



Thomas Montgomery and family papers.

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Dear Brother Thomas

I received your letter of August 17

and was glad to hear of you being well
we are all well at present and getting along
well we have not heard from Sandy for 2
weeks he was well when he last wrote

We received a letter last week from Cousin
W. Henry he was well and still in Pittsburg
the weather is very cool now at nights it is
impossible for any one to get any hay this
fall there being so much water on the marshes

We had a new Organization in our Sunday School
last Sunday they elected me for Librarian we got
some new books the folks around Cleveland
are all well at present John Jones has commenced
threshing so has C. Hill there has been a great deal
of loss of grain this summer and fall by being
so much heavy rain the boats are running up and
down the river yet you said you were coming
up North soon to attend to some business

that will interest us all I can tell what
it is unless you are going to get Married
give my respects to that girl of yours

We are going to have a fair in Cleveland
next month they are working on the grounds
now we are going to have a race course of

Cleveland Sept 3/66

it is best I write you now
I will not write if you do not
in a circle Mrs. Thinsley got back last
Sunday from St Paul to stay he is well
Mrs Jones of Mankato was inquiring of me
how you were she sends her respects to
you and wishes when you come home to
make them a visit she and family are
well I must draw this letter to a close
as I have nothing more of interest to write
so good by for the present from your
Brother James Charles Montgomery

My dear Son Thomas I wish to write a few lines
to you although you did not mention my name in
your last letter. Nevertheless I was glad to hear of your
welfare & good health. My own health remains good
for which I praise God. We got through harvest
although it was tedious owing greatly to the heavy
rains & considerable loss has been in the crops in this
State this year by them. I was anxious to hear of
your safe return from New Orleans, for I was fearing
for you on account of the Cholera being there and so
many persons dying by its ravages. I am glad that
it has not visited Baton Rouge and of God's goodness
to you in the preservation of your health & the blessings
of his gracious Providence. With regard to joining the
regular Army you know best yourself. I think if you
can get a good position it might not be wrong to accept it.

I am ~~very~~ thankful for the advice you gave to Bro. J. C.,
he feels lonely to be sure but he has good encouragement
to labour on diligently. I would be glad that Bro. Sandy
would come back and remain at home, perhaps he
will. There is one thing to which you alluded in your
last letter you said you "waited to go North before many
months roll by, to attend to something which may interest
us all." If it would ^{not be} wrong we would wish to know what
that something is. Whatever it is, maybe I hope it will be
for your soul & body's good. Capt. Carter cashed the last
cheque you sent he wished me to send you his best
respects. he said he was sorry that he did see you
last summer when you were at home. Bro. McElroy
preached in Cleveland a week ago yesterday with
me also to give you his respects. I think you had
better remain as you are until Mustered out. mean
time, you might let your applications & work ^{course} their.
But remember to "Be careful for nothing but in everything
by prayer & supplication, let your requests be made known
to God." And then O the delightful promise will be ven-
"The Lord will direct thy paths" Amen & Amen
I have often for sometimes past longed to see you
& to see you out of the Army, but the will of the Lord
be done. I have tried to manage your money to the
best possible advantage & I can not complain of your
success till the present. O may God bless & protect you
in soul & body is the prayer of your affectionate
Father till death. A. Montgomery
P.S. still continue to write often as usual we will always be glad to hear from you

My Dear son Thomas we received your
Dear letter on Friday last and was hoping
to hear of your health being good and of your
safe return from New Orleans I recd a letter
also from my nephew Henry together
with an inclosed letter from Sister Ma-
riam by her and Sister Henry request
it was sent to me the sent their love to you
and am not unthankful to you for writing
and soon she says Sister Margaret and her
little family are an our muchel piece there
to look upon from time to time the are all
well I desire you must Henry I plans with
you for not writing to her I wish you
would if you have not and send her one
of your best pictures and so on I sent one of
mine to William and one for him to send to
his mother for me I send in closed a few
lines of William to am to hope you are at
home with us to comfort me in the absence
of my other son son as it must be agreed
I told to me the sent their love to send
my son since we got your last letter during
the night and day I may say I have been
conversing with you in my own way
I may say all the time and also with Sister
in mind but not in person I have not time
at present to enlarge on many subjects
father wished to write and I let him
have the first part pray to god to direct you
in all things and if you will I will direct you
mother to her sister and son &c with affection