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If you come, rite when you start and we
can get a letter in 10 days from Dayton, you
will find us in Henry County Trenton, 8 miles
from Mt. Pleasant. The only seat you can stop
with John Bangs 17 miles from Burlington
living on on the road to ~~you~~ Mt. Pleasant any
person tell you I never got any thing on that
note of Abbot Goddard he lives at a near Bloomington
Illinois McLean County, on your road of his money

Trenton, Henry Co. Ill.
Aug. 5th 1843
Rev James D. Lindsey
German town, Montgomery
County Ohio

We wish to be remembered to Aunt in her afflic-
tions, and gratified to hear that she is selling
Bibles also to Susan Liza John Brock Cateran
and Especial to Clifford and I want to know if
she is got that pick up

Yours
Rev James D. Lindsey

W. C. P. Lindsey

(I suppose we will see you when you come)

Trenton Henry Co. (Ill.) August 7. 1843

Dear Uncle James:—

I was much pleased to day
to receive a line of communication from you—
I must confess that I am guilty of the sin of ingratu-
tude— I will not apologize, but will ask your
pardon, it was not out of respect, for it is, unbounded
and all most without a parallel. When I came
home from Ohio there was such a concatenation
of circumstance, that operated on my mind
that it was neglected, until I was ashamed, the
note I came home I was blessed with the birth of
a daughter, I was prevented by sickness from
going up in the Purchase, to make you a claim
Land is very cheap and the best in the world, and
amongst scarce we have had to pass through much
disappointment since I saw you, and have called
to mourn over the sudden death of our Brother and
slided in our expectations and desires— But all
things go to teach us the inconstancy of the things
of this life. For a time I may and get very
much elated from God, thinking about getting
rich, but the happiness I have found does not
consist of the abundance, of the things of this life
but in, gentleness, meekness, faith, hope, charity, brother-
ly kindness, &c. Uncle, you, and no think we
have forgotten you, and for illustration I will
~~give you a~~ circumstance, I went to bed as
usual, but could not go to sleep, and ⁱⁿ cogitating
upon various subjects, I happened to fall on
that old bair selling up in the cliffs in the spring
of the year, with the leaves all round it, waking up
and looking very nicely, that you portrayed a picture
your strong Discription powers, I saw the old bair
as much as at as life, and had to laugh out heartily
so still, we have a great respect for our old Uncle

would
and be gratified in the highest, to hear from
you - and driven into paroxysms of ecstacy
to be permitted the privilege of seeing you, - though
you utter that you will be out, this fall I am
very sceptical, I should be gratified to see I
I will not raise the price too high for fear of
a collapse, if you do not come send them Boyes
Jim & Chas, this is a good country to sell goods they
never will be shifty until they can learn to "deal
barke with their teeth" in an old country where
children groan in volupition and wet the they
are never thrown on their own resources this would
be a fine collage for them. To live in a barke
house to ~~live on~~ ^{eat} Leim barke, sleep on a hair skin
and rock your children in horse troth

I started and took a trip up the Missouri river
in June, I staid a Sunday in St Louis, and attended
lecture on devision Mr Boyes, Labend hard to prove
that it was not a secession from the Methodist Church
but from the General Conference, and went on
relieving the inconsistent course you had taken as
an inflammatory Abolition, and ^{for Bishop} stated that you
voted the year before for Dr Miners, ~~that~~ had since
been Abolitionist. All the delegates down river in
giving ~~in~~ ^{giving} their licence, and a legalization, this
hall damning and seven daring slave Church also
stocracy, Bishop Andrew supposes himself the Arch
Bishop of Contibary, If I was a big man I
would take down on them like a tumbling Ari-
lanche or a bursting volcano Mr Wesley Browning
followed in the evening. Oh! Oh! the misrepresentation
"Abolition" Abolition! Disgusting, I started and went
off hundred miles, I slept 3 days at the mouth of Cav
River; got amongst the Minnedoles, a good many
recollections one I called on William Walker he
did not recognize me at the moment; but
on reflection, knew all about me. Miss

Walker told me. If I ever can you to say to you for
her since the death of her son James B. Walker
her mind is wandering from the world. and would meet
you in heaven. I treated with great respect, Boyes
looked at me a long time then he remember me. I did
not like the country on the Missouri, too much Hordygy
and where that is, you see the dilapidations effects accruing
I have given you a considerable lecture on the Church
John P. Lindley has moved his family down from
Galena has been gone 8 weeks peddling Drugs & medicine
for a house in Galena I was in Galena around a crowd
I saw an old cypress me and came and me if
my name was Lindley I told him it was, he said
I know you by your Uncle James & never seen
me before me in the world. it was old Dr Johnston
of Kenia Ohio John Has 4 children 3 boys
one girl, one ^{takes after} daddy Straine, one Sam Lindley
and a Sharpe. Elizabeth lives in town, with
has 3 children one boy 2 girls she enjoys very fine
health, and wishes to be remembered by you. and
she says that she will never forget you, I have
a girl of the Angles Section Breed, James can find
good location to practice medicine, in Iowa - If you
come this fall bring the history of the Winnetoes with
you, that one you gave me, I took with my
goats on the river coming out, I wish you
would find out the price of sheep around
Leaman town, so you can let me know, I have
some notion of going to raise wool, you can
average a dollar a head on the sheep on the
woolly, if I had a thousand head I could make
a thousand dollars a year, and pay the expense
of the wool to Boston, I have filled up my paper
and have not said as much as I wanted to
you must excuse the imperfections in this letter
for my pen is a month old, and I won't look
over my letter for fear I see so many errors that I
will not send it