

**Marion Cronk Fonds  
Letters from Folder 4-2  
1890's**

These letters are mostly to and from John Hughes Cronk. Many deal with the estate matters of David F Ogden. Others are from various members of his extended family.

The letters have been transcribed by Doug Smith and Carm Foster under the coordination of Randy Saylor. They are recorded in chronological order.

**2 Nov 1889 – Last Will of David F Ogden  
Folder 4-2[155-156] Doug Smith**

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Oct. 15 to Nov 1.

I, DAVID F. OGDEN., in the County of Boulder, and State of Colorado, being of sound memory, hereby make this

**MAY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**

Hereby revoking all other and former Wills : —

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint John H. Cronk, of Wellington, Prince Edward County, Ontario, to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament. And I hereby give and grant unto my said Executor full power and authority to grant bargain and sell any and all Real Estate of which I may die seized as fully to all intents and purposes as I could myself if living, and good and sufficient conveyance to make therefor.

It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall first be paid out of my estate hereinafter mentioned. And after the payment of all such debts and expenses, I give devise and bequeath all my property real and personal, in the manner following,  
that is to say.

I give and bequeath to my brother William Norman Ogden, of Boulder, aforesaid, all accounts, or indebtedness of every kind or nature held by me against him at the time of my decease so that upon my death the same shall be fully cancelled.

After my real estate shall have been disposed of, as above set forth, and after the cancellation of all indebtedness of my brother William, I give devise and bequeath one half of all the proceeds of my property to my sister Marilla Berthenia [sic] Cronk ; the remaining one half of all my property I give devise and bequeath in equal parts and proportions to my brothers John Riley Ogden and George Sheldon Ogden and my sister Minerva Jane Huyck, so that the three last named shall receive each one sixth of said remainder.

And in case any of the said legatees shall die before my decease, then the portion bequeathed to such one so dying shall go to the legal representatives of said deceased.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and have declared this my last will and testament this second day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine.

Sig. David F. Ogden [seal]

Signed and sealed by the above named Testator David F. Ogden, and by him declared to be his Last Will and Testament in presence of us, who have hereunto set out names as witnesses thereto at the request of the said testator, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November A. D. 1889.

Sig. S. A. Giffin.

**2 June 1891, Capetown, George F. Hollis to Marilla Ogden Cronk**  
**Folder 4-2 [98]** Carm Foster

Geo. F. Hollis  
Consul  
States,  
Jas. W. Attwell,  
Vice-Consul  
1891

Consulate of the United

Capetown, June 2

Mrs. Cronk,  
Wellington, Canada

Dear Madame:

I have been informed that you are a sister of D<sup>r</sup>. D. F. Ogden, formerly of Bogota So. Am. who came to this City not long ago to practice dentistry.

He wrote me from that Country and I at once advised his coming here where he at once established a good practice. A few weeks ago I was surprised to learn in a notice published in the newspaper that he had gone to the hospital and would notify patients when he would resume practice. The next account was of his death which occurred on the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. I attended his funeral with others. Anything you may wish to communicate by letter of ??? will have my attention, particularly facts concerning relations, his proper domicile in the U.S. and as to disposition of property

I am very truly yours  
Geo. F. Hollis,  
U.S.Consul

**Power of Attorney**

**Folder 4-2 [1] Doug Smith**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that I, JOHN H. CRONK, of the Township of Hallowell in the County of Prince Edward and Province of Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada, Yeoman.

DO HEREBY MAKE Nominate Constitute and Appoint GEORGE F. HOLLIS of the City of Capetown Cape of Good Hope, United States Consul, my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name place and stead, and for my sole use and benefit, to collect all debt and accounts due the late David F. Ogden and give good and valid receipts therefor, and with the exception of such personal effects as I have already ordered shipped to me, to dispose of all his estate of every nature and kind, including books debts and accounts, office furniture and stock, and any securities of money, and to receive all moneys on hand or deposited in Banks or elsewhere: and to pay all his just debts and funeral expenses if any, and generally to do all things necessary for the winding up of his estate at Capetown, as if the said George H. Hollis had been the duly appointed executor to his estate, and to send me a Bank Draft for any balance on hand after payment of debts and legitimate expenses connected with the estate: and for all and every of the purposes aforesaid Do Hereby Give and Grant unto my said Attorney full and absolute power and authority to do and execute all acts deeds matters and things necessary to be done in and about the premises AND ALSO to commence institute and prosecute all actions suits and other proceedings which may be necessary or expedient in and about the premises as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as I could if personally present and acting therein. I hereby ratifying and confirming and agreeing to ratify and confirm and allow all and whatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
this                                  day of                                  one thousand eight  
hundred and ninety one.

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
In the presence of

**10 Jul 1891 – John Cronk to Geo Hollis**

**Folder 4-2[112-113] Doug Smith**

[Note – this is a handwritten version of this letter]

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Wellington July 10<sup>th</sup> 1891

Geo F Hollis Esq U. S. Consul  
Cape Town

Dear Sir:                                  S. Africa

Your kind notice of the 2<sup>nd</sup> June came to hand this evening. It brings us soreful news — we had a ~~form~~ letter a few days ago from one E Munnick also the Cape Times that gave us Notice of the Drs sudden death and buriel.

Mrs Cronk is away to ~~one of her~~ state the sad news to one of her sisters — will probably be gone a few days. So I haste to send you a short note of a few facts. I believe it becomes your official duty to look after ~~the~~ the effects of all American Citizens who die without some relatives or friends (~~in your jurists?~~) to do the like duty.

Mr Ogden's death is the first break in a family of ten children, six girls and four boys — their ~~old people~~ parents are both dead ~~now~~ some years since His proper domicile is Boulder Colorado U.S. He wrote Mrs Cronk some tome ago inclosing an envelope with his address on it, in her care to be placed in the Bank here for safe keeping and not to be opened until after his death. The package was placed in the ~~Stepdem?~~ Bank Picton. and remained there until we got notice of his death last Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>, when it was taken out by myself and opened in presence of Mrs Cronk and one of her sisters ~~and opened~~ ~~whiced~~ it proved to be his Will

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and your humble servant who is pening these lines was appointed Executor of the same. I have not proved the Will as yet, but will do so in proper time. if no other will turns up at latter date. In the mien time I would say that this, as to the disposition of his effects in Cape Town. All of his clothing ~~Books~~ Books letters, (including thos that have reached him since his death) Photoes watch and other like effects be packed up in his trunk and sent to by express to my address. He must have some ready cash to pay funeral and like expenses and quite a large amount standing out to collect —

And two shipments of good which would not reach Cape Town until after his death — shiped from the S.S. White dental Mfg Co of New York, which I paid for — which may be sold together with his tools and office furniture and discharge his liabilities at the proper time.

I do not know just what to say, as to how to have it done, or what I should say to you. I will see my attorney and write you later on if necessary. His Will authorizes me to sell all his property and pay legitees.

Many thank for your kindness in attending his funeral &c

Most truly yours

John H Cronk

Wellington P. Off

Ontario

Canada

**Jul. 10 1891, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to George F. Hollis**

**Folder 4-2 [96-97] Carm Foster**

[[Note — this is a typed version of the above letter]

Wellington, Ont. Canada.

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Ge F. Hollis Esq.

U. S. Consul, Cape Town, South Africa.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind notice of the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, to Mrs Cronk, came to hand this evening: it brings us sorrowful news. We had a letter a few, days ago from one Miss E. Mumick of Green Market Square, Cape Town. We also got the 'Cape Times' of May 28<sup>th</sup>. that gave us notice of his sudden death, and of his burial.

Mr Ogden's death is the first break in a family of ten children, six girls and four boys. Both their parents have been dead for some years past. His proper domicile in the United States was Boulder, Colorado, where he still has considerable real estate.

He wrote Mrs Cronk some time ago, enclosing a sealed envelope, with his name upon it, with instructions that it should be placed in the Bank here for safe keeping until he called for it or until his death, and not to be opened until after his death. The package was, placed in the Standard Bank, Picton, and remained there until we got notice of his death last Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, when it was taken out by the writer at Mrs Cronk's request, and opened in her presence and in the presence of one other of her sisters. It proved to be his Will, and the writer, John H. Cronk, is named as sole executor of the same. I have not proved the Will as yet, but will do so in proper time, if no other will turns up of later date.

The will is dated 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1889, and was executed at Boulder, Colorado. You may also recollect Mr Ogden executing before you a power of attorney to me which gave me authority to do all his business in America. As I have been acting as his attorney and agent her [sic] for some years. I was not surprised to find that I had been appointed his executor. I enclose you a copy of his Will, which unless you find one of more recent date, will have to be acted upon. The will was sent to Mrs Cronk from New York, when on his way to Bogota.

I have been informed that you are the proper ~~person~~ officer to whom I should apply for assistance, as Mr Ogden was an American citizen. I would like you to express all his private papers, letters, books, clothing, wach, jewellery. (including his diamond pin), photos, trunks, and other articles of a private nature to me.

Also to dispose of his office furniture and stock of instruments &c &c, together with all book accounts and other property not suitable for shipping home. There was a large quantity of stock shipped by the 'S. S. White Dental Mfg Compy, New York, to him shortly before his death.

I should like that out of the proceeds of his personal property and his ready cash in Bank or otherwise that all his funeral expenses and other debts, if any, be first paid, and the balance after payment of proper expenses, be sent to me.

I am not aware of his owning any Real Estate, or having made any other investments, but kindly enquire fully as to this, as he wrote me at one time that he contemplated making some investments at Cape Town.

Your truly      John H Cronk [penned]

Wellington P. Off

[penned]

Ontario

[penned]

Canada

[penned]

**Jun to Oct 1891, liquidation and distribution of David F. Ogden's assets by William Arthur Currey.**

**Folder 4-2 [66-68]** Carm Foster

[ These are pages from a ledger consisting of 3 images]

Dr First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the Estate of the late David Cr

Fairfield Ogden rendered by William Arthur Currey Secretary General Estate and Orphan Chamber Executor Datroie.

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1891

June	5	To cash pd for Appointment as Curator Bonded	2	4	1891					
	13	" " " Insurance		5	2 June	2	By cash stamps and wrappers sold		10	6
	18	" " " J Young valueing and framing Inventory of stock	10			5	" " found in Estate and Standard Bank	41	2	
1	25	" " " Servants wages	1			10	" " Sales	1	6	
		" " " Coolier wagon hire and Carriage on parcel to England	1	"		29	" " G. N. Lindup purchase amount of stock in trade bought	211		
July	2	" " " Devine Gates & Co Landing goods -	2	13	July	1	By Cash Sales		15	
1 (a)		" " " Miss Munnich rent of rooms	10		Aug	1	" " G. N. Lindup goods bought	98	5	

	9	“ “ “ Advertising tenders for stock	6	1	“	24	“ “ Biscoombe a/c due		10	
	16	“ “ “ Funeral expenses	12	18	Sept	28	“ “ H Jones & Co Vendue Roll of Articles sold for a/c of Dec Estate	19	2	9
	18	“ “ “ Fees as Executor Datroie	2	17			“ “ Haynes Mathews & Co too ? brushes bought	2	12	
	25	“ “ “ New Somerset Hospital Act	9							
	2	“ “ “ Devine Gates & Co landing goods	8	12						
Aug	13	“ “ “ Advertising	14							
		“ “ “ Carriage on parcel	1	9						
Sept	10	“ “ “ J Young for writing Box								
	3	and services rendered as per a/c	28	10						
	17	“ “ “ A McKenzie & Co Carting parcel	19	9						
Oct	15	“ “ “ Advertising		9						
“	“	“ “ “ “	1	17						
	4	“ Capt Hollis a/c for assisting and establishing nw business	20							
		“ J. C. Juta advertising in Cape Gunde		15						
		“ J Jones Chemists a/c	1	3						
		“ G. F. Ashley developing 100 Easmans F Php <sup>c</sup> Felons @ 6 <sup>d</sup> .	2	10						
		£	123	12	5		Carried Forward	375	3	3
							£			

Brought Forward £

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5	To	D Haynes & Co for writing table	12	7	6
	"	Argus Printing Co Advertising	3	8	
	"	Murray & H Leger "	2	18	6
	"	Cape Times "		3	
	"	C. H. Hartley book on teeth	1		
	"	Claudius Ash & Sons goods supplied	4	12	3
	"	P. J. O'Dowd taxed bill of Costs	2	14	1
	"	Richards & Sons printing Phamplets	14		
6	"	G. Robinson repairing teeth guaranteed by deceased for a certain term	5	10	
	"	Argus Printing Co advertising book on teeth	1		
7	"	Amount retained to meet expenses on cases of clothing forwarded to Canada	20		
	"	Devine Gates & Co shipping above	2	17	3
	"	Charges Adr a/c postages & pettus? &c	1	1	
	"	Commission 5% on £375.3.3	18	15	
	"	Master Supreme Court Taxing Executors Commission being 5% £1 or fraction thereof £19			
		Filing a/c ----- 3	1	2	
		Balance for Distribution £	<u>160</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
			375	3	3
		Which is awarded to <u>J. H. Cronk</u> <u>£160.2.3</u> Executors Testamentary £ Residing in America	<u>160</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

**13 July 1891 - John Cronk to Frank Harmstad**

**Folder 4-2[86-87] Doug Smith**

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Copy

Wellington July 13<sup>th</sup> 1891

Mr Frank Harmstad

Manager of the S.S. White Dent M&C Co NY

Dear Sir

Mrs Cronk received a letter said to be from Dr DF Ogden's Land Lady of whom he rented his Office rooms from ~~ste~~ in Cape Town South Africa – stating that Mr Ogden died on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. We also received a Copy of the "Cape Times", given the account of his sudden death and buriel. We also got a letter from the American Consul of Cape Town givend the same information and asking direction as to the disposition of property &c. You will most kindly



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remember drawing on me for the amount of two Draft one for \$578 <sup>12</sup> dated May 15<sup>th</sup> payable at sight. The other dated June 15<sup>th</sup> of \$28 <sup>76</sup> ~~also payable at sight~~ Boath of which I paid ~~at sight~~ Neither of the shipment had time to reach him before the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Have you any other customers in Cape Town that you could sell thes goods to. if so I wish you would help me to get his estate wound up.

I have written the American Consul to look after his affairs, as I was told that he was in the proper officer to take charge of Mr Ogdens affairs.

If you could recommend some good Dentast to go and take

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the office that Mr Ogden has left and take his Tools, Office fixings and stock and fill Mr Ogdens place as successfully as he did himself, he could do a splendid business. as Mr Ogden wrote me that he had all he could do. Mr Ogdens business was running at the rate of \$5000 to year \$6000 a year.

If you could interest yourself in the matter it would confer a great favor on the relatives of your old friend who is now sleeping in his grave at Maitland Cape Town ~~S. Aafrica~~

You can corespond with Geo F. Hollis U.S. Consul Cape Town and ~~or to~~ Miss

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Miss Munnick

Murray's Registry

Green Market Square

Cape Town ~~South Africa~~

who Mr Ogden rented his rooms from. And she was anxious to get an other Dentist as good as Mr Ogden to fill the [vacancy]. And requested Mrs Cronk to write you on the subject.

