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Danner Family Correspondence, 1745-1857

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Creators: Danner family; Waver family.

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People:

Baker, A. H.
Baker, Eliza
Baker, Samuel
Batebenner, George
Bohn, John Henry
Brenneman, Elizabeth
Clay, Henry
Cunningham, Francis Alanson
Dannar, Ulrick
Danner, Alexander
Danner, Alexandria
Danner, Catharine
Danner, Elizabeth
Danner, George L.
Danner, Hetty
Danner, Isaac
Danner, John Owen
Danner, John A.
Danner, Mary
Danner, Mary B.
Danner, Mary M.
Danner, Mary Magdelenah
Danner, Polly
Danner, Samuel
Demuth, William Danner
Donnellan, Nelson
Donner, Samuel
Gagan, Elizabeth
Hautz, Anthony
Hautz, Catharina
Hoffman, Peter
Hoffman, Valentine
Hopkins, James

Hoster, Mary
Johnson, Jacob
Keller, Maria
Kirkbride, Thomas S.
Koft, Frederick
Koft, Jacob
Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves
Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de
Lineweaver, William
Locher, Cecelia Margareta
Locher, Henry C.
Loyle, John
Madison, Catharine
Madison, John
Murrey, Charles
Murrey, Margaret
Nicholes, Abbey
Preston, William
Ranninger, Emma L.
Rigg, Elisha
Rigg, Jane
Stewart, James
Strein, Eliza
Strine, Elizabeth
Strine, Jacob
Waver, Elizabeth
Waver, Jacob
Waver, John
Waver, John Jacob
Waver, John Joseph
Webster, John
Whitlock, Isaac

Subject Headings:

Letters
Poetry



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Search Terms:

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Folder 1 1745-1804

Insert 1 [Poem] in puzzle-purse format. In German. 21 February 1745.

Insert 2 Receipt for rent paid by John Loyle to Isaac Whitlock. 1764-1766.

Insert 3 Letter from Anthony Hautz to []. In German. May 1786.

Insert 4 Letter from Catharina Hautzin. In German. 8 July 1786.

Insert 5 Letter in German. 19 December 1787.

Insert 6 Indenture for five acres in the borough of Lancaster sold to James Hopkins by Elisha and Jane Rigg. 24 November 1795.

Insert 7 Letter from Peter Hoffman, Baltimore, to Elisabet [] c/o A. Hautz. In German. 8 December 1795.

Insert 8 Letter to Ulrick Tannar from []. In German. 20 January 1797. (poor condition)

Insert 9 Lancaster County Orphan's Court record awarding one acre in the borough of Lancaster to Valentine Hoffman, eldest son of Valentine Hoffman, deceased. 11 January 1802.

Insert 10 Letter to Mr. Danner in Lancaster from James Stewart in White Marsh, Montgomery County regarding warrants for land in Westmoreland County and Bedford County. 25 September 1804.

Folder 2 1817-1822

Insert 1 Letter from Catharine Danner to Mary Danner regarding visiting and requesting seeds. 11 March 1817.

Insert 2 Letter from Elizabeth Gagan, a cousin in Harrisburg, to Mary [Danner] in Lancaster about visiting. 2 October 1817.

Insert 3 Letter from Elizabeth Waver, daughter, in [Savannah], Georgia to Elizabeth Danner in Lancaster with thanks for mother's care and announcing her marriage to Jacob Waver. 16 January 1821.

Insert 4 Letter from Catharine Madason, sister, in Chester County to Mary Danner in Hempfield Twp. with news of almost drowning and buying a stove for \$11 and requesting seeds. 18 February 1821.

Insert 5 Letter from Elizabeth Danner, mother, in Washington County, Maryland to Isaac Danner stating that she arrived at sister's house safely. 15 July 1821.

Insert 6 Letter from Catharine Madason, sister, in Chester County to Mary Danner regarding John's illness and her unhappiness about where they live.

Insert 7 Letter from Jacob Vaver in Savannah, Georgia to Samuel Danner, brother-in-law, inquiring about his wife and son and asking for their return. 9 December 1821.

