



Mr B. Frank Butler
Fair Haven
Main

Athens Dec^r 25th 1868.

Dear Brother Frank,

I wish you a merry Christmas. It is a beautiful day we have had a long snow storm and it has cleared off pleasant.

We are all pretty well and enjoying ourselves as well as we can.

I hope you are very happy with your infant son I congratulate you. It appears you have had your wish for once. I hope that Eliza and the baby are well.

I wish I could see you all.

Mary and Robert were up on a flying visit day before yesterday through them I learned that our folks were all well. I suppose you hear all the news when Mary writes. I write so seldom

(Enclosed find gum for "Spans")

Frank

that I dont expect to be very
newsy. Chester Calder is
spending the winter at his fathers
he always speaks of you when
I see him which is not very often.
The boys are all away this winter
excepting Frank. Willie is at Mr
Kings the next house below here.
Johnny is where he worked last sum-
mer. Gozey is up to Golen to Adria
Wales. all are going to school.
I have heard from Hannah once
since she got home from Miss
My help consists of a woman and
child 18 months old. It is rather hard
for my nerves. Willie and Frank
wrote to you last month. Willie
talks of going west next spring if
he can make it pay. I must close write soon

one getting wrong yours in no

or

some



Mr. Benj. F. Butter
Fair Haven
Stearns. Co.
Minn

While on a visit up to Esby, I found that dy dia Green was married
to a young man who worked for them a very handsome man, as it was
never at home I thought I would write you, the 6 photos all next
together as a keepsake.

Shouhagen Aug 26 1869

Dear Brother Frank
I rec'd yours of the
16th last night, was glad to hear
you were all well, I had rec'd no letters
from Eliza in answer to those
containing the Photographs and put
off sending the others till I heard
from you, they are all very poor
pictures especially Willie's - he will have
a better one taken of him this fall
or winter,
My health is about the same, I feel
very gradually, but my mind is pretty
cheerful for one who feels herself so
useless as I do, for the bible says
there is nothing made in vain so
must have been of some use, sometime
if not now perhaps I can outlive my
usefulness,
Hannah read Martha Dadkins and
little Willie made their appearance
down here about 5 weeks ago, she brought
little Allans picture, she looks as lively
as can be, I dont see how you kept
her still long enough to get so good
a picture, I wish you could come on
to Maine and visit us, I dont know as
I shall ever get settled in this world
there is and never has been any home for

no wide from what I have made
in the air - and if at last our home
should be in the clouds mine will
be more beautiful than any I have
ever seen on Earth, Pisee by the papers
that the Indians are again breaking out
I hope you will not be molested by
them, poor creatures they feel as
though the white man had robbed them
of their homes and country, I pity
the Indians they will soon have no place
on Earth

I am glad to hear crops have turned
out so well in the West, every thing is
very high here, but we shall have
better crops than we expected to
have, just think of butter being 50 cts
a pound in summer when it used
to be 10 cts, it will cost us something
to live this year

When I last heard from Mr Warner
he was about to go on board transports
what destination he did not know
he was pretty well then although troubled
with his old complaint Night Blindness
he has had Typhoid fever, when I wrote
to him I direct to Band 2nd Maine Cavalry
New Orleans - La - but I suppose his
address will soon be changed, if so in my
next I will let you know as he will like
to receive a letter from you, I hear Burnham
this man is at home sick but getting better

A lot like flying very much
and I hope you
and I hope you
affectional - Dicks
Pomona

We like Martha very
I must close, love
I must close, love
I must close, love

BARNEY V
AUDY
STEARNS
ST. CLOVIS

If not called for in
turn as above



John B. Vandervoort Esq
Ct. Dist. No. 21,
Fair Haven
Vt.

Auditor's Office, Stearns County, Minnesota,

St. Cloud, Wednesday, Oct 25 1871,

Mr. John P. Vandervort

Clerk of School District No. 31.....

Sir :-- I have this day, in accordance with law, apportioned the **CURRENT AND STATE SCHOOL FUND**, in the County Treasury among the several School Districts. This division gives 123 cents to every person between the ages of 5 and 21 years returned to this Office in November last. The number returned from your District is 60. You are therefore entitled to \$ 7 95, which amount your District Treasurer can draw upon filing in this Office your Certificate, as required by Section 25, Chapter 36, Page 303, General Statutes as amended.

Very Respectfully Yours,

BARNEY VOSSBERG,

Auditor of Stearns County, Minn.