Dear Sir I trust you will kindly pardon me for the liberty I have taken and the length of this letter, and believe me to be yours most truly

John H. Cronk

of Wellington

Ontario

Canada

P. S. I am a brotherinlaw of Mr Ogden, in great sorrow

J.H.C

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P. S. Be kind enough to send Mr Hollis invoices of the two last shipments of goods – as I sent those you sent me to Mr Ogden and oblige yours truly

John H Cronk

**15 July 1891, Marine City, John R. Ogden to John and Marilla Cronk**

**Folder 4-2 [119-121] Carm Foster**

Marine City July 15 – 1891

My Dear Sister & Brother

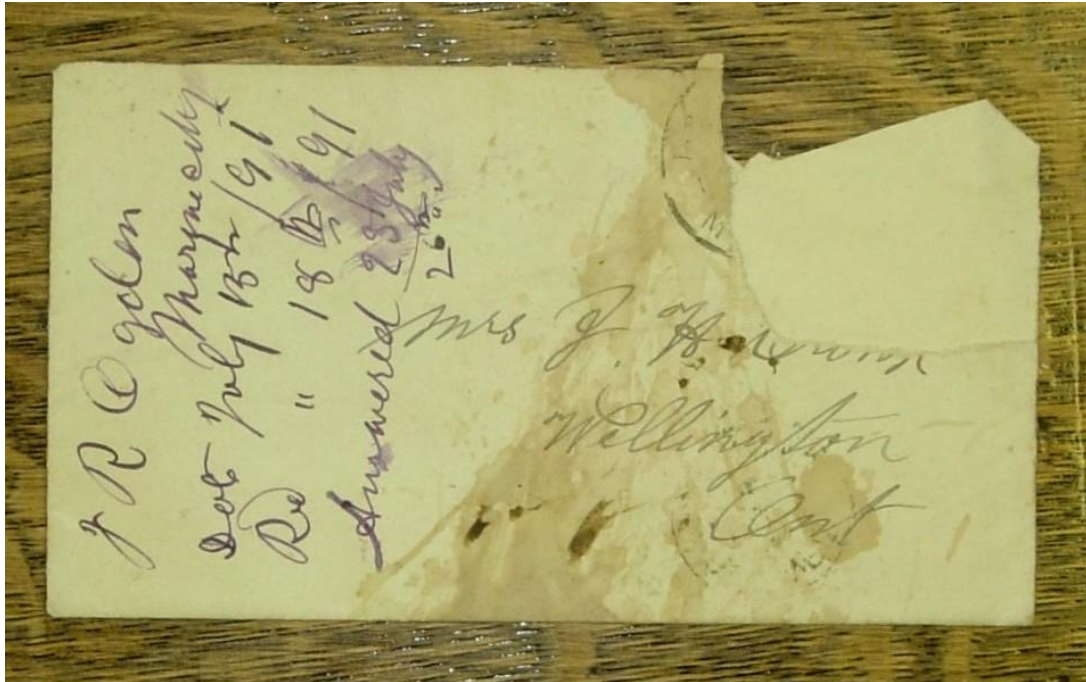
Your letters of the 4 & 5 Inst came to hand the 11<sup>th</sup> bringing the sad news of our Dear Brothers Death, well Sister I am not much Surprised to hear of his Death for when I got a letter from him in Cape town I Said to Sarah Jane that I should never see him again, because I new that he had, had Such a heavy fit of Sickness in South America I thought when he had gone to africa that he might have another fit of Sickness their, and I thought that if he did that he would never live through it, and my Prediction has come

to Pass, but I am dreadful Sorry about it, I ~~feel~~ we all feel to Simpathise ~~with~~ with our friends, the Lord gaveth and the Lord taketh away and blessed be the name of the Lord. I am thankful that I am Spared to live and have won as good health as I have, although I am far from having good health ~~health~~. Well a word or two about the rest of the family Davids Wife is miserable not able to do anything but to Sew or wash Dishes once in a while. David is Boarding home and working at Carpenters work or rather joiner work on a House he is well and hearty. Sarah Jane is well and hard to work she is washing to day, we had a letter from Franklin the 27 June, he was well then and doing well he is at South Souperior, Wisconsin the 2 little girls is well and grows like weeds, our Potatoes look the best that I ever had them, if we do not have a good yeald of Potatoes this year it wont be for the ~~lack~~ want of vines, we have no corn except a little in the garden, the Cherry crop is light with us on account of the late frost, and the Apple crop is light also just about us, verry few Pairs or Plums, well as I wrote so short a time ago I will not say much more.

Now Dear Sister will you be kind enough to give me the Lady's address that wrote to you from Af Aff Africa and Oblige yours as ever your affectionate Brother and well wisher J, R, Ogden

Marine City  
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[Image 121 consists of an envelope]



**29 July 1891, Cape Town South Africa, W. A. Currey to John H. Cronk  
Folder 4-2 [31-32] Carm Foster**

“p Dmottar Castle”

General Estate & Orphan Chamber  
Adderley Street Cape Town 29” July

1891

John H Cronk {  
Wellington  
Ontario, Canada

Dear Sir,

I do not know whether anyone has written to you about the death of Doctor David Fairfield Ogden, he died in the Hospital here in May last, and I have been appointed Executor Datorie of his Estate –

I have your letter to him of the 31<sup>st</sup> May Enclosing invoice of certain goods sent him by The S.S. White Dental Manufacturing Cor and note that you have paid for same out of monies of his in your possession –

As by this letter of yours I learn that you have a balance in hand owing to him, I shall feel obliged

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by your sending me a draft per return mail for the amount.

I have realized nearly the whole of his Estate with Exception of his personal Effects; I do not know whether you and the rest of his family would like

to have these sent to America, if so I can hand them to the American Consul here to forward, the only Jewelry we have is a gold chain and nickle Watch.

Could you send me the names of D<sup>r</sup>. Ogden's parents – if alive; if not then you can send the full names of his brothers & sisters living, and of the children of those who may have predeceased him, so as to guide me in the distribution of any balance which maybe over after the claims against his Estate –

Awaiting your reply

Yrsfaithfully

WA Currey

[Envelope – stamped 26 Aug 1891 Colorado]

Mr John Cronk  
Wellington, PO  
Prince Edward Co  
Ont  
Canada

**15 Aug. 1891, George F. Hollis Capetown South Africa to John H. Cronk  
Folder 4-2 [95] Carm Foster**

Geo. F. Hollis,  
Consul,  
States  
Jas. W. Attwell,  
1891  
Vice-Consul.

Consulate of the United

Capetown, Aug. 15,

John H. Cronk, Esqr.  
Wellington, Ont. Canada.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 10, enclosing copy of the will of the late David F. Ogden. I am sorry that yu did not think to have the copy properly verified by attestation of Justice, Notary, a letter, a U.S. Consul. As the copy I have will be poor? to me in settlement and as there is no probability of another will being found, I will keep this and ask you to forward me another copy, properly attested and signatures of yourself and others (not Mr Ogden) authenticated. By the time of its return shall probably leave all things ready for immediate transmission to you, and I will acquaint you by mail of the way of forwarding property, paper &c. I will instruct all forwarding agents to inform me of the arrival of any goods addressed to D<sup>r</sup> Ogden and make such dispostion of them as will be for the best interest of the Estate.

I am, truly Yours,  
Geo. F. Hollis,  
U. S. Consul.

P.S. I would advise that you prove the will, and send with attested copy a power of attorney to me might be well as English officials are rather hard to deal with, our treaties are so meager.

G.F.H.

**24 Aug 1891 – E Munnik Cape Town to Marilla Cronk**  
**Folder 4-2 [2- 18] Doug Smith**

C. Town

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Murray's Registry 24<sup>th</sup> Aug-/91

My dearest Mrs Cronk

I do thank you so much for y'r dear, kind loving answer, it was a long time coming, but you cannot help it, with such long distances there is a great delay I know that when you miss a post it has to wait for the next & that occasions it. Gratitude & kindness always touches me deeply, before words, tears flow & I cannot stop it I have a tender heart & wished I lived near you d'r Mrs Cronk but as it cannot be on this side of the grave, let us pray together though seperated where as we have it in Rev. 21 – 4 which I shall not quote, because it will make this letter too long I daresay you know it by heart I should so much liked to have had

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Miss Cronk here, even after poor d'r Mr Ogden's death I was still in hopes that she missed his letter & that she was on the way, the estate would have paid her passage back had she come, they told me so

His bedroom is still unlet I actually kept it for her, of course it was ordered so, by an Allwise Director, but had she come I would have had her introduced to the Heugenot Seminary also at a Wellington it is a beautiful country Town most of the teachers are Americans as also the lady Principal Miss Ferguson. She is a superior lady & a bright christian it is the largest School here Mr Ogden worked for the young ladies at that seminary, they would have taken her whoever it was to be so& must be content to live apart so may God bless her is my heartfelt prayer & wake her as happy

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elsewhere, as she thought of being with her uncle. I have now your letter before me to answer y'r many questions. Do not despair & say "never never see him again" if he would but be sent to visit you in y'r sweet sleep as he was sent to me & you will not doubt but that he is happy. On the night of the 25<sup>th</sup> July I saw him standing outside. This front stoep seat two steps underneath the steps just in front of this window we happened to be to-gether, he stood behind me & I in front he was dressed in his best black coat, high black hat & gloves all in black, his face had a most beautiful expression, full & nice, quite different to what I have

ever seen him look over his left arm he had touched me on my shoulder looked at me & laughed with an expression, so happy, so pleased

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& said you have done well I walked on he disappeared I woke & it was but a dream imagine my feelings, do not think me superstitious I am not, I always put such things far from me, but in dreams we are taught to believe

The first day he kept his bed when he got ill I dreamed that I stood inside this place in the passage little higher than my door, he came towards me, put a snowy white hand on my cheek deathlike in colour. I looked in his mouth & his teeth were all black & decaying I put the dream away from me I guessed it to be death I would not believe it you know the rest, was there no truth in that dream, mark the difference in the first dream he is inside the house in the second he is outside, no more of this place, let us d'r Mrs Cronk reverse it & faithfully believe, that instead of

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black he is in white the expression of his face was not as he left me haggard & worn & as I saw him stretched out when a corpse but full & bright & looking beautiful Mr Ogden was a deep thinker very reserved you could never get to the bottom of his way of thinking I never had a chance of speaking to him of his soul, he was always so busy & worried & I never for one moment thought that his time here was to be so short believe me I would not have put off speaking to him but I more than once told him & reminded him of that blessed example, commandments, sacrifices for us, that whatever favor I did him I did it not for payment & applause, but for my d'r Lord's sake, he was to accept of it In the bath here there is a glass door leading into the yard through which he had to pass daily to the back

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for his benefit I put up several loving & promising text cards which surely must have touched his heart I was wondering daily & made sure that the Lord loved him the way he prospered I cannot go into detail it would take me too long but this house was destined for him & prepared for him as a loving Father would provide for a child even paper & painting new, on the walls, I not only prayed for his earthly prosperity as long as he was here, but day by day up to the morning of his death prayed that the d'r Shepperd would gather him into his Heavenly Fold as a lost sheep who has wondered & strayed & bring him home, that very morning I wrote to him soberly? sending the bouquet I earnestly prayed the Lord that the words He will give me to write might touch his heart, do not

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d'r Mrs Cronk believe in dying souls being saved when they ask you to read & pray for them in that Inquest? Salem of all times, our thoughts must be settled in that hour then we must trust & hold on that we are reduced reading & praying then will not take us to Him but implicit faith, as the woman who begged for the crumbs that fell from the Master's table & the woman who touched the hem of

His garment, he wants the belief Mr Ogden knew very well that earthly power could not cure him much less save him just a week before he went to Hospital I detained him by the door to ask him how he felt he said "I am much the same & like you I do not believe in doctors of course meaning that only by a Higher Power he could be cured If he had been with

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his relatives he may have had a strong desire to live longer If I had known he was so bad I would most assuredly have gone out to see him & then have upset him it was better he had no one he knew, I never attend service but ask the d'r Lord to engrain by His Holy Spirit on my mind the lesson or discourse I am about to hear & so often remember beautiful sermons many of them I shall remember to my dying hour, three years ago O heard a sermon preached by a Wesleyan Minister on miracles, the preacher said that if we think the time for miracles has passed we are very much mistaken for instance answers to prayers is one, when earnestly & truthfully offered & that he had heard a dying Christian exclaim that he expected to meet with three miracles when he came

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to Heaven the 1<sup>st</sup> to meet whom he never thought of meeting there the 2<sup>nd</sup> not to meet whom he thought of meeting there & the 3<sup>rd</sup> to find himself so great a sinner in Heaven now in this there is great truth I have also heard one of the Professors of the Theological Seminary preach on the life of Samson that according to the old testament Samson was a religious man, but according to the new he was far away, but God searches the depth of each heart & knows what is hidden there. He read the good that was in Samson & when he came to himself in his blindness & sat grinding in the prison house he had time to repent & pray to his God for forgiveness his prayer was accepted because of his faith the preacher also compared a thoroughly truthful prayer to the pure gold that is

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hidden in the depths of the earth so let us trust it was with y'r dear departed brother Mr Ogden was a deep thinker I think I have written that before he went to Hospital he kept his bed for two days the servant received the order from him not to admit any one in his own words "I do want to see a human being" he would be alone & asked for rest & quiet, he use to attend the Wesleyan Church it is on this square, only a few steps from this place Mr Ogden scarcely ever went out sometimes to the working men's meetings in the evening to make himself known to them once I was told he went to a theatre in the middle of the play left it, he never touched liquor he was not acquainted with any women his servant came at seven in the morning & left here at six in the evening during his stay here he was

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three times sick, each time I offered him the boy who works for me to sleep in his room in case he wanted assistance at night I did not like the girls to wait on him

when he was in bed I think he wrote to you he had rheumatism in Feb – the boy slept in his room & rubbed his leg & did for him all he wished to have done, he had a very straight life as long as he was here I can assure you I told him when first he came, that I was very particular & exact, so he did every thing to oblige me Mr Ogden was to me an invaluable lodger he brought me what I value above gold & silver viz – sweet peace & rest, he never intruded or forced himself on me, for that reason I admired & respected him so much, he one day asked me why I did not let all the rooms upstairs I said simply because I am paying for peace then a month after he engaged all my rooms I used to have lodgers in from

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time to time but I found that it interferred with his many visitors so I gave it up, one afternoon he ran downstairs without his coat to see me before I locked evry door, to borrow a sovereign he was in the habit of doing it when he had not change enough, but he apologised ever so many times because he was without the coat Be assured Mrs Cronk that y'r d'r brother had a respectable funeral & has a very respectable grave I have been to it he is buried right next to an American one Mr Sessions somewhere from the United States he died in /85 & has a very nice stone Mr Ogden's grave has been purposely put close to it, for as the Superintendent Mt Hutt tells me that when a stone is put he would advise to bring the two graves sin? [set] together like a low cement wall is always built round & enclosed with a black iron chain Mr S. has that round his; so

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it will not be much to join it together I have inquired for you, you buy a nice placing stone from £ 3-10 – to £5 & for inscription 7d/- the doz letters, there is a beautiful projection with our tree in full blossom just between the two graves at the back of it I wear?? & the pretty branches in flower hanging over & they asleep so quiet underneath I send John a little flower of it & a little piece I shall enclose to y'r d'r sister, the cemetery is kept in fine order & the graves very clean his grave is filled up quite high two wreaths of everlasting flowers are on it given by those who attended his funeral one was given by the Dentist Hutchinson he is also an American he told me that he followed the funeral with a little souviner He is the gentleman who left his card I mentioned to Mr Ogden in that letter you have when he was at the Hospital The burial ground is at a place called Maitland on the

