

Winter 2-15-1863

Letter from Achsah Lemont to Frank L. Lemont, February 15, 1863

Achsah Lemont

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My Dear Brother:

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Since I made you that I suppose you
will not be satisfied with any thing
short of a long letter. I thought of
sending a letter by Aaron when
I was out but he has not received
it then and I thought mine would
not be interesting after reading so
many letter ones. We have not
had a letter from you for over a
fortnight and are beginning to
want one sadly. I wish you could
have been at home when Aaron was
I think you would have enjoyed
it much. Gussy & George was down

here and stayed over a week and
Mellie stayed two nights. I like
her very much. She was well.
Mother was charmed with her.
By the way, Mother went up to
Grove to visit, and went to
all and stayed all
nights. She is very much pleased
with the whole of the family.
I went to a Circle these two weeks
ago, had a real good time. The
only time I have been there since
you went away.

Loy dia and Julius
B. Riggs were here and spent the
evening last evening. Loy dia is
one of the best girls there is
to be found. I called to the
Miggins last week. (A. La Smith
that was) in his new home. She
boarded at the Thine Hotel

in Auburn. had a very pleasant
call. Her rooms are furnished very
nice and I see nothing why she may
not enjoy herself and she cer-
tainly appears to enjoy herself
very much. I am ought to have been
there to see her. I had a very good time
and I judged from appearances
that she was just. but perhaps
some better in her it was repeated
the next night.

I get along first rate
don't know any trouble. but I'd
wish you were at home I long for
your presence and to be all of us
but yet we cannot tell what is to
the best we could be assured
it was best for you to come home
how quiet would the world be
if you were here with us.

but perhaps it will be best for
you to stay yet a little while longer.
I know it is disagreeing to the
Soldiers, it must be but it will
come out right I hope. I must
if it were not for the fact the heart
would break, I'm convinced that
Mr Colburn will be in command
before two weeks. I suppose such
a change would ^{be} pleasing to you
and restore your confidence. If he
is the right man I sincerely
hope he will again come into
command, again.

We move all up to Grandfather
last Sunday, 1861. It was possible
I don't think we can live as great
while. Grandmother is as well
as usual, just as good as

Mother has got a sore under her arm
that makes her feel rather miserab-
le. She has been able to meet all
the demands that have come and
has not been out of money yet.

Agni Merrill paid her ~~\$12.00~~
1.65.00 last week. We get along first
rate dont worry a ~~not~~ particle about
us, for we want for nothing. I am
very glad you took pains to write
to us so soon it has relieved us
of a very great anxiety. Please write
a few lines if no more just to let us
know how you are as often as you
can. I heard the other day that
Cavers Paggett was coming home
has got his discharge I suppose on
account of not being able to do duty.
Mother saw Chastley. He ate kings
name in the paper killed in battle

'it seems sad that he should be
cut down in his youth, when he had
just got himself through College
and ready to commence life how many
such will be cut down, how many
have already been.

The Methodist Society had a Service last
Thursday night and I went with
Mrs Russell and wife if it was not
for them I should have to stay at
home all the time.

Grandfather Sargers folks were all
well the last time we heard from
them I have not been up to Grand
since we moved from there.

Thos Holland got home week
before last. He was sick and got
his discharge. I have written quite
a long letter if not a good one. visit very
often. Good Bye. Achis

Since writing the above Mrs
Russell and I have been to
ride. We had a beautiful time
is it very good sleighing though
it - has thawed considerable
to-day and the water stands in
the road quite deep. We went
down on the Lisbon road about
two miles and a half and then
round by Goose Hill school-
house over the toll bridge home
I haven't had many good sleigh
rides this winter there hasn't
been any much very good sleigh-
ing. Yesterday was Valentine's
Day but not a one did I get
but I may get one yet - for the
rest of the month they can be
sent - I would send one if I
knew who to send it - to - but -

I cannot-choose between so many. "By the way" I believe you expressed something like a wish in one of your letters to me that I would be careful and not get-entangled (I believe that was the word you used) now my dear Brothers ~~to~~ fear nothing of the kind for me. the fellows all stand alog from me as though there was something very repulsive about me what it is I dont know but be assured of one thing I t-dont-trouble me much.

