

Utsego Jan. 29th 1860

Respected Brother and Sister I now take this opportunity
to inform you of my health which is tolerably good at this
time hoping these lines will find you enjoying the same bless-
ing Seth and Veronia and Babe are in tolerable health now
they were all sick last fall with the ^{Billions} ~~Spaced~~ fever Brother
L and family were well two days ago they had received your
letter I was glad to hear from you once more I had wrote
several letters but received no answers Lyman and his wife
is in Jay county Ind. he has gone down there to preach the here
had about 3 weeks preceding the last of Dec. and first of Jan. with
some very cold weather for this country there is now two or three inches
of snow the weather is pleasant for the season our crops were
tolerably good last season we had 169 Bushel wheat probably
200 of corn 80 potatoes 25 turneps 100 or over of Apples wheat is
worth 413, Corn 44ct per bu. We winter 19 head of cattle 2 horses 15 sheep
13 Hogs Please give my respects to Daniel and Lydia and tell them
to write to me write where Mary lives now the last letter she
wrote she was going west Give my respects to Crispy tell him to write
to me Likewise Ella and A and all enquiring friends I thought
when I was out to see you I should have come and see you before
this time but I am growing old and lame and dont know as
as I ever shall see you again but hope for the best I have built
a house since I was out to see you which cost about 600 dollars
and do not owe a dollar that I know of I have been making
preparations to build a Barn soon it may be this summer
Seth and Veronia are not willing that I should come to see you
alone as I am so old and lame