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Flats you have to drive out, or go by train rather far from Town; Do not think dearest friend that I really had a profit in money out of y'r late brother far from it (I lose by him) our thoughts are our own & you have the right to come to that conclusion that he paid me a high rent & for that reason I so much regret him believe me that he did not & it was certainly not his fault when he came in answer to mine & asked for terms I made the rent as low as I could because he came here risking and incurring so much expense not knowing what kind of a Dentist he was I pitied him a year or two ago one Mr Bell a Dentist opened on this same



square he was obliged to leave he could not pried? a practice so I felt for him & thought I would meet him & do for him what I could if he had lived longer everything would have been

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covered but alas he was called away & there it ends I carpetted all the floors it cost me nearly twelve pounds whereas I only got a pound a month profit from him everything is second hand now at sales things are given away here, the lot will not fetch twenty shillings if sent to sales, he was so honest and just that when he left on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May he paid me the rent in advance little did I know it would be the last that I was to receive from him when he handed me that last cheque the day & hour comes before me like the day of yesterday & tears blind my eyes as I am writing it to you & my heart is so sore, he employed so many different hands, each one had a little profit out of him my tears fall fast when I think of it I always consider the poor I know what poverty is d'r Mrs Cronk I was poor myself & my late mother was once rich through mismanagement

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of others she lost all & the Wise God called me to support her to work for her for many years the brothers were too going after her after her death I had my sick delicate sister on my hands to the day of her death between that I was matron at the Young Women's Christian Association I had the management of the whole place Will you believe me God Almighty sees me writing this that I worked there three months for nothing, not even my boots or washing paid me there are two ways of working I did all the medical work out of charity stayed there a year they got Christian Workers from England then I left, I worked long for a brother to help him on I can do any work in any capacity wherever I am called that of course is a gift I receive from above when my sister died I came here & had to give Mrs Murray an allowance whose business

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it was on acct of this business always crosses to drag along with me then Mr Ogden came he suited me, pleased me, fitted in the place to my taste when the Lord called him & I stand alone again in the short sketch I have drawn mine has been & will be I think a cross life I never had time to think of, or for myself I know not whether I shall after this have strength to stand another trial His Word again answers, as y'r days, so will y'r strength be Mr Ogden suited me as I have said in what I value most peace & rest. I found that in him & reckon that as my all. His bedroom was the one next to mine overhead so that when everything was quiet at night I could hear him distinctly throw down his boots for this house is lofty & has an echo & knew he was going to bed, of a snoruing I could hear him moving about & knew when he would be down to pick up his newspaper

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which the carrier always put in underneath the front door he would then open the latch for the servant to come in when ever she appeared he would go to the back

& then upstairs after that I used to open my door & go out, but seldom or ever before he had been down, every night & morning I miss the sound of his creaky boots I always knew him by that, he had a heavy firm step, as I was one morning thinking of this accustomed sound so familiar I sat on the edge of my bedstead crying & wondering why this had happened when I was at peace & rest, a sure & certain feeling came to me as of a voice in answer to this question do you remember praying the Lord to take everything if it so pleased Him but to leave you Jesus Christ so He has taken Mr Ogden I could not say a word to it I was mute with surprise, for

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it is so. On the 26<sup>th</sup> Aug it will be three months that he has departed this life, not a day as far as I can remember as I look back have I spent without having shed bitter tears especially at dusk when the house is quiet, do I miss his step, for a whole month the estate kept his rooms because as you will understand from advertisements I shall herewith enclose, an inventory of his dental effects had to be taken, which took up some time, they could not hurry it over & besides time was required for the tenders to be sent in A young man who is no more a Dentist than I am asked to rent some rooms here, which I gave him, but people come only to the door, to ask for Dr Ogden or is there another coming otherwise not, he worked for several at Wellington they have been her twice to ask is there a successor coming —

I little thought that when I wrote to him at the Hospital just

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eight days later I shall have to practice myself what I preached to him viz; to look to Him our High Priest in our affliction

You will help me in y'r prayers d'r friend we want one anothers help & assistance there; with all my trials I tremble when I think what would have been my sad fate in the solemn hereafter if I had not that glorious Hope held out to me "Come unto me all you that labour & are heavy laden I will give you rest" In my bedroom I have a grand picture framed His sufferings in the Garden or rather agony where He kneels & prayers His Father to let if possible the cup pass & the angel comes half way & holds the cup before him to empty & on it the Cross the figures are beautiful (according to St Luke's Gospel) the glorious light from Heaven shines round Him & at a distance the three disciples are asleep

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then at a turn you see the band with torches & lights to take Him that also gives us much strength I leave whether I will or not to obey His command, you cannot be my desciple if you do not take up y'r Cross & follow me He also adds daily that makes it heavy so each day we finish here we can rejoice that we have pitched our tents a days March nearer Home You ask of my Nationality I am an Africander entirely Dutch, we are educated in English here & mostly spoken Some farmers here do not know a word of English a farmer from a Village called Paarl came to ask Mr Ogden's advice I had to interpret to him I am not boasting

or saying too much but it is the general opinion that the Cape ladies are very social & most refined of course there are classes of women as well as men & wherever you go it is as your? country as well, the lower class are rough

22<sup>nd</sup> [inserted later]

My brothers in the Transvaal are farmers & diggers it is exceedingly loveable of you to be so interested about their & my welfare & I do thank you for it so much I have a brother I am particularly fond of, he writes that he may come to C. Town on a visit to see me when I think of the goodbye I wish that he would change his mind & not come I have that week heart I cannot part from anyone I like it will only break my heart again I would rather meet him on the Shores of the Bright Crystal Sea he has many kind friends around him I was there once & where I left him he still is known he is not badly off I came away because I wished to see my mother before her death. Transvaal is a rough dull, country men can shift & turn about, that you saw in y'r late brother.

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but with women it is different & this being my birth place I prefer it & also my mother & sister buried here he has begged of me to come to him to live when you have once been to a place not quite to y'r taste you do not seem to care to go back to it, you do not meet with any comfort there what ever travelling most awkward I have also an independent spirit, as long as I have health & strength I like to keep myself & not put myself under obligation not even to a loving brother, I like and love work I always work & do all my own work I am very energetic & very economical y'r first letter I took in my hand I read y'r character I am something like y'r self Mrs Cronk. They do not speak a word of English there, it is a Dutch Republic & so is Orange Free State the late President Sir John Brand was my cousin so I am well acquainted with all those places I do my best and battle on & fight the good fight of faith to win the crown

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With regard to y'r late brother's estate I have seen the executor Mre [Master] Mr Currey he is in every way a very nice gentleman to deal with he tells me that he wrote to Mr Cronk on the 28<sup>th</sup>, or 29<sup>th</sup> of July what of Mr Ogden's personal effects whather to be sent on, he has the boxes in his office I think it is well seen to, after the things were disposed of, they had to secure his boxes for they are not only responsible, but had to give up the rooms as well. In a case of death everything goes by law no right, no kindness is considered, but law only Mr Currey also tells me that he should like to have the clothes over to the Consul but that Capt Hollis is greatly offended that the Master interferred for he thought he was the proper administrator & that he had written to Mr Currey to say he had received a

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copy of the Will left by the late Mr Ogden I then told him that I had heard Mr Cronk was the executor anyhow he intends as he said writing to Mr Cronk by this same mail as I am writing, so you will hear from him I was three times yesterday

at Capt Hollis's office most unfortunately he happened to be out each time I called I shall not be able to go to day as my time is too limited but will do so at the earliest when last I saw him he touched upon that business & appeared to be very angry I should like to hear how much he has to say now. The winding up of the estate will still take some time at which I reckoned on from the beginning & as I expected to hear from you long before the time I did not tell you when I wrote that I have a book of Mr Ogden's an American work of Bible questions & answers

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for daily use If not asking too much will you allow me to keep it as a keepsake from him & I shall in return put in the box going from here my own Bible I have in use I have underlined with pencil many encouraging promises to build our hope on & also to make His Word plainer to those who find it difficult it is really a difficult Book to understand & y'r d'r children might like it I have Mr Currey's permission to put in the box anything I wish to send so let me have y'r answer at once if I do not hear from you before the things go I shall keep it and send you mine will take it that the Lord agrees to it. — You also ask about the Johnstons they are American Mr Ogden boarded with them but poor man if it is true what I heave heard than

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he paid high for is board & their kindness, they were kind to him I know, it is unChristlike to prejudice y'r mind against them it is not my object, write to them to thank them for the kindness they showed Mr Ogden but at the same time will tell you what I have heard to open y'r eyes & Mr Cronk being Executor will find out the truth or untruth of the case it may not be quite so bad. — A gentleman named Mr Young? was very intimate with Mr Ogden he did all his writing working & with whom Mr Ogden became acquainted at Johnstons place told me that by exaggeration & flattery they got round Mr Ogden put on him Mashonoland shares (Gold Fields) not worth a ½ to the amount of £250 whether it is so you will have to find out, I hope not if so am very sorry since I heard of it I have grieved about it, please do not complicate me I do not wish to have any

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thing to do with such things it galls me to hear of such wickedness. Mr Berrange? that is Mr Currey's clerk I see now & then so questioned him he told me that Mr Ogden has the shares at least the estates have it in hands he did not say how many but that they were worth very little I offered to find out what I could for you & I always keep a promise so I am fulfilling it or I would not go to such an extreme. Mrs Johnston would if she could have done it, taken Mr Ogden from here entirely, to live in their place as they are situated he could not, so she tried to find a suitable house A lady Mrs Littleworth had one to let & told me herself she brought Mr Ogden there; When they came toward evening, the house was taken by a Mr Hanger that very afternoon

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so the Lord decreed otherwise it was not to be. After Mr Hanger had been there two months Mrs Littleworth found him to be a man she could not get on with, she came to Mr Ogden to ask him would he now have the house as she did not like Hanger ( this all comes out after his death) Mrs Littleworth positively told me so herself. "No Mr Ogden said I get on well with Miss Munnik so will not change I intend remaining here" Mrs Johnston went so far as to offer Mr Ogden to advertise for him for servants he told me so himself whereas I keep a registry office & could & did supply him without charging him any person living here in this house ought really to take servants from me & he was glad to do so, but she interferred, she had no business how would it be if I kept a boarding house & asked her boarders to come

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to me I gave Mr Ogden three servants 5s/ is my fee, twice he put 5s/ - before me which I declined to take he laughingly took it back & said "when you can get money you must take it No I said what I do for the Lord's sake I want no payment for I could fill another book for you but will stop here, as for Mr Johnston I did make up my mind that if Mr Ogden returned from Hospital to tell him of what man's tricks Oh it galls me still if I think of him y'r brother was so different in behaviour the nearest he ever came to me was when he shook hands with me the day he left here I always respected him for it I was going to open his eyes before Miss Cronk came perhaps he knew something about it, but would not back himself out & so made

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the best of it until he was better what could he do, we have to hide a lot of things at times to keep up appearances conscientiously I can say that I would not trust myself five minutes alone with that man whenever I saw him coming I actually put the boy on the watch & would lock the door when he was near or when visitors in I would beg of them to remain seated until I had answered his questions man can never say what man is, but women can; anyhow whether Mr Ogden paid well or not they were kind to him what I have seen I am sure of it & may be they will be glad to hear from his family perhaps that Mashonoland business is exaggerated I hope so, it may be quite different, people will talk & find fault, the world gives us that they are well to do & no family, he keeps omnibusses to convey passengers to Green Point, Docks, Gardens

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& a Boarding House besides their address 31 Castle Street C. Town I have wondered how you make my name out poor Mr Ogden always spelt it in writing as pronounced Meunik it is spelt Munnik but spoken out in pronunciation like Meunik so goodbye d'r Mrs Cronk I hope you will be satisfied with this long acct which I have endeavoured to make as plain as I could; you will dearest always remember me in y'r prayers before a Mighty Throne of Grace to keep us both day by day until we meet in glory

If I have time will also write y'r d'r sister a few lines, if not & I not & I live will do so next week

Goodbye With fond love

again y's sincerely

E.. Munnik

**[after] 24 Aug 1891 – John Cronk notes to himself**

**Folder 4-2[104-5] Doug Smith**

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Memo

Extracts from Miss Munnik's letter dated Cape Town S. Africa Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1891

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D. F. Ogden Gold Shares in Mashouoland Gold Fields South Africa, Cape Town

Cash £ 250, Sturling

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written to Mr Currey to say that he had received a Copy of the Will left by the late Mr Ogden. I then told him that I had heard Mr Cronk was the executor.

Anyhow he intendeds as he said writing to Mr Cronk by this same mail, as I am writing, so you will hear from him

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" Mr Youn[d]came acquainted with Mr Og[d]ohnstons.

Mr [d]at they (meaning) Mr J[d]sl) got around Mr Og[d] him Mashouoland

Mashouoland [d]ld fields) to the amount[d]o. (not worth half that va[d]

Page 28 [d] Berrange Mr Currey's Clerk, I see now and then so questioned him

he told me that Mr Ogden has the shares, at least the Estate has it in hands.

(and that they wer very little)

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Mr Johnston address

31 Castle St Cape Town

S. Africa

X Sale of Bedstead & Escritoire on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1891 913 June 1891  
X Tenders . For Dental Stock, Plant Furniture &c [d] Tenders will be received up  
to S[d]rday the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst – Dates Cape Tow[d] 1891  
X Creditors Note [d] to pay all indi[d] to Paid within [d]um this date. Cape [d] 6<sup>th</sup>  
1891  
letis[smeared] of above notes [d] just 1891  
X Lindup & Jn[d]  
[d]yein? Dentist  
Purchased the entire outfit in the above Estate (offered by Tender)

**25 Aug. 1891, Boulder, Colorado, W. N. Ogden to sister Marilla B. Ogden  
Cronk  
Foler 4-2 [19-21] Carm Foster**

Boulder Aug 25/91

Dear Sister

your two letters recieved & contence noted you seem to think that I have  
done nothing towards Saving our Brother & property you had better look through  
all of his life & See who has don for him who was it that Saved him from the  
states prisens & who was it that found him raged & dirth & Clothed him the one  
that don this a good farm By so doing & he did not have a Brother or Sister that  
would help him to a Dollar when he was in trouble I am the onely one that went to  
him & loosened the Chains that Bound him & By so doing I partly Saved him from  
disgrace & Started him In the right path & onely a Short time Before this he  
caused

our Dear Father & mother to mourn his Death & why Should we mourn the  
Second time I certainly could not mourn nor rejoice for what he has left Behind  
him for what does a man profit if he ganes the whole world & looses his own Soul  
& when David came to Denver he persuaded me through falce promicis to come  
to Denver & after I got here he tried hard to cheat me out of what little I had &  
partly Succeeded through the confidence I had in him & when I refused to give  
him his own way he got very angry at me & left without comming to a Settlement  
& the last two mounths that he was with me he Drank 25 galons of wine Besides  
the wiskey & he Ingedted morphene In his arms untill they was covered with Scars  
Dear Sister you know But little what I have Suffered through him you can never  
Realize it nor I dont Care to have you the reason I say what I have to you is  
Because you dont give me Credit which is do me – as to the Property here wich  
our Brother has left Behind him I will Be Satisfide if I Can get what is justly do me  
on act the reason I did not answer Johns letter was that I did not think it a Very  
Brothery letter where he forbid me not to Steel any thing off the Place  
as Ever W N Ogden

[The P.S. portion of the letter is written with lettering twice the size of the rest of the letter]

P. S.

I will Enclose a letter wich I handed to Mr Nickelson the Banker here wich he opened & Said I had Better Send it to you I mean to John  
I Intend to send Lodema to a lower Altitude In a few days as the Docter Says it is the onely help for her.

