

Linsellville Sept 15 - 1839

Dear Son, I take a few moments to inform you that we are yet numbered with the living (through the blessing of God), although a part of the family are in a poor state of health.

I received your letter 5th instant dated August 30th, & was glad to hear from you after so long a silence not knowing where you was nor how to direct

Sunday Sept 22^d

Cruel death has come into our neighbourhood and taken the wife of John Dean. She was buried on Friday last - and now another of the family - Hannah Jones died today 11 o'clock A.M. The loss to that family is great. This affliction has caused many a tear - perhaps you have not heard of the death of the wife of Jesse Higgins. She has been dead about three weeks - it is very likely in town

A. Richards

Don't forget to pay 1/2

9/22/39

Amos Richards
at Work on the New Ten Cents

New Ten Cents

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you write us that you have bought
Land but did not tell the number of
lot or range - I hope you will both in
your next letter which I hope you will
write as soon as you receive this
also the price of your land and the wages
you receive

I shall with this letter send you your
paper 2 is number they may or may not
reach you, if they do you will see that the
election has gone well - Fairfield's majority
being over 6000 which is heart cheering
I want you to tell me if the writer in
your Journal is correct in his statement
in regard to making a census of a man
at Fort Fairfield - and that he is the
presence of his own wife
the writer belongs to the town of Parkman
County of Piscataquis - The Piscataquis

Herald about 3 months since stated
that the men from that County had got
so dissatisfied with the proceedings at
Fort Fairfield and so starved out they
left and came home stating that the
English had got all the timber - there
not being more than 12 or 15
sticks left - this was copied in the wife's
papers through the State -
Almon I want to know if the land agent has sold
30,000 dollars worth of timber or any amount

Edward Hills wants you to write
him a letter - stating what the
probabilities are for our settling
with him and you know about the country

I know not when
it will be reached

Monday 23 - 10 O'clock. The people are
now getting ready to convey the body
of Hannah Jones to the corner for
funeral services and there to the
house appointed for all the living -
Farnham received your letter yesterday
I got it last evening. Glad to hear
you are well and doing well. Hope you
may ever prosper - Farnham has got
quite well - Mary has been very sick, has
got better, but not well - She wants to see
Brother Almon very much - So do we all -
The 3 tracts sent us from L. m. g. e. said to have
been spoken by Almon Richards at Fort
Fairfield on the 4th July are very good
viz. The Heroes of the Revolution -

2^d Fort Fairfield - 3^d the disputed territory
you see I only give the heads of the tracts and
not the entire

Almon I know not if you ever received my
second letter as you name it not in either of
yours - name it in your next if you did or
did not I want you to write me as often as
you can if it is once a week - I wish you
to write James Adams as soon as you get this,
concerning John Dean's family, may be some
one has wrote him - I have just heard
there are two letters come to the post office for
you and James to call at Bangor on Thursday
26th instant to receive your 1st amount the wages
I must now draw to a close Adieu my dear
before long and ever remaining your most
affectionate parent
Richard Richards

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