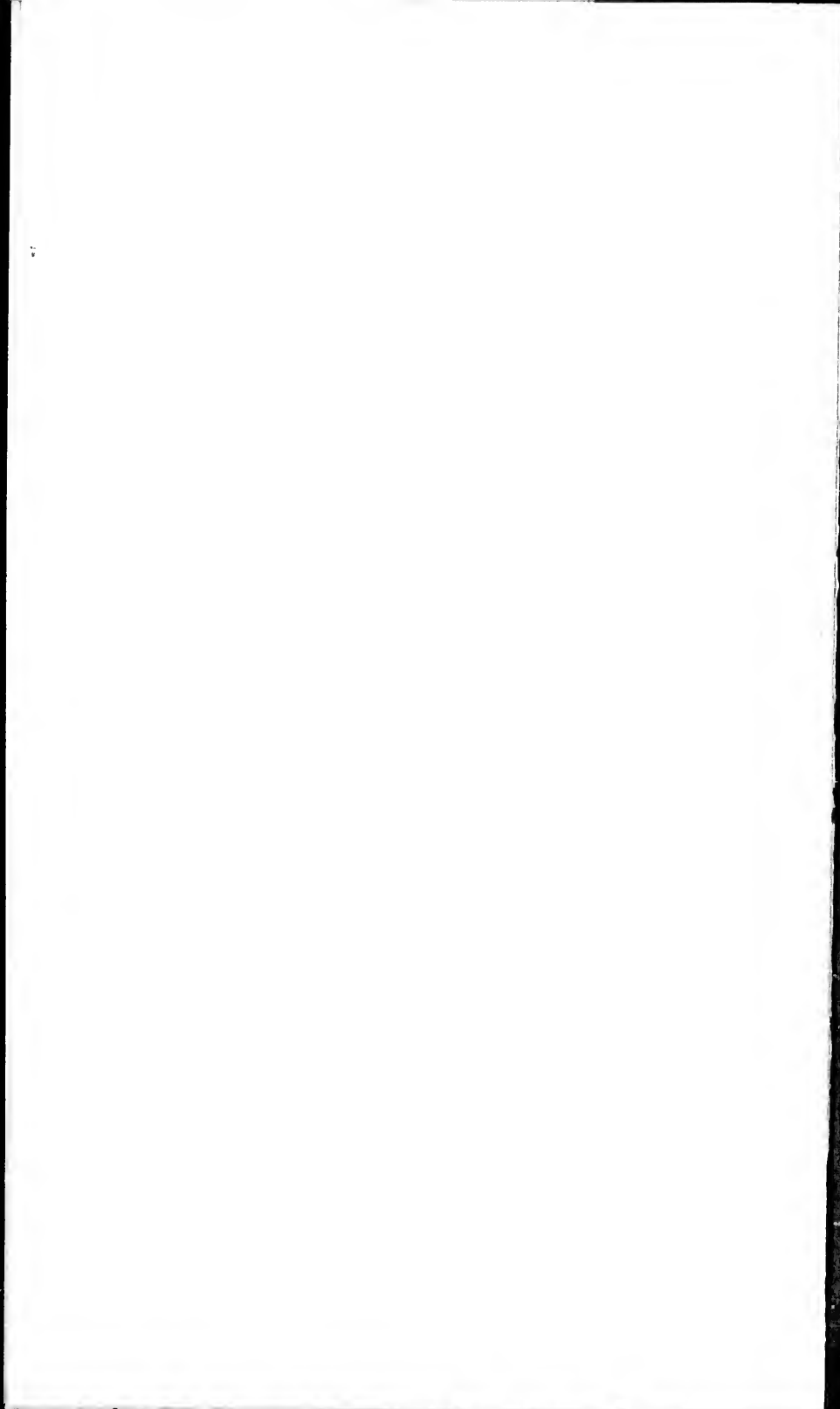
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From Edward Bristow, late a laborer, in the parish of Shipley, Sussex; who emigrated with the Petworth Party, in 1832.

Woolwich, July 20th. 1833.

DEAR BROTHER,

This comes with my kind love to you all, in hopes it will find you in good health, as it leaves us at present. I wrote to you to inform you, that we was greatly disappointed that you did not come out this spring, as you promised the last time you spoke to me. This is the 4th. letter I have wrote to England, and have never received any answer; please to answer this letter as quick as possible, and let me know whether you have a mind to come or not, to join me in partnership on my land, as it would be a great pleasure to us. I have got one yoke of oxen, and 3 cows. Stock is dear at present.—George Streeter is an apprentice to a blacksmith, for 3 years, and has nothing to pay; but is to receive £35. for 3 years, and be boarded, and washing and mending done, and nothing but his clothes to find himself. So * * * may see which is best, and if he had been a man, instead of a coward, he might have got as much for half the time; so he had better make up his mind to come next spring.

