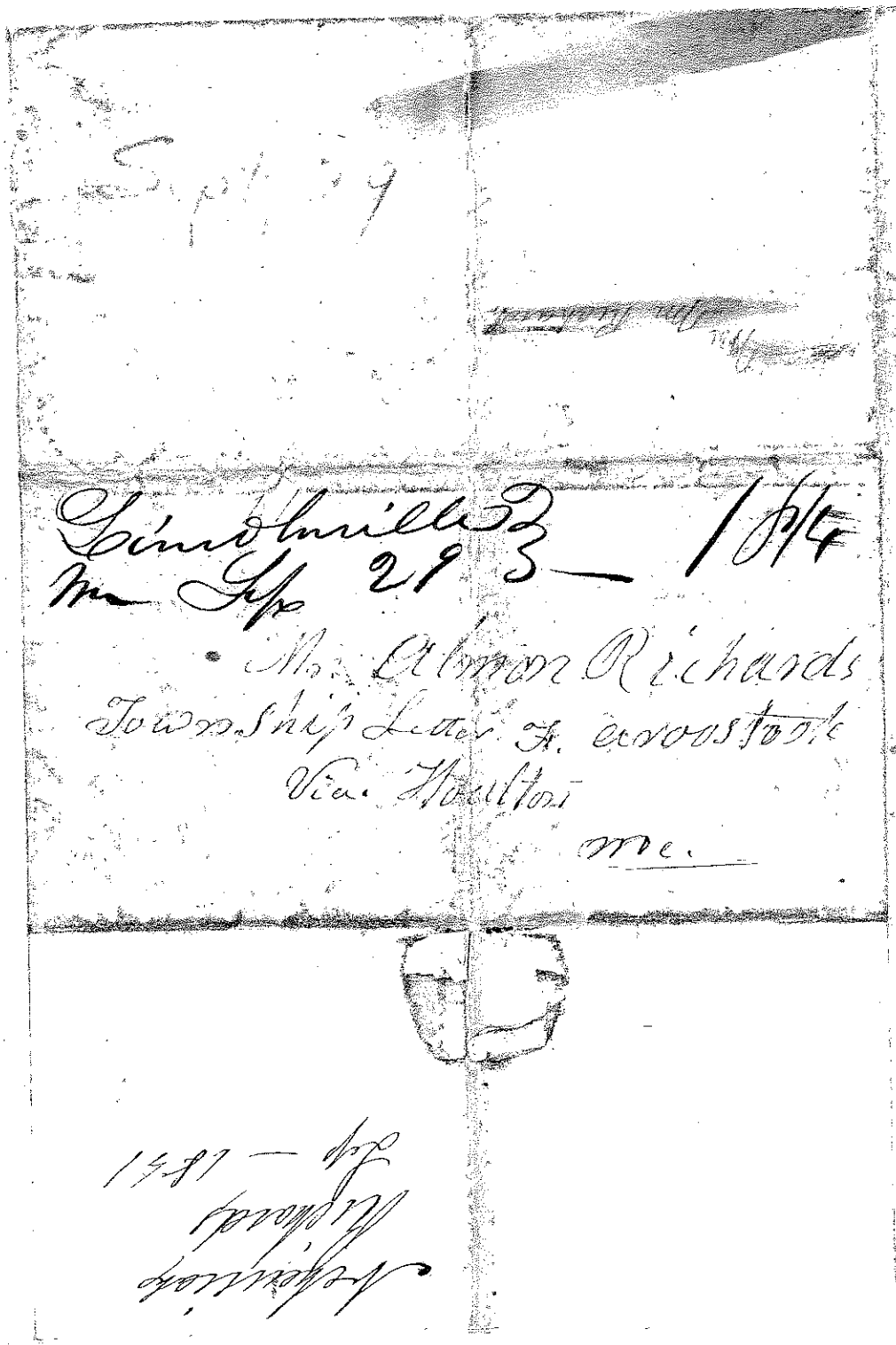


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Sept 29

Windmill 3 - 1841  
Mr. Elmer Richards

Township Letts. Co. Iowa  
via Houston

me.



Richard  
1841

Lincolnville Sept 29 - 1841

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Dear - Soss

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I and family are as well as usual, and hope this will find you the same. Jeremiah has been home once since he first left for fishing had not been very busy - have heard he has done better since - your letter of July 29 - mailed at Hartford August 1<sup>st</sup> arrived here Sept 5<sup>th</sup> having been ~~broken~~ open (and concluded) it has been sealed twice I have talked with Mr. Reed and others in reference to sending the money some have advised one thing some another - (I received your letter Sept 13<sup>th</sup>) but I have concluded to send it - it is the two <sup>young</sup> Colman's Due Rankins bill on Belfast Bank, N.S. 1813. payable to D. Hapless or bearer. Issued March 25 - 1839. I am ~~the~~ particular - for I keep a copy of this letter - the money due from Mr. Bussay I know not when I shall get it - Colman says he will see that it is paid having promised you to do

Mary had written you long before  
 I received your letter, hope you have  
 received hers before this —  
 a letter arrived at Reed's office  
 from Massachusetts in July for you  
 it was returned Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> (So says Reed)  
 perhaps you have received it —  
 I want you when you write me to state  
 in particular whether you do or do not  
 receive all our letters to you and  
 tell us how to direct for I understand  
 Mr. Reed has directed the Massachusetts  
 letter to township letter of G. Croostock

Almon it is very  
 sickly among us, many have died  
 since you left here and many more are  
 very sick. Ephraim Heals mother  
 is dead, Elisha Jones is dead, Sarah  
 Jones his cousin is dead, Israel  
 Gardner is dead, Joshua Thomas the  
 old man is dead Lewis Deans wife is at the point  
 of death, Francis Crocker's wife is dead  
 Capt. Nathaniel Sylvester is dead  
 Joseph Dean is dead and young children  
 a great number, Susan Wadsworth  
 has had a child it is dead and Doctors  
 have pronounced her past recovery

I hope my Dear Son that you will ever set  
 death before your eyes and look into the  
 grave where we have soon got to stand turn  
 to mother dust, for it is appointed unto  
 all men once to die and after this the  
 judgment, Blessed and happy are  
 they that have part in the first  
 Resurrection. On such the second Death  
 hath no power — Bless God for life  
 and Salvation through Jesus Christ  
 our Lord, Bless God for the promise  
 that if we break off from sin by turning  
 to the Lord and follow on to know the Lord  
 we shall be joint heirs with Jesus Christ,  
 the Lord help us so to number on says that  
 may apply our hearts unto wisdom

My pen is getting out  
 of order and I must draw my letter to  
 a close hoping and praying that the  
 blessing of God may be and abide with  
 you through life in death and at last  
 raise you soul body and spirit to praise  
 Him with all the Sanctified in a world  
 without end, amen, write us soon as you  
 get this, Married in Lagrange Mr Thomas  
 Heal (son of Daniel Heal) to Huldah Bishop (or will  
 be soon) I remain your affectionate  
 Nehemiah Richards