

**E.H. Marion Cronk Fonds**  
**Letters from Folder 4-1**  
**1889 - 1891**

Archives: Folder 4-1

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These letters mostly involve the travels of David Fairchild Ogden. He was educated as a dentist and travelled widely using his skills wherever he went. His sister is Marilla, the wife of John Cronk. David Ogden dies in South Africa in 1891 and John Cronk deals with the estate for several years. The letters have been transcribed from images of the letters by Doug Smith and Carm Foster under the coordination of Randy Saylor. They are recorded in chronological order.

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**Undated - To Marilla Cronk from David Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1[49-51]**

My dear Sister I am afraid that formerly you have not and perhaps now do not understand me regarding my belief and please allow me to explain somewhat. While I am not fully convinced of the truth of many things of which the Bible speaks do not understand me that I disbelieve these assertions. They may be true for aught I know to the contrary. I am simply in doubt about the matter. And I am fully of the opinion that our belief or disbelief in any of these matters will not add to or detract from, one jot or tittle, our future happiness or misery. Let us, in the name of the Almighty Power, do right here on earth.  
Let

us be kind to one another and do unto others as we would have others do unto us. In fact, let us do right and in this act we can only ~~do as~~ be guided by our own conscience ~~dictates~~. Let us examine our hearts freely and frequently and see to it that no evil enters therein. If we do this, I feel sure that we shall have no cause for regret while living and whatever the hereafter may be, when we are dead our Souls will not suffer. May the Lord help us all to do right, and be happy.

Your Affectionate brother

D. F. Ogden

P.S. I forgot to say that my expenses here are not heavy, they being £5. or 25\$ for board per month and £7. for Rent and £ 3 – 10 for Servant girl, aside from washing and perhaps £3. or £4 per month for advertising. I have no unnecessary expenses.

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Mr John H Cronk  
Wellington  
Ontario  
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**6 Sept. 1889 Birmingham Conn. Mrs E.C Still to D.F. Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1 [54-58]**

223 Seymour Ave  
Birmingham Conn

Sept 6, 1889

Mr D. F. Ogden

Dear Friend.

We received your kind and welcome letter some time ago, and should have answered it before had I been at home, will now do so. We were surprised to hear you were in the States, but very glad you were nearer than Japan. Were pleased to hear your health was so much better since you came to Colo. we thank you ever so much for the Picture of your self. avec? Japs, it is quite nice, but it seems to me I would prefer a pair of horses to Nsaw? me. No doubt you do, I think you are looking well, and a good picture of you. It must seem good to you to be in the States again now you are so much nearer to Conn., come and see us, we would be very glad to have you at any time. Maggie says if she is married she would like to see you just the same, she told me to ask you, why you never answered her last letter? She married the gentleman she kept company with 14 years ago, I think she told you about ~~h~~ him his mother died two years ago, and he was left alone, so he came down to see her soon after and wanted her ~~to~~ company so he is very steady and quite nice. The house we are living in belongs to them. We enjoy living near each other, as a family we are united, Father is well is not working now, he sends his best regards, was quite pleased to hear from you. Father has a brother in Canon City, Colo. his name is Samuel A. Bently. If you should ever go that – way make your self known to him, it is some years since we have seen him, but we hear from him. We received a letter from Mrs Church last week she is suffering with the heat, it makes her sick she is not allowed to study or do any thing, as she feels so over come by the heat she says it will take her some time to learn the language of both sexes and to be proficient she must learn the Chinese language. She said first she would like to teach him a few lessons in modesty, I would like to write you what she said about a few things there, and her fist experience in regards to them, it is so comical for any thing, so different from the people in the States. She says she is quite lonesome, and thinks of her friends, and wishes they could step in and see her with her Jap dress on, cost 71 cents amer 51 to make it. Hose \$1.25 a pair. The heat was so intense at Tokio that she was going 200 hundred miles north of there, will tell you in my next when I hear from her. She was very sorry you were not there to make your acquaintance Will send you a New York paper, also Mrs Stills picture I have none now, but will sit for some this week, and will send one when I get them Mr Stills was taken last year, it looks like him only he is little older he sends his best regards and said you must come and see us. hoping you will pardon me for neglecting your letter so long, with kindest regards I remain your

Friend

Mrs E.C Still

Maggie syas send my very best to him – She is here while I am writing. Write when convenient will be pleased to hear any time from you.

[Written on a single page is the following]

Mrs E. C. Still

Birmingham

Conn

223 Seymore ave.

**3 Mar 1890 Marine City Mich., John R. Ogden to Marilla Ogden Cronk  
Folder 4-1 [28-30]**

Marine City ~~February~~ March 3 "90

My Dear Sister and family your letter of January 12 came to hand in due time, was glad to hear from you all, and to know that you were all well well as common, was glad to hear that you had been to see the rest of our folks and to hear that they were all in good health. We all have our usual health, Franklin is in Marine City in a shop on the Ship yard making Boat Irons for a Boat 200 ft long. She is to be done ~~launched some~~ in June. David is at home this Winter cutting Wood for summer and he is repairing Rubber Ringer Machines for a livelihood. Some of them he puts New Rubber in, others he takes the Old Rubber off Sements it again &c. Now My Dear sister you asked me if we could not get some teaming to do to make the team earn there living I answer no. there has been no teaming her this winter on Acct of Mud lots of the Neighbours had lots of Timber to draw for Ship Building and have not drawed a single stick. If a man has got a team and wants them when Summer comes he must feed them through the winter whether it pays or not and if he does not feed them well they are not fit to do the work in the spring so in the long run it pays to keep a team through the winter whether they work or not, and if he does not want them when summer comes he had better sell them in the fall whether he can get what they are worth or not. My my Dear Sister you may think strange I do not write oftener, well I suppose I might write oftener if I only thought so but I own up that it is partly neglect and then again you must remember that I have 5 other Sisters and a Brother down their that would like to hear from me once in while as well as you, and I own that I neglect you all more or less. Sometimes I do not write to any person for 3 months at a time, you ask why is it, I answer, because we are taking 2 or 3 farm Journals and I am verry much interested in them, and someties when I think I will write some one will come in and nocks things kilter west and perhaps, I will not think I can write again for weeks together at any rate I do not get at it and so it goes, and I hope that you will forgive me if you do not get a letter from me as often as you think you ought to. Now I suppose you often think that Franklin might write once in a while, and I will excuse him in this way, he is a man that works verry hard throught the week and when knight or Sunday comes wants to rest and does not feel like writing to any person, he says when knight comes he would like to read some but his Eyes is weak from working over the fire and will not admit of his reading or writing without ingering his Eyes, well I told you that David got \$4000 per month for the last 3 months that he was on the Water, well so he did and he got \$3000 for the first 2 months and after that he got a raise of 10 dollars and then another raise to \$47.50 per month for the last 3 months, and is going in a New Boat which will go in the Water some time in the curse of a couple of weeks, the Boat is 230 feet long. She expects to start out about 1 April She will carry Coal all Summer. John we have 3 fat Hogs & 4 Store Hogs 3 of them is fall Pigs and 1 is a Breeding Sow She has got 12 Pigs they are Beauties the Sow will weigh about 300 lbs live weight we have a cat that weighs 12 lbs can you beet that. O when did you hear from Brother David, did

you hear from him since he went to Sothamerica, we have had no Snow here this winter have not had one bit of Sleghing and the ground has not been froze up longer than 4 days at a time this whole winter and the worst Roads I ever seen in my life now Dinner is ready and I must close, as ever your ever Affectionate Brother and well wisher love from all to all J. R. Ogden

Marine City  
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Mrs J. H. C? r [torn]  
Wellington  
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**25 Mar 1890 Bogota David Ogden to John Cronk  
Folder 4-1 [31-37]**

Bogota Colombia, S. America  
March 25 – 1890

J. H. Cronk & family  
Wellington Ont.

Dear Ones at home

I left New York City on the Steamer “Adirondack” on the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 89 and arrived at Savanilla, Colombia on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 90. On the voyage I was taken with a severe bilious attack and was given some medicine by the Captain which although it had the desired effect, Salivated me so much that my teeth came near all coming out. I remained in Barranguilla 2 weeks and then took a Steamer and went up the Magdalena River some 1000 miles to Honda and took mules riding four days arriving at this City the last of January. I was immediately taken sick and have been in bed ever since. About 3 weeks of the time at the point of death. The doctors gave me up and said I could not get well. But I am here yet and in a fair way for recovery. I am able to make around and do a little. I am very much disappointed in Bogota. It is a City of 100 000 pop. and so situated in elevation that the climate is a continual Spring but internal wars have made the country poor. A more miserable race of people I never saw. I have nothing to say that will interest you

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Is John still at home or did he go to New Zealand again? If he remains at home I would like to employ him to look after my place in Colorado. Please let me know if you will do it for me.

Enclosed I send some Clover seeds which I got from a garden here. It looks very much like our red Clover – the bloom is oblong and conical in shape as and is of a most brilliant red color. Let me hear how it does there. Hoping to hear from you soon  
I remain with love to all

Your affect, brother etc  
D. F. Ogden

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Lookout for Seeds inside

Lookout for Seeds inside

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Sample Seeds

John H. Cronk Esq  
Wellington  
Pr. Ed. Co.     Ontario  
North America

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D.F. Ogden

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Alice and E. B.  
loin in sending love  
to you all. Farewell.  
G S Ogden  
Midland  
Ontario

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[snippet of paper]

She does not seem to feel  
any the worse for her past  
job. I did not think she  
was so strong. Kind regards  
to all enquireing friends

**13 April 1890 Marilla B. Ogden to David Ogden, Wellington**  
**Folder 4 – 1 [01 – 02]**

Wellington  
April 13<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Brother

We are very anxious to hear from you, as we have not received any word from you, Since you left New York, and I am now writing as I have little faith, that it will find you after a time, and if not it is only an effort and a little paper and ink gone, but day after day you have been on my mind and I cannot delay longer. Brother you must ~~write~~ be lonely so far away and alone in the world. Oh could I but grasp your hand, and imprint a kiss, as I have often done before. Now comes old recelections when we were young how many hours we have playing together, who would

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not love to think of days gone by.

I have always been looking forward to have you settled some where we could enjoy visits with you.

Now David I would like to know all about your trip and how you stood it. I am sure if you had your health you must enjoyed it. We are all well with the exception of colds Annie and myself have some, Annies throat is quite sore. Alice is teaching at the Union (at Mountain View) an assistant. She has nearly forty Scholars she had a cold last week when home for Easter — hollyday we have had a verry open winter verry little snow and a good deal of rain. but April has come and farmers are commencing there springs work. The toads are croaking to night for the first time I have heard. To day is Mother Cronks 80 — eightieth birth day. Do you suppose

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you or I will ever see such and age no I am not looking forward for it. But perhaps you may live as long as Mathuseley. I know not I want. I am not good enough. But Dave if you do, you will have to have a wife, to help you walk with your staff. poor Old man, good luck to you Say dear brother, brother George has sold his place and gone to Midland on Georgian Bay Co. Simcoe, just nicely got moved. he thinks they are agoing to like the place well. he got a letter for you. from — South America and does not know where to send it that you may get it, if you can write I will let him know. So he can send it. John has gone to bed he has not got much faith in my letter reaching you. So I don't think he will be apt to write any this time. but he is anxiously

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waiting and expecting to here soon from you, he has had Grip pretty hard was as sick ~~as~~ ~~sick~~ as ever he was in his life. almost evry body has had that desese and quite a numbe old people has died with it.

Uncle Charles Bowerman died and — Aunt Nancy Lynes poor woman has gone at last. was not sick long. Now dear Brother please write as soon as you get this and before if you don't get it. The rest of the Brothers and Sisters are all well as far as I know Alice Young has been sold out, and a good many others now may the Lord bless you and keep you from all sin and harm Good buy brother as ever your loving Sister M. B. C.  
Marilla B. Cronk Wellington Prince Edward Co, Ontario

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If this should go to the dead letter off  
Please send it back to Mrs John H. Cronk  
Wellington P. Off  
Prince Edward County  
Ontario

**25 Apr 1890 Wellington John H. Cronk to D. F. Ogden Bogota S. America  
Folder 4-1 [67-70]**

Wellington April 25<sup>th</sup>/90

D. F. Ogden  
Bogota S. America

Dear Brother:

Your long looked for and wellcum letter of the 25 March, came to hand to night and right glad we ware to learn of your whereabouts - Marilla had been urging me for some time back to write and make some enquiries of the Shiping Company to see if you had arrived Safely to Savanilla. I put her off by saying that we would shurely get a letter soon – and a few nights ago she could not wait any longer

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and so she dispatched a letter to your address to the general post office at Savanilla – only a short time since; which may never reach you now; unless you left orders to have your letters sent on after you. We are very sorry to learn of your illness, and so severely long too away from home and friends and kindred – it must of been very trying to you – That



was my dread when away so far. *[Note: John was in New Zealand for about 2 years.]* Yet when we are in good health we do not think much of the Sick Scare when we see the gold shining in the distance – We hop your worst is over now, and you will continue to mend, and be on your feet again in perfect trim

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for health is the greatest blessing for man in this life, as that is capable of gaining all over that is necessary and desireable. As nothing can be enjoyable without health. Brother George Ogden has sold his farm and moved to Midland, (on georgan bay) we have has some two or thre letters from him, what he is at, I do not know – he said that he had a letter for you that came from S. America and wanted to know whare to send it to you – I shall write him to night informing him of your address as he said he would send it so soon as he learned whr you was.

All our brothers and sisters are quite well so far as we know

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we get letters from John Ogden and family occasionally, have not heard of any deaths among our relatives, except Aunt Nancy Lyons who passed away about two months ago. Our winter has been very mild with very little snow, spring opened early and dry so far farmers have had a grand time getting in the grain and are likely to get done early and if we get the sun and rain just right, crops will be good. They will need to be as there seems to be a great depression all over the country, farm produce is low, land has went dow [sic] from 25 to 30 percent in the last three yeares. it is going to be hard on the large land speculators, will probably ruin some and criple many, “such is life”.

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your speaking of my looking after your place in Colorado. If you wish me to do any thing in that line, just write me full insturctions how to vet? and what to do, the particulars &c and I shall try to carry them out for so fare as I can, and as well as if it was for myself. The place here is small and I shall have some leasure to be devoted to the service of somebody or to be spent some way. And I dont feel like going back on boats? Done now. Much obliged for the seeds I shall fix a bead for them and give them a show for Canada hiping that it may prove some-thing good if it will acclimate to advantage and is suitable for our soil, and requirements as foder.

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we are well aong with our work so far. Wilford follows the team and I do the bossing and keep things in repair and help when circumstances require it. I expect to do some job work or by the day at the building or carpentering, boat building and such like tinkering. Marilla has been writing to put in this so I most draw my part to a close hoping that this may find you in good health and in a prosperous business among them war like people. And do try to keep us posted on your wanderings and please write oftener as we shall take pains to answer reasonably punctually with brotherly love

Youres truly with gods blessing

John H. Cronk

Wellington Ont

**25 April 1890, To David from Marilla and Niece Annie Ogden  
Folder 4-1[52-53]**

Wellington April 25<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Brother

To day we received your long looked for and most welcome letter. You know not how it rejoyses my heart to hear from you. I have been so anxious about you for I could not think you would neglect writing so long if you were well. and then Annie dreamed you were verry sick and thought you were dying, although I am not much a believer in dreams I almost begin to think there is something in them. You may know I was verry anxious for I could not wait any longer for a letter So I sat down and wrote you and directed to — Savamiba? and said it should

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I will look for a letter soon again and a good long one too, giving all particulars John has written all the news so it cuts my letter a little short, hoping you are fast gaining strength I close

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go to the dead letter Off. for them to return to me, and gave my Address but am in hopes it will reach you, Oh how I would liked to have been where I could had the pleasure of nurseing you, through your sickness, as you must of had to have some one.

please write and let me know how you fared. I fear not verry well, as you have given us such a bad discription of the people, how can you stay in such a place, I am afraid to have you. Do not say you have not anything to interest us for would like so much to have your site seeing, and travils, on paper. You surely must have seen a great deal such as ~~Osean~~ Ocean Sites, and river views, and scenery, and mule experiance, and my dear brother ~~brother~~ you must have lots to interest ~~you~~ us

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I am sure you have a great deal to be thankful for, did you not feel there was some great and powerful arm holding you up and keeping you from sinking, into Eternity Etearnity. Oh I bless and praise my Heavenly Father because he has answered prayer and spared your life and I do feel that he will bring you safe home once more.

Alice is teaching at the Union near Belleville, asistent, I think she will be home next friday or thuresday night. then I am sure you will get a letter from her for she was wanting to know if we had got a letter yet and Annie has gone to bed but told me to leave room for her to write some in the morning, So I will have to stop as soon as I get this side full. Mother Cronk and Abbie are well and in good spirits so we all are and all the rest of our Sisters and brotherinlaws as far as I know.

I am as ever your loving Sister  
good night

Marilla B. Ogden Cronk

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Wellington April 26<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Uncle

How very glad I was to hear from you once more. I wish I could have been there to have nursed and cheered you while you were sick but I am sure my dearest Friend was there and He can do far more than I. I ask him to watch over my dear Uncle every day and keep him safe from harm and I know He will.

I want you to write often to us and please write me a long letter soon. Tell me all about yourself and your life there and everything you can think of. I suppose you have not heard that Allie Stanton Worden has a son about three months old. I must close, for this letter will not carry anymore. Write soon

From your loving Niece Annie

**25 May 1890 Marilla and John Cronk to David Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [71 – 72]**

Wellington May 25<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Brother Dave

It is Sunday to day, and now it is evening, and after doing my night chores, I threw myself on the lounge to have a little rest, and while lying there, John spoke of you, and said it was just one month to day since we wrote to you, and I thought it about time, or we ought to write once a month to you, and whilst lying there my mind was wandering to South America and seeing you, as plain as possible then back to the rest of your brothers seeing them all as in a dream. I then thought I must write to some of you so you are the farthest away

so I will write first to you

I do not know as I have anything of great interest but that we are well and quite happy ~~for~~ We have had lots of rain this spring evry week and sometimes two or three times it has been raining since three oclock this after noon it is now after eight, crops look pretty well here, but I suppose low land will not do well

Mother and Abbie keeps well. Alice is coming home this week to attend convention. May and Howard was up yesterday as it was the twenty fourth they have a verry nice and smart baby She is eight months old and she talks, that is, she will say good day verry plain and several words.

Annie went home with them last night as it was her birth

day, she expected to get home to night, but I hardly think she will as it has been raining so hard. I have not seen our folk for some time, but I believe they are all well or we would have heard.

how often I think of you and your health, please write and tell me how you are, and where you were when sick, and if you had good care and if yo[u] are able to work and if you like the people any better that at first is there lots of flowers and grasses different from ours, do you ever see shells on any of the shores when traveling please write your sight seeing on going there I am sure it would be interesting if I were with you I think I

could find more to say I am sleepy and will leave the rest for John to say do right and all will be well your sister Marilla B. Cronk

Wellington May 28<sup>th</sup> 1890

D. F. Ogden Esq  
Bogota

Columbia  
S. America

Dear Brother

You will pardon me for not getting this letter off until to day as it is all my neglect for not attending to it myself. I was so busy building fence around the corn ground, that the wind had made havoc of. Marilla went after Alice last night, was going to Sister Waties to stay all night and bring Alice home today. This leaves us all in good health and we hope it may find you "all" OK as well, Yours truly

John H Cronk

**26 May 1890 John Cronk to David Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [73-75]**

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Wellington May 26<sup>th</sup> 1890

D F Ogden Bogota

Columbia S. America

Dear Brother; Your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> March, was gladly received and duly answered the same day we got it (April 25<sup>th</sup>) I hope you have perused it ere this date but as we do not know how your mails run and how often, we have thought it would be well to write you at least once a month, and hope to get one from you at least as often.

My correspondence is not heavy now as when I was in N.Z. We might write oftener than once a month if we only made up our minds to do so

(3) [sic]

Well Dave, it seems almost an age since we had each other by the hand, with an opportunity of an old-fashioned chat. And how much longer it will be before we shall have an other such opportunity as we have had in the past, is hard to say, but we trust time is sure and true to all, and we'll hope that the day will come to give us such joy. Your last, was hopeful for your speedy recovery from your severe illness, and we are anxiously looking for a confirmation of our anticipations of your permanent restoration and health in that Spring climate.

at your altitude must give you a most delightful climate, and almost a universal temperature throughout the year.

I have thought a many a time that I should like to be there with you. Most especially if I

some pay dirt to dig into to make ends meet and pay expenses, all the same.

I do not see any prospects of getting on in Old Prince Edward Co now, as times are in a low ebb for almost every kind of business.

The farming industry is over did – Farmers have lived too fast and got into debt, and the tide if all eaveles has set in against them and it must work ruin for many who was in good shape years ago – Dave; Oh! that I was young again with my store of experieincs; I should strike out ~~for~~ on a very diferent line of campain, to gather in the corn and take care of it too.

I can look back with many regrets and see just where I made may fatal mis[s]es in my financial life as well as my fisical vigour as well.

Thes reflections are of the past oportunitie what is ~~fl~~ fled for ever.

And I have only to watch for some other favourable oportunity to heave in sight, hoping that I may be so fortunate, as to hook on and make a repusal[?] sufficient to reclaim all my lost ground — I feel that I must get on my legs again, befor I finely give up the chase.

I am home this summer, I guess for shure, and want to right matters up a bit; get things in order: and trim my sailes for a favorable brease to sail into some port that will tell to my future good in some way.

Marilla says tell Dave it is time we got a letter; tell him to write one a month; she is in washing this morning, and the fumeles[?] is going – I think it would do you good to hear that old familiar

thud, thud, splash, splash, in the pounding bowell.[?] With a little old fasioned home musick thrown in to break the monotony of sound you would be young again.

Well we have a provincial ‘lection’ on our hands. Polling day the 5<sup>th</sup> June – Our Old Member up again (Mr John Sprag) opponant Mr Johnson of Consecon a brother of the old Mr Johnson that lived with Tubbs at west lake.

I was out and heard one good speach made by Mr Drury minister of agriculture a very level headed old fellow, he is too, and argues squarely on the questions of the day. I have to go to the mill to day to get some hors and hog feed ground, the boy has got the stuff all ready so you will excuse more at this time – hoping to recive a more favourable accont of the commtry in your next, as evr your brother. John H Cronk

**11 June 1890 David finds an advertising partner, C Ampey? who print a form letter for Ads on the Facattativa Railway  
Folder 4-1 [38]**



Bogota, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1890.

M.R. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Sir:

We beg leave to advise you that we have established in this City a General Advertising Agency for the purpose of increasing the facilities for commercial intercourse between Columbia and foreign Countries.

In order to insure the practical efficiency of our undertaking, we have succeeded in obtaining the monopoly in the business of placing advertisements in the Railway Cars running between here and Tacatativa over which Road all persons entering or leaving the City must travel. Wealthy ranchmen with their families make use of this Road to and from their landed estates. Also excursion parties take place almost daily. You will at once see the advantage gained by having an advertisement placed in one of the passenger Cars on this Road.

As to our Standing we refer you to the American Minister and to all the leading Bankers and Merchants of Bogota. Parties sending us their Catalogues will have them placed in our office at the disposal of those wishing to refer to them.

Our terms are as follows:—A space of one meter by 40 centimeters, for 1 year \$ 30, American gold.—Half of this space for same time, \$ 20. We furnish showy frames with glass, you sending us your card printed on paper of the above dimensions. If you wish us to translate your advertisement and have it printed here, the cost will be \$ 5 more. In case you want half space, you will remember the width is always the same.

We will make special contracts with those who wish to advertise on a larger scale.

Hoping to receive your order at an early date, we remain &c.

Truly Yours, *Campana & Ogden*  
N. S. of Columbia Bogota

16 June 1890 SS White Dental Mfg Co to David Ogden  
Folder 4-1[85-86]

<b>PRINCIPAL DEPOT:</b> Chestnut St., cor. Twelfth, Philadelphia.	<b>The S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Co.</b>
<b>BRANCH HOUSES:</b> Nos. 757 & 759 and 1260 Broadway, New York. " 13 & 15 Tremont Row, Boston. " 14 & 16 E. Madison Street, Chicago. " 313 & 315 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.	Founded by Samuel S. White in 1844.  JAMES W. WHITE, President. HENRY M. LEWIS, General Manager.  J. CLARENCE WHITE, Secretary. SAMUEL T. JONES, Treasurer.

New York June 16 1890

Dr D. F. Ogden

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Bogata. Colombia. S. A.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of May 4<sup>th</sup> came duly to hand and in pursuance with instructions contained, we send you by registered letter mail, the goods ordered, in 3 packages, numbered #1 – 2 – 3, as per bill enclosed.

We [two words obscured by fold] 25 lengths of the Dental Alloy wire that being the way it is sold by Ash & Son, that quantity being all we could get: as in the case of all platina goods, the price was considerably advanced, since you were there.

Your order is filled complete excepting the parts that calls for “Scranton” drills, which are not made for the Hand piece neither are the Gates Bur drills of the numbers mentioned by you, ie 25 – 26 – 27 – 28 – 30. As your order called for the above for engine use, we did not like to substitute the long handle style, unless so directed.

In regards to the extra duty you had to pay on the goods, they were shipped according to instructions, and the Consul here said

everything was all right, and that you would have no trouble, in fact we paid him extra for his trouble, and under these circumstances, we do not see how we are liable: should the laws, relative to shipments have been changed from the time your goods left New York tell they arrived at Barranquilla, that would be something that could not be guarded against. We trust these goods will reach you in good shape and that this letter will find you in good health and prosperous before concluding, will say that we [fold obscuration] will take ? of the ?sale? for the Dr Robinson Instrument, when presented.

Meanwhile, we remain

yours Truly

The S S White Dental Mfg Co

[signed] JwTgson?

P.S. If you will recollect, we shipped these goods, and paid the Consul extra for the trouble, by your directions and as we said before, said Consul said everything was all right. We always try to have everything all right, and endeavor to please are friends as much as posible, and our efforts in that direction heretofore, have been successful, and we trust this will turn out the same

“ Co”

**6 July 1890 Marilla and John Cronk to David Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [81-84]**

Wellington July 6<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Brother Dave

Oh what a long time since we have had a letter from you is it possible you are sick or dead, and cannot write. when I think about it I just feel as if I would like to fly, to you. I do wish you could come home and live with us so we might have one brother to see now and then. I think I could happy to hear from you once a mounth if not oftener. I hope you are not sick but in the land of the living yet, prospering but do not forget us.

please brother write if you can if you only knew how I longed to hear from you I believe you would write, and if you cannot write do get some person to write for you. and let us know if you are dead or alive

and we would so much like to hear if you have got into buisness yet. and what are you doing. If I could be face to face and have a long talk with you, I guess it would be a long talk. we did receive one letter from you the 25<sup>th</sup> of April and pleased we were too, but sorry to hear you were sick. how nice it would be to live so near all my brothers and sisters so when they were sick I might care for them. what a pleasure that would be but I must not dwell on that subject longer. We are all well and have had a good rain which is a great blessing to us. although some had hail instead which damagged there crops a good deal but our crops looks fine hay stout, just the time for Strawburys now lots of them. this reminds me of the large Strawburys you wrote to me about when I was in  
[vertical gloss on margin above]

Ben, Clara and M J Hyck called here last week they were all well ~~all well~~ poor Aunt Sabra? is smart yet Nan and G Stantons are well T. Huff and family also and all the rest as far as we know

Coboconk I have forgotten how large you said they measured they were the first Father ever ra[i]sed. Alice has written to you and have not got any answee, and this is the second or third one for us

John is ready is ready to write so I will close and give him a chance please write from your loving Sister M B. Cronk

Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> 90 Dear Brother

We advised you in our last of May 25 that we would try and write you once a month, and should of written and dispatched this on the 25 of June instead of the 6<sup>th</sup> of July but was anxious looking for an answer to ours of the 25<sup>th</sup> April, which should of reached us in two months after; that is one to go in, and one to return in,

And our letters might been sent a stray; or some irregularity on the part of some

officials. I suppose we shall have to await probably? until we can get some tidings of your whereabouts.