I wrote 2 letters to England last fall; whether you had them or not I cannot tell, for I never received any answer. There is an excellent account of this country, and it was §* * * as I promised; it is truly a very prosperous country for labouring people, and neither heat nor cold is not anywise disagreeable, but we have a great deal of snow. I am very sorry that you are all so hard to believe the good news of this country, for surely all the good news that ever you heard of by letters, are the truth. The children have been very healthy since they recovered of the hooping cough; they enjoy the country very much, but they are sadly disappointed that their little cousins did not come to play with them.

May 6th. 1833, Hannah was confined of another son, which we have named John. We are in a very obliging neighbourhood, and as friendly people in such a case as any in the world—it was as cheap a time as ever I had in England, and for more necessaries for the woman than ever she had in England. This is the correct direction, so I hope your letter will come safe this time.—Edward Bristow, at David Musselman's, Woolwich Township, near Waterloo Post

§ *Illegible in the letter.*

Office, Gore District, Halton County, Upper Canada, North America.—Give our love to all enquiring friends, especially to Fathers, Mother, Sisters and Brothers. I should be very glad to see all, or any of you in Woolwich, to join friends. If Fathers and Mother could make up their minds to come, we can make them a very good home, without being in any care about a living; and your age is nothing if you can only make up your minds, for there is people come out this spring from England 80 years of age, and held their journey quite well. Our nearest neighbour is Edmund Thomas; * he came from Strood Green with us in the Lord Melville—his Wife's Father came out this spring to them, 64 years old, and held his journey as well as any of the young people, and if you cannot believe, if any of you go to Strood Green, and enquire for Thomas Puttock, you will find the same story. If any of you mean to come, write me an answer with speed, get it franked if you can; then I will send you word what to bring, and what is best for you to bring; so that you may come out next spring: for if any of you mean to come, the sooner you come the better, for the Township is good land, and settles so fast, that the joining Lots will soon be taken up. So I will not say any more to entice you, nor I will not persuade you; but the best thing any industrious people, and there will never be too many come, if only they come far enough, they may do well. Publish this letter to all that wish to hear. Remember us to James Newman, tell him I should be very glad to see him, or hear from him, for I wrote him a letter, as I promised him, but have never received any answer—but I wish to hear from some one very shortly, for the time seems very long, without hearing from you. This is to tell you what chance there is for fatherless children, there is plenty willing to take them, and bring them up till they are 16 years of age, and give them plenty; but for common, they stay till they are 18 or 19 years of age; then if it be a boy, he will receive 100 acres of land, 1 yoke of oxen, 1 plough, and harrows and chains. If it be a girl, she will receive 1 cow, 1 bucket, 2 beds and steads, a sufficient quantity of earthenware for housekeeping, and plenty of clothes. So no more at present, from your affectionate brother and sister,

EDWARD & HANNAH BRISTOW.

* See letter from Ann Thomas, p. 34, *Sussex Letters*.

From James Helyer, who with his wife and 8 children, emigrated with the Petworth Party, in 1833.

Sept. 29th. 1833.

Toronto, near York, Upper Canada.

DEAR SIR.

I embrace the present opportunity, according to promise, to write you a few lines, hoping they may find you and family in good health. I have the pleasure to inform you, that I arrived with my family, safe and well, by the providence of God, in this country, after a roughish passage of 10 weeks, and arrived by the steamer Great Britain, at York, the capital of Upper Canada, the 1st. July. Many of our passengers proceeded to the London District, to settle on the Canada Company's lands; but for my part, I have rented a farm in shares, as it is called here, from a Mr. Maquire, an Irish gentleman, for 3 years. I have put in 16 acres of wheat this fall, and have a tolerably comfortable log-house, and plenty of provisions. My daughters, Eliza and Jane, are at service, one in York, and the other near where I live, which is within 15 miles of York. I bought a cow and calf for £5. 7s, and 4 hogs for about £4, and 100 bushels of potatoes, at 1s. 3s. per [bushel]. I went into the State of New York, about 500 miles, to enquire after my son James, but could get no intelligence of him, but have advertised him in the newspapers. I saw John Saunders in York, 2 weeks ago, he was in good health. Wm. Hetzel is well, lives in my neighbourhood. You will expect me to mention something concerning this country, and as far as I can judge from my short residence in it, I have every reason to be satisfied: it is a fine healthy climate, and a fertile soil, after it is brought into a state of cultivation, but requires a good deal of labour to clear, and bring it into that state. Those who emigrated to this country a few years ago, though poor, and having to undergo many privations, are now in a state of comfort and independence, having fine farms cleared, plenty of stock, and all the necessaries of life in abundance; but earn it by the sweat of their brow. But there is one comfort enjoyed there, that taxes are a mere trifle: and as to the hateful tithe system, and poor rates, they are unknown this side of the Atlantic. There has been a very abundant harvest this season; good wheat rates at 4s. 6d. a bushel, oats 1s, peas 2s. 6d. There has been a great many emigrants arrived in this country this season, many of them persons of