**29 Aug. 1891, Picton, Ont., J. Roland Brown to W. A. Currey, Cape Town  
South Africa  
Folder 4-2 [29-30] Carm Foster**

Picton Ont Canada Aug 29 1891.

W. A. Currey Esq.  
Cape Town.  
South Africa.

Dear Sir: -

Re Dr Ogden's Estate.

Mr John H Cronk of Wellington has handed me your letter to him dated 29<sup>th</sup> July and has requested me, as I have been acting as his solicitor in this matter, and have full knowledge of the facts, to give you what information I can in respect to this estate.

Before leaving America Dr Ogden sent some private papers to his sister Mrs Cronk with instruction as to their safe-keeping and with the further instructions that they were not to be opened unless she should hear of his death. As soon as Mrs Cronk received the sad news of her brother's death from the American Consul at Capetown, she opened the papers aforesaid and found among other things the Will of her late brother Dr Ogden. By the said Will Dr Ogden appointed John H Cronk his sole executor. Mr Cronk immediately wrote the American Consul sending him a copy of the Will and giving him full instructions as to the disposal of the estate.

Mr Cronk is the proper party to whom you should send any surplus there may be in your hands of Dr Ogden's estate after you have paid all his liabilities and it will not be necessary for you to enquire for next of kin. On the receipt of a statement showing your receipts and disbursements in connection with the estate together with a draft to balance the account Mr Cronk will, if the statement is satisfactory, release you from all further responsibility or liability so far as the estate is concerned.

Mr Cronk starts Monday for the City of Boulder, Colorado, to dispose of Dr Ogden's real estate and settle up his business in that country. I may further say the Mr Cronk was not surprised to find that

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Of course under these circumstances you will not expect Mr Cronk to send you any balance of Dr Ogden's moneys, which are now properly in his possession, but on the contrary you will see that he is the proper party to receive any balance you may have in your hands.

The personal effects of Dr Ogden including his jewellery, private papers, letters, books &c &c Mr Cronk would like placed in one of his trunks and expressed to him.

There should be more jewellery than you mention. When he left America he had valuable rings, a diamond pin, a gold watch and other valuable jewellery, and Mr Cronk thinks he had a nickel watch as well By calling on Capt Hollis the American Consul you can ascertain what Mr Cronk desires should be done with the personal effects &c. I presume you got the goods referred to in your letter as having been ordered and paid for Mr Cronk. These were valued at about \$ 500 [500 hand written]

Dr Ogden corresponded very regularly with Mr Cronk giving detailed Reports of his business from time to time, and according to his Report he must have had quite an amount outstanding on his books as well as cash on hand. His stock and instruments should be worth about \$1000.00 – and his liabilities should not be very large as he was always in the habit of paying cash.

Mr. Cronk is very desirous that the estate of Dr. Odgen [sic] at Capetown can be satisfactory settled without his having to make the journey out there and trusts that between you and Captain Hollis the American Consul the estate can be finally wound up without much delay trouble or expense

Yours very truly  
J. Roland Brown

P. S. Address me at Picton Ontario Canada, Mr. Cronk as before

J. R. B.

**25 Sept. 1891, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to Geo. F. Hollis U. S. Consul  
Folder 4-2 [93-94] Carm Foster**

(Copy)

Wellington Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1891

Geo. F. Hollis

U. S. Consul,

Cape Town

S. Africa

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> August at hand. In reply I have to say that I have placed the Will in the Probate Court in Boulder Colorado and the 26<sup>th</sup> of October is set to grant letters of admistration under the Will. So I shall have to defer complying to your request until after that date. I received a letter from M<sup>r</sup> W. M. Currey of Cape [paper fold] Executor

Dative. My Soliciter answered him in my absence, and refered him to you in the matter of settling up the Estate. And that I had sent you a copy of the Will and what I wished done with the property &c &c I will write you again immediately on my arrval home after I get the Probate completed and properly recorded.

Most truly youres

John H. Cronk  
Wellington  
Ontario  
Canada.

**22 Sept. 1891, George F. Hollis Capetown, South Africa to John H. Cronk**

**Folder 4-2 [91-92]** Carm Foster

[Printed letterhead is used in this letter and the ink used in the writing of the letter is smeared]

Geo. F. Hollis  
Consul

Jas. W [pin in the way] Well,      Consulate of the United States,  
Vice – Consul.

Capetown, Sept. 22 1891

Mr. John H. Cronk,  
Wellington, Ont., Ca.

Dear Sir:

I have made protest to the Master Superior Court in respect of certain actions of the Executor appointed by him. I learn that this Executor has written you, and it would be well to forward me his letters in copies.

There seemed to be a method to keep me as much in inquireuer? as possible as to the Estate under settlement and I am determined to find the bottom if possible. Where the gold watch went to for one thing, and the diamond pin, and perhaps you may have in mind other things which please

name to me. Though the paper of naturalization could have been found in one day, it was not till Aug 3? or about that it was finally acknowledged. I could have had the estate settled long ago at slight expence, but the Colonial law gives this man six months and what the expense will be I know not. I shall make report of the matter at the proper time.

Truly Yours,  
Geo. F. Hollis,  
U. S. Consul.

**25 Sep 1891 - John Cronk to George Ogden**

**Folder 4-2[152-154]** Doug Smith

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Copy

1891

Wellington Sept 25<sup>th</sup>  
G. S. Ogden  
411 Bullock St  
Saganaw City  
Michigan

Dear Brother: and family

I arrived home last week from the West.  
Found all well and up to their eyes in the work sowing fall wheat fall ploughing  
and picking apples.  
We intended to call on you, but there was a difficulty in getting a layoff ticket on  
our returns, as our tickets red no stop off allowed. on that and of

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our journey.

we got to see John and stayed over Sunday and Monday. Parkeys wife had a  
young son while we were ther, we left boath doing well. Business, I put Davids  
will in the Probate Court in Boulder.

And the 26<sup>th</sup> of October is set to dispose of it, and grant Letters Testamentary  
thereon. I am named in said will as sole Executor. The law of Colorado requires  
that I shall give security for the proper administering of said Estate and Bonds  
must be found in the State. I have made arrangements with my solicitor in  
Boulder to

find the required security in the State of Colorado on my getting the Leggities to  
signe a Bond with myself for a like amount mentioned in the probate.

Marilla will sign; Jane Manerva [Minerva] and John has already signed. And if  
you are willing to follow suit I will come ~~that way~~ there on my way up to Boulder  
about the 20<sup>th</sup> of October the whole Bond is only ~~thir~~ thirteen hundred dollars I  
think Jane Manerva told Alice how the Will run – your share is one sixth of the  
~~antire~~ estate (on division)

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If I come that way I will bring a copy of the Will for you to read for your self.

I have only the one copy and cannot spare it as I have to have ~~one~~ it to refer to  
very often.

You will kindly answer me on receipt of this and oblige yours truly excuse hast as  
this is the third letter I have written to night and it is now eleven oclock.

John H Cronk  
Wellington  
Ontario  
Canada

Sig. H. E. Rowland.

**30 Sept. 1891, W. A. Currey, Cape Town South Africa to J. Roland Brown  
Solicitor  
Folder 4-2 [26-28] Carm Foster**

“ p Mexican”?  
1891

General Estate & Orphan Chamber  
Adderley Street Cape Town 30” Sept

J. Roland Brown {  
Solicitor  
Picton Ontario  
Canada

Dear Sir, re Est D. F. Ogden

I have your favor of the 29<sup>th</sup> and note that M<sup>r</sup> J. H. Cronk has handed you my letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> July ~

I also note that the late D<sup>r</sup> Ogden has left a will & appointed M<sup>r</sup> Cronk his Executor; according to our law I cannot remit any surplus proceeds to M<sup>r</sup> Cronk without the permission of the Master of the Supreme Court, to whom we are directed to pay any funds awarded to unknown Leins, and moreover our Government is Entitled to succession Duty upon any Funds distributed; unless therefore a certified copy of D<sup>r</sup>. Ogden’s will has already been sent to this

2.

Colony, I would ask you to let me have one, so as to guide me in the distribution of the surplus funds if any, as the disposition of the Testator would of course have to be recognised.

As D<sup>r</sup> Ogden appears to have had real Estate in America, which you state M<sup>r</sup> Cronk was about realising, I may as well take this opportunity of informing you as his Solicitor, that D<sup>r</sup> Ogden appears to be liable for a certain debt in the hands of “ M<sup>r</sup> Alfred T. Bacon, Box 893, Greeley Colorado – “ amounting it would appear to some Thirteen hundred dollars; will you arrange to Settle said debt on your side; for your & M<sup>r</sup> Cronks information I Enclose an “Instalment note” found amongst Ogden’s papers, which was sent him for Signature by Bacon; if M<sup>r</sup> Cronk arranges this claim there will be a considerable amount of assets over liabilities in my hands.

I have today written M<sup>r</sup> Bacon referring him to you. ~

3.

As stated to M<sup>r</sup> Cronk, the only jewelry which has come into my hands is a gold chain & silver nickle watch – D<sup>r</sup> Ogden sold a gold watch during his lifetime I believe ~

The personal effects could not be sent to America before I know that the claims do not exceed the value of assets & will therefore retain them until hearing about M<sup>r</sup> Bacon's claim.

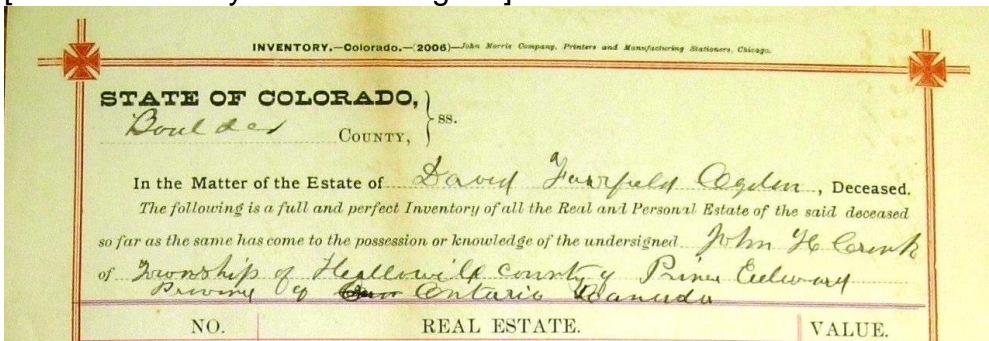
Capt Hollis the American Consul has put in a claim against the Estate for Twenty pounds for as he says services rendered, I have asked him for a specified account, but he informs me that it is impossible to give any specification, as it is a charge he has made for working up a business for Ogden, getting him a connection, and introducing him &c &c, I should like to know whether M<sup>r</sup>. Cronk or D<sup>r</sup> Ogden's relations wish this paid; I may mention that letters are in my possession showing that D<sup>r</sup> Ogden was on not at all good terms with the Consul.

Yrs faithfully

WA Currey ??

**26 Oct 1891 DF Ogden - Estate Inventory**  
**Folder 4-2 [130-1] Doug Smith**

[Estate Inventory of David F Ogden]



[Inventory follows]

Consisting of 5 acres tract of land in the NW ¼ of SW ¼ Set 29 I? 1 NR . 70 in Boulder Co Colorado  
~~Set 29 I 1 N R . 70~~

Personal Property viz 3500 00

REAL ESTATE	VALUE
	Dollars / Cents
1 Hors	50 00
1 One Hors Delivery Waggen & cushins	30 00
1 " " Buggy (lit)	20 00
1 Set of Single Harness (lite)	5 00
1 " " " (heavy)	5 00
1 Lawn Mower	3 00
1 X Cut Saw	1 00
2 Hand Saws	1 00
1 Bench Screw	50

to small to count

1 Box of wire staples (10 lb or so)		
3 Shovels	75	
1 Garden Rake		25
1 Pick	25	
1 Crow Bar	75	
cant be found 1 Rubber Hors cover		
do do 1 do Lap cover		
1 Whip		25
1 Exter Box for Delivery Waggen	5 00	
1 Plough (Side hill) ? & wheel with 2 Xters?		5 00
1 Cultivater with extra shovels	4 50	
1 Dray cultivater & single whifletree		3 50
1 Steel Wheel Barrow		3 00
1 two wheel hoe (garden)	2 00	
100 feet Rubber hoes & nozzle	1 50	
1 step ladder	75	
1 Whitman fane? pump	1 00	
2 Whisky Barrels	25	
1 Tin flour Sprinkless		10
1 Mowing Cyth . loos lumber		25
1 Grmd Stove with frame	1 00	
1 Berey box Ranch	1 00	
1 Platform saples	3 00	
30 5 gal cans new	3 00	
1 garden seed drill	2 50	
2 Buggy wrenches (belong with wagens)		
	152.60	

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[Page 2 of inventory long form blank concluding]

Estate of... David F Ogden... deceased, in Colorado  
 Given under ...my...hands this...26...day of...October...1891  
 So far as has come to my knowledge J.H. Cronk  
 of Wellington P. Off Canada

**Sep to Nov 1891 – David Ogden Accounts**

**Folder 4-2[157- 158] Doug Smith**

[ Printed account form]

Estate of David F. Ogden Deceased  
 To County Court of Boulder County Dr

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1891

Sept 5 Takg & flg afft dac. 20 takg afft to & flg patu 20 40

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	takg &flg	afft mailing	citatns	register	fees		1 00
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	Tribune Pub. Co.	pub	Not Prob.	Will			19 50
				90		30	
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		1 <sup>60</sup>		1 <sup>40</sup>			
	Shff on 2	Citatns	& Subp	(Ed Autry)			3 00
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		2 <sup>50</sup>		1 <sup>65</sup>		3 <sup>00</sup>	20
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			2 <sup>00</sup>		40		
	takg	proof of Will	flg Will	Oath Lets	&Not		2 40
		3 <sup>00</sup>		1 <sup>50</sup>		1 <sup>25</sup>	30
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		25		1 <sup>10</sup>		25	
	Oath to Exr	takg &flg	Bond War't	to Appraisrs			1 60
		1 <sup>05</sup>				1 <sup>55</sup>	
	copy will	Carb copy	will for copy	Lets			2 60
		2 <sup>00</sup>		2 <sup>55</sup>			
	orders &recdg	in Will	recd				4 55
		3 <sup>00</sup>		3 <sup>30</sup>			
	orders &recdg	in Executors	recd				6 30
			30			10	
	takg oaths	3 appraisrs	flg proof	of will			40
		10		10			
28	flg apprsmt	Bill flg	Inventry				20
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		50		1 <sup>25</sup>		1 <sup>00</sup>	
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			20			3 <sup>00</sup>	
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		1 <sup>00</sup>		1 <sup>05</sup>			
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3 orders 6 fls recd

2 40

\$ 93 00

Credits

1891

Sept 5 By cash from J H Cronk Exr

20 00

Oct 26 " check " " " " "

50 00

1892

Aug 15 " " " " " "

23 00

\$ 93 00

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Schedule of tools, implements & [corner torn]

Let for Use .

with the Ogden fruit farm as refered to in lease

1 horse "Jeff" [to be used strictly & only for the necessary care & work of the place & necessary hauling & delivery therefore

1 one horse delivery wagon & cushion & extra box

1 set heavy single harness :—

1 lawn mower;

1 cross cut saw;

2 hand saws (new) ;

1 bench screw : —

1 10 lb. box wire staples ;

1 garden rake ;

3 shovels ;

1 pick ; 2 buggy wrenches

1 crow bar ;

1 two wheel garden hoe ;

1 hose (100 feet) & nozzle ;

1 step ladder ;

1 Whitman force pump ;

2 whiskey barrels ;

1 tin flower sprinkler ;

1 mowing sythe ;

1 grind stone in frame complete ;

1 berry box bench & screw ;

1 platform scale & scoop ;

1 garden seed drill ;

1 side hill plow with 2 extra points & wheel ;

1 cultivator with extra shovel ;

1 drag cultivator & single whiffle tree ;

1 steel wheelbarrow ;

2 buggy wrenches ;

some loose lumber ;



**31 Oct 1891 – John Cronk to John Ogden**  
**Folder 4-2[109-110] Doug Smith**

[109]

Copy

Wellington Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1891  
J.R. Ogden  
Marine City  
Michigan

Dear Brother

I arrived home last night from Boulder. Not feeling too well; as I had been ~~unwell~~ ~~ailing~~ quite ill all the time while away. I found that my agent in Boulder had got a good man on the place for one year at \$250. He paid spot down \$100. the balance in twp payments of \$75. each. viz \$75, March 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. 92

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Norman had got away was living at Eaton Rapids? in Michigan. I got a letter from him saying ~~that~~ he arrived on the 6<sup>th</sup> of present month and liked the place very much.

