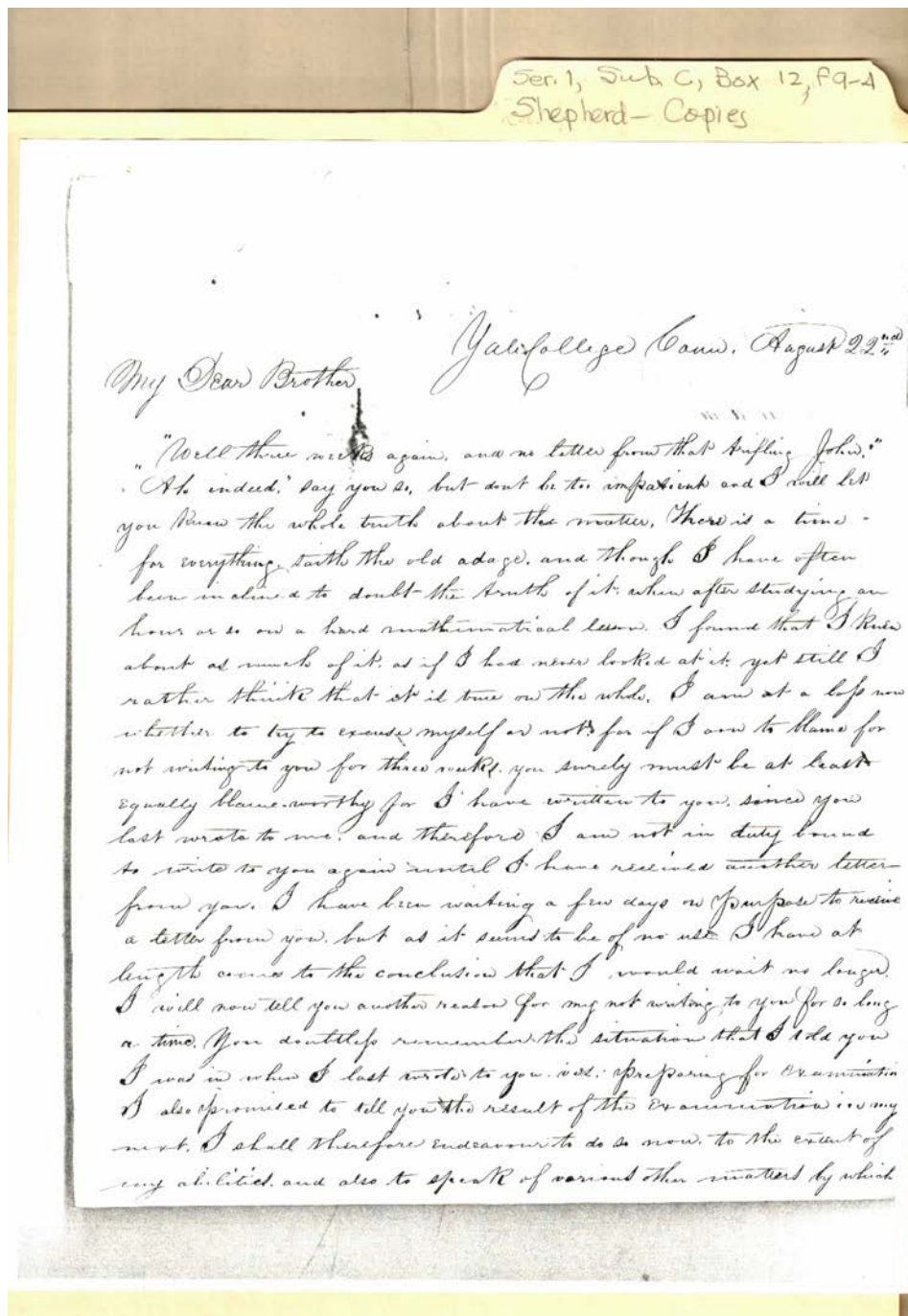


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Charles Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Shepherd, Charles  
(brother)

Shepherd, John

**Places:**

Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

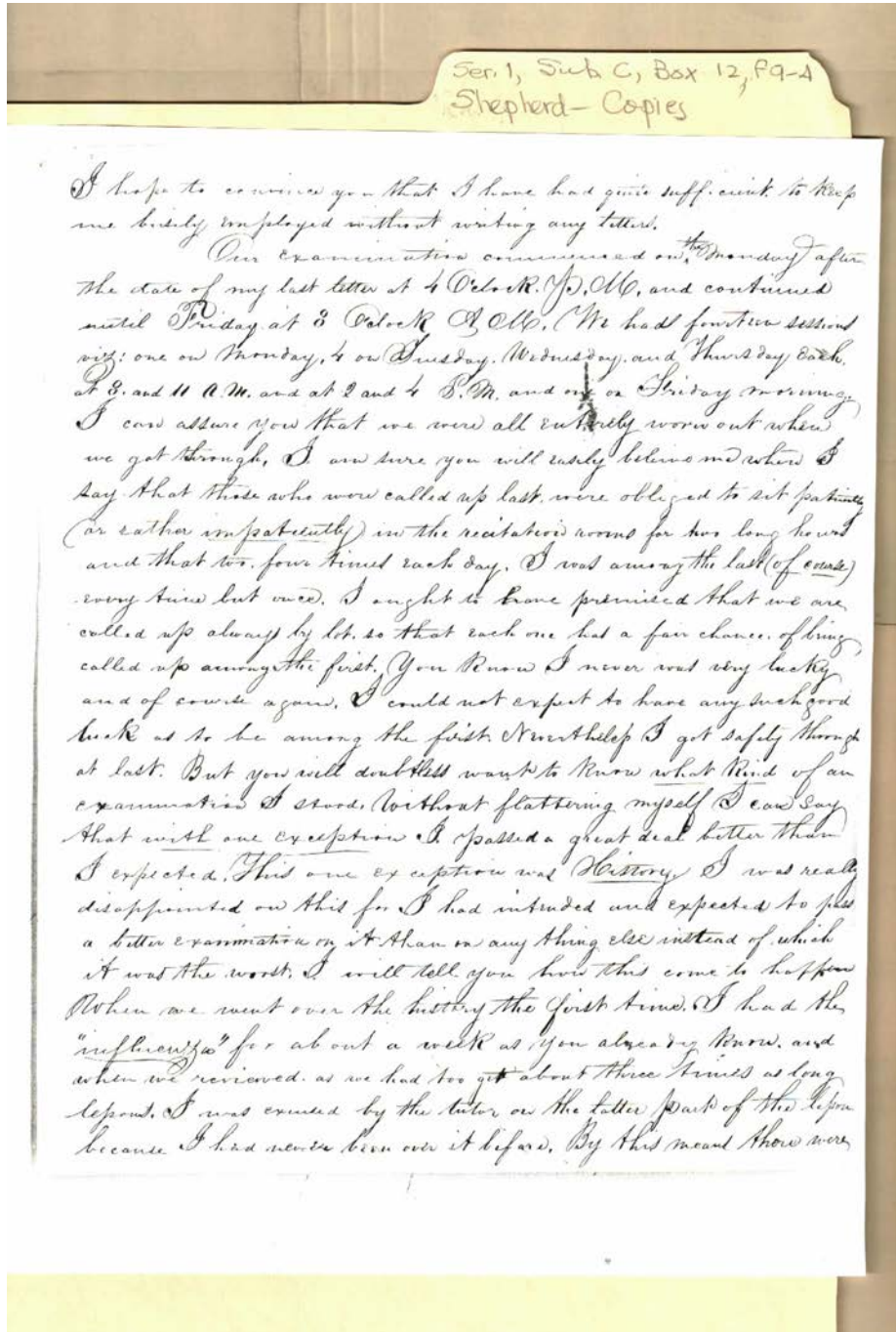
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**Dates:**

August 22, 1842

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Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Virginia A., 1842

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Charles Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

examinations at Yale

**Places:**

Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

letter

**Dates:**

August 22, 1842

Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 1, Subseries C, Box 12, Folder 9 - Item A  
Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Virginia A., 1842

