

Copy of letter mailed to Rosemary Ambrose by Mrs. Charles Hammill.
letter received April 8, 1964

- the letter is of the old type designed to be folded and sealed with wax - no envelope, no stamp. It is in good condition, the paper being of a very heavy parchment.
- details on the outside see as follows: addressed to

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21.15

Mr. Daniel Cornell,
Upper Canada
Township Beverly
Dundass Post Office.

- the postmark on the front of the letter is very faded and almost illegible. It is in red and all I can make out is what appears to be APR and a single number below.
- On the back, in one corner is written: Lebanon, O.
March 21
- In the opposite corner is a large 25
- There is some faded writing on the back (the address and inside are not faded at all.) - the last line reads "in the year of our lord" - the rest cannot be made out.
- The letter itself follows, with no additions or corrections except to put in periods. Where I am not sure of a word, I have put a question mark after in brackets.

Honored father
with pleasure
I remit to you

Rayesville, December 27th, 1829

Honored father with pleasure I remit to you these few lines to inform you that we are all well at this time. hoping these few lines will find you in the same state of health. we have received your two letters also the one written by my brothers and sisters which gave us much satisfaction to here from you and our relations in that place. we received your last letter in sixteen days from the time it was dated. it was truly satisfactory to us to learn of your safe arrival in that country as we heard after your departure from here bad reports of the Dearbourn family. I felt afraid that he would misuse you. we heard from you several times before we got your first letter. the last was by Thomas Dearbourn who stoped and lot (?) us he saw y (?) go on board of the steam boat at Portland. you wanted me to state particularly about your sons and daughters in this place. it has not been long since I heard from Heli and Daniel and families. they were all well and doing verry well. the rest of us are doing about like we were when you ~~were~~ left here. as for my part I have had rather bad luck in loosing one of my horses. Hannah makes her home with me and I work about considerable particularly at Henry Keevers. there has no deaths hapned here since your departure nor sickness only myself I have been verry infirm this fall. I hurt my lame leg which lay me up for some time and I have been weakly but I am tolerable smart at this time. You wanted me to state what had occurred here. I will state to you that Daniel Crane was re-elected justice of the peace by nearly four votes to one. huzza for our side. give me true hanted (???) Replublicans yet. I have not seem anything of your wife since you went away the last account I heard she was note verry well. She is still in Midletown. we have had a cold fall and warm winter so far. The pastures and wheat this day looks so green and handsome as in the spring of the year and mud a plenty we truly got.

we gathered as great crops of corn this fall as ever was gathered from sixty to one hundred bushels to the acre. corn is worth at thime 15 cts per bushel. pork (?) has taken a fall worth two Dollars and 25 cts per hundred cwt. wheat is worth 50 cts per bushel. we shall all be glad to see you come back again. it has seemed very lonesome since you went away. the letter you sent to S. Kisling (?) I shall take it to him next tuesday.

One word to my relative in that place. in your letter you have evoked (?) up your country to be one of the best poor man's places in the world. it may be but I guess it is a wash (?) if all your poor people dispised to pay homage to rich people as I do. i am satisfied that they would leave that part of the world and shake off the dust of there feet against them and there acursed monarchy laws. dear relatives is it possible that your minds are so blinded and have arrived to the years of maturity and do not know good from evil. it is not all the propperty in that province that would ~~hix/nd~~ hix/nd me to come and subject myself to the king of England. no. no. no. I have tasted the good things of sweet liberty to much to be persuaded there is no reality in it. as for my brothers and sisters part, let them stay where they are for they have got so tainted with that polluted government that they cannot be convinced there is any advantage in living in a free and enlivened country. no brothers stay where you are but for shame sake as fast as your children become of age give them there portion and start them for the U.S. that the Cornell Seed some day may be erased from that scandaly, puterified (?) overbearing, domineering, scandalizing government. I am well convinced if you was under the protection of America one year and test of her sweets the kings crown would not entice you to go back again. you think you live in the best country. brother Daniel says his country is the best. and we think ours is the best so it is let every fellow stay where he is then we will all be pleased and not die in a fret. land is worth here from ten is the lowist to thirty dollars per acre. our taxes are moderate. our laws are easy, turnpikes making Cannals, in appreation (?) farmers building everything prosperous and pleasing. I think it is as little as one of you can do is to come out with father to see him out safe and to see the wayes of the world. don't be scaired we won't hurt you. come and see where white people lives and mayby it may put you in mind to partake of good fruits. I could write you from A to izard but it is of no use. adue.

P.S. Excuse my bad writing
for
I am a labouring man
this is bad indiding (??)
beat it if you can.

Samuel Cornell
Susannah Cornell

Hulah and Sidney sends there respects to you grandad uncles aunts cousins for ever adue.