As to news. I think I told you that we had an Election on our hands, in my last. Well we had; and it is over now, and Mr Spragg is the man (and our man too) And the Mowat Government is sustained alright with a large majority. the opposition raised all kind of race cries that the catholicks wer likely to get the uperhand in Ontario. And the ceperate school question, an unnecessary alarm, but the county saw fit to sustain Mr Mowat and good government for an other four years

God save the Queen x

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x that is our county an[d] its people

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Our friends generally are in good health so far as appeares. We hear of no sickness among us.



Crop prospects are fairly good. A plentiful crop of hay, which is being cut already, we have a part of ours in and the rest in cash[?] had no old meadow the new is heavy, mostly all clover. grain will likely be good corn bid fair for a good crop, has a large growth now. We had new Potatoes first of July Dominion day  
May and Howard with is parents and yongest Sister was here and helped us to put in a good time boating and fishing, Alice being home also.

It looks much like rain this afternoon. I guess our hay will have to get a sprinkling befor it is got into the barns, as it has already began to sprinkle some. I[t] is now nearly six PM. and the women are serving the family with plates of pie and cake, mince pie at that how extravagent, mince pie in July, who would think of the idea for farmers at this season of the year.

I shall have to stop and eat mine least some one else slipes it away from me. I have had my bite; did my chores and the folks have gone up to evening meating, and I am alone

except Mother who seldom goes out to evening meeting.

It is now nearly 8 P.M. and mother has gone up for be[d]; as sh[e] retire early. And I am left entirely alone So I shall try and finish this. My mind has been a little uneasy about you, as your health has been giving way, and we fear the worst. I hope our feares are groundless and that we shall get a letter soon informing us of your completely return to health and that your are happy in your new venture and that you will be able to give us a better account of that part of S. South America.

We were up to meeting this morning also to Sunday School heard a good discourse

by J. T. Dorland Jun on “Yea being eavil, know how It give good gifts unto your children, how more more will God give the Holy Spirit unto him that asketh it! I was much interested in the maner in which Dorland weighed the matter and the way he compared the finit creature with the infinite God. Showing how much more readily God was willing to give than we were to receve the proffered good to us. My paper is nearly filled. I shall draw to a close, hoping that I have not wearied you in any way by length or matter, as you will hardly weary me in length of your relies

Adieu with Gods Blessing

[margin gloss]

your Brother John H Cronk

**10 Jul 1890 Bolivia S.A., J S B to David F. Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1 [41-46]**

Santa Cruz de La Siena

Bolivia SA. July 10. 1890

Dr. D F Ogden – Dear Friend – I rec<sup>d</sup> your short letter of May 12 an hour or so since. I will answer at once as I have time now and perhaps after a while I wont have time . ~  
Just at present I am sick. I have had fever and intense pain in the lower brain the cerebellam and the muscles of the neck. Every d---d fool here thinks it a simple case of a cold in the neck. I know better. I have been curing myself and today I am better. I guess I will be OK in two or three days as the fever has run its coarse. I have had a very good

year in the ice business up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of June making 1200 Bs net, but since June 1<sup>st</sup> the business has been dead and the machine only runs once a week to grind corn, not to make ice. I presume business will open again on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. It is now almost no work at all to run my machinery. The firing which used to be enough to kill a New Orleans nigger is now not worth 5 cents a day. I just throw in a few logs of wood once in half an hour more or less. I can run both machines at once viz the ice machine & the corn mill. The only hard work in my establishment is drawing the water and this I expect to get rid off soon when my “deep well” pump arrives from the US. Then the boiler will do all the work about the establishment as it ought to do. On the whole I am doing very well although I was cheated most d---y by old Oliva in bringing my boiler. – Now I will answer your questions. – I would not advise you to come to

S<sup>ta</sup> Cruz. All the cream of the dentistry business is gone. You got the most of it. – Velasco occasionally does some work & I hear no complaints of him. He is now my next door neighbor. – Weise went to La Paz to practice his profession as dentist. Recently he returned. His mule fell down with him on the coast of Petaca and nearly broke his (Weise’s) leg. He has been limping round ever since. When he gets well and I do also I want him to pull two teeth for me. I dont know what kind of a dentist is Weise in other respects, but he is H--l to pull teeth. I have tried him on one tooth and Velasco on two. Weise is very quick and his forceps dont let go when he once gets hold. I have been waiting for him for three months to pull two roots of mine. He and Velasco dont fight any more.

Dr Morris has not returned to S<sup>ta</sup> Cruz but he continues to write to his wife. I saw her last week she had just rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from him. She was very anxious for him to come here and even asked me to write to him and tell him to come home. I replied if what she said would not bring him here, what I might say would count for nought; also if he could not bring money with him he might as well stay away. H He sent her 1000 milreis from Corumba. ~ When he left he was very sanguine of perfecting an improvement in steam engines to super heat the steam between the boiler and the engine and use steam at 500 lbs to the □ inch pressure instead of 60 to 100 lbs. Of course after he was gone Cronenbold ridiculed the idea as he always does every ones ideas except his own. But really there is nothing absurd in Morriss'es idea. Every steam expert knows that the higher pressure at which steam can be used the more economical it is in its use. An engine that works under

3 80 lbs pressure burns only 2/3 the fuel and uses only 2/3 the water as an engine doing the same work and working under 40 lbs pressure. This is for a plain high pressure engine which cuts off at ¾ stroke. When the engine has an automatic cut off, to cut off from 1/10 to 5/10 of the stoke the advantages are still more in favor of steam under extraordinary pressure. The practical limits to extraordinary high pressure steam are 1<sup>st</sup> the boiler will not stand the pressure as making it thicker does not increase its practical strength as the heat will not pass through it with sufficient capidity. Iron an inch thick for boilers is practicaly no stronger than iron 3/8 inch thick as the fire side becomes red hot and soft and weak while the inside is comparatively cool. As steam at 500 lbs pressure is nearly dull red hot the boilder would be red hot all the time and either burst at once or soon burn up. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Burning up of the stuffing. 3<sup>rd</sup> Burning up the lubricating grease. The

last two objections are slight as the stuffing can be of asbestos & the lubricating oil vasaline but the first objection is the stumbling block. Moriss proposes to superheat the steam between the boiler & the engine which could be done safely owing to the small diameter of the heating pipes. How he proposed to transfer steam at 80 lbs pressure in the boiler to the heating coils under 500 lbs pressure without creating an equivalent pressure in the boiler nor wasting as much power to pump it from the boiler to the heating coil as the additional power in the steam would have useful effect I know not.

If I did the problem would be solved. Any d----d fool can say as Cronenbold has said viz “it cant be done” which merely means “it has not yet been done.” Whether Morris will do it is a horse

4 of another color but any d----d fool can predict failure with comparative safety as out of 1200 inventions 1199 are failures. I presume Morris has as yet failed as he wrote his wife he looks about to sail for France to Sell a Patent right to a “hinge” he had invented. Perhaps he is still experimenting on his steam invention and lying low and keeping dark about it as a sensible man ought to do. One thing is sure viz that the present steam engine is a very imperfect, wasteful mechanical invention that under the very best present circumstances only utilizes 10% of the mechanical power in the steam losing 90% and generally utilizes only 6 or 7 % losing 94 or 93%. As the boiler generally loses 33 1/3% of the heat and always 25% you will observe in the ordinary steam engine the useful effect is 6/100 of 2/3 = 12/300 = 1/25 of what it should be that is when 25 lbs of coal are burned, 24 are lost and only 1 lb is utilized. You will admit there is room for improvement. In my ice machine as formerly run I think the wastes were as follows. 1<sup>st</sup> the ice machine wasted 1/2 the mechanical effect of the steam engine. 2<sup>nd</sup> the engine wasted 95% of the mechanical power in the steam. 3<sup>rd</sup> The boiler wasted 75% of the heat in the wood. This summed up is 1/2 of 1/20 of 1/4 = 1/50 parts useful effect and 159/160 loss. At present I presume the useful effect is 1/2 of 1/20 of 2/3 = 1/60 and 59/60 loss. –

Cronenbold is still alive. His son Charles died about four or six months since. His son Joseph is married to miss Bravo or Bustamante. She has about 7 or 8000 pesos and a prospect of more when her aunt dies. She was about 18 years old and pretty, so José got young meat nicely seasoned. They are out of the coffee plantation where Charles was. ~ Old Jose Suarez is dead and Cronenbold has sold the house

5 Cronenbold is bringing a steam flour mill to arrive soon. It was for Joseph, but I presume now it will be for David. As I never visit them I don't know full particulars. Cronenbold goes his way & I go mine and the D---I goes between us. ~ As regards baby making I still keep on. I have now four 1<sup>st</sup> a girl you remember Natallie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Benjamin Franklin, 3<sup>rd</sup> John, 4<sup>th</sup> a few days since a girl which I have named Anna after my mother. Both mother and child are well which is fortunate as I am sick. ~ Natallie is quiet and bashful but faithful. Benn is strong and cute and thinks of nothing but horses & mules and donkeys. Having mounted these animals a few times a horse or a mule or donkey is his only god. His mother tries to teach him to recite (? resar) but he always interrupts the conversation with something about mules or horses such as “Hay hartos mulas en el cielo” or yo me voy al cielo con dos mulas, unagrandota por mi y otra chica for Juan”. – Juan is big & strong also and he and Ben are always quarreling over the rocking horse

which I made for Benn. Of course the baby sucks & sleeps just like all other babies of nine days old. –

Old Oliva sold his establishment or rather gave it away to Casiano Gutierrez. He sold the whole concern machinery, cattle, carts cane, buildings, 3000 Ps debt of the peones &c for 20000 pesos, in four payments of 5000 Ps each viz 1 payment down & one every year without interest, Oliva to take off 1 year's crop. The machinery cost 44000 Ps and there is at least 20000 worth of useful machinery cash down price. The credit

6 and the cane and the buildings & the peon debt are “zapa”. Plenty of people would have given more money but no one ever expected Fidel Oliva to comply with his contract and no one wanted to make a contract & receive a law suit. I never thought Cassiano would get hold of the establishment, but he has got it and Olivia has cleared out. He bot a French horse power trapiche? Of Amades Grier. Run it a week on another small finca he owns & broke it. He paid 150 pesos to have it repaired and in three days broke it again. I have great hopes it will prove a dead loss to him as I hear the man who repaired it has cleared out. Roberson has gone to Mojos, and if he asks me to repair it I shall have the satisfaction of advising him to migrate to a warmer climate where the air smells of sulphur. – He and his wife Da Perigrina have parted. – The Bishop is well. The last time he visited me he asked for you. I told him I thot you were dead as you did not write. – Antonio Remolde cut stick about a year or two years since owing the people of S<sup>ta</sup> Cruz about 20,000 pesos. He took his wife & children. I sent you some papers a few days since to the US. I will send you some more to Bogota. Acarelia? Jimenez has lost his wife in child birth. Both the Fellez girls have increased the population of a new generation also Carmine Chavez. Manuel Costa planted the seed both for Doloces Fellez and for Carmin Chavez.

No more JSB

**15 Jul. 1890, Bogota, Columbia, S. America – David F. Ogden to John H. Cronk  
Folder 4-1 [87-91]**

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Bogota – Columbia, S.

America

July 15 – 1890

John H. Cronk

Wellington, Ontario

Dear bother

According to a promise made in one of my former letters I now send you a list of my personal property at present in the care of my brother, W. N. Ogden [note: Norman] of Boulder, Boulder Co. Colorado.

All articles marked with a line under the name I wish you to take to your home and keep for me until called for. This may be done at any time you find it most convenient.

All other property I wish to be sold at public auction or private sale to the highest bidder for cash, as soon as Norman leaves the place. If he desires to leave it at any time before his contract is up, I shall have no objection. The house and land must be sold as soon as possible after he vacates it. I do not want the house to be left without an occupant at no time, nor do I desire to have it occupied by any party who has children.

The buildings I insured in the Spring of 1889 but weather for 3 or 5 years I have forgotten. The insurance papers together with deed for land and some other papers you will find at the "National State Bank" of Boulder. Norman has the contract

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between us a copy of which was taken in a letter Copying Book and is now in my trunk at Boulder. Enclosed I send you the key of said trunk together with an order to Norman to send the trunk to you. Whatever clothes you find in the trunk please tell Berthenia to make use of in any way she can. There are some photographs of myself also in the trunk which I give to Alice to distribute among our family as she thinks best, reserving one of each kind for me. There are some ornaments of Ivory which I desire reserved for me. You will find my receipts and some private letters which I wish you to take good care of.

One set of coffee cups and saucers I give to May. The other set I give to Martha Jane Empey, and the Japanese sugar bowl is for my little friend Annie V. hoping she will always remain as sweet tempered as the sugar she puts in it.

You had better put the land in the hands of W. O. Day, Real Estate Agent of Boulder, at least one year previous to the time Norman leaves it, in order that he may find a purchaser for it.

I would like you to go and see the property in about one year from now (at my expense) and make what arrangements you may deem necessary for its sale, at which time you may take back with you the articles you are to keep

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for me.

When the articles were sighted? Norman agreed to give me two-thirds of what was raised, he marketing it for me and settling up the first of January each year. You had better send for the trunk and read the Agreement for yourself. I also left some money in the Bank, and as I now send you a Power of Attorney to do business for me, I will instruct the Bank accordingly.

The following is a list of my personal property as near as I can remember. namely:-

- 1 horse and oil-cloth rain cover (new)
- 1 one-horse spring waggon with extra box
- 1 single buggy with whip and oil cloth
- 2 Sets of Single harness
- 1 plough
- 1 cultivator
- 1 harrow
- 1 Wheelbarrow (Steel)
- 1 log-chain

3 Shovels  
2 4 tine forks  
1 hoe  
1 Scraper  
75 feet of rubber hoze  
1 Step-ladder  
1 Whitman force pump  
1 crobar

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4 large whiskey barrels  
Some carpenter tools  
Some 5 ga. Square tin cans for honey (new)  
Some bee-hives in the knock down (new)  
1 Steamer trunk filled with various articles  
2 doz cups and saucers  
1 Japanese sugar bowl  
1 large Japanese album filled with Japanese views  
Some loose photographs of friends and relatives  
A number (12 more or less) of Silk Kakimonies for hanging on wall  
Various books upon Bee culture and gardening etc. etc.  
Flowers and flower pots  
3 or 4 Japanese sets of teeth  
1 Japanese pipe & tobacco pouch  
1 Jananese Short-Sword and Ivory sheath  
1 bed-stead with blankets etc. complete  
1 large photograph of office in Yokohama with frame  
1 large photo of Buddha with frame  
Some old lumber

When Norman leaves the place, if he wishes to turn in any thing he may have as part payment of what he owes me you may accept it and allow him any amount within the bounds of reason.

I am &c          Your affectionate brother  
D. F. Ogden

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D. F. Ogdens letter  
list of Personal property

**17 Jul 1890 Bogata Columbia, David F. Ogden John H. Cronk  
Folder 4-1 [39-40]**

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Private

Bogata. Columbia – S. America  
July 17 – 1890

Rec<sup>d</sup> Aug 20/90  
J. H. C.

John H. Cronk  
Wellington, Ont.

Dear brother

Although I have given you a power of attorn [torn] I think it is my duty to tell you that Norman's [torn] is not a friend of yours no more than she is of mi [torn] and therefore if you think you would not like [torn] undertake this business you may return the pap [torn] and I will put them in the hands of some one who will have no hesitancy in dealing with them sharply. Still you have a pleasant way with you and I think every thing may be settled without difficulty as I am disposed to do far more than my share until they are once off the place, where if I do not loose my mind altogether, I shall have nothing further to do with them. Lodema has advised by letter a certain party "to have nothing to do with me". This party sent her letter to me and I have sent it to Anthelia and would like that you all see it for I am sure you would hardly believe her capable of doing so mean an act towards me otherwise, after I have done so much for her. Whatever pretention she may show toward you otherwise, she certainly has no good feeling for y [torn] I have heard her tell several times, (and upon eac? [torn] occasion add her comments,) of some transaction [torn]

between you and her father, Mr Rice, regarding some grass seed, which was unsatisfactory to him, Just what the story was, I do not now remember but let this suffice to put you on your guard. For a [torn] man, and one who pretends to be a christian, I [torn] sorry to acknowledge that she is a most con [torn] mate liar and if you wish this statement proved [torn] u have only to ask her, or let any one else ask [torn] r "why she advises people to have nothing to do with [torn] e" and you will see how quick she will deny it. [torn] otwithstanding her letter stands as proof against her.

I you have any money at any time of mine rather let it lay in the Bank without interest, than to hire it out upon doubtful security.

I don't know of any thing more to say at present but will write you from time to time according as I wish to instruct you.

Your affectionate brother

Address me for the time to come }  
D. F. Ogden  
Bucaramanga  
Columbia  
South America

P.S. July 19 – I have just been to see the American Minister regarding the Power of [torn] ney and he thinks you had better have it made out there or in [torn] ada and send it to me to sign before him. Please do so and oblige.

D. F. Ogden

**19 July 1890 to John Cronk from George Ogden in Midland ON**



**Folder 4-1 [76-78]**

Sunny Side July 19, 1890  
J H Cronk & family  
Wellington

Dear brother & Sister

We received your ever welcome letter some week or ten days ago which I answered immediately & gave it to another man to mail but do not know wether he did so or not and as you seem to be about the only ones that seems to have any time to answer any inquirery untill they forget all about what I have asked about {Except perhaps one or two}

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I dont mind any of our family knowing of what I have written privately but outsiders I would much prefer that they should get their information from some other sorce as I do not like to blow my own horn G.S.O.

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I will take the privelage of writing you another.

To day has been a sory day for Midland. About 11 oclock to day a fire broke out in or near a stone house filled with oil in close proximity and in fact almost surrounded by a lumber yard, and burned very rapid, taking in its wake one ice house about 150 ft square, next another about 250 ft square and spreading to the lumber yard and sweeping evrything before it consuming perhaps three or four acres of lumber piles. one Macbride[?] shop, two or three blacksmith shops, one boarding house and several small mill houses

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(Private) Last week I made 18. dollars & expect to have the privelage of doing the same thing a couple weeks later. have not made less than ten dollars any week since coming here. This bit is not for Publication but Private

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one stone house filled with grain mostly wheat one coal stove house – and all the out buildings conected with a largest saw mill we have in town. It kept driving the firemen back from one pile of lumber to another until it drove them back to the very walls of the big mill where they made a bold stand and concentrated all our forces around it as if in defiance of the flames for thees? is where the bread & butter of hundreds of poor soles comes from and I can tell you evry man done his best to save the mill. Here we fought for more than

two hours expecting evry minute we would be obliged to give way to the fierce flames never did men work more heroicly Still kind Providence lent us great ade? from first to last in giving us a strong wind in our favor, and about three oclock we had the satisfaction of feeling sure that we had gained the day we had got the fire under control and saved the mill.

It is now 11 oclock P.M and it is blazing away here & there. The engines did not stop throwing watter untill near nine oclock to night. Now its all over and as is usually the



case the insurance companies have to foot the greater part of the bills. And my opinion is that the labouring man will be in greater demand than before

Yours affectionately

G. S Ogden

Midland

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you must excuse Alice as she does not get much time to write Her and Emma have turned out four dresses this week & have five on hand for next week

[envelop]

J. H. Cronk

Wellington

Pr Ed County

Ontario

[post mark]

MIDLAND

JY 19

ONT.

**20 July 1890 Wellington Ont. Alice Cronk to Uncle David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [62-64]**

Wellington

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Uncle

Your letter dated June 1<sup>st</sup> at hand. We were very glad to get it. Only a short time ago I said to Ma I think we ought to get a letter from ~~you~~ Uncle Dave and Ma said I am afraid he is dead but we were very very glad to know you were not. When the letter came Pa and Ma were away as I opened it and read it when Pa came home he said he would open every letter he saw. He did not care I guess but he always wants to open ours if we are away and some-times we tell him he is so curious or something to that affect. Last week I was down to May's and a letter came for one so he opened it but Ma said when he saw who it was from he did not read it. Now dear Uncle you were very kind to make me such a good offer – about letting me have money to fit myself for a situation – and I don't know but what I will be only too glad to accept your offer on condition I may pay it back as soon as ~~when~~ I can. I have long long wished I might be able to attend Commercial ~~College~~ Business College and take up Book-keeping, short-hand and type-writing together with pen-manship but I could not afford it I thought. I will write you again about it when I decide more fully upon the subject. So you think it rather strange that Annie and I do not marry as for myself probably I inherit a little of my uncle's disposition I like to be free and then I want to marry (if I ever do marry) a man that is respected by everybody as well as yourself and I think I have waited long enough now to marry someone with means enough to make us comfortable but most of all I want one who will like and enjoy what I like and who will be a help rather than an hinderance to

one in all things good and beneficial To all with whom we associate that we may work together for the good of others. No I don't expect to get an angel nothing of the sort but if I can't get what I want I think I can be happier alone. Now Uncle Annie thinks you are quite a flatterer so do I but I told Annie "Uncle thinks he knows how to get long letters [the rest of this letter is written in the top margin of the page and at 90 degrees to it] from us. I will not write a long ~~one~~ letter though this time. I intend to go to Napanee for a month as housekeeper for a minister's wife and if I like it I will remain until Winter I think then I will think about College this Winter probably I will leave the news for the rest to write..

Your loving niece  
Alice Cronk  
Wellington  
Ont

**23 July 1890, Wellington, Ont., Annie Cronk to Uncle David Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [65 – left side of the page]**

[Written upside down to the left of the date on this page is the following]  
& send my love and lots of kisses.

Annie Cronk

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1890.

Dear Uncle

Ma has left a little room for me to write. Alice is going away today and I will be lonely without her. Dearest Uncle do you remember the promise you made me when you were here? Well you promised that you would come to my wedding if I would invite you so now I want you to keep that promise and come. I am to be married in October. I used to declare that I would be an old maid and I cannot imagine why it is that I have changed my mind. I believe I have made a good choice although he is not rich, a true heart is worth more than gold. Please write as soon as you can. You will have to hurry if you get here in time. I will look for you. Lovingly Annie

**20 July 1890 Wellington Marilla Ogden Cronk to David Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [65 – right side of page to 66]**

Welli [liquid splatter]  
July 20<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Brother

Surely it was with Joy that we received your loving letter, and so thankful you are in the land of the living. Can not we prevail on you to write evry mounth, and we will do the Same, and when you move from one place to another leave your address So they may forward letters to you. We have just arived home from meeting had a grand Sermon from the last chapter of Galatians, teaching us how to bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ

July 21 Dear Dave last night I commenced this letter, but ran short of something to write and could not tell why. But now I see, this morning John came in and said he wanted me

to go over to Orser's back of Bloomfield to see his rasberrie crop and to see if he would not let us help pick but he had plenty of help and so we drove over to see Waity and found them well and in good spirits Waity was down in one of the fields pickings berries She was verry much pleased to see us. She always is. We had a good visit and just before we came away Clara came there after Waity to stay a week, or nearly, and said she would help her make two print dresses which Waity had not made I think it was good of Clara. I told Waity what you said about writing and she laughed and said she never wrote but one letter and that was a love letter and Sandford White helped her but she said there was not much love in it ether. She is getting fleshy again was quite thin one spell she seams to have plenty to eat drink and wear Clara Ann is not looking verry well it does not take much to tire her. I heard from Manerva the other they were well and Clara said she had got a letter from Norman and John and we got a letter from George. He said they were well. Grand-Ma Cronk is enjoying verry good health for one eighty years old she is buisey always at something Abbie has been up to Pickering on a visit one mounth came home last week. Grand Ma always seems pleased to be remembered I told her you wished to be remembered to her and family. I will have to close as ever your loving sister M B Cronk

**20 Jul. 1890 Wellington Ont. John H. Cronk to D.F. Ogden Bogota S. America  
Folder 4-1 [59-61]**

Wellington July 20<sup>th</sup>/90

D. F. Ogden

Bogota S. America

Dear Brother

Your anxiously looked for of June 1<sup>st</sup> came to hand July 8<sup>th</sup> you will see, by my last of July 6<sup>th</sup> that we had delayed writing some dayes expecting to hear from you as often as once a month at least. And we had only posted our last a day or two before youres of wellcome news made its appearance. We were much pleased to hear of your improved health, and hope to learn that you will still be able to weather the climate; even if the air is so rirified by alti [corner of page is turned over obscuring the rest of the word] your speaking of passing your letteres around to the rest of our family. We have taken much panes to do so in all cases, when such could be done without raising personal feelings among Some of the memberes of our beloved family.

I hope you will give us credit of trying to allay all personal feelings among the breatheren and make love the prevailing eliment amung us as breatheren. Manerva called on us not long since. – was in good health and I beleave in a healthy condition financeally, has her place all clear and money too good in the bank – and I guess they get along rather nicely. We got a letter from George a few dayes ago they wer well, Alice and her Sister are dressmaking, have lots to do and I should guess it payes well too by what George wrote. George does not say what he is at. We were down to See May and David last week they were all well. We think she has a fine baby. Howered has a good crop for Greenbush, and they are sweting? rigid economy in geting on in these times. I have not seen Waity for some time, but Marilla was out there a spell ago they were well then. I seen How in town the other day, all well, he sayed they should come out to make us a visit soon as convenient. Seen George Stanton and Nan in town the 12<sup>th</sup> inst they were well, also

Annie Vanblaircum and Walter, all well and glad to hear from you through us. Berthy Hubbs is down in a visit we are looking for them over to make us a visit soon. We have had some hot weather for a spell back and haying is about done and best peas are on the raket and barley too as well as fall wheat will have to be cut in a few days and looks as if it was the best crop for this year. We attended William Valentine's funeral yesterday; who passed away very peacefully a couple of days ago, at the ripe age of 83 years. We shall do well if we live to see that age, and die so triumphally. Speaking from my own experience when away from home we shant burden you with letteres, even if they are not very newsey. And I hope you will not fail to write at least once a month and as much oftener as time will permit beleave me as ever your brother  
John H. Cronk  
Wellington Ontario

**2 Nov 1890 Wilford C Cronk to Uncle D. F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [106-108]**

Wellington Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>/90

Dear Unkle

This is sunday night and as I had not acknowledged the receipt of your valuable presents entitled In Darkest Africa, in the two volumans, and the little blue book called everybodies scrypt book, I thought it was about time for me to write and thank you. And believe me Unkle I sarcely know how to show you my thanks unless it is by kindly writing a few lines now & then. Of course this will be a poor of repaying so great a kindness shown. However I hope my letters will be interesting enough to spend a few

precious moments over.

Well I suppose you would like to know how things are going on in your native land as for success in life, Prince Edward has been looking rather dull for the last two years but this season as grain is a good price and crops were rather good the farmers are looking forward for better times.

This year, as for us we have done very well. Our principal crop was apples and they are a splendid price for this part of the world. We received \$2.75 ¢ per bbl for all our winter fruit. Probly I may as well tell you that the station master said that he heard that the neighbors had crowned Pa as Apple King of Wellington.

By the way I nearly forgot to tell you that Howard and May were up today and they left their little pet here with us. (as May wanted to clean house) to the pleasure of the whole family. I tell you what she is one of the finest babies in the world, or at least her Unkle Wilford thinks so. She can make things pretty lively sometimes.

Well Unkle it will soon be time to close up my country shop and hustle off to bed to get out again at five o'clock sharp. But before I go I think I had better tell Unkle Dave that I have grown quite a bit taller since he left and that he had better take back that threat that he made in Japan about

giving me a fleecing for hitting him in the stomach when I was asleep and he was teasing me.

Well Uncle I must close now for tonight and if I have any more time on the morrow I will try to write some more. If I do not have any more time I am as ever your loving nephew.