Now, I want-to know why you dont write to us over two weeks have passed since we heard one word from you Mother is getting very anxious about-you. ~~to~~ please write as soon

as you get this. Sis and Mother have both mislitten you lately. I beg your pardon for neglecting to write so long I will try and not-let so long a time pass again without-writing. I am still in the shop and I dont know but I am fated to remain there the rest of my days. It is hard times and if I can earn a little it will relieve Mother a little.

I have just-read a letter that your Dear Mother wrote Sis in which she wishes her to send you her Respects.

I am afraid you cant-read this for this is plain paper to write on and I thought we had some better till I went-after it-to write- say on

will excuse it - and also the
pencil. I am determined to
write a long letter if not - a good
one I dont - know what I have
written and dare not - read it -
over, for fear I shall be ashamed
to send it - and I have not
time to write another. It is most
mine & A. look and Mother has gone
to bed, and Josie Maggie and
myself are alone.

Everet - Mowers has taken to him
self a better half in the form
of Miss Julia Alexander.
Alas! for human nature they will
all do so. pray do not let any
one see this for it looks dread-
fully so please keep it - to your self
Remember to write often and we
will try and do the same. (A. J. M. M.)

Lewiston Feb 15th /63

My Dear Brother,

It has been such a long time (?) since I wrote you that I suppose you will not be satisfied with anything short of a long letter. I thought of sending a letter by Aaron when he went but he carried several letters and I thought mine would not be interesting after reading so many better ones. We have not had a letter from you for over a fortnight and are beginning to want one sadly. I wish you could have been at home when Aaron was I think you would have enjoyed it much. Gussy Sawyer was down here and stayed over a week and Nellie stayed two nights I like her very much. She was well. Mother was charmed with her "by the way" Mother went to Greene to meeting and went to _____ (?) and stayed all night. She is very much pleased with the whole family.

I went to a Circle there two weeks ago. had a real good time the only time I have been there since you went away.

Lydia and Julia Briggs were here and spent the evening. Lydia is one of the best girls there is to be found. I called to see Mrs Wiggins last week. (Ada Smith) that was in her new home. She boards at the Maine Hotel in Auburn had a very pleasant call. her rooms are furnished very nice and I see nothing why she may not enjoy herself and she certainly appears to enjoy herself hugely. You ought to have been _____ the school(?) they did. I had a very good time and I judged from appearances that the rest did, but perhaps some better when it was repeated the next night.

We get along first rate dont have any trouble. but Oh! I wish you were at home I long for your presence and so do all of us but yet we cannot tell what is for the best. could we be assured it was best for you to come home how quick would the words come home be written but perhaps it will be best for you to stay yet a little while longer I know it is discouraging to the soldiers it must be but it will come out right I hope they must(?) keep(?) up(?) good courage and _____ ? if it were not for hope the heart would break. It is rumored that McClellan will be in command before two weeks. I suppose such a change would be pleasing to you and restore your confidence. If he is the right man I sincerely hope he will again come into command.

We were all up to Grandfathers last Sunday. He is very feeble I dont think he can live a great while. Grandmother is as well as usual and just as good.

(no second sheet - no signature)

(the following probably finishes this letter. This sheet was found with letter of Oct. 25, 1863)

Mother has got a sore under her arm that makes her feel rather miserable. She has been able to meet all the demands that have come and has not been out of money yet. Ogn Merrill paid her \$112.00 last week. We get along first rate dont worry a particle about us for we want for nothing. I am very glad you took pains to write to us so soon. it has relieved us of a very great anxiety. please write a few lines if no more just to let us know how you are as often as you can. I heard the other day that Convers Daggett was coming home has got his discharge. I suppose on account of not being able to do duty

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Everet Mower has taken to himself a better half in the form of Miss Julia Alexander alas for human nature they will all do so. pray do not let any one see this for it looks dreadfully so please keep it to yourself Remember to write often and we will try and do the same

A. Jennie Le