Insert 8 Letter from Catharine Madason to Mary Danner stating that they now live sixteen miles from Lancaster, John is sick and she needs money for a suit for little Jacob. 9 December 1821.

Insert 9 Letter from Elizabeth Vaver in Savannah, Georgia to her mother stating that she arrived home safely and repaid the \$15 loan. 15 December 1821.



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Insert 10 Letter from Elizabeth Vaver in Savannah, Georgia to her sister stating that her daughter, Margaret, had a baby, Abbey Nicholes. With a postscript to her son to behave himself. She asks that they write to her once a month. Addressed to Samuel Donner. 22 February 1822.

Folder 3 1822-1824

Insert 1 Letter from Mary Hoster, friend, in Elizabethtown to Miss Mary Danner at the gate near Lancaster asking her to go to her wedding on Sunday, not Thursday. 25 May 1822.

Insert 2 Letter from Elizabeth Brenneman, cousin, in Maytown to Miss Mary Danner stating that she arrived home safely and sending greetings from a long list of friends. 22 June 1822.

Insert 3 Letter from Eliza A. Strine in Lancaster to John Vaver in Savannah chastising her lover over the lack of control of his passions. 8 March 1823.

Insert 4 Letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Vaver and Mr. John Vaver in Savannah to Eliza Strein, friend, in Lancaster regarding allegations about indiscrete behavior and a poem of heartbreak. 13 July 1823.

Insert 5 Letter from Jacob Koft, cousin, in Boonesboro, Maryland to Mary Danner and Alexandria Danner in Lancaster with news, naming seven who are well and wishing the same for fourteen named relatives and friends of the recipient. 21 August 1823.

Insert 6 Letter from Samuel Danner, husband, in Circleville, Ohio to Mrs. B. Danner in Lancaster. He is bringing 330 hogs and 50 head of cattle to Lancaster by November 5, but he is sick. 29 September 1823.

Insert 7 Letter from John Webster in Somerset to Jacob Strine in Lancaster describing travails and the near death of Samuel traveling from Ohio. 21 October 1823.

Insert 8 Letter from Margaret Murrey, cousin, in Maytown to Mary Danner in Lancaster about visiting, but that there is "no way of coming, our chair is broke." 15 March 1824.

Insert 9 Letter from Mary Danner in Salisbury Twp., Lancaster County to Jacob Danner in Lancaster regarding sister Catharine's illness and a plea for family to visit. 25 March 1824.

Insert 10 Letter from A. Danner in Lancaster addressed to John Madison in Salisbury regarding moving and instructing his sister to come home, but not by walking alone. Addressed "Dear Sister and all." 28 March 1824.



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Folder 4 1824-1825

Insert 1 Letter from Catharine Madison, sister, in Salisbury Twp. to Miss Polly Danner in Lancaster with an invitation to visit at the end of the month and announcing that her health is better. 2 August 1824.

Insert 2 Letter from Mary Danner in Lancaster to John Vaver in Savannah asking if she is dead or alive, single or married. She states that William marched with the Guard to welcome Gen. Lafayette and sends the best respects from Eliza Strine. 12 September 1824.

Insert 3 Letter from Elizabeth and Jacob Vaver and John Vaver in Savannah to Mary Danner stating that they need William to write and they may see her next summer, but it takes almost half a year to travel roundtrip. Postscript from John to Eliza states "I am a Georgia stallion" and he loves her. 28 September 1824.

Insert 4 Letter from Catharine Madison, sister, to Mary Danner asking her to visit because Catharine will soon be 100 miles away with John who is working in a large still. She wants to give Mary potatoes and vinegar. 12 October 1824.

Insert 5 Letter from John Madison, husband, to Catharine Madison with plans for moving her and the children to Winchester regarding food, proper packing, and the need to bring a chamber pot. 14 November 1824.

Insert 6 Letter from Elizabeth Vaver in Savannah to Mrs. Elizabeth Danner, mother, in Lancaster with news that sister Catharine died in Virginia. She requests that William write and visit and states that it is dull there. Postscript from John Vaver ("wicket Little John") sending his love to Miss Eliza Strein. 2 January 1825.