Wilford C Cronk

**9 Nov. 1890 Wellington John H. Cronk to D. F. Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1 [109-110]**

Wellington Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1890

D. F. Ogden

Cape Town South Africa

Dear Brother. This is Sunday evening. Marilla and Alice are out in the kitchen, writing to you and I have been making a list of articles found in trunk, which you will find in other side. If you want a more detailed statement ask and I shall most cheerfully comply with your wishes. I have prepared Power of Attorney, am going to Picton to attend to some Estate business for the Homstad, in the morning and will submit Power of Attorney to Mr Brown for advice in way of reassuring for accuracy &c

The women folk will give all general family news so I need not trouble you again with the repetition of such matter. I mentioned in my last that I had asked Norman for draft of what was to your Credit in his hands. Also for particulars as to his account with you - he sent it to me - asking to hold the money to pay for such things as the agreement mentions that you was to furnish -

I wrote him again (concerning the agreement) that he has slightly overlooked some clauses that would make the balance sheet more favourable to you. He has condescended to open out and begin to write as if he was not afraid a bomb would burst - I feel in hopes of progress now X X

[this list is broken down in two types and these are written in the left margin]

List of things in D. F. O's Trunk Received of W. N. O. of Boulder 1890

Wearing apparel	1. <u>Black Coat</u> , 1 <u>Black Vest</u> , 1 Pair gray <u>Pants</u> 2. Small ties. all of which had been worn. 1. Silk Dressing gown. (looks like Japan make) 2. Cotton, flowered morning gowns, (looks like women's ware) they may been used for nities. 1 <u>Pair</u> of Rubber gauntlets for driving.
curiosities	1 Ivory toy. Jap on top of Box rat on top of Jap 1 Ivory or bone, Head for cane, Eagle with kid in talons? - 1 <u>Ivory</u> , <u>end</u> <u>for</u> Sunshade, or <u>Parasol</u> 1 Ivory <u>boot</u> or <u>Shoe spoon</u> , inlaid 1 Ivory <u>Button Hook</u> - 1 Ivory <u>Buckle</u> for Belt 1 Small, gotapercha, <u>small</u> round case. (Photos?) 1 Case for watch - 6 Budah, large pictures A number of Photos of yourself -

A large number of	Dental Cosmos
“ “ “	Scientific American papers
“ “ “	Old Jud? “
“ “ “	Japan Comic “

Several packages of (looks like) business letters &c  
Some small bank books.

1 Ledger & cash Book. 1 Copying letter Book

The above is a list in a general way of what your Trunk contains –  
yours John H. Cronk

November 9<sup>th</sup>. 1890

**Undated - David gives Power of Attorney to John H Cronk (see above letter)  
Folder 4-1 [92-99]**

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Know all men by these Presents that I, David F Ogden of

Do hereby make Nominate Constitute and appoint John H Cronk of the Township of Hallowell in the county of Prince Edward, Province of Ontario in the Dominion of Canada, Yeoman, my True and lawful Attorney for me and in my Home place and stead and for my sole use and benefit. To demand recover and receive from all and from every or any person or persons whomesoever all and every sum and sums of money, goods, chattels effects, and things whatsoever, which now are or is or which shall or may hereafter appear to be due, owing, payable, or belonging to me, whether for rent or arrears of rent, or otherwise, in respect of my real estate, situated near the town of Boulder in the county of Boulder, state of Colorado, one of the states ~~of the~~ of United States of North America. Or for the principal money and interest now or hereafter to become payable to me upon or in respect of any Mortgage or other Security or for the interest or dividends to accrue or become payable to me for or in respect of any shares, stock, or interest which I may now or hereafter hold in any Joint Stock or Incorporated Company

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or Companies, or for any monies or securities for money which are now, or hereafter may be due or owing or belonging to me, upon any Bank Note, Bill or Bills of Exchange, balance of Account Current, consignment, contract, agreement, decree, judgment, order or execution or upon any other account: Also, to examine, state, liquidate and adjust all or any account or accounts depending between me and any person or persons whomsoever. And to endorse my name to any Bill or Bills of Exchange, or Note or Notes of Hand, in which I shall be interested or concerned, which shall be requisite. And upon the recovery or receipt of all and every or any sum or sums or money goods, chattels, effects or things due, owing, payable, or belonging to me for me and in my name, and as my act and deed, to sign, execute, and deliver such goods and sufficient receipts, releases, and acquittances, certificates, reconveyances, surrenders, assignments, or other good and effectual discharges as may be requisite. Also, in case of neglect, refusal, or delay, in the

part of any person or persons to make and render just, true, and full account payment, delivery, and satisfaction in the premises, him, them, or any of them, thereunto to compel; and for that purpose for me

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and in my name to make such claims and demands, arrests, seizures, levies, attachments, distrains and sequestrations, or to commence, institute, sue, and prosecute to judgment and execution, such actions, ejectments, and suits-at-law or in equity as may be necessary or expedient.

Also, to appear before all or any Judges, Magistrates, or other Officer of the Court of Law or Equity, and then and there to sue, plead, answer, defend, and reply in all matters and causes concerning the premises, and Also to exercise and execute all powers of sale or foreclosure, and all other powers and authorities vested in me by any mortgage or mortgages belonging to me as mortgagee.

And Also, in case of any difference or dispute with any person or persons concerning any of the matters aforesaid, to submit any such differences and disputes to arbitration or unipera[ge?], in such manner as ~~may seem fit or expedient~~ may think fit. And to compound, compromise, and to accept part in satisfaction for the payment of the whole of any debt or sum of money payable to me, or to grant an extension of time for the payment of the same, either with or without taking security, or

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otherwise to act in respect of the same as shall appear most expedient.

And also, until it shall appear desirable or expedient to sell and absolutely dispose of my said real estate, lands, and hereditaments, And also such shares, stocks bonds, mortgages and other securities for money, as hereinbefore mentioned, (either together or in parcels) for such price or prices, and by public auction or private contract, as shall seem reasonable or expedient: And to convey, assign, transfer and make over the same respectively to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, with power to give credit for the whole or any part of the purchase money thereof; and to permit the same to remain unpaid for whatever time and upon whatever security, real or personal, (either comprehending the purchased property of not.) as shall appear safe and proper.

And further, for me and in my name, and as my act and deed, to execute and do all such assurances, deed, covenants, and things as shall be required, for all or any of the purposes aforesaid: and also to sign and give receipts and discharges for all or any of the sums or sum of money which shall come to his hands by virtue

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of the powers herein contained, and which receipts whether given in my name or that of my said attorney shall exempt the person or persons paying such sums or sum of money from all responsibility of seeing to the application thereof:

And Also, for me and my name, or otherwise on my behalf, to enter into any agreement or ~~agreements~~ arrangement with every or any person to whom I am or shall be debted touching the payment or satisfaction of his demand, or any part thereof: And generally to



act in relation to my estate and effects, real and personal, as fully and effectually in all respects as I myself could do if personally present.

And I hereby grant full power to my said attorney to substitute and appoint one or more attorney or attorneys under him, with the same or more limited powers, and such substitute and substitutes at pleasure to remove, and others to appoint in their stead. I the said David F Ogden hereby agreeing and covenanting for my self, my heirs, executors and administrators, to allow, ratify, and confirm whatsoever my said attorney or his substitute or substitutes shall do or cause to be done in the premises, by virtue of these Presents, including in such confirmation what soev[er]

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shall be done between the time of my decease or of the revocation of these Presents, and the time of such decease or revocation becoming known to my said attorney, or such substitute or substitutes.

As witness my hand and seal, this                      day of                      in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in the  
Presence of

Copy

The Affidavet of Execution may be made before either of the following parties,  
Individuals

1. A Judge of a Court of Record, or of any Court of ~~Competent~~ Supreme Jurisdiction in the Colony.

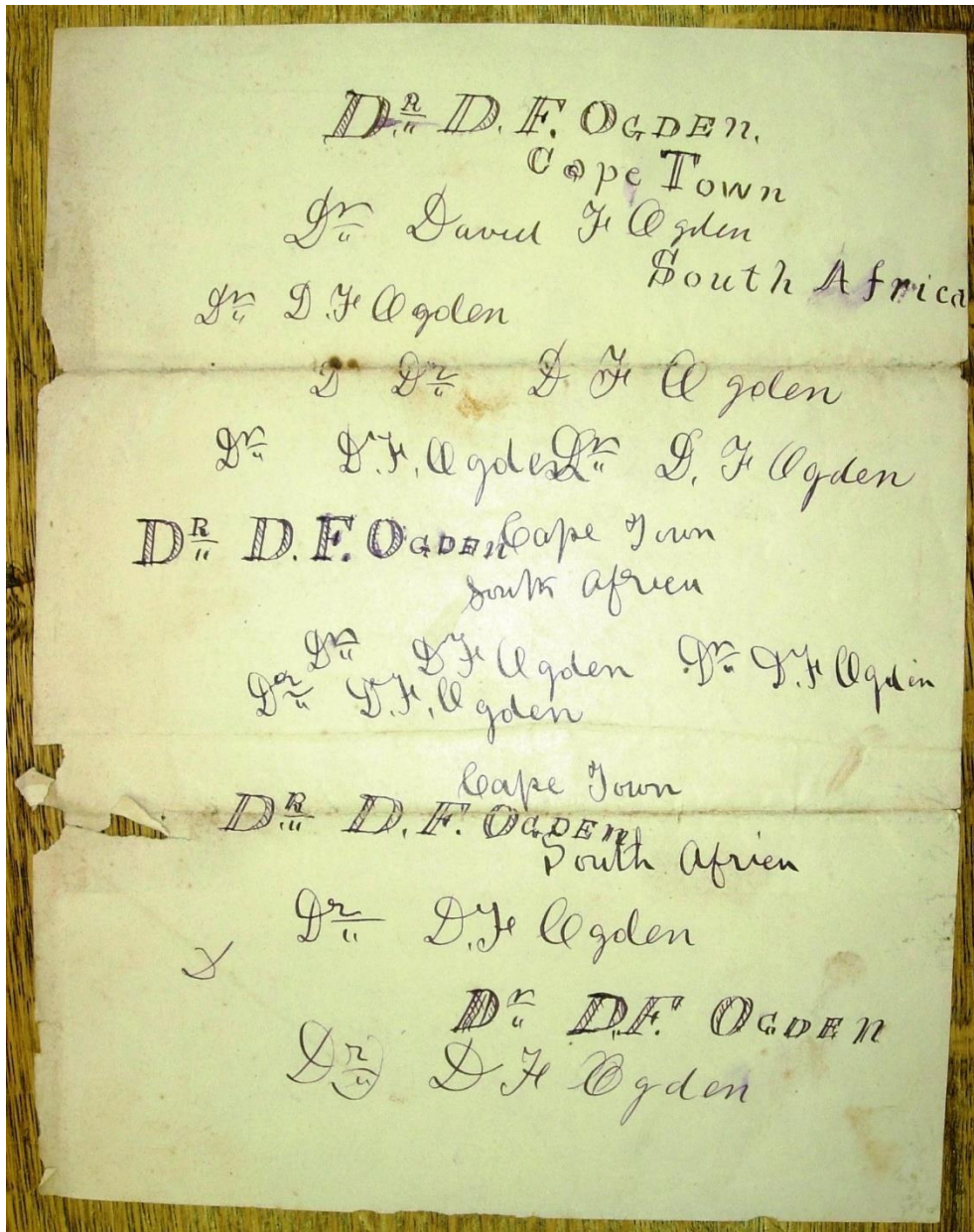
2 Or before the Mayor of Ant City, town corporation, borough, and ~~attached~~ certified under the common seal of the city, Town, or borough.

3 Or ~~under~~ before a Notary Public, certified under his official seal

4 Or before a commissioner authorized by the laws of Ontario to take, in such British Colony or Province Affidavits in and for any of the Courts of Record of the Province of Ontario.

[Here follows a page of signatures of David Fairchild Ogden done in Cape Town South Africa in 1890. No transcription can capture the variety of style or anguish evident in a document created to reassure him and secure his will from all misadventures as his tubercular death arrives in 1891.]





19 Aug 1890 David Ogden to John Cronk  
Folder 4-1 [47-48]

Bogota Columbia – S. America  
August 19 – 1890

J.H. Cronk & family

Dear ones at Home

I wrote you a few days ago but forgot to give you my address in London. Since my last letter I have been quite sick and almost fear I will not be able to get away on the 1<sup>st</sup> prox. I am sorry I have stayed here so long but will make every effort to get out of this climate as soon as possible. Write me [torn]n receipt of this ~~and~~ to my address

below. I have [torn]lked the floor night after night for weeks, fearing [torn]ost to lay down list I should fall asleep and die in my effort to breathe this light air. The Doctors say they saw any one affected so much as I am. I am afraid some other affection has attacked me other than light air. However two days will take me to near the Magdalena River where I shall be in a lower altitude. I have ordered a book to be sent from New York to Wilford. It will be addressed to J.H. Cronk.

Let me hear from you at once on receipt of this as I shall not stay in London but a few days.

With Love to all I am &c  
Your afft Brother &c  
D. F. Ogden  
c/o C. Ash & Son  
Broad Street – Golden Square  
London England

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[Torn Envelope]

John H. Cronk  
Wellington  
Pr. Ed. Co.  
Ontario  
Canada

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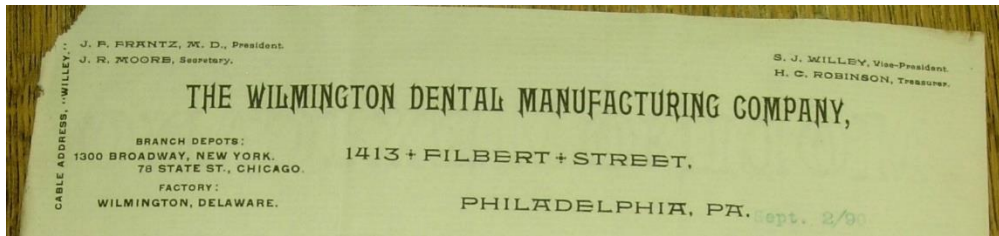
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D. F Ogden dated Aug 19<sup>th</sup> /90  
Reced Sept 26<sup>th</sup> /90  
Answ “ 26 /90

5<sup>th</sup> letter

Roll of fotoes came on  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup> /90  
Dated at Barraguilla  
Sept 30 /90

**2 Sep 1890 Wilmington Dental to David Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1[100 - 101]**



Dr D. F. Ogden,  
Cape Town S. Africa

Dear Sir:

Your favor of July 28<sup>th</sup> received. We take pleasure in complying with your request and again change your address. We are obliged to pay an extra amount of postage on account of sending to Cape Town, Africa, which amounts to 35 cts. . Bill for same enclosed herewith.

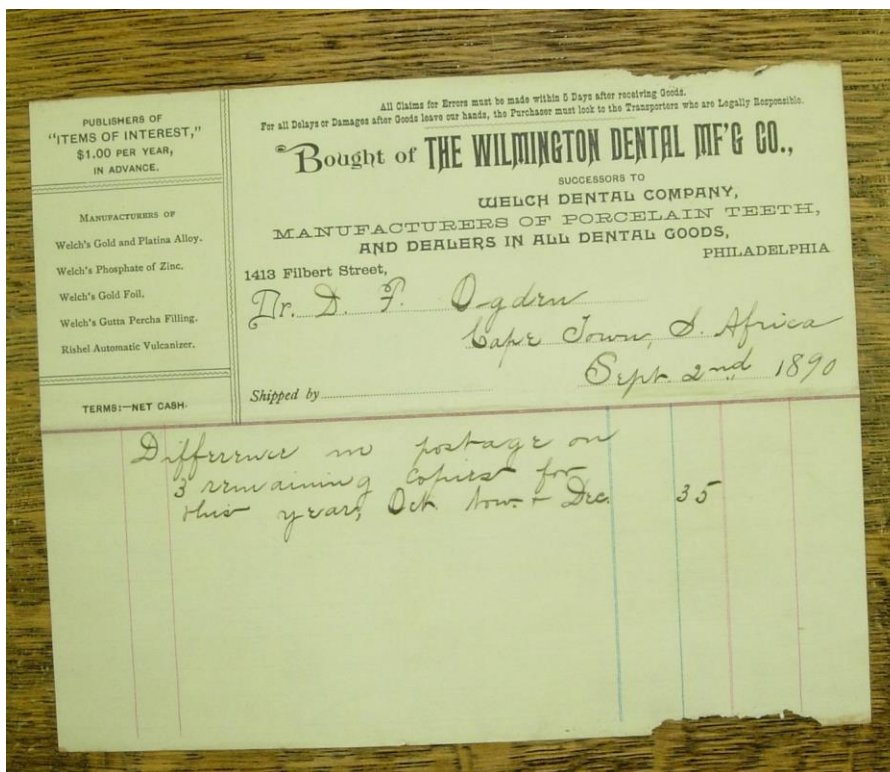
We hope to hear from you in your new location and should be pleased to receive a share of your patronage.

Very truly yours,

Dictated.  
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THE WILMINGTON DENTAL MTG CO.,  
per A. S. Robinson

[Bill for 35 cents]



**6 Sep 1890 Wellington John H Cronk to David Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [3-17]**

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Wellington Sept 6<sup>th</sup> /90  
D. F. Ogden  
Bucaramanga  
Colombia S.A

Dear Brother:

Your favor of the July 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at hand Aug 20<sup>th</sup> /90

It gave us no account of how your health was, so we must conclude that you are in good condition. as that would be the most consoling news for us all.

I wrote Norman son after I got your letter, sending him the Order for Trunk and instructing him to send it to me, and I got a short note from him ~~las~~ yesterday enclosing Express Shipping Receipt for trunk

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Excuse me for making a few remarks here, and also for sending you an entire copy of brother Normans Note. Whis is

“Bolder Sept 1<sup>st</sup> /90 Dear Brother, I received your of the 20 & contence noted have shipped trunk by pacific Express please find within receipt for the same I don’t think that the trunk will cross the lines without a key with it or duties paid All will as common”

“W. N. Ogden”

This is the entire communication. your hint to me about his yf this fact would induce me to believe that she had dictated the letter for I wrote him at least five sides of Note on verious matters, (as usal) between us, in family corespondence I have answered his letter promptly thanking him for his very prompt maner in dispatching the

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Trunk, and that I got it the same day. I got his letter with the recipt and all in good condition.

That I did not experience any dificuly with the costm’s Officers, I also told him I should expect a long letter from him soon, giving me some idea of that “Bolder p??dies?” and its prospects.

Our Costoms Officer here is a personal friend of mine. I did not have to open the trunk to let him examine its contense. I told him that to the best of my knowledge and believe there was no goods that was dutabl in the trunk and signed his entry papers accordingly. I sent Norman a card with my address on it to put on the trunk and the Express company sent it through

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in bond. Well, I opened the trunk last night and got the letter cosseren?, found the Agreement between you and Norman, and red it over a time or two and finely concluded



to send you a copy. So you could have it to refer to in the future, the better to direct my movements.

In my undertaking to settle matters between you and Norman, I must make it a personal duty to do just what I believe to be right and just between brothers.

You say “you think that everything may be settled without difficulty, as you are disposed to do fare more than your share.”

Now I want Norman to just say so much as that, and I shall have no difficulty in adjusting your affirs very pleasantly; and it could be so nice

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I may say that it is well that you have mentioned what Lodema says about me and her father’s seed deal.

It now affords me an opportunity to give my statement of the matter. Mr Rice and a Yankey friend of his came to your Father’s place with Norman to buy that span of bay Colts he had, (I dont know whether you remember them or not) they were ther for dinner. I was getting out my clover seed the same day; and I was sent for to come over to take dinner with its yankey gentry — and of course went; and let the boys get on with the threshing of the seed. Mr rice asked me what I was doing. I told him. he also asked me what would

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I take for my seed — I told him I was told by the threshers, that up at the Consecon? parties had been offered \$10, per bushel for their seed; I said that I would be willing to take that. — as it was a big price — Mr Rice said he wanted seven bushls. — I told him I thought I would have that amount. — and would I take the \$10, per bushel and deliver it in Kingston? I said yes; he refered to his yankey friend, as to the price; and agreed to pay me \$70, for 7 Bushels delivered in Kingston I closed a bargain to make up the quantity, and paid \$9 per bushel for it, of John Stanton. And I took the seed down and he gave me

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the seventy dollars as he agreed to for the seven bushels.

At that time in Kingston seed was not worth that amount. — Mr Rice had paid more than the market price for seed but that was not my falt — had seed been up to \$15. per bushel I should of delivered the seed as agreed. And Mr Rice would taken it all the same, I guess. It was nothing more than a business transaction, where boath parties were dealing not knowing the market value of seed, at the time, and the deal had turned in my favor. had Mr Rice got the bills of the deal Lodemy would not had occasion to impune my motives in a seed deal at least.

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I shant hold anything against her for her opinion of me on that score. I guess I shall have to leave now and go to the post office, and after Marilla to Bloomfield she has been waiting on Jany Gibson who is very sick, shall be able to tell Mon when I get back. Sep 25d? I did not have to go after Marilla as she came back home on the Train, the next morning and found me in bed with Reumatism in my back, and that kept me under the weather for two weeks. And in the mean time your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> August giving your

plans of going to South Africa, and that account for the non completion of this, as we had no special ~~directions~~ address — And this morning we got yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> August which we haste to reply here? to

yours J. H. C.

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D.F Ogden

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> August took us by surprise, this morning, as we was of the opinion that you was in the old ocion bound for London. And your sudden illness greaves our harts; yet we trust that your care of yourself, having much experience in high altitudes, has enabled you to make a steady flight to climes more agreeable to your peculiar alements.

That Asthmas is a terrible desease. We have a case in the house this very moment. May Howard and Ada Cronk came here

[9 at top up side down]

your affectionate brother

John H. Cronk

Wellington Ont

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[10 left]

last evening, stayed all night and Ada has not been up yet, this morning; sick with the asthma; the weather is misty and dark; which affects her breathing very much.

I think she felt it coming on before she left May's, where she had been for ~~some~~ a week or more.

My back is much improved I had a fly blister on it last week, and now as the blister is better, so is the back.

Dave, it does apear a little too hard, to be sick and not be among your relatives and so fare away. I know you have relatives who will spare no paines to make you as comfortable as circumstances will allow; exerting our human effor in their powers.

[10 right]

Is it not a considerable of an undertaking to start away down to the Southern part of Africa? as I hear your general heal[t]h has given out!

On reaching London if you general health is not good do not go farther away – but come home and right up – have a rest. and take a fresh start, if you must visit Africa, and have some company with you if possible. We got the book tilts “In Darkest Africa” by H. M. Stanley. two volms I think a very fine work too. Wilford will be very proud of the gift. He is not come from his ploughing for dinner. Marilla says dinner.

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Dinner is over, and my belly is bang full of chicken pot-pie; and it was grand good too. your sister knows just how to make a pot-pie to suit my taste and I wish you had been here too to try its merits. We would of had a treat all round.

We must await and abide your time; come when you will you shall be made welcome sure. I was intending to send you a power of Attorney to sign and execute concerning that place in Boulder too, in this letter – but shall await an other letter from you; however in the mean time I shall have an eye to the business in Boulder.

Wilford has been finishing ploughing a small bit where we have taken off some corn and we want to sow it to fall wheat if it does not rain this after noon. next sheet X

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X Dear Dave I hope I shall not weary you in the length of my scribbling. I thought I was done – but I find I have not answered yours of the 6 August. So I shall try to do so now. Clover seed – did I not tell you in a former letter about the seed. I sowed the seed, but I fear it has not grown at least none has blossomed as yet. I see some clover where I planted it but it has leaves like our own variety Next spring will tell the story when the blossom comes on. you speak of our letters being of “comfort to you”. “hoping that your letters are half as much happiness to us”. I say Amen. If our letters are of one fourth the pleasure to you, that yours are to us, we rejoice to

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to feel that we live not in vain – I can speak for myself –and from what I see of the rest of my family your letters carry the bell’.

Marilla is writing on the other side of the table, and we may be both telling the same news as we do not stop to think that each might take a certain line of matter to relate; but we scrawl away as fast as ever we can as if the amount of kisses sent constitute the quality of a letter. George Ogdens add is Midland; Ont

I think he spoke of getting one letter from you – and also of send you the letter he had for you that came from S. America. “Speaking of Wilfords growth” he is nearly as tall as I am. 17 years old; last July. And is called a

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a good boy by the neighbors; the preacher says he is one good boy: We say good boy; as we do not want to spoil him by heaping praises upon him, lest he might become careless, by thinking, his name is up and might lie abed till noon, as the old saying is — As to his education.

We are trying to give him such a training as will become the bases of an education for an active business life and build up a good sound constitution physically and morally, to say the least. He says he likes farming, - likes to work on the farm, the last two questions I shall have to defer answering at this time. I shall be most happy to refer to this subject in some future letter.

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Prices have brightened up quite a bit this fall. Farmers are hopeful now! Apples are a good price, fall apples \$2, - 2 ½ per bushel for the fruit – winter will most likely be \$3, We

look for a? 100 bb out of our crop. Have commenced to pick. We shall have enough to lift us through all O.K. if no accidend befalls us.

2 p.m. Ada has come down feeling better, Marilla has been doctern her, as she is good in all the ailments that she is acquainted with. I must now close as my paper is about full again. hoping you will take the best of care of yourself so as to give us the pleasure of your company one more, at least, before we have to ceparate to try the beauties of the world beyond. And may our God bless you and go with you untill we meat again you lovin? brother, as ever J. H. Cronk

[15]

A. Copy  
Agreement

This agreement made this first day of October One thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Nine between D.F. Ogden of the first part, and W. N. Ogden of the Second part, both of the Town of Boulder County of Boulder and state of Colerado  
Witnesseth, that the said D.F. Ogden in consideration of the Covenants on the part of the party of the second part hereinafter contained doth covenant and agree to and with the said W. N. Ogden that he will furnish his land — about five and a half acres — situated near and joining the Town of Boulder and known as his Boulder Home,

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together with house and barns one hore, and all implements for the working of said land for the term of four years.

The said D. F. Ogden also agrees to furnish all seeds, bulbs, plants and trees necessary for the planting of said land in such a manner as it may seem fit to the party of the second part, and still further agrees to furnish all boxes (in the flat) in which to put the berries for marketing and to pay for the picking of all Strawberries, Blackberries and Rhasberries that may be grown in said land. The said DF Ogden still further agrees to bear two thirds of all the expenses paid out in money for the marketing of the products of said land. The party of

of the second part is to be paid at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per day, without bord, for whatever work he may put upon said land for the sole benafit thereof, such as clearing off stone etc. He the second party is furthermore entitled to the privilege of keeping fowls and bees with out sharing the benefits thereof and to use while growing, of whatever produce, such quantity as he may require for his his own table use without keeping account thereof.

And the said W. N. Ogden in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the first part, doth covenant and agree to and with the said D.F. Ogden that, he will work and cultivate the said land in a

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good and workmanlike manner doing all the labor necessary for such for the term of four years. That he will supply grain and hay for the horse and market all produce raised



bearing one-third of all expenses in money paid out for such marketing. He is also to keep the fences in good repair.

At the end of each year he is to render unto the party of the first part two thirds of all profits arising from the culture of said land keeping one-third for his own benefit.

