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Cousin Dick, Mrs.

Miss Beulah

Mr. Cox left here this morning. And wished me to ask you and Miss Peters if you would please be at his house in Delhi tomorrow by twelve O'clock. You understand I feel it is asking a great deal of you but Dr Bowles Estab is in greater danger now than ever before. O for his wisdom to bring our Enemies to Confusion. I borrowed Mrs Taylors Horse for one of you to Ride. And the other go with us in the carriage if you could come to night or by nine O'clock in the morning.

Please send a note by Mrs Jones to let me know if you will come.

Respectfully

Julia Bowles

Procure the Weight or Decaying
Pills and take them three or 4
times when ever the state of the
bowels require it

Put 1/2 of Rhenish bark into a half Gall
of good Spirit together for a pint
1/2 Camomile flowers 1/4 Gentian
1/4 Myrick Gum

Take a half a table
Spoonful morning noon and night
unless it brings the fever or too much
lethargy or ex. in you at the evening
then

If this fails to have the desired effect
return to the use of the Vegetables
and Herbs at all as you took
it before

Take to Eat or drink what you know
in moderate quantities at a time
and every moderate Exercise in the
open air

W. A. Bowler

Use the French Salt water freely
if you find it good as a diuretic
and wash the Intestines in it
or salt and water as before
directed

W. A. B.

Ind on Apr 1st 1865

My Dear Eveline Beattie

Knowing that we could
not enjoy an affection for free
interchange of opinion in time -
I concluded to address you as requested
You will perceive how ^{and} well that the
policy thereof is to bring and hold
you three together by common interest
which is the most sure bond with
all reasonable creatures. To effect this
has been my desire and purpose -
ever since the death of your dear
and by me upon much ^{much} lamented
mother a woman for ^{whom} I had the
strongest earthly sympathy and un-
flinching confidence that our other
things which depend between the man
myself as well as between ourselves
succeded the policy on my part.

And could I have desired the contrary
I could not have done with my will or pleasure
our government on earth together
~~would have been~~ ^{could have been} ~~for~~
many of the past. But under the
circumstances which had cases -
which I could not control,

I in hope commend you
to that beneficent author
of all Good, desiring you
there may live and work
together in peace and
Unity and I think comfort
and prosperity will certainly
attend you and any sorrow
greater is that God may
be your shield director
and guide in every dangerous
way And that when the
Closing scene shall come
that you and each of
you may be covered
under the Covenant of Grace
and lie with Christ in
God, that your joy may be
complete

While live best your
young men and abiding

your friends W. A. Bowles

Indianapolis Feb 5th 1845

Miss Eviline, Rachel & Rachel Ann

Dear Girls,

We have concluded
if it is possible we will rent a
house and if so it would like to
know whether it will be possible
for one or the other of you to be
here all the time. For if you
or some other person could not be
here all the time we think it
would not be best to take that
step for the boarding house keepers
here skin us alive they charged
me full price last week when
I was absent and Rachel Ann
occupied my bed. If you think
it possible for one of you to be
here all the time write with
the least possible delay at any
Spring before the matter is decided,
Write soon! No news from Washing-
ton since Rachel left our health
is tolerable. And may the
blessings of heaven rest upon you
Elyza Bowles

It is here what you have
done about the stove and
how other things on your
with you there and particularly
as to what has been done
about the wheat & C

Just from Washington City
Joseph McDonald Report
that the prospect is that
our lives will be saved
but that it will be a long
time before the result is known
and my term of imprisonment
will be indefinite W & C

Paris it is said with
Miss & sister

Dear Mother

with much pleasure
I embrace the present moment to beg
you a line for the purpose of informing you of
our good health and consolation
we are still boarding at the Chateau but

to Blois probably to spend
the winter. I don't think we shall
have departed and yet the town of Paris
is rather bad. I don't know how long I shall
putting him to sail the next day after he would
sail he left the ship and a table set
for him. I don't know how long I shall
with all the people laughing at his expense
I have on Sunday was for the first
time since you left but has some
we have not been to your mother's house
yet but would be much pleased to go
out tomorrow if it was possible. Father is
all the time your business which is in his
hands we are all invited to a wedding to
the Chateau de Blois on the 15th next when we
expect to attend. Mrs. L. has had a fine
just calls it Miss & Elizabeth after the girls
we go to our school having on our side
every day Miss L. is very kind and coming
I was almost bound to go to the dancing
by Mrs. Brooks having a letter in my presence
with Mrs. L. but she was home of mine to
Washington. I don't know how long I shall

Said they were all well although all
the little girls at various schools there came to
you and Mary Miss Jane Bell and
Mary and Elizabeth Hargis
write to us as soon as convenient and expect
for your self that some said don't forget
the old tuff ginger cake to your mother

Mary Ann
Bould

Baali Oct. 2nd 1846

Dear Madam

I wish to inform you
that Truki is dead he died last
night. Supposed to be poisoned
I wish you if you please let
me know when Truki was
there yesterday morning or not
I wish you to write by the
bearer of this and let me know
please send my steel pen and
writing paper and Hambeck
if I left in the drawer

Mrs. Burt

Yours truly
Eliza Bowles

Miss Bust

I expect we will have
to defer going to Mitchell until the
first of next week, for this reason
Mr. Jones came here yesterday to make
a contract for building the Vault, he
said Mr. Cox and himself would be here
Thursday, that being the day we intended
to go, I thought perhaps it might make
some difference in your business so let
you know soon as possible.

I shall try to go next Monday if
nothing happens to prevent

Respectfully

Gilia Bowles

Frenchicks Apr 16th 1894

Miss Bust

Nearly three weeks since I told
you I needed the money I loaned you last
November, you wrote me you should attend
to it soon, now I must have it or disturb
of your note, Richard Smith is this the
day I have treated you

Respectfully
Gilia Bowles

In Memory of
Charlotte Ann Dowling
who was born on the 22^d of
November 1828
And died of Spasmodic Cholera
on 29th July 1853
Aged 4 years 8 months and
7 days

When lows a tyrant, and the soul
a slave,
No hopes remain to thought, but in
the grave

In that dark dews, it sees an end
to griefs

And what was once its dread
becomes relief.

~~Wm. L. L. L.~~ L. L. L.

Mrs N. W. D. B.

Dear Madam

I wish you to send by
James a half bushel of
Onions

I wish Eveline to come
in with Mary & James
if it is in her power
to help to sew and fix the
girls for their trip
to the lower Country -
I hope she will come
without fail

Paris Sept 15th 1839

M. A. D. B.

French Sick Jan 4th 1863.

