

months. My health has been
very good since my departure.
The people are very kind and give
me much encouragement. They
take more interest in education
than the Marylanders. Such a
teacher as you have had for several
years could not get a certificate in
these regions - they would be sent
to the primary school 2 or 3 years first.
When you go to school again I wish you
would go to a teacher that can
instruct you.

How are the secessionists coming
on in your County? or have
you no Jeff. Davis men?

We all hurrah for the Union
and the red white and blue!
I wish to be kindly remembered
to Mr. and Mrs. Ritter and to Ellen.

as well as to yourself

Your affectionate brother
Amos Burns

Londonville
Ashland County
Ohio

do not forget to write

C. W. M. M. July 13, 1861

Londonville Ohio, July 13th 1861.

My dear Brother

Doubtless you may think
strange of my not writing sooner.
My object in not doing so was to wait
until I had taken up my abode
permanently somewhere. After
the unexpected and extraordinary events
which took place shortly after I left your
place I changed my mind very much
about going South, the far famed
Sunny South. Maryland is far enough
South now, I therefore made up my
mind to take a tour Westward. I
started from Baltimore on the 2nd of May,
and arrived at Huntington on the 14th, a distance
something over 700 miles. I found John
at home or I would not have known who
he was - his having a strong beard giving
him quite a different appearance.

But he had no idea who I was — no more than if he had never seen me. I found him comfortably fixed, having a wife and two children. They were all well, contented and happy. John has plenty of work this summer. The people in Indiana have plenty of work and plenty to eat. I staid with John about 6 weeks, but did not like the country very much. It is too flat and in winter and spring you can hardly get along on account of the mud. The soil is very fertile and productive. They have no trouble to raise grain. The most trouble I had was the mosquitoes and the mud.

You will perceive from this letter that I have now taken up my residence in Ohio, about or nearly 200 miles farther east

than where John is. The country around ^{here} being hilly like our own, suits me much better. The climate is very healthy. The soil produces excellent wheat and corn crops. The people did not commence harvesting till this week, the wheat is said to be somewhat injured by the field weevil. otherwise very good. Corn is in a backward state, there having been no rain of any account for a month till yesterday we had a very good shower which has freshened up everything very much.

I have taken charge of an Academy in Londonville, my school is small yet but have a good prospect of increasing it after harvest. I think I shall do well here in course of a few

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