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## Letter from John Porter to Francis P. Porter

John Porter

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Clinton Jewett, Co  
Illinois

August 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Well Frank I came to Iron  
expecting to hear from you  
but was disappointed we have  
not heard from you since  
I left you at Mr Armstrongs  
nearly five weeks ago our  
folks have written three or  
four letters to you since I  
arrived at home. the Family  
are all well at present, my  
health has not been very  
good since I saw you I am  
better now. we are nearly  
through with our harvest. our  
crops are very good The Girls  
are all at home Henry was  
down to visit us and stayed  
some ten days George &

Grave are at Home  
George has been helping us  
through harvest. I had a  
talk with the School Director  
at Clinton in relation to their  
School they will have an  
election in a few days then  
they can determine what length  
of time they will employ a teacher.  
I am writing in Col. J. Kelly's  
office Mr Kelly & Family  
are all well. How do you  
like to live in Ohio by  
this time what does J. S.  
talk of doing if he wants  
the Clinton School tell him  
to let Mr Kelly or myself  
know and we will do the  
best we can for him

when you receive this write  
and let us know how you  
are enjoying yourself  
if you receive our letters

I suppose you have learned  
that Al Beebe is married his  
wife's name was Anna. Bib. Shue  
Step Daughter of William Shue  
Al. B. made her acquainted a  
bout noon one day and they  
were married at two o'clock the  
next morning and the next  
day he left for parts unknown  
his wife stayed at Clinton a  
few days and went up near  
Bloomington I learned a few  
moments since that Al Beebe  
is home again but says he  
will not live with her  
enough of this give my respects  
to J. S. tell him that I would  
be glad to see him in Ill if  
convenient Give my respect to  
Mr Armstrong & Family also  
J. G. & Family and all engaging friends  
nothing more but remain your  
father  
J. R. Porter

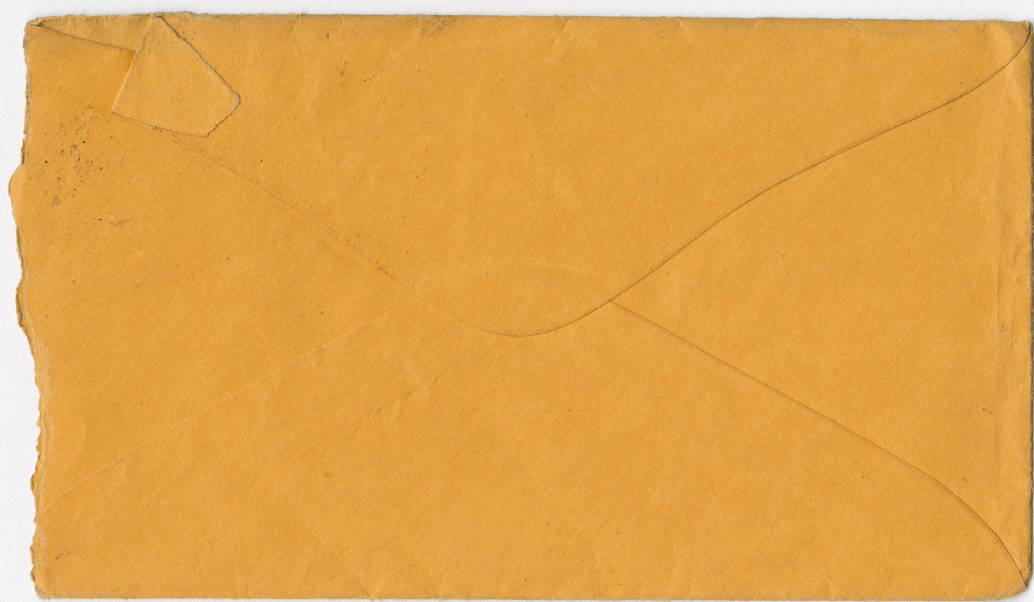


If not called in Ten Days  
return to

JOSEPH J. KELLY,  
Clerk Circuit Court De Witt  
County,  
CLINTON, - - ILLINOIS.



Mrs J. S. Armstrong  
Gratiot  
Ohio



August 4, 1866

Clinton DeWitt Co. Illinois

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1866

Well, Frank, I came to town expecting to hear from you but was disappointed we have not heard from you since I left you at the Armstrongs nearly five weeks ago. Our folks here have written three or four letters since I arrived at home. The family are all well at present, my health has not been very good since I saw you I am better now. We are nearly through with our harvest. Our crops are very good. The girls are all at home. Jenny was down to visit us and stayed some ten days. George & Grace are at home. George has been helping us through harvest. I had a talk with the School Director in relation to their School. They still have an election in a few days then they can determine what length of time they will employ a teacher. I am writing in Col. J.J. Kelley's office. Mr. Kelly & family are all well. How do like to live in Ohio by this time. What dare T.S. talk of doing. If he wants the Clinton School tell him to let Mr. Kelly or myself know and we will do the best we can for him. When you receive this, write and let us know how you are enjoying yourself. If you receive our letters, I suppose you have learned that Al Bebee is married. His wife's name is Fiana Bib Shue, step daughter of William Shue. Al B. made her acquaintance about noon one day and they were married at two o'clock the next morning and the next day he left for parts unknown. His wife stayed at Clinton a few days and went up near Bloomington, I learned a few moments since that Al Bebee is home again but says he will not live with her. Enough of this. Give my respects to T.S. tell him that I would be glad to see him in Ill. If convenient. Give my respects to Mr. Armstrong & family also J.G. family and all inquiring friends. Nothing more but remain your father.

J.R. Porter