

Painesville Ohio..

Dec. 1st 1866.

My Dear Husband..

I am hoping to get a letter from you tonight but while the baby is out of my arms I will try & write you a few lines. We are all as well as usual. I am getting over my cold and think if the weather would get pleasant so I could walk out I should feel pretty well. Pa is making cider today. Has been gone all day and will probably be late home tonight. I have thought today how much Charlie talked of going to the cider mill with little Bronco last year. He had the promise & talked so much about it. But when the day came Charlie was not with us. I hope our little John

will be as good a boy as Charlie or Mother or any friends. Mrs
he promises now to be very pleasant Roberts says he don't know
for he is giggling nearly all the time. But he has troubled you too
much. But he is very anxious.
Blanche Roberts has just left here she is feeling very badly
about her brother Tom! and Mrs Roberts is just killing herself
mourning about him. It is not out of you. Dear Jack so get home
his absence from them but they as soon as possible. and darling
feel that he is not doing well. be careful of your health. -
I really pity them. for he is a son and brother and they would
and for the sake of our little boy
like to have him be an honorable man of the temple in the
way. Blanche could not keep the form of strong drink. there I
tears back while she talked of him thought I was going through
our neighbor Mr Merrill wrote to with this letter without a mention
Tom last evening to see what he of that. but I can't help it now.
can do for him. I pity his mother Give my love to Ed & Lou.
any way. we think it is hard to and write to me often while you
gave up our little ones in their are away & come home soon.
innocence but how much better your wife
than that they should live to be Frank.
such boys. no comfort to Father

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I wish you could be home with us tomorrow it is Sunday and will be a lonely day without you. Dear Jack do get home as soon as possible and darling be careful of your health — and for the sake of our little boy more for your own sake - beware of the tempter in the form of strong drink -there I thought I was going through with this letter without a mention of that- but I can't help it now-

Give my love to Ed & Lou and write to me often while you are away & come home soon.

Your Wife
Frank.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD TELEGRAPH LINES,

Office, U. P. R. R. Depot.

North Platte Dec 26
1866

By Telegraph from 1866

To My Dear Wife

I have not written to
you before purely for want of opportunity.
I left Chicago the same evening that you did and
found on my arrival at Omaha that the Bridge
was not completed. I started immediately for here
and have worked night and day since or there-
ever since. I got our ware house and Corral
up and am now Boarding about 150 men in
it. Dan has been in Omaha since I came back.
I am going to move Dan out here and start a little
store in fact we will have a little of everything
going on. I will leave for home as soon as I can see
a chance, will not get the back trail as soon as I
expected on account of the delay at the Bridge.

I would like to see you all to night
I hope you are well. I am feeling
quite well just work agrees with
me. Tom Roberts is here every day.
he is well. Ed is here now. I am
in the way of the telegraph
operator so I must quit
Kiss that Darling little Boy
for me - That sounds
natural again. I hope to
be with you soon
Love to all God Bless all
Keep you Happy

JCR

Union Pacific Railroad Telegraph Lines,
Office, UPRR Depot.
North Platt Dec 2, 1866

To My Dear Wife

I have not written to you before purely for want of opportunity [sic]. I left Chicago the same evening that you did and found on my arrival at Omaha that the Bridge was not completed. I started immediately [sic] for here and have worked night and day rain or shine ever since I got our warehouse and corral up and am now boarding about 150 men in it. Dan has been in Omaha since I came back. I am going to move Lon out here and start a little store. [I]n fact we will have a little of everything going on. I will leave for home as soon as I can see a chance, will not get the track laid as soon as I expected on account of the delay at the bridge. I would like to see you all tonight. I hope you are well. I am feeling quite well. [G]uess work agrees with me. Tom Roberts is here every day. [H]e is well. Ed is here now. I am in the way of the telegraph operator so I must quit. Kiss that darling little boy for me—that sounds natural again. I hope to be with you soon love to all. God Bless and Keep you Happy

Jack

Painesville Ohio..

Dec. 7th 1866

My Dear Husband..

I cannot think what can be the matter that I don't hear from you by letter - for now it has been two weeks & more since we parted - Every evening I send to the office so sure I will get a letter this time but so far have been disappointed.. I dream of you nights and last night had such a horrid dream - I would not have it true for any money - had much rather not see you for years than to have you appear in this plight - you appeared to me in my dreams but consoling is the thought - that "dreams go by contraries".

We are usually well excepting bad colds and every one seems

to be having them just now. as soon as possible - that is
and we are having just the kind unnecessary I suppose to ask
of weather for them so warm of you - for I feel sure that you
damp and dreary - it is lonesome will come as soon as you can
weather too makes every thing get through your business..

look so gloomy. I have not been But I think of you all the time
out any only to ride to Aunt and I am lonely without you
Lidia once. if it does not rain and I love you dearly..

