

Painesville Ohio.

Sept. 2nd 1868.

My Dear Husband,

We are all well tonight. The boys are sleeping quietly and sweetly and I only wish you could be here to enjoy a sight at their good looking faces. Bro Ford has been over to make me a short visit today and Anna Grace took tea with me. Aunt Lida had a letter from Hettie last night. They will stay at the springs this week and come home Saturday or go to Mendon I guess. I shall be glad to have them home again still I would not shorten their stay by sending them a wish for their return. I hope by this time Mollie is better for how hard it will be for her to be sick away

from home and so hard too for
her baby. I hope you will keep
well and be home before long to
stay with us. do try and stay
a few months with us this winter.
It is so discouraging for us to
be separated so long and so much.
you will never know any thing
about your children while they are
young - and will always think
they can be turned off to some
one else just like your track laying
or any work. If we could only
live together anywhere I would like
it so that we could feel at
home. but of course I prefer my
old home here to any other.

Dear Jack I do love you and
our precious boys so much and
I know you love us too with
your whole heart - still when I
think of our living so it worries
me dreadfully. for I can't

believe if we tried to live right
but we would be the happier for
being together - If I thought we
would get tired of each other
as I hear some husbands do of
their wives - I should wish we
might have one long courtship
& meet only occasionally during
our life. I have written my
thoughts long enough - but I
have these same ones a great
deal. it is time for me to go
to bed. - Good night dear. I would
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Yours loving wife

Frank.

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Dear Jack I do love you and our precious boys so much and I know you love us too with your whole heart - still when I think of our living so it worries me dreadfully, for I can't believe if we tried to live right but we would be the happier for being together - If I thought we would get tired of each other as I hear some husbands do of their wives - I should wish we might have one long courtship & meet only occasionally during our life. I have written my thoughts long enough - but I have those same ones a great deal, it is time for me to go to bed - Goodnight dear - I would, like a sweet kiss if it were possible

Your loving Wife

Frank.

Fairville Ohio.

Sept. 6th 1868.

My Dear Husband..

The babies are

asleep and every one in the house
asleep but myself but I must tell
you about all I know before I
go to rest. that will be very little
for I don't get but little news..
We are all well excepting Johnny
and he has some cold - we were
surprised this morning by Ma & Sis
walking in they did not come last
evening so we were not looking
for them. Mrs Scofield and Mrs
Noble stayed here last night
we had a pleasant visit - and
discussed some interesting topics..
I saw Dan a short time yesterday
have not seen Mollie yet - I
thought it would be better for

her to rest some before she little pet - how nice it is to have
had too much company - and I two such fine boys. and if the
was riding with both the children Father of them could be with
Dan said he had not seen you since to know them some. how
for two weeks but he could tell pleasant it would be for all
one that you was well. I hope concerned how I am long for the
Mollie will soon be better - time when we can live together

Ma is very tired today for they in a decent country like respectable
people last night but I believe she people I love you very dearly &
is looking some better than when think of you so much.
she went away. time will tell Your affectionate wife
if she is better. Nettie says she Frank.
has enjoyed herself well and she
has certainly improved in looks
& I guess feels better than when
she went away.

I hope when Dan goes back
you will be able to get away
for awhile to see your boys.
Johnny improves all the time
and Dan begins to look up very
bright. he weighs thirteen pounds
today - he is a plump good natured

Painesville Ohio.
Sept. 6th. 1868.

My Dear Husband.

The babies are asleep and every one in the house abed but myself but I must tell you about all I know before I go to rest, that will be very little for I dont (sic) get but little news. We are all well excepting Johnny and he has some cold - we were surprised this morning by Ma & Sis walking in. they did not come last evening so we were not looking for them. Mrs Scofield and Mrs Noble stayed here last night. we had a pleasant visit and discussed some interesting topics. I saw Dan a short time yesterday have not seen Mollie yet- I thought it would be better for her to rest some before she had too much company - and I was riding with both the children Dan said he had not seen you for two weeks but he could tell me that you was well. I hope Mollie will soon be better-

Ma is very tired today for they rode last night but I believe she is looking some better than when she went away, time will tell if she is better. Hettie says she has enjoyed herself well and she has certainly improved in looks & I guess feels better than when she went away.