Miss Rachel - It is my unpleasant
task to say to you that Rachel
Ama is little or ~~no~~ better and
I think the disease is probably
assuming a chronic form.
The liver ^{appears} to be much enlarged
and she is suffering much with
her stomach and in fact that
now seems to be the greatest burden
of the disease. Her appetite is
very imperfect so much so that
she takes very little in the way
of food. Evens as usual
usual is still toiling around
half wild and half sick and
finding fault with every
thing that turns up she got
worse the other day because
the wind blew from the
North I am yours Truly

W. A. Lewis

Friend Sick House St
1859
David Park Esq

Dear Sir

Your father's letter was received
by the Couriers of Mail and
its contents read with great
pleasure and in Paddy's presence
me to say that it is the grand
fortune to receive tolerable thanks
and that the world goes along
down here in their good old
way. I was pleased to learn that
friend Thomas had mounted the
Pulpit and was promulgating
the doctrine of Works among
the the people of Minerva who take
Stones and Stocks are dead in
trespass and sin. If Doctours
out to be a preacher of Righteous
ness it is well, but if he attempts
to patch up the Kingdom of
Christ with Spiritual or Natural
Works in the Center we be unto
him. When he preaches again
take notes and let me see how
they will do by the patrons.
You report peace in Stampwick
Church. Why have they all like
a judy handle all got on one
side. Sir you must be mistaken.
I supposed there was a division in
that Church, which was called Split.

You mention the additions to the
Church and think there is yet
more coming in for this I feel to
rejoice and must more so when
I have an assurance that they are
added to Christ.

The time is not only ~~now~~ coming
but now is when the Sacks of men
are to be fully tried, the blood
of the slumbering innocent will
soon begin to cry aloud from
the Vault, and the providence of
God required to stay the hand of
the assassin until the patriotic sons
of this Country shall be able
to draw treason and Murder to
their hiding places.

I presume you now feel, ^{that} our
Country is in revolution, and
the best and wisest Philanthropists
can not now tell, what is to be
the great final. The blood of
our fellow countrymen ^{is} ^{being} ^{spilt}
and that they ^{will} ^{be} ^{convicted} ^{and}
yet in our courts we find
those who deny fact and justify
them. The Question is what shall
be done with them, I answer put
to death without hesitation.

What is old Pigeon and his Co workers
condemned for Treason & Murder
And what are those who sympathize
and defend them accessories to

the greatest Orators that man
is capable of producing,
this week had written
while I am writing Miss
E. Parry is preparing for
a trip to the upper regions
where I presume she will
pursue for a time whether
she will come aboard or
not, you will find
when she arrives, she
good health and fine
George Taylor has just written
brother Robinson and I
just heard from George
Cannon will be still lives
If I might not you promised
to procure for me the minutes
of the dead head operation
that was held with unity
I think in the month of Sept.
its phase to Union that
promise, I have found Thomas
if he appears to be a seceder
of Richardson to a small
But if he appears to be a
doctrinal seceder and sets
up that word of Bygones
is any part of the money of
our Church, I will
I will

New Washington Clark Co. Pa.

Feb. 14th 1839

Dear brother & sister

We sit down
to adress you in reply to yours
of the 25th of oct. we have bin
rather negligent and dont know
whether we can fix up a good
excuse so we think we had better
not make any but try to do better
for time to come. We are well as
usual at present. We had chills
all last fall but now appears very
healthy. We hope this may find you
all well and obeying the gospel.
The day that you wrote Eliz's second
daughter died they have had a serious
time there losing two of their children
and all having bin sick we have not
bin down there since may at the time
they were sick. Wm was too sick for
us to go and since he has got well

The roads here are bad and we have
two or three cattle and some pigs to
feed and take care of so that it is
not as convenient having home
as it is in the summer time.
We received a letter from Mr and
Mary Little dated 10th June they
were all well and have a son and a
daughter and one from Nancy with
\$3.00 of June he and her children were
well they are left alone for a long time
all left when it teaching school in
Cherokee and has taken the two girls
Chango is married and living in town
also the other two boys are in the
Chango is handsome and would like for
some of us to go and see her could you
Come Mrs's very much young and have
three and go out to be the young
and her children. The health is growing
pleasant, good here there are few scolding
cases of heart here through the country

for something near a year there is
great plenty in this neighborhood but
about 4 or 5 weeks worth is a plenty
country and they have said nothing to
that it makes one work or hold it
about 1/2 c^t wheat at about \$1.00
Mrs Little writes that corn in June
is worth 30 c^t and wheat 60 c^t
the pasture and 20 c^t or a garden of
were well every day but have had
no action for some time in this place
at a church 3 weeks back there were
some 30 additional last summer
you have I believe as yet forgot to
tell us whether you received the Revue
Franklin's paper or not
We don't do as we have you but
write as soon as you get this letter
With love As ever yours
J. & S. Frazier
P. O. N. Bull

Cambridge, N.H.

December, 25th 1896

My Dear Father to Night - I will
try to see your kind letters which
I rec'd a few days since - was glad
to hear from you once again, as
it had been so long. That I was
getting very anxious to hear from
you - Well to Day is Christmas
Again - and it has been a beautiful
Day - we went a walking, the roads
are dry and dustless here, I thought
of you all, and of the pleasure it
would give me, if I could see
you all - but many miles lay
between us - ~~and~~ I can see easy
things as I used to look, and am
with you and sometimes look of times
in my Dreams - but I sleep

2d ^{you} ^{has} ^{to} ^{Bob} ^I ^{am} ^{very} ^{glad} ^{to} ^{hear} ^{from} ^{you} ^{all} ^{have} ^{most} ^{organismic} ^{how} ^{is} ^{Joab's} ^{folk's} ^{and} ^{is} ^{any} ^{of} ^{his} ^{first} ^{children} ^{married} ^{or} ^{what} ^{are} ^{the} ² ^{eldest} ^{doing} ^{tell} ^{them} ^{to} ^{write} ^{to} ^{me} - ^{Jimmie} ^{has} ^{gone} ^{to} ^{school} ^{since} ^{the} ^{last} ^{of} ^{Sept} ^{until} ^{now} ^{he} ^{has} ² ^{weeks} ^{vacation} ^{we} ^{have} ^{lady} ^{teachers} ^{here} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{country} ^{schools} - ^{typhoid} ^{has} ^{been} ^{very} ^{bad} ⁱⁿ ^{this} ^{country} ^{and} ^{stopped} ^{the} ^{schools} ⁱⁿ ^{towns} ^{several} ^{times} ^{my} ² ^{eldest} ^{had} ^{gone} ^{some} ^{time} ^{back} ^{but} ^{we} ^{soon} ^{got} ^{them} ^{up} ^{Betty} ^{what} ^{are} ^{you} ^{doing} ^{for} ^{your} ^{self} - ^I ^{wish} ^{you} ^{would} ^{write} ^{to} ^{me} ^a ^{letter} ² ^{yd} ^{long} ^{and} ^{tell} ^{me} ^{about} ^{every} ^{thing} ^{and} ^{say} ^{how} ^{bad} ^{eat} ^{apples} ^{for} ^{me} - ^{we} ^{hardly} ^{ever} ^{see} ^{any} ^{near} ^{apples} ^{are} ^a ¹⁰⁰ ^{bu} ^{here} ^{corn} ¹¹ ^{cts} ^{eggs} ¹⁴ ^{cts} ^{Butter} ¹⁰ ^{what} ^{corn} ^{was} ^{hauled} ^{out} ^{here} ^{was} ^{burned} ^{by} ^{the} ^{hot} ^{winds}

3d
but Back in Salina Co, where we used
to live there is a world of Corn
Betty what was some with what
Rachel's album want you send
me some of the pictures her and
another had some just ~~of~~ alike
of our Aunts and the quilt-matter
was to give me I would like to have
more pap you have send several
times you would me to have my
Rights well I want every body to
have that why not give me what
is Right for my part then Do as
you please with yours - I would
help and have for 5- years and
had it not been for the charity
of this world would have suffered
that seems hard to say when one
has Near friends whom they feel
could alleviate their Suffering - but
you have seen how that trial
I hope your women will

Dear Mother
I have not heard from you for some time
and I am sure you have been
very busy. I hope you are
now safe you don't know how
glad I would be to get something
from you to help us a way from
here for another year if we raise
nothing it will be awful. Write
me a long letter give me all the
news please, give me your market
prices, and send me a paper
once and while. I am getting
sleepy, the rest are in bed
I am sitting here by the machine
writing on a Book lid in my
hat - so excuse all mistakes
we are all in common health
Hoping this will find you
all well. I will say good
Night.