He also wrote me that he had no account to settle with the Estate. So did not send me any account of sales of produce from off the land for this year. He seems to take a rather narrow view of what the Will gives him, and is holding the earnings of the Estate after Davids death, which belongs to the other leggittees.

I have written him, explaining the matter ~~to him~~, very clearly. Have not had his answer yet. I hope he will not give me any trouble about it. I made G.S. Ogden a visit on my way up, found them well. I was feeling so unwell on my return I could not think of calling on any body. ~~on my way home~~. I ~~got on with~~ advanced the business ~~very well~~ an other stage, done all I could do ~~now~~ until some publication was done in the papers &c I did not fall in love with the probate Laws of Colorado by any means it cost too much, to suit my ideas of justice.

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Marilla is preparing for bed I must say good bye and finish later on.

Sunday morning November 1<sup>st</sup> dark cloudy weather and the wind blowing a gale. Marilla has breakfast all ready I shall not close this up until Monday and perhaps Marilla will be able to write some and put in too. She was writing to Alice last night, until she got so sleepy that she could hold out no longer and had to give up and go to bed.

She has all the work to do and ~~she~~ feels almost worn out ~~all the~~ by time. My best wishes to all the rest of the family

As ever your brother &c  
John H Cronk

**7 Nov. 1891, J. Roland Brown to W. A. Currey Esq. Cape town, South Africa.**

**Folder 4-2 [25]** Carm Foster

[This letter is typed except for the closing signature of J. Roland Brown]

Nov

7<sup>th</sup> 1891.

W. A. Currey Esq.

General Estate & Orphan Chamber.

Cape Town. South Africa.

Dear Sir: -

Re Estate D. F. Ogden.

Your favor of the 30<sup>th</sup> September was duly received. The debt to Mr Alfred T. Bacon of \$1300. referred to in your letter, represents a mortgage on property in Boulder, which is near Grealey, Colorado. This amount is bearing interest a 10% payable half yearly, and as it is not certain that the property can be sold to advantage at once, Mr Cronk is anxious to get the amount coming from the estate at Capetown as soon as possible to apply on said mortgage and stop the high rate of interest.

You will therefore see that the surplus in your hands should be paid to Mr Cronk as executor, and not sent to the several legatees untill all debts are paid: and in fact whether he required it for debts or not, I submit the executor is the proper party for you to deal with.

We note that you say there will be a considerable surplus in your hands.

As to Capt. Hollis' Claim, we cannot understand it. Although he has corresponded with us, he has made no mention of it. It has a look about it that it is not the result of any regular agreement, out rather as afterthought. We must ask you to have him prove his claim strictly according to the practice of your courts.

We will send you a copy of the Probate as soon as Mr Cronk can get it from Boulder, which may not be for a week or two yet. There has been some delay in the court there, but we hope to get it soon.

Yours truly

J Roland Brown

**17 Nov 1891 John Cronk to Ed S Walker**

**Folder 4-2[80]** Doug Smith

Copy

Wellington Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1891

E.S. Walker Esq

Boulder

Colo

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst to hand, Containing  
~~Probate of Will &~~ certified copies of Will and of the Letters Testamentary issued  
thereon,  
Thanks for promptness,  
yours truly  
J. H. Cronk

**18 Nov 1891 John Cronk to Ed S Walker**

**Folder 4-2[81, 82]** Doug Smith  
Copy  
Wellington Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1891  
E.S. Walker Esq  
Boulder  
Colo

Dear Sir:

I require an other Certified Copy of Will and of the Letters Testamentary  
issued thereon.

~~in fact~~ The same as the one I received from you yesterday, ~~which I have~~  
~~acknowledged already.~~

Kindly prepare and forward at earliest convenience and oblige your truly,

John H. Cronk  
Executor  
D. F Ogden's Estate

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Copy to  
E. S. Walker  
Boulder  
Colorado

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1891

**29 Nov 1891, Saginaw, Mich., George Ogden to Marilla Ogden Cronk**

**Folder 4-2 [69-]** Carm Foster

Saginaw, Mich., Nov

29,1891

Dear brother & Sister

We received Johns letter from Boulder Stating he had found things out  
there full better than he had expected, which did not give me a very deffinate  
idea of how much was missing or if anything was missing. Have you heard  
anything Special from S. Africa Since. How did you get along out there as  
regards business: Did you get any

offer for that property out there, and is there any prospects of Selling it at all. If not I might try and rent it later on. Did you have a Sale while there. -----  
Found a pair of Specks on dining room flore on or about the 22 of Nov, 1891  
owner requested to prove property and remove Same before E.B. wares them out

We also received Marillias letter thanking us for the kindness Shown John I dont think we put on any extra touches or done anything different from what we have always done towards any of our friends. We will be happy to Entertain any of our friends at any time who may think enough of us to Call on us

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and we are always very glad to get letters from ??? all. It has been raining mor or less for two or three weeks and now it looks as if winter had set in for good, as we have about two inches of the beautiful with quite Snug weather. Still it Seems quite pleasant

Your affectionate brother  
G. S. Ogden  
411 Bullock Street  
Saginaw City  
Michigan

[added to this letter is the following written by a different hand. It would appear from the contents and the name it is Alice Amelia Bowerman wife of George Ogden]

Saginaw Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1891

Dear Brother & Sister

I was very glad to hear that John got home without being seriously sick, for I could see that he was far from being well when he was here. Please don't speak of kindness to him, for we did not think of it in that way. We were glad yes more than glad to see him & I hope used him in that light. The pears would been lovely, for we were moveing about the time for fall fruite & I have very little caned but I will thank you just the same as if you had thought to send them. Elda goes to school every day & we think is learning fast. She says to tell Aunt Thena that she will write her a letter before long Tell Willie that he better come up this winter & make us a visit & see what Saginaw looks like, it is quite cold here now. I will close with love & best wishes to all. Alice

Please write when ever you can. You have so much of intrest to write about that it makes me feel as if our letters were Scarcely wourth reading, there is so little news for us to write about

**29 Nov. 1891, Saginaw Michigan, George Ogden to John H. Cronk  
Folder 4-2 [71-72] Carm Foster**

Saginaw City Nov 29. 1891

Dear brother  
(Business)

Some two weeks or three ago Allen Clapp wrote me telling of what a fine Crop he had and what good prospects he had And that if I would send him a Statement (to the amount of his note I presume) he would pay part if not all. I answered immediately but have hear nothing from him Since. It seems to take him a long time to make up his mind. And as I want the money

And as he has signified his intentions of paying it I will Send you the note that it may be more convenient [sic] for him. Now John this note as you can see is Eleven months past due and I want you to collect it for me retain your Commission and forward the ballance (by draft on First – National Bank of Sag City Mich) to me as I cannot wait longer. Please look after this immediately & oblige

Yours Truly  
G S Ogden  
411 Bullock St  
Sag City Mich

**2 Dec. 1891, Adderley St., Cape Town South Africa Roslin Castle to I.  
Roland Brown  
Folder 4-2 [22-] Carm Foster**

[push pin] ?? "Roslin Castle General Estate & Orphan Chamber.  
Adderley Street Cape Town 2<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1891

I. Roland Brown  
Solicitor  
Picton Ontario  
Canada

Dear Sir, Est D. F. Ogden

I have your favor of the 20<sup>th</sup> nlt Enclosing letter from S S. White Dental Mfg. Co They also wrote me direct stating that they had no further claim against above Estate –

I note your statement that the Executor (M<sup>r</sup>. J. H. Cronk) will attend to all debts in America; and I am therefore prepared to liquidate the Estate & pay the debts here in full. There will be a Surplus which the Master of the (Master of the) Supreme Court is agreeable to my paying to M<sup>r</sup> Cronk as the Executor Testamentary or his agent, upon my satisfy-

-nig myself as to the validity of his appointment; I must therefore ask you to let me have an authenticated copy of D<sup>r</sup> Ogden's Will, as also an authenticated copy of M<sup>r</sup> Cronk's appointment as Executor. Upon receipt of which documents I will at once frame an account and pay over to M<sup>r</sup> Cronk or his agent the balance ~ I much prefer M<sup>r</sup> Cronk appointing an agent here to receive any balance as also the clothing &c which I still have; and he might therefore appoint the American Consul ~

The Consul I am informed declines to part with his copy of the will besides which I do not know if it is truly authenticated –

Awaiting the required documents herein mentioned ~

Ysfaithfully

W. A. Currey?

----- Lly.?

**5 Dec 1891 John Cronk to Ed S Walker**  
**Folder 4-2[79]** Doug Smith

(Copy)

Wellington Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 91

Ed<sup>d</sup> S. Walker Esq Clerk  
Boulder Colorado

Dear Sir:

Your certified Copy of Will and Testament of D. F Ogden, deceased and Letters Testamentary ~~issh~~ issued thereon &c dated November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1891, came to hand this evening.

With The envelope so ~~worn~~ worn at ends in transit, that the contents would could easily drop out.

Thanks for promptness

yours in haste

John H Cronk  
Exr, to D. F Ogden  
Estate

**5 Dec 1891 – John Cronk to W. A. Currey**  
**4-2[53-54]** Doug Smith

Copy

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

W. A. Currey Esq  
General Estate and Orphan Chambers  
Cape Town South Africa

Dear Sir,

Re Estate D. F. Ogden.

Your favor of the 30<sup>th</sup> September was duly received.

And replied to by my solicitor (Mr Brown) on November 7<sup>th</sup> saying that I would send you a Certified Copy of Probate of Will Hr.? Which came to hand this evening. I enclose the same to you as requested. at once  
~~So~~ So that there may need be no further delay un sending me a Draft Surplus of Estate.

effects & my address?

~~Also personal effects &c~~ by Express. and oblige

yours truly John H Cronk

Ext D. F. Ogden Estate

[Addition squeezed between the lines above]

You anxious to meet the Bacon mortgage I am next much concerning? first and stop excess of interest also Insp? & which ?? mortgage is drawing

[Finally after close]

add

John H Cronk, wellington P. Off  
Prce Edd Co Ontario Canada

[54]

Copy  
to  
W. A. Currey  
Cape Town  
South Africa  
Decb 5<sup>th</sup> 1891

**5 Dec. 1891, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to W. A. Currey Esq.**  
**Folder 4-2 [24] Carm Foster**

Copy

Wellington D<sup>b</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1891

W. A. Currey Esqr. General Estate and orphans Chambers

Dear Sir:

Cape Town South Africa

Re. Estate D. F. Ogden

Your favor of the 30<sup>th</sup> September was duly recived and replied to by my Solicitor ( M<sup>f</sup> Brown) on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Saying that I would send you a certified Copy of Probate of Will. Which came to hand this evening I enclose the Same to you as requested at once, so that there need be no further delay in Sending me a Draft of Surpluss of Estate, as I am anxious to meet the Bacon Mortgage claim in February first and stop excess of interest that said Mortgage is drawing. Also send by express personal effects to my address and oblige. yours truly

John H Cronk Executor

D. F. Ogdens Estate

Address

Wellington P. Off.

P. Ed. Co } Ontario  
Canada

**20 Dec. 1891, Saginaw Michigan, George Ogden to John H. Cronk and his sister Marilla**

**Folder 4-2 [76-77] Carm Foster**

Saginaw City Dec 20, 1891

Dear brother & Sister

I received your letter Stateing you had been over to See Allen Clapp and that he would write me in a few days & I have not yet heard from him and have no confidence in him whatever. As regards those other notes I know nothing of those parties If they are good He could easily realize on them. When he gave that note he promised that I Should have the money at any time I called for it. I have called on him Several times

2.

[written upside down at the top of the page is the following]

His promise is no good to me

G. S. O

and got nothing but promises. He wrote me a couple months ago that he would pay One part if not all this fall and now if there is anything in it I want it as I am very much in need of forty or fifty dollars at once. Was Sory to hear of his loss by fire but we all have our own burdens to bear Addie wrote me that they had traded the Yarwood farm off and what land they got was free from debt. If there is any chance to collect it I want it

Your brother

As Ever

G S. Ogden

Saginaw

411 Bullock St

[written sideways on the page left of George's signature is the following]  
would have written you before but was waiting to hear from him. George

**13 Jan 1892 – W A Currey to John Cronk**

**Folder 4-2[106] Doug Smith**

[Printed letterhead]

Federal Estate & Orphan Chamber

Adderley Street Cape Town 13" Januy 1892

p" Drummond Castle"

John H. Cronk

Wellington Post Office

Ontario , Canada

Prince Edward County



Dear Sir, Est D. F. Ogden

I am in receipt of your favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> Decr last, enclosing certified copy of the late Dr Ogden Will as also of your appointment as Executor —

These documents will now allow of my closing the Estate which I will do shortly & also send you over the personal Effects of the deceased —

yrs faithfully  
[signed] W.A. Currey  
——— &c

Executor Dative  
———

**18 Jan 1892 - John Cronk to George Ogden**

**Folder 4-2[150-151] Doug Smith**

[150]

Copy

Wellington January 18 1892

G. S. Ogden Saginaw City

Michigan

Dear Brother

Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultima came to hand in due season. I was at Picton several times since I wrote you last, but did not get site of Allen Clapp So I went over last week, and Morella went with me, we stoped all night at G. S. Stanton's In the morning I called on Allen Clapp for the payment of said note of yours about it

And he tendered me some notes of yours. (I send you a ccopy of them by All His request) I refused to take them

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saying that they wer past due and was subject to disputes and ~~offsets~~ setoffs by the maker. Whether All Clapp is the bonefied holder of the notes I know not.

I seen Mr Brown the lawyer He says I ~~wou~~ had better writ to you to learn if you had any Setoffs on any of the notes, that Clapp holdes against you — If I place the Clapp note in suit Clapp will bring a cross action, with the notes he holds against you, and you ~~will~~ may have to come here to prove any payments that have been made on them.

