

Wild Fowl Bay, August 6, 1863

Dear Son and daughter,

it is **sometime** since we have had **iny wOrd** frOm yOu and the **family**, but I trust that these few **lines** will **find** yOu and **family** in **gOOD** health. We **have** tO **infOrm** that we are all in a **tOrabl** kindOf health at **present**. **JOhn** cut his leg and it is getting better. **Abraham** and wife and the babe has the agu and they are getting better. **Sally** **lost** her little bOy **Adam**; he dide a **bOut** the middle Of **June** and was **enterd** On **Alexs** Own **place**. **Alex** has a **gOOD** peace Of **land**; the **mOst** Of the **timber** is **hemlOek**, **seder**, **pine** and **sOme** **hard** **wOOD**.

And **nOw** yOu **wOuld** like to **heare** **abOut** the **place**. It is a **hard** looking **place**, But the **land** is **gOOD**. **Along** **the** **lake** **shOre** it is a **white** **sand** **ridge** **cOved** with **pine** and **hemlOek** **timber**; and then there is a **perara** as they **call** it, but I **call** it a **marsh**. sometimes it is under **water** and at **Other** times it is **dry**. They **cut** **hay** On it. And after yOu leave this **marsh** then the **SOU** is a **Sandy** **lOome** and **blck** **muck**. The **land** lays **very** **level** and the **Seder** **Swamps** are all **dry** **land**, what I have seen as yet, but there is **tOO** much **pine** and **hemlOek** to my **nOtIOn**. After all **i** **must** say they **can** **cleare** **land** **much** **faster** then we **cOuld** in **hard** **timbert** **land** in **AldbOraugh**. If the **land** is **ehOpt** **two** **weeks** and is **dry** it will **bOurn** Of **Slick** and **Cleane**, and the **Seder** here makes **first** **rate** **raiks** (**means** **shingles**); and we get **gOOD** **watter** **by** **dlging** **frOm** **8** to **10** and **12** **feet**. If yOu make a **thOusand** Of **Shindies** and **deliver** them On the **lake** **shOre** yOu will get **\$2.30** **per** **thOusand**; if yOu take them to **Sagiaaw**, yOu **will** get **\$3.50** **tO** **\$4.50** **per** **thousand** **acOrding** to **lenth**. **Mens** **wages** are **One** **dollar** **per** **day**, that is, **fOr** **cOmmOn** **wOrk**. **FlOwer** is **frOm** **8** to **9** **dollars** **per** **barel**; **gOOD** **pOrke** **fOr** **10** **cents** **per** **lb.**; **tea** is **10** and **14** **shelings** **per** **lb**; **tObacca** **cut**, **25** **cents** **a** **pOund**, **and** **plug** **\$1.00**, to **\$1.50c**; **table** **salt** in **bags** **One** **shilling** **per** **bag**; **black** **inx** **ten** **shillings** **a** **peace**; **pins**, **10** **cents** **a** **paper**.

And **nOw** yOu want to **knOw** **sOme** **things** **abOut** **Miekel**. He **tOOK** a **farm** **with** a **full** **erOp** On it. He gets **One** **half** Of the **fall** **crOp** and **One** **half** Of the **spring** **crOp**. (**One** **line** **indistinct**) The **Sprlag** **wheat** **lOoks** **well** **here**; it was **vey** **dry** this **summerx** It is the **hOtest** **weather** **ever** **saw**.

And **nOw** if **●** want to **send** a **letter** to **us**, yOu must **direct** to **Old** **LavOur?** **pOst** **Office**, **hOurn** **COunty**, **Michagan**. This is yOur **eOpy** to **direct** yOur **letters** **by**.

Adam Harder

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