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# Letter from Wilbur F. Armstrong to Thomas S. Armstrong

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people on Deavertown circuit;  
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and if I cant get the best as  
you well know I wont have any.

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Yanoville to get some clothing, as we  
have drawn our first month's wages  
and had more money than we could  
keep. from Yanoville we went to  
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In reference to "Thanksgiving day"  
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from Bro. & the Falls. W. S. Anthony



Post-Script

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some vacant Sunday in  
looking around for a school  
for me some place in Delaware  
County hire a horse and  
I will pay damages and  
send me the result of your  
labors at the earliest possible  
convenience and oblige a  
Pedagogue of the first class

Addendi

I send you these  
problems as I rec'd them  
send the paper back

I am having a pretty hard  
time having to combat with  
all sorts of malignant lies  
some say I am out till  
11 o'clock at night gambling and  
drinking. I can have the  
summer school but since  
such awful reports have been  
started I will have nothing  
to do with Saylorsville any  
longer than 25 days more  
write soon W. S. A



well.

Amores vincet Amorem  
All (men) will conquer Love  
Amores  
Amor Amores vincet  
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Adams

1884



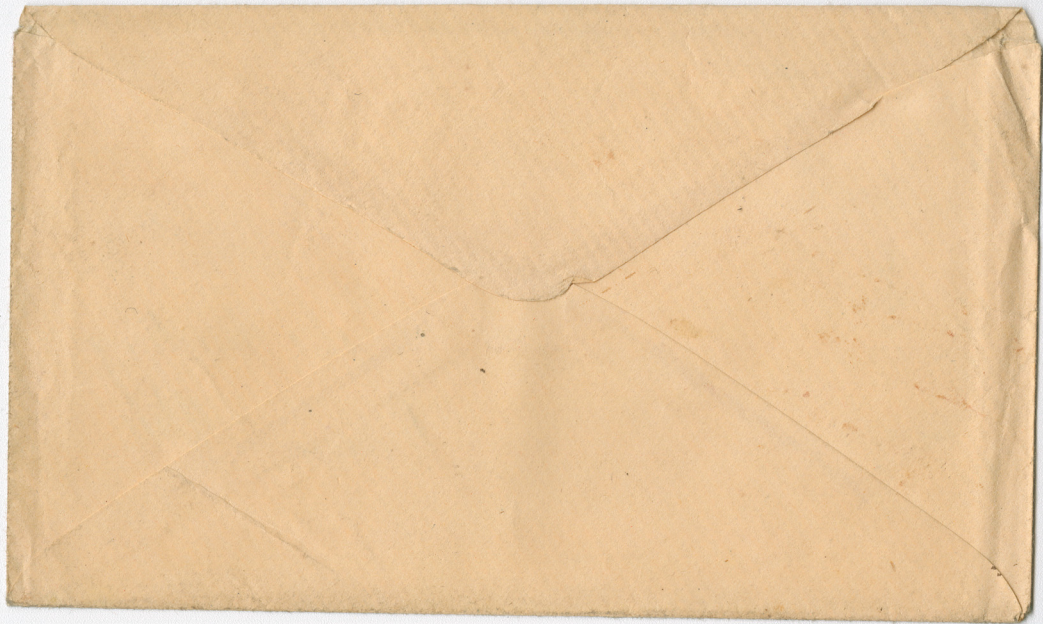


Mr. Thos. A. Armstrong  
Delaware Ohio

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December 6, 1859

Addressed to: Thos S. Armstrong

Newark, O

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