I have ~~ne~~ have lost all confidence in Clapp's word. I believe that Clapp can be made to pay, ~~yo~~ you all right if the other notes were out of the way.

notwithstanding the land or ?tis his yf I home? awaiting further orders I am yours truly J. H. Cronk

**27 Jan 1892 – W A Currey to John Cronk**

**Folder 4-2[107] Doug Smith**

[Printed letterhead]  
Federal Estate & Orphan Chamber  
Adderley Street Cape Town 27" Jany 1892

p"Hawarben? Castle "

John H. Cronk  
Wellington Post Office  
Ontario Canada  
Prince Edward County

Dear Sir, Est D. F. Ogden

This is to inform you that last week's mail I had two cases forwarded to your address "viz" J. H. Cronk, Wellington, Ontario, Canada – containing the personal effects of the late Dr Ogden of which I now enclose a list - My shipping agent has sent B/Lading to his agent in England to be forwarded to you; the goods have been insured for £ 30 — I will now frame an account, Int will have to retain some £10 or so, to meet cost of forwarding boxes to you from England, the expense of which my agent does not know.

yrs faithfully  
[signed] W A Currey &c

**31 Jan 1892, Lawusdale Station, George S. Ogden to John H. Cronk**  
**Folder 4-2 [117-118]** Carm Foster

Lawusdale Station Jan 31./92

Dear brother & Sister

Yours of Jan 18 came to hand in due Season and contence noted. Allen Seems to think that I should pay my debts as well as he. All right – Let us see, if I could only always pay my debts so easily, it wuld be like paying ones debts with greenbacks at par in Wartime. But I dont choose to di it in that way just now, at least. I think it would be advisable to hunt up Some man that is oweing Mr Allen

and Sell him that note at a discount of fifty or Seventy five or even one hundred percent or more if neccessary, for a part of a loss is better than no loss at all. I think our two heads ought to be as long as M<sup>r</sup> Allen's is. Now John if you think it is not advisable for you to hold the note and dispose of it in that way you might take a copy of it and Send me the original untill Such times as you can dispose of it. Use your own judgment and Sell it at Some price and I will pay you for all trouble and be Satisfied. All well. Your brother. GS Ogden

Address  
211 South granger St., Saginaw City

[included in image 118 is an envelope shown below]



**3 Feb 1892 – John Cronk to Estate Directors**

**Folder 4-2[89-90] Doug Smith**

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P "LSr Moor" ? General Estate and Orphan Chamber  
Adderley Street Cape Town  
3<sup>rd</sup> Febry 1892

John H. Cronk Esq  
Wellington Post Office  
Ontario Canada  
Prince Edward County

Dear Sir                                      Est D. F. Ogden

I beg now to enclose a copy of the account which I have framed in the above Estate (which after retaining £20 to meet the cost of transferring goods from England to America sent last week) shows a balance of £160: 2: 3: and in order to facilitate matters, I now enclose an Acquittal for the Amount for your signature: upon returning this to me a draft for the amount will at once be forwarded, unless you prefer sending the acquittal duly signed and witnessed by two, to some agent here & let him receive the amount from me , but this would of course entail your paying a commission to the Agent —

Should I not require the whole of the £20 retained for expenses as stated, I will remit you the balance with the other monies —

I must ask you to let me know whether in settling? the debts of the late Dr Ogden in America you are likely to reduce the balance shown in enclosed

account to less than £100 if so then no succession will be payable on the money here, but should the balance not be so reduced we will have to pay the Master of [At this point the text is obscure as the photo cuts off the final lines.]

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The only remaining Asset I have is a few Gold Shares which at present are valueless but may shortly get a market value, in which case I will sell them and remit you the proceeds —

Yrs faithfully

W. A. Currey

— &

**3 Feb. 1892, Picton Ont., J. Roland Brown letterhead**

**Folder 4-2 [61]** Carm Foster

[This document is on the letterhead of J. Roland Brown. Two different hands have written the information. It appears this could be a note pad]

J. Roland Brown  
Barrister, Solicitor,  
Notary, Conveyancer, &c.

Office Yarwood Block, Main Street.  
Picton, Ont.,

[Written across the note in a different hand and initialed J.H.C. is the following]

(memo). Mr Brown's intimation, how to answer Mr Currey's letter of Feby 3<sup>rd</sup> 1892

the comments? I have embodied in my letter to Mr Curry of March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1892 acp? in file March 28 J.H.C.

~~3 Feby~~ 1892

to save time asked as my Solr to ~~sent~~ send acquittal to Standard Bank ~~asked~~ ~~them~~ I have asked them to check over the a/c with you and if satisfactory to accept the Sum due & hand you the acquittal. I will need all the money coming from you to pay debts here – I hope to hear from the gold? Shares you mention later on =. are there not some book debts:

**10 Feb. 1892, Wellington, Ont., John H. Cronk to George S. Ogden**

**Folder 4-2 [132-133]** Carm Foster

Copy

Wellington Febey 10<sup>th</sup> 1892

G. S. Ogden

Dear Brother

I take the earliest opportunity to acquaint you that I got notice that the money from Cape Town had arrived ~~and was~~ three day ago and was at the Bank of Montreal Picton.

So I went down yesterday and received it the amount is \$880.32. That is the net amount except the gold shares, which there is no market value for [paper fold] at the present time

I have placed the above amount on interest in the Bank. do you wish me to divide said amount now, or what would you suggest ~~Some thing else?~~ any other course. I shall write brother John and Sister Jane to the same effect. And try to be governed by the united wisdom of all interested your early answer ~~wished~~ kindly ???? [several words written over each other]

~~We have had some very cold weather of late until yesterday which was warm. turned colder last night. We are quite well except some colds. We were over to Stantons, and down to~~

[written in the right margin bottom to top is the following]

P.S Notice to a family party

**1 Mar 1892 – John Cronk to John W Day and Alfred Bacon**  
**Folder 4-2[111] Doug Smith**

Copy

Wellington March 1<sup>st</sup> 1892

John W Day Esq  
Boulder  
Colorado

Dear Sir

I trust ere this reaches you, you will have collected the rents now due of Mr Teagarden and placed it in the Nation State Bank on acct? to my credit, as I have asked Mr Nicholson to pay Taxes and interest falling due now. And oblige yours truly

John H Cronk  
Wellington P Off  
Prince Edward Co      Ont    Canada .

Copy

Wellington March 1<sup>st</sup> 1892

Alfred J Bacon Esq  
Greeley Col

Dear Sir

I have this day instructed National State Bank Boulder to place to your Credit Sixty five dollars to meet Interest now due shortly on Mortgage against D.F. Ogden Estate in Boulder. Kindly acknowledge and oblige yours truly

John H Cronk Ex  
DF Ogden Estate  
Wellington P. Off\_  
Ont  
Prince Edward County Canada

**1 Mar 1892**  
**John Cronk to J.H. Nicholson, Colorado**  
**4-2[47, 48] Doug Smith**

“Copy”  
Wellington March 1<sup>st</sup> 92  
J. H. Nicholson Esq Cash  
National State Bank  
Boulder  
Col

Dear Sir:

Please place to the Credit of Alfred J Bacon of Greeley Col sixty five Dollars to pay interest on Mortgage against D f Ogden Esq of Boulder due this month and charge same to my acct.  
Also pay Taxes on on the same lot and charge same to my acct.  
I instructed Mr Day to pay rent falling due now into your Bank to my Credit. When I was

up last time.

I will write him by this mail reminding him of the matter again  
Hoping that Boulder is Booming I am yours most sincerely

John H Cronk  
Ex  
D. F. Ogden Est  
Wellington P.O  
Ont  
Canada  
Prince Edward County

**4 March 1892, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to Boyd & Co.**  
**Folder 4-2 [66] Carm Foster**

Copy

Wellington March 4<sup>th</sup> 92

Boyd & Co

Montreal  
13 Comm St

Gentlemen

Your post card of March 3<sup>rd</sup> ~~to day hand~~ at hand this Wellington that I referred to in my last is in Prince Edward County near Picton Ont –

Yours truly

J. H. Cronk

Wellington P. Off  
Ontario

**15 Mar. 1892, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to Boyd & Co.**  
**Folder 4-2 [63]** Carm Foster

Copy

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1892

Wellington P. Off  
Ont ??? [smudge]

Boyd & Co  
13 Common St.  
Montreal

Gentlemen

Your post card of 9<sup>th</sup> just came to hand.

The two Cases came to Wellington last week. ??? no chrgs I went to Picton and passed the Customs today. ~~No charges on cases. Would~~ Could you kindly give me the Freight and other charges (if any) on Cases from London, England to Wellington, and oblige yours very truly

John H Cronk

Execur Estat DF Ogden (Died)

**23 March 1892 – John Cronk to Estate Directors**  
**Folder 4-2[88]** Doug Smith

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Acquittal for Inheritance

£160. 2. 3

I, John H. Cronk Executor Testamentary to the Estate of the late David Fairfield Ogden, who died at Cape Town.

do hereby acknowledge to have received from the Directors of the General Estate and Orphan Chamber, as the Executors Dative - - - - of the Estate of

the late David Fairfield Ogden the Sum of One hundred and sixty pounds two shillings and three pence in full satisfaction of the balance of the Estate, as per Liquidation and Distribution Account framed by the said Executors dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1892, and finally, I grant a free and perfect acquittance and discharge to the Directors of the General Estate and Orphan Chamber for the said balance according to Law. This does not include certain gold shares owned by deceased. Dated at Picton Ontario this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March A. D. 1892

As Witnesses

J. Rowland Brown Ld'd } Solicitor & }	John H. Cronk Executor Testamentary
J. W. Roblin Lg'd } Agent }	Est. late D. F. Ogden _____

**23 Mar. 1892, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to Boyd & Co.**  
**Folder 4-2 [62]** Carm Foster

Copy

Wellington March 23, 1892

Boyd & Co  
Montreal  
13 Common St

Gentlemen

Your Poster card 19<sup>th</sup> Inst to hand. I note that you ~~you~~ prepaid freight ??  
?? from Montreal to Wellington. Please give me the amount paid by you and  
oblige yours truly

J. H. Cronk  
Wellington P. O.  
Ontario  
Canada

**23 Mar 1892 – John Cronk to W. A. Currey**  
**4-2[51-52]** Doug Smith  
[51]

(Copy)  
Wellington March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1892  
W. A. Currey Esq Sect  
General Estate & Orphan Chamber  
Cape Town

Dear Sir

Yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1892 came to hand in due course.



And to save time I have asked my Solicitor to send Acquittal to "Standard Bank"; with instructions to them to check the sum due and hand you the Acquittal. I will need all the money coming from you to pay debts here.  
The gold shares you ~~make~~ speak of

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"being worthless", I understand ~~they~~ cost Mr Ogden £250,. Are there not some Bank debts?

I received the two Boxes of personal affects. also bill of thing in them. am Disappointed that you did not send me his Letter ~~pur~~ Book and Pocket memorandum book of his business.

Hoping to hear a more favourable acct of gold Shares, later on I am as ever  
yours truly

John H Cronk  
Executor, Estate of  
late D. F. Ogden

Wellington P Off  
Ontario  
Canada

**27 Mar. 1892, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to George S. Ogden**  
**Folder 4-2 [134-136] Carm Foster**

Copy

Wellington March 27<sup>th</sup> 1892

G. S. Ogden  
Saginaw City  
211 South Granger St

Dear Brother

Yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst to hand. I have ~~not~~ learned nothing new about Clapp, or his noat Sharing. I do not admire his style, or envy his prosperity. We are glad to learn that you are all ~~are~~ well.

This is Sunday evening. We had company to dinner and Alice and Marilla are reading. Wilford away to Church the rest have gone to bed. ~~I have got received a bill of things (Cloathing)~~

I have received two boxes from Cape town. ~~belonging to our late brother, from Cape town~~ containing trunk & valice ~~containing~~ with the cloathing of our lamented brother D.F.G. no account books or letter book or anything to give me any idea or clue to what was sold or how his business was left. ~~No~~ A bundle of letters mostly from home and friends tied up together. Some photoes 5 or Six – 1 bible 1 book in bible reading. Nickle watch and the same gold chane that he had when he was there the last time. I think his other jewelery seems to be mising. That Cape Town man has apparently tryed to ~~to~~ keep me in ignorance of the Estate as much as possible. The amount of Estate Sold amounted to nearly

\$2000. There is a few gold Shares not sold yet. I think they cost £250, Sterling and after taking out expences and paying debts due there is or so he sayes, £160.2.3 Sterling about \$800. I was not satisfied with his account as he did not send me any vouchers for money paid or said to be paid - and demanded a receipt in full and acquittle from me before he sent the money - my counsell advised me to ~~So I have~~ sent his bill and letter to the Bank where Dave kept his money in Cape Town. and asked the Manager to Check over the Bill and see that there was proper vouchers for the Several amounts so stated, in and paid said Bill. and send the balance to me. Will probably hear from the matter in about three months

My Boulder Agent informs me that the man on the place there has made an other payment on the rent of \$75. What is to be done with the clothes so I have invited all the girls to come and see them. The roads are bad and spring looks as if it was nearing now. Wheat & clover looks well. Hope that we will have a good harvest that we may have plenty next winter. "Self preservation is the is the first law of nature." You see So we may wish it well for us anyway. As I should drop a few lines to John I may now close, by sending best wishes to Alice and Miss E.B. I think Marilla is now writing to Alice love to all as usual  
excuse haste J. H. Cronk

**28 Mar 1892 – John Cronk to J W Day**

**4-2[57]** Doug Smith

Copy

1892

Wellington March 28<sup>th</sup>  
J W Day Esq  
Boulder Colorado

Dear Sir

Yours of 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> ~~just to hand~~ including one from Mr Bacon to hand today. In explanation I must say – That as I ~~am the holder~~ the old Policy; - I was looking for the Renewal, not knowing the terms of the Deed of Trust to Mr Bacon, I may say that I am quite satisfied to let Mr Bacon hold Policy under term of Deed of Trust

yours truly John H. Cronk Ex  
Estate of D. F. Ogden

**27 Apr. 1892, Wellington Ontario, John H. Cronk to C. G. Buckingham**

**Folder 4-2 [60]** Carm Foster

(Copy)

Wellington April 27<sup>th</sup>. 1892

C. G. Buckingham Esq Pres't  
National State Bank  
Boulder

Colorado

Dear Sir,

My answer to yours of (March 12<sup>th</sup>) requesting you to send me a statement of my acct with Bank. has not reached me yet; it may of gone astray your every kindly attention to the matter will oblige &e

Yours truly

John H Cronk

Executor Estate

D. F. Ogden Dec'd

Wellington P. Of.

Ontario Canada

**18 May 1892 – W A Currey to John Cronk**

**Folder 4-2[108]** Doug Smith

[Printed letterhead]

General Estate & Orphan Chamber

Adderley Street Cape Town 18" May 1892

p Grantully Castle

John H. Cronk

Wellington Post Office

Ontario Canada

Prince Edward County

Dear Sir,

Est D. F. Ogden

I have yours of the 23d Mch last, and although I received it on the 29 " April, no one has as yet been to this office from the Standard Bank to examine the account in above Estate on your behalf –

Since writing to you I have heard that the cost of forwarding the boxes to you from London is £4:1:4 thus leaving a further balance of £15:18:8 in your favor, there will therefore be a grand total of £176:0:11 to be paid you or your agent.

Yes the gold shares did cost Mr Ogden a considerable amount and will watch an opportunity to sell them.

Yrsfaithfully

[signed] W.A. Currey &c

**22 May 1892, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to George S. Ogden**

**Folder 4-2[137-141]** Carm Foster

Copy

Wellington May 22<sup>nd</sup> 92

G. S. Ogden

Saginaw, W.S.