The party of the first part is to have the privilege at any time during the said four years to plant or to set out as many fruit trees as he may deem necessary and whatever care is bestowed upon them by the party of the second part is to be paid for by the said DF Ogden at the rate of \$1.50 per day without board

{ "D. F Ogden"  
Synees { "W. N. Ogden"

**26 Sep 1890 Marilla Berthena Ogden Cronk to brother David F. Ogden**

**Folder 4-1 [18 – 23 and 27].** Note images 24-26 were a repeat of 18-20 – in error.

[Written to the left of the address  
1890

Wellington Sep 26<sup>th</sup>

and at 90 deg. to it is the following]

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*Wilford returns many thanks*

*for the books thinks he will enjoy*

Dear Brother

*reading them this winter*

We have just received your letter

within

*if he dose [sic] not go to  
school good buy [sic] till  
is*

the last ten minutes and now sitting down to reply. You do know how glad we are to get your welcome letters if John

*we meet if not*

in the house he generally gets the start of me, but I get on my

*here in Heaven*

specks and look over his shoulder and read as fast as I can,

WBC

but Oh dear brother you are sick again and you say you are

Wellington Ont

afraid some other affliction has attacked you, than the light air Oh I beg of you to come home as soon as you can, dont

go to Africa dear brother ~~you~~ I fear will die on the road, brother I fear your health is gone or constriction is gone and you are not long for this world if you will come here I will take as good care of you as any one could with

my ability and I have done a good deal of nursing do come, you have enough to live on and what more is required, but if you think you cannot make up your mind to come I would like to have you call on John T Dorland and wife as they have sailed for England last tuesday to live you will find in them examples of Christ, he is one of the cleverest Ministers we have I just wish you could heare him if I can get his address I will send it you he is not in the heart of the City but more in the Suburbs where the Bakers live these Bakers are ~~relation~~ relation of Uncle Charles Bowermans wife, one marraid her sister. We got a letter from Alice this week saying she had got the letter which you sent in ours we sent it to her she said she was verry glad to here from you but dose not like to have you go to Africa and says she thinks Uncle Dave would not have been so liberal in his offer if he had the least thought she would go to Africa, but she think she would not refuse the offer you made her about going to school as she would like to take up bookkeeping and short hand and some other branch I have forgotton just what the other was. She said she

would write to you last Sunday evening if she did it would be directed to Bogota as she had no other address. When we got your last letter saying you was going to Africa we thought you ought to have sent your address England so we might have a letter there for you, when you got there, so now we have it and much obliged and now if you go on to Africa please send your address in Africa but I am really in hopes you will conclude to return homeward instead I cannot help looking for you soon I suppose you knew John Dorland of Wellington this is his son whom I speak of and he married Aunt Margret

Jane Hubbs daughter they may not be settled yet but if you get their address I would like you to call on them if it does not put you out too much. He has traveled a good deal has been all through the Holy Lands through England Ireland and Scotland and other places. Alice says Uncle will not be satisfied until he travels most of the countries of the world or at least all the continents. She is afraid you do not feel like sending her to Commercial College if you could spare her some money that she might go she would kindly except the offer and pay you some time perhaps when you needed it much more than you do now. I know brother you have a generous heart and I often think you too generous for your own good. For I know you have suffered severe trials to make your money and have very many hardships to undergo while traveling, and you spoke of your last about Wilford Education to know better

It was finished now I hope not poor boy has not had much chance since we left the farm as his father has thought he could not do without him so he has been kept busy at home but I had thought perhaps Alice could get some business so she might send him to school after a while, but I fear he will get out of the notion of going to school if he waits much longer he is a good smart boy and stays at home, does not run about like other boys and if he works to any of the neighbors for money he always hands it to me or his father and says keep it and if you need it for anything use it, it is not every boy that would do that. I hope he will see the time when he will have a chance to go to school and also learn some trade. Grand mother is well with the exception of some cold the rest are all well. Peter and Authelia were here one week ago last Saturday night stayed until Sunday after dinner then Monday following G H Stanton and Nan came here they had been

up to Brighton to see Tommy Clark and wife they stayed until after dinner all well both Authelia and Nan said they had written to you Manerva is fixing her house over they were all well when last I heard. Aunt is living yet but has fits yet and needs a great deal of care has lost her mind so she does not remember anything. I saw Clara Anne Story a short time ago they were all quite well she is not very strong. I was over to Waitys in berry time found them well, and cheerful. John Henry Turner the boy used to live to Mother's was over here the other day said he was over to see Waty last Sunday said they were all well, there is not much sickness here now I sometimes think we have as healthy a place to live as any place. David our doctor book says Lobelia taken will cure the Asthma I gave some to Ada today and she got better in a very short time. So I have faith in it now if you will take a little, enough to make you sick at the stomach so you may throw up then after a short time take as much more if you don't get relief if it does not strain you too much to vomit try it, if it does just take a little it will work off through the system. Oh if I could but be with you to comfort in some way do come in reach of me if not home. Our

dear Mother has often said be kind to one another and let not anything hinder us from doing all we can and I have endeavored to follow her example Now dear brother we know not how near we are at death's door are we prepared to meet it if so all will be well, if not let us seek earnestly for pardon. For he that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out, what precious words, what loving words,

I will in no wise cast out, let us

see to it before it is too late brother will you come Annie wishes me to leave room for her to write so I will say once more come home before it is too late that you may not be able to reach home Oh we can't think of your being buried in those heathen lands, brother come, from your living sister . M. B. Cronk

[Annie Victoria Cronk daughter of John Hughes Cronk and Marilla Berthena Ogden Cronk to her Uncle David F. Ogden]

Dear Uncle

I wish you could have seen Aunt Abbie and I dressed up in those dressing-gowns of yours. We went around to the neighbors and the little children thought we were the White-caps. Those ivory pieces are very pretty especially the buckle which look very fancy. I wrote you an invitation to my wedding some time ago and I am looking for you to come as you promised you would and I believe you are a man true to your promises. I wish you would come and stay with us and we would nurse you all well again please do then if you get very work brittle I will give you a job I have two teeth to be pulled. Ma sends a paper with a small bouquet in it. I hope to see you soon dearest uncle come home. Annie V. Cronk

**[Envelope]**

[The right end of this envelope is torn away]

from J. H. Cronk				
Wellington Ont		[postal hand stamp]	T	[enclosed in a circle]
Canada			25	

D. F. Ogden L. D. S. [stamped over Ogden is] 5<sup>D</sup>  
London E [torn away]

Ca of ?      C. Ash & Son  
Bond Street Golden Squar [torn away]  
London England

**5 Oct to 9 Nov 1890 (found as a group) - Alice Cronk to David Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1 [116 – 121]**

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Napanee Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Uncle David

I am not sorry to learn that you are leaving S. America but sorry to learn that you are going farther from home but Uncle it seems to me that you cannot be contented unless you are either making an abundance of money or travelling around I suppose we each like our own way to amuse and enjoy ourselves so I will not murmur. I seems to be my lot to be wandering about a good

deal. I was only home from school two or three weeks when I came to Napanee to stop ~~with~~ in a Minister's home. His wife has not had good health for over two years. I got two dollars a week ~~at least~~ up to this month ~~when~~ now I get six dollars a month but do not have so much care or work There are five children the youngest of which I have had chief care of since the second week I ~~came~~ have been here. He is now nearly eleven months old. I like it here very well indeed but I have had to work rather hard for one who had to lose part of her sleep night with a nervous baby. I do not think I will remain here longer than this month. At present two of the older children are in bed with

Malarial fever. They have been in bed over a week but are gaining slowly now. I got a letter from Ma last week in which she said they had heard from you also that you had sent me some photos of sceneries. I thank you Uncle for your kindness as well as thoughtfulness. I am fond of foreign sceneries and curiosities. I felt very much disappointed when Pa came home from N. Zealand and did not bring any curiosities for us except some ferns.

Now Uncle guess what Wilford says about your asking me to go to Cape Town with you. /why he said "Uncle dosen't want Alice very bad as he starts for /Africa before she even got the word. Perhaps it is just as well

as \$100 per month is quite a temptation but I guess you were only joking anyway. I have not decided yet what I will do this Winter. I have been thinking of going to Commercial College since you ~~gave~~ made me such a kind offer to help me, but now you are so much farther away I suppose I need not make up my mind to go for six months or a year and by that time I may change my mind. I did not get the letter you spoke of sending to me in answer to mine. I think if I get a chance to take a school this winter  
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I will do so and then perhaps make up my mind to remain at home (as long as I remain single of course) I think I will send this home and let them add more and then send it away for me. I am in good health as far as I know.

Now Uncle I hope you will write to some of us often once a month at least. and may your Mother's God go with you is the prayer of your loving niece Alice C.

Wellington

Ont

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Napanee

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Uncle Dave

Three weeks ago I started a letter to you The following Sunday I finished a sheet and soon after sent it home to be forwarded to you. Last week Ma sent it back to me as she thought I might want to put more with it since a cheque for \$200 had arrived for me from a certain Uncle. Now Uncle I hardly know just how to thank

you for your kindness to me. You say you will send more in a few months. Now Uncle you have sent me twice what I intended asking for. I think \$50 will put me through ~~the~~ a Commercial course and I think it will not take \$100 for board. I am sure I don't know how I can pay you back if you send too much. Of course I shall not use more than I really need. I think I will take up short hand too but I think \$200 will be sufficient to put me through and perhaps more than I need. I expect to leave here in about a week and go home to get ready for school. I think probably I will go to Belleville College being nearer home therefore more

convenient and no expense going and coming home as Pa will take me over. I hope dear Uncle I will endeavor to study and improve my mind in such a way that I will be a credit, to you as your niece, in passing all my examinations creditably.

I do not know all you said with regard to the \$200 you have let me have as I did not see the letter you wrote to Pa. I do not know if you wish a note or not nor what interest you want. When you write please state further particulars. ——

Report says a certain young lady in Bloomfield (whom Johny Stanton goes to see) is getting her wedding clothes and Johny asked Bertha Hubbs if he might spend a week with

them this Fall so we think he intends taking a wife. Annie writes that May's baby (Lulo) is beginning to walk a little. How I want to see her. It has been over three months since I left home and I have seen none of them as yet but I will soon I hope. I ~~will~~ expect to receive \$26 for the time I ~~have been~~ am here so you see I have something to clothe myself with for school. If I was home I should try and write you some news but as it is I cannot write much.

Write us about your voyage and about

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the natives of Africa also the country, what it is like etc.

Hoping to hear from you soon learning of your safe arrival at Cape Town.

I remain as ever

Your loving niece

Alice Cronk

Wellington

Ont

Wellington

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Uncle David

I arrived home last Monday on the following day we received a letter from you, mailed at Lisbon. In that letter we received news which was better than any news we have had for many a long day. We shed tears of joy ~~when~~ and thankfulness when we learned you were beginning to see how

blessed a thing the Bible is if we only read it thoughtfully and prayerfully. May the Lord bless you and help you to see more clearly, which is the right way to take, to lead you to that blest realm above, where I hope and trust, we may all meet to part no more. On Friday Annie and I went down to see May and on Saturday we came back to Picton. Annie was going back to May's that day but I came home. In Picton I saw Uncle Peter Huff He said all were well but himself he had a lame back. I also saw Aunt Minerva and Phil. Aunt said they were all well ~~and~~ except Martha who had a cold

Aunt Sabra is still living there. Aunt Minerva said she had received a letter from you. I told her the "good news" and she seemed so pleased. On my way home I called on aunt Clara She had had a fall but was able to be at her work ~~again~~ Theresa was home. she is teaching in Picton Public School. Ida is book Keeper in a large grocery in Belleville carried on or owned by one of the Walmsley boys (cousin) Frank story was home and he said his family was well. I ~~did~~ saw Allen Clapp. He said Addie and boy were well. I thought I heard from nearly all that I could in one day.

When I told Aunt Clara of your letter she said about the same as Ma did (when she read your letter) "My prayers have been answered". Ma said "Alice our prayers have been answered". I believe there is as much in praying for as in preaching or talking to a person.

. . .

I intend getting ready for school and starting ~~to~~ after Xmas. I intend taking up Shorthand Typing and Book-Keeping. Harry Story is in Guelph at the  
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Agricultural Fa[torn] I shall send tom[torn]row to American Tract Society to learn about that book you spoke about and I trust we will get it soon When reading of your dinning room comforts &c it almost makes me long to be there with you. I have often thought I would like to take a voyage across the Ocean or on it. Please give us a full description of your trip as far as you can as I am sure it will be interest[torn]

Your affectionate ni[torn]

Alice Cronk

#### **Undated - David Ogden describes the Ostrich Folder 4-1 [80-79]**

The wild Ostrich of Africa Instead of being a peaceful bird is rather pugnacious and dangerous. He is a great kicker. One blow fairly given will break a mans arm or leg. He is an eccentric Bird. The only way to escape being killed by a bird when he overtakes one is to lay down upon the ground. The bird dont seem to ~~be~~ know how to get at his enemy in this position to hurt him and therefore will actually sit down upon ~~the person~~ him. If one keeps still the bird may leave but he is usually in no hurry about it. A short time ago two

children were going across the country and was attacked by an ostrich. The oldest one lay down and the little one was kicked by the bird and caused to fall down by the other.

The bird sat upon them. Occasionally he would get up and walk off a little way and when the children made an attempt to get up the bird would run to them again. At last he sat upon them and remained so for nine hours before the children was released — During the time a herd of cattle passed by but the funny bird stuck to his sitting. Rather agrivating to be taken for an egg and sat upon by a feathered enemy.

yours D.F. Ogden

**24 Oct. 1890 Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to David F. Ogden**

**Folder 4-1 [111-115]**

[This letter continues over several days. On the last page there is not a wasted space with writing in the margins and across the top.]

Wellington Oct 24/90

DF Ogden, Cape Town  
South Africa

Dear Brother

Your wellcum letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> October came to hand a few days ago. We wer right glad to learn that you had arrived safely in London and that your health had so much improved and that you was quite like your self again. We very much hope that you may continue to improve untill you are as sound as a bell. And and as harty as a “toro” (ball). please excuse the expression – we wish you a hearty cheer of greeting in thankfulness for you

favourable turn, for the better. For we began to geel quite alarmed for you; fearing that your general health had given way.

Your letter has found us in the midst of our work. Wilford following the plough, and myself at the apple picking in earnest, as our apple crop is fine this year, and prices ar well up; We shall have over 150 barrls think we shall mak \$300, or so out of the crop, and as the old saying is, money makes the mare go, so it make us go as well, and – we are feeling pretty good too. My rhumatism has quit left me, and I am feeling first rate once more. Thanks for your sympathy, all the sam [torn] it helped me.

It seems strange that you do not get letters from other members of your family, we have tak panes to keep them posted as to your address from time to time as you have give it to us.

I shall endeavor to give you a list of articles contained in trunk as best I can in a general way: before I close the letter. I am looking to go to town tomorrow and shall see about some Blanks for Powr of Attorney to send to you. I got a short statement of the products of your Boulder home-stead of Norman: promptly on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. I will send you a copy –

I acknowledged the recipt of the same and asked for a little more in [torn] le, as my head



appeared too thick to be able to understand the account without explanation. I have asked him very kindly to give me all the information he can concerning the property. I keep copies of all my letters to Norman so as to refer to them if required. Norman's balance Sheet of the Boulder property does not look very encouraging to foot up a very large return for your investment. I hope it will not dishearten you altogether; we will try and see if we can get some thing out of it in some way so as to keep your capatel good, if possible.

I got your second letter from London, this evening dated Octr 5. I will have to take on another sheet to answer it. The girls has come in to give us [torn] fright. I will leave for Marella to ~~will~~ explain [torn] om.

Dear Brother – yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst before me. I havent yet learned of the arrival of the books – whatever you see fit to entrust to my care, I shall endeavor to faithfully carry out your wishes. And with your permission I shall be most hapy to peruse your valuable books, they cannot fail to be interesting as well as instructive, as you have the whole traveling world to select from.

Very glad to learn that your health is daily improving. Your kindly remarks about my Yf's goodness makes me feel more proudly of my treasure. She truley has a most generous and noble heart – like your own. And while she entreats you to make a home with us ~~she~~ at any time or after you are through roaming. She has voiced my sentiments towards you as well.

Marilla sits on one side of the table writing away to you – with specks on, and intent at her work, but has leaned back to draw a long brath, and yawned and says guess I shall have to go to bed and finish some other time. And I shall have to say amen, so adieu for the night, as we liedown on our bads of ease, you are rocking away over the seas. And may the good of our fathers care for you, as well, is our prayors for ever.

J. H. Cronk

PS. I got your Cheque of \$200, for Alie 'all o,k' have opened an account with you, and will place all money transactions

in proper account form, so you shall see what has been done. And what has been done with the money. I wrote Norman to send me a draft for balance due you on last years transaction and will place in bank at 4%

Yours J. H. C

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Dear Brother, I hope you will not think that I am too carless with my writing to you – as five days has passed by and this letter has not been finished and sent away – Sunday I stayed home from Meeting to write to you – and just as I was getting ready some company came to make a visit and that kept me from my writing.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (to day) we have had the apple packers, and [torn] my? hands has

pretty well employed to keep them going. We finished picking today, will get done picking to morrow we got away 42 bb today have about 34 bb of good ones to take away tomorrow. We are to get \$3,05, per bb for the most of them – some 10 bb .75 less per bb. A grand price for apples. We have about 40 barles of culls worth \$1.25 per bb-

I was down to Picton Saturday last, got a blank Power of Attorned but concluded that it was not what was wanted for the special purpose desired in your case. I am preparing a Power of Attorney and will send it in a few days as well as the list of things in your trunk – most of the family has gone to bed – The book for Wilford came ~~this~~ today – I have not had time to examine it Wilford has been reading some in it, he will be most likely to profit by the good it contains – ma [torn] anks for your kindness in send him the books – also the large work (Stanlys) the other books you spoke of sending has not yet arrived, I seen P. Huff in town, all well – also S Stanton & son John they were all well – less you shall be burdened with too much news & shall close? [smudge] for this time. We shall try to write as often as once a month as evr? your brother J. H. Cronk

Copied by J.H.C.

Boulder Oct 1<sup>st</sup>/90

Produce sold up to date	\$271.35
one third from that leaves	180.90
running Expenses	55.98
Improvment done on place	<u>62.30</u>
	\$118.28
Balance do D. F. O.	\$ 62.62

All well as usual

(Signed) “W. N. Ogden”

about all sold

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The above is a copy of all that came in his letter. The last three words is in pencil mark  
J. H. Cronk

**24 Oct 1890 Marilla Cronk and Annie to David Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1[102-105]**

Dear Brother

We received your letter of the Oct 9<sup>th</sup> wednesday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> which gladend my heart It always gives me much pleasure to hear from my dear brothers, and most espicialy when the letters brings good news, that you are well, I must confess I was feeling verry bad on account of your health in my last to you, but when I got your last and the one before the last letters from England it cheered my verry Soul, to here your health was improveing so much. long may you live to enjoy ~~to enjoy~~ the blessings of this wourld and ever be thankful to our Heavenly Father. I know now my prayors have been answered and I can say Praise His Name

Dear brother I been thinking of you and about you and I can just see you

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1<sup>st</sup>

This morning got the little book for Wilford you sent many thanks Wilford has not seen it yet so I will return thanks got a letter from Alice to go in ours to you we look for letters from you as often as possible

MBC

on the boat and at your writing and different places as plain can be I sometimes get so absorbed in thought that I almost think it is real, and want to speak, then it all vanished and I am at my work again and your are gone. Ah! that is the way the mind flies so swiftly. David do you intend going in Dentist buisness in Cape Town. John thought you might be going into something else. Nan and Frank Pulver has been over to Detroit to see Meda and Annie I supose you knew Annie Stanton was married to a Mr English he used to keep Store on a small scale in Picton he lost his first wife there, had three children I believe Nan intended to go to see brother John and family but got sick and did not go Peter Huff was here two weeks ago he and family were all well said they had been down to see Manerva they were well She was getting her house fixed over but said she would have some money to good

when she got it all fixed as she wanted it. she is getting along verry nicely. She has poor Aunt Sabra with her yet ~~She~~ Aunt is quite thin when I was down last Spring I did not think she would live long She had had a verry bad cold, and had been verry sick. I wrote you about Aunt Nancy Lyn' death but do not know as you received it or no she was not sick verry long had heart deasease. Oh about thouse Photoes, we have received them. you sent twenty-two to me or in my name, from Baraquilla and they got astray somewhere returning to Baraquilla and then to Wellington, and whilst they were on the road, we received thirty two directed to Alice then in a short time received six more in Alices name, which was prized verry much then after getting those directed to Alice we got the twenty two directed to me, and we will take good care of them untill you call for then, and we do prize them all verry much to look at. Yes — and now I must tell you whilst writeing I heard a foot step

on the door step, and then all was still, then a wrap at the door, John says come in, then the door opened, and who should stand there, I looked a tall figure stood there, dressed in black with a great white collor, clean to the ears, with the apperance of a black mustache and a gotee on the chin, and a plug-hat, and a little woman by the side of that tall figure. Well Dave I just, wish you could have staped in from another room, and seen that dude of all the struts, you would hurt yourself laughing at that Sillie young one, Annie She went and put your cloths on ~~and She~~ and one of the neighbour girls, dressed up in a long dress well, I cannot discribe what she looked like, I told her she was the Sillyist looking man I ever saw, but really it nearly made me sick laughing, well I have sent them off to bed, so I could finish writing, Alice has not seen the Photoes yet as she is down to Napanee but coming home soon now to get ready for school. Oh dear brother it was so kind of you to let her have mony to go

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to school, She will be so pleased when she hears it. I have sent her a letter telling her about it, and am waiting to get an answer, I have not seen Waty for some time, but here

from her now and then, she was well when last I heard. I saw G. Stanton at Picton last Saturday they were all well. I went down to Mays and staid all night. She has a verry smart little girl. We all had our Photoes, taken together and I will send you one to see if you know them, and then we will have a visit you can sit down and talk about each one of us. and say just what you like, as we cannot hear it, and we wount care eather. I nearly forgot to tell you that Peter Hare is dead and burried We have some Tyford feavor in Picton but not a verry great deal of any kind of sickness as yet. The girl that lived to Aunt Nancys is marriad, since her death. She is Walter Ogdens girl. Jane Gibbson is better now I think she is able to do her work. George White has gone to the Asylum or has been taken, but the poor fellow is sick so Sandford has been down to see him and

says he dont think he will live long, but it is not for us to know. I am yawing so much I will have to go to bed, and leave this for another time or let Annie finish I must say good night and trust whilst we are sleeping, you in your little bark gently floating o're the deep blue sea, trusting, trusting, all the while, now with a sisterly love good buy M. B. Cronk I saw Hettie Story the other day, they were well. Ben and Clara had gone to Domeresxville fair. we heard from brother George Ogden they were well.

Wellington Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Uncle

We were all very glad to hear of your safe arrival at England. But very sorry that you could not come to see us. I am surprised to hear that you will not attend my wedding after promising me so faithfully that you would come no matter where you were but then I will forgive you this time because you are

The very dearest Uncle I have got. I was taught to love Uncle Dave when I was a very little girl because he was so far away among strangers with no friends around him and I used to listen to Alice and May as they told of your pranks until I thought you were the best and jolliest Uncle that ever lived. I think so still and always will. I thank you very much for that Buckle it is lovely and I shall have it put on my wedding dress and wear it as a wedding gift and I shall also wear the lace handkerchief you gave me and will do my best to imagine Uncle is here. Pa said he would have to send for the sugar bowl at Boulder. I said I guessed he would for I wanted something to commence keeping house with, and that ~~was~~ is about all I possess in this world. Dear Uncle I thank you for that sugar bowl but I can not promise to be always as sweet as sugar for I have a very ugly temper

but I will try very hard and I will always remember and smile when I see that bowl, when I get cross I will go and look at that bowl. I am very impatient to have Pa get it. Wilford is delighted with his books and I enjoy reading them too we are fond of reading and had got quite short of reading material but now we will have enough to fill all our spare time for a long time, as we have not many spare moments for reading. Wilford sends his love and many thanks. I want you to write me a great long letter telling me all about your trip. I should think that you could think of hundreds of things to write about. Ma has told you about my evening dude suit. I had to put in a pillow to fill up. Then I tried to lace my boots and found I could not see my feet. Oh how I pittied you then when I thought how you

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had to put on your rubbers. It was such a relief to lay aside my patent stomache and was very thankful I did not have to carry it always like Uncle Dave. Lovingly Annie

**9 Nov. [1890], Wellington Ont., Marilla B Ogden Cronk to David F. Ogden  
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Wellington

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Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Brother David

I have now before me yours of Oct 19<sup>th</sup> which has so cheered my heart and filled me with joy, that I cannot express it. And not only myself but family, dear brother my heart was ~~so~~ full of prais to God knowing he had, or was answering my prayors. Oh how good the Lord is to us poor Sinful children, and how unworthy we are of his Love, yet He has Suffered and died for our Sins, and by His blood we are clesned, we cannot praise Him enough. Let us give Him all the Glory dear brother and if our way is not as bright as we would like, ask in faith believeing and we shall receive. He will in no wise cast out. And let us not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not, what precious promises all though the Bible. You say that thick mist is

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surely bless you in such a way you cannot express it, To any one but you will know that you are filled with a Heavenly mission. Now you pray for me and I will pray for you. I need your prayers dear brother for I feel sometimes that I am one of His weakest children, now let us be faithful, and od His will, that we may be ready to pass over the river with joy when called for. Alice has told all the news except that, William Bertam Lyns? Is marriad at last to a Miss Roblin. I guess I will not write any more this time as Wilford has written one sheet and Alice one and John has written tow. Dear brother excuse all mistakes and blunders for I have not words to express what I want to say. So please except it all in love from your loving Sister M. B. Cronk

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**Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1890 Jane M Huyck to David Ogden  
Folder 4-1[122-129]**

My Dear Brother

I am so glad to hear from you and so glad to hear that you are well again I was very much concerned about you when I heard you was sick away off in that strang land among strangers not knowing who would care for you but I prayed daily that the Lord would send a guardien angel to watch over you and take care of you. We are all enjoying very good health Martha is about the same does not appear to get any worse she has never been so that she could not hear the slightest sound on the Organ She has played in the

church two years and is still playing She can hear the Minister give out the hymns unless he speaks very low. The Electric fan you sent she never received I was very sorry Dr Breden recommended her to get one but we could never come across one here. Aunt Sabra is still living with us the boys has refused to do anything more so the Society of friends pays me for taking care of her She was 84 last April She is quite feeble she has never forgotten her alum she has a little stone now that resembles Alum she has been sucking on for about a month but is all the time wanting more for fear she will get out. I was out to Picton saturday saw a number of our friends think they are all well

Mr Cardwell and Elizajane is here on the place they have bought the place back with nothing to pay on it expecting to pay for it off the place getting a man to work it on shares. I suppose you heard Aunt Nancy Lines was dead died last spring last week Berten was married to a miss Roblin a very suitable companion Axa was married a few weeks ago to a farmer across the Bay.

— You said you would like to know how I have done I feel I have done well a kind Providence has blest us with a good crop of apples I had about \$125 worth of aples on our little orchard I cannot tell you exactly what we have done in the factory for we have not settled up but I think we have done very well better than some farmers with a hundred acres of land we have put about \$200 repairs on our house my debts are all paid and we have some money to good and I shall ever remember and feel thankful.

for the help I got from you and I hope and pray that you may never be in as poor circumstances as I have been if you are let me know and I will stretch out both hands to help you. I believe you are trying to live for Heaven and if you are the Lord will take care of you, all things work together for good to them that love the Lord; A mothers and sisters prayers will not fall to the ground and mother used to tell me how earnestly father used to pray for us all in his latter days may we be an unbroken family family in the world that is to come. —

— We get a letter from George quite often he says he has a very easy job and good wages but does not tell us what it is I am always willing to let my friends know what I am doing and like to know what they are doing, when you get to Cape Town write again I am always glad to hear from you even if they are short but I want one five times as long as the last we have not had any frost yet quite rainy today is sunday and it has rained hard all day, we hope it will dry off so we can give our house one coat of paint this fall we have had to work very hard all summer and have still a gret deal to do our house has all got to be whitened and papered and painted

Philip is still with me working in the factory we sold 860 worth of hogs has half and I give him \$100 besides and I suport the house and family I hope to do better by him in the

future Kary will be 8 in Febuary is going to school. Lena will not be five until May her health is better but rather delicate  
I remain your affectionate and may God bless you my wandering Brother Jane M Huyck  
B.R.B. Ont.