Your affectionate Daughter
Emma A. Richardson.

Cambridge Furnas Co

Alber

October, 24th/89

Dear Father it has been a long
time since I have written to you
but for some time I have been
impressed that I should write
to you and let you know how we
are getting, a long - and if you are
all well - now I will just say to you
that I have seen so much trouble
that I have not felt like I wanted
to write to you - you don't seem
to have any sympathy for the unfor-
-tunate - but I have not forgotten
you and would be glad to meet
all of you once more on earth - but
as I never look for that pleasure
a gain I will try to write to you
some of my thoughts and feelings as
you have promised for 3 years to
send me some things as you said.

belonged to one of Aunt R and R's
 yet I never have got anything yet
 what was Done with all their Beds
 and Bed clothes and grandpaps
 Bible was all sold - and if you
 think the ones that got lands in the
 land that was sold got good ones
 I Do not ^{you} think I want to
 give you any trouble. but there
 seems to be something wrong, and
 you never have said what was
 causing your trouble - I just want
 what is justly mine and no more
 and if you can do this and
 will not, you are not as just born
 we are all on foot but I am
 not very stout have not been
 all summer. Hoping this may
 find you all on foot and plenty
 to eat - we lost all our crops
 by hail - we get soon
 your Daughter's best affection

P.S.

well what do you think of
our theocratic prominence do you
think he is all right, and
are you a total man, and what
do you think of ^{the} present out-
look - I say three cheers for Billy
Bryan, I think he is a man
or many men. We are all for
W. J. Bryan in this vicinity
a great deal of enthusiasm
here - write and give me the
news in general and Be sure
to send me some parade papers
excuse your writing. Good By
Eosma & Michaelson

P.S. weather pretty good but
no snow yet

Jimison sends you a letter
he says last summer | Write

Chambersburg - Pa

July 29th 1849

Miss Rachel Beutt

My kind Aunt - I was made the happy
Recipient of your ever kind letter - last
Evening and was happy to hear from
you and that you was well - I think
we both was a long time trying to write
but you must not think I had forgotten
you for I assure you I haven't - I have
been very unwell since I saw you
I have had some thing like the dumb
ague and the Sleepy Complaint would
be Sleepy from the time I got up in the
morning until I went to bed - The Dr
said it was my Liver that was the cause
of it I haven't taken any thing - thought
I would try and wear it a way - have
felt much better the last two days

Mother and Papa have both been penny
The warm weather has went very hard
with us all - Betty has had two Chills
and taking medicine now - we have all
had more to do than we could stand

of time when next comes up
want to write you about movement
will want to see you soon. I am out of paper
do you want to think of part

Linda is smart this week and says she
go going to get well - but the Dr said
if she lives three months he will be
surprised he said her left lung was
gone and the other badly affected -

Mr Jack fell from a wheat stack on
the third of this month and broke a
blood vessel and died the Sunday
following. At 11 o'clock A. M. on the first
saw it in the paper and then I recd a
letter from Louisa last week the rest
was well - well we have had a fine
rain here this evening which was needed
barley very thing was drying up we never
had a poor garden and crop since
I could remember. we are all expecting
to see hard times this winter we have
had but one mess of Irish potatoes of
any size raising and but few beans
some cucumbers and tomatoes our
sweet potatoes are nice - abundance of had
plenty of vegetables - but had been
seasonable

French Lick Jan. the 31st 1864

Miss R. Burt

Dear aunt after a great
ding dong from Evelina for about a week
I try to write you a few lines to let
you hear from us we received your letter
in due time and was glad to hear from
you as we could not learn what the
bright lights had done with you all we
did not know but they had sent you to
Indianapolis ~~we~~ well last week was
beautiful week but it is raining on us
to day as hard as it can pour and there
is a hurryind and a quarterly melting going
on upon the ridge wont they have a sweet
time of it it was one of the young Leonard
that enlisted this fall that is buried
~~the~~ they are a dying about 60 a day they
went after Gen. Hoppington yesterday he
was not expected to live if the ^{new} boys is
dying of so fast and the old ones time is
wearing out I think that Lonkin had
better turn his bayonets into spears and
pitchfork and set his black boys to fodder
the cows and planting corn for they are
agrumbling ^{now} and say that they do not have
as much freedom now as they did with there
sesesh masters the only item of news
of importance that I have theard lately
is that Mr. somebody I dont remember
his name recruiting free americans of is
apricandcent and had started to Indianopolis
with several and at Orleans the met some

souldiers returned to home and when
the notice was given for the cavy to
start the freed americans rushed in to
get sats wer upon one of the souldiers
seized Fred Jazy by the throat and choked
him until he dropped and they cuffed
and kicked the rest of the poor niggers
clear through avs and mri somebodydy
went on to seamoge and there he sent
the niggers out and ^{he} come back well rachs
we did not freeze in that cold weather and we
never got quite out of wood as you dreamed
we got to the barn pretty well the snow
was only about three deep in any direction we
could start but we did not even load a
chicken but our big cows lets prove so bad that
three of them come off tell Kate that I did not
get her invitation to help snow ball you
until it was to late and that went line has
not caught one bird or rabbit since joe was here
tell her to write again tell ^{her} that I am
afraid she will nurse her doll to death and she
must quit it and help to cook and do the work
you are weveing her new dresses and tell
Betty to make hast and get enough of carpet
rags to ~~make~~ ^{make} a new carpet and tell Joe that
we are waiting for that letter and it woud
come well Rachel if you want to go to carolin
if you will bring your goods and come here I
will ^{help} you sen all I can and I think we
can do more sewing here than at your
house but if you go be sure to come home
with the same one you go with give my
lovs to all and accept a very large fraction for
your self
(you did not tell her
any thing about the
bright lights)

Rachel Ann Peters

about get a lawrence
the chickens of
& out of the lark
Christina

French Lick, Jan 18 1864

Miss Rachel B. C.

