

Morrison Ill Mo 19 1846

Cousin Lewis you must
pardon me for not answering your kind &
ever acceptable Letter Sooner I have been
so busy that I have not had time

I am as well as usual and
these few lines will find you all enjoying
good health, uncle Joseph & Aunt
Hannah are well, the rest of the friends are
well with the exception of Sanford Williams
wife she is very sick with the putrid sore
throat, there has been but very little sickness
here this summer and but one or two deaths

I am at work for many by the name of Sholes
& brother in look of Willard Parkers, I
get \$15,00 per month wages are very high
and help very scarce, day laborers demand
from \$7½ to \$1,00 per day and but I feel can be

found it that, the weather is the most
delightful that you ever said it is as
warm as summer and has been so for over a
month. There has been but a very little wet
or bad weather this fall; it is a first
rate time for the farmers to do their fall work.
They have got mostly through with the plowing
and now are ~~starting~~ ^{planting} corn. The corn crop has
not been better for four years, it will yield from
sixty to seventy bushels to the acre, it is about
20 cents now and will probably be 25 within a month.
Wheat is worth 75 cents oats 40 potatoes 12 cts.

I wish that you should come out here this
fall or winter and next spring we should take
a farm and try our luck for one year we could keep
bachelors hall, aunt Hannah says that I can beat
half of the women in the state cooking, but
I don't intend to boast of myself.

I know of two fellows that took a farm
that day they gave their own housekeeping
and made over two hundred dollars a piece
and if that should not suit you there
is plenty of girls ^{so} here that you could

get one for a help at most any time.
Brother David Sunderland
at Morrison night before last, he said
that he stayed with George Whitfords folks at
Gardona the night before ^{the day} I heard from.
David and Maryann a short time ago they were
about as usual, I wish that you should
make up your mind to come out here.
I think that you could do a great
deal better here than at home.

it is getting late and I
must over this to a chance
aunt sends her love to all
good bye for this time
from A. S. Johnson
to L. J. Beardsall

write soon & all of the news
tell Loyal that I should like to hear
from him

give my love to all
Henry S. Johnson



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