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Papers, 1829-1911**

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**Correspondence**

All letters are addressed to Jesse W. Fell unless otherwise noted.

1. 1829-1856

Elwood Brown, December 20, 1829

Benjamin Mills, February 22, 1833

Joseph Duncan, April 4, 1834

General W.L.D. Ewing to General Covell, Jesse W. Fell, and others, October 20, 1835

Nicholas H. Ridgely

October 30, 1835

State Bank of Illinois – Real Estate Department. Instructions to Agents.,

November 2, 1835

November 6, 1835

November 13, 1835

May 3, 1836

October 11, 1836

October 29, 1836

November 18, 1836

November 26, 1836

November 29, 1836

E.J. Phillips

May 10, 1836

November 26, 1836

John Reynolds

June 28, 1836

July 6, 1837

Jesse W. Fell to William Brown, August 24, 1837

W.L. May, February 28, 1838

Jesse W. Fell to Abraham Lincoln, July 20, 1838

Abraham Lincoln

July 25, 1838 [Note: this letter was originally on the reverse side of the  
July 20, 1838 letter from Fell to Lincoln]

March 1, 1848

Issachar Price, September 24, 1838

R.M. Young, February 21, 1839

Whig Committee of McLean County, January 20, 1840

Jesse W. Fell to Hester V. Fell, June 27, 1841

Stephen A. Douglass, March 21, 1844

N. Bushnell, August 23, 1850

Richard Yates, November 17, 1852

F. Wayland, January 29, 1853

Oliver H. Lee, July 4, 1853

Kansas Aid Committee in Chicago

July 18, 1856

July 22, 1856

W.F.M. Arny, July 22, 1856

Owen Lovejoy, October 25, 1856

## 2. 1857-1874

A. Campbell

June 17, 1857

April 2, 1864

J. Thompson, Secretary to Owen Lovejoy, Department of the Interior, May 25,  
1858

William Saunders

October 15, 1858

October 29, 1858

Illinois Republican State Central Committee

June 9, 1859

June 23, 1860

Chas. G. Ames, July 16, 1859

Joseph J. Lewis

January 30, 1860

May 28, 1860

June 12, 1860

June 17, 1860

July 9, 1860

September 25, 1860

October 1, 1860

October 20, 1860

December 17, 1860

January 15, 1861

March 1, 1862

- March 27, 1862
- March 13, 1863
- Owen Lovejoy
  - May 28, 1860
  - June 15, 1869
  - June 27, 1860
  - July 21, 1860
  - September 11, 1860
  - April 1, 1861
  - April 1, 1862
  - December 7, 1862
- Elwood Brown, June 10, 1860
- J.G. Nicolay, July 19, 1860
- S. Stokely, December 21, 1860
- Jesse. W. Fell to Abraham Lincoln
  - January 2, 1861
  - March 17, 1862
  - March 18, 1862
- Lyman Trumbull
  - June 7, 1861
  - June 7, 1861
  - February 1, 1862
- A.E. Hovey [Note: written note on signature reading "Chas. E?" speculating this was written by Charles Edward Hovey and the transcription included an error], January 21, 1862
- F. Price, March 12, 1862
- Richard Yates from State of Illinois Executive Department
  - June 7, 1862
  - August 13, 1864
- O.H. Brown
  - June 16, 1862
  - June 30, 1862
- Jesse W. Fell to his brother, October 7, 1862
- Will Cumback
  - October 19, 1863
  - February 4, 1864
- L.S. Lovejoy, April 6, 1864
- J.H. Bryant, May 14, 1864
- Thomas J. Turner, July 11, 1864
- C. Macalester, November 7, 1864
- 3. Telegrams, 1862-1863
  - Jesse W. Fell to Daniel McClure
    - August 22, 1862
    - August 23, 1862
    - August 26, 1862
    - November 6, 1862

Jesse W. Fell to William Wallace  
 September 4, 1862  
 September 6, 1862  
 September 8, 1862  
 September 15, 1862  
 October 23, 1862

Jesse W. Fell to Benjamin Larned  
 September 11, 1862  
 September 15, 1862

Jesse W. Fell to Paymaster General of the U.S.A.  
 September 19, 1862  
 September 28, 1862

A. Gridley, October 10, 1862  
 Daniel McClure to Jesse W. Fell, October 21, 1862  
 L.D. Parke, October 21, 1862  
 Jesse W. Fell to C.H. Fry, October 21, 1862  
 W.F. Radcliff, October 22, 1862  
 Jesse W. Fell to A. Gridley  
 October 24, 1862  
 October 24, 1863

F.W. Radcliff to A.A. Lamb, October 25, 1862  
 Jesse W. Fell to William Cumback  
 January 29, 1863  
 February 9, 1863  
 February 10, 1863

Jesse W. Fell to Rodney Smith  
 February 11, 1863  
 February 23, 1863

#### 4. 1865-1899

J.H. Bryant, regarding the Lincoln Monument, June 15, 1865  
 T.O. Osborn, July 1, 1865  
 Jesse W. Fell to Captain E. Lewis, July 26, 1865  
 R.I. Oglesby, September 16, 1865

Robert Collyer  
 July 3, 1866  
 September 18, 1866  
 November 8, 1866  
 June 7, 1870  
 September 15, 1873

