

DAVID H. CHERINGTON TO NAN

Thurman Gallia Co O
Aug-6th/61

Miss N. Hank

We received your letter in due time and might have answered it sooner, but have been very buisy We still live in Centerville and are all well.

Jane's health is very good thus summer. She seems to be getting young again

Carroll and Merrick are very hearty and are growing fast Carroll only weights 2 1/2 lbs more than Merrick

Addie Carrie is running all about the house and out into the street. She looks very much like Carroll

We were at your fathers about two weeks ago and found them well All seemed in good spirits Your father had been working at the house some

He had laid a floor and had done some ceiling. He thinks of finishing it up for winter Clintons I believe are all well. Sarah Woods is tolerably well at present.

She has a daughter about two months old

Fathers are well at present Bro Caleb is at home and studieing law

Charles has been teaching school in Centreville, which is out to day He now thinks of joining the army for the war

We were on a visit to see Eliza & Holliday two weeks ago and we found them in possession of good health and a bouncing boy of four months age.

Lib is well and has a very fine boy Susan, Louisa and the rest of the family are in fine spirits with the exception of a little sadness about the war Gallia and jackson are sending out a good many young men into the war and we say Amen

Bro W. S. Taylor who traveled the circuit last year is forming a company for the war and is going out as Captain You see then we have some fighting preachers in Ohio

For some weeks it has been very dry and corn looks bad Wheat in many parts of the country is very poor being injured by the weevil The weather is coming more seasonable and late crops begin to look better

We expect to return to this circuit next year and if we do and you get back we will expect that promised visit

I want you to write as often as convenient

Your newpew

D H Cherington

Note: This letter was posted at Thurman, Aug. 8th., and was addressed to "Miss N.A. Hanks, Morganville, Hillsdale Co., Mich." It was written soon after mother came to Michigan, and about 8 months before she was married. David H. Hank [Cherington?], a minister, was the first born of Mary (Polly) Hank Cherington and her husband, Jefferson. Polly was the firstborn of Caleb and Nancy Smith Hank (B. Aug. 6, 1809) and Nancy A. was her half-sister. I think, without doubt, that David H. was the senior of his aunt Nancy. His mother was 52 the day the letter was written. We have a picture of this David H. Cherington, the daguerreotype in the little copper frame.

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Note: A Charles Cherrington (spelled with a double "r") enlisted as a private in Company Dof the Ohio 23rd Infantry on February 29, 1864. He was wounded the

following September in Opequan, Virginia, and was mustered out with the rank of sargent on July 26, 1865. From the context of the letter it appears that "Jane" was the name of the writer's wife and Carroll, Merrick, and Addie were their children.