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Martha & Philip says they will write soon

**Wellington Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1890 – John Cronk to D F Ogden Cape Town South Africa.  
Folder 4-1[122-129]**

Dear Brother

It is now evening and I have a few spare moments befor I shall have occasion to retire for the night. And as this side of this sheat was blank, I take the privalege of doing a little scratching – Today has been very fine, like indian summer – We have had a nice fall, plenty of rain. got along with our ploughing very well. got along the last of our apple crop yesterday- Sold \$272.60 and Sept about 20 BB for our own use- Wilford Alice and Roberts brother Stephens boy is down to May's – I dont know whether they said that we got the book you sent from London the "Plurality of Worlds" it is a fine work, but I doubt whether it will make me want to go to some of the far of Planets to see how I should like their climate. It is to be hoped that the raped strides in the developing of the powers of the telescope will enable our anxious astronomers to count the neighbours chickings? on old Jubiter, and enabled to tell what breed does best up there. Oh! Marilla said I could leave a space for her to put in a thought or so- You will excuse me; with best wishes and our Gods choisest blessings on you &c John H Cronk  
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Dear Brother John has written a lot but I find a little space and I must say something if it is only a few words. I am thankful I can say we are blessed with good health. Alice and Wilford and myself mailed a letter to you the tenth last monday. and told all the news so I have not much to say tonight only

Alice and Wilford have gone a visiting this evening Annie is down to Mays. Now my prayer is. that the dear Lord may continue to be with you the rest of your life and bless abundantly your loving sister

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The Affidavit of Execution may be made before either of the following Individuals

- 1 A Judge of a Court of Record, or of any Court of Supreme Jursdiction in the Colony.
- 2 Or before the Mayor of any City, borough or Foron Corporation, and certified under the Common Seal of the city, borough or Town.
- 3 Or before a Notary Public, certified under his official seal.



4 Or before a Commissioner authorized by the laws of Ontario to take , in such British Colony or Province Affidavits in and for any of the Courts of Record of the Province of Ontario

P. S. It is not necessary for me to make any remarks as to the filling in of places left blank of the Power of Attorney or the Affidavit of Execution, you have done enough of such work to be posted —

**16 Nov. 1896 Wellington, Marilla B. Ogden Cronk to David F. Ogden  
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Wellington

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Brother

This is Sunday evening and we are blessed with good health. All well as far as we know. To day John, Wilford and I took dinner alone. After we came home from Church, Mother, Abie, and Alice, were invited to take dinner with Sammy Saylor, and family. So that left us quite alone, and we had a kettle full of Chickens, and it was hard for us to eat them up. I just wish you could have been here to help us, however we done what we could, and left the rest for another day. But I must tell you we had a good meeting to day, and we always will when we go expecting to meet the dear Saviour there, for He has said where the two's or the three's meet together in His name, there He will be also. Our meetings are not overly large but generaly good. Eliza Brewer, and Elizabeth Garrett, done the preaching, and there were Several prayors and some testimonies. Dear Brother we have written to the American tract Society to know about that Book, you spoke of Cause and Cure of Infidelity [Transcribers Note: The Cause and Cure of Infidelity: including a notice of the author's unbelief and the means of his rescue, David Nelson (1793-1844), Pub. New York, American Tract Society, 1841] and found that we could get it. So we intend sending to morrow for it, then we hope to have it soon to read. Then we will send it to you, and friends have sent for one to be put into our library. Alice was to town yesterday saw G. H. Stanton they were all well over there. I have thought of writing a little evry night or tow, then I will not forget what I want to say as each day brings forth some little thing which would be of interest to you, and by so doing I will get a letter almost before I know it. So I will say good night brother

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dear brother I have already broke my promice as when I commenced this letter I thought I would write evry night or two, but one whole week has passed, and not one word have I writen, I have had company most of the time so it has taken up my time besides Alice is down to Mays a making up some cloths to go to school. I have got rheumatism in my right hip it took me yesterday and has kept me on the chair most of the time, but to

night I am feeling a litler better am in hopes in the morning it will be all right. I have had it several times in the same place. John Stanton was married last week to Tom Morgans daughter of Bloomfield and have gone to visit Toronto Hamilton Detroit so I hear. I have not seen them. Now Nan and George has four Children in stead of two, how fast ones

family increases. David we have got the book and John has commenced to read it I have read a little. I think we are agoing to like the work we will read and then send it to you as you requested. Aunt Lyda Hubbs Mothers Cronks sister or half sister has been here two or three days, visiting. Just gone away. Our brothers and Sisters are all well as far as I know, dear me I guess I will have to leave this untill some other time as I do not feel in a mood for writing at all. I cannot collect my thoughts at all. So good night. Well John says I must finsih this to night so that he can mail it in the morning as he is going to take

Abbie and Stephen Cronks Son to the train and he would like to mail it. Abbie is agoing to Toronto to see if she cannot get rich dressmakeing, there we think it a wild idea but when she takes a thing in her head she is quite apt to do it or make the efort, if she is the looser by it, because she thinks she Knows best, however she will know when she tryes. I supose we all are somewhat the same. I hope she will do well. Now dear brother when you write please tell me of your Heavenly prospect is it getting brighter and are you not much happier than you ever have been. Praise be to His Name. He that hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. There is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be Saved. I have filled this sheet and it seames to me as I have read it over that there is not much in it after all, that will be interesting but if there is not take it kindly please for it is the best I can do this time. I may do better nex time. I close with a sisters love, the family joins me in sending there love

M. B. Cronk  
Wellington  
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**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1890 - John Cronk to David Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1[122-129]**

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Wellington Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1890

F.F. Ogden Esq

Cape Town South Africa

Dear Brother:

Sunday evening, and Marilla and I are on each side of the kitchen table, collecting out thoughts in order to pen a few of them to our distant brother; who we trust is enjoying true hapiness in that fare away African clime, basking in the warmth of the grand luminary of the day whithout; also experiencing the joy of that Heavenly light, that illuminates the life within the soul, of the true believer in the life that is to come to every honest seeker of the Lord.

On arising, this beaul morning, we find the ground covered with snow; just to remind us of the seasons in their turn; and to be on the lookout, and be prepared to meet them, with the necessary preperations, so needful to insure our comfort and prosperity, in these northern latitudes. I often think that I should much prefer a more even temperature for the to live in; even if I had to labour under some disadvantages to procure it.

2)

We are anxious to learn how your voyage agreed with you in the balance of your journey after leaving Lisbon; As that was the last tidings we have from you.

We have sent you three letters addressed to Cape Town, one of which was a large one mostly on business (containing draft of power of attorney &c) Hoping that all have reached you safely. We have tried to write quite often so that our letters may be expected to string along occasionally, if not overloaded with news. Marilla stated a letter for you last Sunday and was writing on the same to night while I was penning these few lines; but she stopped writing yawned and says that she has no news to tell tonight. Has picked up the Bible and seems to be scanning its sacred pages, as if her thoughts were wandering in a Heavenly direction for a purpose.

That little book you recommended us to send for has arrived I have been much interested in its perusal and must say so far as I have examined it; Mr Nelson's arguments are excellent: and the manner in which he places them before the minds of his readers is very convincing.

And as you wished us to read it and then send it to you; we shall most gladly do so at an early date. The little work is deserving of a wide circulation in these parts. Our society have ordered one for our library.

Since penning my last to you I have had one from Norman;- in answer to the one I referred to in my last to you. I did not keep a copy of the one to you, so I must speak from memory. I think I mentioned the part to you, that I wrote to Norman, that should he wish to leave the place before his time was out he could do so, by giving me a year's notice of his wish to do so. He writes me that "if he wanted to leave Colorado I ~~he~~ could not do so without the help of some of my friends" If I would give him the loose property which is on the place, he will give me possession in the spring of 1891. My answer to this last clause (No 2) is this. "David instructed me to sell the place so soon as your time was out; but if you wanted to ~~leave~~ give up the place before that time to let you do so. And when you sent me the statement of the products of the place, it looked like a losing affair for you: so I suggested the idea myself – granting you that privilege, by giving me timely notice, thinking I would ~~be~~ be doing you a favor by doing so, and not acting contrary to David's instructions ~~in doing so~~". taken from a copy of my letter to Norman dated November 14<sup>th</sup> 1890. I have not heard from him since — He has got so he can write me a reasonably lengthy letter now.

In one of my letters [torn] I enc[torn] a copy of Norman's bill of produce sold and expenses for the year ending October 1<sup>st</sup> 90 it gave you \$62.62 to your credit.

I asked for a detailed statement. He sent me a copy of his day book (so he says) – And I made up the accounts there from and I make your dues credit \$71.62.

I have been trying to get Norman to express an opinion, concerning properties in and around Boulder. Also of the probable value of your place – He seems rather shy in answering me. I wish you could refer me to some parties thoroughly reliable in Boulder or thereabouts that I could get an idea of what the prospects of real estate is likely to be during the time I have to sell the place in, I want to get posted up a bit you see. The return of the place is not paying the interest of your investment, and the only salvation is to try and have the improvements made in such a way as to make up a proper sum to pay in the end. I asked Norman if the permanent improvements would increase the value of the

place to the amount of the money expended in making them. He seems to think that he is not bound to make the place sell for more money by clear[ing] off the stone. I tell him, it will be very hard work for him to justify himself in making any permanent improvements on the place that does not increase the value of the place to the

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amount of the money charged to make such improvements. My paper is full and it is bed time. hoping to get good news from you I am as we your, ever lovingly?

brother John H. Cronk

**19 Dec 1890 - David Ogden from John Cronk**  
**Folder 4-1 [139-144]**

Wellington December 19<sup>th</sup> 1890

D.F.Ogden Cape Town S. Africa

Dear Brother: Your kind letter of November 9<sup>th</sup>/90 came to hand a few days ago. Right you are, "we were anxiously waiting and looking for it." The good tidings it brought us, truly gladden our hearts, your safe arrival, a fine voyage and the gaining of your health, Heaven's richest blessing – all of which we feel truly thankful to the Great Giver of all our blessings .

The description of your trip, the places visited the beauties of nature portrayed in your own poetic style is very interesting to us all, and speaks volumes for the happy healthy state of the mind of the writer.

It is really deserving of a place in our last? prints, to be perused by your many relatives and friends – so we think; and have acted on the suggestion and have taken steps to have it published at an early date.

The exercise of your mind, as to a Christian's hope as to in a future state of happiness, or otherwise, is a beautiful theme to study, and is deserving of much of our precious time; in order to put ourselves right, on that line, that leader to our best interest welfare; both here and hereafter.

2) That Medicinal article is called faith is like an Opiate – it has a most soothing effect on the mind – and that determination, to do right, in our will power; with our minds turned Heaven ward, for help in that, we most feel a lack of; is always supplied to the anxious seeker — "ask and ye shall receive"; "seek and ye shall find"; "knock and it shall be opened unto you": All of which is verified to the true believer — The reading of good books in connection with the bible, is certainly commendable and will decidedly produce a healthy growth of the mind where the seeker is after that wisdom that comes down from Heaven to the believer.

There I think I have said enough for one letter on this subject – there is one more point I may touch upon in some future letter. I want more thought than the spur of the moment to make remarks on that subject "of inspiration as it bears on the Holy Scriptures". Marilla has been writing all the evening and hunting her bible with great anxiety? to select a few chosen passages which is exercising her sisterly mind with true devotion.

David Bowerman has arrived home from New Zealand after a stay of nearly four years, and is looking hale and hearty – was here all night left this morning for Trenton on a visit – He had done well out in the Colonies. It is now nearly midnight and Marilla has given up,

cant finish to night – must go to bed – and I shall have to follo suit, and finish at some other time – good night. JH.C.

3) Sunday evening Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Weather has been cold – real old fashioned winter weather for some time back last night had a break of the cold snap – commenced to get warmer towards evening - rained during the night, this morning more rain, and during the day, so that our nice sleighing is about whiped –

We were at meeting to Wellington, did not have a very lengthly discourse from any one in particular some beautiful singing and scripture reading to our edification [smear] We miss J. T Dorland Jur in our meetings very much; at least I do, for I do like to hear a brilliant sermon. I was down to Picton Saturday seen P. Huff & daughter Annie B. Story and Yf.? also P. Empey; their respective families, all well as usual. I informed them of your safe arrival in Cape Town. All was glad to learn of your safe arrival and also of your good health. we were over to G H Stanton's last week to a reception of John and Kattie? Morgan Tom's girl, of Bloomfield. The new married pair had been off on a three weeks ture "to see how the goose hangs" heard that they got a turkey at Brother G. S. Ogdens at Midland – Well there was about thirty gathered at Mr Stanton's to do justice to the occasion – we ate the good things but the bride and groom did not get there to receive our congratulation – Telegraph came, train late be down in the morning – you can imagine the disappointment of all – We had our fun all the same. They came the next day. I have not seen them yet.

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David you might tell me what you ought to get for the place to clear your self financially – or what would be a fair price for it – I have asked Norman to put a price on it and he does not answer me – that makes me more anxious to learn all that I can so as to be well posted when the time comes to sell

[4) torn off] It is reported that John has got a very fine girl, the only daughter, he has one brother, and Tom is very well to doe in the world. We call it a good catch. It is not long since we sent you two letters verry well stocked with general news – allso Power of Attorney &c. I have been keeping up a correspondence with Norman he has sent me a draft for fifty dollars, which I sent him a recipt; and placed the amount to your credit. What amount of work did you expect to pay for yearly, such as "work done for the sole benefit of the land", such as pick removing stone &c"

I have been trying to learn what the land is like and how there is so many days picking stone to be paid for – some some fifty days charged under the clause of "work done for the sole benefit of the land" – I have been arguing that point with Norman; and trying to show him the distinction between "removing stone" and "for the benefit of picking stone for a off the work land in order to get a crop – in other words "to work the land in a workemanlike manner" – I dont wish to draw the line too fine – but I want to stick to the agreement – I am at a loss to know how just how afore I am to push my arguements, not being able to see the land, to decide what is perminent improvements – and what belongs to the general farm work; If you will kindly inform me how much stone there was to remove in all, or thereabouts I shall be glad.

I have been led to believe that the subsoi[l] on bottom is all stone in places and there will be a verry large quantity of stone picking to be paid for each year.

I am happy to say that Norman can now write me good long letters, for him. I feel that I have the better of the argument so far as I have the facts to go by.

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I think I told you in a former letter, that Norman wanted to sell out and leave before his time was out. I did not intimate a desire to buy, but would consent to let him leave by giving timely notice, if it would be of any accommodation to him.

5) David Bowerman came through Denver, on his way home. he says that Denver is going a head at a great rate. several large blocks went up this last summer. things have a permanent look out for the future. your place I should think would be a very desirable place for a country residence for a city man. of business.

Marilla is busily engaged at the other end of the table in preparing, with great care, some of her warmest feelings for her dear brother in a distant land, and among strangers – and the only one of her brothers who has not a wife to care for him – And in “the dark continent” – like Mungo Park, who lost his life in that in Africa many years ago – His graphic descriptions of an old black woman who took him in her hut of mud, out of a drenching rain, warmed dried and fed him, when he had no sister or wife to soothe his sorrows in that trying hour - Mr Park spoke highly of the poor old black’s hospitality and kindness.

It’s many years since I read the account, I think he lost his life in the Congo.

I did not intend this letter to be so lengthy I began to think that we were in for two postages as Marilla is shoving on in length so I have taken an extra sheet to try and fill up to get the full weight of postage for the amount of money paid out.

I trust we shan’t tire you out in length or matter not to you taste – Marilla has decided to send hers in an other envelope so should one be lost the other may reach you all safely

6) as two chances is better than one.

Hope you will excuse my business writing on Sunday evening – it may not strictly speaking be in order with the discipline of the Christian churches of the present day – And if it is not in harmony with your views of propriety, just jog my memory and that I shall may not be guilty of doing any thing to wound the tender feelings or religious feelings principals of a brother.

The folks are fixing for a quiet wedding at our house, next Tuesday evening. I see that she (Annie?) has informed you that she was expecting to “gunp [jump?] the bounty” in a former letter. Brother Saylor has made an assignment to his uncle to pay his debts out of all his property - he bought the west part of the Conger farm, the second farm east of this) of 140 acres paid down two thousand dollars leaving now \$4240. to be paid – land has run down very much in price. it must touch bottom soon, as times are brightening a little I think he has made a mistake in throwing up as he will lose his first purchase money, in the deal (of \$2000.) Farmers are fearful of the McKinley Bill. I feel quite hopeful of the near future. The family have all retired and I am asked to prepare some kindlings for morning before I can turn in for the night – so with many wishes for your health happiness and prosperity, and that you may pardon me for the length overlook the mistakes – I now say adieu with a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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I am as ever your brother John H Cronk



Wellington

**19 Dec. 1890 Wellington Marilla B. Ogden Cronk to brother David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [132-136] \_**

[Written upside down at the top of the first page is the following]

John was agoing to put his in this but he had to much for one that? we will send his bin?  
one and I will.\_

1<sup>st</sup>

Wellington

Friday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1890\_

David

Dear Brother your long looked for has arived, and it is with great pleasur we grasp it, read and reread over and over again, and it almost seams as if I could hear your voice as I read, dear brother, I have no dout that you know how glad you are when you get a letter from home, but do you know how pleased we are to get a letter from you. I dont believe you do but perhaps you do, but however we wont quarl about it, no I am a baking a fruit cake and I must go and look at it before it burns and If I could only put it in this letter I would evry bit of it. Say Dave I would just liked to have seen the great surprise on your face when you awoke and found in your hand the two horned bedbugs insteas of the pretty damsel you dreamed

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about, Grand Ma Cronk says he must be thinking about getting marriade when he dreames about it. Now you speak of the stroll over the platation, how I longed to ~~be~~ have been with you, to enjoy the sites. I should think that Jamace must be a verry cloudy place so many Collored people. What did they do with the Turtles did they take tham on to eat or to take them to some other country. It looks or seams cruel not to feed them, poor things. dear brother you now speak of hungering and thirsting after Spiritual food and that you are drinking from evry visionary brook but the waters seam stale. Oh my brother can you not go to the real-Fountain of living water has not our Dear Saviour said come to the fountain of living water, and He Said to the women of Sanaria if you drink of the water which I Shall give. You Shall never thirst and they that feed on Christ by faith shall never hunger. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which

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called Bogatskys goldon treasure is lost,  
Luke XIX.10 A certain writer, says he who seriously seeks to be saved both from the power and the punishment of sin, and seeks deliverance, only through Christ, should by no means give way to heaviness of heart. For, consider; Art though a lost Sinner, Christ's Salvation is brought to such. Art thou seeking his Salvation? This is a good token that Christ has sought thee, else thou wouldst not seek after him. Now whom Christ seeks he saves. Now dear seeking soul though your sins be as Scarlet, he has said I will wash you and make you as white as Snow While mourning over your sins consider the infinite love of Christ in dying for them, pray earnestly for the grace of God ~~the~~ and the Holy Spirit, to dwell within you



[The following is in brackets]  
(Wash me, and make me thus thine own;  
Wash me, and mine though art;  
Wash me, but not my feet alone.  
My hands, my head, my heart.)  
Yes, His blood Cleanseth from all sin

4<sup>th</sup> Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1890

I was tired and sleepy after sitting up until after twelve O'clock and had to go to bed and leave this for another time. So I will try again. I have been reading a Sunday School book title little Hazle or the Kings Messenger by the [smudged word] Author of little Snow drop which has been so interesting that I have put off writing so long I am afraid, And while I was reading I just thought of my dear brother how nice it would be for him to be the Kings Messenger in those heathen lands you can be one in your office, work there for Christ as well as any where Oh how often I have thought that is what I would like to be the Kings Messenger I love that name this was a little girl and her parents died and she turned out to be such a good little, that was good little girl, and that was why they that I often think how unworthy I am of His Love and goodness what can I do to ~~render~~ unto to Him for all He

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has done for me I am trying to live a good life, one that I can die by as well as live by, although nothing of my own but through Him one who has died that I might live, and has gone to prepare a place for me. Oh how often it has come to me since I have commenced this letter how Our dear Mother during her last Sickness whilst sitting in her chair has said to me remember, David, and help to draw him to the Saviour that we may meet in Heaven, if not here, and if you could see her Sweet smiles you could have known that she was going home to rest that home that beautiful home which we all can have if we have faith and believe in that Cleansing power. I come I come just as I am Without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me And that thou biddest me come to thee

Oh Lamb of God I come I come I wish I could explain these things as I see them but I cannot ~~but~~ so if you can find

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Mays baby is walking now and she is very proud just one sentence that would be any help give God the glory, and if not just believe I am doing the best I can as a sister. Annie is going to be married Tuesday at three O'clock. So I suppose she will be an Old Married woman before you get this. It may be owing to that the cause of my mixing up things so. It is very hard for me to make up my mind to have my children marry. we know not what they will have to endure but cannot expect them to always stay with us, although it is a thought I can not bear but am trying to make the best of it. Now it is after nine and I will soon draw this to a close I fear you will already be very tired of reading this. Now my prayer is May the Lord bless you and take the mist from your eyes and remove all doubts and fears and while on your knees that you may be able to shout for joy and be filled with the Spirit to overflowing that you will have so much that you will have to tell it to others as Paul did and hundreds of others  
your Loving sister M. B. Cronk.

Dear Uncle I will send you some verses of a song which I like to sing

Yonder's the land where the loved ones are,  
    Soon will the mist roll away!  
Joy soon to rest in that realm afar,  
    Soon will the mist roll away!  
There is the loving smile of Jesus to bide,  
    Visions of glory day by day!  
Faith fondly whispers, while in shadows we hide  
    Soon will the mist roll away!  
Dark loomes the path, but the promise heed  
    Soon will the mist roll away!  
Jesus alone can relieve thy need.  
    Soon will the mist roll away!  
Clear will the purpose of the Lord be to thee,  
    Hasten the master to obey;  
Blissful the vision that beyond we shall see,  
    Soon will the mist roll away!  
Bear thou the Cross till the Crown is won  
    Soon will the mist roll away!  
Work till the will of the Lord be done.  
    Soon will the mist roll away!

All will be reconciled to thee by and by,  
    Faith guideth on to perfect day;  
Soon shall the glory dawn upon every eye,  
    Soon shall the mist roll away!  
Yonder's the land where the loved ones are,  
    Soon will the mist roll away!  
Joy soon to rest in that realm afar,  
    Soon will the mist roll away!

[written in the margin at the top of this page and at right angles to it is the following]  
Alice and Annie thinke they will not write any this time but joins us in sending there love  
Wilford also I am as ever your sister M B C  
Miney Story Spencer has a boy I was up to see her found her quite smart Clara Ann was  
there taking care of her she has a verry nice home  
I sent you a photo I hope you have got it  
[continuing with this page]

Dear Uncle we were so glad to hear that you were safe there and that you were  
feeling much better. I hope you will get real strong and well. I should just like to have  
seen that lovely sunset you wrote about. I have always longed to see a sunset on the  
ocean and also a storm at sea but I suppose I will have to be satisfied with reading about  
them which I enjoy very much, you must always tell about the sights you see. I must  
close now with best wishes and love. Your loving niece Annie Cronk

28 Dec. 1890 Wellington Ont. Alice Cronk to Uncle David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [145-149]

Wellington  
Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Uncle David

Pa and Ma sent two letters to you about a week ago. I did not feel then as though I was quite ready to write to you ~~the~~ and I don't know as I can now with what I would like to but I have asked God to help me write something that may encourage you in going on in the good way. You say you are anxious to clear your mind of the dark thick clouds that come between you and the &c truth Well Uncle I believe that God never turns one away who is truly anxious to learn of Him. If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ you have eternal Life; this the Bible teaches. The more we believe this and ~~take~~

accept Him as our personal Saviour the less we will doubt. Do we not see and believe many things every day which if we should stop to study and reason about we would be apt to get mystified and doubt. We cannot understand how we are made nor how the different planets &c move on in their course nor how the winds come and go nor the seeds produce grass &c. Now if God can cause these things to perform their several duties why is it impossible that He could send his only begotten Son here as a little Babe to live and grow to manhood and be crucified that we – you and I – might accept Him (Jesus) as our Saviour and be saved from our sins. Oh! how God must of loved the world – or those of the world – to do this that we might [word obscured] be lost. We cannot see – [words obscured] tand

the scriptures unless we have the light ~~of~~ which God alone can give to help us. There is one thing to me seems to prove the truth of the Bible no matter how often we read if there seems always to be something new. The more we read it the more we can get out of it. Uncle when I learned you were studying the Bible it made me very glad indeed and it seemed a greater pleasure too for me to read it but I have to confess I do not study the Bible as I ought but what the love of God and belief I have in Him I would not give up for all this world. I am trying day by day to follow after Jesus but I am sorry to say I do not keep very close to Him many times yet I know He is merciful and kind and He knows I want to follow so He is very patient with me. I would rather follow at a distance

than not follow at all. It is quite easy for us to believe in those whom we love We don't doubt their love for us. Why can't we leave off doubting the Lord and his word. Let us ask God for Jesus sake to help us not to doubt but to believe with our whole heart that Jesus is our Saviour. Why need we trouble ourselves as to the truth of the Bible anyway as long as believing in it makes us happy here and leaves us with a hope of being happy here-after. I never saw a person who disbelieved the Bible that was entirely happy and it seems to me to cause far less trouble to have faith in the Bible and its truths than it is to try to disbelieve and have no sure hope of happiness hereafter. When I give up my belief in God &c I want something better, something more not something less. I am afraid I

have not said anything to help you but God will help you to see things very clearly if you keep on praying, trusting and reading His work. May God bless you dear Uncle.

As to news. I have not yet started to school but expect to go to Belleville soon probably inside of two weeks. Annie V. was married last Tuesday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> to Daniel Hutcheson a boy in the neighborhood. We had a small wedding for them. We had to work quite hard the last few days before the wedding to get in readeness but I tried to console myself and Ma too that this would be the last wedding we would have to fix for as I told them I never would have a wedding. Nor do I intend to have one even if I should get married. Howard and May also baby were up to wedding they were well. Baby walks now and tries to say nearly everything. I hear that Martha Jane does not

have very good health this winter I heard she went to see the Dr. last Saturday. She has had a cough for some time I do not know whether it still hangs to her or not. It has been a year since I made any of our folks a visit but I have been home so little of the time this year it seems I have had no chance I don't know if Ma told you that Minnie Story Spencer had a fine boy or not. Theressa expects to teach after New Year's not far from home Ida is Book-Keeper still in Belleville. Harry at present is home for vacation. He has been attending school at "Guelph Farm". Addie and Allen live on Uncle G. Ogden's ~~long~~ old place. Annie Huff Vanblaricom still lives at home Walter works the farm for Uncle. Obe and Bertha live in Toronto. They were down this Summer

for a visit. They have a fine boy I hear. I was in Napanee when they were down so did not see them. I think Ma told you Johny Stanton married Zetta Morgan-Town's daughter. William Burton Lyons also Acksab? Ogden are married. I think Uncle you must of had a very peasant voyage to Cape Town. We all thought your letter so interesting. We thought we would get it printed then all ~~the~~ our friends would have a chance to read it. Now Uncle as to your letter being too long. I did not find it so and I was the one who copied it for the Editor. When I got through I had over nine pages but my pages were hardly as large as yours. Our folks have just got home and such a hub-bub. I will have to close. I will leave the rest for Ma and Annie to write.

Your affte niece Alice Cronk

**28 Dec. 1890 Wellington Ont., Marilla B. Ogden Cronk to David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [150]**

Wellington Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Dave I love to call you dear Dave because it brings to mind old recalections, dont you remember when we all four or five used to go into mother's parlor when we were children without any light except the light of the stove and take hold of hands and jump around and watch our shadows on the wall, and laugh ready to hurt ourselves. Now often I think of it. Well Dave those were happy day it is stroming out, snowing and blowing a real old winter. We were out to church and while we sat in silence a few minutes my heart went up to thrown of grac in your behalf as well as my own, we had a quiet meeting to what we do sometimes but I enjoyed it verry much, and my daly prayor is, that the dear Savor will take away the veil from your eyes and all doubts and fears that you may cast

your all upon Him, who has died that you might live. Praise His name your ever loving  
sister do right and fear not M B Cronk.