Today I expect to go to town I have written this in haste
some time before night.. while Johnny is asleep.

I am invited to Mrs Avery's to
a party this evening: Mr Pike,
has arrived with his wife and
boy..

Your wife

Frank..

Little John lies asleep on the
rocking chair in his night gown
for just as I was ready to
dress him he went to sleep in
ma's arms.. Pa has bought him
a crib and will bring it home
to day. The little fellow is growing
finely - you will think so when
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We are usually well excepting bad colds and every one seems to be having them just now, and we are having just the kind of weather for them so warm damp and dreary - it is lonesome weather too makes every thing look so gloomy. I have not been out any only to ride to Aunt Lidi's once. If it does not rain today I expect to go to town sometime before night. I am invited to Mrs Avery's to a party this evening. Mr Pike has arrived with his wife and boy.

Little John lies asleep on the rocking chair in his night gown for just as I was ready to dress him he went to sleep in Ma's arms -- Pa has bought him a crib and will bring it home today. The little fellow is growing finely- you will think so when you see him. Do come home as soon as possible - that is unnecessary I suppose to ask of you - for I feel sure that you will come as soon as you can get through your business. But I think of you all the time and I am lonely without you and I love you dearly. I have written this in haste while Johnny is asleep.

Your Wife
Frank.

North Platte Dec 7th 1866

My Dear Wife

Lon brought me a letter from
You last night I was glad to hear from you and
glad to learn that you were getting better. I am
getting out of the Sleds a little and begin to find
time to get lonesome we have moved out from
Omaha have started quite a Store and a Ranch
generally we are boarding Men for the Company
while they get up their buildings next week
the Sledges will commence running here and
we will have to take them Men Saperes Horses
and all we are just getting of our fast freight
line started which will make this quite a
busy place for a while I hope to finish
track laying for this season next week then
to go to Ohio as soon as I can settle up. Darling
you don't know how much I want to see you all
not half how I love you I want to watch that
boy some too. I don't think I will go to Omaha
untill we get through with it here first rate
feel well all the time and do more manual and less
mental labor

that hardens the muscle and gives good
Appetite. Dan is in Omaha. Mollie is nearly
or quite sick, so says Lon., bad cold that
threatens to be severe. The rest of us are all
well. I don't know of any news to write
Lon. But an invitation for us to a party
at Mr Herman Korman's. Darling I
love you more than words can express
and hope to be with you soon give
my love to all at home and a kiss to
little John God Bless and keep you happy

JACK

North Platt Dec. 7th 1866

My Dear Wife

Lou brought me a letter from you last night. I was glad to hear from you and glad to learn that you were getting better. I am getting out of the suds a little and begin to find time to get lonesome. [W]e have moved out from Omaha have started quite a Store and a Ranch generally. [W]e are boarding men for the Company while they get up their buildings next week. [The Stages will commence running here and we will have to take them men passengers horses and all. [W]e are just getting our fast freight line started which will make this quite a busy place for a while. I hope to finish track laying for this season next week then home for Ohio as soon as I can settle up. Darling you don't know how much I want to see you all nor half how I love you. I want to watch that boy some too. I don't think I will go to Omaha until we get through. I like it here first rate, feel well all the time, and do more manuel [sic] and less mental labor- That hardens the muscle and gives good appetite [sic]. Dan is in Omaha. Mollie is nearly or quite sick, so say Lou, bad cold that threatens to be fever. The rest of us are all well. I don't know of any news to write. Lou brought an invitation for us to a party at Mr. Herman Konmtz- Darling I love you more than words can express and hope to be with you soon. [G]ive my love to all at home and a kiss to little John. God bless and keep you happy

Jack

Painesville Ohio..

Dec. 11th 1866..

My Dear Husband,

Your letter of Dec. 2nd I received three or four days ago and this morning a despatch came saying you would be detained there a few days - so I expect. The prospect of your getting home this week is poor - but I will be as patient as possible..

We are well and doing as well as we can. The weather is cold and wintry. The ground is white with snow. I am wondering all the time if you are having ~~such~~ such weather perhaps you have worse - and I expect you are glad you have got us home where we can be comfortable. Our boy is growing finely and he is as good natured as he can be. Pa has got him a new

