

A.W.T. Papers

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Dear Sister having this opportunity to write and feeling that I
have no excuse to give for not writing before I will gladly improve
this you cannot think how much satisfaction your last letter gave to me
previous to it I had suffered much with a cough and suspicion about you
would often resolve to write my feelings and then thinking I did not know
how to address you would give it up when first ~~and~~ relieved from these
feelings by your letter I thought I would write immediately had I you would
have had the warmest feelings of my heart I think much about you and
would like to know how it is with you ~~now~~ ^{now} I have been out of health
since the spring I was troubled with a cough and frequently spit blood
I began to take medicine July from which I found great benefit I have
done with out a girl three weeks think I am getting my health again I am
very poor in flesh my weight is less than a hundred lb I am very healthy
this summer is 3 feet 1 inch high and weighs 31 pounds wears his red dress without
any alteration he stands by my table whittling I asked him what I should write
for him said he not that I am a bad boy what then I that I will
go on the boat again and go there and get them and brother Jacob
too and bring them here and Grampa Miregar he is getting a very old
man he wont go never more here with his Mother why do you think
he will not because Grampa Towgee said so we think it very
strange Mr Mayfield's folks do not answer that letter we wrote them
almost a year ago give our love to them and Mr Leaves folks

I cannot close without writing particularly to Father you write that you
wanted to see us but thought you ^{never} should we hope you will give up that
idea and make your calculations to visit us this fall we are indeed looking
for you and one or both of the girls Valentines talks of selling his farm
and if he should we might be in Iowa or some other place next
spring where you would not take the trouble to come and see us Abner
has not forgotten you I think he never will compliments to Zachs folks
and best wishes to you all I remain your affectionate sister and daughter

Yours affectionately
E. L. George

Dear Brother

With my mind upon a thousand objects and completely
enveloped by the horrors I am going to scratch over some of this paper it
must be nearly ten minutes since I wrote little did I think when I wrote
~~to~~ I should not write until now but I have only to say that all my
time both body and mind has been engaged and even now when so long a
portion of time has elapsed I have nothing of interest to communicate the
death of Cyrus and John Brown threw me into new ^{peculiar} and trying circumstances
calculated to call forth every power of mind and body and those only who have
been in like circumstances can weigh the perplexities I have been compelled
to meet by the will of Cyrus I was appointed one of the Executors Sam and
a Esy Tuttle the other Tuttle has not acted and Sam could be of no assistance
and I have had the whole of both estates to settle entirely alone last fall
specious to enterprises and the ~~was~~ necessities of the case I removed here this then
the business of this as well as my ^{farm} own on my ~~house~~ (mine was as much as I

could well attend to) I have made out to get along and have hired only
a month in buying and am now ready to commence seeding, but I will
main a subject that must be tedious to you and has in fact long since
ceased to be interesting to me we have not had to exceed three year shences
since the last of may and so dry at time was never known here grass
and wheat came in very light but little more than half crop wheat
is now worth \$1.12^c corn will be very light potatoes ruined if sowed 9 acres
of wheat last fall and shall not get more than 100 bushels if sowed 37 bushels
of oats last spring and shall not get more than ^{they are worth 25^c} from 300 to 350^c I intend to
sow a few acres this fall on both places stock has been low owing to the
drouth fruit is rather scarce and money not plenty I have talked hard of
selling my place I have had several offers and some nearly what I ask if I
sell I shall probably go west next spring perhaps not out of the state if I do
not sell this winter and build next season I shall not sell — by the
contents of your letter last winter it appears you had some one
that you would sell a wife if not too late or out of place here permit
me to wish you all the happiness you may have anticipated in a marriage
life — Louisa says she intended to write directly to sister
Frank soon but she has got so tired she thinks she ~~will~~ ^{cannot} be excused
she wishes me to say she was pleased with her compliments and should be
more pleased with her correspondence Allison was nearly troubled to death and
had to tell for a long time that Miss Wiley was mole Jakes wife
and that she gave him his spaniel dog — Mrs B. Gardner has
sold his farm and taken a farm in Kinisman owned by Paet Allison
they wish to be remembered to you all and to Mrs Foot and friends

I hope you will not neglect writing as we have not done but
write immediately when Mr Leonard returns if you have an opportunity
and as it is getting late with compliments to all and my good
wishes for your success I must bid you good night

Yours D^r Valentine Sawyer Jr

Sophron

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Alfred

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Alfred say I must tell Sister Sarah that while I was writing he said

the name he could see more than I could write in a month
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