[The following is written in the margin at the top of this page]

please excuse much from me this time but I cannot seam to have a letter go without  
writing something in it

MBC

I will put a tiney little Hyacinth blossome in this letter for you it smells so swet and hope  
it will sent up the letter if nothing more it is a lovely little flower and so fragrant I hope  
you will be able to see its beauty when it gets there but I fear not good buy

**30 Dec. 1890 Wellington Annie Cronk Hutchinson to Uncle David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [137-138]**

Wellington Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1890

Dear Uncle

I suppose Alice has told all the news. She said she told you about my wedding. It  
is now a week since I was married of course I think that I have one of the best men in the  
world I know he will always be kind to me and although we are not rich we shall be  
ahppy as we both can work and will work. Dan has a farm but has not paid all on it yet  
and for that reason we gave up our wedding trip as we were intending to go to detroit to  
visit his grandfather. We both wanted to go very much but Ma said we had better save  
the money to pay on the farm. I had to fight a battle with myself before I could give up  
the trip I had looked forward to so long. We went home with

May and Howard and stayed a couple of nights then came home. I shall remain at home  
this winter to prepare for house-keeping. Dan's farm is the second one below this. He is  
the only child and his parents are both alive. The house will be divided as it is large  
enough.

I was at Picton last week and saw Uncle Peter he said they were well. I saw Aunt  
Clara and they were well. I saw all of Aunt Nan's family. I think Johny has a nice little  
wife. They took a grand trip to Uxbridge, Hamilton, Toronto, and Midland were gone  
three weeks. I wish you would write very often. Take good care of yourself. I cannot  
send any more in this letter or it will be over weight. I hope you got our pictures. In the  
photo baby and I are to sober to look well. This paper is greecy I can hardly write on it.  
God be with you till we meet again. Lovingly

Annie V Hutchinson

**31 Dec. 1890 - Cape Town South Africa – David F. Ogden to John H. Cronk  
Folder 4-1 [151-152]**

Cape Town. So. Africa  
Dec. 31 – 1890

J. H. Cronk  
Wellington, Ont.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> came duly to hand enclosing Power of Attorney to be signed. I have signed it and return by this mail.

My first and only caution to you is: - while you are doing business for me I wish you to keep to yourself (and better half) anything and everything that concerns my affairs except that which is necessary to divulge to others, and when you have money of mine to loan accept only the very best security, or at any rate, be sure you are guaranteed against future depreciation in value of such guarantee – furthermore, under no circumstances loan any money of mine to Ben Story or Peter Huff, no matter how much interest you get or what security they give or may offer. I cannot forget their conduct to me in 1883.

There is a Mortgage of (\$1300) Thirteen Hundred dollars on my place due the 4<sup>th</sup> X of March next. I am not prepared to meet it and am trying by this mail to get \$2000. of the Bank in Boulder to take it up and also have some money to good to use here. I think I will have no difficulty in doing it. I need a few hundred

2/ dollars here as soon as I can [paper fold] there for a certain speculation which I am sure will yield me a good return in a short time. I will put my Bankers in Boulder in communication with you.

X The holder of the above mortgage offers me all the time I want but I prefer to have it out of his hands. The holder's name is A. T. Bacon of Greeley, Colorado,  
X or at least he is the agent.

X There is some money yet – about \$200. – in the hands of my Banker in Boulder who attends to the payment of interest and pays taxes etc. The Bank also has some private papers of mine which I will order sent to you. In case I get the money I want, a new mortgage will be drawn up which you will require to sign.

I am in hopes to be pretty well fixed in the course of two or three years if my health is spared. I am very sorry that I had not come here a year ago instead of going to So. America.

I hope Norman will decide to leave the place at the end of another year. I am inclined to believe that he is playing me a very mean trick by devoting his principle time to the Bees instead of the land. In the former I get no share.

With love to all and many happy returns of the Season I am &c

Your afftn brother

D. F. Ogden

[The following at the bottom of this page appears to have been written by John H. Cronk]  
Dal??t Cape Town S. Africa

Decembr 31<sup>st</sup> 1890

J. H. Cronk

**7 Jan. 1891, David F. Ogden to Marilla Berthena Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1 [184-187]**

Cape Town So. Africa  
Jan. 7 1891



My dear Sister Thene

Your welcome letter of Nov. 16-23 as well as some others previously are at hand. I will write a few words although I have not much to say.

How did I spend the Holydays? Well about the same as usual. I wished many times that I could have been with you enjoying some of the good things of your bounteous table. I have thought of you frequently. I have been boarding, since coming here, with an American family (Mr & Mrs. Johnson) from Kentucky. They have no children and are very kind and pleasant people. I did not leave the house either Christmas or New Years. In your last you wish me to speak to you regarding my Heavenly prospect etc. Dear Sister, while my belief in a ~~for~~ future State of existence and some other things has materially changed and while I am always open to conviction and shall never cease to seek for the truth in all matters of religion as well as otherwise, I cannot say that I am so enthusiastic as to admit of a wholesale conviction of the truth of everything written by Biblical authors. I am thoroughly

convinced that there is something, usually called a soul, which remains with the body during life and leaves it when death occurs. What becomes of the Soul I know not and all assertions regarding this matter can at best be but mere conjectures. We may only hope for the best. I shall always strive to do that which my conscience dictates to me is right. What more to do I do not know. May God be with you and bless you all.

Berthenia, I spoke in one of my former letters about Alice coming to Africa. I was joking when I said I would give her \$100 per month but not so about her coming here. I wish now to say a few words in real earnest. I anticipate making this my home for several years and while I have done but little business up to date I feel quite confident of having a good practice in a very short time. I opened office on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nov. My receipts for Nov. was £3. or \$15. and for Dec. £32-7-6 or about \$161. Every thing bids fair for reaping a rich harvest in the future and of obtaining a practice that I can sell to advantage in 5 or 6 years should I desire to leave the place.

If in two or three months. I find that I am securing a good permanent business

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and that I would like to have Alice come and stay with me and assist me do you think with your permission she could be induced to come? If here she would give a certain tone to the office which would be impossible to get otherwise. Through her acquaintances she would command a certain amount of influence which would be valuable to me. As to there being any stigma attached to her being in the office there would be none. In this country it is a common thing for a Lady to engage to a gentleman in a matter of business. Ladies attend bar where liquor is sold and are occupied in many other businesses which might be looked upon in your country with some discredit. But here they loose nor respect by doing so. If she wished to return at any time she might do so. As for recompensing her, if she decided to come and would leave the whole matter to me I am sure she would not have cause to complain. I should want her to be in the office during business hours and assist me around the chair with patients. As to cleaning up the office, I would engage some one to come twice a week to mop the floor and do any other dirty work to be done and Alice need do nothing more than to dust out etc. In two, three

or four months I will write you again on this matter and in the mean time you and she may

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think it over. You need not decide one way or the other until you hear from me again on the subject.

I got a letter from Minerva last mail and one from Anthelia some time ago both will be answered in due time. Many thanks for your photo. It is very natural indeed all except the little Turk who looks thoroughly like a chip from the old block. Mischief crops out in every line of its beautiful face. The photographs you find in my trunk you may distribute around among our family as you see fit. Any ~~the~~ clothing you find there make use of before they spoil. In fact use anything you find if it will benefit you. Some one has given me George Ogden's address but I have lost it and would like to have it again. He does not write me and perhaps does not want to hear from me. The weather here has been very hot for some time back. My health is now extremely good and I little fear but it will remain so.

With Love to all I remain as ever  
Your affectionate brother &c  
D. F. Ogden

P.S. The leave I send you are called "Silver leaves". The tree grows here near the City and are said not to be found in any other part of the world. D. F. O.

**7 Jan 1891 – DF Ogden to John and Marilla Cronk  
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Cape Town So. Africa  
Jan. 7 – 1891

J. H. Cronk

Wellington Ont.

Dear Brother

I wrote you last week but since that I received yours of Nov. 23 -90 and in reply to my affairs with Norman would say that I did not expect he would make much from the place this year (past) but if he has planted the place to berries as was agreed upon, next year he ought to do much better and the two years following he should do extremely well.

As to some one helping him to leave Colorado, had he dealt squarely with me he would have no difficulty in getting away from there whenever he wished to go but his policy in dealing with me was to get all he could and keep all he got without giving me the least security whatever. In any transaction you may have with him on my account give him no advantage whatever more than you would give to an entire stranger. Under no circumstances give him ~~him~~ anything for leaving the place.

So far as Normans judgment goes as to the value of the place, it does not amount to much, I never

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expect to get as much for the place as it has cost me. Perhaps I shall loose \$1500. or \$2000. This is my reward for trying to help him. However it must be sold when Norman leaves, and a good man to put yourself in communication with would be either J. H. Nicholson, Cashier of the "National State Bank" of Boulder, or J. W. Day Real Estate Agent of Boulder. I bought the property through Mr. Day. Both these gentlemen appear to be honest and straightforward men and I think you may rely upon what they say.

I don't know that I can give you any further information in this matter and will now say go ahead and do as you think ought to be done and we will hope for the best.

With kind regards I am &c.

Your Afftn. brother

D. F. Ogden

P. S. If when Norman leaves, he wants to turn in any furniture or any thing else of value on what he is owing me, accept it if it can be disposed of for money, for whatever I get in this way I will consider as so much gain. Otherwise I never expect to he will pay what he owes me.

D. F. O.

[Envelope]

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J. H. Cronk  
Wellington  
Pr. Ed. Co.  
Ontario  
Canada

[Envelope back]

D.F. Ogden Cape Town  
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Mr & Mrs Johnson    family letters  
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Disposing of thing in  
Trunk

Dear Sister M. B. Cronk

Your kind letters I have received and will answer soon. Please tell Alice she need not give herself any trouble about the amount of interest she will have to pay on that money nor the time she is to return it. If I want it very badly I will give her due notice.

All the clothing and books you have found in my trunk you may use in any you see fit. Dont let them lay and rot. The Ivory shoe horn and button hook I will give you as a present.

I hope you have enjoyed yourselves during the present holydays.

Allow me to wish you all many happy returns of the season

Your afftn brother &c

D.F. Ogden

Received February 4<sup>th</sup> 1891  
in a letter mailed at Cape Town  
South Africa Decembr 31<sup>st</sup> 1890  
J.H.Cronk

**27 Jan 1891, David F. Ogden to John H. Cronk & Marilla B. Ogden Cronk  
Folder 4-1 [188-189]**

[entered by a different hand and pen]

Cape Town Jany 27<sup>th</sup>/91

Received March 4<sup>th</sup>/91

Dear brother and Sister

As you will see I have written Alice that I want her to come out here and help me. I have really set my mind so thoroughly upon her comming that I shall be greatly disappointed if she does not come. And why not come? I will give her much more than she can get in any other way and the fact of her being so far away does not count at all. I will take good care of her and she may as well be five thousand miles away as thirty excep that you cannot see her so often. I have had a good many ways for money lately and so will not be able to send her the required amount for about a month yet but I would earnestly like that she should start at once if you could raise the money for her I will send it to you in a month. The fare from Southampton England to here is £~~45~~ 35 = \$~~225~~ 175. I don't know what it is from New York to Southampton - perhaps \$60. more or less. The mail ship leaves Southampton every Saturday about 2 P. M. I think she could get her ticket in New York for the whole distance. I need her badly and she can write me a week or two ahead of the time she starts. Please send her as soon as possible - I send by this mail a book from which you can get all information Yours

D F

Ogden

[Envelope]

**4 Feb 1891 – D.F. Ogden to John and Marilla Cronk**  
**Folder 4-1[177-179]**

[179 envelop]

Miss Alice Cronk  
Wellington  
Prince Ed. Co.  
Canada Ontario

[noted over the above on the perpendicular]

D.F.Ogden Cape Town

Date Feb 4/91

Received March 6<sup>th</sup> / 91

Sent Alice's Back?

March 7/91

( and letter of Jany 27)

books answered March 9/91

Important

About Boulder

Property

[Partial post mark]

CAPE T

Cape Town So. Af.

Feb. 4 – 1891

Dear brother and Sister

Your welcome letters of Dec 19 and 28 are both at hand, and I will reply Shortly. I am sorry you have seen fit to have my first letter from this place published. I dont know what you could have seen in it to think it worthy of the public press. surely I had no intention of such a notoriety. That is something I am not seeking. I shall have to make my letters short hereafter.

Speaking of Cake. A lady friend of mine from Birmingham Mass. U.S.A. sent me a beautiful fruit cake sealed up in a tin box and sent by mail registered. It seemed quite as fresh when I got it as it had been recently baked. The Hyacinthe came all right and was a bright yellow with some perfume left. I will write Annie at a future time. Too busy now. John it seems to me that my place in Boulder ought to bring \$4000. if not more if Norman has planted the berries I wanted him to and taken care of them. Possibly it might bring \$5000. It ought to bring even more. More than the latter figure to let me out. There are patches

of stone on the land that seem almost and endless job to get rid of If Norman puts in his time to a good advantage in removing stone I dont begrudge \$50 or \$60 a year for it. The fact is when I left there I was so disgusted and in such a strange mood that my only

thought was to get away from them and therefore submitted to term much against me. There was no limit to the time he was occupy in removing stone or otherwise improving the place other than what you will find in the agreement.

When you get my accounts books from the Boulder Bank you will see what the land and other things cost me.

In haste Love to all

yours

D F Ogden

**8 Feb. 1891, John H. Cronk to D. F. Ogden**

**Folder 4-1[226-231]**

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Wellington Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1891

D. F. Ogden

Cape Town S. Africa

Dear Brother

Yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> Decemb- 1890 came to hand Feb 4/91. Enclosing Power of Attorney Also letter of advice and instructions to guide my movements in your affairs, all of wich I hope to carry out satisfactory to you mind. I shall open a corespondence with [damage] Banker in Boulder when he se[damage] the deed and other papers concern[damage] land. I did not answer immed[damage] receipt of the above mentioned letter [damage] d was looking for annother in a few days – and so we got yours of January 7<sup>th</sup> /91 came to hand Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 91 Just a month to a day. I am not just sure that I sent you a statement of what your share of the products of the place came to or not — so I may just give you the figures now viz amount sold \$275<sup>50</sup> your share of expenses \$52<sup>25</sup> work done by Norman in picking stone \$60. up to Oct 1<sup>st</sup> / 90 [damage] leaving your share \$71<sup>52</sup> and Nom?[damage] me a draft of \$50, And also sent [damage] of work done since Oct 1<sup>st</sup> of \$16<sup>50</sup> [damage]

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to pay it. [damage] all able to do so at some future time.

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I[damage] to pay my debts 100cts on th \$. and I can [damage] with him that he will prosper better by [damage] so, to the extent of his ability, then otherwise. [damage] rongs no man, and he must do what [damage]right at least I shall make an earnest [eal] to him to do the right thing always, He sent Norman a lot of land (80 acres) in the State of Michigan – do you know the number of the lot, and whether it is incombered or not: and what is the possible worth.

You say that you expect to lose \$1500. or \$2000, on the Boulder property. I think you told me something near what you paid for it, but it has sliped my memory. [damage]000, is a large amount of money to loos on a [damage] place said to be the puties? place in



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[damage]y your Brother J. H. C

Wellington Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1891

D. F. Ogden,

Dear Brother

This is Sunday evening and the rest of the folks are away to meeting except mother and myself, and I thought it a fitting time to drop you a few hastily written lines, expressive of our gratitude to the great giver of consolation that we have received. word once [damage] your good health and so much in [damage]ment of your future prosperity [damage]

The tone of your letters is a good [damage] cation of a tranquil mind — We are glad to learn that you are so well pleased with the place the china the people and your own prospects.

am glad you got the Photos all right I sent you the book you requested (David Nelson on “Cause and cure for Infidelity”) and some papers. I shall not attempt to answer your letters in detail at this time you spoke of your close [clothes] in your trunk [damage] I trust you will pardon me for [damage] so nicely into your coat and [damage] doing good service — I will try to [damage]

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I shall leave the rest of this to be answered by Marilla as she has got home, and ask me to let her have my place

[damage]on” while you were away; the fit me [damage]ould not be better pleased if I had [damage] the taylor my self. They have a cert[ain] ceen? about them that give me new life, they have been “well-educated”.

You asked for G. S. Ogdens address “Midland” Ontario. We had a card from him a day or two ago also a letter from his wife. they were well and doing well. George was buying and shipping potatoes to Toronto. the profit he did not say. Alice (his wife) and her sister are at [damage]o dressmaking and doing well.

[damage]t a letter from John not long since, [damage] was not very well, but on the mind. [damage]er down to Minerva and made a visit [damage]w days ago. heard from Waity she wals [was] [damage]ll. Phil Empey and Marty? were [over] last week, on their way back called and stayed all night with us — Oh; I should say that Aunt Sabra is much the same only failing slowly sinking up to a mere shadow — that tooth wants alum all the same. her memory is very poor — her health is good — appetite strong — She ate her dinner and shoved back, had one of those spell — and sat up to the table again for her dinner [damage] forgotten that she had just finished [damage]inner. It was rather a novel but rather [damage] feeling experens for the sympathetic

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[damage]rken. It made me [damage], to see what age will [damage] this bodies of ours [damage]ver leave” are very k[damage] your Brother J H Cronk [damage]

Wellington

Feb [damage]

Dear Brother

Your more than welcome letter lies now before me of Jan 7<sup>th</sup> which I will try to answer. But dear brother I feel the loss so much that I often think that my letters are of so little interest. It makes it verry hard to write. If I could write as I think or see things or in other words as I see them in my minds eye it might then be of some interest. The first place I am glad you can board with an American family as it will seem more like home and you say they are verry kind and pl[damage]ant Now dear brother I hope you may always apreiciate there [damage] and I trust you will, as you have made a gr[damage] for good and if you search with faith and prayor [damage] how to gain Gods free and full forgiveness for evry past [damage]

Now brother as speek of Alice going to Africa, we [damage] leave it for some future time She is now going to Belleville Ont College and we here from her evry week She is geting along nicely but had some colds settle I wish you a good practice and good health long life and a bright hope I an glad the Photoes reached you, the little kid as you call her, wanted to go to Annie and did not like to stay on my lap so she looks a little cross She is a verry sweet looking child and is walking and talks and can sin the air of two tunes s[damage]at seventeen months My shoulder is aching so b[damage] to go to bed and finish another day if my [damage]

Dear brother in reading this over I see I have made s[damage] [faded] but that is the way I am alway mixing thing[damage]

[damage]is rather changeable now adays Wind [damage]nd raining now July 9<sup>th</sup> 7, P,M

Monday eleven Oclock, and I have prepared diner so now I may have a little time to write — All well it has been snowing hard and fast, We have had a verry pleasant winter with now and then a verry cold wave passing over, As we have had verry little snow so far the ice has ~~well~~ got very thick grand driving on it and the ice boats are just flying over the lake sometimes three or more at a time. I supose you have never seen one as they are quite a new thing, only a few years since they have been invented. If any one wants to go swift they ca[damage] on those things they have Sails on like a boa[s]t and runers [damage]mething to steer as on boats, and then the harder the wind [damage] faster the they go, they got across the lake in a very few [damage] supose it would be great novility for some in those [damage]unats you better step over and have a ride some day.

Well the winter will soon be gone and farmers on their land hard to work again full of life and ambition I supose I should say those that have good health but some have passed away and some are passing one of Clintons step sons has gone, with Consumption they used to live out on the goar, left a young wife to mourn his loss, and Jackson a brother to George White's wife is about dying with the same dise[damage] and George White, is in the Asylem yet poor boy that is what drink has done for him he is as crazy as he can be and is sick now with Kidney Complaint. they think he will not live long. Sometimes tears? the[damage] all off himself. How thankful we ought to be, that we have our [damage] and should we not improve each moment as it flies and we can let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good [damage] Father which is in

Heaven Mathew 5<sup>th</sup> 16 John wants to take [damage] noon and one to Alice so as to catch the after noon train [damage]ins is love hope this will find you as it leaves us. your loving sister

**8 Feb. 1891, Wellington, John H. Cronk to D. F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [160-161]**

Copy

Wellington Feby 8<sup>th</sup> 1891

D. F. Ogden, Cape Town S. Africa

Dear Brother: Yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1890 came to hand Feby 4<sup>th</sup>/91. enclosing Power of Attorney also letter of advice and instructions to govern my movements in your affairs, all of which I hope to carry out satisfactory to your mind.

I shall open a corespondence with ~~the~~ your Bankers in Boulder when he sends me the deed and other papers connected with the land.

I did not answer immediately on the receipt of the above mentioned letter – as I was looking for another in a few days – and so we got yours of Janry 7<sup>th</sup> 91 came to hand yesterday Feby 7<sup>th</sup> Just a month to a day – I am not quite sure that I sent you a statement of what your share of the products of the plase cane to or not – so I may just give you tha figers now amount of produce sold \$275<sup>00</sup> expenses \$52<sup>25</sup>, work on place picking stone \$60, up to frost of October 1<sup>st</sup> leaving your share \$71<sup>52</sup>, Norman sent me a draft for \$54. Also on another bill of picking stone and working in ditch of \$16<sup>50</sup>, said he would want some money to by onion seeds for spring sowing. “Norman says he set out 2100 Black berries roots last spring and 1000 of them died, cause, worm or grubbs.”

David if you will please ~~to~~ send me Normans account, or tell me where I can find it. I shall try to put it in a shape so that he cannot refuse to pay it if he is at all able to do so at some future time I think that I shall be able to ~~fr~~ bring such arguments before his mind that he cannot refuse to pay his debts so long as he has means to pay with – I have to pay my debts 100 cts with \$, and I can reason with him that he will prosper better by doing so to the extent of his ability than otherwise. Right rongs no man, and he must do what is right. – At least I should make an earnest appeal to him to do the right thing always.

~~Should he hesitate, I shall have to tell him, that life is too short, for him or I to commence to do rong, or act dishonest in any business matters.~~

Hasent Norman a lot of 80 acres in the State of Michigan – do you know the number of the lot and whether it is incumbered or not, and what is its probable worth. You say that you expect to lease \$1500, or \$2000, on the Boulder property – I think you told me at one time what you gave for it but it has sliped my memory - \$2000 is a large amount of money to lease in a fine lot said to be one of the prices places plac in Boulder

pretiest places in Boulder

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we must not be to easily disheartened, over this affair before we give it a thourough sifting, I think I may close the ??? in both ???

**11 Feb 1891 DF Ogden to SS White Dental Co**  
**Folder 4-1[159]**

Cape Town – South Africa  
Feb. 11 – 1891

Mr. Frank Harmstad  
Manager of The S. S. White Dental Mfg, Co  
New York. N. Y.

Dear Harmstad

The bearer of this Mr. John H. Cronk and daughter – the latter is coming out to Cape Town – allow me to introduce to you. They are my brotherinlaw and Niece. Will you kindly send by them a sample of, say,  
½ doz. each of 3 sizes of round Burs

“                      “                      oval                      “  
“                      “                      fissure                      “

1 Handy box (E. P. Browns invention)

1 glass dish with brush for cleaning burs. and if the platina I ordered in my last order is not the same as is used for taking impressions of cavities for glass fillings, please send sufficient for about 300 fillings.

In three weeks from the time you get this you may draw on Mr. J. H. Cronk – Wellington. Pr. Ed. Co. Ontario for the amount I am owing you.

2) Please show Mr. Cronk and daughter around your House. What you have will be entirely new and may be very interesting to them. Regards to yourself and the boys.

Kindly oblige

Yours

D F Ogden

**23 Feb. 1891, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to J. H. Nicholson Esq.  
Folder 4-1 [162]**

Copy

Wellington Feby 23<sup>rd</sup> 1891

J. H. Nicholson Esq ~~Western State Bank~~  
Boulder Colorado

Dear Sir:

I Received (~~all in good order~~) your Express Package at Austin's offices at Wellington, last week. Containing Books and Documents all in good order property of ~~Mr~~ D. F. Ogden Esq of Cape Town South Africa. ~~All in good order.~~ M<sup>r</sup> Ogden informs me that he desires to make some arrangements with you to take up the present mortgage of (\$1300) Thirteen Hundred dollars:) ~~now~~) (against his Boulder property) and ~~by~~ giving a new mortgage- And that he ~~had~~ would advise you of said wish – the mortgage I believe falls due early in next month – I have cum looking for some advice from you to that effect. I suppose M<sup>r</sup> Ogden informed you that he had given me Power of Attorney to act for him in the papers? I have such Power of attorney in my possession now: properly executed and certified to.

I shall be most happy to cwork with you to forward M<sup>r</sup> Ogden's ~~interest~~ best [the following is written vertically in the left margin] interests in all matters. Your early advice will much oblige your most humble servant  
John H Cronk Wellington PO Ontario Canada P. Ed Co

**25 Feb 1891 – D.F. Ogden to John Cronk  
Folder 4-1[182-183]**

Cape Town So. Africa  
Feb. 25 – 1891

John H. Cronk  
Wellington  
Ontario

Dear brother

I received a letter from brother John Ogden soon after my arrival here in which he complained most bitterly of ill health and scarcity of the means to live and also of bad luck in past years and in which he asked for assistance. At that time I could do nothing for him and told him he must depend upon his two sons who were both strong and healthy and who ought to be able to support him in his infirmity and declining years. I am sure he has suffered much from piles and dispepsia and no doubt need badly something to help him along. His letters for years past have been of a most pitiable tenor and on this account I almost dread to get one from him knowing full well what it will be. I am not able to buy him a home out and out and in lieu of this as you will handle much of my money in future I will authorise you to send him every three months Twenty five (\$25.) dollars beginning with the first instalment on the first of April 1891. You may say

to him that I dont know how long I shall keep this up, and therefore he should use it economically while it lasts. Yours D F Ogden

Dear Sister Berthenia.

~~P.S.~~ If Alice has not yet left when you receive this please send by her the document I sent you from Boulder with the request not to open it but to put it in Your Bank for safe keeping. If gone please mail it to me and oblige

Your affte brother

D. F. Ogden

You may also send me, instead of the Maple Syrup I asked for in my last letter, 25 or 30 and I dont care if you make it 50 lbs. of Maple Sugar – If she has gone and has brought me some Syrup or sugar all right but if she has not brought any please send the above quantity of Sugar by express and charge same to me. D.F.O.

**Folder 4-1[176]**

[opened envelop – see comment in above letter]

David F. Ogden

Care of Marilla B. Cronk

To be held until called for by

The Owner

**1 Mar. 1891, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to David F. Ogden**

**Folder 4-1 [163]**

to D F Ogden Copy in Post card

Wellington March 1<sup>st</sup> 1891 Dear Brother I got an express package sent of N. S. Bank acknowledged the receipt of same. Intimated your wish about loan asked Mr. Nicholson to advise me in the subject have not heard from him as yet, most probably will this week. Will write soon again. We are head over ears in a Dominion Election, very anxious to win, have received two papers ??ably all well compliments as usual J. H. C.

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Copy to

J. H. Nicholson Esq

Nation State Bank

Colorado

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1891

**9 Mar 1891 – J Cronk to D.F. Ogden**

**Folder 4-1[172 – 175]**

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Wellington March 9<sup>th</sup> 1891

Cape Town S. Africa

D.F. Ogden

My Dear Brother;

Your ~~always~~ welcome letter of January 27<sup>th</sup> 91 – came to hand March 4<sup>th</sup> [two obscure words].

We have been trying to weigh the matter of Alice's trip to England and thence to South Africa, as a reality soon to be in motion.

Marilla and myself have passed very few words on the subject as yet. We are (I believe) both studying the matter in our own minds and feeling of our hearts – And not as yet quite ready to make a move in the matter; without some council together after our individual thought. Your first intimation in a previous letter would of given us plenty of time to play it out – ~~And~~ but this one coming so soon after; ~~The first thought~~ The whyevery of action on the subject puts us in an awkward position not expecting to have to decide so soon and Alice being away to Collage; and we have not seen her since she went away – I wrote her on the subject and sent ~~the~~ your letter of the 27 Jany.

