

LETTERS FROM BOARDING SCHOOL Dec. 28, 1851

Burlington, Conn.

Sir; Although I have recently written to my dear uncle I feel inclined to (?) on the first leisure moments to say how ready I am for some clothing. I cannot go to church today for today for the day is the close of the Sabbath School and the scholars is to have present but I cannot meet with them for I have no cloak nor shawl to weare. It is unpleasant to go without them and I want to go to singing school and other places and there is a donation party I should like to attend if I had close comfortable and I have ask you to send me some of my money what more can I ask. I want some help and I must have it if you cant let me have any of my money please to let me know it. I am 14 years of age I want close to go around about folks and see what they are about in the world and I want close to look as well as other folks do. I wish you to remember me at all times and places (and to let me have some money to--this was scratched out) for it is to dreadful cold to wear an old thin patched up shirt or dress a borrowed one and I cannot borrow no more.
Rhoda M. Alderman

Ira Hadsell
Suffield, Jan. the 16th, 1854
Dear Uncle;

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. Mr. Shelton was here tonight and he said that he wanted to see me about my bill. I asked him if you had not paid it. He said that you had forgot it and he wanted Mrs. Slater to and he wished me to write for her. Miss Slater is 9.42 cts. and mine is 9.77 cents. Miss Slater said she wanted 10\$. I have not got enough to get me home. It takes a great deal for candles. The wood is 2\$. Mr. Barnes was here last week and paid Julia Ann hers was 27.50 cents. He wanted to have you send it to me. He said that he guess I could get it this week. I should think he was in a hurry. How does Burdett (a brother) get along. Have you heard from our folks and be they all well. I believe Miss Slater likes to take music lessons pretty well. She says when she gets away she don't think she shall come back here again, but I think I shall, I like it first rate but don't think I shall come back here in the summer. School is got to keep 4 weeks from today. Vacation is out a week and a half in the spring. I should like to have you to wright and tell me all of the news. I must close now saying good night.

From Rhoda to her Uncle Ira
(Rhoda was born 3-28-1837 and about 17 years old. She died in 1858, age 21.)

Suffield, 5th Dec. 1855
Miss Rhoda Alderman
To CONN. LITERARY INSTITUTION, Dr.

To Tuition Winter Term \$5.00
" Room Rent, ----- 2.00
" Incidental Expenses, ----- .25
" Drawing, ----- 1.00
" Paintina, -----
" Music on Pianoforte, ----- \$8.25

Received Payment, D.L. Shalitan, Collector

Ira Hadsell, Guardian in a/c with his wards Truman A. Burdett & Rhoda M. Alderman extending from the 3rd of April 1852 to the first of April 1853.

Rhoda Alderman

In saving Society Hfd. with Int. to Dec. first \$230.60
Time & money expended in land as inventoried 188.00 getting bounty land paying share for
bounty land 8.33 taxes etc. \$4.00
422.60 Probate fees .33
expenses 4.33 4.33
Bal. on hand 422.60
Ira Hadsell, Guardian Probate Office, Burlington District, 1853

The within guardian a/c of Ira Hadsell with his wards, Truman A. Aldewrman, Burdett Alderman & Rhoda Alderman was presented in court to be recorded.

Billy Gaylord, Judge Ira Hadsell Settlement of Guardian a/c to April, 1853