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Letter from Huldah Porter to Francis P. Porter

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Clinton, Ills Oct 15, 76

Sister Frank

I thought as fallen was going to town I would write you a few lines but let you know we are all well. I wrote you not long since but did not receive no answer. We have just finished making our molasses. Made some taffy I wish you ever hear to help eat it. Now and I have been gathering apples this fore noon. Mother and Grandmother all going to town. Grandma has a very sore eye they are going to the Doctor. We had a good fair this year. They have moved the fair grounds out on the Prairie to Fairbanks.
George and Grace have moved to town. They like living in town very well. I have not sold the wool yet don't know when he will sell. You wanted to know how my cough was. I think it is some better, it don't keep me from work. We were all at an apple cellar one night last week at Mr. Dani's. Had a gay time, kept us cutting apples until we were ready to come home. Deery has had the gripes but has recovered.

Pennie is cutting as many fracas as old Caleb. Doby and Billy are cutting corn.

Jersey is herding sheep. Bob is flying around like a kite in a manner. I thought you would like to know what we are all doing.

I have some notion of teaching this winter if I can get a school. I bought another watch from George gave 10 for it. Pennie sends her love and wants you to write. She will write as soon as her eyes are strong enough.

Tell Bump to write. I would like to hear from him. My love to one and all in case you are not writing more I didn't think of writing until they came about ready write down and after do like me don't wait for an answer. Write soon.

Hillsdale
October 18, 1866

Clinton, Ill
Oct 18th, 66

Sister Frank

I thought as Father was going to town I would write you a few lines to let you know we are all well. I wrote you not long since but did not receive an answer. We have just finished making our molasses, made some taffy. I wish you were here to eat it. Mary and I have been gathering apples this fore noon. Mother and grandmother are going to town. Grandmother has a very sore eye, they are going to the doctor.

We had a good fair this year. They have moved the fairgrounds out on the prairie by Campbells. George and Grace have moved to town. They like living in town very well. Father has not sold his wool yet. Don’t know when he will sell. You wanted to know how my cough was. I think it some better. It doesn’t keep me from work. We were all at an apple ______ one night last week at _______ __________, had a gay time. Kept on cutting apples until we were ready to come home. Mary has had the gunshot but has recovered. Jennie is cutting as many ________ as old Pet. Johnny and ________ are cutting corn. Josey is herding sheep. _______ is flying around like F in a mitten. I thought you would like to know what we were all doing.

I have some notion of teaching this winter if I can get a school. I bought Mother’s watch from George, gave $20 for it. Jennie sends her love, wants you to write. She will write as soon as her eyes are strong enough, Tell Sump to write. I would like to hear from him. My love to one and all. Excuse me for not writing more. I didn’t think of writing till they were about ready.

Write soon and often. Do like me, don’t wait for an answer. Write soon.

Huldah