Insert 7 Letter from friend in Lancaster to Mary Danner stating that [he] is off to work and to get a good education. 12 February 1825.

Insert 8 Letter from Jacob Koft, cousin, in Boonesboro, Maryland to Polly Danner and Alexandria Danner with greetings and news of many named relatives and friends. 5 May 1825.

Insert 9 Letter from Elizabeth Vaver in Savannah to Mrs. Elizabeth Danner, widow, stating that she received William's letter, she will not be traveling north, times are dull there, and John has left. She also inquires about who has sister Catharine's children. 8 August 1825.

Insert 10 Letter from Jacob Koft and Frederick Koft, cousin and brother-in-law, in Boonesboro, Maryland to Mary Danner and Alexandria Danner with greetings for many named friends and relatives. Frederick writes of settling her brother Samuel's estate. 12 October 1825.



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Folder 5 1826-1828

Insert 1 Letter from Jacob Koft and Frederick Koft in Boonesboro, Maryland to Mary Danner and Alexandria Danner regarding seven weddings that spring and reporting that money from brother Samuel's estate is ready for them, but their father's estate is not yet settled. 12 May 1826.

Insert 2 Letter from John Jacob Vaver to Mary Danner announcing that his son Jacob was born. 30 July 1826.

Insert 3 Letter from Alexandria Danner, daughter, and William D. Demuth in Savannah to Mrs. Danner, widow, at Prince Street, Lancaster stating that they enjoyed the voyage and the place is very romantic. They expect to see her in the spring or sooner. 19 October 1826.

Insert 4 Letter from Frederick Koft and Jacob Koft to Mrs. Elizabeth Danner with greetings to friends and family. In German and English. 12 November 1826.

Insert 5 Letter from Frederick Koft and Jacob Koft to Mrs. Elizabeth Danner. Frederick is reciting problems in getting money to her and Jacob reports that he is happy being single. 2 January 1827.

Insert 6 Letter from Frederick Koft and Jacob Koft to Mrs. Elizabeth Danner. Frederick will deliver her legacy of \$70 to Mr. Ritzel. Jacob is still single and sends his love to all. 30 May 1827.

Insert 7 Letter from Frederick Koft and Jacob Koft to Mrs. Elizabeth Danner. Frederick is glad to have a receipt for the money. Jacob is not well but sends his usual greetings to all the young ladies. 30 June 1827.

Insert 8 Letter from Jacob Koft to Alexandria Danner reporting that he is still single, but names fourteen couples and sends greetings. 3 January 1828.

Insert 9 Letter from A. Danner, nephew, to Charles Murrey in Maytown with news that his sister, Catharine [Milichsoot] is very ill. 14 August 1828.

Insert 10 Letter from A. Danner, brother, to Mary Danner, c/o Frederick Koft in Boonesboro, Maryland asking his sister to come home for Mother's sake and reporting that William Demuth married Miss Maria Keller. 6 September 1828.

Folder 6 1828-1838

Insert 1 Letter from Mary Danner, Elizabeth Danner, and Alexander Danner in Boonesboro, Maryland to Alexander Danner in Lancaster with apologies for being away so long and family chatter. 26 September 1828.

Insert 2 Letter from Jacob Johnson in Boonesboro, Maryland to Mary Magdalenah Danner in Lancaster. "My love towards you is far greater than the sweet odors of Persia, India or Peru." 20 December 1828.

Insert 3 Letter from George Batebenner, cousin, in Boonesboro, Maryland to Mary Danner announcing a good trip home and that he has not had the ague since he left her house. 23 December 1828.



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Insert 4 Letter from Eliza Baker in Boonesboro, Maryland to Mary Danner inquiring about a beau and reporting that the beau promised to Mary is married as are many others she mentions. She sends news about Aunt Eve and her many moves. 17 April 1829.

Insert 5 Letter from Elizabeth Danner, mother, in Boonesboro, Maryland to Alexandria Danner in Lancaster announcing that she arrived there October 21 and visited various towns. She wants to know if the [cholera has spread]. 27 October 1832.

