

Lincolnton, Nov. 15--1857

My Dear Son

Your of the 20th ult. is now before me, I received it last evening,

We were all glad to hear from you, and to learn that you and yours were well,

Not having any news to write, I will fill up this sheet after the following manner.

It seems you do not get all the letters I send you, or you overlook them or forget them at the time of answering later ones.

I note down the dates of mailing my letters, and I will here give the dates of mailing my letters to you for a year past. Sept 25th 1856. Oct. 14th 1856. January 12th 1857. April 27. 1857. June 4th 1857. July 6th 1857. I have been stopping and looking over your letters, I believe they have all been answered or spoken of except the one of the ~~14th~~ 4th of June.

We have had the appearance of snow but once, as yet this fall, it is very pleasant to day, doubtless shall have snow soon,

potatoes have rotted badly, some have none, others but a few, my white ones all went by the board in ten days after they were dug, have not raised much of a crop of any thing this season. have some hay,

Nov 15th 1857

J. Richards