My Dear Sister I often wonder
if any one thought of us here that
very cold winter I often thought
that we must steadily freeze and
we thought that we would never
hear from you all again for we
allowed the Dr. to freeze or
something else had happened here
as we did not see him for ever
awhile we thought the world was
all froze for we could not see
one one nor even hear any one
but we still kept up our spirits
turning first one side and then the
other I believe that we got along
better than ^{our neighbors} we could not so much
as to lose a chicken than the little
rooster has lost three or four of
his toes and his back had be-
come froze on one years morning
that we had to throw them before
we could see to see what they
had quite a severe day but as
getting done with your Commission
Saturday night I wrote Rachel I have
finished all my work that I have on
hand and have bin trying to get
to write all the week and can not
and I will undertake it my self which
I admit is a pleasure rather than a task
I finished two pair socks for the Pe and
one pair pantloons and he brot stuff up
to make him a vest to day which we will
commence on Monday and if you want

come
to see Caroline and with down
we will helpe you to sew and for I think
one or two dresses could be made in time
for you to go I would like for you to go
if you would come back with the Doctor
if you had come down the first of this
week and you and Rachel & me sewed
I would have you up there and wove on
the flamin and so you see how nice we
would have got along you would have
got to go abroad and so would I

I would have liked it so well
31th Sunday 3 o'clock we have just dinod and
as that has written her letter Babynaby I had
better finish mine where is Leah don't he answers
letters I would like to hear from him tell him we
had all but two of them little beeches down the
spring branch cut and hauled up by the gate ridge to
be cut in fire lenthies and Joe Elage promised to come
last week and do it but has not come yet but will
this I suppose and also that we have not killed no rabbits
nor quales since he was here and that our little beef that
we put in the yard the morning you left is a getting
very fat and we desire buhern it to morrow week say
to David cant he come and do it for us and we will give
him a dish of the tripe to eat Rachel I was truly sorrow
to hear of your condition it is so every two weeks
she is sick with it now and the Dr. told us that you
had the big leg and it seems was gain ill to the dropsy
I do not know what is going to become of us I have
something growin under my left knee that is almost
as large as your fist my hole knee is large and I quite
almost past gain sometimes so full of pain and
sore all over me I think that it is cold that
pldes us all I dreamed of you last night and
and dreamt that I let a baby back if you was here
I could ^{talk} more then that night Leah and you was
here I want you one and all to come when you
can give my love to all write or come soon
my love and best wishes for your well
fare and health adew Eviline Barritt

Gallos, Texas, Jan. 27, 1884.

Miss Rachel Burt;

My Dear Friend,

I suppose you have
come to the conclusion that I had forgotten you.
But if so you are mistaken. I intended to
have gone to your house and staid all night
before I left Orange county, but I could not
find an opportunity to do so before I left
there, and I intended to write to you, and in that
I found little time and opportunity, and further
I certainly thought I would write to you ere
this after I reached Gallos, and in that I can
say but little in excusing myself for not doing
so; but before I close this letter you will be able to
see why I failed in writing sooner. I could wish
that the cause did not exist that so often makes
me defer doing what I know was a duty I owed
towards you and Rachel Ann. But so it is and
I must bear it the best I can. I will say but
little about what occurred before I left Paoli that
I would have stated in a letter had I written to
you from there, and lest that I saw are my
way here, that I would have mentioned in any

letter I might ^{have} written you soon after I reached
my family. These are all drowned-over-shadows
caused by what most concerns me and mine, and
takes from me my peace and happiness in this
life, for it is a life-time affair, that nothing but
death will ever take it away. A hope of change
has been deferred from time to time until it
has been sunk into oblivion and nothing but
despair is left. And now for my statement, but
you must excuse me for writing it to you, and
I do so because I know no other person ^{who} can so well
appreciate all I say with a better understanding of
what I say than yourself, for your acquaintance
in my family before I left Paoli was such that
it enabled you to know the correctness of what
I state there any other one outside of the family.
I reached home on the night of the 20th November,
about 8 o'clock and found my family all well. My
mother was in the front room and opened the door to let
me in and my knocking at the door and was all
most frantic in seeing me and sprang forward to
embrace and cry "oh! dear father, you've come
at last," and kissed me like a dear found child, and
cried to her mother, who was in an adjoining room
on the bed, that "Pa has come, Pa has come." Her mother

she got up and came into the front room to see as she
saw, could and ran to me and embraced ^{me} fondly as she
, and wife would do, and was greatly overcome and shed
'his tears of joy at my coming. Fittly, Maud, Willie & Bessie
set ^{were} at a next neighbor and Mary ran with all her
eye might, crying "Pa has come, Pa has come home" and
it that brought the children in in great haste, trying to
at see who could reach me first; but Fittly the older and
-but ran ^{rather than} the lesser ones and reached me before her mother
and had gotten over her paroxysm of joy. She said to her
will mother "I must kiss Pa next" and did so; and the other
& little ^{ones} came in and claimed their right to a kiss and
me embrace, and got them right heartily; I assure you
that This was truly, the happiest moments of my life.
that Jeffie and Jerry were at the Herald printing office
ing. and did not return home until between 4 & 5 o
her clock in the morning. They work at night mostly.
May They go to work at one o'clock in the afternoon and
at work until supper time an hour and then work un
til morning and then sleep until noon for dinner
as to When their mother got up and let them in she told
me that I had got home and Jeffie would have me get up
and for he said he had not seen me for so long a time
man that he could not get to bed and sleep until he saw her
other I looked, I got up and they were both truly glad to see me.
+ I thank.

and we shook each other heartily by the hand. Jeffie said
Jeffie was entitled to shake hands with me first as he
was the older. We chatted away a good part of the morning.
Joseph was on the Central railroad, and had been for
some months. I did not see him until the last of the
week. I went up to the depot and met him there as
he passed through on the train. He was not so demon-
strative on seeing me as the girls and Willie & Brother.
A daughter's affections are stronger for her father than
for the mother, as the same are for the mother; and as
a father's are stronger for his daughter than for his son,
so the mother's affections are stronger for her son than
for her daughter. This is natural and proper and
right and holds as a rule in most families.

Well, Kate, I found my family all I could wish a fine
team; and especially, was this true of my children, and
it seemed to me I would be willing to give the whole
world if I could say truthfully the same of my
wife. But I can't do so, and there is the trouble I am
afflicted with. Jefferson and Jeremiah are as fine
looking young men as you will find any where
and stand number one in the Herald office.
Jeffie is assistant foreman in the office next to the
best and most responsible place in the office and re-
ceives \$16.50 each week as wages, paid every Monday after-
noon, with a fair prospect to be the principal foreman there.

When he would receive \$25 or \$30 a week. Jerry has the
selling of the advertisements for the paper - the best place
in the compositor's room, where there are 18 men selling
type, and he gets \$15 per week, whether he works all the time
or not. Some time he makes as high as 20 dollars a week.
They could not get out a paper without Jerry & Jerry.
They are printing better wages, and they will get them to
fore the owners of the office will let them leave.

Joseph was getting \$60. per month, though he is not on
the road now but at home & has been for 2 weeks
but will go on it again - this week, same time.

