

Transcript of Letter from J.S. Lemont to Frank L. Lemont, October 29, 1862

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My Dear Son

what shall I say to excuse myself for not writing before I dont know as I have any reasonable one but you verry well know that I have had many cares since you left and many lonesome feelings, we have been trying to get every thing redy to move and it is no small task, we have got along verry well with the work got every thing in, and most of it down to Lewiston and it has taken about all row time, so you must not think hard of me for not writing before will you, I will try and do better in future if you will forgive me this time, we have just received two letters from you how much good it done us I have read mine and have not delayed a moment am writing by the lamp

how gratified I was to hear of your pleasant reception you had from your Regt what can give me so much pleRsure and delight as the honorable well doing of my children I hope we shall all remember your Fathers example as far forth as he was right, Oh, how much we miss him he is constantly in my thoughts we bear your absence as well as could be expected we are dreadful lonesome and I expected to be but dont you worry one might about home it will not do any good we all will try to make the best of it we have had the thrashing done got through with it nicely we had 21 bushels of Barley and 58 Bushels of Oats we had eleven barrel s of apples grafted we gathered them most all ourselves and dug seven bushels of Beets, and had nearly a hundred bushels of potatoes in both places, I have sold the cows for thirty-two dollars that is all we have done, the prizers have not been here yet I am all the time expecting something that I cant get over but I mean to try to put on all the fortitude I can, it will be better I think dont you, I beg of you to take good care of yourself spare no pains to make yourself comfortable be sure and take care of your morals, I have been over to uncle John Sawyers to day he has been I think pretty sick with a fever tyfoid and Bilious he is quite low but I think he will recover, I shall write to you all about what is done, Augusta will write as soon as she gets a chance we have all been as well as we were when you left we ought to be thankful

you have not been paid yet I suppose I have made out verry well for money as yet I expect it would frighten me some if I was called upon when I was destite I trust that wont be I want to see you but I believe it was the best for you to go back and prove yourself a being worthy to be called a man, you know what my aspirations are in regard to my family perhaps too much pride I will keep you informed of all the proceedings about the business write as often as possible and I will do the same if any trouble you shall know it, you do the same

all send love to you

good bye

from your best friend
on the earth Mother

Frank