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## Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

Thomas S. Armstrong

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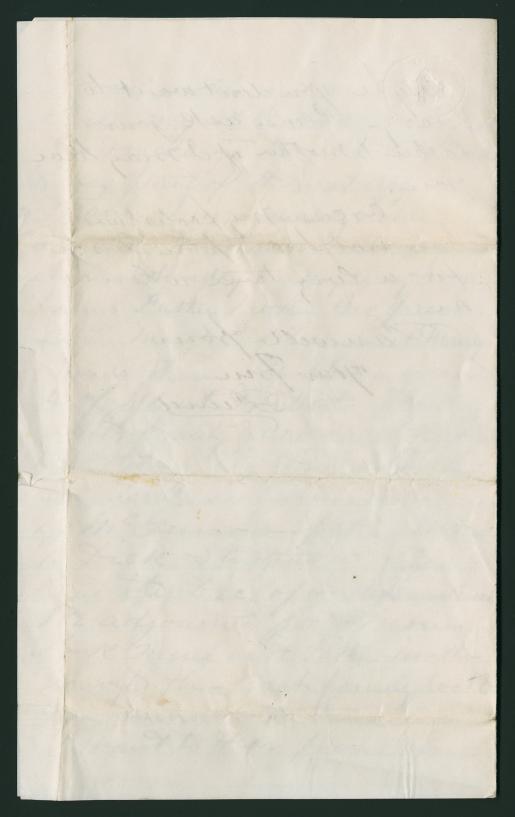
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At Home, Grated O. Dear Prank ) and a citizen once Mone, I and living under my own wine and fig tree. I only need one thing to complete my household furnition and that is a wife\_ To you think I can Aucceed in getting one? Write to me without Reserve & tele me when you Can be ready for the or whether you cant be Gomorow is your Birth Day I believe. I wish I could have been in a Condition to have come out to See you at that time Well if I Can't get ready as soon as you I want you to lite no when you mant me to come

Maybe you don't want to mary- Please ask your father & mother if I may have I was mustered out on high Buth Day at Washington D. G. Has Discharged the 30 Day of fun I was pair of the next day For not heard from Lerge I came muchalely home attended her Isaar Hulls finesal for a long time where is on last Sunday, on my way how found Father krother Dro facol AL Canwell from hoters mary & the there, That many "Jour free Frend founds There. Me had a grand 4 of pills at gratiet. The youth Beauty & Chivalry of the Could met there. The glee club from Brownsville Sang well. Hon. 7 In Junis Spake the 7. Dick Student at You Read to Die. of Independence Its adjourned for Dinner Jook mine with tathe mothing manys the - Each family took Hen dunner with them I want to Hear from you







July 9, 1865

Addressed to Miss Frank P. Porter

Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois

At Home, Gratiot, O.

July 9, 1865

Dear Frank

I am a citizen once more. I am living under my own vine and fig tree. I only need one thing to complete my household furniture and <u>that is a wife</u> -- Do you think I can succeed in getting one? Write to me without Reserve & tell me when you can be ready for me or whether you can't. Tomorrow is your birthday, I believe. I wish I could have been in a condition to come out to see you at that time. Well if I can't get ready as soon as you I want you to tell me when you want me to come.

I was mustered out on my birthday at Washington D.C. Was discharged the 30 day of June & was paid off the next day. I came immediately home. Attended Mr. Isaac Hull's funeral on last Sunday. On my way home, found Father, Mother Bro Jacob, Sisters Mary & Fla there. We had a grand 4 of July in Gratiot. The youth Beauty & chivalry of the band met there. The glee club from Brownsville sang well. Hon T.J. McGinnis spoke. Mr. T. Dick Student at Law read the Dec of Independence. We adjourned for Dinner. Took mine with Father, Mother, Mary & Fla. Each family took their dinner with them.

I want to hear from you soon.

May be you don't want to marry -- Please ask your Father & Mother if I may have you.

Excuse my foolishness. I have not heard from George for a long time, where is he

Farewell from your free friend