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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Jacob G. Armstrong

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J S Arms

Sunday Oct. 9th 1859

Delaware, Ohio

Dear Bro.

I will commence by giving you my history since I left Home. After I left Father in a wait I got on the Cars at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 o'clock arrived at Columbus at 3 or 4 o'clock found I could not go to Delaware till 4 o'clock next morning. Then I just contented myself and "made the best of it". first I went to the Cemetery. Then I went to a barber and he performed audacious barbarity on me by cutting my hair. Then I went to the State House. In the Library I saw the bust of Geo Chase. It is made of plaster of Paris and looks just like Chase only it is white and the eyes are the same.

then I visited the Artesian well
It is in a building. It is run
by a steam engine. It is 2285
feet deep and they go from 6 to 8
feet per day the water is within
28 feet of the top of the ground.
They take the auger out 2 times
every 24 hours & clean out the dirt.
They are in limestone rock. they do
not bore like an auger but it that
is by turning it round, but by
raising it up & letting it drop
about 2 feet at a time. They have
a windlass to take the auger out.
Monday eve I staid all night
at the Exchange Hotel next
morning I started on the C. & O.
& C. road for Del. My bill over night
was about 40 cts.
Tuesday got into Delaware about

daylight. Then came over to Delaware
went to the M & C Church to Chapel
where the students met for worship.
Then I went to Mrs. McEchanics
and engaged boarding for 2 dollars
& fifty cents per week. There are 3
Methodist students boarding at the
same house with me. I ate dinner
then got my trunk over from the Depot
for 10 cts. At eve I heard Gen Jos.
Geiger & H. B. Payne speak
at "Templar Hall".
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good ways behind they go so fast
that it is as much as a fellow can
do to keep up with the class & to catch
up. I have been studying night &
day. Saturday was a cloudy day
somewhat. I studied Greek all day.
There is no school Saturday they gave us
out lessons for Monday. I have the
immense sum of \$1.50000 on
hands now "clean cash" all told.
This is a good moral town yesterday
I entered my name. I have hardly
got started yet in my studies write
to me and let me know when I can
get some cash. Monday I have
to pay 100 initiation fee into the
Institution. That will leave me 40 cts. I have
no Algebra yet. Write soon give my love
to Mr. Burns give Mrs. L. S. Huntington
So J. G. Huntington

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Mr. J. E. Armstrong
Newark
Pickens County

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month



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October 9, 1859

Addressed to: Mr. J.G. Armstrong

Newark Licking County

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