Insert 6 Letter from Hetty Danner, daughter, in Meadville to Mrs. Elizabeth Danner with high praise for the prices, people and social life in Meadville. Her journey was better than expected; she travelled by canal boat and stagecoach. 1 November 1834.

Insert 7 Letter from J. O. Danner in Meadville to [Alexander] Danner with detailed descriptions of gunsmithing, hunting, his mother's marriage to a Mr. Hamilton, sleighing and relatives. 27 November 1836.

Insert 8 Letter from J. A. D., son, in West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio to Mary B. Danner. "This is not the country its cracked up to be." He may visit New Orleans before he returns to the land of his birth. 13 April 1838.

Insert 9 Invoice from William Lineweaver in Preble County, Ohio for the medical care of John A. Danner, deceased, 3 September 1838. Verified by Justice of the Peace Nelson Donnellan, 14 December 1838. Payment received 18 April 1840.

Insert 10 Letter from F. A. Cunningham in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio to Mrs. Danner informing her of her son's death on 30 September 1838 and the debts he left for housing and funeral expenses. 15 October 1838.

Folder 7 1838-1857

Insert 1 Letter from F. A. Cunningham in Eaton, Ohio to Mrs. Danner with details of John's death, his wife's whereabouts and his debts. 30 October 1838.

Insert 2 Letter from A. H. Baker in Eaton, Ohio to Mary B. Danner in Lancaster with more news of John's death and debts. 22 December 1838.

Insert 3 Letter from Uncle F. Baker in Boonesboro to Alexander Danner in Lancaster stating that he will have the \$200 on April 1. 22 February 1840.

Insert 4 Letter from Samuel Baker to Alexander Danner in Lancaster regarding a political meeting with Henry Clay and Preston, anti-Buchanan comments, and brother Elias losing his pocketbook and hat. 18 May 1840.

Insert 5 Letter from F. A. Cunningham in Eaton, Ohio to Mary B. Danner in Lancaster with an explanation of the doctor's over-charge for her son's care, information regarding tombstone costs, and compliments for Mrs. Danner's conduct. 17 April 1841.

Insert 6 Letter from Thomas S. Kirkbride to H. C. Locker with a receipted invoice for thirteen weeks of board and medical care of George L. Danner at the Pennsylvania Hospital. 10 October 1850.



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Insert 7 Letter from H. C. Locher, husband, in Bedford to Mrs. Cecelia M. Locher in Lancaster stating that he arrived safely, George is rational but uneasy, he will visit the springs and it is a nice place. 5 September 1850.

Insert 8 Letter from John Jos. Waver in Savannah to Alexander Danner regarding the death of Aunt Shaffer, news of his own family and how Savannah has grown. 3 February 1851.

Insert 9 Letter from J. H. Bohn in Camden to Mrs. M. B. Danner in Lancaster stating that he will send her grandchild, John, to live with her—even over his mother's objections. With envelope. 31 January 1854.

Insert 10 Letter from Emma L. Ranninger, friend, to Cousin Alex with an apology for not being able to attend his party. 11 February 1857.

Folder 8 Partial or No Date

Insert 1 Letter from Catharine M., sister, to Mary Danner announcing that she is feeling better and will visit with John the next Sunday. May 3.

Insert 2 Lover's poem to Alexander Danner. No date.

Insert 3 Letter from Catharine Madason in Fallowfield Twp., Chester County to Mary Danner, c/o Samuel, asking her to bring a friend to her quilting bee and stating that John will meet her at Rising Sun. Catharine receives mail at George Philippe's Tavern on Wilmington Pike Road. July 8.

Insert 4 Letter from Mary M. Danner, sister, in [Washington] County, Maryland to Alexander Danner stating that she could stay where she is all her life and she has gone to [Sarah Kreider's] for tea. Spelling is phonetic. June 30.

Insert 5 Letter from Catharine Madison to Mary Danner announcing that she is sick with worms and sending regards to Mother and Jacob's and Samuel's families. She asks if Mary is married to Mr. Stoner. Letters should be addressed to Salisbury Post Office. April 19.