

Hope College

Hope College Digital Commons

Van Raalte Papers: 1840-1849

Van Raalte Papers

12-27-1848

Letter from Elisha Ely to Nathan L. Miller

Elisha Ely

Michael Douma

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.hope.edu/vrp_1840s

Courtesy, Western Michigan University Archives and Regional History This digitized material is intended for personal research/study only. The original documents may not be reproduced for commercial use in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, without permission in writing from [Western Michigan University Archives](#).

Recommended Citation

Ely, Elisha and Douma, Michael, "Letter from Elisha Ely to Nathan L. Miller" (1848). *Van Raalte Papers: 1840-1849*. 182.

https://digitalcommons.hope.edu/vrp_1840s/182

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Van Raalte Papers at Hope College Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Van Raalte Papers: 1840-1849 by an authorized administrator of Hope College Digital Commons. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@hope.edu.

27 December 1848

Allegan, Michigan

Elisha Ely wrote Nathan L. Miller, Esq., Bloomfield, Connecticut, giving a description of lands owned by Miller. Ely will pay the taxes for Miller when they are due. In a postscript, Ely wrote: "Is it rather difficult to say anything satisfactory relative to the sale of the lands. I did suppose that there would be a fair probability of their being sold to the Hollanders, but they are inclining East instead of South as there is more Government land in that direction." Ely said that the Colony now numbers about 3200 people.

Original in the Western Michigan University Archives, Collection AJ-1561.

Transcribed by Michael Douma, 2005.

For Elton

Western Michigan University Archives, Collection A-1561
Correspondence of Elisha Ely (Allegan, MI) to Nathan L. Miller, Esq (Bloomfield,
Conn.) 27 December 1848.

Transcribed by Michael Douma, 2005

Allegan Dec. 27. 1848.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 11th instant was received by the last mail. I have on my book the following description of your lands, which I suppose is right as far as it goes. Those on Section 2 T. 3. N. R. 15 W. are not on my book.

N. E. ¼ Section 32	Town 4 N. of Range 15 W	160 acres
South half "	33 " 4 "	15 W 320 "
S.E. ¼ "	35 " 4 "	15 W 160 "
N.E. ¼ "	3 " 3 "	15W 178 77/100

The description you give on Section 2 is imperfect, you lay the N.E. ¼ S. 2 Town 3 N.R. 15 W. 99 77/100 acres and the N.E. ¼ S. 2 " 3 " " 15 W. 80 11/ now ought not the two land descriptions be described as follows –

The N ½ of N.E. ¼ S. 2 Town 3 N.R. 15 W. and

The N ½ of N.E. ¼ S. 2 " 3 " 15 W. I find by the map that W. Roberts took up the land + the quantity of land is the same as described by you. I saw the treasurer + collector of that town this morning, + should have paid the taxes, but wished to be quite sure that I paid on the right land + concluded to write you on the receipt, as there is nothing lost by a little delay, as interest does not commence till the first part of Feb. next at which time they are returned into the County Treasurers Office. I will pay the taxes as soon as I hear from you again, the taxes are pretty high this year. Judge Tinsdale is in Kalamazoo, I shall send him today an extract from your letter. Yours respectfully,

Elisha Ely

P.S. It is rather difficult to say anything satisfactory relative to the sale of the lands. I did suppose that there would be a fair probability of their being sold to the Hollanders, but they are inclining East instead of South as there is more Government land in that direction _ they can get it at a less price than from Individuals, if the Colony should increase as much as their headman anticipates, they will want it before long + besides the county is piling up with other inhabitants – the Hollanders number now about 3200 in the Colony + they stretch from 13 to 15 miles from East to West, and 2 or 3 miles wide – there are a good many Hollanders in the North part of town 4 R. 15 your lands lie (for the greater part of them) in the same town but near the South line of it. your land is said to be very good for farming purposes.