

Ypsilanti Feb 10th 1862

Dear Mother

I spose that I have got answer that letter that I got out of the Post office here seeing that I haint wrote in about two weeks. Well I believe that is enough for it if you can make out what I scribble Two weeks is at present all that I want to go without letting you know how I am getting along. (I'm alive yet and kicking) ah excuse me I mean that I am very well thank you and how are you I should be glad to hear from you all every time

I am getting along in the store full as well as I expected I have also seen considerable Hogs and Homony. I believe you wanted to know which side of the River and Rail Road that I was situated I am on the East side of the River and West side of the Rail Road The depot is but a few paces from our store and the River is but little further off I have heard from Ella & Mr Long and I tell you I was delighted

Tell Frank to ask Frank Shaw if he got my letter that I wrote some time ago if he has not I will write again if he has I want him to write for I would be glad to hear from him A Friend of mine gave me a receipt for curing catarrh and if you can get some Pulverized sassafras root Bark I should be much obliged I have tried some here but cannot find any

allow me to congratulate you with regard to the settling of that Knapp debt for it is some relief to me to think that that is Paid some day or other I expect to get home and see you but I cant tell when may be you will come and live out here sometime but I cant tell that either you must excuse me if my sentences are not very well connected for I have had to stop several times during my letter to wait on customers

if you can I should be glad to have you send me a little in a letter

Please excuse all mistakes how ever hard you have to work to study out my letters and I am

your son Charles