

Bidgeville Ind Dec 8th 1854

Dear Father & Mother

I take the present opportunity
to write a few lines to you & to
let you know how I am getting
along in the world and also to
inquire how you and the balance
of the folks ^{are} getting on it has
been some time since I heard from
any of you the last account was
from John Bennett I have not written
to him yet but I am going to
some of these days soon I have
been rather negligent about writing
of late but I think I will try
to write oftener and I should
like to hear from you oftener but
I cannot expect to hear from you
very often unless I write myself
occasionally

Well in the first
place there has been pretty hard
times here on account of money matters
but it is getting a little easier now
Dart is fetching in some money at
the rates of \$12,00 per hundred wheat
is ready sale at \$1.50 an "

30 Cal, 30 per bu Stock
generally rather low with the
exception of fat hogs Railroading
is rather dull now with the on account
of money matters being rather tight
Aunt Ely was here on a visit this
fall Blisses were all well she
stayed fair or five weeks she said
she was going to write to you

Thos Ward's are well they still
live in Winchester

I had a letter from Sam dated
some time in Sept. he was well
and getting along tolerable like
he said he thought some of coming
home next fall

I have sold
out in Ridgville Goodly & Property
got a wife and bought a farm
What do you think of it now I
suppose I might have asked you
sooner but I do not think it matters
much for I was almost old enough
to choose for my self well I
think I have got a pretty fine
girl any how she is not young
to hurt neither for she is pretty
near as old as I am nor she is
not ugly now then if she is a

Hoosier gall I can tell you
and if you do not believe it
just call over some day and see
us that's all now only her name
was Eleanor Ward

Well I said that
I had bought a farm and so
I have 125 acres 80 acres fenced
30 acres cleared smooth a large frame
Barn a hughed log Cabin and a
leaving arched I paid \$3000 for
it it may be that I will move
on to it in the spring I am going
to sell it as soon as I can I
think of going to Kansas or Nebraska
what do you think of it think it
would be a good move or not

Tell Will that I should
to hear from him he has
to me since I was there Guy
has not written to me since last
Neither has Abram
must ^{write} as often as
we know how

Eleanor sends
says she would
write soon

Wash by Betty John