T.B. Blackstone  
 December 13, 1866  
 January 1, 1867  
 December 28, 1871

Lyman Trumbull  
 December 27, 1866  
 March 9, 1872  
 April 10, 1872

April 11, 1872  
 April 16, 1872  
 R.G. Roots to Hatch and Jesse W. Fell, May 23, 1867  
 Robert G. Ingersoll  
 March 25, 1868  
 April 6, 1872  
 Horace Greeley to Theodore Tilton, Office of the *New York Tribune*, August 24, 1868  
 Theodore Tilton, Office of *The Independent*, New York, August 24, 1868  
 William H. Green, December 4, 1869  
 W.D. Green, December 13, 1869  
 J.C. Johns, December 26, 1869  
 O.B. Galusha, December 30, 1869  
 Henry Wing, January 3, 1870  
 W.H. Sennett, January 25, 1870  
 J.M. Palmer, June 18, 1870  
 Jesse W. Fell and A. Gridley to T.B. Blackstone, December 27, 1871  
 Joseph J. Lewis to J.R. Osgood, March 28, 1872  
 Joseph J. Lewis (to Jesse W. Fell), March 28, 1872  
 Leonard Swett, April 1, 1872  
 Horace White, *Chicago Tribune*  
 April 10, 1872  
 May 28, 1872  
 Governor Palmer, May 8, 1872  
 Horace Greeley, Office of the *New York Tribune*, November 23, 1872  
 John A. Logan  
 February 16, 1874  
 January 11, 1875  
 John Wentworth, February 3, 1876  
 Bronson Murray, December 18, 1876  
 Jesse W. Fell to Governor Palmer, January 15, 1877  
 Jonathan Baldwin Turner, January 1, 1879  
 David Davis, February 4, 1882  
 O.H. Oldroyd, April 3, 1882  
 S.W. Moulton, January 9, 1884  
 Governor Oglesby, March 17, 1884  
 J.H. Bryant, February 25, 1885  
 R.J. Ogleby, September 18, 1886  
 Governor Foraker, January 26, 1887  
 S.M. Cullon to Lawrence Weldon, August 30, 1887  
 V. Fell to E.J. Lewis, June 3, 1896  
 Chas. G. Ames to C.M. Prince, September 23, 1899  
 V. Fell to E.M. Prince, September 26, 1899  
 John A. Logan, U.S. Senate Chamber, February 9 (no year)  
 Jesse W. Fell to the *Bloomington Pantagraph*, undated

## 5. Larchwood Project, 1876-1886

Correspondence in this subseries is from Jesse W. Fell to Dr. Richard Edwards, the second President of Illinois State Normal University (now Illinois State University) from 1862-1876. Fell sold Edwards land in Iowa.

May 2, 1876  
 May 8, 1876 (2 copies)  
 July 3, 1879  
 September 14, 1879  
 November 27, 1879  
 December 15, 1879  
 December 16, 1879  
 January 23, 1880  
 February 5, 1880  
 February 18, 1880  
 March 20, 1880  
 April 2, 1880  
 April 19, 1880  
 January 9, 1882  
 June 8, 1886

## Records

### 6. Memoranda and manuscripts

Manuscript of Fourth of July Oration, 1833 or 1834  
 Owing certificate, Illinois, February 10, 1842  
 Message to the Illinois General Assembly, February 6, 1845 [Note: includes a note from Fell in 1886 at the top of the document]  
 Inventory of materials transferring from R.H. Johnson to Jesse W. Fell, 1851  
 Industrial League of Illinois, Circular, January 1, 1854  
 Subscription of Normal University to the Illinois Board of Education, May 8, 1857  
 Transfer of land ownership contract between Jesse W. Fell and Richard Edwards, July 23, 1862  
 Petition to President Lincoln, 1863[?]  
 Petition requesting that Jesse W. Fell reconsider his decision not to run for Illinois Congress, 1864  
 Act changing the name of N. Bloomington to Normal, February 16, 1865  
 Memorandum from Citizens of McLean County to the Illinois General Assembly, 1867  
 Memorandum from Jesse W. Fell to the Members of the Constitutional Convention, on the ratification of the 15<sup>th</sup> amendment, January 31, 1870  
 Memorandum on envelope, "Letters & papers relating to the Movement made in the Constitutional Convention of 1870", 1870  
 State University Memorandum, Draft of Resolutions, 1870  
 "State Reform School," memorandum on envelope (envelope contents not included), undated  
 Two memoranda on "Autobiography of A. Lincoln," undated

## 7. Biographical material

- Ohio bar admission, Jefferson County, Ohio, October 13, 1832
- Illinois bar admission, Jacksonville, Illinois, November 12, 1832
- Bloomington Bar, Resolutions upon death of Jesse W. Fell, March 14, 1887
- Jesse W. Fell Funeral Address, Richard Edwards, 1887
- Collection of memorials [Note: These typescripts were originally stapled together, presumably by the topic of Jesse W. Fell as he was remembered, and the page numbers are noted in the upper right hand corner.]
  - Jas. T. Ewing, February 12, 1909 (pages 1-3)
  - James Shaw (addressed to Alice and Fannie Fell), February 10, 1909 (pages 4-5)
  - John W. Cook, May 9, 1911 (page 6)
  - David Flemley, May 17, 1911 (pages 7-8)
  - Franklin Price, December 7, 1907 (pages 9-11)
  - Henry C. Fell (addressed to Dear sisters), February 10, 1909 (pages 12-14)
  - J. H. Rowell, June 15, 1907 (pages 15-16)
  - Richard Edwards, November 10, 1907 (pages 17-18)
  - John F. Eberhart, July 1, 1908 (pages 19-29)
  - Address delivered by Sarah E. Raymond Fitzwilliam before the University Extension Centre, February 9, 1909 (pages 30-38)
  - Ezra M. Prince, July 27, 1908 (pages 39-43)
  - Excerpts from "Our Duty to Future Generations," J.H. Burnham, Arbor Day Celebration at Normal University, April 21, 1905 [Note: this typescript contains a note by Burnham on the last page]
- Clippings
  - Sketch of Lincoln, Joseph J. Lewis, February 1860
  - "Lodge Honors Late Jesse Fell," from *The Daily Bulletin*, February 18, 1913