Michigan

Dear Brother

Your favor of 2<sup>nd</sup>. April came to hand some time past – I have delayed answering until I heard from J. R. Ogden and Manerva Huyck about the things, I wrote you in my letter of 27<sup>th</sup> March. The one ~~mentioned~~ referred to in yours of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. I wrote John he elects to have his share under will. Manerva was here last week, and stayed a few days. She and

Marilla went out to see Waity. Found them there the division was talked over, and it was concluded best to divid as Will directs. And let those that get; divide as they think best. So I divided the cloathing in two equal piles as nearly as I could do, in Manerva and Marilla presence. And gave Manerva her choice of the piles, for herself and your's and John's. And then Manerva and Marilla made three piles of her choice, And ~~Merve~~ Manerva went out. and I placed No. 1. 2. 3 on the piles and she chose No 1 you got No 3 and John No 2. The following not divided yet. Then there was a fine over coat new (but some moth eaten). A Silk Plug Hat and Hat case. Nickle watch and gold chain Pock inkstand a pocket-wistle knife peck, pair of Cheap cuff buttons, a small Bible, and quill a Siged book called "Bible readings for the home circle. Of 600 pages. A very nice book. These last things can be turned into money in the family, and divide the money, easeir than dividing ~~them~~ the articles. I have had the Watch and chain valued The chain weighs 14 ½ Penoy weight worth \$18 new. Watch worth \$4. new – Together \$20. Now If you or John would rather have the them at \$20. in the place ~~low~~ of cash; all right I can ~~and if~~ then divide, the money that the things bring around again ~~not I think I can get that amount for them from some other member of the famely connections. Would like to dispose of the other things in~~

~~(not divided) in the same way.~~ I enclose you a list of your ~~the~~ Share of divided things. So that you may get a better idea of what they are and you can give a more definite idea of who you would like to give them to if you do not care for them yourself. The Valice is the one you speak of and has A. A. Ogden on the bottom. And is your's all right. I have not had any fresh news from Cape Town. Am expecting answer to letters Sent last month, ought to get reply next month. David Elsworth was buried last week. I believe all of r folks are well as usual. We have had plenty of rain lately and things are looking fine, prospects are good.

List of things mentioned in

letter dated May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1892

- .1 pair of slippers or low shoes
- .1 pair (fine cloth pants) nearly new & good
- .1 " suspenders nearly new
- .1 Black Vest fine cloth some worn
- .1 every day black coat soiled & worn
- .1 Suit (lite texture cloth) overalls Coat & pants
- .1 grey Knit gunyy shirt & trousers
- .1 night Shirt (white)
- .1 fine do do

.3 Collers  
.2 pair cuffs, . 2 silk Ties & Hd?  
.3 Silk HD Kefs : 1 cotten do  
.2 Cotten Pillow shams, 2 pair cotte Socks  
.1 Pair over sleeves. 1 Drab loft felt Hat  
.2 Towls, one very nice. 1 Toilet Brush & comb

Alice and Marilla has just got home from evening meeting, now nearly 10 oclok. Marilla says "give my love to all and excuse me this time as I am tired and sleepy too and want to go to bed. So I guess you will have to excuse her this time. Clary was up here last week She was trying to screen or excuse all. C, all She could. She had heard his story

So I just told her my version of the Matter and then let her, say who was right  
rens? I have not Seen Clapp since. Brown said he was going to write you about  
that note, that was some time ago. I have not seen him lately I called, he was  
out. My best wishes to yourself and loved ones excuse haste asever you Brother  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> John H Cronk

I did not get this all copied last night So when I came to write it over I have this  
much of Space to Spare to fill yet, and it is raining away yet this morning Clary  
asked for your address, I gave it to her, so you may look for a letter from her  
soon. I have some pity for Clary She Says, I am glad that I am not getting any of  
Davids property or money I heard her make like expressions of the above  
quotation, on several occasions. I hope she is not trying to make trouble in the  
family by insinuations, or half told tales, excuse any remark. I would wish to think  
better things of her. I hold no hardness.

J.H.C

**27 Jun 1892 – John Ogden to John Cronk family**  
**Folder 4-2[114-116] Doug Smith**

[114]

Marine City June 27 – 92

Dear Sister and Brother & family

as I have not heard from you since I last wrote you concerning our dear  
Brother's Clothes and other effects I will penn down a few lines to let you know  
that we have not forgotten you if we are a long way off, we have not had a line  
from any of you since you wrote me that you had received a box of goods from  
South Africa and that you had notified the Girls to that effect, and now I would  
like to know what has been done with them, and would also like to know what  
other tidings you have had about the money that lay in the Bank in Africa and  
other mater that were in Africa that I

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understood was to be sold but the market was not verry good at the time this  
man in Africa wrote you, I could not understand what this thing was to be sold in

Africa, I cannot always make out Brother John's writing and would like for sister Thene to explain to me about it, Please tell me what is in Africa and what it is like, and now is there any hopes of getting rid of that Property out in Colorado this summer and if so what is the Prospect, Do you hear from Brother George or Norman if so how are they I have never had a scratch of a pen from Norman since he left Canada nor from George either, George used to write me once in a while when we were in Canada and I have never heard anything of him since, I begin to think that there is something wrong in the mail or something with my folks

and I do not know which to lay it too however I will not lay anything up for my folks if they are to blame for we are neglectful sometimes and do not write as often as we ought to, how is all of the folks down their, and how is the crops looking, it has been so verry wet here that some of our neighbours had to Plant everything the second time Belle River raised so at one time that the water flooded one of our neighbours whole farm, the water raised 10 feet in about 6 hours and one man moved out of his house in a boat about mid – knight how would you like that, well I suppose this will be a little news.

Franklin is a married man again his wife is with us and he is on the Water sailing he went sailing the 28 March and David went away 8 of April Daid's Wife and family has gone to Canada to see her sister they were all well when they went away Franklin's Wife is about one inch taller that he is and weighs 160 lbs she is

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German ~~Desent~~ her father was born in Germany her mother in the States and she were borne in Michigan She seems a verry nice girl and a good worker She is not afraid to take hold of anything She is quite still verry much like his first wife, her name is Mary, he seems to have a fancy for Mary, her folks uses the German language in there own family, She talks verry good english, well Brother John I have a verry nice garden this summer although it was put in verry late, beens just ready to Bloom, Potatoes ready to Bloom Radish large enough for table, onions verry nice Cucumbers just ready to Bloom Cabbage verry good, Carrots & Beets verry good.

Sarah Jane & Edith is well as common Sarah Jane is verry busy to day straightening up things upstairs. Edith grows like a wead, and for my own part I am verry thankful for the goodly amount of health that I have, I am not troubled with Dyspepsid any more atall I can eat nearly every thing that comes on the table, but do not drink tea or Coffy I stick to hot water as a drink, it rained here every day last week but 1, not all the time and yesterday and today, and word is here if it rained last friday that it would rain for 40 days more or less. I hope it will be less, now with those few I will close, as ever from your Sister & Brother

S J & J. R. Ogden. Please answer soon

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PO Give out best wishes to all enquiring friends as well as to all your own family as ever from your loveing Sister and Brother

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[Envelop]

[Post mark] MARINE CITY  
J. H. Cronk, Esq      JUN  
Wellington          28?  
Ont                    2? PM  
                            1892  
                            MICH

[Vertical note]

J. R. Ogden

Date June 27<sup>th</sup> 1892

Red " 30<sup>th</sup> —

ans July 3<sup>rd</sup> —

**3 July 1892 John Cronk to brother John**

**Folder 4-2[83, 84]** Doug Smith

Wellington July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1892

J. R. Ogden

Murine City Mich

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> June, to hand. I have noted contence; and will try to give the information asked for, so far as I can at this present date. I shall try to answer your enquires in the order as they appear in your letter.

" firs "what has been done with the clothes" &c. Sister Manerva came in her a short time ago and stayed a few days. I divided the clothing (according to the Will) in two piles, as nearly as I could do it, and then gave

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Manerva the choise of piles for herself and you and George Then she and Marilla made three piles of the one she chose. Your share has been put by its self and is awaiting your instructions or order.

I may say that I cold not very well divide some few things, such as Watch (nickle) and gold chane. Silk plug hat and hat box (leather). a bible and a book on "bile readings for the home circle". A fine over coat new, but some little eaten by moths. pocket inkstand. a pocket knife pair cheap cuff buttons . Neither of the books has his name in them

I had the Watch and chane valued they wer aprised at \$18. for chain \$3. for watch. I wrote George a few days ago that if he or you would prefer the watch and chane at \$20. in Ctead of money

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all right. George wrote me immediatly and answer saying he would like to have the watch and chain. Saying that he would soon write again more fully, I have not

heard from him yet since. All the not divided, I thought to have them valued and give let you and george and Manerva and Marilla, have them instead of money, and then divide the money that they brought around again. 2<sup>nd</sup> The Cape Town affairs My agent Mr Currey writes me, 18<sup>th</sup> May that there is now on hand there £176.0s11d St (about \$856.25) par value.

and The gold mine shares to be sold yet and added to that amount – Mr Currey says that the gold shares are of little value as yet.

3<sup>rd</sup> the Boulder property.

I wrote my agent about the place

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some months ago to watch for a chance to sell the place as soon as a good chance would present ~~itss~~ . I do not seem to feel very sanguin of geting a bige price for so small a place.

I am very anxious to close it out as soon as I can, the tenants time will be out this fall and I shall try to get rid of it then.

I have not had a letter from Norman for a long time. I think his address is, Brighton Post Off Colorado . I think he writes to sister Clary Ann Story.

George is in Michigan Saginaw, I think he is keeping a boarding house there, although he has not told me so. his address, is. 1605 South Michigan avenew , Saginaw, W, S. Michigan

We have had a great plenty of rain and crops are very hevvy, a great growth of straw, but what the harvest will be is hard to tell, prospect good however.

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glad to hear that you are all well. my congratulations to Franklin and complements to my new neice love and best wishes to all with Gods blessing.

Marilla will write some too giving news and cetry?

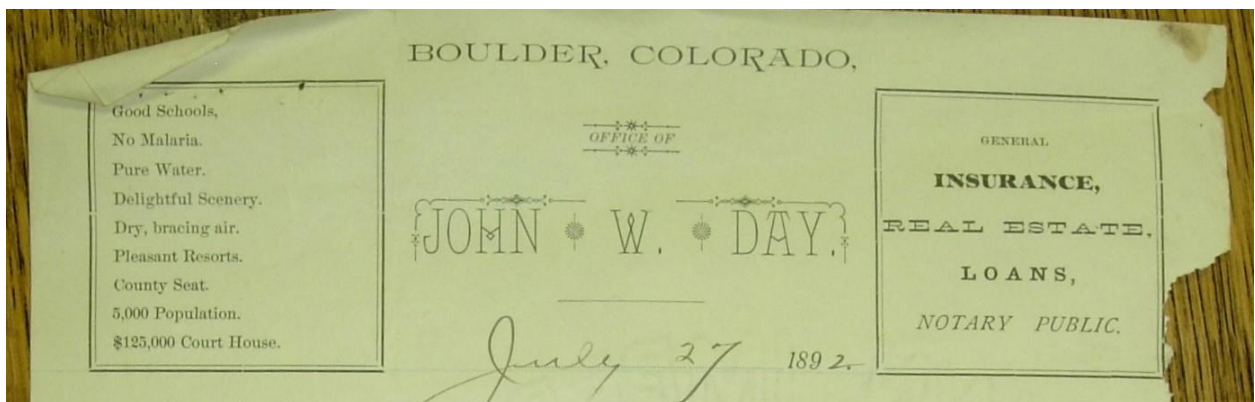
as ever yours

J. H. Cronk

**27 July 1892, John W. Day to John H. Cronk**

**Folder 4-2 [122] Carm Foster**

[ There is printed letterhead at the top of this page]





John H Cronk Adres?

Dear Sir: I inclose Dep. slip showing deposit of the last paymt of Teagarden on rent. 75<sup>00</sup> less 3.75 = 71<sup>25</sup> so he has; I should say, taken very good care of the place, & would like to know what is the prospect of leasing it another year = Now as to it all. I dont know just what can be done. = & wish you would inform me whether you will sell at private or Public ???, & what price to offer it at. I would advise selling off all the lease property before it is all worn out, & not lease another year with it, but let the tenant furnish his own tools &c – We have had a fine growing year & it rains, now, as I write

Resp JW. Day

**3 Aug 1892 John Cronk to E S Walker**

**Folder 4-2[85]** Doug Smith [receipt]  
Boulder Aug 3d 1892

Mr Jno. H. Cronk Executor  
Co E. S Walker Clerk County Court Dr

Terms:.....

For costs accrued in Est of David F.  
Ogden including probate of will &c 93 00

By Cash from Exr 9/5/91 20<sup>00</sup> 7 10/26/91 50<sup>00</sup> 70 00  
Bal Due \$23 00

Please Remit  
promptly

**8 Aug. 1892, Wellington Ont., John H. Cronk to J. W. Day Esq.**  
**Folder 4-2 [65]** Carm Foster

Copy

Wellington August 8<sup>th</sup> 1892

J. W. Day Esq  
Boulder Colorado

Dear Sir

Yours of 27<sup>th</sup> Jul ? came?, to hand a few days since, press of work has caused the delay in answering. I note that co? has? you ???vise, concerning "selling off all the loose property." You may do so ~~as soon as~~ when Mr Teagardens Lease expires. As to Selling the place – I am anxious to make a sale as soon as we can, either by private or publeck ~~sale~~, which ever way it can be done, so as to get the nes best price for it. I wish you would advise me how to get the best results out of the place in the way of a sale,

and also ~~stat~~ what it would be most likely to bring. Awaiting your early reply I am  
as ever your Sev't?

John H Cronk  
Wellington P Off.  
Ontario  
Canada

P. S. thanks for your card  
J. H. C.

**9 Aug 1892 John Cronk to E. S. Walker, Colorado**

**4-2[49, 50]** Doug Smith

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Copy  
Wellington Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1892  
E. S. Walker Esq Clerk County Court?  
Boulder Colorado

Dear Sir:

Your notice of August 3<sup>rd</sup> reach me today.  
Enclosed please find Check for twenty three dollars (\$23) the balance asked for.  
I have never had an itemized statement of Costs ~~made in the Estate~~ to show  
Legatees how the amount of \$93, is made up  
I trust, you will not think it is too much trouble to kindly prepare and send me one  
at your earliest opportunity and ~~obl so that I may show it to the legatees and~~  
oblige yours truly

John H Cronk  
Executor D. F. Ogden

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Dr                    D. B. Bowerman      Cr

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**1 Sep 1892 – John Cronk to J.H. Nicholson**  
4-2[55] Doug Smith

Copy

Wellington Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1892  
J. H. Nicholson Esq  
Cash  
National State Bank  
Boulder Colorado

Dear Sir

Please place to the Credit of Alfred J Bacon Esquire of Greeley Sixty five (\$65) Dollars, to pay interest on Mortgage, against D. F. Ogden Estate in Boulder due this month and charge same to my acct.

