

Ann-Arbor May 24 1844

Dear Brother We received your letter on the 12th and I ought to have this written before this. but the nights are short and I have no time to write any other time. My boy wants me to take him when I come in ~~the~~ evening. I looked for you until the fifth of May. the sixth was a rainy day. I still ^{thought} you might be along the 7th but no. It seems you could not come. And I presume duty to your family forbid it and that of course is paramount. The weather here was fine until past the 20th of April. But for the last four weeks it has rained almost every day. It has not rained since the 20th of this month. and the appearances are for fair weather. The rainy weather has put back the planting of corn. We had frost this morning ^(22^d) and yesterday morning. Thermometer 26° & 31°. It killed the hickory and Oak leaves, and Grape vines. The House in Ypsilanti I rented to a man for 75 per week to ^{pay} quarterly. The roof of the house was so good as I thought it was. I noticed the other day it was quite speckled with new shingles. The House belongs to Lane's estate and the estate is poor is the reason why I rented it. The Ann Arbor house is a new house. It stood empty two, or three weeks. when I let a person into it for a week as he had no place to go to. He is in it now. but talks of moving next week. It will be three weeks the 24th since he went in. The Sawmill house was clear of its tenants then. and he wanted to come into it. but I did not want him so near me. The Sawmill house is still empty. and the Ann Arbor house I will keep so too, till I hear from you. So you can have your choice. Houses are more in demand this summer than last. I was in Detroit about two months ago. Mr Ewers folks as usual as to health. Lane has another son which ^{the} calls a baby. The Flouring mill is agoing at last. The first barrel of Flour was made 23^d April. But one run of stone yet. It was calculated to run 70 barrels in 24 hours but 40 is as high as they reached yet. But one of the Millrights is going to try if he cannot make it do better tomorrow. We think of putting a different wheel in our Sawmill this summer. We have agreed with a man to put one in for \$100. called the Stanton wheel. It is one of those kind of wheels that run well in back water. He says that with 300 inches of water we can do better with his wheel than ^{we can} with our flutter wheel which takes 5 or 600 inches

We had a great rain the 11th of May some 6 or 8 miles North of here as well as North west. It poured down such a deluge on the heads of Fleming creek that it swept every dam as it went along. When it came to the first dam it dashed right over without taking any notice of it. The Huron was high too but nothing like Fleming creek. There is many more passengers in the cars this year than last. Wheat stood at 72 a long time has fell to 67 lately. Wheat on the ground looks tolerably well. Our season here was early, but we don't like early seasons. Because it generally brings late frosts, which is hard on fruit of all kinds. Your neighbors wanted to know what was to be done about working your Road-tax. I told two them to work it out and I would pay them. Half of the time might have been put off until fall. but it is of little consequence. 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ hr day and board is low wages except you can turn in a plow, or scraper, for a day. My calculation about a horse for you is to have one or two ready for you, to go into, and then you can look round and suit yourself. When you come I want you to stop here in the first place we will find you rooms for some days. The Sawmill house will certainly be empty. If you get here in two months. I will probably hear from you in that ^{time}. Robert and family are well, and so are we. Farewell
To William Geddes
John Geddes

Palmyra June 10th 1844

Dear Sir

Please to take out a rule to take depositions for me and send it in the mail this evening or tomorrow evening and you will very much oblige me. I would have been down to day but for other business to day. Philip Greber Farmer.

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William Geddes Esq.
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Can now indicate for myself and my friends of the kind of Mr. Greber and of course felt prepared to have done.

Thomas Greber
Springfield

Palmyra June 10th 1844

Dear Sir

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