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about twenty pages that I had never looked at. Well of course I was called up at examination on those very pages. Still I got my "gorrage" Thanks to my having read "Polliu" last term. I was angry as you may imagine with myself. The tutor, and every body else, with myself, because I might have known that it would just about be according to my customary luck. To be called up on that very place and therefore I ought at least to have read it over, with the tutor, because he might have known better than to call me up there, and with everybody else, because I was mad with myself. Yet on the whole, as I before said, I passed a great deal better examination than I expected I should. About fifteen of our class were conditioned, ~~of whom I read not one~~. I thought that I would write backwards as above, so as to put as much as possible on this side, but I find that it is such a slow way that I should not be able to finish before the mail would close. But to proceed, we got through with the examination and now if I behave myself for the next year, (which I shall ~~most certainly~~ most assuredly do, I am certain of getting an A. B.) On the succeeding Monday and Tuesday the candidates for the next freshman class were examined. I need not stop for I have not the time, to tell you of the many jokes and tricks of all sorts the Sophomores play off on them, I do not know exactly how many have entered, but it will quest as near as possible, according to one of the city newspapers there were 40 admitted the first day. I counted 30 myself the second day, in the examination room though I do not think that altogether there are more than 60. I will write to you again in about a week and tell you about the Commencement proceedings. I have no more room or time at present. You can see that I am in a great hurry, without my telling you of it, and indeed I have a good reason to hurry for it now

Charles Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

examinations at Yale

**Places:**

Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

letter

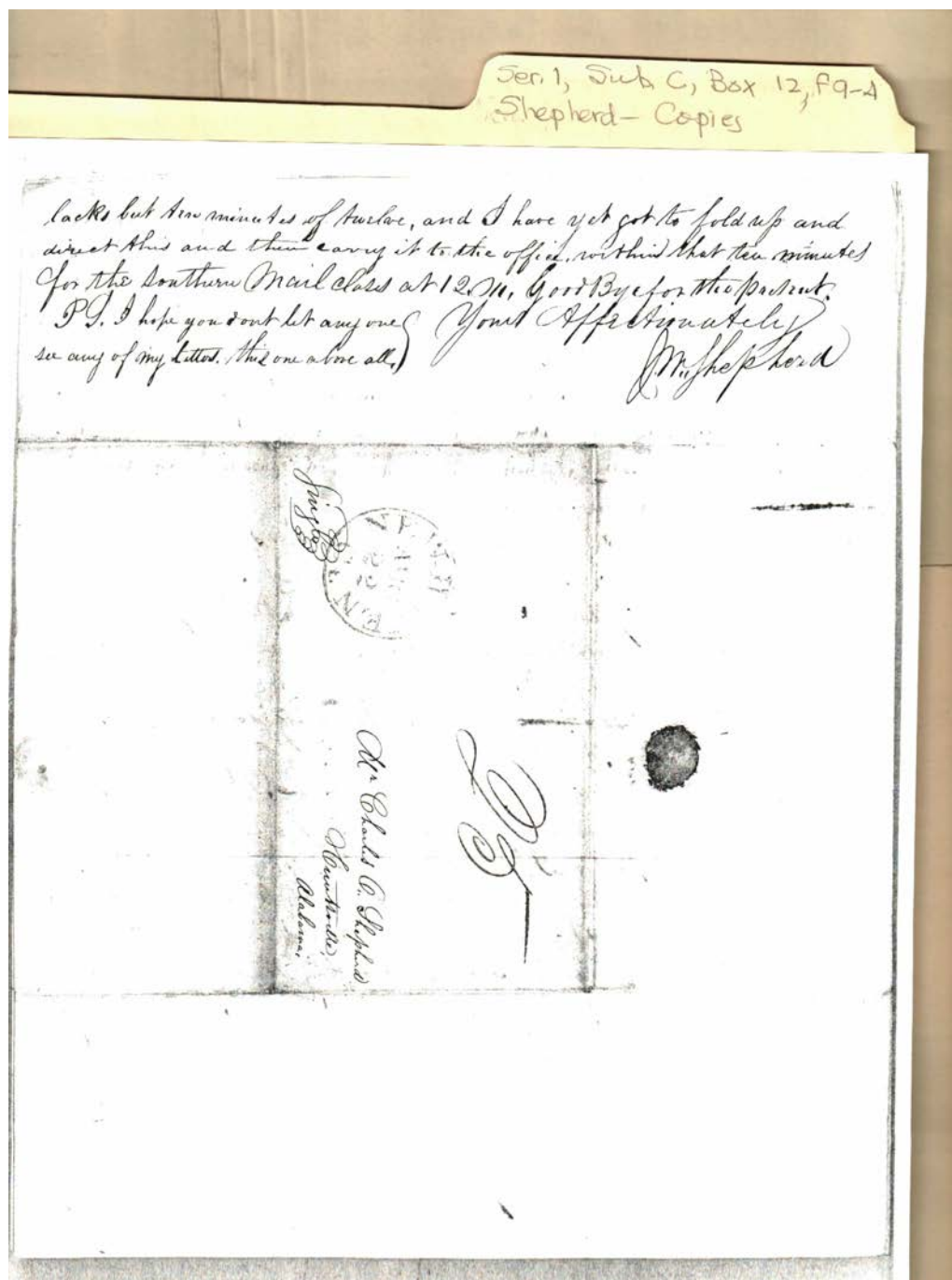
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Charles Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Shepherd, Charles C.

Shepherd, J. W.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

address

letter

**Dates:**

August 22, 1842

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Shepherd - Copies

Farnsworth, Thomas S  
board trustee Greene Acad

Sept 1, 1842

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 Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Virginia A., 1842

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 Shepherd - Copies

along here in New Haven. I have sent you several papers here lately so that it is not my  
 fault if you do not receive them. I have also sent several to Robert Coltart and I  
 have not received one from him in for a good while. I wish you would follow the ad-  
 vice which you give me yourself and send me some papers oftener than you do. I should  
 think that you might send me a newspaper every week at least for you have nothing  
 to do with the papers after you have read them. Robert Coltart always sends me  
 the "Democrat" instead of the "Advocate" and I wish you would have him set right  
 about it and not send me the Democrat every time and a lot to send the Advocate  
 oftener. You know I always said that that old Democrat was enough to make  
 a dog sick. You be sure now and send me the Advocate hereafter regularly once  
 a week. Has the "Advocate" hoisted his flag for Henry Clay yet? I am very much  
 pleased with your account of the examination and exhibition at Orange & Guilford and  
 I assure you I would have liked it very much to have been there and taken part in the  
 exercises. I do not understand the gentleman by "Clarendon Baxter" who you said kept  
 the calamities of Greece. Please to inform us as you see fit. You said nothing about  
 Lewis speaking at the exhibition. I should like to know whether he spoke or not  
 and if he did how he spoke. You impressed the fact that it would be very long  
 before I would see Miss Mary Ann in New Haven. I believe I told you in my  
 last letter that she had been there and went off without me seeing her. You said  
 also that she was going to Orange with other gentlemen and family the last  
 you heard of her. While she was here the keeper of the hotel where she had passed  
 up told me that she was with Mr. Thos. of the hotel and was going to stay  
 with him. You mentioned the arrival of about three from college and now I want  
 you to do this for me. The first time you see him ask him why he has not written  
 to me and make him promise to do so "soon" The lazy rascal! I wrote to  
 him last. I should like to know why John Steele does not write to me also for I  
 have written to him two or three times since I left him and as yet I have not received  
 a single letter from him. Tell him to write to me or at least tell Charles to tell

Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Calhoun,  
 Clay, Henry  
 Coltart, Robert

Knox,  
 Lewis, Mary, Miss  
 Shepherd, Charles

Shepherd, Leven  
 Steele, John  
 Steele, Mat

**Places:**

New Haven, CT

**Types:**

letter

**Dates:**

Sept 1, 1842



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Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Virginia A., 1842

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Don't do. You said that Charles weighed 120 lbs. I weigh 131 or 2 I cannot say  
and I am 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high I believe I have given a good deal since I  
left home especially in height for I have not been able to get my ribs pointed  
in this summer and I do not think there will be any chance of getting them out  
summer. The rest of my clothes are all too short also.

