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Sunday January 15, 1882

My Dear Son,

Your letter written last Sunday was received last Tuesday and I can't tell you just how glad I was to get such a good long letter from you. You must have been in a writing mood as you wrote so lengthy. Well I will try and tell you all that has been going on with us this week. We are having a big river now. The water is almost up to the yard fence. The bottom field is not quite covered yet but it is still rising a little. Your Pa is out watching the river, says he thinks the rise is about over. He is worried to see his fodder in the water. I counted the shocks and there is about 50 near floating but if it does not rise any more they will not be destroyed. The fill is under the water a little. I sent Lottie to Ghent yesterday and she had to around. Mr. Boso was here this morning, says he thinks we will get some fish. We have had so much rain since you left.

Cousin Dave stayed till Thursday with us. He is a nice man. Rocks was to see us last night, I was at your Uncle Abbs one day this week I told Sarah you wanted to know how her and Rock was making it, but I did not say a word to Laura about Philips and the buggy ride so can't tell you anything about that.

Brother goes down to practice singing for an entertainment that is to be at the Baptist Church Tuesday night. Your Pa got an invitation to come down to Ghent tomorrow night to the Mite [*a missionary*] society. I wish he would go. Mr. Frank is in Ghent I hear. I wrote him a note yesterday and told him we wanted him to come to see us as soon as he got through seeing his Ghent friends, so suppose he will be up to see us this week.

Do you want me to settle that little matter with him for you when he comes up, or had you rather do that for yourself, your Pa has just come in says he has been out to see your name sake. I told Nate and George what you said about attending to your horse. George went to his father's last Sunday, got back Wednesday. Ed has been up again this week stayed two or three days. I sent him to Vevay to get my stove shelf. He says Billy and Cat is going to move out on Mr. Thompson's place. I think Ed would like to get back here. [*I think she is referring to servants*] W the dog is here came here a week ago. I feed him, your Pa says he wants him to stay. Poor dog follows me in the kitchen. I got a letter from Bettie they got the box I sent them day before Christmas.

My son write me another good letter. I feel a little uneasy about you for fear of smallpox. I hear there are so much of it in Indiana. Is there any cases in Franklin? Do you get the Warsaw paper I wrote to Florian to send it to you.

Your loving mother

Monday morning, it is rainy and gloomy out this morning. I wish I could hear my son whistle. I got a letter from you Aunt Beck yesterday. She said you must write to her. Love to all the cousins. Ask cousin Mary when she is coming to see us. (You must have your teeth fixed my son)

2 o'clock

Mr. Boso has just put his net in the ditch says the river is about to fall. I think we will have more rain from the way it looks out now, I am afraid we will not get any ice from

appearances. Lucian told me to tell you he sold his tobacco he raised by his barn for 300 and 8 dollars.

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