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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Jacob G. Armstrong

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Delaware Ohio

November 20. 1859

Dear Brother

It has been a long
time since I have heard from home
I have been running to the Post Office
for the last two weeks yes! longer than
that, for a letter from home but so far I
have been disappointed. I suppose you
think that you know all about what
transpires about home and you think
that I dont want to hear from you
of what I'm going on in the neighborhood
Well if you do not think that I deserve
a letter, or it is not best for me to hear
from home I act wise you to do just
as you think best about writing but
I do assure you that I am somewhat
low spirited and I will give you

the reasons. First I am rooming by myself. My roommate William Brown has gone home. his little Bro. Charlie died and his father sent him a dispatch for him to come home immediately. Friday eve at 12.34 minutes of he left on the cars for studios very hard and he has furnished nearly all the things we needed such as wood light washing &c that is he paid the money. because I had none if he had not have been here I would have been compelled to come home. He is gone and what well I do. They have been drumming me for money repeatedly and it makes me feel miserable. I have it to pay any how & why not now as well as in the future & furthermore If I dont pay I have the left to eat.

God I aid what you sent me to my landlady. I hardly think that you think I am not to be trusted. It looks a little that way any how. I have only 4 weeks & 3 days to stay here yet. I have been here. To day is a fine sunny day. Somewhat muddy in the streets. Friday was a very rainy day. Saturday was cloudy and damp. On the 17th I got a letter from Walter he was well and had about 60 scholars. I have a severe headache and I dont feel much in a mood for writing. To day at 11 o'clock I heard Rev Bradley preach a funeral sermon of Mr Carr a Methodist, his text was in Philippians 1. 21 verse. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." At 3 heard Dr Thomson deliver an address on a text. I have forgotten where it was it was in reference to men

excusing up their faults on the one hand
and confessing them on the other.

Next Tuesday will make 8 weeks
I have been here at 2.50 dollars per week
well. And to 20.00 dollars I have paid
7.00 which will leave me 13.00
dollars in debt. I will have to get a load
of wood soon, as I am about out. I
get 1 load paid \$1.00 for it. I have
just 4 weeks & 3 days to go here yet
which will make 11.07 cts and I will
want about 28 dollars in all. I
want to get Wilsons history that will
take 2.00 dollars more. This will leave me
30.00 dollars.

I have been very hearty so far. I
weighed 154 lbs the other day. That is
a little heavier than I generally
weigh. Give my love to all with
soon and oblige you affectionately

Brother W. L. Armstrong
W. L. Armstrong

Newark



Mr Jacob G. Armstrong
Newark
Ohio



November 20, 1859

Addressed to: Mr. Jacob G. Armstrong

Newark Ohio

Delaware Ohio

November 20, 1859

Dear Brother

It has been a long time since I have heard from home. I have been running to the Post Office for the last two weeks. Yes, longer than that for a letter from home but so far have been disappointed. I suppose that you think that you know all about what transpires about home and you think that I don't want to hear from you of what is going on in the neighborhood. Well if you think that I do not deserve a letter or it is not best for me to hear from home I advise you to do just as you think best about writing. But I assure you that I am somewhat low spirited and I will give you the reasons.

First. I am rooming by myself. My roommate William Brown has gone home. His little Bro Charlie died and his father sent him a dispatch for him to come home immediately. Friday eve at 12.34 minutes he left on the cars. He studies very hard and he has furnished nearly all of the things we need such as wood, light, washing etc. that is _____ paid the money because I had none and if he had not been here, I would have been compelled to come home. They have been dunning me for money repeatedly and it makes me feel miserable. I have it to pay anyhow and why not now as well as in the future & furthermore if I don't pay I have the less to eat.

I paid what you sent me to my landlady. I hardly think that you think I am not to be trusted. It looks a little that way any how. I only have 4 weeks and 3 days to stay here yet. I have been here.

Today is a fine sunny day. Somewhat muddy in the streets. Friday was a very rainy day. Saturday was cloudy and damp. On the 17th I got a letter from Wilbur. He was well and had about 60 scholars. I have a severe headache and I don't feel much in the mood for writing.

Today at 11 o'clock I heard Rev Bradley preach a funeral sermon of Mr. Carr, a Methodist. His text was in Philippians 1 21 verse. "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain. At 3 he and Dr. Thompson delivered an address on a text. I have forgotten where it was in reference to mere men or any of their faults on the one hand and confessing them on the other.

Next Tuesday will make 8 weeks I have been here at \$2.50 per week. Well, amount to \$20, I have paid \$7 which will leave me \$13 dollars in debt. I will have to get a load of wood soon as I am about out. I got one load, paid \$1 for it. I have just 4 weeks and 3 days to go here yet which will make 11.07 cts and I will want about \$28 in all. Yes I want to get Wilson's history. That will take \$2 more. Thus send me \$30.

I have been very hearty so far. I weighed 154 lbs the other day. That is a little heavier than I generally weigh. Give my love to all. Write soon. Your affectionate brother

T.S. Armstrong