I intimated to her; that you would hardly like to have her leave Collage before getting through the courses she had taken up. For if she did, it would almost appear as if the

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time and money already spent would be thrown away – and it would only be a matter of a few months longer; for you to wait until she had graduated - so looking at the matter from the above stand point; and reasoning, I thought best to advise ~~the~~ Alice to ~~to~~ think carefully on the subject, while she was continuing her studies to the end of the course she had taken up – and ~~hold a~~ secure ~~her~~ a Diploma as the reward of her laborse; ~~and~~ a monument ~~of~~ in memory of the kindness of her uncle David – Your second letter on the subject of the 4<sup>th</sup> February came to hand March 6<sup>th</sup> I forwarded it to Alice the next day – have not heard from her on the subject as to that one. But got a letter today about the one of the 27 January. She says that she must get through Collage first; for then she will be of that much more service to you. Also says that she feels so much indebted to for your kindness; that she is led to look most favourable ~~to~~ on your request – and I guess that she would be able to have some good company as far as England. I shall leave this now until I hear from Alice in answer to my last letter [Note: fingers cover some text in the image] nclosing yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> Feby. Speaking of that letter – we had decided to publish – it did not get in the papers after all, I left a copy to the Times office for some two or three weeks a happy coincident ocured the paper was so drove in Municipal printing - ~~it~~ the coppys was lain one side, ~~so~~ my not seeing it in the paper – I called for it and took it? [On left margin vertically, partial Fingers Covering {FC}] [FC] of your sisters had not had a chance to see it. So it h[FC]~~ven~~~~to~~ turn out all for the best. In your ? ~~had~~ and we are (glad

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So you need not make your letters short for fear that we will put them in the Publick prints, as it was the length that scared the Publisher out.

The figures you gave me on the Boulder property will be of use to me in the future, and I am glad you sent them. I have your Account Books from the Bank of Boulder. Your Ledger I have been looking through; a bit; some of the accounts are not balanced up – Viz the Nation States Bank Boulder, is open, with a large amount to your Credit.

I find W. N. A. account all balanced.

~~Bills Payable account open; but I find that; paid by First National Bank Denver in Bank-  
acct – Those Deeds and Trust deeds Those instruments called Trust Deeds appears as the  
same as our Mortgager in operation.~~

The Banker sent me four Warranty Deeds made to yourself. Some Releases of Deeds of Trust – Ten Documents; concerning land, and one Insurance Policy, on Boulder Hou and Barn – Policy expires March 11<sup>th</sup> 1892.

Marilla and Wilford have just got home from evening meeting, it is now after ten oclock P.M. and my eyes are beginning to get a little sticky so I shall have to lay this by and finish later on.

March 11<sup>th</sup>. We wer[e] threshing pea[s] ~~all-day~~ yesterday all day. I was too tired to write, last evening, so have left, for this evening. We finished the peas this fournoon. I must confess that I do not like to tend threshing machines; it is so disagreeably dirty; it make one feel so stuffy for a day or two after it.

I got a letter from Alice last evening on the subject of going to Cape Town. She has enclosed two small sheets for you. I shall enclose them to you in this letter.

Alice is coming home for Easter – when we will settle the matter of her going most likely. Marilla does not say much on the subject – She seems to look on the great distance, and great risk (in her mind) of traveling alone. And I suppose may be thinking of some old legend, of shiprecked experiences that she may have read about, in olden times; while navigating the great watters by small sailing vesals of inferior build. Which took almost an age to make so long a voyage – quite right; length of time increases the risk of traveling in any way. I only wish it was so that I could go with her; I delight in sea traveling. I wrote Mr Nicholson, Cashier of Nation State Bank Boulder. Intimating to him that you had written him ~~of~~ on the subject of that Mortgage – got his ~~promptly replied~~ res letter Mon 42 last night saying that he had advised you that money could not be got for 8% just now – he also says that “he thinks the security is ample for the amount” ~~you ask for~~. Papers come occasionally also book to hand – Union “Guide to S. Africa”. Thanks. I have mailed you several papers; most likely will continue to do so – do you receive them all right.

I dont seem to think of much more to say just now.

your afecionate brother      John H. Cronk

**30 Mar. 1891, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [164-169]**

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P. S. I have take a thourough look through the books in your trunk and cannot find the book you speak about. Alice and Marilla have put their quote in as you will see

JHC

Wellington March 30<sup>th</sup> 91

D. F. Ogden    Cape Town    S. Africa

Dear Brother

Yours of Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and Received March 1<sup>st</sup> We answer about the 23 Inst (that was the day I mailed it).

Also a shrot answer to yours of Feby 18<sup>th</sup> acknowledging receipt of drafts &c Now, we have yours of February the 25<sup>th</sup> came to hand toady (March 30<sup>th</sup>) Containing Scent part of Draft of £3.5, ~~when~~ the first of week I had placed in Bank as I stated in my last letter

(mailed on the 23<sup>rd</sup>) - I have not been down to see how the £ 35 Draft sold yet  
[Written vertically in the left hand margin of this page is the following]

Copy (No 30)

As to yours of Feby 25<sup>th</sup> I shall attend to the sending of the \$25. to Brother J. Ogden this week as you have directed About the Large envelope containing the Documents, they are in the Bank all right - Alice has not got away yet; as you will larn, long before you get this; and the reasons, why; that are given, I trust you will consider with all the charity your nobl heart ~~can~~ is capable of giving; as what we did, has been done with consideration, believing, (in our own minds) that it was done all for the best – And we are indused to believe that you will give us credit, for acting honestly in the matter too.

It is true; that the great distances between us, does make corresponding some what awkward, and a bit tegdious in many ways: most expecially when one does not keep a copy of all his letters sent away. Well, we must exersize the more patience to overcome the greater amount of obsticles, as they come in our way: that, seems the ~~on~~ only solace, that I can offer just now. Alice is home and has brought a School mate with her, to spend a week or so ~~to~~ home – and she is at the present time (this evning) at the big table copying her school work, for her examination. She will write in this letter – I think she has made up her mind to go to S. Africa soon after

getting through with her Colage course, probably in six ~~in~~ weeks – we shall be writing you from time to time on the subject. You speak of our not saying any thing about Alice coming in any of our former letters; it ought not to be thought strange (that we had not) ~~as~~ for when you first mentioned the matter, you said “ we need not think of it, or answer now, as you would write again in some two or three months on the Subject more definately” (or something to that effect) and when you did write, it was rather a surprise as it came much sooner than we had expected – and Alice was in the midst of her Colage course; as you will

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learn, in the letter that ~~has~~ preceeded this a week ago. I trust we shall be able to meet all your wishes, and anticipations, in the conduction of your business, entrusted to our care, from time to time, as required.

x Sugar making is in full blast, just now, I shall try and secure some nice sugar to send you. I dont remember seeing the Book of written receipt in your trunk I will take a thorough look befor I close this letter. I will attend to the sending of the \$1.00 to “Judge” in a day or two at farltherest. I wrote you what M<sup>r</sup> Nicholson (of “National State Bank”) said about the loan in a former letter.

I am glad that you have decided ~~to~~ not to have that loan negotiated; as it was likely to be attended with too much expence, to make a success, (in ~~to~~ reborrowing) unless it was ~~very~~ a case of very urgent necesaty.

It is now bed time, the rest of the famely ~~are~~ have all gone to bed except, Wilford and I hear him driving up; he has been up to Wellington to an entertainment in the Methodist Church, and I must turn in soon, and complete in the morning – I arose at five oclock built two fires and called the folks, ~~to~~ and now the sun is peaping ~~in~~ above the horizon and showing a good prospect of spring weather in earnest with southerly wind.

and I suppose your fall time now begins; autum leaves begin to fall. You did not say anything about your reumatism in this last letter; So we must conclude that you are much better; at least we shall hope so.

Our fall wheat is looking very well – and I hear some, giving their opinion on the subject, that the wheat ~~has~~ is bidding fare for another good crop. I hope that it may prove so; in our case for sure – how selfish we are. Oh; well, self first: and every body after that, of course. My pad paper has run short, so I have to fall back a note. Hoping that this will find you, in good health ~~and~~ boyan spirits, and driving an ever improving business

wich must tend to make you happy and contented; in an enviable bachelor's life. Well I shall have to close soon, lease you may put a ring construction on some of my hasty pened thoughts. That work, “enviable” could be veriously construed – I mearly drop that as a worldly frases and say that we ought to be contented with our lot or station in life; firmly believing all is for the best to those, that long for the best, in the best way they know how. And be contented. If you can spare time to write us every week we will try to answer the best we can, it may drive away many lonely hours, and posibly do some good – adue with much love your brother J. H. Cronk

**7 Apr 1891 – John R Ogden to John Cronk**

**Folder 4-1[203-206]** [letter has consider mouse damage]

Marine City Apr 7 / 91

J. H. Cronk, Sir

Your letter of the 31 March came to hand last week with Post office Order but have not drawn it because I have to go to Detroit for it. I do not know why you should send me to Detroit for that money, why did you not have the order made payable in Marine City Just as well to send me to Detroit, did you think that it did not cost anything to travel in this country, if you do not I do not know why you

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Dear [damage]

John would [damage] but as he thinks best I would like to say to you that I hope you will not let this letter change anything you wish to do for John if you can help him and are willing please dont let this letter give you a hard though[t] but go on just the same I do think we should not take notice of a weak brothers faults but do our part and God will bless us, your Sister

Thene

did not send me to Newyork or to Chicaugo there would be just as much sence in it, for you could just as well of had the order payable in Marine City as any where else, you must have ~~have~~ a queer idea of Marine, that has a Population of over 3000 inhabitants and cant pay an order of \$25<sup>00</sup>

Now John you must think that it wont cost me anything to go to Detroit but I will tell you if I should go now it would cost me at least \$5.00 and perhaps more when if it had been payable at our own Postofice it would

of only cot me about two hours time and been home again, now John from the way that you write to me you must think that I am no better than a Pauper or a beggar, I can tell you that I am quite different from either, I have never asked Brother to give me money to live on or any thing of the kind, I asked him if he could, or would help me to buy a little home as he had told me the last time I see him that he would help ~~me~~ us pay for the place that we had bought here in Michigan, but we made a mistake and lost that place, and since he were in South america I wrote to him and asked him for help as I have told you, and he wrote to me that he had only \$50<sup>00</sup> and that he were in

a forren land and might m[amage] all he had before he could mak[amage] any more and I said no more [amage] it, and you have sent me \$25,00, [amage] an order for that amount and I ca[amage] spend part of that to get it, and you give your advice, or rather you say it will be wise for me to use it for my pressing needs it may last until I get more, Now John if a man puts a stick in my hand to hit any one with and I think that they need a clip I will give it to him now John where is the money all too that your Parent gave to you when you went for your self, can you give a correct acct of it and say that you have made use of it wisely, look at the Legacy that I had from home and count the years since I have done for myself, and see the number of years that I had no

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health and my family were small and could not help me, then see if I have spent it in extravagance, I acknowledge that I have made many mistakes in life, but I did not have a Parent to help me at any time with a thousand Dollars or so if I wanted to buy a little home, no if he wanted to help me there were always some one to turn them so that I would never get more than two or three Dollars at a time but always took a minute of it, and then he did not mean that I should pay it back but when you had it in your powers you took over \$30<sup>00</sup> of my ~~Mon~~ money and divided it up

with the Girls, when the a[amage] was rendered to me Thene said that they did not intend to collect it but when you had the money in your own hands you made use of it and I got credid I suppose but I never asked whether it was credited or not and I shal never forget — . and now it seems I have got to have a little money delt out to me like a poor Pauper so that I cannot use it as a payment on a place, not knowing whether I will ever get any more or not, if ~~it~~ I could be sure of anything that I could count on I might do differently, now here is one thing I want you to understand that I have never wanted for anything to eat or ware and I did not ask for help for that

[damage]urpose. but if my Brother [damage]ished to give me anything I shal be ever greatful to him for it, I think ~~think~~ that we can use it to a good advantage, we are not in debt for one dollar and we are under no obligation to any man in this country for anything, we are all well with the exception of bade colds, we have had no snow to speak of but dreadful bade roads, the river is ful of Ice yet and verry low, St Clair is 8 feet lower that it ever was before, Oh when I get that money I will Receipt it to you no more this time

My best wishes to all  
as ever yours John R Ogden  
Marine City  
Michigan

**3 May 1891, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to David F. Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1 [232-233]**

Copy (1)

Wellington May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1891

D. F. Ogden Cape Town South Africa

Dear Brother, Your ever welcom of the 25 March to hand April 27<sup>th</sup>. – Many thanks for the fullness of explanations to my enquiries &c – I shuld try to profit by your advise in the premises sœ. Now as to The S. S. White dental M’f’g C. I received a short note from them say that you had ordered goods, (togather with you acct ) and then that would amount to about \$600. and that they would ship the goods to you the latter part of Month (April) and draw on me for the amount abought the 6<sup>th</sup> of May – I advised them on the 29<sup>th</sup> ~~that~~ that I had received notice from you, that you had ordered goods and ~~to~~ that I had funds in my funds, at present, to meet ~~the orders~~ Requirements.

Received yours of April 1<sup>st</sup> ~~May last night~~ yesterday enclosing Draft of £75. St?. also one from Alice, giving ~~?????~~ good report of her success in her examinations She expects to be home, now soon with her Diploma (and I spose with her fethers all well plumed proud of her venture and success) And well may she be proud of her Uncles Noble heart. Alice in ~~speaking of~~ writes of her going to Cape Town says, "I believe that it is right for me to go, and I hope that you will all see it in the same light) some day, if not now, at some future time. It is not merely for the money and what I may see (which I will admit is quite a temptation) but I believe that I can be of some ~~sourse~~ comfort to Uncle, and I believe as I am doing it for the best, that God will make it a blessing to us both and I hope all of you, as well-

If we do as we think we ought to do, good will come of it, in some way or other; is my belief”. Alice has asked her Ma to engage a girl to do a lot of sewing for her so soon as she gets home. Pon my word. David it seem realy too bad, that Alice could not get away sooner as your necessity seems ~~to~~ so great at the present time Your business ~~and~~ prospects seem so bright and prosperous – “it is well to make hay while the Sun Shines” is the old saying. The folks are all gone up to meeting and I am keeping house and trying to get my writing done to day so that I need not have to write nights after work as I am very tired



after the days work is done on the farm. I bought Macs? pare of Mares for Pr \$65. for a second team and I am

(4) following a team myself and Wilford the other team, so we are knocking in the work in good shape - we are going for a crop this year, the best we know how, and our prospects are good. We are getting along splendidly. Your acct with me now stands

D Total	Cr Total
&159.35	\$1028.68

I have taken the average of the first ~~last~~ two drafts to cast the amount of the last, which will be near enough for the present. I will give you an itemized statement at any time you ask for it. I sent the \$25. to Brother John and I am in a strate to know how to act in the future - I guess I had better send this letter to you without preduce? ~~guilty~~ and let you direct me what to do - I have not answered it. I have made a few explanations ~~of~~ on the the blank of Brother John's letter to me, that I enclose in this.

### 3 May 1891 – John Cronk to D F Ogden

Folder 4-1[207-208] [letter has consider mouse damage]

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 91

Dear David: What broth[~~damage~~] John says about me does not change one of the fixed facts, as to the charges of taking his money (beggar) ~~to pay the~~ and divided with the Girls was did as the law directs executors to do in such matters; and is no falt of mine. I said I did not answer this letter but Marilla did; as I was very busy at the time. I told her to explain to him that I could not get an order in Marine City and ~~if~~ that he need not go to Detroit to get the mony but go to the Bank in Marine City and they would get it for him So she got a latter last week stating that he got the mony of the Bank in Marine. But my advice to him was very offensive – I thought it very mild and no one can say but it was good. it was this, I dont know how long David intends to keep this up; therefore it will be wise to use it only for your pressing needs, that it may last until you get [~~damage~~]

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this two last sentences are the objects of his ire. it is real amusing when one thinks for one moment how small a fire will blow a fellow up.

[~~damage~~]urs in all charity

J.H. Cronk

Wellington May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1891

D. F. Ogden: Dear Brother: your ever welcom, of the 25<sup>th</sup> March to hand, April the 27<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks for the fullness [~~damage~~] explanations to my enquiries &c [~~damage~~] shall try to profit by your advice in [~~damage~~] the premises.

Now as to The S. S. White Dentel Manufactory Co. I received a short notice from them saying that you had ordered a quantity of goods, together with your acct due them, that would amount about \$600. And that they would ship the goods to you the latter part of the month (April) and draw on me for the amount about the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. I

advised them that I had received notice from you that, you had ordered goods, and that I had funds in my hands, at present to meet Requirements.

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Alice has asked her Ma to engage a girl to do some sewing for us so soon as she gets home. Pon my word David; it seems really too bad that Alice could not get away [damage]mer, as your necessaty seems so great at the present time.

your business prospects seem so br[damage] and prosperous at the present time [damage] you so much need the help to "mak[damage] while the sun shines" is the old sayin[g] The folks are all gone to meeting and I [damage] keeping house and trying to get my writ[damage] done today so that I need not have to [damage] nights after work, as I am very tired a[damage] the days work is done on the farms

I bought a pare of Mares in foal fo[r] \$65. one has a colt and the other expecting soon. This is my second team, and I am following one of the teams day after day and Wilford the other. So we are knocking in the work in good shape; the best we know how! And our prospects are good. we are getting along splendidly

Your acct with me now stands thus.

Total	Dr	Total	Crs
	Amount paid out		
\$159.35		\$1028.68	—

I have taken the average of the first two Drafts to cost the amount for the last one of £75. St which will be near enough for the present.

I will give you an itemized statement at any time you wish me to do so.

I sent the \$25. to brother John, and I an at a strate to know how to act in the future. I guess I had better let you direct me what to do. I have not answered it.

I have made a few explanations on the blank of brother John's letter to me as you will see. And I enclose in this.

I have secured some nice Maple sugar to send to you, by Alice – will also send the papers that are in the Bank as well. have not heard from Norman or George for some time they must be well or they would write.

I have wrote the P. Master to forward all mail matter that comes to his office in Picton to you at Cape Town South Africa

Most affectionately your brother

John. H. Cr[damage]

**4 May 1891, Marine City, John R. Ogden to brother David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [195-196]**

Family Letter

Marine City May 4-

1891

Dear Brother

we received a letter from you some time ago was glad to hear from you, was sorry to hear of you being afflicted with Rheumatism and so far – away from home although I suppose that you have been traveling so much and so far away that you always feel at home as long as you have anything in your Pocket, well that is Proper, as long as you pay for what you have you have a right to good attendance and a right to anything you want and no doubt you can get it for I should think that their

is lots to be had from all accounts that I have had of the place Well Dear Brother I received an order of John Cronk for \$25<sup>00</sup>, it being a Grant from you I am ~~ser~~ very much oblige to you for the same, now I do not know whether I have written to you or not since Davids wife and mine have got well, but however I will tell you a little about it now, after Franklin lost his Wife Mine was taken down to her Bed and was helpless for 7 weeks and for four or five days we had no hopes of her. She had typhoid fever She has lost all of her hair so that her head was almost entirely bare, however it is comeing in again nicely, then after Sarah Jane began to get better Davids Wife ~~Mine~~ (Minnie) was taken down to her bed and was helpless for three weeks with some fever but she had taken medicine all along to ~~gard~~ guard against it and did not have it so hard, then as she began to get better her child was taken sick and was verry sick for one week but we think that her trouble was her teeth and worms, Franklins Child is with us and always will be as long as we live the 2 Children is both well and as as Smart as need be, we are all as well as usual, the Boys are both on the Water again this Summer, times is dreadful dul about here and have been since last fall their have been hundreds of men about here that would gladly worked for there Board since last fall, has been lots of Sickness here since last fall and a good many Deaths, I have my Potatoes planted and garden mostly in we have had a Dreadful cold backward

Spring, the Probablility is that the wages on the Water this summer will be verry low. I had a letter from Sister Anthelia and Peter last week for the first since last summer they are well. Peter has moved to Picton again, is going in the fish trade again, had a letter from Sister ~~Huyek~~ Minerva about 2 months ago they were all well at the time of writing I had a letter from Thene 2 weeks ago and they were all well. I hear from George and ~~nan~~ Nan but not dyrect. I have not had a letter from Brother George since I got the last from you but sent him a letter and enclosed yours with it, nor more this time, good by, now thanking you for past favors &c I am as ever your affectionate Brother and well wisher – J. R. Ogden, marine city mich

**8 May 1891 – Cronks to D.F. Ogden**

**Folder 4-1[153-158]**

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Annie sends her love to you and says you have been answering her letter long enough for her to have got it but she has not yet Wilford send love also

Wellington May 8<sup>th</sup> 1891

Dear Brother Alice has written home and have written some to you and says we may write some to you and says we may write some in it so we will just scratch a few lines on the blank side of sheet so as not to pay for blank paper I have got a carpet in the loom for Annie's room and are very busy working hard I do not know how to spare Alice because she is my first and last girl May and Annie are now doing for themselves and it is very naturely for a mother to look more to the one[s] [smeared] that is single for help but I suppose I can experience now what my dear mother did but she did have one girl to herself and another comfort. had the rest close by so we could go and wait on her all through her sickness and did. I am thankful, but it seems that Alice has made

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her mind to go and I do not think [torn] to say she shall not, but give her [torn] advice and ask the dear Lord to [torn] with her and safely keep her to [torn] end of her journey and will constinly [torn] hoping for her welfare, and I pray that [torn]va dear brother will never do anything that [yo]u or we will have to regret her coming and hope that She Alice will never have it to say that her Uncle has ever been anything but a gentlemen to her in any way. Now I will have to leave you both in the hands of the Lord and if you do right He will never leave you nor forsake you for He has said so in His word you will meet her if she arrives safe if not please let us know immetiately ~~write as~~ and if she has a safe arivil write firt mail your sister loveingly it will be very hard to part you know something about it but not all good buy M. B. Cronk

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Wellington May 8<sup>th</sup> 1891

[D] F Ogden Cape Town S. Africa

[De]ar Brother: we got a letter from Alice [y]esterday, inclosing this for you. that is quite definite, as to her going to you. As she thinks to get home in a few days now. And so soon as we can get her ready and off in good shape, We will try to do so.

S. S White has not drawn on me for the goods you speak of – I answered yours of 25<sup>th</sup> March also the one of the 1<sup>st</sup> April – wich was got away Monday last (the 4<sup>th</sup>) I was expecting S.S. White's draft before this, and would of waited until then to sent this of Alice's then, but Marilla; says Write now so I have to do so – I wished to wait to see if the goods you requested me to look after in New York was in the present order or consignment; if so it would not be necessary to go by New York.

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[A]s I am of the opinion that the best way for Alice to go is by way of the St. Loranec would be the best for her. She could take our Picton Steamer to Montreal, and then take the ocean ship there, and would not have to be annoyed by the American custom house officers.

I hear that the bondid regulations have been broken off between the two countries (us & the US) I see Alice has made mention of going by the way of the river, and I thought it would be a good idea, as it would get her a little accostomed to the boat, for a day or two down the river, to make her a little way wise, before she got out in the big water with the rocking and bowsing to upset her stomach &c.

We are done seeding, had a grand time of it put the crop in good shape

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And today it is raining [a]nd the weather is changing for [w]armer weather so that farmers prospects are looking fairly good for a fine crop at harvest time.

you speak of not getting any Prince Edward papers. I think I sent you some but would not be too sure of it – I have sent quite a number of Toronto Globes –

I shall try and have the Picton Times sent to you from the office d[i]rect. Marilla will write some in this too. as we can write on the back of Alice's ( or in other write on Alice's back) So I may say ta-ta

As ever your brother

John, H. Cronk

[156]

Belleville, May 5, 189[1]

Dr D. F. Ogden,

Cape Town,

Dear Uncle,—

I got a letter from home this morning and they said they had had two letters, from you inside of a week, in which you spoke of being so anxious about my coming and ~~tha~~ that you had heard nothing definite from me. Well Uncle I wrote some time, ago that I would likely come to you but must finish my course at the

Commercial College first. Now I can say I hope to be through in about two week[s] more and then go home and get ready to start either first or second week in June.

I am very sorry that you have been so anxious and as you say worried but wait until I come if I don't make you sorry you ever sent for me. I will likely tease you and then laugh at you. I am a great girl to laugh. The other night the girls here (other boarders) said they did not believe I ever had trouble. They do not know how often I feel lonely and sometimes have little troubles of m[y]

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own but I can tell you if you do not already know how m[uch] fun five boarders (all girls) can have, why I will have to tell you when I get there. why we will talk ourselves nearly sick for the first week or two. I hope you will not anticipate too much. I remember what you said to me once the first time you came home after being away so long. You said you thought the anticipation of coming home had been greater than the reality or something to that effect. Now you must not expect too much from me as you will find that I am a very independ[ent]

(4)

little girl who likes her own w[ay] [right margin torn] and generally gets her own wa[y] Now I have told you somethin[g] of my disposition and I intend to send you a photo soon so you can see how I look ~~like~~ but I can tell you the photo is far better than the original as the freckles and tan does not show in the photo.

To-day we had a snow storm and cold enough to wear fur coats if you were driving. Pa thinks it would be better for me to go to Montreal and take the Steamer and it would be better for him too. I would love to go down through the "Thousand Islands" too.

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I have had a very pleasant time this Winter at College as I like my work and have made some acquaintances here whom I will be sorry to part with and then the teachers are so kind and always seem ready to help us do or explain, anything we wish them to. I will send this letter home and then they can add some too if they wish

Your loving niece,  
Alice Cronk.

**8 May 1891 – J. Cronk to D.F. Ogden**

**Folder 4-1[170 – 171]**

[A near copy of 155]

Wellington May 8<sup>th</sup> 1891

D.F. Ogden Dear Brother:

We got a letter from Alice yesterday, enclosing some for you that is quite definite as to her coming out to you as she thinks to get home in a few days now, and so soon as we can get her ready and off in good shape we will try to do so.

~~I have not yet got the draft th~~ S.S. White has not drawn on me for the goods you speak of — I answered yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> March also the one of the 1<sup>st</sup> of April which was got off Monday last. I was expecting S. S. White's draft before this and would

of waited until then to sent Alice's then; but Marilla says write now — so I have to do it. I wished to wait to see if the goods you requested me to look after in New York was in the present order or consignment If so it would not be necessary to go by way of New York — As I am of the opinion that the best way for Alice to go is by way of the St Lawrence would be the best for her. She could take our Picton Steamer to Montreal and then take the ocean ship there and would not have to be annoyed by the American Custom house officers ~~suching~~. I hear that the border sistem has been broken off



between the ~~two countries~~ us and the U.S. I see that Alice has made mention of going by way of the river. And I think it would

be a good idea, as it would get her a little accustomed to the boat for a day or two down the river; to make her a little way wise before she got out in the big water with the rocking and bowing to upset her stomach &c.

We are done seeding had a grand time of it – put the crop in in good shape – and to day it is raining and the weather is changed for warmer weather so that farm prospects is looking fairly prosperous for a good harvest. You spoke of not getting any Prince Edward papers. I think I send you some but would not be too sure of it – I have sent quite a number of Toronto Globes – I shall try and have the Picton Times sent to you from the office direct.

Marilla will write some in this too – and we can write on the blank side of Alice's, so I may say ta-ta as ever your brother J.H.C

**19 May 1891 Zoilo Leoni in NY to DF Ogden (in Spanish)**

**Folder 4-1[180 – 181]** notes

The gist of the letter as I read it and was confirmed by Amalia Pena, is that David is missed back in Bolivia. The familia would like David to return at least to visit. While the Dental establishment is well run by Sr Wiete, un excelente Caballero, many other dentists do not speak spanish, are tyrannical [negrero] in their arrogance and suffer the expected fate of losing out in the long run. Bitterness and sadness is their legacy [amargos y tristes].

In any event David is wished the best in his future as a Dentist and all the family, especially a certain 'little Julie', wants to read all his letters and know of his whereabouts [paradero]. This written from a “true and very affectionate friend”.

