

Castle Point, Illinois, December 1848  
Dear Children I take this opportunity to inform  
you that we are in good health & we enjoy the  
same blessing we have been disappointed getting  
pay for the farm I have to take it back it will now  
sell for seven thousand I shall sell the soon & be ready  
to come to see you we want one of you to come and  
accompany us we wish to come & see you & in your  
company before we die we have from you in August  
by a letter from Mrs. Deavenport just before the  
war broke out I don't know whether you were killed  
or not we have been in trouble about you I shall till  
we hear we were in Ohio in November was to have  
our money for the farm there not getting it  
we returned & live with Rachel Lewellyn has bought  
a farm of 170 acres & building a good house he has  
one child a boy when in Ohio I saw Mr. Reed you  
sold him a note on Henry blew blew said he had  
paid it & showed a receipt against the note he  
has since killed himself I told him that I would  
write to you about it James Miller he can pay  
him his money any time call for our friends  
in Ohio are well we came back through Del. our  
huddys sisters are both well & doing well we look  
for amos & Elver & one of you to come with him we want  
you to write & tell us whether you will come for us  
& when there is a rail road from Delaware to Springfield  
through the old place & the burgh & one from Columbus  
to Urbana through Woodstock, one from Altam to  
Trenton through Harris one from Vicksburg through  
Harris to Chickasago one from Clearland through Harris  
to St. Louis one in contemplation from the frontier  
to Little Rock & Arkansas

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