You know that it is one year today since I left home for college and I have now  
only two more years to ~~go~~ ~~the~~ ~~year~~ ~~has~~ ~~passed~~ ~~in~~ ~~a~~ ~~great~~ ~~deal~~ ~~quicker~~  
than I expected it would ~~be~~ ~~it~~ ~~left~~ ~~home~~. Sophomore year has the reputation of  
being the hardest year of the collegiate course and perhaps it was because I had  
so much studying to do that the year has past away so quickly. But I do not think on  
the whole that I have studied much harder than I did while I was at home. I can  
hardly believe that a whole year has elapsed since I left home. I had some  
watermelons yesterday for the first time this season. I have not seen any large enough  
yet to eat scarcely although they are very cheap. I can now get a tolerable  
large one for two or three cents and the largest for 15 cents. I saw some  
plums the other day exactly like those on that old tree at home that stands  
near to the Indian peach tree from which I supposed that those at home are ripe  
before now. I did not have room in my last letter to tell you about all our  
proceedings at commencement so that I will finish now. The night after  
commencement we had a grand concert to which I went. I tell you what  
the music was splendid. There were two pieces in particular which were really  
splendid. One of these was a description of a battle, performed only with instruments.  
Of course I can not say whether it was correct or not for I was never present at  
a battle but it was just as I always supposed a battle was. At first you would  
hear the drum beating to arms as if at a distance so faintly that you just could  
hear it and then the music would begin faint at first and gradually increas-  
ing. You would then hear the distant tread of the cavalry as they advanced  
to the charge their hoofs clattering along the ground louder and louder as they

Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Shepherd, Charles

**Places:**

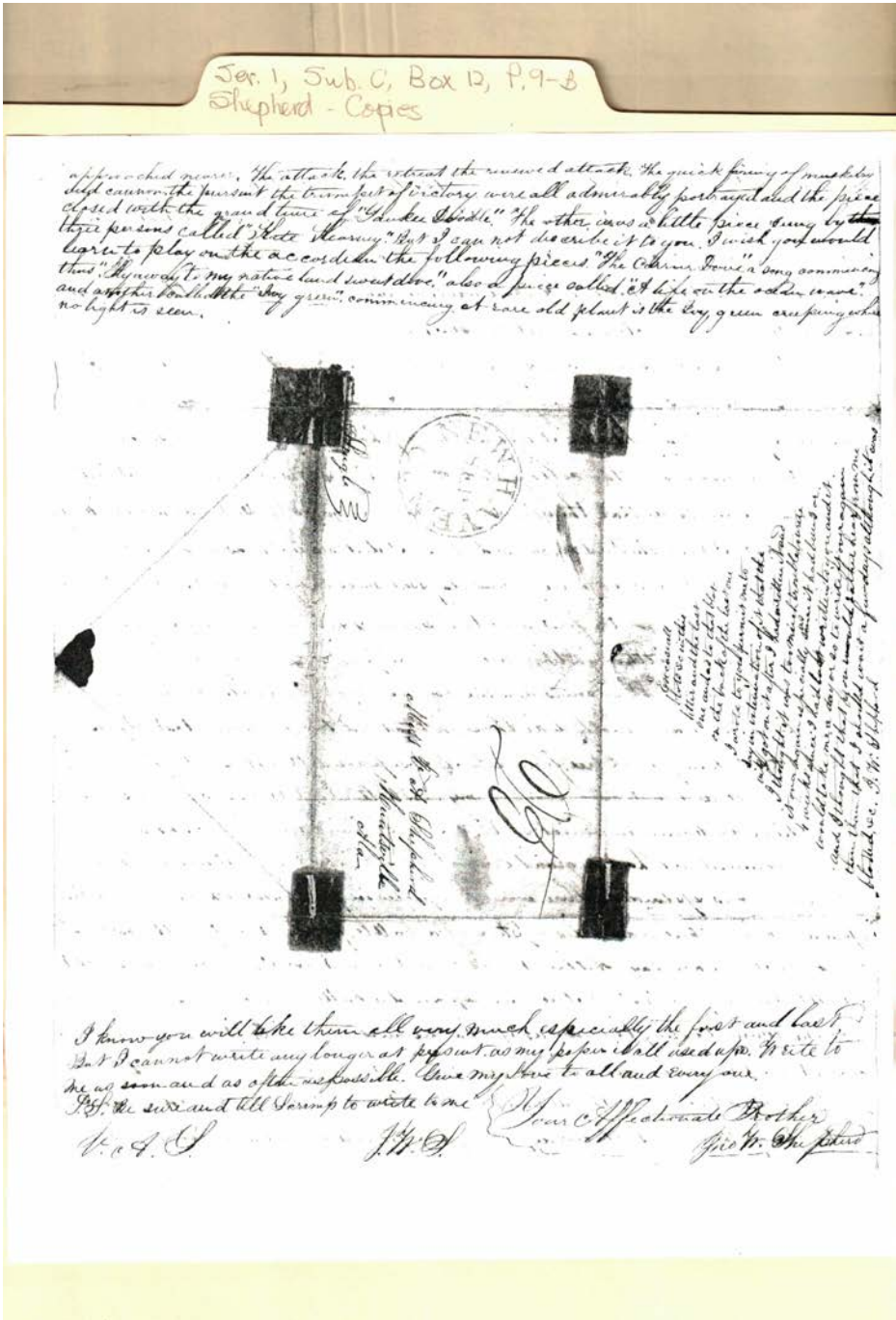
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**Types:**

letter

**Dates:**

Sept 1, 1842



Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

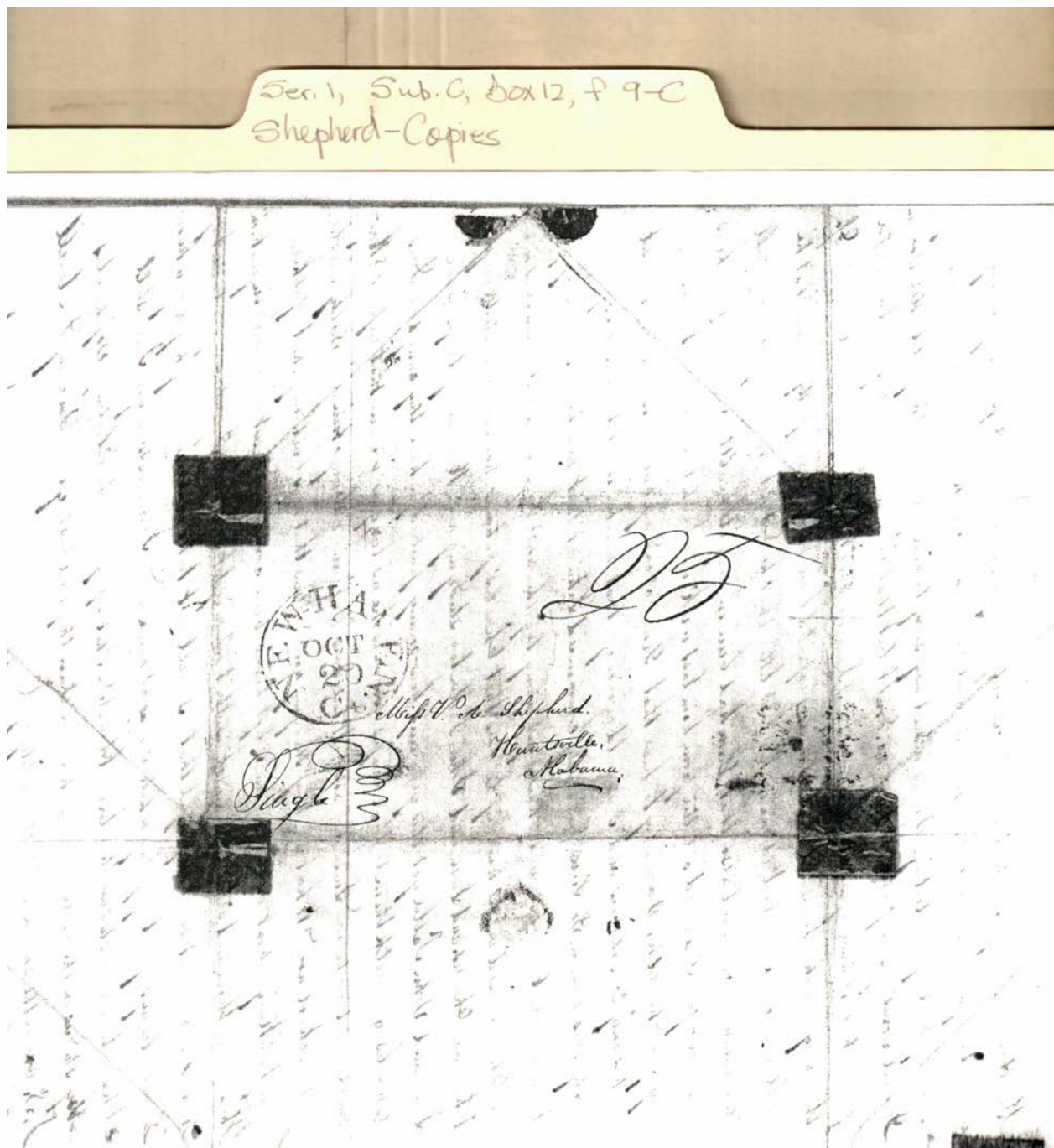
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, Scrimp	Shepherd, John W.	Shepherd, V. A., Miss
<b>Places:</b>		
Huntsville, AL	New Haven, CT	
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address	letter	
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Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Virginia A., 1842

