

Jeremiah Shumway's Letters 1890-1907

Almost all these letters, dating from 1890 to 1907, were between Jeremiah and Herbert Shumway. It was in 1907 that Herbert was diagnosed with diabetes and he retired from business. One can see that Jeremiah was not highly educated but certainly was able to express himself clearly, even eloquently.

- letterhead of Everett & Shumway Fremont Everett, J. Shumway
Dealers in Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds,
Coal etc, etc. Lyons, Nebraska..... 189__
letter dated 10/02/1890
to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert I was at Pender yesterday and spok to sevral about supporting you Will Pepels said that thay would do what they could for the ticket he said that it was no youse to think of doing any thing with the Winnebagoes onley at the Poles they sold thair votes for so much money they did not count friendship any things so I do not think that it would pay to git [Petter?] back for if he was here it would take just as much to bye a vote he said that the Omehors thay could mannage you had better go to Pender and show your self see Will Peples and Abbot and [Peter?] Sharp. Do not let Sharp know that you went to People and Abbert for thay are at sword points. Sharp will appose any thing that they want. You head better see a man by the name of Lenard he said that he was an Alliance man [this refers to the Farmer's Alliance, a short-lived populist movement] but would support you and do all he could for you you hed better see him. Parker said he was a Democrat but talk as so he would support you you had better see him. I put in a day there think that I maid you some votes you head better see all that you know down thair. Just go to thair house and see them go to Lenards and eat dinner it is the cheapest way to git a voat.

I think Loran can go. Father

- letterhead of Everett & Shumway letter dated 10/23/1890
to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert

Do not loose your head it seems that you are if you are taking the corse that they say you are taking I do not say that you are trying to pleas boths partes but if you are you will git beat and it will spile your reppation forever after. I hear that you drink with the whisky men. I cannot think that it is so but if it is tru you are beat you cannot keep such work without it is none [ie known] and you will not have any firends [sic] on eather side. If

you would stay at home and keep your money in your pocket you would be all right as for Mont if he will stay at home it would be better for him if he would stay at home and keep his money it would be all that he would half to do I suppose that you will do as you have a mind to. But you will see the day that you will repent it. About Charley if he lived there he might do some good but folks do not want outsiders to interfere they think that they are out of their place then. I do not want Charley to go up there with his old chums on Election Day.

If I am wrong about what I have heard will take back what I have said.

Father

- postcard dated Lyons Nebr 10/13/1891 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert - Your Mother is not very well she says that if you could come down and stay over between trains. She would like to see you. She says she has not had any visit with you for a long time. Father

- postcard dated Lyons, Neb 10/27/1891 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert You know more about tickets how is it the cheapest way to go to California. I want tickets good for six or eight months, I want to go over the U.P. here is the excursion from Sioux City we want to stop in Denver and I may come home from there if your Mother wants to stay there a few weeks. We want to go now as soon as your Mother is able to go.

Father

- letterhead of Fremont Everett, Attorney-At-Law Lyons, Nebraska...

letter dated 10/30/1891 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert I did not get your Dispatch till the cars had gone we are not very particular about going on the U.P. but would like to go through Denver your Mother would not like to try Hammond she knows what California is she thinks if Hammond does not agree with her it will be too late to do anything. She is very poorley we expect to be able to start in a week or two. Father

Your Mother is not able to go a round about ways

- Letterhead 'Office of SHUMWAY & CO, HAY AND GRAIN DEALERS- Cor 16th and Wazee Sts, Denver, Colo..... 189__ telephone 226'

letter dated 11/21/1891 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert Here we are your Mother's cough is better but the weather is so changeable here that I do not think we will stay here long we have not decided yet when we will go. Please write me what you can sell me a car of oats on track at Wakefield for [Please] Answer at

once and oblige. Edmund appears to be doing fairly well now he [??] about \$20 a day his expenses about 8. Direct to me 1601 Wazee St Denver Father

- letterhead of Everett & Shumway letter dated San Diego 12/10/1891 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert Here we are and well your Mother is getting better all the time. We will go back to Pasadena this week. Think that I will start for home next Monday or Tuesday. We have got settled at Pasadena and I do not see any need of my staying all Winter even if I com back to go home with your Mother Father

- letterhead of Fremont Everett, Attorney-At-Law Lyons, Nebraska. letter dated 2/01/1892 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert I think now of going to Calaforna two weeks from to day if northing new happens. Hed a letter to day from Mother she is getting along better. There is northing new here. Father

P S I think you miss it to build such a house now. Prehaps you will want to leve by the time you git it built then it will be ded property. This dont cost you a cent.