**28 May 1891 - Obituary - Newspaper clipping**

**Folder 4-1 [245-246]**

[These two images consist of a newspaper heading [246] and a newspaper obituary [245]

THE CAPE TIMES, THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1891.

The Late Dr. Ogden. – Yesterday the remains of the late D. F. Ogden, dental surgeon were consigned to the grave at Maitland. Dr. Ogden came to Cape Town towards the end of last year, and after establishing himself in Greenmarket-square speedily secured an extensive practice. His skill in the mechanical branches of dentistry was exceptional, and his thorough knowledge of dental surgery was fully recognised. Dr. Ogden was of Canadian birth, but became a citizen of the United States, where he acquired several high diplomas. He had practised in the East and in South America before coming to Cape Town, where he had purposed settling. Unfortunately he was attacked recently by a serious illness which necessitated his retirement to the Somerset Hospital, where he succumbed on Monday. The funeral yesterday was attended by Captain Hollis, the

United States Consul and a representation of the American residents as well as other friends to whom he had endeared himself during his brief residence.

**31 May 1891, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to David F. Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1 [234]**

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Wellington May 31<sup>st</sup> 1891

D F Ogden, Cape Town South Africa

Dear Brother: Yours of April 22<sup>nd</sup> to hand May 25<sup>th</sup> enclosing Draft of £90 St. I got \$437. for same. We are pained to learn of your illness, which is bad enough without being annoyed with a lot of "confounded stupidity". You must be a little more sparing of your strength you are olding?, up a bit, as well as myself. Ambition is an other name for welth and does not want to be beaten by any means. We are apt to try to do too much, that we may get much gain, (how the gold glitters in our eyes) What a pitty it is that we, old men, had not the power of growing young again, with our experiences, what an easy task it would be to pile up the "glitering gold" now, with half a chance. Well we must go the slower? and hang on to the gains, the tighter to make up for loss of ~~of~~ our strength in old age. In my last of May 3<sup>rd</sup> I advised you that I expected a ~~Draft~~ the S. S White Co would draw on me in a few days - and that, they would ship goods soon?. They did draw on me for \$578<sup>12</sup> at Sight the Draft came May 29<sup>th</sup> payable May 30<sup>th</sup> I paid it all right. I will send Bill of goods rendered? to me & the paid Draft I may as well put on file with their letters of advice You ask for Statement of act every time I write So now it will stand D <sup>r</sup>\$780. <sup>97</sup> C <sup>r</sup>\$1464<sup>15</sup> ~~Interest acct has not been put in above credits so that is made up half yearly only~~

**31 May 1891 – John Cronk to D F Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1[209-210]**

Wellington May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1891

Dear Brother I am always pleased [damage]here from you. it is not nessary [damage] repeat it so often. I am sure you must [k]now it. Only I do not like the sound of Alice going so far from home it dose seam just dreadful, but however she has I believe made up her mind to go or undertake the journey about the first of June. She will write two weeks before she starts, so you may know just when to look for her but believe that is the time she intends to start Now dear Brother I must ask one request that you with me will bow with bended knee evry night and ask God to guide and protect her, that she may have a safe journey and that He may give us faith to ask, for we must believe, if we expect to receive May God give you and me the power to pray in faith believeing and then we will [be] blest.

Annie says tell Uncle that she [damage] not let Alice come untill he answ[damage] her letter She is going in the with his Father and Mother they are fixing up a nice large roon for her to have her bed in and I am making her a carpet or weaving it for her and we have

got such bright collors it looks like a yarn Carpet her room is large enough for a sewing roon and a bed roon two nice windows in it She has quite a lot of anbition to fix it up verry nice. I saw Clara a week ago She had a verry lame back said she had got cold and it seemed to settle all over her but trust she is better May and Howard and baby are quite well May has something like measels but was not verry sick Annie and Wilford both had them but are better Wilford had a big boil on [damage]

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you ought to seen him poor young one he look [damage] have the rheumatism yet I have in my shoulders and one foot [damage] Ankle. We had a nice shower last night [damage] pleasant day to day lots of Gardens made [damage]ine prospect Mother Cronk is well as usual

your loving sister M B Cronk

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Wellington May 31<sup>st</sup> 1891

D.F. Ogden Cape Town S. Africa

Dear Brother: Yours of April 22<sup>nd</sup> to hand May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Enclosing Draft for £90 St. I got \$437.- for it, and placed same to your Cr. We are pained to learn of your long illness again: which is bad enough with out having to be annoied with a lot of "confounded stupids". You will have to be a little more sparing of your strength: you are olding up a bit, as well as myself. Ambition is another name for welth, and does not want to be defeated by any outside surroundings by any one; so we are too apt to try, and over tax our strength, in our great desire to accumulate much ganes, (how the gold glitters in the immaginary eye as we struggle on) what a pitty it is, that we old men, have not the charm of growing young again; with our experiences what an easy task it would be to pile up the "shining stuff" now, with half a chance. Well we must go the slower and hang on to the ganes the tighter to make up for loss of strength in old age.

In my last of May 3<sup>rd</sup> I advised you that I expected S.S White & Co. would draw on me in a few days, and that they would ship goods to you soon.

They did draw on me for \$578.12 at sight. the Draft came May 29<sup>th</sup> payable May 30<sup>th</sup> in Picton I paid it all right. I will enclose Bill of goods in this. the Draft I may as well put on file with their letters of advice. You asked for statement of account in every letter I send to you, Dr & Cr

(2) Account stands now Dr 780.97 Cr 1464.15

Alice got home on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. and with her big Diploma (passed with best honors) on a large card suitable to be framed and hang up in the parlor; well we were all glad that she had got through, and was home once more. I shall leave her to tell her own story of how proud she is and all about the matter.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> We are having a glorious shower, th[damage] and it has come in good time, as most showers come to the good. Wilford and myself was out building fence over, to increase our pasture land, As we have nearly every thing under crop this year. And this rain make us feel rather jubilent, and every thing outside looks very prosperousing, I assure you.

Alice and her sewing gall are making their fingers fly putting material together, in order to get Alice all ready to start to S. Africa as soon as she can get ready. Expects to start, this month sometime, have not hit on the day as yet – shall try and manage to get a letter ahead of her, so you can keep a good lookout and meet her at the Ship – We have not fully decided whether we will have her go by Montreal or New York. Them goods you spoke of my looking after in New York, does not appear in the bill of this shipment. I get a paper from Norman occasionally, he is a poor hand to write – have not got a letter from George S Ogden for some time – heard a few days ago that he was in Michigan, looking for better pasture, as the mills in Midland had closed down and work was not so plentiful. His family was still in Midland.

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but his father-in-law is now down here, and [torn] Bowerman was expecting to come soon, to stay I believe. Alice will write next week expect? some has as I wont work today much?

Your Brother as ever John H Cronk

**1 June 1891 – Announcing death of DF Ogden**  
**Folder 4-1[235-244]**

[Three pages shrouded with black edging]

[1]

Murray's Registry  
Green Market Square  
Cape Town 1<sup>st</sup> June  
/91

Mrs Cronk

Dearest Madam

I am compelled by duty also deep sympathy & respect to inform you of the sad & melancholy news of y'r dear brother Dr Ogden's death, you will certainly be much surprised & grieved to hear of it but believe me great as y'r grief will be, it will not exceed mine, it is with a truly, deeply sorrowfully & broken heart that I am writing it to you & as I am penning these

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he rose as usual dressed himself ate fairly his breakfast, but during the day he appeared to be very short of breath, that Dr Parsons had to attend on him four or five times gave him everything to soothe towards the afternoon he said from time to time I am choking & that he thought he would not live out the night they offered to read to him & asked had he no wishes to see any one, but he had none & so passed away at about six o'clock in the evening he was well & kindly attended to, & had everything he wished to have. I saw the corpse & took two cold kisses from his brow for you, as also a

lock of his hair, which I am sending with this. I wrote to him several times when at the Hospital, & claimed my letters at his death will forward one to you, so that you can

thoroughly understand my feelings also my disposition & the great respect I had for y'r really good brother he was a moral man whether he ever mentioned me to you I know not but I became acquainted with y'r character Mrs Cronk when he was at the Hospital he sent me a note to ask me to look in the drawer of his desk for a letter he had forgotten to give me to send & it's destination

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when I opened the drawer I caught sight of an open letter & the words dear brother the last you sent him I guessed it was from you so took it & read it, because I felt sure at the time, it was put there purposely for me to read for different reasons I felt that I was lead to do so for he had told me that Miss Cronk his niece was coming to live with us & he thought she would suit me so well I promised to be kind to her I had fully made up my mind to love her & I assure you that in me she would have found a mother & sister combined, for some time back I had been expecting her in February I think he began to mention it & [la]tterly? I quite gave up all hope

of seeing her, when three days before he left he said that he was expecting her soon now he just waited for the mail to answer you to go to the Hospital. The next morning the letters came he told me she was finishing at the College he would rather have her wait until his return from the Hospital I was so happy with this idea that I bought a beautiful Scripture Card with the text from the "71<sup>st</sup> Psa 1<sup>st</sup> verse "In Thee O. Lord do I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion" which I intended to have by her bed I have a lot of those Cards all kinds in my room they cheer, comfort & strengthen me, are really as companions to me

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for I am quite alone in the world, my mother & only sister are dead my brothers all far away in Transvaal who perhaps I will never meet again on earth so you will understand the amount of my deep sorrow I rent a beautiful large house here too large for me so I always let out the rooms & have had much trouble with the tenants sometimes I receive payment at times not

I had just sustained a loss in that way & grieving about it when an advertisement appeared in the paper "Rooms wanted for offices" &c &c I answered it & at the same time prayed the Dear Lord earnestly that the person advertising might be sent to me by him to take my rooms

I could not guess who it was scholar Photographer Engineer much less an American Dentist anyhow my prayer was answered by a Loving Father whose Holy ears are ever open to the cries of His undeserving children & who has said "I will never leave you, nor forsake you" Call upon me in the day of trouble I will deliver thee & thou shalt glorify me" Mr Ogden appeared & engaged my rooms I always considered him sent to me by my God & Father & did my best for my Dear Lord & Master's sake the support having? in business for him what I could, as herewith I shall enclose copies of some notes he sent me, to prove what I have done & that he was grateful. You will probably



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not understand how that we living in one house corresponded the reason he was upstairs I down stairs he had so much to do that he was mostly always engaged I in my business the same so that I was obliged to write to him send it up with my servant, he answered & sent his down with his servant, his answers I always kept & well for me that I did his hand writing I like to keep, what I am sending are copies from his. —

My occupation is a Registry office for servants & have the best class of people in whom I have to supply in that way I was to him a very great help I would not allow an opportunity to pass, but press, persuade

& talk them over to go up to him consultation was always free I would say, there, then & in that way secured for him what I could get, about 100 circulars I gave out for him perhaps more, so that what the Loving Lord gave or sent me I did not neglect, when first he came he never went out & I pitied him so much in his loneliness my pitying heart bled for him I always brought him before the Lord day by day I receive bered believe in my prayers & in answer he has blessed over & over again I low that his labour is done the Lord thought it best to take him altogether away, we could say what doest Thou He doeth all things well. The Lord gave & the Lord hath taken blessed, praised & revered

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be the Holy Name of the Lord

The account of my sorrow you cannot picture it is very heavy, however if you have another relative, or nice gentlemanly friend or an old friend of his who is as clever & skilled a Scientist as he was, with moral character & with quite the highest Diplomas as he had otherwise not & be willing to come out to South Africa to settle for sometime in Cape Town he will make an enormous profit —

Do you know of one who would care to take his place by the enclosed advertisement you will fully understand the public expression? of him we have not his equal here & badly in want

He can correspond with me

if the Lord spares my life the Counsel Capt Hollis I am well acquainted with he will likewise help him with advice I was told he advised Mr Ogden to come here I shall always be most happy to do for a good & clever Dentist what I did for y'r late brother — You better have the advertisement inserted in some of the best leading papers especially where Mr Ogden was well known perhaps some one may be inclined to come here & fill up the opening he left I wish another could be found like him but where & how? We have not a Dentist in C. Town who can work on this improved, their work is really inferior, It will be a good turn you do me to send

one but an unmarried man would be preferred or without family. I shall also enclose in this a form letter in Mr Ogden's own writing he left behind, but know nothing about, do you happen to know the gentleman he addresses as: "Dear Harmstead must be in New York somewhere if so please write to him & ask him could he find a very competent Dentist the highest Deplomas indispensable & write to my address will correspond with

him give him best advise, as also the consul & other friends will do their best and certain. —

I know not whether you have another sister d'r

Mrs Cronk anyhow I send two cards Mr Ogden never told me of another, please let her have one of the two with my love [torn] you will write at the [torn]iest y r wishes, whethe[torn]on would like a stone with an inscription on it, put on his grave if the estate has means what it is to be & his age too. I shall be glad to find out as much as I can about his estate & write to you again The last letter addressed Miss Alice Cronk dated 8<sup>th</sup> May he wrote on the very morning before he went to Hospital & gave to me to post on Mail day the following Wednesday. there was also another to a firm I did not take the address of

which I would have done if I knew that instead of seeing him alive again I would see his corpse I should like to know how many sisters & brothers Mr Ogden [over paste]ad, if not asking [over paste] much & you will have [over paste] heartfelt prayer that [over paste] Lord will in His love comfort you in y'r grief & give all of us grace fully to trust Him & believe that He orders all for our best. Though unacquainted with each other here we shall meet as brothers & sisters where there will be no parting more but one in Him who is the same yesterday to-day & forever. Believe then in the sincerity of y'rs very truly & lovingly E. Neseau? [Note: Signature likely Munnik or something similar but very hard to read]

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Mrs Cronk  
Wellington  
Canada  
Ontario  
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Miss E Mumick ?  
Cape Town  
date June 1<sup>st</sup> 1891  
Reced July 6<sup>th</sup> 1891  
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CANADA

**21 June, 1891, Wellington Ont. Niece Alice A. Cronk to David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [221-225]**

Wellington, June 21, 1891

Dr D. F. Ogden,  
Cape Town,  
Dear Uncle, -

I came home from Belleville four weeks ago tomorrow expecting to start for S. Africa in about three weeks. Well I got my clothes and intended to start tomorrow but a week ago two letters dated May 8, & 11, respectively came to hand stating your ill health so, although you said in one (latter) to come on as soon as I could, we have decided that it is not prudent to do so as I might get there and find

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no Uncle to welcome me and [damaged] I would be a stranger in a f?? [damaged] land depending on myself [damaged] get a situation and earn eno??[damaged] to get back home again.

In one letter you spoke of my getting a situation for a time. Last week I wrote to two of the girls at the College and mentioned I was not going away for a time and would take a situation and wished I could get one in Belleville. They must of mentioned it to Mr Johnson one of the principals as on Friday he wrote me there was a vacancy in Belleville for a book-keeper and that Mr Robinson the other principal had recommended me to the firm and that they wished me to apply for the position so I did so and [damaged] ??w I am patiently waiting [damaged] ??r an answer.

We were all very sorry to learn of your illness but we hope [damaged] ?nd pray that it may not be as serious as you feared at first. It would seem very sad to us to have you die away so far from any of your friends. It seems to me that with what means you have now and what little you might earn a-b nearer home would keep you comfortably and then we might see you oftener.

Ma said the other day "I guess you had better give up going to Cape Town as I do not believe it is right for you to go." If I get this situation in Belleville I will surely give up the idea for a while at least.

Uncle you said in letter May 8, for me to

use what money of yours I neede? [damaged] and I thank you very much bu? [damaged] with my College course and clot??? [damage] since, I think I have used quite enough which is nearly all of the two hundred dollars which you sent to me Pa for me last fall I think I have between eight and nine dollars left of the two hundred which I will likely use and then I do not intend to use any more of yours unless I go to Cape Town or where you may wish me to go (if I go of course)

Last Sunday Howard May's husband came up for Ma as May had another daughter. Ma has not got home yet and Pa went down on Friday night for a visit and was coming back today but as it is raining I would not be [damaged]

suprised if he did not come until tomorrow.

Last Monday aunt Waity and husband were here for a visit, and the week before uncle and aunt Nan and week before that aunt Clara and aunt Anæthelia and Annie's little girl. They were all were [sic] and so were their families. Allie Stanton Werden has

another boy. I expect Howard and Mal (Werden) will almost want to trade babies. There is only a week's difference in the babies ages.

Pa bought some maple sugar and aunt Nan brought some and aunt Anthelia said she would send me some for you if Pa would stop when he was in Picton

They live in Picton ag [damaged] and Walter and Annie are o [damaged] the farm.

Obe and Bertha and [damaged] boy still live in Toronto.

Grandma Cronk has very good health, thinks of going up to Pickering to Yearly Meeting (Friends) and making a visit at uncle Stephen's. She has a mortgage on this farm which is due this fall and I think she wants to see uncle about it, see what he wants done ~~about with~~ it. Pa suggested to her that the place be sold this fall and the business straightened up and she thought she would like it done, so that he could ~~no~~ know that all was right before she died.

Everything looks prom [damaged] ing now for fine crops. Pa thinks [damaged] e will do well this year. He has [damaged] l the land this year and got [damaged] t in in good time and good con [damaged] ition and now these rains lately are doing wonders for us.

I suppose you have learned before this that Sir John A Macdonald is dead and while many mourn I suppose there are plenty to be glad of it.

These public men have plenty of enemies it seems. If I ever marry I do not want a public man but I do want a good man and one that is respected by all.

I have not seen aunt Minerva or family since in the first of the Winter but I believe they are quite well although Martha Jane was miserable

a good deal of the Winter. I thi [damaged] she is consumptive like her Pa I thought I would go down t [damaged] this week for a short visit but don't know how it will be.

Our strawberries are coming on now and I wish you were here to help eat them.

I suppose that you are having your Winter now while we are having Summer. We have had very little real hot weather excepting a few days before a heavy rain.

Annie and her husband (Dan.) are up here today. They often come up as it is only a little way from here about half a mile.

Your loving niece

Alice A Cronk.

**22 Jun. 1890, Boulder Colorado, Willie B. Ogden to David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [190-192]**

Boulder, Colo., June 22, 90

Dr. D. F. Ogden

Bogota, Columbia,

South America.

Dear Uncle;

I have already written to you once but having received no answer I have concluded to you to get your approval of my last years school work, my averages were –

	Fall Term	Winter T.	Spring T.	Years Average
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Reading	90	98	96	94 2/3
Writting	91	99	99	96 1/3
Arithmetic	96	96	97	96 2/3
Spelling	94	90	96	93 1/3
Grammar	90	96	96	94

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Geography	93	98	98	96 1/3
Elem. Science	90	98	95	94 1/3
Average Scholarship	92	96	97	95 2/15

The highest percentage in subjects was obtained by

George McClure in Fall Term

Willie Ogden in Winter “

“ “ “ Spring “

now uncle what do you think of that!

The State is building a large dormitory to be attached to the University, it is to be made of  
& white stone.

The red stone is quarried near Manitou costs \$3 per

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perch, the white is quarried near here costs less, it will be very nice when finished. they  
are roofing it now.

Berkely's trees all cut down so we can see the University and grounds very plain.

If you did not receive my letter I can tell you of the new depot.

They are building it in back of Col. Ellets place and they are to have it finished the last of  
July or the first of August,

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and they expect it will cost no less than \$20000 We heard from Prince Edward lately and  
heard you had been very sick and were very sorry to hear it.

I have been having a fever the last four days and am now up but ~~th~~ that's all.

Mr. Hawkins, the man that bo't Mr. Breach's place is building a \$12000. house.

Berries are selling well and we have a very good crop.

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As for onions we have the finest in the state every body says so at least. We put in all  
that land where there carrots, onions, etc. into onions, and we have ~~b~~ wed through them  
twice on our hands & knees and once with a sort of a rake.

We are all well here or just about so and hope you will be also when this reaches  
you.

Your affectionate Nephew

W. B. Ogden

Boulder, Colo

U. S.

N. America

**5 Jul. 1891, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [215-217]**

Wellington July 5<sup>th</sup>. 1891

D. F. Ogden Cape Town

S. Africa

Dear Brother

It has been nearly a month since we have had any word from you – your last was dated at Hospitle May 11<sup>th</sup> to Alice and a previous one on the 8<sup>th</sup> to Alice also – I believe Alice answered them while I was away for a day or two. We have been looking for another with great anaxiety day after day and no word has come – Our fears are that you are seriously ill and cannot write – yet we hope that our fears are groundless

Only for hope how often the heart would sink.

Verry shortly after your letter of May 8<sup>th</sup> came to hand. Alice got an offer for a situation as book-keeper in a hardware store in Belleville; through the kindness of her old tuters of the Collage – they urging her to accept the situation, and she did so; we have had word from her a couple of times. She likes her place verry well and She is likely to get a lot of practical experience in book keepg and handling the office cash when the proprietors are out. We thought it best for to act on your sugestion in your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> May under the circumstances; as it would be a very trying thing for her to go all the way to Africa on your expense and you not able to continue your business. So we concluded to wait until we got better news from you. And we hope that it may come soon. I have paid the Second Draft of the S. S. White Co of \$28<sup>70</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July – I will enclose the Bill of goods in this. There are several letters you have not made mention of receiving as yet; I hop none have gone astray – the one relating to Brother J. R. O. most particulary as I have not sent him the second donation yet, under his ~~the~~ altered circumstances I have desired to hear from you first.

Marilla has been writing to you in her true Sisterly loving way, and what She has advised concerning your comming home I fully concur in; I hope you will always feel that our hearts and house is ever open to you when you think it for the best to to come to us; and we will try to do all that we can, to make you bouth comfortable and happy. Our family is quite small now; girl all away and mother up to make brother Stephen a visit. Our crop prospects good and we have a large breadth in the ground, somewhere about 70 acres. I am not able to say what the fruit will be yet. Hoping this will find you on your pins once more in good health is the prayor of your ever well wishing brother J. H. Cronk

**5 Jul 1891, Wellington Ont., Marilla B Ogden Cronk to David F. Ogden  
Folder 4-1 [218-220]**

Wellington July 5<sup>th</sup> 1891

Dear Brother

It has been soome time since I have written to you as I have been with May a short time and then Alice has been home fixing to go away and alltogether kept me



buissey and you know dear brother we are apt to keep putting off from time to time when we have so much to do, which if we would sit right down and go at it we might write but I hope you will pardon me. And then when I think about you being sick, it grieves me so. Oh if I could only fly how soon I would reach you. David are you not well enough to come home and live with us, what a pleasure it would be for me to nurse you, if you were sick, and I believe I and my family might be a comfort to you yes brother

come I had made up mind to let Alice go to be a help to you even if it was a long way. I believe the Lord would give me strength to bear up under all trials if I will let Him. Yes and I know He will comfort you dear brother if you will just ask Him. You know how willing we would give to our children or those we love and how much more is our Heavenly Father willing to give to us. He has Suffered and died for you and me as well as for the whole world. And is it not true as the poet says

I give I give my life for you

And what hast thou given for Me.

Yes how true, Sureley what have we given for Him. What have we done for Him when I think of it, it brings tears to my eys and I am ready to weep, and yet He drawe us near unto Him, and comforts our poor Souls and sends us Heavenly Showers that we may be blest. Our crops are looking fine whilst some others are not doing so well, we are all in good health Alice is in Belleville in buisness as you wrote for her to do so untill you wrote again, we feel verry anxious about you, not knowing wither we ever will have the pleasure of reading words from your own pen or not, ~~if not~~, dear Brother if it is your time to leave this earthly house may your end be a happy one. Lord bless you and comfort those that are left behind and help them to meet thee in Heaven. Oh I dont want to think your dead or near deaths door but I must get a letter from you soon I believe I can almost see you now yes I can but you are sick. Now cheer up and here is a Kiss it is getting dark so I cannot see.

Peter Huff stoped here the othe day had been up the shore buying fish said they were all well G Stantons were all well and B. Stories and W. How and M. Huycks family May and Howard were home to day with both of there little girls real smart children they came up last night they send their love and Annie also Wilfor has been to church and just got home ~~send~~ wishes to be remembered to you Grandma is gone to Pickering for a visit we have a small crop of strawburies I wish you could be here to help eat them with cream and sugar it is near twelve Oclock so I will close as ever your loving sister

M B Cronk

please write as soon as you are able a Kiss good buy

**13 Jul. 1891, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to George F. Hollis Esq. U. S. Consul  
Folder 4-1 [193-194]**

Copy

Wellington July 13<sup>th</sup>. 91

Geo F. Hollis Esq U.S Consul  
Cape Town

S. Africa

Dear Sir:

I wrote you a few days ago in answer to yours of June 2<sup>nd</sup> (to M<sup>rs</sup>. Cronk.) in that I gave you what information I thought you would be likely to need –

But I fear you will be at a loss to know what the good cost shipped by “the S. S. White Dental M.f.g Co New York”. I have written that Company to write you on the Subject of M<sup>r</sup> Ogden’s business.

And to send you invoices of the

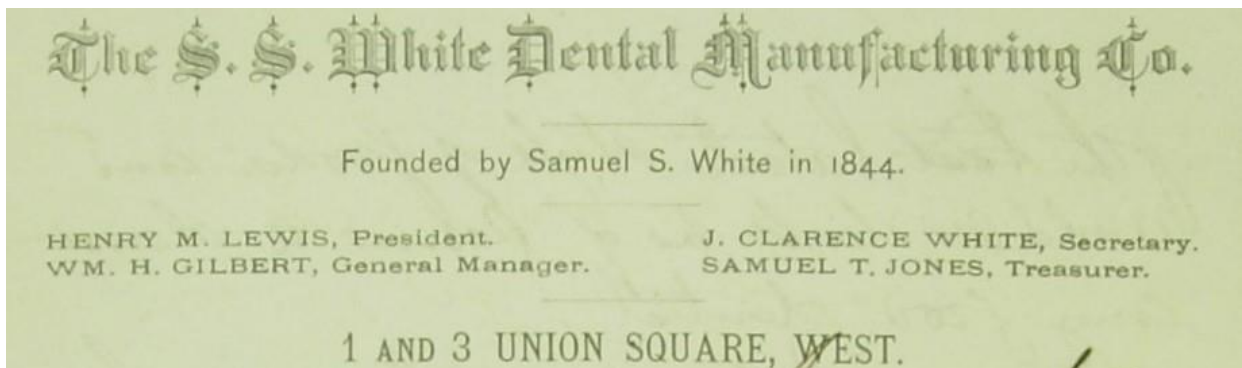
last two shipments of goods and other matters as to the disposing of the good to some of their customers. And if possible send a good Dentist to fill M<sup>r</sup>. Ogdens place in the business and buy the entire out fit and stock. I also sent you a copy of M<sup>r</sup> Ogdens Will, which will be a head of this date. Any other matter that I think will be of help to you I shall endeavour to send along as speedily as possible

yours truly

John H Cronk  
Wellington P. Off  
Ontario  
Canada

**21 Aug. 1891, New York, The S. S. White Dental Mfg. Co. to John H. Cronk  
Folder 4-1 [211-212]**

[The first page letterhead is attached in picture form]



Telephone connection.

New York Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1891

John H Cronk

Wellington P. O. Ontario.

Canada

Dear Sir

Yours of July 13<sup>th</sup> came to hand and it was a great surprise to learn of Dr. Ogdens death. We have tried to get some responsible dentist to go from here to Cape Town and take the practice. But I am sorry to say – it is impossible no one seems willing to take the voyage and risk, and therefore have to give it up. We have mailed copies of both the last bills of goods sent Dr Ogden to U.S Consul Hollis, with a request to try and dispose of

the goods to some dentist in that vicinity, if possible and informing him that the goods are?

of the last latest style of goods, and would no doubt be of service to almost any good dentist.

I do not see how anything else can be done. We do not know of any one else out there –

Hoping something may be obtained from them for you.

We remain Yourstruly

The S. S. White Dental M'f'g Co. [stamp]

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