

Transcript of Letter from Achsah Lemont to Frank L. Lemont, September 20, 1863

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Dear Brother:

You will see that I have got home again. I found the folks all well. I got to Lewiston Wednesday and came home Thursday night.

How shall I thank you for your kind remembrance of me. I was very much obliged for that money you sent but I am afraid you spared yourself short. I am sure I did not think of such a thing when I wrote you. If you should not have enough to be comfortable I should regret it. I went on to Mt . Washington, but I did not have any use for my money as I had a friend who, in consideration of my company, was willing to carry me there. but it will be very handy for something else.

Oh! I had a splendid time I can tell you on the mountain . We started from Aunts about eight O'clock last Monday morning and rode eight miles to the Glen then we began to ascend the Mt . we reached the "tip top house" about two o'clock P.M. being four hours riding up. after waiting a short time for our dinner which was served in the tip top house, we sallied forth to explore . spent about 3 hours the first place of interest was the top of the house where we had a splendid view. Altho. it was some cloudy that day yet we had some very good views. then we descended a short distance on the rocks which lay piled one above another to the bridle path which leads from the Crawford house . it is so full of rocks you would not think that a horse could stop without falling yet the horses are so trained that they never miss a step. there were quite a number of ladies rode up horseback that day. They have got a beautiful road on the Glen side. it is not very steep and winds round the mountain so that now you will be on one side now on the other, and look far down below you and see the road where you have come When you are up there you are right in the clouds, you can see them sailing toward you as though they would envelope you in their folds. but enough of this you will see it for yourself sometime and I cannot describe it. We got home about ten that night, and when I got into my room I found two letters awaiting my perusal. one was from Bethel giving me a very pressing invitation to stop there the next day on my way home, I thought it all over and concluded I would stay one night, so I bought a ticket for Bethel and finding my friend at the depot stopped there. I had a very good time. went to ride in the afternoon and crossed the river in a ferry boat sitting in the carriage. It was quite a novel thing to me I assure you for I never saw anything of the kind before. the next day I came home . I have passed a very pleasant month and I can look back on it with pleasure for a good while to come.

You had quite an adventure. I guess it will teach you to go armed next time, though I dont suppose you could have made much resistance against so many. I guess I have scribbled as much as you will care to read Good bye

Achy

(probably Sept 20, 1863)

Dear Brother

as Achy is writing tonight and feeling rather in the mood I will try and say a few words to you by letter. I suppose she has told you all that there is to tell. I haven't got to school yet and I have got nearly discouraged. I went to Lewiston Saturday but could not see Mr Webster and could not find any boarding place but I am going to try it again Monday I am not going to give it up yet. It will cost something and I hope it will be worth something to me and that something I shall always have. Frank I am bound to have an education if I can get it. do you blame me? no I know you will help me all you can, they are having a very full school at the Academy this fall about 200 I think and they are coming every day. I spent the afternoon at Esqr. Barrells last Friday had a very pleasant time. I never was there to stop before. they are very pleasant folks. it is getting late and I shall have to close my short letter I will write again soon to let you know how I get along at school if I am lucky as to get there.

give my respects to Maj Daggett – Cyrenus S. &c and accept much love from

Josie

Augusta told me that Aaron spoke of coming home on a furlough how I wish you could come to either it would seem so nice to have you at home together once more you have not been since you went away