He is quite a favorite with the officials of the road, you
would hardly know him. He is changing from
boyhood to manhood. He will be 18 years old the 25th
day of February. He will not be as large as Jerry & Jerry.
He has the happiest disposition of any of my children
As the world is so turned, but don't like to ride, says
he feels like he ought to be making something. His mother
and Jerry don't want him to go on the railroad any
more. but he prefers it to any thing else - not of going
getting killed or hurt - but never had any bad luck
yet. Says it is the dumbest sort of coarctation of brotherly
why they get hurt so much. I let him have his own
way, for I think him a very sensible boy, and to be
crossing him in what he wants to do, I think fool-
ish and wrong, and it will be better to let him
alone for he is certainly capable of taking care of himself.

As for Kitty, very peculiar, they are all a man
ought to expect his children to be. Kitty is pretty, and as
so is Mary and Joseph, too. They are regarded as very
pretty and so they are, not because they are my chil-
dren, do I say so, but because it is true. They are very
intelligent - finer than their equals, and none their supe-
riors in intellect, quickness of understanding, and
in deportment, almost perfect. Physically they are ab-
solute perfection. In their classes at school they stand
at the head of the class. Each one in her class are re-
garded as models and are always put forward on
all occasions as ones to shame off the class to
advantage. As small as Mariob is, her teacher regard
her as the best; and her teacher is a Miss. Cole, the
daughter of the Mayor of Dublin, and found to be
an educated young lady. Mary is under Prof. Tully &
is always made Mary to be certain to be present on
days of examinations days. And she plays the Organ
for his school. And Mary does it with as much self-
assurance as though she knew it all. She rules whole
crowd of girls she is in; and they submit, for she is
never in doubt or want of any thing she would
accomplish. She never sees any body she thinks is
wiser or better than she is. She declares the island
is until you can't help shedding tears.

Filly attends the Protestant School at the old banquet
and and is doing well. They award Medals at the end of
each ^{month} to those who have done best in the class. Filly
has been very successful. For September she got 3; for
Oct. 4; for Nov. 2, and for Dec. 3. She was absent in
Nov. and why she did not ^{do better}. At the end of the
year - next June the Golden Medal will be a
reward, and she is determined to have it, and she
and says so far her prospects are good. She is quite a fa-
vorite with the mothers in the School. They love her
and to read to them any thing they want read and get her
to bring them in papers, asking her to say nothing about
it. She reads poetry the best of any one I know of.
She has never failed to receive a medal for good
reading. They compliment her on her ^{poetry} letters she
writes; and now she has been promoted and has to
write compositions, her teacher selecting the subject for
the class to write about. The subject for last week's
composition was "Cautiousness." She wrote on it and has
taken it into Mother Superior, and the next ^{day} the criticism
is made on it. Mother Superior says, "My dear child,
why did not you ^{write} assist you in that composition?" Filly said
"No." "Why do you not ^{ask} the question?" The mother looked right
and in ^{her} eyes, and said "Well, my dear, it don't seem to me you
could write so good a composition on that subject, and

I did not know but you would rather have me to as-
sist you in writing it." Kitty, said I did my mother
what I ought to say on the subject and she made some
suggestions, but I could say that I followed them very
closely for I could not write them down - I could not
remember them long enough." "Well," she said, "I have
no doubt that you have a most mother or father, or both
or you would not be likely to write so good a narra-
tion on so dry a subject, as Constance, and it being
your first composition you have written here."
These were the first writings that mother Superior Kitty
had given her. But it goes to show what others think
of my children, who are justified and capable of judg-
ing of their merits. Kitty is taking music lessons of
Prof. Frey on the Piano, and he says she is doing well
and if she continues she will make a first ^{class} performer
or and teacher of music on the piano. Kitty is a
mondi well - quite as well as any girl in the city
in their circumstances, and looks as well in their
clothing as any one in the city. Willie is doing well
at school, when he will keep going but like too many
my boys of his age, he will play hooky and stay out
of school. Brother is real smooth, and is the pet of
of the family - all pet him and love him. I don't
^{see} how we could get along without him. He is al-
ways enquired after by every one of the family so
soon as they come into the house if he is not present

Well it remains for me to finish up this letter in
a practical way and in as interesting way as I can.
You can best see from the first I insinuated
that my wife was giving me trouble. That is too true;
I wish it was the reverse. If it was to the same ex-
tent I would be the happiest man now living,
for as I said, before my children are all I could wish.
They will make their mark in this big city with
all the drawbacks that people in our ^{limited} "circumstances"
in property, if their Mother don't prodig their en-
ergy and appetitions by everlasting scolding and
fault-finding that she so often heaps on all of us
and my dear girls come in for their share without
any cause on their part whatever. Poor Betty! because
she is more like me than any of the others come in
for more than ~~her~~ share of her Mother's wicked
tongue, for it is wicked, wicked - more than wil-
ked towards those innocent helpless children. If they
were not bad children her everlasting abuse and un-
ly names she calls them would make them just
what she says that they are. You can't conceive of
what my wife has said to when she gets mad, and
that occurs almost daily; and she has spells of it
that lasts for a whole week or more. And her lan-
guage! Oh! shocking, horrible to think of let alone
be spoken of, and to those innocent children. What

am I to do? I am sick at heart and driven to almost despair, when I realize the fact that it will continue with no abatement and less hope of any sort for some time, and the contrary with the knowledge that it is certain to continue to the end of her life or more recedent, if possible, as days and weeks come and go by. If those were none but myself I could soon rid myself of it; but that I can do, for all to do so, would be to leave those helpless innocent children to undergo the more odious and worthy of that mother, who once was a good mother, and got some times a good and indulgent parent. I cannot do I know ^{not} what to do, and what advice could you or any other person give me that would change my wife? I am sure she would not heed you although there once was a time when you had more influence over her than any other person. But I fear she is obdurate to all that name. Her quarrels with Jeffrey are shameful; however, they manage her better than I can. They are rough on her, too rough on her, but it seems the only way to control her at all. It almost drives Jeffrey into distraction. I fear greatly he will do her some great bodily injury some day, for when he gets small he is perfectly crazy, and acts more like a man than a woman - a monster than a human being.

The little ones will beg of her with tears in their eyes
to trust and not quarrel, but it seems to excite her
to more violent passions and she will often turn
on them with her tongue and nothing seems too
le vil nor blasphemous to call them. So we have it,
and Rachel; and you can well conceive of my anxiety
and wretchedness as I am situated. Her conduct perplexes
all of us - we don't know of us feel like doing any thing.
I think why she does so is inconceivable to me. She
often complains of her own and fears suffer more than she
does in mind over the recollection of her conduct.
She will cry like a child and say she will never do so
again. Some times I think she is going crazy and
tell the boys so, and tell them to look after her care-
fully. And they say they will, and so do I. But I see
a few women who have better sense than my wife,
as you well know. We can't get her to go to the church
by any other else, nor will she dress. I gave her the money
to buy herself a fine dress pattern and some other
I came back and she took it to the dress maker and
and that it is got. And she threatens to go and get it and
to show it up or give it to the negroes. I cost \$1.00 for it.
She was greatly pleased with it at first and said she and I would
go to church together; but now she says she would not be
caught on the street with me. So you can just have
me live.