I hope when Dan goes back you will be able to get away for awhile to see your boys. Johnny improves all the time and Dan begins to look up very bright - he weighs thirteen pounds today - he is a plump good natured little pet - how nice it is to have two such fine boys. and if the Father of them could be with them to train them some, how pleasant it would be for all concerned. How I do long for the time when we can live together in a decent country like respectable people. I love you very dearly & think of you so much.

Your affectionate Wife
Frank.

Princeton Ohio ..

September 16th 1868..

My Dear Husband ..

I drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well, and happy as I can be without you - I have had no letter from you this week and don't get them as often as I would like any way. I suppose you think the same about hearing from me - but my darling I love you and think of you all the time - and how often I wish you could be with us for I know you would not get tired of watching your interesting boys - they are so nice - Johnny has just come in & I says what shall I tell Papa for you he says - tell Papa "two boys" He thinks like me that the two boys are the nicest things in the world..

Dan has not been over to see us
yet of course he will ~~not~~ before he
goes back - I hear he has bought a
carriage & a pair of horses..

I heard yesterday that Hattie was
sick I hope it is nothing that
will last long - I shall try to go
and see her today.. I thought
she was looking better than when
she went away, her color was better
and she was some fleshier..

Ma is not very strong but
this morning she is hanging about
as usual. Be careful of yourself
and come home soon as you can -
I wonder if you will be contented
to stay with us all winter..

I love you my dear Jack more
than words can express and we
so much wish we could be together..

Your loving wife

Frank.

Painesville Ohio.
September 10th 1868.

My Dear Husband.

I drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well, and happy as I can be without you- I have had no letter from you this week and don't get them as often as I would like any way. I suppose you think the same about hearing from me but my darling I love you and think of you all the time - and how often I wish you could be with us for I know you would not get tired of watching your interesting boys- they are so nice- Johnny has just come in & I says what shall I tell Papa for you he says tell Papa "two boys," he thinks like me that the two boys are the nicest things in the world. Dan has not been over to see us yet. of course he will before he goes back- I hear he has bought a carriage & a pair of horses.

I heard yesterday that Hettie was sick. I hope it is something that will not last long- I shall try to go and see her today. I thought she was looking better than when she went away, her color was better and she was some fleshier.

Ma is not very strong but this morning she is banging about as usual. Be careful of yourself and come home soon as you can. I wonder if you will be contented to stay with us all winter. I love you my dear Jack more than words can express and do so much wish we could be together.

Your loving Wife
Frank.

Painesville Ohio.

Sept. 13th 1868.

My Dear Husband,

How much I would like to see you tonight - I have not heard one word from you since the telegram I received more than a week ago - I hope I shall have some letters before many days - for your letters are a great comfort and do me a great deal of good - they can not come too often - they are the next thing to seeing you. I hope you will keep well - By this time I suppose Dan is back - I thought he stayed a short time but I expect he knew best. I have not seen Mary & have not heard from her for a couple of days. I hope she will get better soon. I

feel so sorry for Dan. He must
be so anxious.

I hear that Anna Gray went
back with Dan - If you see her
give her my love and say to
her that I was just as glad as
she could be when I knew she
had started - For her trunk has
been packed for the last two
years, ready for a start. The
contents must be well pressed.

Pa begins to talk strongly
of Salt Lake - I expect if he goes
it will be all of a sudden
some day when we least
expect it. I wish you could be
at home while he is away.

Our darling boys are well. John
is growing fast - and improves
just as fast in talking - he is
an awful nice boy. I was
sorry Dan could not see him
& hear him talk so he could

tell you something about him
but Johnny was asleep when Dan
called here - Tonight when I put
the little darling in bed and
asked him what I should write
for him he says "tell him
Johnny good boy" and so he is -
He is quite a mamma boy yet &
even little Dan will follow me
with his eyes all about the
room and when I go out he
will cry. so he begins to show
that he knows where he finds a
friend. I tell you Jack it is
sweet indeed to be loved so much
by such interesting little ones.
Last night as I was laying them
both asleep in my bed - and
preparing to get in myself - Pa
says "well Frank what an under-
taking you have there - it is a
great undertaking" - I asked him
what he thought was such an

undertaking - trying to sleep with two
boys? he has not made an answer
yet - Pa has been to see Uncle
Ben today and found him quite
comfortable - for he has been much
worse and failing fast for a month.

