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Niagara co. Lewistown May 14-1850

My beloved son we arrived at Erie a week ago last Sunday night found all well & extremely glad I think to see us. Had a very pleasant visit Louisa's husband is not the man we had supposed he is the son of a Clergyman formerly of that place but now dead Her husband is a highly respectable man a Lawyer now a member of the State Legislature. He stands very high as a man of worth in Erie. Calista is yet in or near Philadelphia will be at home in about 7 months Aunt Rhoda has a house nearly finished close by Buffalo all have much to say about you, want much to see you Ruth & Monell for Schlabach on Monday night following our arrival there & I left for this the ^{Wednesday} ~~Thursday~~ left - got here on Thursday P.M. As the church here were without a minister I was unwilling to stay over the Sabbath & preach. I complied & have consented to preach for them next Sabbath. The church expects to be highly pleased with my preaching & say they can readily raise a salary of 400 hundred dollars for me. If it were not for my old troubles I suppose I should be welcomed to pulpits enough. I don't know yet whether I shall stay longer than an other Sabbath. If not the church will help me to some 14 or 16 dollars & it may be I shall do some good - I have already visited many sinners - Even should I stay here ever so long I intend to visit

S. I. Lawrence shortly probably next week -

I left Robert Deer bay in Milwaukee. I had to wait
two weeks for his money. I hoped he could get
into some business there until he should get his
money. It is not the fact he should visit John.
Perhaps this letter will find him with you when
I mail this. I shall mail a line for him to Milwaukee.
I am due to Clark - I was very sick coming down
but am now very well. It affects me when I think
how fearful the distance between me & my beloved
children. Still I am not unhappy but rather cheerful
in mind. I hope you my dear John are happy &
that you anticipate nothing but good. I think you
are constitutionally rather happy. Those new notions of
in respect to certain religious points with which my mind
as you know has of late been somewhat disturbed. I have
rather a sense of peace as I think I do see all
all to Jesus when you write me again. Perhaps you
will express your feelings in respect to this matter.
If Robert is with you advise as well as you can.
I think if he ~~can~~ will get into good business he had better
come east & call here on his way - I may be here -
My best regards to Mr & Mrs Cherry - Robert has
not been call on Ruth & as but few Baals call there
but he can do as he shall choose & so also as to Grace
they would be glad indeed to see him - I have written
nothing of interest I know but I must sleep - God bless you John -

Write as you finishes waiting this do not delay —
I ever more subscribe your loving Father Eugene

Dr. John. L. Lingersoll
New Britain -

Waukesha County -
Wisconsin

My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. J. [Signature]

May 24 1855

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Lancaster Schuyler Co N.Y.
Dec 26th 1830

Dear Brother

I received your truly
welcome letter Christmas day & one from
Father & Sister Ruth. I consider them all
about the best Christmas present I ever
received I had been waiting with great
anxiety to hear from you a long time
& was indeed happy to get a letter from you
& learn of your welfare. Father & Ruth
are well Father is preaching in Madison he
don't know how long he is going to stay
Ruth & says she wants to go the Mutual College
that you spoke of to me & she wants me to
furnish her with some money. if I thought
it was the best she could do I would help her
workingly but I think of it about as you do
but if she is put on going I will give her
\$50.00 for my part but I wish she
wouldn't go. Roby & Eliza are well. John our
Circumstances are some what similar & I think
we had keep on good terms. Now I'll tell you
how to do it. Every dark & drizzling night

you take your pen & pen a good long
letter to me & I'll insure will keep on good
terms. My health is splendid never was better
My long fellow if 160^{lbs} is all you wish I can
beat you all to hollow. I was ~~sorry~~ about two
weeks ago & I weighed 168 lbs. true blue.
if you did not know it I am in a country
where there is plenty of Corn bread Bacon
venison wild turkeys partridges & all other
kinds of game while I think of it I must
tell you what I've done in the game line
about 4 weeks I was out hunting & shot
a splendid wild deer & skinned it & have
got the skin tanning if you don't believe
it I can show you the skin when I see you
& I hope that will be before long I have
killed 3 wild turkeys one partridge some
squirrels I never was in such a country for
game wild turkeys sell for five cents a
piece the best ones you ever saw I wish
you could be here about two weeks to hunt
with me. My six months was out just now
I expect to stay till spring Eb Wright
wants me to come & go in company with
him in the lumber trade I am looking

