

Transcript of Letter from J.S. Lemont to Frank L. Lemont, May 18, 1863

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My Dear Son

yes you seem doubly dear to me since you have been engaged in this terrible strife in our country I have heard of nothing since you left to lower you in my estimation I have always heard a good report of you, the Goss boys wrote that you and Capt Daggett were the best fellows they ever saw, if you had not had a large place in my affections I never should have made so many and such earnest appeals to you to be a good man it always seemed as though I never could let you go out from me without warning you to shun the paths of evil perhaps I said too much but it was a weighty subject you asked me to remember you to him in whom I trusted I do try to pray for you it is the burden of my prayers that you might be prepared for whatever may be yours to meet your earnest appeal for me to have some one to help me sounds as though you had not forgotten me I thank you for so much feeling but dont feel uneasy for me I get along nicely the the hardest is over nearly it was rather hard at first but I thought if I had a boy I should only have them to wait upon I should have to look out for everything and it would only make it more perplexing your Father says my stock looks complete I can tell you I am quite a farmer the girls say they expect I shall be out on the farm to work but I shant try that.

Achsah went to Walter Whittums funeral yesterday where did he leave you poor fellow died among strangers how should I have felt could I have borne it the nurse found a letter in his pocket after he was dead directed to his father or they would not have known where to have sent to his folks I never have seen the time that I (was) willing to give you up to die there no I cannot I have always had faith that you would return and I hope to be a blessing to us and yourself, you inquired after Josie she is feeble but I hope gaining slowly she rode out to day seven weeks since she had hardly been out doors I dont know what ails her she dont complain of much excepting weakness we are getting strengthening things for her, she keeps your likeness sitting beside her all the time

we got your four last letters I should go down if it was not looking for letters every week do be punctual if (you) can I feel sometimes that I should have you at home if I could I sometimes feel most worn out with anxiety but I must be patient and hope for the best I beg of you to take the best of care (of) your health/it seems to me it must be sickly

where is Mr Gould wont you write if you know she is very uneasy driven almost to desperation you know her turn your Father has been down in the Meadow fighting fires all day it got on to the wood lot but has not injured it much as yet I hope you are well how I want to see you Grand-mother Sawyer wants me to remember her to you and says you are not out of her

mind but very little

write often we feel verry uneasy now unless we hear from you
from your interested Mother

Frank L. Lemont

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