capital, who are purchasing cleared farms: and lands are rapidly increasing in value: a neighbour of mine sold a farm of 100 acres, partly improved, which he purchased 4 years ago for 500 dollars, for what he got 2000 dollars. York promises to be a flourishing town, and affords one of the best markets in Upper Canada. Goods are in general as far as I can judge, very reasonable, except flannel, which is 2s. 6d. a yard. I received my money at York, £60. Province currency, as £1. 4s. a sovereign. I hope you will send an account of how my property was disposed, and who it was that purchased it. Richard Tanner is well, and lives with me, and requests to be remembered to Edward and Henry Helyer. Mr. Chase, from Epsom, wishes to be remembered to Mr. George, Mr. Fielding's butler. In the course of a week I shall write to Henry Court. My wife and family send their love to my brothers and sisters and remain your much obliged humble servant,

JAMES HELYER.

P. S.—Direct to me in care of Mr. John Maquire, Toronto, Upper Canada.

For MR. SCOVELL, King's Arms, Haslemere, Surrey,
Old England.

From John White, Shoemaker, who emigrated from Lurgashall Sussex, with the Petworth Party in 1833.

October 27th. 1833.

DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER,

This comes with kind love to you, hoping to find you all in good health, as, thank God, it leaves me, and my husband, and children. I was confined with a young sailor on the ocean, on 8th. May, and we call him young England. We stayed with Mrs. Tribe a month, but we did not see any prospect of getting a living there, so John went to Guelph, and there he got a seat of work; and he let himself for 3 months, for 7 dollars for the first month, and 8 for the next two, and his board, and for me and the children * to be found with every thing we want, except clothes, and for me to have 1 dollar a dozen for binding of shoes for myself; and a dollar is 5s. and we have no reason to repent for leaving of England,

* *One of them was born during the passage out, as stated above.*

at present. Give my kind love to my dear sister Sally and her child, and to little Charlotte. But I am very sorry to let you know that John lost the sheet of paper which he brought over with us, out of his pocket, which we promised to send you back again: and we live 14 miles from Jesse Penfold, and Benjamin Tribe. My best respects to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, and all the family. So I conclude with my kind love to fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, and all enquiring friends. Direct to John Horning, boot and shoe maker, Guelph, Gore District, Upper Canada, North America.

Tell Mr. Stenning we see Mrs. Barns at York, and she is doing well and all her family.

Dear father and mother, brother and sisters, this comes with my duty to you, hoping to meet you all in good health, as thank God it leaves me at this present; and I am very happy to inform you, that I never repent for leaving the old country at present, for I have plenty of good eating and drinking, some times beef, and sometimes a young roaster, and I know that any industrious man can do a great deal better here, than ever he can in England; for a young man that have a mind to let himself out by the month, he can get from 10 to 14 dollars a month, and his meat. And a shoe maker's wages is by the piece, making jockey boots £1 5 in English money, wellingtons fine 14s., coarse fine 12s. 6d., coarse pegged 7s. 6d., mens fine shoes 4s. 4½d., coarse fine 3s. 9d., womens boots 4s. 4½d., coarse 3s. 9d., womens shoes 3s. 3d. If a pair of shoes come to a dollar, a journeyman gets half, and so in proportion for all mending, and I shall be very glad to see my brother Edward in this country, for he can get a better living here, than he ever will in the old country. We live along side of Mr. William Penfold, of Easebourne work-house. I met with a friend that was a coming to England, and so I sent this letter free of expence, and I wish you to send me word what the letter cost you.

There was no signature, but this is evidently meant as the joint letter of husband and wife.

To EDWARD WHITE, Lodsworth, near Petworth, Sussex.
Old England.

*From William Baker who emigrated with the Pelworth party
in 1832.*

November 3rd. 1833.

