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It is said that Freemont Raised  
our National Flag the nearest Heaven  
of any man living. He stood on ~~the~~ a peak  
in the Southwest Corner of the North-  
west Territory - 13570 feet above  
the sea.

I could say much more  
but will not at this time  
N.R.

N. Richards

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My Dear son,

Yours of 26<sup>th</sup> ult. I received ~~today~~  
~~last~~ on Monday last. Was glad to hear from  
you, I had written you on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the  
20<sup>th</sup> through mistake, and mailed 25<sup>th</sup>  
one day before the date of yours, from  
which circumstance you had not received  
when you wrote, so I thought to pen a few  
lines more. Our health is about the  
same as it has been for the two last years.

We are sorry to hear that you are afflic-  
ted with sickness or any other burden to  
crush your spirits down, It has been a time  
of much sickness, and many deaths in our  
section the present season.

You speak of the crops, and the sea-  
son for securing the same, I believe we  
had but 1 day called by weather after  
the 4<sup>th</sup> July till some time in August.

Corn is good in this section, though  
mine was a failure, Potatoes about as  
bad as ever known to be.

Last week and now very warm  
for October, Last Monday night had a  
fine thunder shower, Believe it was  
not from Ohio. But expect to have one  
from that quarter this week.

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We feel quite sure, if ~~ten~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~cent~~ <sup>firmly</sup> fail to carry his own state, then John and Jessie are ours. The ladies say they do not wish to have a Buck without a Dear.

There, - why need I pen these things, you must write me after as you can - My eye sight is so poor I can see but very poorly.

Should I like, I may write you again after the 4<sup>th</sup> of November.

Martin V. B. and wife staid with us last night, left about two this afternoon, they and babe quite smart, Ruth yet in Camden,

Aunt Phebe Young died last Sunday - Aunt Lois whitely of Lagrange is the only one of that family now living, she was 89 years old second of Sept. she lives with Sedate Whitney.

I should like to know what your future prospects are.

Pick Up what you have got and come this way.

Yours Ever, N. P. Richards

Since writing my name on the other page, my wife has said to me Martin asked her (to day) if father said any thing in his letter to you about his babe, she told him she knew not what I wrote, neither do I remember, but I believe I said something about it.

It will be six week old tomorrow, you cant think how pleased they are. But - We know that soon on earth

The fondest ties must end  
Our own most cherished hopes  
To death's cold hand must bend  
The fairest flowers in all their bloom  
Must soon be withered in the tomb.

I dont know as I told you Phebe had buried a child a few weeks before I wrote, it was a son, one year two weeks old.

I hope this may find you and family in the enjoyment of good health - give me what information you can about matters and things in your next.

N. P. Richards