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## Letter from Mary Armstrong to Thomas S. Armstrong

Mary Armstrong

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Gratiot Licking County Ohio

June 11<sup>th</sup> 1865

My Dear Brother,

I received your long expected and very welcome letter Friday morning. Father also received one last evening. We wondered that you were silent so long, but your letter explains. We are all in usual health. I am having a very pleasant time this summer. My school is pleasant, the scholars quite agreeable and think I have at last succeeded in throwing off that fear of public opinion and as you say "fearful looking for of judgment," that has been the bane of my life since I have been engaged in this profession. I now feel that independence of action thought and feeling which I believe it necessary for one to have, who is



engaged in a profession, such as,  
teaching, presiding over the shooting  
ideas of Young America. My school  
closes in two weeks. Do not know what  
I shall do then. Should like to attend  
school some place this Fall.

... Gather says, in reference to your  
remaining in the service, that he  
does not want you to go into the  
regular service. Can you resign?  
If so He advises you to remain until  
the Regt is mustered out and then  
resign and come home. I do  
not think you need apprehend  
any injury to your reputation from  
Scrips and Co. We are comfortable here  
and as for public opinion, it is de-  
cidedly in favor of ourselves.

In the result of that suit there was  
nothing that implicated character.  
The decision was rendered on the  
ground that Gather was the principal  
instrument in making the money,  
as that it was through his man-

agement - that the greater part of  
the money was made and his creditors  
should have the benefit of his services.  
The court was satisfied that the sales  
made by Gather to you were made  
in good faith. This judgment of  
\$2500 was given against you as his  
wages. So you see they failed to  
establish or make out a case of  
fraud. The Lawyers think it is a  
strange decision and there will  
be no difficulty in reversing it.  
Gather thinks, for gentlemen  
that are making between 6 & 7  
thousand a year, it is a small mat-  
ter to be fretting about. I have been  
thus explicit in writing about the  
suit because from the tone of  
your last letters we thought you did  
not understand the nature of the  
decision. Please don't write about  
selling the <sup>and some other things</sup> Garrison, as you have done  
to Jacob. it hurts Gather's feelings and  
Martha is not possessed of all the



sagacity and prudence of the "wise man" and is still insisting on his going west. We are getting along very well, try to look over his shortcomings and faults and make the best of a bad bargain. You can send those Photographs back to my address I will take care of them for you. I herein send you the names of the Officers who have sent Photos also inclose St-Anniers letter. I can read this one. I have been making some improvement in French. Mr Tucker sends his respects and says for you to resign and come home thinks you have been in the Army long enough. Is George & Kate with you? Where the articles are that boy in a good state of preservation? We would like to see you and if you could only be at home I could study under you and that would be pleasanter than going away to school. Abram's are well, Matilda was here and spent last week with the folks at home. Write very soon and be assured you occupy a very large place in our affections With much love from Mother and the rest of us I am  
your devoted sister  
Mary E. Armstrong

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Father says, in reference to your remaining in the service, that he does not want you to go into the regular service. Can you resign? If so, he advises you to remain until the Regt is mustered out and then resign and come home. I do not think you need apprehend any injury to your reputation from Ships and Co.

We are comfortable here and as for public opinion, it is decidedly in favor of ourselves. In the result of that suit, there was nothing that implicated character. The decision was rendered on the ground that Father was the principal instrument in making the money. Or that it was through his management that the greater part of the money was made and his creditors should have the benefit of his services. The court was satisfied that the sales made by father were made in good faith. This judgment of \$25.00 was given against you as his wages. So you see they failed to establish or make out a case of fraud. The lawyers think it is a strange decision and there will be no difficulty in reversing it.

Father thinks for gentlemen that are making between 6 & 7 thousand a year, it is a small matter to be fretting about. I have been thus explicit in writing about the suit because from the tone of your last letters we thought you did not understand the nature of the decision.

Please don't write about selling the farm and some other things as you have done to Jacob. It hurts father's feelings and Martha is not possessed of all the sagacity and prudence of the "wise man" and is still insisting on his going west.

We are getting along very well, try to look over her shortcomings and faults and make the best of a bad bargain.

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