A day or two ago we heard of the
death of Aunt Hannah Jennings that
lived in Nebraska she was sick only
ten days with dysentery - Uncle Clark
died three or four years ago in Illinois
she has soon followed him."

I had a letter last night - from Libbie
Frank has been having the whooping
cough.

Hettie has not been well since she
came home - but Pa just came
from there and says she is quite
better.

My dear Jack I love you dearly
and think of you all the time -
do write to me as often as you can.

Your affectionate wife
Frank

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Pa begins to talk strongly of Salt Lake- I expect if he goes it will be all of a sudden some day when we least expect it. I wish you could be at home while he is away. Our darling boys are well. John is growing fast and improves just as fast in talking- he is an awful nice boy- I was sorry Dan could not see him & hear him talk so he could tell you something about him but Johnny was asleep when Dan called here- Tonight when I put the little darling in bed and asked him what I should write Papa for him he says "tell him Johnny good boy" and so he is- He is quite a Mama boy yet & even little Dan will follow me with his eyes all about the room and when I go out he will cry, so he begins to show that he knows where he finds a friend. I tell you Jack it is sweet indeed to be loved so much by such interesting little ones. Last night as I was laying them both asleep in my bed - and preparing to get in myself - Pa says "well Frank what an undertaking you have there - it is a great undertaking"- I asked him what he thought was such an undertaking - lying to sleep with two boys? he has not made an answer yet- Pa has been to see Uncle Ben today and found him quite comfortable - for he has been much worse and failing fast for a month. A day or two ago we heard of the death of Aunt Hannah Jennings that lived in Nebraska. she was sick only ten days with dysentery - Uncle Clark died three or four years ago in Illinois. she has soon followed him.

I had a letter last night from Libbie, Frank has been having the whooping cough.

Hettie has not been well since she came home - but Pa just came from there and says she is quite smart.

My dear Jack I love you dearly and think of you all the time - do write to me as often as you can.

Your affectionate Wife
Frank.

Union Pacific Railroad.

Office J. S. & B. T. CASEMENT.

End of Track Sept 14 1868

My Dear Wife

I have not written to you for several days, and when I get letters pretty often from you who has the care of two Babies I ought not to plead lack of time, but the fact is when I have not been busy my tent has been overrun with people. we are now laying track beside the Stage Road and there is no other place to stay since I have had a tent I have been alone but one night, we are getting along pretty well done the largest months work last month that has been done on the road we have taken Sixty Miles of Grading west of Salt Lake and I am very busy fitting out parties to put on it. Mrs Reed her Pastor sons other Ladies and several Gentlemen bound for Salt Lake staid with us Saturday night and yesterday Mrs Reed left her baby at home with a wet nurse, and milked herself while away from the Baby. The train is moving as I write and this letter will be left

if I do not Coal Darling I love you
must dearly and think of you and
the Darlings constantly how I would
like to see you all and I hope to run
down soon if things work well
Dan is at Omaha will leave for
here tonight. give my love to all
Get Bleep and keep you happy
Love
J. B. R.

Union Pacific Railroad.
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Jack

Painesville Ohio..

Sept 16th 1868..

My Dear Husband..

I drop you a few lines this morning to let you know that we are all well - but very anxious about you for it is now two weeks since I have had a letter from you and more than a week since we have had any word - I cannot think that if you are well you will let two or three weeks pass without writing to us.

I think Pa will telegraph you today. I hope you are well but I shall be very anxious until I hear something from you. The babies are well and growing fast. I am very well indeed and if I can continue so I expect a great deal of comfort with my boys. Nettie is getting

better - she was here a while last evening - Ma is not very well but able to keep about the house.

