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Copy of Mrs. Eager's letter  
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Dear Mr. Burr:

My letter from you gives me the first knowledge I have had of Burgoyne's army having been in Worthington.

I never heard that there had been a hotel near the Eager neighborhood, but my husband, born in 1822, told me that when he was a boy, a considerable number of large coaches each drawn by four fast horses, passed the Eager home every day--some in each direction. I understood that after speeding several miles, each team halted for a relay of horses, and that one of the relay stations was at the top of the hill--the Merrick Cole place. On arriving within hearing distance from the stations, the driver of the coach sounded a bugle to insure the least delay in readiness of the fresh team.

These coaches were the fast express trains of those days--some carrying mail and all having passengers.

I do not know who lived on the Cole place between the year 1779 and the time of Mr. Cole's residence there but the first people there were my great grandparents, John Howard and his wife, Silence Burr, both from Bridgewater. They were married in 1773 and went to Worthington the same year.

They remained there until 1779 when they sold the farm to Nahum Eager and left Worthington.

In 1775 they sold a few acres to Eager. The deeds describing both sales are in my possession.

I wonder if you can not learn from the County Registry of Deeds from whom Mr. Cole bought the place.

In 1763 or 64 Nahum Eager, grandfather of Jonathan, went from Northboro, Mass. to Worthington and settled on the place we always knew as the Eager place. His first home there was a log house on the meadow--but in a very few years he had a house which I remember near the spot where the present house stands.

Nahum had two sons and several daughters. The sons were Nathaniel and William--the latter, the father of Mrs. Ames Burr. Nahum divided his farm between his two sons and built a house--which probably you can remember for William--on what we called "the Scott place."

Jonathan E. said it was a better house when torn down than the one Mr. Scott built from its material. Nahum Eager, a Mr. Leonard and another whose name I have forgotten were the very first settlers of W.

I meant to have told you more of the house which I can remember on the Merrick Cole place--Although you are younger than I am perhaps you remember