MY DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER,

I take the opportunity of writing to you, I hope it will find you all well, I am quite well at present. I received your letter, I heard you were all well, I should like to hear from my brothers and sisters, father and mother. I am doing well. I am living with Mr. Charles Ford, that married Amelia Cooper, from Frightfold. I shall have 3 acres of wheat of my own to reap next year, off my own farm. I have 1 horse and waggon harness. They are all doing well that come out with me on their own land. Benjamin Batchelor is along with me, doing well on his farm, he is hoping to get in 3 acres of wheat this michaelmas: he don't want to come to England no more, he is very sorry to hear his brother Matthew is gone for a soldier, he [had] better come to Canada, he would be better off. I was glad to hear from my mother, and brother Charles. William Pannell is doing very well on his land, he was glad to hear all his friends were well. Your son, William Baker, and Mr. Ford, have been butchering this summer, and do well at it, and sells at two pence a pound, good fat beef and mutton; pork, three pence pound. You be not forced to go down to Spooner, and give nine pence a pound for pork: come to Upper Canada, then you won't go to bed without your suppers; there is plenty to eat in Upper Canada: any man work three [days] in a week will get a good living. Young girls that wants to get married, must come to Upper Canada, they will soon get a husband: girls are wanted for wives. I should like to hear from W. Rapley. There is no black man, there is plenty of Indians in this country; bears and wolves in this country; they be very civil, they don't hurt no one. There is plenty of deer; pheasants; poultry; rabbits; squirrels, are black; ducks. Winter is very cold, but not over three months. You can get plenty of whiskey, and rum, brandy six pence a quart, beer sixpence, cider, two pence a quart, tobacco six pence a pound. Price of work, 5 shillings a day, in your mint. Bring no tools, in this country, tools are better in this country, and cheaper. Any one that come in this [country] come by New York, come much cheaper and quicker to

Upper Canada. Cows and oxen are cheap, There is no small birds; bull frogs, plenty, up the trees singing in the spring, first one I saw I took my gun to shoot him, thought it had been a duck, but when I shot, it was a bull frog. London District, County Middlesex, in Upper Canada, North America, Delaware. That is where you must write to me, I sent a letter in March, I had no answer, I should like to have an answer from this one, as quick as you can. So no more from me at present.

Dear Father give this to Thomas Heather, Wheelwright, at Lord Egremont's, Petworth, from his son, he is very well; and write the same directions as my letter is, do not forget it.

To MRS. JOHN BAKER, Kirdford, near Petworth, Sussex, Ebernow Common.

Delaware, November 6th. 1833.

DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER,

I hope these lines will find you in good health as it leaves me at present. I now take the opportunity of informing you of my present situation in life: I am very happy to tell you I have had a very good summer's work: I am the only one of the trade in this village. When I first came to Canada, there was only 6 houses in Delaware, but now here is about 20: here is but one tavern with licence yet, but 2 more are about to be finished: here is 4 large stores containing hard ware and linen drapery. Here will be a grist mill built next summer. I am boarding with George Robinson and his wife at present, from Angmering, but I shall get my house, so as I can live in it, in about 2 weeks: it is but a very small one, 16ft. by 22, I shall build a larger next summer, if the Lord Almighty only restores my health and success, as it is the only thing I have to depend on. I intend this building for a grocery and bakery, if ever I should have the means to go on with it.

Dear Brothers, this comes with my kind love to you all, I should be very happy to see you come to Delaware next summer, as I think it would be much the best for you, if you can but think so; I will by no means persuade you, but come if you please, you will find a home: If you come I shall have plenty of work next summer. William and

Joseph, you would both be of great service to me, and yourselves as well. I expect you can find a friend to assist you, if you only want to come, and you had better come by way of New York, if you can make it convenient, if not do not set out before May. Dear Henry, I hope you are in good health, and your wife and children, Eliza and Charles more or less. I have not heard from Wm. Elliott, since last Christmas, when I went to see him. I desire my kind love to Uncle Charles and Aunt and your family. I should be very glad to see you in Canada, but I shall not expect to see you until I return to Chiltington, which I expect will be within a few years. As for the country, it is quite to my expectations, preferable to the States, by the account I have heard. Please to write as soon as you receive this letter, for I have not had no answer since last February. I hope you will let me know how Mr. Goatcher is getting on, and if he do not want to come to Canada again. Please to send me word how uncle is getting on at Worthing, and my cousins. Dear sister, I sends my kind love to you, I should be very glad if you would come and keep my house, as housekeepers are so very scarce in this country. I sends my kind love to you all, my grandfather, uncles, and aunts, and cousins, one and all. I hope you will send word of any thing as happens to any of you, whether it is for the best or the worst. I sends my kind love to all Washington young people, and old: in particular to my old acquaintance. I see Charles in April just before I left. I particularly wish to hear from William Bowley.

So no more at present from your kind and dutiful son,

JOHN HOLDEN.

Direct to me John Holden, Delaware, Township of London, Upper Canada. By New York.