Life to me is worth every tickle. Only for my children
do I care to live. We are not in our usual at all. When
see the boys bring ⁱⁿ a good sum of money each week,
and they are very liberal with it. They give \$16 each week,
and if their mother would use the economy she once
did, it would be an abundance. But ^{she} don't do so, and I
can't get her to do. I am in the Real Estate business &
the practice of the law and live fair & well.

I receive a letter from Abe Soblitt informing
me of the death of Mrs. Julia Bowles her sister, Miss
Bellevue. I don't often rejoice at the death of any one,
but I certainly cannot shed any tears, only wish it
had occurred 12 years ago. Have deferred your and
would have been in property. Also, Mr. St. tells me

~~in the case of your~~ ~~against~~ ~~judicial~~
& the bills have been found. They were never lost,
but Bill Lorrain and John R. Lintman had them. ~~had~~
Soblitt says they were found in a pigeon hole in the
clerk's office. They have been copied back and put
there after I left. Soblitt wants to know if I can be at
the March term of the court to try your case. I cannot
but will try to be at the same time. Don't ever let that be
known to any one. I don't want any one to know I will
be there there. Write to me soon as you receive
this. Give me all the news. We are well as usual.

Your friend as usual,
Keep this letter to yourself.

Joseph Cox.

Waverwood, Wexford, June 20, 1881.

Mr. David B. Brewster,

My dear friend,

I had expected to receive a letter from you ere this, or from Isabel or Karelle, but I looked all in vain. Why it is, I cannot say, I am aware that you are old and cannot write readily and not so legible as some others, but with all these deficiencies, yet your letters are highly appreciated and I can always make out what you write and I do not mind to read it. I sent you some newspapers some days ago and I trust you would read all "C. K." I had intended for a rather goodly quantity of names came into my mind to direct them to you. I learned through the news papers of the deaths of Owen Limley & Thomas Vollett and I certainly regretted their demise greatly, for I regard & sorely had true better citizens. One was a leading farmer and a craftsman and the other a useful man in many respects, and one whom the people loved to honor and whose worthiness of all bestowed on him, and our own came up to the expectations of his constituents. And thus we all go on by our own and duties near together that makes the world the more of a parent. I do not receive the local papers regularly and consequently, I do not know of all the events that take place in the country. I learn through the Herald may get have two or even more more running through the State, but I do not know for certain if she had been slow proceeding any way. Thirty years ago you might have had a road and the line connected by railroad with Waverwood more than 30 years sooner if the people had not been under the control of selfish and designing men in the State and at Wexford, and we might almost thank God that when these men passed off, that the State of affairs, then the road would have almost certainly

... were accepted of things been in the hands of
for the use and benefit of those who gave them
their noble reputation. Had the road been built
then Dr. W. H. Barlow & John A. Lane would have
reaped the just reward of their labors, and those
who control them now would have been com-
pelled to pay a just compensation for them, and
others who labored hard to aid the cause in giv-
ing to those springs the just reward of ^{their} "celebrity"
would to day be in excellent circumstances,
for the ^{to} "enjoyment" of the property would have
enabled the doctor to pay, all he owed without
sacrificing any thing. It is true he committed
the fatal blunder himself by marrying that
- I say "bad" woman, for such she proved to be to
words me as well as to those all others who had
any thing to do with the doctor's estate.

I was elected prosecuting attorney in this coun-
ty last fall and I have been putting the ven-
dictors of the Law pretty fast. I have prosecuted
more people since I went into office - the
of you than had been prosecuted in years.
The railroad reached here in 1854 and with it
came that class of people who drift along
all such public through roads and cost
little for the Law, and always give the prosecu-
tents a bad, though they often lay in jail to pay
their fine and costs and then we get nothing
for our work. Still I have made the proceeds
place pay me pretty well. So I would in
Orange county, Ind. if I had been made the
deputy prosecutor under Rob. Myers, but had
never controlled him. I came here last
of January, 1856, and was elected at the time
by a large majority over a fine young man
a fine talent. I refused to run for county judge
and was determined to continue for prosecutor.
But public opinion seemed to be so determined
for me I could not refuse to run.

I move the passage to resolve that I have full satisfaction so far. It is true, last winter some very enthusiastic temperance fanatics held and with me because I did petition and present certain errors selling liquor in violation of the local option liquor law. And as to the error of seals and that court decided that the law was not in force in this county. So the latter close of the temperance folks said I was right in not prosecuting vindictively. I investigated the way the law was attempted to be adopted in this county and after a thorough investigation I came to the opinion that the law was not in force then as a matter of course those temperance said at once that I, too, was under the influence of the liquor power. I said very well, you will see what the higher courts will decide in reference to the law, and so I sent the heart of it. I speak said it was not in force in this Rockwell county. Then another election was taken on its adoption this county and fine, and it was defeated by 116 majority. It was the foolish management of the prohibitionists, in denouncing all who did not agree with them that defeated the adoption of local option law in this county. As you will see by the paper I send you that there is an amendment to the constitution of this state to prohibit the sale or manufacture of liquor within this state. Three months ago it would have carried by quite a majority, even by the time the vote bears it will be 2nd day of August, I believe the same month will be defeated by a majority of more than 100,000 votes. It would be one of the best things that the people of Texas could do. But these are consolation and that is, that they will not vote its adoption. The proposed measure interests in this state is immense and million.

of the papers inserted in these your descriptions. I regret that the preacher took the lead in that manner and that will insure the defeat of any measure, however worthy and useful it may be. I will try and send you some papers on both sides of the controversy to your care for yourself. The draft of the dedication of the subject pro and con.

When I came here this month some certain distance between 300 and 400 inhabitants. Now the certain distance between 1600 & 1800. It was little dilapidated old house at around on the square, but now it is like new town, and there was more business done here in the last 6 months than we had here in 5 years, and this fall will bring a higher

The crops of 1844 will be the greatest ever grown in the State. There will be 15,000,000 bushels of cotton more than of any year. The wheat is being thrashed and one man told me he had thrashed 8 1/2 acres where and the harvest was 2 1/2 bushels per acre and all the others make 2 1/2 bushels per acre; and the quality is the best ever grown in the country. Cattle will sell from \$4.50 to 7.50 and our best horses from \$100 to \$150. The corn is all any one could desire. Many have had roasting ears and some near a million of them. Irish potatoes are all gone except some field beans.

Give James L. Abbott my respects and tell him I sympathize with him at the death of his son. He was gentleman & esteemed very highly. My opinion I would like to receive a letter from him. Give my best respects to your daughter "Betty" and write me when Emma is home my respects to all. I am well and all of those good old people I knew in Stampow creek. I see Jim Baker is dead. When is H. H. Pollock? And your neighbor Mrs. words! Hoping to hear from you soon remain your friend Joseph Cox.