Father

- letterhead of Fremont Everett, Attorney-At-Law Lyons, Nebraska. letter dated 7/02/1892 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert It is to short notice to make up our mind about Roy it is time now to make up our minds about Roy he will either give up school now or go through colage would like to see you about it before we deside he does not to know what to do yet. If you have to have some one at once you had better git some one. Would like to have Roy work for you if he does not go to school but we cannot deside to day.

Father

- letterhead of L.G. Shumway & Co dealers in Lumber, Lime, Cement & Coal; Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds Etc; Lyons, Nebraska..... 189---; L.G. Shumway, J.Shumway letter dated 11/23/1892 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert The boys will be here to night can you com down on the 10 train and and go back on the 3:30. We would like to have our pictures taken just the Shumways. We have bin counting on it Father

- letterhead of L.G. Shumway & Co dealers in Lumber, Lime, Cement & Coal; Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds Etc; Lyons, Nebraska letter dated 1/30/1893 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert I do not hear from Myron I wish that you would go to Coleridge to morrow if you can, Thair is 180 dollars coming to me for rent on the store and I want you to pay H Clark one note and pay the intrest on the others. See that it is indorsed on all right. I wish that you would see if the store is fixed on the inside there was some plastering of and see if the new tin roof is panted. Git a statement from Myron how Monts and my accounts stand if Myron has paid any thing for me. Git a statement what it is for and what my lumber bill is and what my Oats come to

Father P S We got a new price list today please send it back and oblige.

- letterhead of L.G. Shumway & Co dealers in Lumber, Lime, Cement & Coal; Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds Etc; Lyons, Nebraska letter dated 2/24/1893 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

There is two Boys by the name of Shepardson and [Bragg?] that I have good reson to think broke in to our safe. They took the Frate train to Wakefield that night. It is likeley that they are the ons that broke in to the Depot you or the railroad put a spotter on them and if they pass a twenty Dolar Bill (20.00) have them arrested, for I think they are the ones. Theylive at Oakland but work on a Ranch last summer up thair some whair. I am satisfied that thair is a[Ray--] in our town that is with them that (20) Dollar Bill will give them away- They took it from our safe. If the rail road will help me we can git them.

Father

- letterhead of L.G. Shumway & Co dealers in Lumber, Lime, Cement & Coal; Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds Etc; Lyons, Nebraska letter dated 8/05/1893 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert Mr. Coil is dead will be burried the 6 at 2 o clock did not know but what you would like to com down. Sent you a dispach so you could git ready if you wanted to come

Father

- statement of L.G. Shumway & Co dealers in Lumber, Lath, and Shingles, Sash, Doors, Cement, Etc; Lyons, Nebraska..... 189__ ; L.G. Shumway, J.Shumway letter dated 9/22/1893 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Rufus and Loran have gon fishing expect Mont and Rufus home tonight Rufus will half to start for home next Thursday he talks of going up thair to spend Sunday but Loran will not be home in time to go. Cannot you come down to morrow on the 6 o clock train and go back Sunday on the 12:30 train if you cannot stay longer. Pleas send a line in the morning

Father

PS If you have any thing to say why I should not sign that paper say it. Now is the time.

- postcard dated Lyons 10/6/1893 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert I do not know as I could git there my buisness in one evening so I would half to stay over Sunday do not think I head better go till next week if you have time to see [Winebryner?] try to git my rent. Let it to him and he rerented it he was to pay me every six months it was due the first of July he does not pay me because he clames that they do not pay him. Now I want my pay now if it is not paid at once I shal [?] it to be sued before Election Father

- letterhead; office of C.O. SHUMWAY, dealer in all kinds of AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, pumps, carts and wagons - Lyons, Neb..... 189__ ; ELI subscriber letter dated 1/03/1894 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert I wish that you would go out to Denver if you posebly can would like for you to see just how things are Loran talks of coming back soon it looks to me as thow he head better leve of Pockering [ie leave off playing poker] for a month or to before he coms. He is Pockering all the time I think he head ought to try it a while before he comes if you was thair you would know all about it. He head better stay all winter then to come to soon will try to help him thair if I can. Father

- letterhead of H P Shumway & Co, Dealers in Lumber, Coal and Farm Machinery; agents for J.1 Case Threshing Machine Co - est 1882; Oldest Firm in Wakefield; Wakefield, Neb - letter dated 7/04/1903 letter to Jeremiah Shumway from Herbert Shumway return dated 7/05/1903 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Dear Father I wish that you would come up to talk over the Fisher affair with me ... I would like so well to keep him if I dared to, but the way he feels I don't know.

