Williamsfield Tuesday Night October 30th 1836

Respected Friends Under the expectation that John
Spencer will carry a letter part if not all of
the way to you I would improve the opportunity
of informing you that our healths and spirits
are good, I have wrote to Joel and Jacob and
suppose that they have been answered, and I would
now say for fear you could not otherwise ascertain
that I am writing to any one that will take the
trouble to read it. we received a letter not long since
by the hand of Mr. Hall, I have not seen him
since his arrival and have not learnt any news but
what was contained in the letter; we have had a
very backward season which has done great injury to
the corn crops and to finish the whole we have
had early frost which in some parts has picked
the corn free of expence the crops here is light but
is as sound as we ever had it is worth 75 cents pr bush
wheat is scarce worth $1,25 Cheese from 6¼ to 8 cents and pork
is worth from 7 to 9 dollars pr hundred and cows from $16 to
$22 pr head and other things in proportion money is plenty
if we have any thing to buy it with we have made 22 hundred
lbs of cheese and shall clear at least $175 in the year I have paid
$200 towards my land and have $125 now ready to pay in,
But while thus engaged in the affairs of the world Religion
the one thing needful is very much neglected and religion
through this section of country is very low and I would
earnestly say to all who have an interest at a throne

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of grace Pray for us. We have thought some and talked a good deal about going to see you and we shall probably go as soon as we are out of Dept And until then let us often meet around a throne of mercy and pray the Lord that of his grace he would direct us while we live and finally bring us all to meet in the kingdom of heaven

Yours in haste Valentine Tourgee yr

Cyrus folks are well

Sophronia

I have a short notice of an opportunity to write but will try to write a little I was pleased to read the contents of your last letter you wished us to tell when we would come home and expressed your anxiety to see us I think more about you than I could express I often think I must visit you but do not talk of it at present you wished me to forgive every unkind word or action I have nothing to forgive I think often of your kindness to me and it grieves me much many times have been unkind and done rong my affection for you increases constantly you can now my feelings without being seperated from your friends I think you are taking a great deal of comfort in your new house things have changed since I was there but I think they are more pleasant E I am glad you are calculating to embrace the first opportunity to come to Ohio I would not come with out company all the way Mr Lawrence is expecting to go to

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Pittsfield in the spring if you will tell me that you would return with them I will ask if they will bring you and let you now when they are ther. your dress is verry pretty perhaps if I was would have one to I would not fore get to give you my thanks fore all the things you sent me in the spring I am well pleased with my album but sorry that my Brothers had not given me some of thee writing I dont now how I knew what I wanted most, tell Mr S and wife I wish them all the hapiness in a mared life they ever [illegible] antisapated

I think that Jacob does not wish to hear enny thing about us I have often requested him to write but he has not writen me but once my love to Zach and wife I would like well to visit them I want to see Father cand write him now almost twelve and am verry cold my compliments to all that enquire after me remember me in your prayres

Louisa Tourgee

pleas to direct your letters to Valentine Jr

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