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# Letter from Jacob G. Armstrong to Thomas S. Armstrong

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Gratiot O

October 13<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Bro Thomas I

I received your letter to me last Friday a week was pleased to hear from you and also the one you wrote to Father yesterday. We (Mattie & I) wish you much joy and in one year a little boy.

I am glad you are getting along so well with your school hope you may make it a success.

I received that check and went to Zanesville and got the money had no trouble in getting it.

I have not obtained that money as yet the express men say it should have been paid long ago and do not know why the Company are so dilatory about it.

I paid our excise tax last week the amount was \$142.00 quite a good rent for a set of poor Boys to pay. I was at Licking County fair took some Stalk had very good success in taking premiums took one of the most important & I.E. Best Buck & 3 lambs his get. There was the best show of Sheep a great many said they ever seen at any fair had a very good fair. Our Sheep are doing first rate.

You ask about buying property in Clinton I do not know what is best under the present circumstances you will have to be your own judge about that matter.

Our folks are all well

Mattie is well and doing first rate  
Sorry your better half is sick

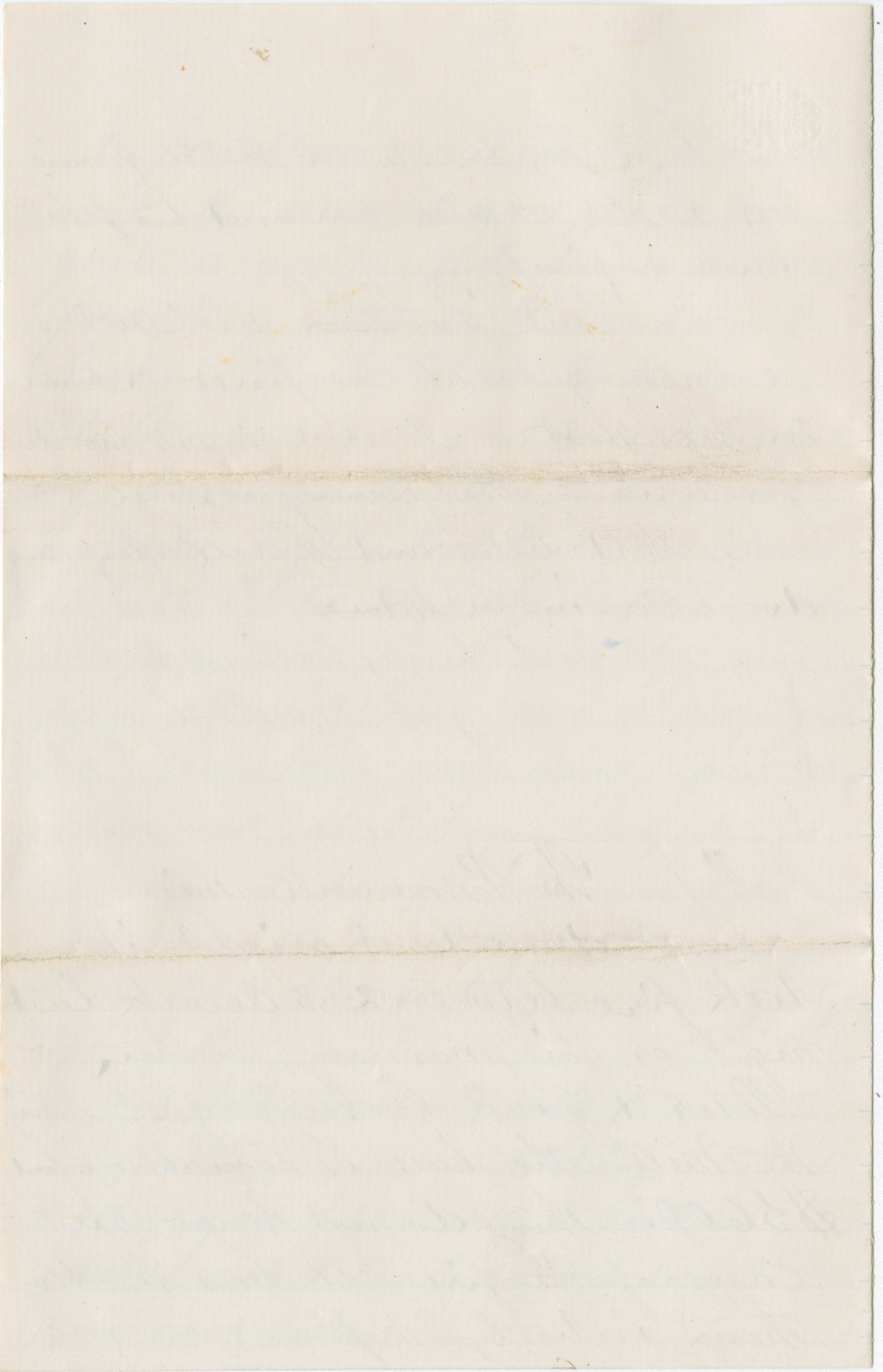
Mattie and I send our best love to you and Sister Frank

Give my love to Mr Porters family till George I wish him and his crew much hapiness.

I think ~~the time~~ it will not be many years till we find a home in the west. I am in no mood for writing this evening excuse this short letter and I will try and do better in the future.

Your affectionately  
J. Armstrong

P.S. The Brownville mill burnt down last night it took fire between 2 & 3 O'clock last night or this morning rather. Peter & Jack Gutzerg just being <sup>at</sup> the mill the loss is somewhere about \$3600. They do not know the cause of the fire it has broke them entirely up.





Recd Oct 20  
ansd Oct 21



Mr. Thomas S. Armstrong  
Clinton  
Dewitt County  
Ill



October 13, 1865

Addressed to: Mr. Thomas S. Armstrong

Clinton DeWitt County Ill

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