

Letter from E. Conaro to Emeline & Calvin Stevens – Austinburg, Nov. 25, 1849

Addressed to Mrs. Emeline A. Stevens, Blenheim, Schoharie Co., NY – Calvin Stevens

Good Evening,

Mrs. Stevens how is your health this evening, I must tell you I received your kind letter Nov. 20th which was my birthday, and was all most overjoyed to hear from my old friends again. You wrote your health is not very good. I think if you should take a short journey to Ohio, it would improve your health very much. I think of you all most daily. Oh how I should like to visit my old friends and neighbors again once more, but I all most despair. I have enjoyed extremely good health the past summer and fall so far. All most every letter brings some sad news the death of some friend or acquaintance which causes the cold chills to run through my veins while I read.

You wrote Calvin was gone to York. I think I can sympathize with you. Eli was gone through the month of September five weeks and five days West --- of Ohio all most to Indiana. We have a large family most of the time we have two boarders now and sometimes three. We make some cheese and butter yet with all the rest we have to keep some travelers which makes us step now I tell you. They are a building a large tavern stand in the village which is not done. We have no girl to work for us since the twenty second of October. James and his wife live with us yet they talk some of taking another dairy farm of sixty cows. We do not know for certain they may ba a farm. We all have as much to do as we can and a little more. We have quilted to bed quilts have more to quilt, no time to do it in we expect a Lady this week to make dresses and ----. The sewing we have to do I cannot begin to tell.

I am very sorry I did not write to Lydia Lane and Mary to have them come out to Ohio with Perrin and Pery. They had a pleasant journey arrived in good cheer. Pery is a living to Uncle Philander Knapps? Likes it very well in this country. Give my best respects to Mrs. Osborn and Aunt Polly Lane and to all enquiring friends.

Luman and Joseph Acreon sends their best respects to Poleymous and Osborn. Luman goes to school most every day. Please to over look all mistakes. Fathers family join in love to all enquiring friends. Do write often.

(HB) I know nothing but that we all feel just as young as ever there is no signs of any more little ones at present I think we can give ya to H now E.A.S. O.A.C

Tuesday morning

Friend Calvin, Dear sir. I am in good cheer this morning and have enjoyed the best health the past year that I have in ten years. I have not seen a sick day. I must say I like Ohio for a home. Our crops are not as good this summer as last on account of the dry weather. Last March I went East fifty miles to buy some Cows in Pennsylvania. I found some fine land and some rather wet. This fall I went west 200 miles a buying fat Cattle I went within 20 miles of Indiana. You better believe I found some fine land there. The western part of this state is not healthy. They fairly stink with the fever and ague in many places.

They raise wheat & corn very easy. I saw good wheat sold for 60 cent corn for 20, oats for 18. They told me they could winter a cow for four dollars.

One word to Aunt Poly Lane tell her if Lydia and Mary wants one dollar a week next summer tell them to come. I have got the ----- ready for them if they want to sow for a living their Chance is good at anything. Our best respects to fathers family and all the rest inquiring friends & c../ so good morning.

E. Conaro