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Dallas, Texas, July 21, 1885

Mr. David B. Brewster;

My dear Sir,

I send you some papers from which you can learn what our crop prospects are. The finest wheat crop ever grown in the State has been gathered in and largely thrashed and yield is large - will average from 25 to 35 bushels to the acre. And the oats is the best for years. We had too much rain in this county that injured and delayed the stacking & thrashing of the wheat & oats, but in other counties the yield is beyond anything ever before. And other crops as potatoes, barley, rye and all garden products are all more ought to be. Corn bids fair to be the best ever grown here and nothing equals the cotton it will be the greatest crop ever raised in any year before. It secures me that the people of Texas are blessed above all others, for certainly the God of Heaven ~~has~~ given the ~~best~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~earth~~ ~~all~~ ~~man~~ ~~could~~ ~~raise~~ ~~in~~ ~~any~~ ~~other~~ ~~land~~ ~~on~~ ~~earth~~, nor ever had the great yield of crops that Texas has been. And please me to say to you that this has been the case ever since I came here. As I have often said the climate is not as good as they do in the western, northern or middle western States. If people here get their crops in season, and that they getting to do more, the crops are the most matured before the day weather sets in.

I trust you will read the paper I send you
& I hope there you can see better than I can with
the conditions of the crops. And I am sure you
will read with interest Sunday's paper, in which
you will find an article about Jeff Davis,
Davis and Gen. Grant. And I am sure you
can see in what light the people ought
to regard Gen. Grant in his affliction. There a deep
sympathy entertained towards him because of
his condition, and so there is ~~now~~ a strong
feeling of ~~regret~~ regret towards Mr. S. J. Davis
in his declining years. We could believe that Gen.
Grant could have ~~endured~~ endured ~~that~~ that ~~in~~ in
other than such a lingering & painful illness.
But it was his own habit, in the excessive use
of the cigar that brought the cancerous sore in his
mouth. I hope he may recover from that and die
a different death, for that is so horrible a thing.
Mr. S. J. Davis is not so great a death as many
of these newspapers items would lead you to
believe. He has ever lived a temperate life and
is now succumbing to old age, and not
having a robust frame of course must
wear out in no great length of time. But he is
happy and contented and only waits the passing
days to leave the end in earth with him.
Davis' intellect is as bright and clear as it ever was
and none in America or elsewhere has a better one.
Mr. Elliott, one of the editors of the Herald writes this arti-
cle about Davis & Grant, & he has been to see Davis in a
very trying and says Davis is one of the most affable
and pleasant men he ever met, the happier & finer
they he ever saw.

I have but little to write about.
I know nothing about Paolo, and
it being nearly burned down again.
Well, I was truly sorry to hear of this
disruption to old & ancient Tower; but
so it is, and they must bear it.

I don't remember whether I wrote to
you since Willie's death. It seems to me
I can't ever forget my dear boy. He
was by all odds the best child we had.
I wrote Rachel Burdett an long account
of Willie and his death and hope you
saw it, for I said all I could about
him. - I mean all I could then, for there are
hundreds of things I call up to mind a-
bout him. A letter or two more ever
had, and why he was taken from us I can't
see. I have one consolation, Willie was indul-
ged almost to his heart's content, for he
went and came when it suited him. He
became acquainted with the Opera House and
saw all the plays had there for years. He was
employed to act as usher to conduct the at-
tendants to their seats and did it so politely
and gracefully that all admired him,
for one of his age. He could always tell us
what the play was and how well performed.
He always came home in good time, & got supper
would never remain at night without his
mother's consent. But he is gone & a mile near ^{life again} death.

I can't see why it is none of you write
to me any more. What have I done that
you are all offended to such degree
that you quit writing. I would send
you and Rachel letters & papers nearly
every week; and a month any way, only
I feel they would not be well received
if so are from Orange County write
to me. I can't see why this should be. I
do not recollect any particular occasion
it is no indignation for me to write no more.
We are all well as usual. The weather is
exceedingly hot. On Saturday, or every day
at 1034103 in town just as in the city in the shade
yet it don't seem to affect us as badly as
in the more northern States. I trust you are
all well, and doing well.

Be so good as to write to me and I
will send you the papers with I could
get the Paoli Papers I sent an obituary na-
tice of Willie's death to Mr. Magendy to put
in his paper to send me and, but I don't
know whether he published it or not. I
got no paper from him or anyone else.
All send their love to you and family.

Yours most respectfully,

Joseph Cox,

P.S. Address to me at No. 316 Main Street
Corner of Main & Market Streets.

Salisbury, N.C.

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Utica Clark Co - Ind

May 18th 1902

Dear Uncle

Your of Apr 27th abt to
land in due time, glad to hear from
you. I am well as usual. And hope
this will find you all well.
The Knotts & Sales all well so far as I
know I was down to jiff or two weeks
ago to day to meeting & at Henrys
last Sunday I went to meeting at Utica
& come home to day I was not so good
I guess I have been lame all day to this
time 1:15 o'clock P.M. I felt as if I
wanted to rest and look as if I dont
rest unless I sit down or lay down and
keep quiet. I was helping build some
fence this last week & I hauled most all
of the Post some big post was heavy to
lift. Well the weather is on the dry
order yet we had one good rain last

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Tuesday 13th but it did not exen fore & has
dried up or about, some pieces of corn
had to be sown well had to plant two
pieces over on this place the cut bushes
took about all that come up it did not
all come been dry & cool up to the last
week & dry yet for the season of the year
but has been warm for several days was
75 yesterday in the shade wheat is tolerable
fare stand but heading out short
we havent had rain enough since
about a year ago to soak the ground
good Orchard Grass will be a light
crop this year, most of Potatoes look
well yet Oats havent made much
growth yet have a prospect for Apples
if they dont drop off too much No Peaches
I believe I wrote you about Mr Sam
Bushfield dying the 15th of latt mo - the
old lady his wife died last Sunday or
Monday Billie Tyler is living yet but
look feeble the last I heard from
Aunt Adda she was up stirring about
& satisfied at her daughter at Liberty Mo.

I had a letter from Alice Kellogg Murphy
of Apr 27th she wrote John K Kellogg is
dead I will give it in her words as follows
"Brother John was drowned Apr 13th 1902
while fording a creek half ^a mile from
home. They use the ford during the
summer but as it is a swift stream
and holes had been washed in its bed
during the winter but which had not
been done before at the ford. The
buggy (he was in) went into one of
these holes and upset. There was a
brake on his temple. And it is supposed
he was struck and stunned some way
so he could not help himself. The
horse was drowned too. His body was not
found for two days all the searching
was kept up continually. He looked
very natural." She says Adela John
wife was nearly prostrated.
Mr. Murphy Alice's husband, preached the
funeral at Adela's request. He left
6 children Lester 14 yr old Earl 13 Angie 10

Jessie S. and John W. 3 months old,
John was born May 10-1849 married
June 1-1889 aged 63 yr 11 mo -
He I believe is the only Child Aunt
Nancy has lost - She is yet with
Alice at Cypressville Cal.

I think some time pretty strong of taking
a trip to Cal I have a desire to see
some of that Western Country
A person can go on an Excursion rate
at certain times for \$60.00, I see in
some of the papers. There was a big day
at Indianapolis last Thursday dedication
of the Soldier Monument By one that
is able to handling a crowd, received at
one o'clock that 12.000 people was in the
street & about the circular where the
monument is located so they have the
monument completed now fifteen years
since it was commenced I believe.

