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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- Mrs Ford has been over to make me a short visit today and Anna Tracy took tea with me. Aunt Lide 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 anything about you children while they are young-and will always think they can be turned off to some one else just like your tracklaying 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 <u>husbands do of their wives</u> - 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.

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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.

Painesville Ohio .. September .11" 1868. My Dear Housband. lines to let you know that I am well, and happy as I can be with out you - I have had no letter from you This week and Mon't Jes- Shew as often as I would like any ray. I suppose you think the some about hearing from me but my darling I love you and Think of you all The time - and how often I make you could be with no for I know you would not get tried of watching your sulviesting boys - Shing are so price - fohnny has just-come in I says what shall I tell Papa for you he says-tell Papa two boys. He thinks like ene shat the hos boys are the encest- Things in the world.

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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 <u>banging</u> 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. Lept. 13. 1868. My Dear Hueband.,
How much I would like to see you tonight you since the lilegrand of secured more than a week ago I høpe I shall have some litters before many days for your letters are a great comfort and de me a great oral of good - they can Sol- Come Sos Then - they are the nept thing to seeing you " I hope you mill keep well - By This Time I Inspere Dan is back. I Thought he slæged a short time but-il It fruit he know best ... I have not-Deen Many or have not heard from her for a comple of days. I hope The will get better soon "

feel so somy for Dan he must tell you something about him be so anxious, but Johnny was asleep when Dan I hear that Anna Frang went Called here - Tonight when I put back with Dan - If you see her the little darling in bed and give her my love and say to asked him what I should write her that I was just as glad as Papa for him he says tell him The could be when I knew the Johning good boy" and so he is had starled - for her bruke has the is quite a krama boy yet. I brem packed for the last two Even little Dam will follow me years, ready for a stort " the with his Eyes all about the cordends must be well pressed , room and when I go out he La begins to talk strongly will cry, so he begins to show of Lalt-Lake - I sppiet if he goes that he knows where he finds a it vill be all of a sudden friend .. I tilb you fack it is some day when we least sweet sudeed to be loved so much Sofrect it. I wish you could be by such interesting little ones. at home while he is away " Fast fright as I was lenging them Our darling boys are well. John Loth aslup in my bed - and is growing fast- and improves preparing to get en engelf - Pafirst as fast in latking - he is says well Frank what an underan awful knice boy. I was Taking you have there - it is a som Dan could not see him great under taking"- I asked him + hear him latte so he could, what he thought evas such an

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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 <u>short</u> 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 Tracy went back with Dan - If you see her give her my love and say to her that \underline{I} was just as glad as <u>she could</u> 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 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.

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Union Pacific Railroad. Office J.S. & D.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 Tom other ladies and several gentlemen bound for Salt Lake staid (sic) with us Saturday night and yesterday. Mrs. Reed left her baby at home with a wet nurse, and milks herself while away from the baby. The train is moving as I write and this letter will be left if I do not close. Darling I love you most 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 God Bless and keep you happy Jack

Paines erlle Ohio .. Sept-16th. 1868. My Dear Husband. lines this morning to let you know that we are all well - but very anjions about you for it is now Ino weeks pence I have had an letter from you and know than a week since we have had any word I cannot think that if you are well you will tel- two or show weeks pass inshout worling to us. I think Pa will telegraph you today I høpe you are well but il Shall be very ampions contil I hear some Thing from you. The babies are mell and growing fast. I am very well indeed, and if I can continue Do I depect a great deal of comfortvisto sing boys. He ettie so getting

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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 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.

I hope we shall hear from you soon. I have dreamed such <u>horrid</u> 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 other end of track.

Your loving Wife Frank.

Sept 28th 1868 Messer, f. S. & D.J. Coisementz Sirs: your bills colling for 100 mento May trouck on Rumon Pacific R.R. but not in time to make application on 26th mat full. Am bleick smith & Machinest Have hern to Head waters of Millow Stores in 358 56. Firm Gerelon & Sourver Elsewland O. Lessing Trank My Welson Mr 67 Fulion St Auss. alexardand Ohio

Cleveland

Sept 28th 1868

Messrs. J. S. &. D. T. Casement,

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 & [illegible] Have been to head waters of Yellow Stone (sic) in '55 & 56.

Refer you to R H Gordon Jr Firm Gordon & Sarver Cleavland (sic) O.

Resp'y

Frank N. Nelson

No 67 Fulion St W. S.

Cleveland

Ohio

Famessille. Ohio " Sapl-. 29tz 1868. Moy Dear Husband Enclosed I send you a letter that came Somight. he are all well as usual the Boys are askep and I connot-go Is bed buttil I write a fin words To you -- I was dis appointed in not 222mg Enity Hall" last englit and høpe it evill not be many weeks before she vill be able to come. Dr Myers from Frances has here To see Uncle Ben This morning- Pa, went to see him for men & brought him home to see her - whether she will doctor with him or not will be delermined when he comes again no about fourtien dags. He thriks linde Ben oan be, helped bet com onen be a well

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Your affectionale hife

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 Nett 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 Nett 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.

Your affectionate Wife Frank.

Painesville Ohio " Sept. 30th 1868. My Dear Heusband -I suppose you reach Omaha Tonight - It seems more like have been home and that I have seen you - I can herdly believe il- & Johnny decloses Fapa is home now he has just gove on the card a little while - I suppose he thinks you have gone to blevelend bilj -This has been a rainy day rather un pleasant- for omr fair éf ét continues so - he are well - The boys both asluf Inanel now I wish you were here so we could sit- down for a good chat. Inte me oflero. Your loving hife 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.