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Hickory Dele. Oct. 14th 1800 513 Jean Brother John Baring received four Third letter last hight, and knowing now where to direct your letters I gladly embrace this first enjoying our usual health, and are glad to learn that you are so well, and have prospeced with your Trachinery. We were very anxious to know where you was going, and are surprised to thing that you have gone further West, when from the bottom of our hearts we thought you, certainly would have inclined toward swillaation I her that they have some yarns in in the newspapers about you but have not seen anget them yet. Herry bill told me more about the fair than you have get. For a while after ou lift home. the house tooked rates empty, expecially on Sundays but now we begin to set ared to it. The neighbors where ever we go, ask don't you. I with Shad been at the fair, and I would have helpid you to tell the folks about the things. St Things, about from begin to only like winter, the are busy misking com, and famile anderson is digging out stromps. I suppose you begin to feel at though you was a man your standing on your own bottom when you have produced the greater curiosity and invention of the whole State. Please To hear the advice of a little boy. Sont let the sent four prove to be tranity Fair; neither let the flattery and praise of men lead you to think that you are more than a some but remember where you come from, and where you are going Dust Thow art and to due thou shall return! Dayer meetings have commenced here again, the had the first had thend as aber a Midland so do pray God & send down the Joy spirit to romme and convert our ming hours

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and have often thought of the way I hurried you to bed that might but maybe you will forgive May gid bless you my than dear brother and prosper you and keep you from the wils of This world and meeter you for glory do not forget you at a throne of grace will you too paran for me and parhap When you get time you will write use a letter from your Dis Min · Dear John Ampinyon are well in bang the fite the of good Spiritual health king good . do not let the vanities of this life povorite your Lone. do all to the glory of good the vill peropergon in that Shich is good the faith fray Sincearly alongs aim at the story of had good of man. Keep humble do not let the for aise of more puffigon with nothing but Christ can theep you from dinking take his combell them Strive to plugade god in all things be always ready to give in your accounter if you always book to Libro as grain all I follow his life you will be Safe han glad that god has provided alonging for you, Strive chorge to love your neighbour abyour selfe practically. in order to have friends, we must be friendly love bysteth love be nexciful that you may have meroy look not at high things but Condescend to men of low estate practice economy in allyon do in order to be great be Servent of all, avoid price & The bard will lift on mp. do not think that you will aid you in any that winsot good ... but the finits of the Spirit is in all goodness. See that all thet you do is founded upon & cripture show to all around you that you are a man of honesty Strath - you have much need to watch they for all eyes are upon you being a Stranger your present chase a cher will be made appear according asyon think Speak & do in the and of the publican I am praying for you helping you with use the grace this form here John that we may much at gods right hand with out Spot Hreyoice for over togeter with all the San thighed I will Send a think with your things by railion as directed to the care of your master. Wirad from your tother

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Dear Brother John & never thought you wanted to go west but deing you have yone I tope you will to me toll me what kind of a Spop you have you into what they make what you do and how you like it if you have found any leases y t if you know how an artesian well getto its four if you have invented any thing yet how long you mean to stay there and all other ments you can find we are very busy at press I have no time to make any thing I have bad a hard time with Lumbugo this morning bit I have about got ust send they had no setuation to offer you at present Mother Days She will write to you is soon as she gets time Joanna Bends her love to you and so dow Mery and time time is desares Good lige from your. Brother Daniel 0024/3

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Hickory Dale, Oct. 14th, 1860.

Dear Brother John:

