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Letter from Wilbur F. Armstrong to Thomas S. Armstrong

Wilbur F. Armstrong

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Lebanon O. Apr 23.

Dear Bro.:

Last Tuesday my heart was partially gladdened by the receipt of a remittance from ^{some} partially because it was rather small.

and is now almost gone

and will only last this week.

I have made up my mind to stay the next term and will consequently board myself and thereby reduce my expense which is now very great. You wanted a

description of this town

Well if I was gifted a la Bayard Taylor I would give you a description, but as

When are you going to Delaware

When needed to answer

I am not I will only give
a few & a very description
so, to commence at the first
Its geographical situation I can
not give. However It is thirty
miles from Cincinnati and five
miles north of the Little Miami
river which I crossed in coming
here. It is a very nice town
population about 3000, and
possessed of no great natural ad-
vantages and is rather a rural
town. There are some very
wealthy men here who have
splendid houses. There is
a very good Union School
here close to the Normal
The land is "palling" generally
that is it is not abrupt and
hilly. Old Tom Corwin
lives in an old brick house
on an elevation in the western
part of the suburban part of
Leland. Spare your criticisms de It is
not there at present and
I have not yet seen him

It was well for his
prospects & of the future
that I was not at home
when he was there, and
if I ever see him
again I will give him
his just dues

I can prove that
I taught as many
days as his uncle
John Platts and
if he wants to believe
he did not teach out
his time then I will
have nothing more to
say. So I now bid
this subject a final
farewell

If my letters had been
sent to me as they ought
this would have been
settled

And I hope they will
be next time



Mr. G. S. Amstrong
Newark N. J.

P. M.
via N. J.



April 23, 1860

Addressed to: Mr. T.S. Armstrong

Newark, O

Lebanon O.

Apr 23

Dear Bro

Last Tuesday my heart was partially gladdened by the receipt of a remittance from home, partially because it was rather too small and is now almost gone and will only last this week. I have made up my mind to stay the next term and will consequently board myself and thereby reduce my expense which is now very great. You wanted a description of this town. Well if I was gifted a la Bayard Taylor, I would give you a description but as I am not I will only give a few scattering descripts. So I commence at the first.

The geographical situation I cannot give. It is thirty miles from Cincinnati and five miles north of the Little Miami River which I crossed in coming here. It is a very nice town, population about 3,000 and possessed of no great natural advantages as rather a rural town. There are some very wealthy men here who have splendid homes. There is a very good Union school here close to the Normal. The land is rolling generally. That is, it is not abrupt and hilly. Old Tom Porvin lives in an old brick house on an elevation in the western part of the suburban part of Lebanon. He is not here at present and I have not seen him. It was well for his prospects for the future that I was not at home when he was there and if I ever see him again I will give him his just dues.

I can prove that I taught as many days as his uncle John Plants and if he wants to believe he did not teach out his time then I will have nothing more to say. So now I bid this subject a final farewell. If my letters had been sent to me as they ought this would have been settled and I hope they will be next time.

That disgusting as it has now become Taylorsville matter would have been all right long before this had you sent those letters to me without -- well I will not say what I intended but suffice it to say about that unprincipled vagabond Bill Plants. Had it not been for him, there would have been no trouble. He tried to undermine me before I left Philo and by very dishonest and unmanly means in the guise of friendship and I knew it and treated him accordingly and now that I am not there to take my part, he is trying to finish his work.