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Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Shepherd, V. A., Miss

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

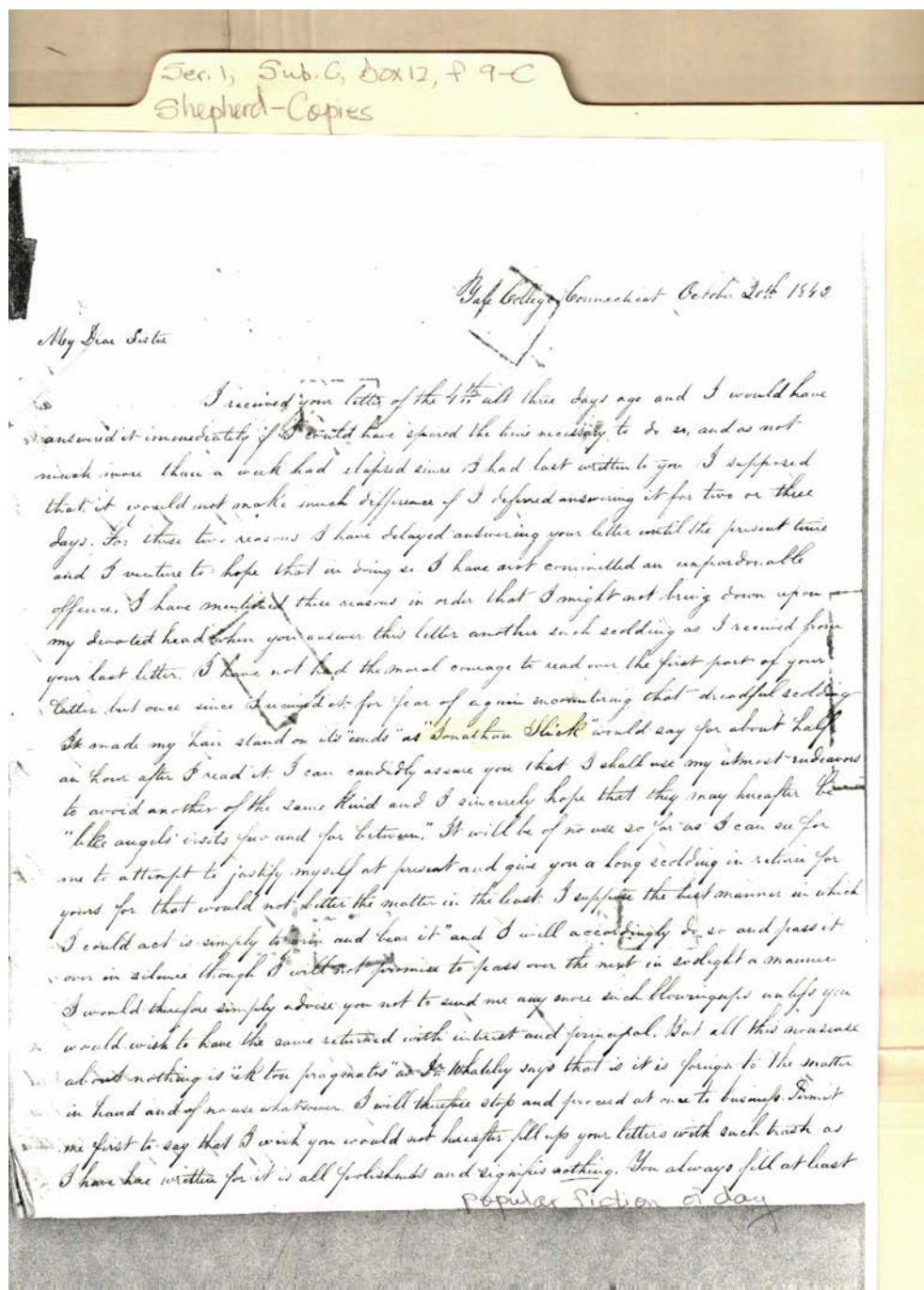
address

**Dates:**

Oct 20, 1842

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Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Virginia A., 1842

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Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Shepherd, Virginia A.  
(sister)

Whateley, Dr.

**Places:**

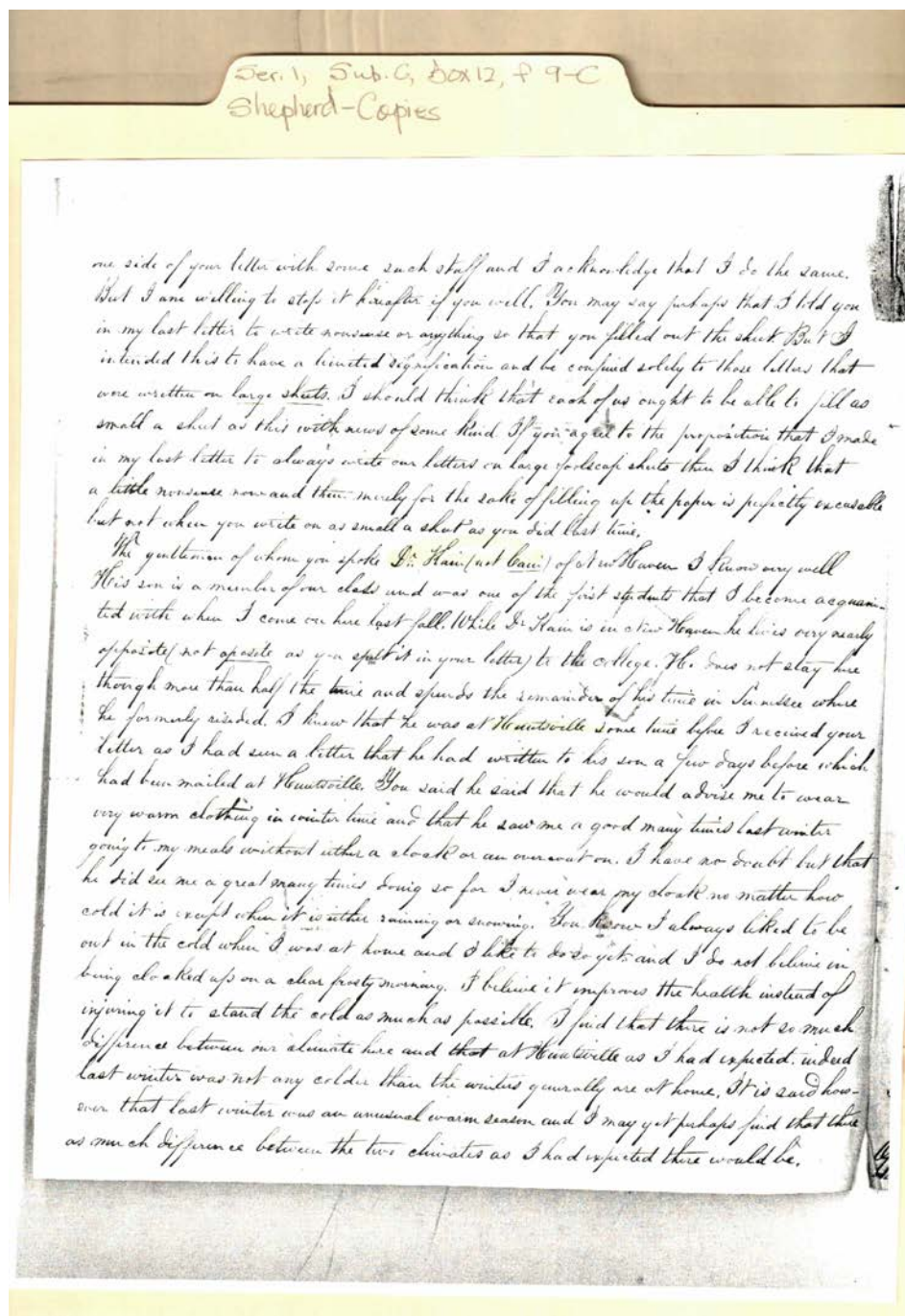
Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

