

Castle Fin Illinois

December 17th 1853

Dear Children I take this opportunity to inform you that we are in good health and how you we in joy the same blessing we have ben disappointed getting pay for the farm & have to take it back it will now sel for seven thousand I shal sel soon (be ready) to come to see you we want one of you to come and accompany us we wish to come & see you & enjoy your company before we died we hard from you in August by a lletter from Mrs. Davenort just before the war broke out & don't know whether you were killed or not we have ben in trouble about you & shall til we hear we were in Ohio in November was to had our money for the farm there not giting it we returned & live with Rachel Lewelly has bought a farm of 170 ares & building a good house he has one child a boy when I Ohi I saw Mr. Rees you sold him a note on Lenny Blew Blew said he had paid it I showed a receipt against the note he has since kild himself I told him that I would write to you about it James Miller he can pay Hiram his money any time cald for our friends in Ohio are well we came back through Bel found Huldys sisters are both well & doing well we look for Amos Colver & one of you to come with hime we want you to write and tell us whether you will come for us & when there is a real road from Delaware to Springfield through the old place & the burgh & one from Collumbus to Urbana through Woodstock, one from Altan to Tarahut through Parrsi one from Vicenns through Paris to Chichougo one from Cleaveland through Paris to St louis one in contemplations from the frontier to Callifornia &

She is troubled with that swelling her throat and is afraid she shouldn't live to see you again is willing to come any way you think best we staid with jonson & allice & were treted verry kindly they are doing well Elisha is living in Lewisburght him & his brother John are merchant dising & said to be doing well we did not see them we saw Hannah just as we were getting the cars at Belfountain she said tel Hulda O how I want to see her & I in time to come when there is a railroad I have great desire to see you we are living in a new house in Caslefin the land I entered for 87 cents and gave to Rachel is know worth ten dollars & cant be bought for that Wilson is selling good & making property fast write son we show all the friends are we remain your affectionat parents

Samuel & Rachel Colver

We are not satisfied to live with Rachel & Wilson

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