cradle and he seems to enjoy it very. I see the new houses on Mustor
well he is sleeping now. I know you think. Mr Avery's house and grounds
will think he has grown ever so look very handsome. they had a
much - if you don't come home vice party there Friday evening for
& stay with us some this winter you Mr & Mrs Pike. I send my regards.
will never know any thing more of I had a letter from Libbie a
this baby than you did of your first. few days ago - she says her Foster
Pa says he wants you to come & has written to her & wishes her
take care of him this winter - but to make her visit there and come
I suppose you think your time for home this winter. She wants to
baby timising will be when you know what I think of it. I shan't
are grandpa. I went to little Charlie's advise her for she knows best
grave last Sunday morning. I was what she wants to do. Mr Clayton
feeling pretty well the walking was not Pa the other day and enquired
good and I knew it would soon about us & Libbie. Marcia & Seymour
storm and I wanted to see this were here a while Sunday afternoon.
spot before the little mound should I spent the afternoon Saturday
be white with snow. that must have at Aunt Lida's -- they have got to
been beautiful when the trees were not pretty and comfortable house
leaved & the grass grows this summer. and will enjoy it I guess.
I see some improvements about Sam Linas has broken his leg, it
several places that I have passed in is nearly well & he will be brought
going to town. but I have not to Painesville this week. he has sold

his farm in Rome .. Loren & Lotoski
are both in a "flourishing condition"
so I hear. I have not seen them.

I am glad if you are feeling
well and hope you will take care
of yourself. don't work too hard for
that many not agree with you.
I am thinking of you all the time
when awake and last night I lay
awake a great part of the night
thinking of you Charlie & our little
John.. I do love you darling more
than I can tell and hope before
long you will be at home with
us and we shall have a happy time.
Write to me often as you can while
you are away. -

Yours loving wife
Frank.

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I spent the afternoon yesterday at Aunt Lidi's—they have got a real pretty and comfortable house and will enjoy it. I guess Sean Timon has broken his leg, it is nearly well & he will be brought to Painesville this week. [H]e has sold his farm in Rome. Lovessi (?) & Lodoski are both in a "flourishing condition" so I hear. I have not seen them.

I am glad if you are feeling well and hope you will take care of yourself-don't work too hard for that may not agree with you. I am thinking of you all the time when awake and last night I lay awake a great part of the night thinking of you, Charlie & our little John. I do love you darling more that I can tell and hope before long you will be at home with us and we shall have a happy time. Write to me often as you can while you are away.

Your loving wife
Frank.

Union Pacific Railroad,
OFFICE OF THE GENL TICKET AGT

Omaha, Dec 14th 1866

My Dear Wife

I did not expect to come to this town again until I was on my way home but I had to come in this morning. we are though backtracking for this season quit at the 305th Mile Post. we will soon get our men disposed of & then off and then for home. I got Father's dispatch was glad you were all doing well. we are all well here. Mollie is getting over her cold most every body has had bad colds. I have not seen Mrs. Brighton since you left but am going there to dinner tomorrow. He called to see you today with some Praches from Salt Lake. and just learned that you had gone. I hope to get home for Christmas. I want to see you much also John darling I love you both & really give my love to all at home. Good Bles and keep you happy.
Dad

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
Office of the Genl. ticket Agt.

Omaha, Dec 14th. 1866

My Dear Wife

I did not expect to come to this town again until I was on my way home but I had to come in this morning. [W]e are through track laying for the season quit at the 30th Mile Post. [W]e will soon get our men disposed of settled up and then for home. I got fathers dispatch was glad you were all doing well. [W]e are all well here. Mollie is getting over her cold most every body has bad colds. I have not seen Mrs. Creighton since you left but am going there to dinner tomorrow. She called to see you today with some peaches from Salt Lake and just learned that you had gone. I hope to get home for Christmas. I want to see you much also John. Darling I love you both Dearly. [G]ive my love to all at home. God Bless and Keep you Happy

Jack

North Platte Dec 23rd 1865

My Dear Wife

here it is almost Christmas and I am still here. I did not think it would be so when I left you in Chicago. but so it is and if I get home on New Years now I shall feel thankful. There is so much to do and so many little detentions. we have grain to ship out things to put away for winter men to take care of besides the important matter of keeping all right with the Powers that be. I thought it best to fore go the pleasure of being home for a few days longer for the satisfaction of knowing that matters were all left in proper shape. Ed has gone home is to meet me in Ohio sometime in January we have considerable stock and are buying more we want two or three hundred Cows for next Summer are building a large Ice house have built a good slaughter house and Blacksmith Shop Wash house &c so you see I am getting quite a Ranch the Commissioners & Daniel will be here tonight

Mr Swain has just completed getting
a very handsome table for their reception
It is nice and pretty for so far west. no
wine or liquor we have the only temporary
house in this country. but I will have to
close as I hear the train coming with
the guests. Darling be as patient as you can
you don't want to see me. More than I
as you I am positively home sick.
How I want to talk with you and
Young John and all the rest of you
I love you dearly and hope to be with
you soon give me love to all at home
God Bless and keep you happy
Dad

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Jack

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To Mrs J. C. Casement
Care N. Clark

From Council Bluffs Dated Dec 14
Rec'd Dec 14th 1865 P.M.

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I am through well - answer Omaha
City

Paid

J. C. Casement