Well I am still staying here the cooking
part bothers me the most - I can make
tolerably good bread & cook or fix meat
good as most of Wm. men. Soil or fix
Potatoes tolerably well. I buy bread some

I will enclose 10¢ to pay Postage on
those letter you say I can have
do you me for me to keep them or
get the information out of them and
return them, I was telling Henry
about them he said he would like to
see them. Well do you still
think you will come down here this
Summer if so lets know

I believe if you are well that it would
do you good Henry & Bobbie would like
to see you down here Mother told me
when school is out she was coming
here to stay a while that will be the
last of this year & Henry though he & family
or a part would come up about the middle
of June & stay a while Well I have
wrote enough I guess for this time hope
will find you & Aunt well also Friends
kind regard to you & Aunt & you
Write again

Shalome Magier

Remember me to Mr. & Mrs. Hoblitt

How is Emma getting along

store keepers in Utica get it fresh &
ever day from Watson ~~Jeff-r~~ but
I cant get to Utica just at the time I
need it all the time I may try this
way for a while but am somewhat
not liking it I told Slater I would
rather he would get some other person
to hold thing to gether here but so he
has not.

I am thinking I will go over and
see the Hartsfields some Sunday
I havent been over for about two years
and hear nothing from them
Thair is some talk of a rail road
from Jeff-r or Watson to Utica from
Watson will be the shortest one to
build at they all ready have one thair
if it should be more then look and
from the later point it will possibly
come through this Farms. Need
something to make more buisness in
and around Utica

Utica Clark Co - Ind
July 20th
1902

Dear Uncle & Aunt

Your letter of June 30
to hand some time ago I intended
to answer before now but business
could not have time it look like
I am tolerable well was feeling
rather no account yesterday but
better to day I seem that you
had some bad storms out your
way. No barns struck here I believe
Sam Lewman lost a cow by lightning
& a horse was killed on his son place
also on for Harry Reed this side
of New Chappel on your side of the
road. We had one storm that blew
down the corn badly but it
straightened up mostly corn crop
promises big if the season is -
= Favorably =

from snow on wheat & O-grass
all thrash on this place had
5:30 bus of wheat off of about 30 ac
93 Sacks of O-grass seed I believe
20 bus of Rye. Potato Crop better
than has been for several year
all good size worth 75¢ to 1.00 Pa
barrell. Was trying to get hay &
oats up last week but had rain
so we have quite a good deal of
hay down yet & all of the oats
had to cut the oats with a mower
as they were down too much for
Cradling Well I still hold faith
her alone but have made up my
mind to quit sooner or later dont care
how soon dont know just what
I will do but think one thing I
will do & that is to come & see you
doe you think of coming down
this summer we would all
be glad to see you down here
Come down if you can let Bolie
or I know when if you come
Ben Burt talks of coming down

he lives at Lexington Michigan
his wife is yet in Chicago he has a
girl born in June she has two
children now those has a girl
born in June she has a boy & a
girl she yet lives in New York
no word from Laura for some
time. N. H. Davis I suppose are
well not saw them since in
Apr always all well so fare
as I know I was their a while
June 23rd Jeffersonville had a
Centennial Parade that day claims
to be 100 yr old the performance
was not just what the people
expected had some speeches after
the Parade. seems to me it has
improved slow for 100 years
we have had some very warm
weather this summer not long
at a time 99 to 100 in the shade very
Pleasant to day west or north west
wind I hope their will not be
any long hot spell as we
had last summer.
I haven't heard from Hartfield
a long time have thought I
would go over there but
haven't got there yet.

I expect I will help drive 40
head of Cattle to Louisville Ky
to-morrow. Hattie sold that number
to two men out at Greensburg
this State at 85-00 per hundred
he thinks they will average 1000 lbs
head.

You sent me 5 old letters which
I received last week. Thanks to
you for them I have read them
over 11 in all but had so much
to do & see after home & gear that
close thought so as to get all the
history points out of them.

Not thinking of anything more of
much interest will close for
this time. Hope all are well.

Kind Regards to you & Aunt
Write or come Absalom Frazer

Give my compliments to Mr
J. L. Nobblitt. Yes am a war train
is two or three women that wants
Mrs in place of Miss. I prefer not
to consider the subject under
present situation.

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and i am going to keep it far
we a cow it will soon make a cow
we have got 4 fine Pigs they will weigh
50 lbs each of them we have got the
finest Boudé cow we ever had she
has good luck she will find Pigs the
20th of April. We are feeding our
4 Pigs now for our next next winter
we Butchered 4 fine Hogs in January
i think we will have plenty of meat
to do us i have got a fine lot of
Chickens i am going to get a book 20 Hens
i am going put out a large garden
we are get Buisy now the 2nd time 2 times
as hot as Summer time
i think we will get our farm
work done Eiser than we did last year
John has sint for him a new
Disk Cultivator plow and he can do
his Plowing Eiser and in half the time
i think i will Clean house next week
we are still living on the same farm
this is a good little farm but this
this is our last year. we could stay stay
here as long as we wanted to but we
have rented a farm about a mile from
here good Buildings and 50 acres of ground
and lots better and Richer land. The plow
are

this is a rite Tuff neighbor hood
rite here but i dont take in with bad
company, you always taught me to live and
is rite and i have kept your word i go to
to church and that is about all the place
i go one and John a. Casper went to
Arcansaw, Bliesville, last 2eptember this State
joins with Arcansaw, the State line is just
4 Miles from here and we went to Haystack
about 15 Miles from here last fall.
they are some good People here and
some that ar Tuff, they is but a few
old Settlers here.

John has gone to see Mr Smith he
is of bad sick that is one of our
near neighbors i cant help but praise
this neighbor hood for good health
our children has had just a few little sick
spells since we come we havent saw
a Doctor.

May Jella is talking of coming home
rite and if she does i wish you would
send me some Pole Beans and some Black
Beans, the Bugs get in mine and eat em
Every one up. if you have them to
spare i want to get a start
any how.

Ma we are better satisfied everday we stay here
Casper and Gretchen is so fat you
cant hardly see their eyes. But Dessa is
growing tall, and 2 of them grow fast they are
all big enough to help me work this
summer

Ma about the first of Aug.
we will send \$20 if we dont have
any bad luck. that will help you
through next winter.

and one year from this July.
if we all live and nothing happens.
after our crops is laid by, that will
be about the first week in July we are
going to come home on a visit
we are going to drive through in a wagon
and John wants to bring his two Jersey cow
back we can get back in time to pick
our cotton

Ma we would send you
some more money this but we have bin
out so much. We had to buy a wagon
and our Farming tools last Spring cost
us \$36 and John bought me a Sewing Machine
cost \$20. and he had the Children Pictures
enlarged they cost \$6. and we have lots of things new
in the House that we had to have you and
Mr Burt cheer up and in one year from
this July be ready to come home with us and
live with us the Children and I love

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