

Transcript of Letter from Achsah Lemont to Frank L. Lemont, November 16, 1862

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Lewiston Nov 16th 1862

My Dear Brother:

I received yours of the fifth yesterday. Mother also rec'd one from you dated Nov 7th. We are rejoiced to hear that your health is so good though it seems that you are not quite strong by your having to ride horse-back a part of the time. Where do you get your horse to ride? Do be careful of your health for our sakes. What could we do without you, our only dependence for your health I fear much. for your morals I fear but little, for I know that you have a strong principle of right within you. You will see by the date of my letter that we have moved. We came last Thursday and left the old house alone. it looked very lonely there, I suppose it looks very much like some of the deserted houses you see in Virginia. I think we shall be contented and happy here at least all but Mother poor Mother she is very sad since we came here of course she would miss Father more for a while here because it is something new, and puts her more in mind of her trouble. I hope she will be better contented after we get settled. Thomas Stevens and his Wife want to move in this winter he is building a new home but cannot get it ready to move into this winter if he concludes to take our house Mother will let them have it for it will be better for the house and we could trust him. I believe Mr Gould has mostly paid up what he owed he helped dig the potatoes helped thrash one day and has cut some wood.

Mr Merrills son George is dead he enlisted about the time you did. he was in Tennessee was taken with Typhoid fever was quite sick but got about so that he walked about the hospital. one day he wanted to go to Camp but the Physician told him he was not able to go but he stole away in the night and walked a mile and a half to Camp took cold and the next day he had to be carried back to the hospital. and for three days they did not think he would live but he got about again then was taken with the Summer complaint and died very suddenly. Ellen was at our house when she heard of his death. it seemed as though it would kill her he seemed to be her main dependence. I did not know how soon it would be my turn. but I pray that it will not be so. I Hope the Fall Campaign will prove a success I am almost sure it will keep up good courage all will yet be well let us hope for the best. The right must prevail.

We are all well as usual I think we shall get along nicely if Mother is only contented.

Uncle Henry has moved to Turner and we are going up to see them soon I am glad they are so near but sorry that we cant go to Gorham any more. Mr. Russell still stays in the house. Gussy Sawyer and Nellie were down here last week. Gussy called a few minutes but Nellie did not get out of the carriage.

Uncle John is real smart and so are all the rest of the folks I believe
you must excuse all mistakes for William Longley is here and he and Mother
are talking so fast that I cant hear myself think. Good Bye

A. J. Lemont

Lieut Frank L. Lemont