letter

**Dates:**

Oct 20, 1842



Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Kain, Dr.

**Places:**

Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

letter

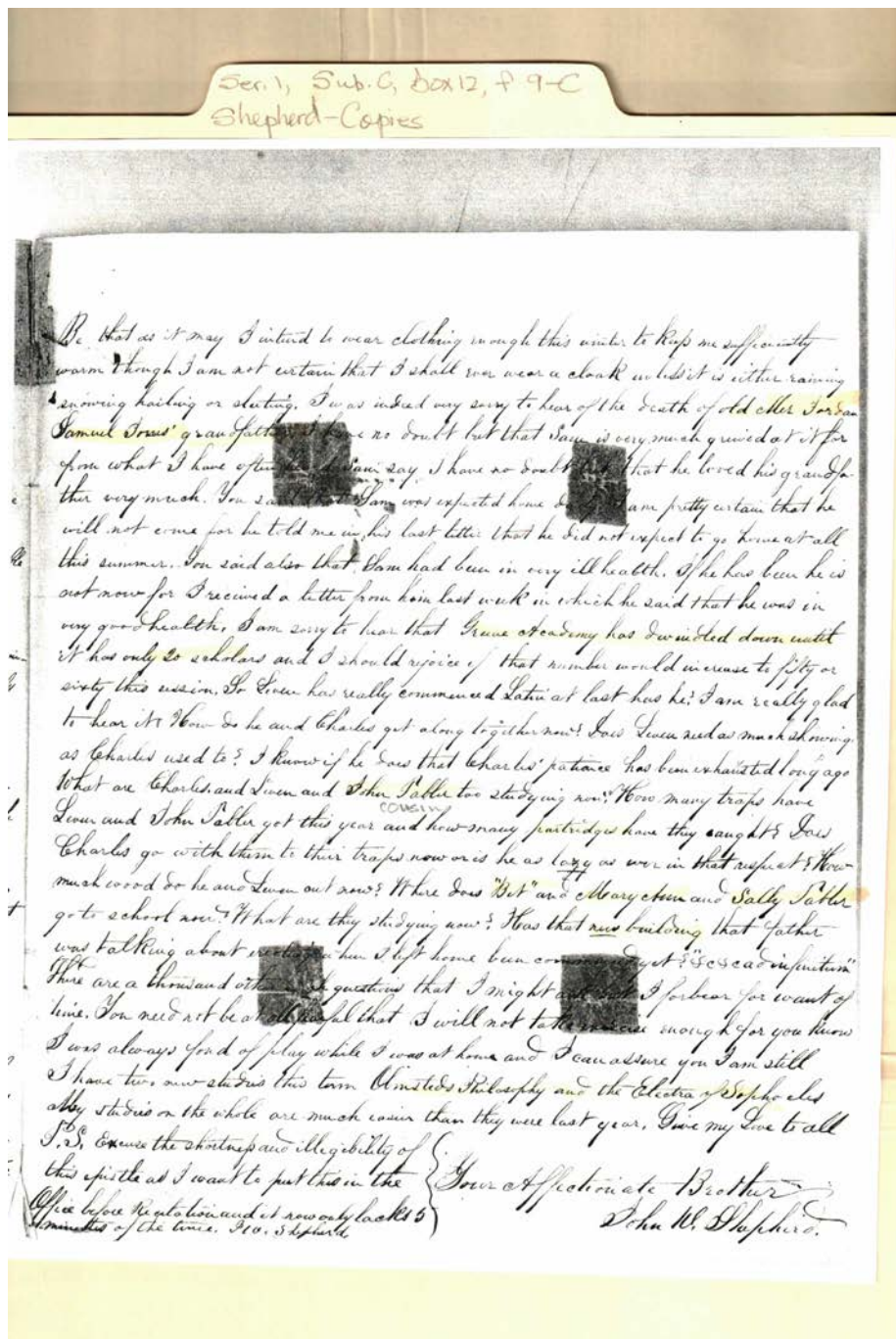
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Oct 20, 1842



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 Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Virginia A., 1842

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Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Greene Academy  
 Jones, Samuel  
 Jordan,

Olmsted,  
 Shepherd, Charles  
 Shepherd, John W.

Shepherd, Leven  
 Tabler, John  
 Tabler, Sally

**Places:**

Yale College, New  
 Haven, CT

**Types:**

letter

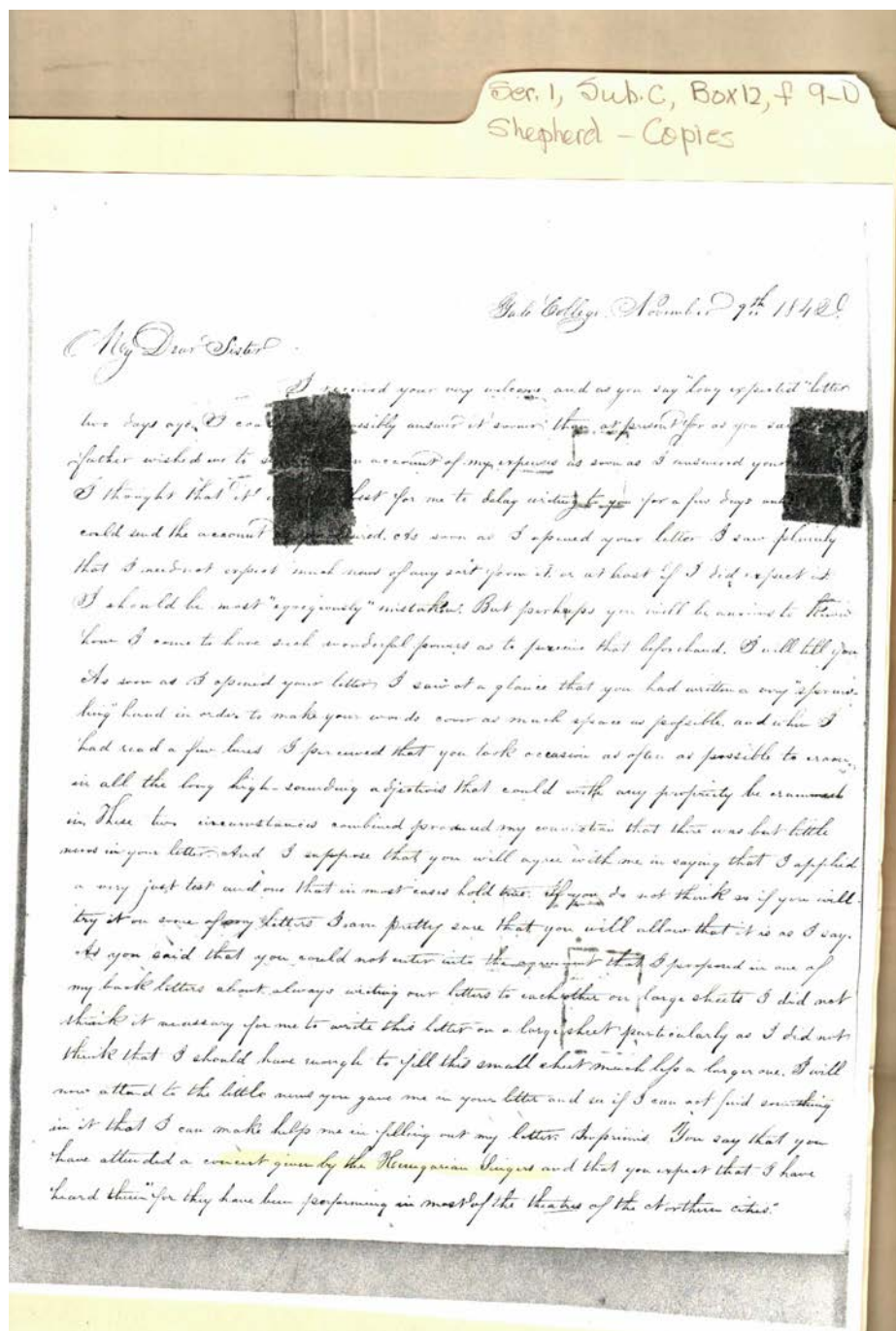
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Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Shepherd, Virginia A.  
(sister)