Having received your third letter last night, and knowing now where to direct your letters, I gladly embrace this first opportunity of letting you know that we are all enjoying our usual health, and are glad to learn that you are so well, and have prospered with your machinery. Ve were very anxious to know where you were going, and are surprised to think that you have gone further West, when from the bottom of our hearts we thought you certainly would have inclined toward civilization. I hear that they have some yarns in the newspapers about you, but I have not seen any of them yet. Henry Cripps told me more about the fair and yourself than you have yet. For a while after you left home, the house looked rather empty, especially on Sundays, but now we begin to get used to it. The neighbors wherever we go ask about you. I wish I had been at the fair, and I would have helped you to tell the folks about the things, etc. Things about home begin to look like winter. We are busy husking corn, and Jamie Sanderson is digging out stumps. I suppose you begin to feel as though you were a man now, (standing on your own bottom), when you have produced the greatest curiosity and invention of the Whole State. Please to hear the advice of a little boy. Don't let the State Fair prove to be 'Vanity Fair', neither let the flattery and praise of men lead you to think that you are more than a man, but remember where you came from, and where you are going, "Dust thou art and to dust thou shall return." Prayer meetings have commenced here again. We had the first last Sunday over at Midland. Do pray God to send down the Holy Spirit to convince and convert our neighbors. As we have not been at Portage City lately we have not got your books, but expect to get them this week. In your second letter you merely mentioned Mrs. Mitchell's name, saying that you had told me about her before, while you did not tell us a thing about her, so I think you must have forgotten. Andrew and Charley Reid are to be examined tomorrow night for teachers by Mr. Birdsall, and if they get their certificate Andrew is going to teach at McManus'school-house and Charlie at Russel's. William Ennis is going to teach at Grahme's again. Now I guess my pile of news is exhausted, so I will have to stop and make room for the others. I want you to direct a letter very soon to David G. Muir Your brother, himself, so Goodbye, D[avid] G. M[uir].

My dear Brother:

I came over here yesterday. I thought 1 would put in a few lines too. The main thing is to tell you to be sure and write me often if you can spare time. I shall always be very much interested in anything that concerns you. Tell me all the news, mind. I hear there has been great excitement about your clocks, and I am very glad you are prospering so well and are so comfortable where you are. I heard your letter last night and was glad to hear you are so well in such a bustle. I will not write any more just now, but I will give you a long letter after I hear from you. Goodbye, John, From your affectionate sister, Sarah[Muir Galloway]

Dear John:

I, too, am glad to hear of your prosperity, but especially that you are so well. John, I dreamed the other night you and your mills were come back. But ah no, 'twas only a dream. But, John, I would not be so selfish, I hope, as [to] wish you back when it is better for you to be away, and have often thought of the way I hurried you to bed that night, but maybe you will forgive. May God bless you, my dear, dear brother, and prosper you and keep you from the evils of this world and meeten you for glory. I do not forget you at a throne of grace. Will you, too, pray for me? And perhaps when you get time you will write me a letter. From your Sis Muir [Margaret Reid]

Dear John:

I am glad you are well in body. I should like to hear of your spiritual health being good. Do not let the vanities of this life possess your soul. Do all to the glory of God, and he will prosper you in that which is good. Keep the faith, pray sincerely. Always aim at the glory of God and good of man. Keep humble. Do not let the praise of men puff you / up. Nothing but Christ Can Keep you from sinking. Take his counsel; then strive to please God in all things. Be always ready to give in your account. If you always look to Jesus as your all and follow His spirit you will be safe. I am glad that God has provided a lodging for you. Strive always to love your neighbour as yourself practically. In order to have friends we must be friendly. Love begeteth love. Be merciful that you may have mercy. Look not at high things but condescend to men of low estate. Practice

[Family letter of Oct. 14, 1860, continued]

/ economy in all you do. In order to be great be [the] servant of all. Avoid pride, and the Lord will lift you up. Do not think that God will aid you in anything that is not good, but the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness. See that all that you do is founded upon Scripture. Show to all around you that you are a man of honesty and truth. You have much need to watch and pray, for all eyes are upon you. Being a stranger your present character will be made [to] appear according as you think, speak and do in the eyes of the public. I am praying for you, hoping you will use the grace and live. Pray for me, dear John, that we may meet at God's right hand without spot, and rejoice forever together with all the sanctified.

I will send a trunk with your things by railway, as directed, to the care of your master, Mr. Wirad.

From your

Father [Daniel Muir]

Dear Brother John:

I never thought you wanted to go West, but seeing you have gone I hope you will write to me. Tell me what kind of a shop you have got into, what they make, what you do, and how you like it, if you have found any leases yet, if you know how an artesian well gets its power, if you have invented anything yet, how long you mean to stay there, and all other news you can find. We are very busy at present. I have no time to make anything. I have had a hard time with lumbago this morning, but I have about got over it again. We got your letter from Philadelphia. They just said they had no situation to offer you at present. Mother says she will write to you as soon as she gets time. Joanna sends her love to you, and so do Mary and Anne. Time is scarce. Goodbye,

From your brother, Daniel