Your boy , H P Shumway

Nellie is better

Lyons 7/05/1903 Herbert

I would com up if I thought that I could do any good but if you are shure that hi has ben disonest wilfuley I do not see how you can keap him. His having the holl charge up their but you do not tell me what you want me to do. Let me here from you in the morning. I sent a letter up by Halley. Did he not let you have it. I wrote about that money do you want it now. I do not want it here doing northing I can use it if you do not want it .

Father

- statement in account with J.Shumway & Son, dealers in Farm Implements, Lumber, Coal, Building Material of all Kinds; Lyons, Nebr note dated Lyons 11/02/1903

Herbert The IOOF of Coleridge owe me six months and seven days Hall rent at five dollars per month that was due befor I solde to Linkhart. I cannot git a word from them if you are up thair on Month's [ie Mont's] buisness I wish that you would see some of them and try to git it and oblige Father

- letterhead of J.Shumway & Son, dealers in Agricultural Implements, Lumber & Coal. Windmills and Pumps. Repairs of all Kinds; J.Shumway, C.O. Shumway; Lyons. Nebr... dated 5/13/1904 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert I cannot tell yet whether I can go up on the prarie [Portland Prairie?] in June or not. Head a letter from Edd to day he is coming Memorial Day if he can. Does not know yet are you going to [Timon?] the 18. If you do want you to make all aragement with the Govener. Pleas let me know. All well

Father

- letterhead of J.Shumway & Son, dealers in Agricultural Implements, Lumber & Coal. Windmills and Pumps. Repairs of all Kinds; J.Shumway, C.D. Shumway; Lyons. Nebr.. dated 6/18/1904 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert I can go to Minn any day after next Wed June 22. It will be cheper to git a round trip ticket to St Paul will it not. Can git one from hear for \$12.35. We can go on the morning train and stop at Worthing for diner and I will write to Jams Pain [i.e. James Paine] to meat me thair. I would rather stay in St Paul over night then to ride all night at it would be cheaper. Pleas write so that I can git the letter to night for I am going to Omaha Sunday Father

- postcard dated 6/21/1904 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert When do you want to go to Minn. and what way. Pleas let me know a few days ahead if you can. I am ready any tim Loran sold his cattle for \$6.15 Father

- letterhead of J.Shumway & Son, dealers in Agricultural Implements, Lumber & Coal. Windmills and Pumps. Repairs of all Kinds; J.Shumway, C.O. Shumway; Lyons. Nebr.... dated 3/04/1905 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert When we com from the Prairie last July Will Cass was gon to Denver. He was in debt around here between four and five hundred dollars. I collected a litle that was due him and I paid the rest and we have[sind?] all that. All that Will has accounted for is 60 dollars. He is at home now but he is not doing any thing. Maybe he is not able but I do not know but it does seam to me that he could git around a little now. I am not feeling bad over it am glad that I can do it for Viola and fameley. Now do not say a word to Viola that I said any thing to you for she feals bad anough but I find that it takes lots of money. I hav bin gitting som intrest from Edmund what money that I have is tied up and

will half to collect what I half to use now. If you can pay me the intrest on that Note it was given Aug 6 1903 for 1400 with intrest at 8 per cent. Prehaps that will last till Loren sells somthing. This buisness does not owe me any thing.

Father

P S That Cray Lumber yard would be a good thing to have but none of us are in shape to do any thing.

- letterhead of J.Shumway & Son authorized agents for Reyburn, Hunter & Co's Lightning Rods, Ornaments and Fixtures; Lyons, Neb.... letter dated 5/18/1905 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert I do not think best for Loran to take any stock in your company if he has any money to spair after paying his other debts. I think he head better pay me some it will be the same to you for what he pays me I can let you have he cannot tell anything what his cattle will bring he paid me a little but I head use for that he thinks that he can pay me but his plans most always falls short.

Father

- letterhead of J.Shumway & Son, dealers in Agricultural Implements, Lumber & Coal. Windmills and Pumps. Repairs of all Kinds; J.Shumway, C.D. Shumway; Lyons. Nebr..... dated 11/10/1905 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert We are going to have a Thanksgiving diner at the Church parlors. They will set seperate tables if [panserly?] want to. If Nelley and the hol famley would like to com I would like to have you. Pleas let me know so we can git you in the pot. All are well

Father

- letterhead of J.Shumway & Son, dealers in Agricultural Implements, Lumber & Coal. Windmills and Pumps. Repairs of all Kinds; J.Shumway, C.D. Shumway; Lyons. Nebr.... dated 1/04/1907 to Herbert Shumway from Jeremiah Shumway

Herbert Can you use a thousand (1000) Dollars till July 1 1907 at 8 per cent. If you can will send it up tomorrow. Pleas let me know.

Father