**Places:**

Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

letter

**Dates:**

Nov 9, 1842



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 Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Virginia A., 1842

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 Shepherd - Copies

I am pretty certain that they have been in New Haven though I did not go to hear them myself for we have so many singers and concerts &c. &c. at infrequent intervals that it is impossible to attend half of them. But I must make one correction here for if you think that they have ever performed in the theatres in New Haven you are very much mistaken for this reason. According to one of the theatres of Connecticut the theatre shall now be erected in the state and as our theatres have been erected there is much chance of our having in the second place, you mention two and says that in the first place in New Haven. The latter one of these is that of William Smith and the other is of the Glasscock. I had heard a few days before by means of a newspaper that I received from Mr. Coltart. Mary Jane Glasscock & Wm. H. Smith ed. On the first place you gave me another very long lecture on the propriety and necessity of wearing warm clothes during the winter season. You gave me a long enough lecture on that subject in your last letter so I was all the winter and I had hoped that you was done with that theme. I now answer a second time to that that I will be sure to keep myself warm enough in all respects during the winter. Justly you lay it on me to hold myself straight about the shoulders and you say that you wish when I returned home that I might be such a man as Mr. Dean with all his valuable information and amiable dispositions. I never knew before that any man had more than one disposition and I should like to know very much how you found out that Mr. Dean had more than one. May be however it was only a "loquacious puer." I will say however for your especial gratification that I have been endeavoring to break myself of the habit of walking in a circle. I have been in New Haven and though I have not entirely succeeded yet I hope that I have partially broken myself of that habit. Permit me now to tell you some of the Yale College news. In my last letter when I gave you an account of my new studies I forgot to mention a very important one though I am not certain that it can be properly called a study. It is this. Instead of writing compositions as we did last year we now write "disputes". I will try to explain the meaning of the word if you can not guess at it. We choose a subject for debate just as we used to do at the old "Debating Society" at the academy with this difference only. We can write

Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Coltart,

Dean, Mr.

Glasscock, Mary Jane

Smith, William

**Places:**

Yale College, New  
 Haven, CT

**Types:**

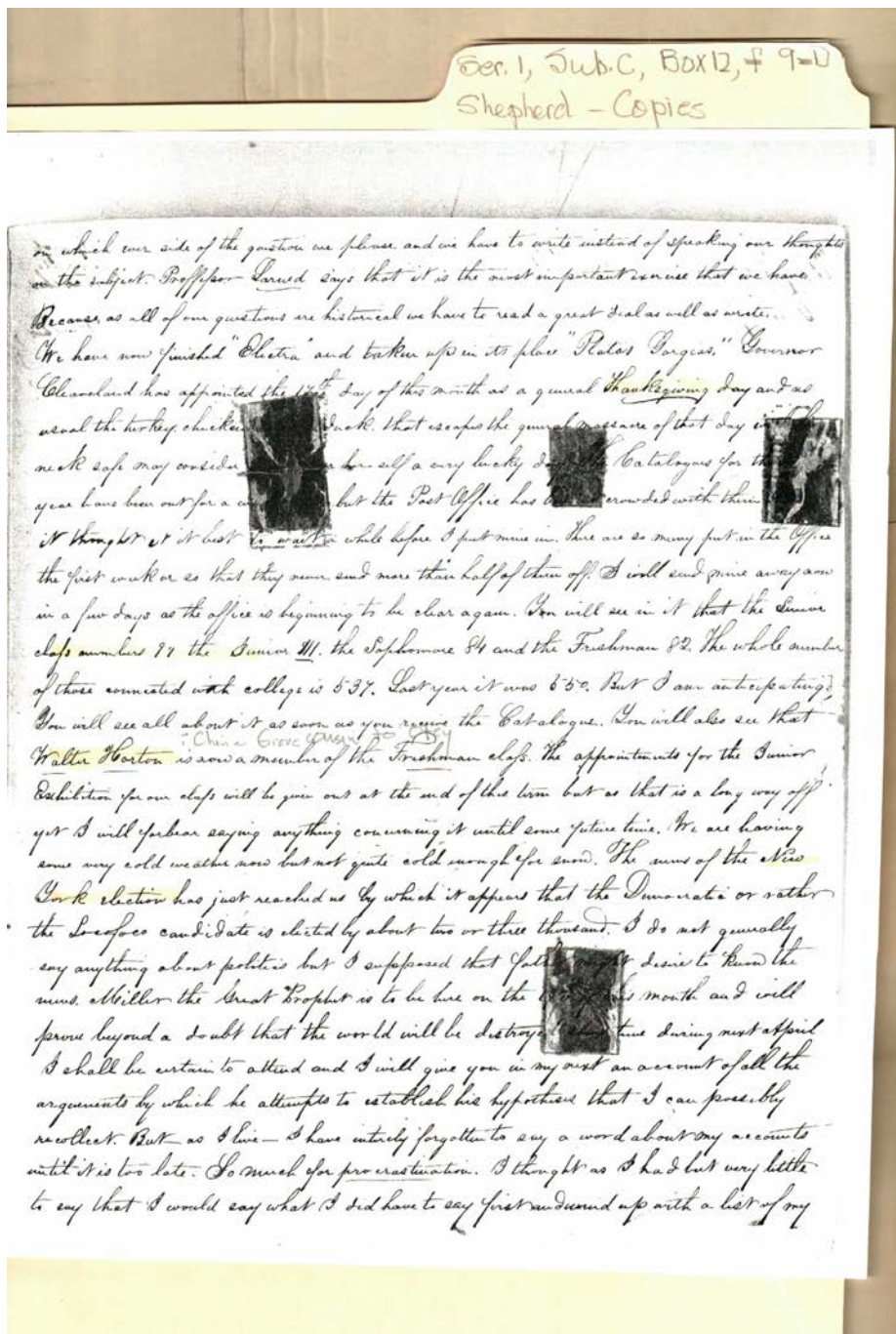
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Nov 9, 1842

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Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Cleveland, Governor

Horton, ewalter

Larned, Prof.