I hope we shall hear from you soon I have dreamed such horrid dreams of you lately that I have the blues awfully about you. My dear Jack you can never know how much I do love you and when your letters do not come often I am very anxious - for they are my greatest comfort when we are separated.

Give my kind regards to Minnie and Mrs Wilcox I hear they are living at this end of track..

Yours loving wife

Frank..

Painesville Ohio.
Sept 16th. 1868.

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I hope you are well but I shall be very anxious until I hear the same thing from you. The babies are well and growing fast. I am very well indeed and if I can continue so I expect a great deal of comfort with my boys. Hettie is getting better - she was here a while last evening - Ma is not very well but able to keep about the house.

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Give my kind regards to Minnie and Mrs Wilcox I hear they are living at other end of track.

Your loving Wife
Frank.

Cleveland

Sept 28th 1868

Messrs. J. S. & D. J. Cassment,

Sirs:

Saw
your bills calling for 100 men to
lay track on Union Pacific R.R.
but not in time to make application
on 26th inst

Would like to go if you are not
full. Am blacksmith & Machinist
Have been to Head waters of
Yellow Stone in '55 & '56.

Refer you to R H Gordon & Co
Firm Gordon & Darver Cleveland O.

Respy

Frank M Wilson

No 67 Fulton St N.D.

Cleveland

Ohio

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Resp'y

Frank N. Nelson

No 67 Fulion St W. S.

Cleveland

Ohio

Fairsville. Ohio "

Sept. 29th 1868.

My Dear Husband

Enclosed I send
you a letter that came tonight.
We are all well as usual. The
Boys are asleep and I cannot go
to bed until I write a few words
to you -- I was disappointed in not
seeing "Emily Hall" last night and
hope it will not be many weeks
before she will be able to come.

Dr Myers from Warren was here
to see Uncle Ben this morning. Pa
went to see him for Ma & brought
him home to see her - whether she
will doctor with him or not will
be determined when he comes
again in about fourteen days.

He thinks Uncle Ben can be
helped but can never be a well

man - I went to see Nell Harding
this morning as you told me - why
wouldn't it be better for her to
look for a small place just out
of town in a good place where
the land would always be worth
something if the buildings did
become dilapidated. There Jack
perhaps you think that is too much
like business for your wife - I did
not speak of such a thing to Nell
or say anything to her but just
what you told me - and she said
she would let you know when she
should find out what she could do.

I hope you will write to
me very often for I get anxious
about you if I do not hear often.
I love you darling with my whole heart.

Yours affectionate wife

Frank.

Painesville Ohio.
Sept. 29th. 1868.

My Dear Husband

Enclosed I send you a letter that came tonight. We are all well as usual - the Boys are asleep and I cannot go to bed until I write a few words to you — I was disappointed in not seeing "Emily Hall" last night and hope it will not be many weeks before she will be able to come.

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I hope you will write to me very often for I get anxious about you if I do not hear often. I love you darling with my whole heart.

Your affectionate Wife

Frank.

Painesville Ohio "

Sept. 30th 1868..

My Dear Husband -

I suppose you reach
Omaha tonight - It seems more like
a dream than reality that you
have been home and that I have
seen you - I can hardly believe
it - & Johnny declares "Papa is home
now he has just gone on the card
a little while" - I suppose he thinks
you have gone to "Cleveland City" -

This has been a rainy day rather
unpleasant for our fair if it continues
so - He are well - The boys both
asleep & ~~land~~ now I wish you were
here so we could sit down for
a good chat.. Write me often..

Your loving wife

Frank.

Painesville Ohio.
Sept. 30th. 1868.

My Dear Husband –

I suppose you reach Omaha tonight - It seems more like a dream than reality that you have been home and that I have seen you - I can hardly believe it - & Johnny declares "Papa is home now he has just gone on the cars a little while" - I suppose he thinks you have gone to "Cleveland City" - This has been a rainy day rather unpleasant for our fair if it continues so - We are well - the boys both asleep and now I wish you were here so we could sit down for a good chat. Write me often.

Your loving Wife
Frank.