

Mich, Pittsfield April 30 1844

Dear Parents

I embrace this first opportunity to let you know
 our whereabouts and how we have got along since we left
 home. We have had a very good time since the first night
 which was rather discouraging for account of our being
 very much crowded and no regulations yet on the boat
 we hardly slept a wink all night but the next night
 we rested very well the two first days was very pleasant
 but after that it was raining and cold till we got to
 Buffalo and the boat was so crowded it made it rather
 unpleasant as they had to all crowd in to the cabin
 to keep out of the storm. There was 80 passengers and John
 can tell you how large the cabin was in which was filled
 with men women and children all the time and music a
 plenty I assure you. We got at Buffalo 7 day morning ten
 o'clock and there took the steam boat Nile for Detroit which
 started out at 6 in the evening. We there met John Fish
 and family who were going out on the Indiana boat
 which boat Fulkersons family took for Monroe, Jewell
 and McRoy took the Nile with us. We were much
 regretted parting with Fulkersons folks but the Nile did
 not land at Monroe neither did the Indiana land
 at Detroit so you see we were obliged to take separate
 boats. We had a very good time on the steamboat
 the Nile landed at Cleveland and just as she was going out
 the Indiana came in just and we saw our friends that
 were aboard ^{of} that we had a first rate time was not sick
 at all and 2 day morning landed at Detroit about 4
 o'clock. Went to the hotel and took breakfast and
 at 8 took the cars for Ypsilanti got there about 11 am
 and Martin hired a man to carry our all to Winkles
 Champs. We got there at 1 o'clock drove up to the door
 Martin went in and said he knew aunt Anna the

Uncle John and there love to you all

My - down on one get with me shall write a poem about my and I have left
write this on one to all so far as well shall write a poem about my and I have left

per the lack of Berrys gun and it discharges
and the contentz lodged in Charles breast
he was taken home a surgeon alled his
wounds dressed and some hopes entertained
by the Physician of his recovery they
have not heard a word from him since
and feel in hopes that he is alive and
like to recover. by some particular cir-
cumstances they think ~~it~~^{it is} there son Charles
with out doubt so you see Aunt has
trouble enough to make her look old
Aunt says if our N. York friends knew
how much better they could live in Mich
they ~~could~~ would come for my part
I am not prepared to say much about
it only it looks pleasant to me. The start
of for Thomas tomorrow again Martin has gone on
today to get the team and meets you tomorrow at
Jackson 50 miles from here we then shall have 20
miles to go after leaving the cars when we get home I
shall look an opportunity to give you a description
of our home Aunt says she wishes I would stay
with her this summer but I think I shall go on
with looking folks and if I dont like it I shall
like for getting back towards home. Uncles folks live
3 miles from Ypsilanti south on the Monroe road Aunt
says she wishes Father and Mother was here she thinks she
you could live so much easier here than at Ithaca
we dont here of any sickness here the people all look
as though they were corn fed fat and healthy. There says
tell them I have not seen a grave yard since I left
York State we forgot to mention that Auras
husband name is Vincon G. Rowley
the children cease to go to Michigan as much
as when were in York State.

We parted with Jewels family at Detroit they took the Northern train and we the Western her children was very troublesome otherwise they stot the journey well.



Elijah Cornell

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I never thought of it till we had been gone
three or four days they think I found in my
pocket while going down Cayuga Lake to
Ithaca to send it back. And the great time
Mary went to her handkerchief she found they
had took in it I laughed at her she said
she meant to be ready to commence her
we will try to send the things back
as soon as we can find an opportunity. we saw
Sophia brother at Detroit. The boys family
left when we parted with them he came
to the back and shook hands
with us he could scarcely open