Miller,

**Places:**

Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

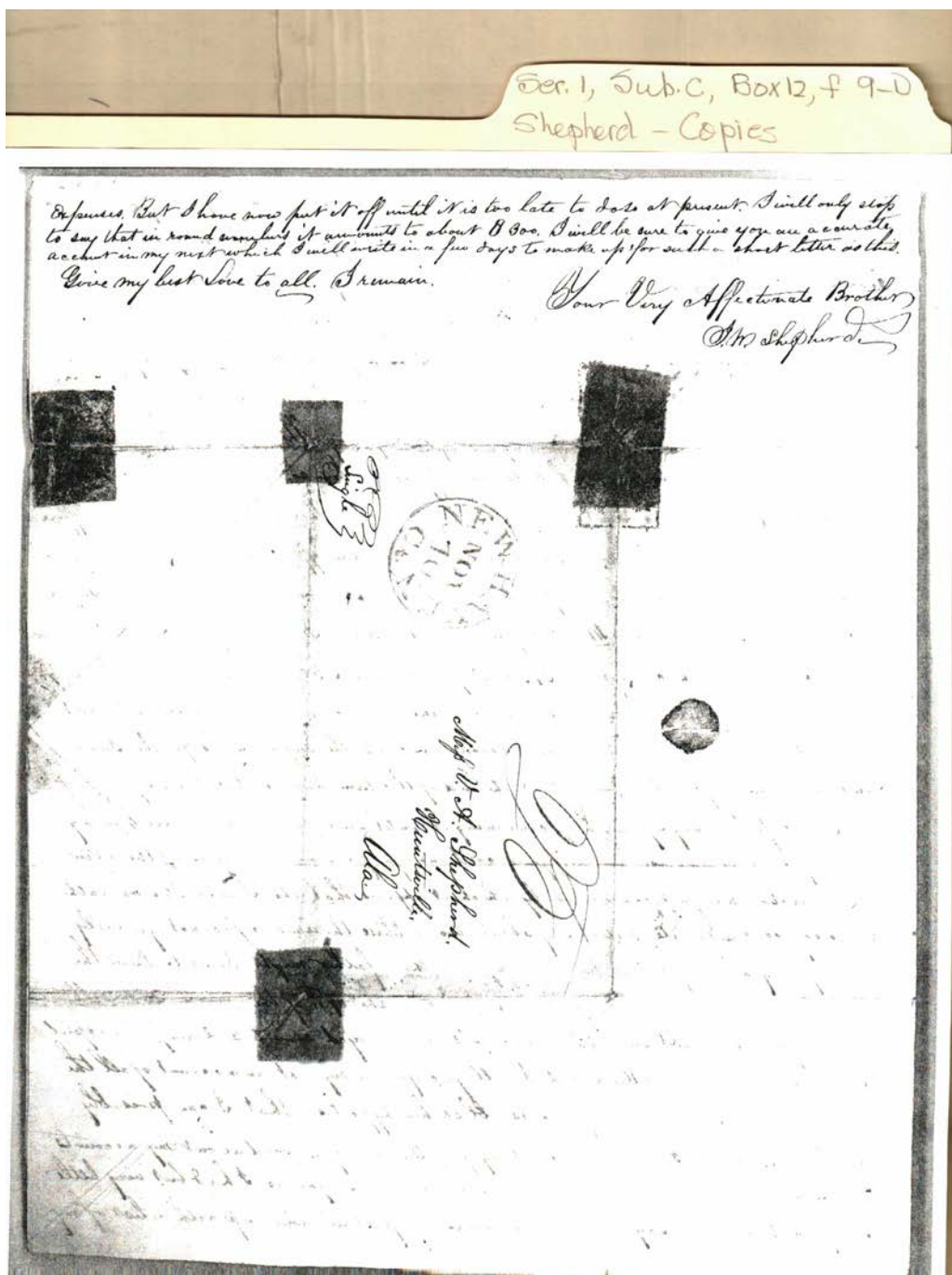
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Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Virginia A., 1842

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Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Shepherd, J. W.

Shepherd, V. A., Miss

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

address

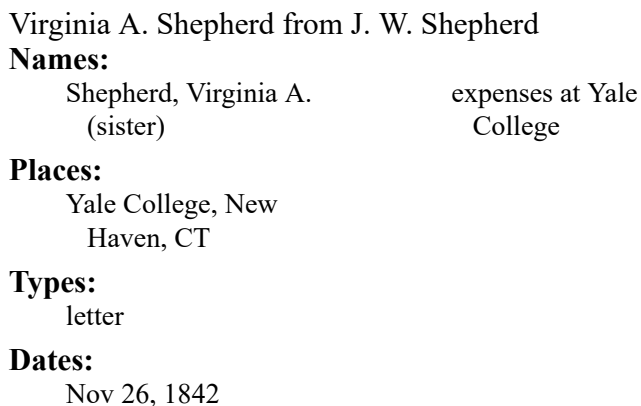
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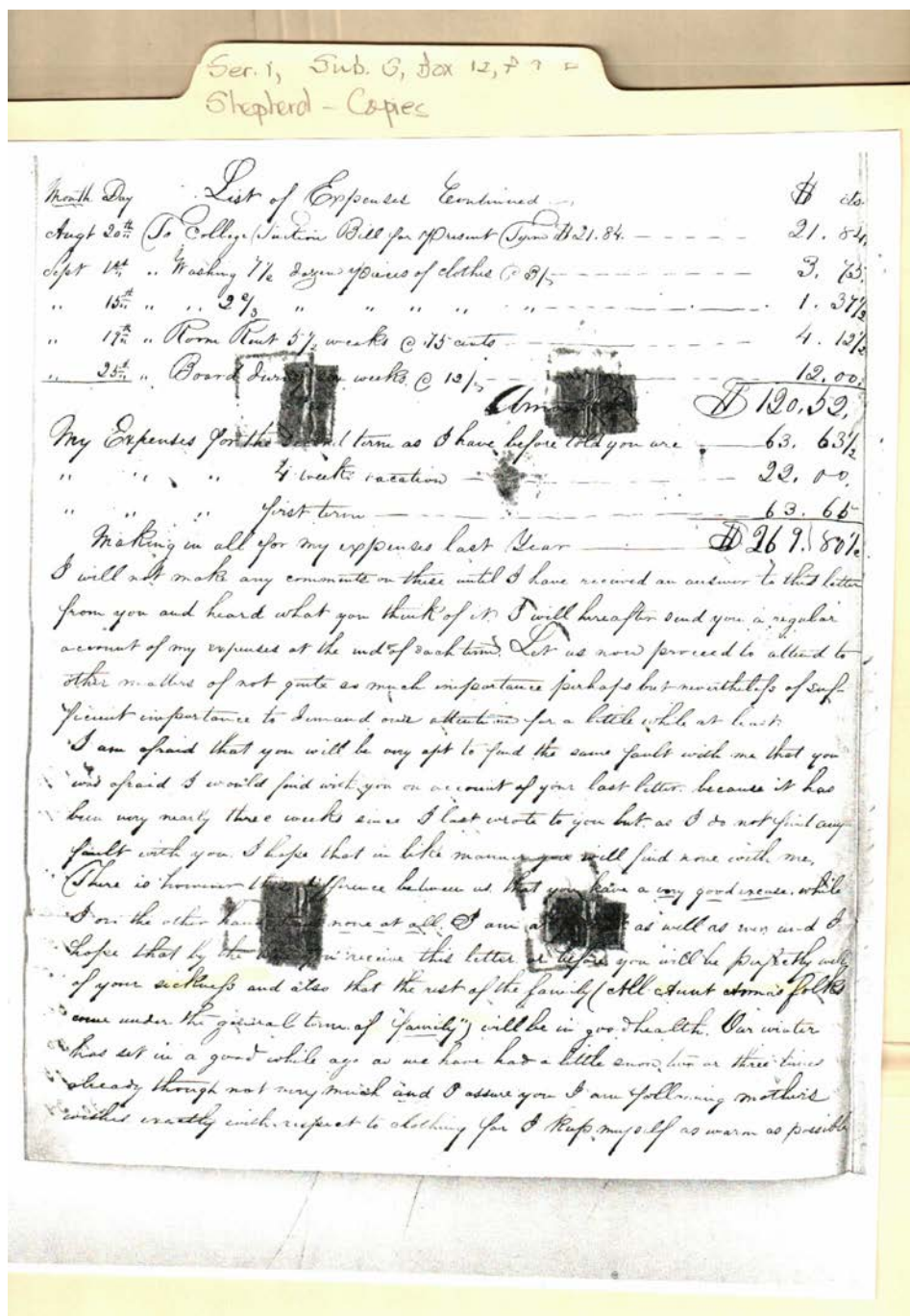
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, Anna, Aunt

Places:

