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## Jeremiah Gage to Matthew Gage (3 October 1859)

Jeremiah Gage

Matthew Gage Jr.

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Oxford Miss.  
Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 1859.

Dear Pa.

I am seated to inform you of my return to Ox - in fine health and spirits; thinking that you would like to learn my condition after being jolted about by the Stage for some fifty or more miles. Being but few passengers, James Wallon and myself rode together in our Stage, & consequently slept the greater portion of the night. We were only disturbed once, & that was when we were called upon, by the driver, to assist in pulling the Stage off one of the horses that had fallen down. I got slightly sprained in the

mean time, but I found myself, "all  
right; in the morning", I have paid  
my tuition \$65.00; one months board  
at Mrs Barrs \$12.00; Stage + 12 1/2 fare  
10.00; bought Cocoon paper .50<sup>cts</sup>; postage  
stamps .50<sup>cts</sup>; letter paper 1.00; envelopes  
20<sup>cts</sup> + The remainder of about \$14.00,  
I have left to buy my books as far  
as it will go. College has opened

under very favorable circumstances  
and it is thought our number will  
be much larger than last term,  
About 75 new Students have regis-  
tered to day, & still they come".

The town of Oxford has improved  
wonderfully & really appears City-like.

Of course I have assumed my  
Senior dignity, & the green Freshmen  
look up to me as though I was some  
pumpkin. I was to day intro-  
duced to two Mr Bourdeaux, neph-  
ews of Uncle Johns wife. Judging  
from their looks, I would call

one a right sharp fellow, but the other  
is green enough. I can tell more of  
them in the future, Write to me  
as soon as convenient.

Your affectionate Son  
James

Handwritten text on aged paper, possibly a letter or document fragment. The text is extremely faint and illegible due to fading and bleed-through from the reverse side. A circular stamp or seal is visible in the upper right corner of the document.