And oblige your truly

John H. Cronk Excu  
Estate D. F. Ogden Dead  
Wellington P Off  
Ontario  
Canada

**1 Sep 1892 – John Cronk to Alfred j bacon**  
4-2[56] Doug Smith

Copy

Wellington Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1892  
Alfred J Bacon Esq  
Greeley Colorado

Dear Sir

I have instructed Cashier of National State Bank Boulder Colorado to place to your Credit \$65, interest in Mortgage (due this month) against D F Ogden Estate in Boulder  
your truly

John H. Cronk  
Ex Estate D. F Ogden (Decet)  
Wellington P. Off  
Ontario  
Canada

**2 Sept. 1892, Marine City Michigan, John R. Ogden to Marilla and John H. Cronk**  
Folder 4-2 [73-74] Carm Foster

Marine City Sept 2/1892

Dear Sister and Brother  
and family

your verry kind and welcome letter of August 25 came to hand on monday morning this week we were all well, ~~we~~ I was just ready to go to Porthuron to look after my Box of things when David came Bustleing in the house from Marine with a letter in his hand with the list of my things, and glad enough I was, for I was afraid that I would have to pay a Duty on them, but when you told me that brother D. F was a Citizen of the U.S. and I told the oficer at Porthuron that he was a Citizen they let it Pass without

a Duty, it just cost me 30 cts to make the entry and 55 cts express and 15 cts freight on the Boat. I found the things all right, am much Oblige to you for puting them up so nicely. Sarah Jane says ~~the~~ tell Alice that she is verry much Oblige to her for the Dried Pairs she sent her, would been better Pleased if Alice had of come with them. Fruit is dreadful scarce in this section of country, no Apples any where. Plums is 60 cts a Peck. Peaches is out of the question. I do not know what Pairs is worth. Potatoes is worth \$1.00 a Bushel. Oats is 30 cts wheat 82 cts hay \$6<sup>00</sup> a ton. Now when David came home on Monday he just come off the Boat at Marine to see his wife. She were up to our place on a visit, his Boat was going up the lak and he was

to our Place about 1 hour when his Boat came along and he got L. Recor to take our skiff and take him out to the Boat and it is likely that he will not see any of us again until the close of navigation. he is well and hearty his Wife and Children are well. Franklin is to work in the shop in Marine, is home once a week, we are all enjoying good health. Sarah Jane is in a great Bustle geting ready to go to Dresden to take Edith (Franklins Child) to see her Grand Parents. She has never been over to Dresden since her Mother Died, and you will Pardon Sarah Jane for not writing this time and when she comes home she will write a good long letter. our garden is not extra good on account of dry wether, you may dig down in the ground nearly 2 feet before you

would come to any moisture, now I must draw my letter to a close. we are still living in China [China Twp., Saint Clair Co., MI., USA.] as when you were here, and not much prospect of geting away on a farm. I hope you will get rid of that Estate this fall so that I can have something to help myself on a place. Give our best wishes to all enquiring friends, with kindest Regards as ever from your affectionate Sister & Brother

SJ & J. R. Ogden

Envelope  
**Folder 4-2 [75]**



12 Oct 1892 J W [Day] to John Cronk  
Folder 4-2 [127] Doug Smith



John H. Cronk Esq

Dear Sir: I have been East for a month or so, & business matters delayed but now am back, & as Mr Teagarden is anxious to come to a conclusion as to putting down front & another year I wish you would write me at once and instruct me along the following lin[es] How about leasing to him another year for 250<sup>00</sup> unless have deci[amage] position to sell very soon. I would advise you doing so, as he is reliable & careful as far as I can see.

I will go a head & dispose of the tools & implements &c, as fast as I can.

Oh, by the way, I am not sure, as Mr Teagarden intends to pay 250<sup>00</sup> if all the tools ^c are disposed of, but will talk it over but I dont feel any ways sure. You can sell place readily, & therefore think it will lease another year

Please answer at once & oblige Recb?

John W[paper fold]

17 Oct 1892 John Cronk to J W Day  
Folder 4-2 [123-5] Doug Smith

Copy

Wellington Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1892  
J.W. Day Esq  
Boulder  
Colorado

Dear Sir

I wrote you some time ago. (August 8<sup>th</sup> last) advising sale of all loose property &c

Also my desire to have the place sold as soon as could be done to good advantage.

I was looking for and answer from you before this time. Advising me how to dispose of the place to the best advantage

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and what the prospect ~~was~~ is and what we should ask for it.

Your early answer will oblige yours truly

John H Cronk  
Exr. Estate ~~late~~  
DF Ogden (Deceased)

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Copy

Wellington Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 92  
John W Day Esq  
Boulder Colorado

Dear Sir

~~Yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst to hand to day. I just had just mailed a short note to you this morning.~~

~~I now haste to reply to yours as a~~ I had this morning just mailed a short note to you to remind you of mine of the 8<sup>th</sup> August last, when the mail arrived today I got yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst

I am inclined to take your advice. Sell the loose property and tools, and lease to Mr Teagarden for another year

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on the best term that you can make and oblige yours very truly

John H Cronk  
Ex Estate DF Ogden Decd

**9 Dec 1892 John Cronk to George Ogden**  
**Folder 4-2 [128] Doug Smith**

Copy  
Wellington Decb 9<sup>th</sup> 1891

G S. Ogden  
Saginaw City Michg

Dear Brother

As I stated in miye? last, I went over to see All yesterday, found him away, so I stayed ~~over~~ all night seen him today. He says he is not prepared to pay it just now, has been hard pushed to meet some other matters, he did not expect to have to pay now ~~can~~ will meet it on? note in the spring ~~all~~ or between now and spring.

Says he has four notes of \$ 140, each. drawing six per cent, per annum: payable in four years, one each year. first one due next year this time I think (Decemb 1<sup>st</sup> 1892)

~~These are joint notes was given for a steem thresher ?? made by Hiram J Vincent, in Vim~~

~~These note wer made by two of the Vincents and one Tripp, made payable to in favor of Alexander Scott – given for a steem Thresher~~

All got them of Scott, by Scott endorcing them and guaranteeing their payment. ~~I did not see the notes~~ I have not seen the notes yet ~~nor~~ and I do not know all the parties. All wants to turn out one of the notes and pay the balance in money offers? either one of ~~them~~. the notes: seems anxious to pay yo[smear] I shall see him again next week in Picton — We may be able to get part of the note some time in January.

He claims that there is some more cost to be charged to you that was not put in when you and he figured up on the settlement.

**19 Dec 1892 John Cronk to J W Day**  
**Folder 4-2 [123] Doug Smith**

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Copy  
Wellington Decemb 19<sup>th</sup> 1892

J. W. Day Esq  
Boulder  
Colorado

Dear Sir:

Two months has now passed and no reply to mine of the 17<sup>th</sup> of October in answer to yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> of October /92 last

How did you succeed in disposing of the implements, tools and other loose property And also, the Leacing of the place for another year

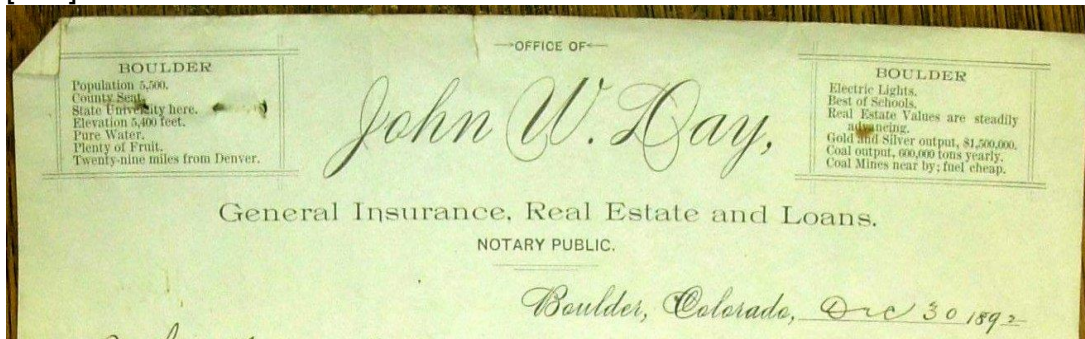
Kindly inform me, by sending particulars, and oblige, yours truly.

John H Cronk  
Exr Estate of D.F. Ogden  
?[(deceased)]

**Dec 30 1892 JW Day to John Cronk**

Folder 4-2[159- 160] Doug Smith

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Boulder, Colorado, ...Dec 30..189..2.

John H. Cronk Esq  
Wellington

Dear Sir I must acknowledge to a neglect in writing after I had arranged with Mr Teagarden for leasing the place another year without tools & horse @ 200<sup>00</sup>

I had talked with him about the disposition of the implements and he was expecting a brother to come from Nebraska and so the matter was delayed & I tentavily dilayed writing you from time to time hoping to report the extension of lease & result of sale of the personal property. Well: the brother was delayed in coming, & when he did was not able to locate himself to decide what he would do &c then our cold snap froze us all up & so, procrastination became the thief of time, and when your letter came I had just decided to go & get up some "dodgers"?, & advertise a public sale & clean the stuff up – still now, to make the Sale abt Feby 1 would be better than now

I collected 75<sup>00</sup> from Mr Teagarden on rent, and

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sold the old horse & harness to E C Nye fro 40<sup>00</sup> so that the question of loss by death sickness or expense of care & keeping was disposed of

Now: I realy think that to sell the tools & other stuff some time in Jany or 1<sup>st</sup> of Feby after the wather breaks up & indicates the approach of Spring would be better (We have had some very cold close wather for colo)

I shall expect to hear from you again in which you will please express yourself freely as to what you think best,

very Resp

John W Day

[new hand] copy of in Envelop marked  
See Answer ^ Jany 18<sup>th</sup> /93



**31 Dec 1892 – John Cronk to J R Brown**  
**Folder 4-2[99- 103] Doug Smith**

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[Old English type] The Standard Bank of South Africa, Limited.

ALL LETTERS TO BE  
ADDRESSED  
"TO THE MANAGER"

Cape Town, 31<sup>st</sup> Decr 1892

J. Roland Brown Esq<sup>fe</sup>  
Jamieson Block  
Picton,  
Ontario,  
Canada

Dear Sir,  
re Estate Dr D. F. Ogden

With reference to you letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> August last, we now quote the following communication just received by us from our Solicitors, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fairbridge & Arderne, in regards to the above Estate : —

[Each line is preceded by " which are dropped except before every paragraph.]

"In this matter we have succeeded in effecting a settlement. You will remember that our instructions were to act in accordance with the advice previously given by us, but with regard to the claim of Hollis left a certain

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"certain discretion.

As the

fighting of this claim would have entailed considerable cost and as Hollis would make no move in the matter himself, we considered it advisable to compromise the matter, & ultimately we have effected a saving of £10 by the compromise.

"We think, as we stated before, that Capt Hollis had no legal claim, but under the circumstances of the risks attendant upon the matter & the fact that the claim could not be inexpensively contested, we have acted in the discretion confided to us.

"We now transmit to you the Liquidation account sent us by you, together with a supplementary account showing an amended balance of £189:9:1.

This

balance has been handed to us on the understanding given that

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"a full acquittance shall be signed by Mr. Cronk. The acquittance forwarded to us by you was only for the sum of £160:2:3 being for the balance on the previous account. You will kindly instruct your agents not to hand over any money to Mr. Cronk until the acquittance in the form which we transmit herewith has been signed by him, or difficulties may ensue hereafter should the Master demand a

legal receipt from the Executor, in which case we should have either to produce such or refund the money.

“We account to you in this matter as follows:—

Cash received	£189:9:1
Our changes in this matter including examination of A/Cs & correspondence, detailed exam- } ination of vouchers, Interviews with Executor, Capt Hollis &c &c	3:13:6
	<hr/>
	£185:15:7
	“We

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“We accordingly send you our cheque for the balance.

“The gold shares referred to in the correspondence appear to have no market value, nor are they likely to have.”

The documents referred to in Messrs Fairbridge & Arderne’s letter have been forwarded by us to our agents the Bank of Montreal in your Town, together with a sight draft on our London Office in favour of Mr. John H. Cronk Executor Testamentary to the Estate of the late David Fairfield Ogden fr £181:14:4 which will be handed to that gentleman, together with the Liquidation accounts, on his giving a full acquittance as per form which will be produced by our agents.

The amount of the draft is made up as follows:—

Cheque

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Cheque recd from Fairbridge & Arderne	£185:15:7
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Less –

Owe charge for services rendered	£3:3: -
Exchange ½ % prem:	18:3      4: 1: 3
	<hr/>
	£181:14:4

yours faithfully

[signed] JW Harsant  
Manager

~

**18 Jan 1893 John Cronk to JW Day**  
**Folder 4-2[161- 162] Doug Smith**

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Copy

Wellington Janry 18<sup>th</sup> 1893  
John W Day Esq  
Boulder Colorado

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultima, to hand a few days ago; I am glad that you have leased for another year and that you will ~~get~~ dispose of the personal property at ~~such a time~~ a time, when it will be most likely to fetch the best prices.

I think that I gave you a list of all the personal property on the place. Sell all and clean it out.

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and send me a detailed statement of same.

The proceeds, kindly place to my audit in the National State Bank Boulder, advising me of same.

I should like to dispose of the place at the earliest favorable oportunity, and what season of the year is best to sell such property in. I shall have to be guided by your experience. And what would be the place be likely to bring. Your early attention in this subject I should be glad to get.

Then you do have some cold weather in Colorado! as well ~~as well~~ as we do here in the East. We have had some very cold weather too ~~well as~~ which seem almost a universal complaint in Europe as well as in N. America. hoping to hear from you in due time as ever yours truly

JH.C  
Wellington P O  
Ontario  
Canada

**17 Apr 1893 John Cronk to J.W. Day**

**4-2[45, 46]** Doug Smith

Copy

Wellington April 17<sup>th</sup> 1893  
J. W. Day Esq  
Boulder Colorado

Dear Sir

Your last favor of Janry 30<sup>th</sup> came to hand in due time, stating that you had placed in National State Bank Boulder – (as shown by deposit slip) \$109. 25 to my hand.

Also that you expected to sell ~~off~~ the loose property about first part of February. I have been expecting to hear from you for some time past; informing me how well you had got on with the sale &c and what the prospect was of selling the place this season

our spring weather is backward. We had five or six inches of snow saturday last. I wish you would give me some idea what ~~could be got~~ the place? — could be sold for?

An early reply will much oblige yours truly  
J.H.C

**17 Apr 1893 John Cronk to J.H. Nicholson, Colorado**

**4-2[42]** Doug Smith

[At 63 Yrs 3 Mo 14 Days John's hand shows the effects of age and hard work. When a word is known, however poorly written the accurate text is used]

Copy

Wellington April 17<sup>th</sup> 93  
J. H. Nicholson Esq Cashier?  
Boulder Colo

Dear Sir

Your favor of March 6th? came to hand. all right.  
Thanks for promptness.  
Our spring weather is very backward. We had five or six inches of snow Saturday last; the fields are white yet today, ~~although the sun is shining bright~~ very little work did on the land as yet.

yours truly  
John H Cronk  
Ex D F Ogden Est?

**7 July 1893 John Cronk to J.H. Nicholson, Colorado**

**4-2[43]** Doug Smith

Copy

Wellington July 7th 93  
J. H. Nicholson Esq  
Cash  
National State Bank  
Boulder  
Colo

Dear Sir

I trust you will kindly pay the taxes on the D. F. Ogden ~~Estate~~ (house and lot in Boulder) when the same is due for the year 1892. and charge sum to my acct and oblige

yours truly  
John H Cronk  
Ex Estate D. F. Ogden  
(Dead) Wellington PO  
Ontario

Canada

**21 Aug 1893 John Cronk to J.H. Nicholson, Colorado**

**4-2[44]** Doug Smith

Copy

Wellington Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1893

J. H. Nicholson Esq Cashier

National State Bank

Boulder

Colorado

Dear Sir

The interest on the A. J. Bacon Mortgage will be due Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. The amount is \$65,

Kindly see that it is paid and charged to my acct and oblige yours most truly

John H Cronk Extr

Estate of D.F. Ogden