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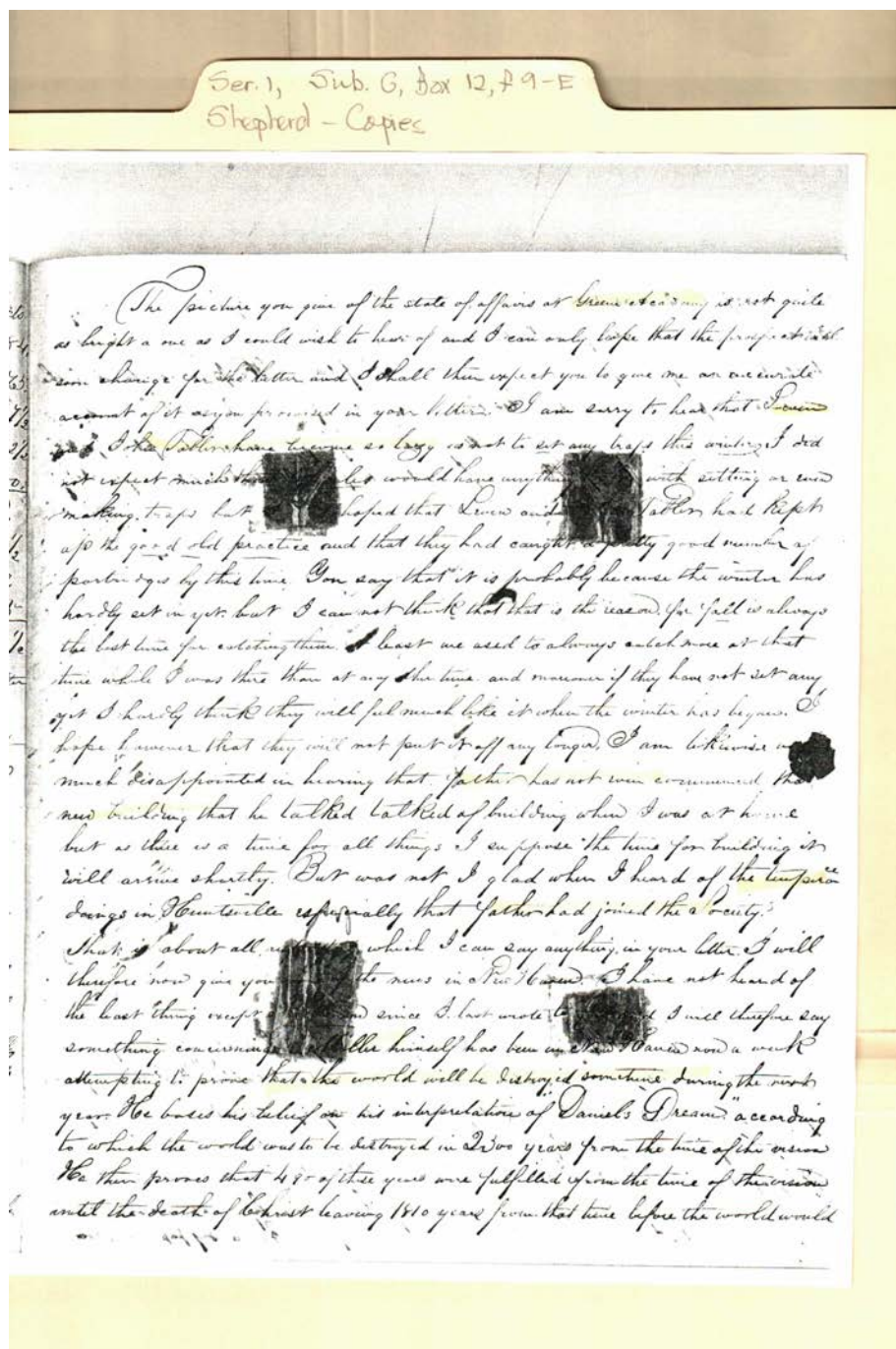
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Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Shepherd, Leven

Tabler, John

**Places:**

Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

letter

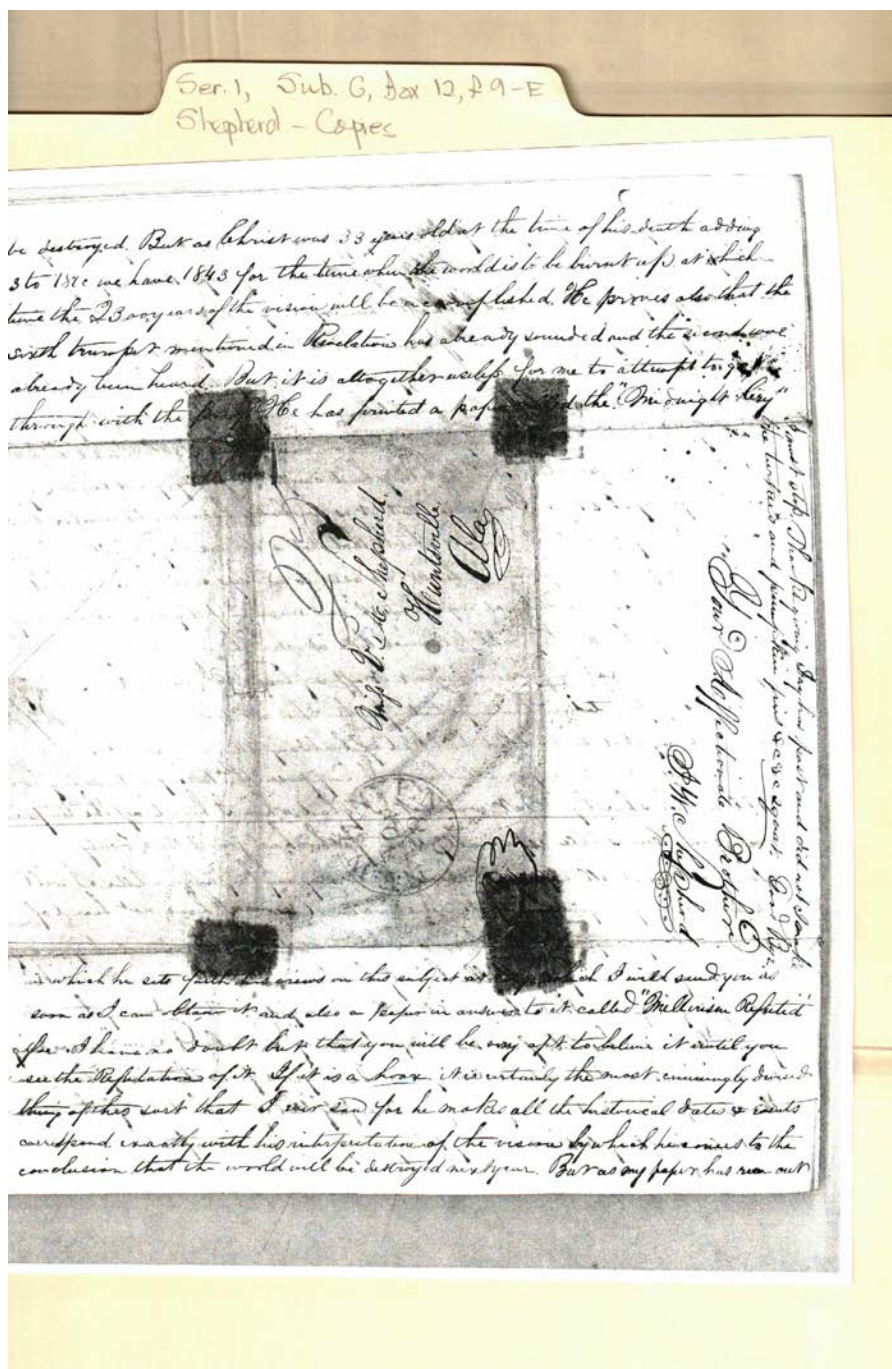
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Virginia A. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

**Names:**

Shepherd, J. W.

Shepherd, V. A., Miss

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

Yale College, New  
Haven, CT

**Types:**

address

letter

**Dates:**

Nov 26, 1842

Nov 28, 1842

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