I feel fine
I am
of course
writing
this
to
you

For a letter from him every week the
I shall know what I shall do about it
The people about here think there never was
a letter from him the people there have
I shall say nothing about further laws or laws
made I see you I don't understand what home
you mean in your letter I have had one letter
from Mary twice the return from the Earl
He is unhappy with I almost wish you
is about that He says they are going to leave
to him I think I feel sorry for him in that
I feel quite sorry for you on account of them
being no more sickness in your country
There is no sickness in this country I sh
write to Ruth today I think nothing more of
importance that will interest you with the
do work etc + I will do to you by the
will I shall be in the spring then
I can be you all the more + a letter which
to him for this country I sh I think I sh
to study law from what Ruth says indirectly
going to church for I might do with a
would. We had no shoes here with the
ready of her it has been every day this
for the last day for this long

Do ever your affl Otho C. L. Higginson

Lancaster Mo
Jan 1

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Dr John Snyersole

New Berlin

Waukesha Co

Wisconsin



Whit Hall - Dec 7th / 54 -

Dear Son John I have long & long been waiting
to ascertain whether or not I should stay here this winter
before writing. Do not be grieved with me for this long delay
You know I can never cease to love you as myself
no more - I now expect to remain here until I
shall return west which I intend to do during the
coming Spring. Which I shall try to see you on my
way I can't say but it is highly probable & when I
come for Monon take dear Lily with me. The boys
as perhaps you know have purchased a house & lot of
some acres, in Monon for five hundred & fifty dollars
& they wrote me saying they could not pay for it unless
I could send them a check for one hundred dollars
I sent them a check two weeks ago for eighty five
dollars only, as I could not find one for more -
I for Lily makes expense for you I shall I not been called
on by the boys for money I should have sent you a
trifle at least before this time - but I intend to send you
some as soon as I will con - John tell me how
you get along & whether you get much business in
the way of your profession or not. The boys talk largely
about their success in their new business - I have often
wondered you had gone into the law business or some
business not as laborious as the practice of Medicine -
Hundreds of times in a year I wish you would give it up
though fully convinced of your great qualifications for

for successful peace - Your location I think an
improvement on but if you are content & happy
very well, go on & prosper. I well know that a man's
life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he
possesseth - O if I were at rest about the eternal
^{interests} of your dear brothers as I am about yours or could
as to their true temporal interests as I am about
yours. I would bless God Dear sons how greatly
I long to have their feet upon the true Rock of
Salvation. I have just been writing a letter to them
in answer to one I received from them all
yesterday, Aah! Nov 10th the letter was long & detained
at Hibernia - At the Aah they were all well -
Do write to them often & with some kind exhortations
to the service of God - You have great influence
as a Brother not only but a wise & godly man with them
I hope Aah 'Tennepa & the little Aah are well &
happy & Elizabeth too with yourself. I love to think
of you & yet it is connected with a pang of
sorrow always because it reminds me of our well
nigh separation. O how such prayers as:
Cunning Anders as live in my heart leap out out
& ascend to God daily nightly & almost hourly
for you my dear son & for yours which I presume
are equalled in warmth & numbers by your prayers
gushing from your bosom up to God for your aged
Father. I am comforted with my love for you is
cold & frosty - I could bless God even my tongue being
frozen in Aah for such a son God bless you John.

well it will soon be Spring - though it is now winter
in good constant snow is now a foot in depth the
are running briskly My health is quite good in
most respects though my lungs are not right
should I take a severe cold I should be afraid of its effects
upon my lungs. I preach every Sabbath there are
some hopeful conversions to God occurring from
time to time. Here, on last Sabbath the subject of
young men our very promising young men in the
has lately turned to Christ who has for several
years been an infidel. but my preaching the
last week to him new & convincing he is a young
man of much reading has read all infidel
books. He has nearly gone to Castleton to enter
school. I suppose he is looking forward to the
gospel ministry. All here are my friends so far as
I know but yet the place is not a promising one
I am as comfortable & happy here as you could expect
I have well up to this day a first rate boarding place
but the family is about to be enlarged so can board here
no longer. I expect to leave this afternoon & do not know
for certain when I shall go I with our Hebrew relations
all spent Thanksgiving Day with Brother & sister Gilbert
in Grinnell I much faith of this. The season was pleas-
ant but some of my dear children were present. How I
wonder they were - I but we on first morning the stone of our
enduring home when I hope we future will be wanting.
John I Gilbert your cousin is working in this District he is
very promising candidate - I offer to be Grinnell & Hebron

As they all are glad to see me it is about certain
as is supposed here that Clark is our Governor Hoping
nobody can think of so — I must close. I will write to Mr.
Lille I say soon. I was glad in time to get him. I will
soon write you again. Do write now & direct to White Hall
Washington Co. N.Y. soon to all people that I am in the little
one & say for me God bless you all your aff. J. S. J. S. J. S.

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Dea John S. J. S. J. S.

Prospect Hill, Waukegan, Co.

W. S. J. S.