Anna says they like it all
very much the
organist - says
the voice is
beautiful

Fair Haven, Minn
Dec 13th 1891

Dear Frank

You will have to
excuse my led pencil again
the ink has frozen so it is
nearly white. Your letter came
Thursday night all right had
one from Anna, but Louisa
invited me down there Christmas
going to send for you or want you
to go. I dont think it would
hardly pay to go to a Christmas
dinner and cost ten dollars
to get there and back. I am
going over to Mrs Pattens next
week and see for Mrs Patten. I
dont suppose I shall get your
letter nor write to you next
week. Can say if you will.

wrote to her next week instead of
me she will answer it so you can
get it Friday night, it will be just
as well as though I wrote. I was
out to Eric's last week, we got along
nicely I had rather keep home than
to see anyone using my strings
though Ella takes good care of
everything. I guess you need not
worry about fire Ella is as careful
as you are, how long are they going
to live here I hope not a year. there
won't be any chores in the summer
to do. I can live alone, Erving has
been hauling wood & hay and some
straw he don't hurt old Jule. I guess
don't get up early enough in the
morning to hurt anything, he has
changed wonderfully about going
to bed and getting up. make me
provoked to see any body act so silly.

One of Owen Rice's children (Abie's)
is not expected to live information

and water on the brain I watched
with him Sunday night. he is paraly-
sed his arms. he doesnt appear as
Frankie did he has his sense and
can see. the Dr says he may live
several days. Mrs Rice has a young
daughter I do pity her she cant see
him she was sick after Abes' was.
George Royce's wife has been quite sick
trying to do what she has done before
hasnt succeeded yet - guess she
wont hope now. Sade is well
smart - John is going up in the
pincup next week Monday. Mrs Webb
has a felon. Wallace Smith's wife
has got another baby. Fannie Warren is
full of curative. Lana is well
and smart as a cricket - so am I
I am invited over to Mrs Linscotts
to tea it is most - night - I guess she
will give me up - I am doctored so
much people surmising in I dont
know what to do - I havent had time

to make any Christmas presents, you
aint at home so I dont- can so much
they are not going to have a tree
either I can buy something to put
in Lanas stocking- When the
collecton comes I will see how much
our taxes are. I am afraid you will
have a hard time with your fingers
you must be careful. I expect you will
suffer this winter. though the weather
is beautiful- now. I am making
a dress for Mrs Linscott I guess I shall
earn enough to put me in spending
money for awhile. I have to buy better
thread line for Lana's dress these
little things all count up. I put
down every cent- I spend. You can
do just as you please about writing
next week perhaps I might- have
a chance to send for it. I shant
feel bad if I dont- because I dont
suppose I can write to you-

Your loving wife Eliza Butler

MINNEHANTA
MILLS

Fair Haven Mines
Dec. 20th 1871

My darling-

I did not go over
to Mrs Pattens as I expected
she did not get her dress. So
I checked out of one of your
good letters I left bad about
that I tell you I thought I
would write to you just the
same I dont know when I
shall go, I shall be glad when
next Tuesday comes seems like
an age since I have heard from
you. I am busy all the time
dussmaking, I have got to buy
something to put in Lana's
stocking they are not going
to have a tide here this year.
I have got cloth to make you

a pair of Slippers I have not had
time to make them. I sew until
ten o'clock most every night sometimes
a little later, you can count them
as a Christmas Present. I will try
and have them done before you
come home. Lana is learning real
fast. Wasnt it cold yesterday I thought
of you a great many times. I expect
you will freeze to death.

Mr Rice folks lost their little
boy he was buried last Sunday
Mr Rice wouldnt have it he was
going to die. he told most everyone
that went in there Dr Wheelock
was curing Abie and if we had
had the same Dr Frankie would
have been alive when I went in
after the child ^{did} Mr Rice buried
out-crying said Abie died too
they all felt very bad poor
Mr Rice was sick a bed it did
seem bad - he didnt appear much

like Frankie still he did some.
I knew he would ~~not~~ die just as
soon as I saw him - I had a letter
from Ma today she said they
just received a letter from you
they are expecting you down there
I think you had better go if you
can. They have got a nice Turkey
What did Ewing write to you
about. Ella told me he had
written to you he never has
mentioned it to me. Old Jule
has been standing in the stable
all day to day and its fact every
day this week. The Baptists are
holding meetings here dont
seem to be much interest yet.
I wish their might I think the
Old professors need waking
up. Do you like your boarding
house? I dont believe you do you
dont brog on it as you did your
boarding house last Summer



John Dean has gone, this town
 is full of Grass widows this
 winter. I hope I shant be one
 next winter. I cant think of
 anything of importance to write,
 Next time I will try and write
 with ink.

Give my love to Aaron,
 + Mr Mayalls folks. The Kimballs
 folks wished to be remembered
 to you. Receive lots of love &
 kisses from your wife & daughter.

I have got to mail this this
 evening. Good bys - I remain
 Lida A Butler



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