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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

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St Rome, Gratiot Co.

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 that is a
wife— Do you think I can suc-
ceed in getting one? Write to me
without Reserve & tell me when you
can be ready for me or whether
you cant. Ye. Tomorrow is
your Birth Day I believe. I
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Convention to have come out to
see you at that time Well if I
cant get ready as soon as you
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you want me to come

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Birth Day at Washington D. C.,
Was Discharged the 30 Day of June
& was paid off the next day

I came I immediately home
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on last Sunday. on my way home
found Father Mother Bro Jacob
Sisters Mary & Elu there. Met many
friends there. We had a grand
4 of July at Gratiot. The
youth Beauty & chivalry of the Cou
met there. The glee club from
Brownsville sang well. Hon
J. McGinnis spoke Mr
T. Dick Student at Law
Read the Dec. of Independence
We adjourned for Dinner
Took mine with Father Mother
Mary & Elu - Each family took
their dinner with them
I want to Hear from you
soon

Maybe you dont want to
marry - Please ask your
father & mother if I may have
you.

Excuse my foolishness
I've not heard from George
for a long time where is
he

Farewell from
your true
Friend



Faint, illegible handwriting covering the majority of the page, appearing as bleed-through from the reverse side.

De Witt Co }

Miss S. P. Porter
Clinton
Illinois



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 that is a wife -- 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.

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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