

COPY OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY ADAM HARDER 1 WILD FOWL BAY

Wild fowl Bay August 6th 1863

Dear Son and daughter it is some time since we have had any word from you--and family but we trust that these few lines will find you and family in good health-- we have to inform that we are all in a tolerable kind of health at present John cut his leg and is getting better. Abraham and wife and the babe has the ague and they are getting better---Sally lost her little boy Adam he died about the middle of June and was entangled on Alex's own place--Alex has a good piece of land, the most of the timber is hemlock Seder pine and some hard wood---and now you want to like to hear about the place. it is a hard looking place--But the land is good-- Along the lake shore it is a white sand ridge covered with pine and hemlock timber--and then there is a prairie as they call it but I call it a marsh. Some times it is under water--and at other times it is dry they cut hay on it---and after you cross this marsh--then the soil is a sandy loam and black much 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 hemlock to my notion--after all I must say they can clear land much faster---then we could in hard timber land in Aldborough if the land is chopt 2 weeks and is dry--it will burn off slick and clean--and the Seder here makes first rate rails and we get good water by digging from 8 to 10 and 12 feet if you make a thousand of shingles and deliver them on the lake shore you will get \$2.50 for them if you take them to Saganaw you will get \$3.50 to \$4.50 per thousand according to length. mens wages are one dollar per day that is for common work--- flour is from 8 to 9 dollars per barrel good pork for 10 cents per lb tea 10 and 14 shillings per lb tobacco cut 25 cents a pound and plug \$1.00 to \$1.50 table salt in bags one shilling per bag black ten shillings a piece of pins 10 cents a paper. And now you want to know some thing about Nickel, he took a farm with a fall crop on it--he gets one half of the fall crop and one half of the Spring crop the wheat came in good (line can not be read)

The Spring wheat looks well here--it was very dry this summer it is the hottest weather ever saw---and now if want to send a letter to us you must direct to Old Labour post office
huron County Michigan

this is your copy to direct your letters by

Adam Harder