

Charles was a son of John (1762-1834) and Matilda Bagby who settled in Barren County, Kentucky. Charles moved to Illinois to speculate in land.

✓9/3/1832

Enumeration of notes sent by C[harles] D. Bagby to a person named Thomas for collection.

✓10/8/1833

Letter to Mr. D. C. Bagby from B.C. Ritter [?], Glasgow, [Ky.]. The writer informs Bagby that he knows of no business vacancies which Bagby had recently inquired about.

✓²⁹⁷4/24/1834

Letter from Charles D. Bagby, Carthage [Ill.], to his sister, Mrs. Nancy E. Rogers [wife of Wm. B. Rogers, Blue Spring Grove, Barren County, Ky.]. Since recently departing Kentucky for Illinois Charles is stunned by the sublime natural surroundings of Illinois and the verdant charm of its beautiful plain. Girls are the scarcest commodity in his newly discovered land of abundance. Yet girls are coming into Illinois from "all parts of the world." He feels lonely for lack of intimate friends. Reports that his brother Walter has just returned to Carthage, apparently from Barren County, Ky., bringing his (Walter's) wife and family [to settle down, apparently].

✓9/6/1834

Letter from John S. Senter [?], Carthage, Ill., to his cousin [Richard K. Bagby, presumably], Glasgow, Ky. The letter is accompanied by a postscript written by Charles D. Bagby, a brother of Richard Bagby. J. S. Senter describes Illinois as the "fairest portion of the Union." The more he explores it the more he admires it. The fertile soil of Illinois is unequalled in any other state. Profitable cultivation is possible in almost all parts of Illinois. No country can be richer in minerals and vegetables. Illinois occupies the most fortunate geographical position in the Mississippi Valley, numerous rivers and lakes give the state unrivaled commercial advantages. Reports on operating steam mills and invites his Barren County cousin to visit Illinois and judge for himself. Senter expresses regret over the results of the recent election in Ky. The postscript by Charles D. Bagby also expresses grief over the success of the "Clay Party" taking the whole power and government in Kentucky. He claims that Jackson and his advocates are generally patronized in Illinois.

✓11/22/1835

Letter by Charles D. Bagby, Carthage, [Ill.], to his brother Rod[erick] Bagby, Barren County, Ky. Charles reports that he is considering to depart Carthage for the Purchase, "the garden spot of the world," "a paradise on earth." He also anticipates trading groceries to the Indians. After Illinois is laid off in townships he intends to lay off a town on the Desmoines[?] River,