

Letter #68

Pacheco Cal April 15/60

One sheet of

John Fassett

yellow lined

Granville Ohio

paper folded

Dear Brother

to make four

pages 6¼ x

8" embossed

in upper left

corner.

Date: 4/15/60

Place: Pacheco

From: H. H.

Fassett

To: John

Fassett

At last I received the long promised letter from you and find myself now seated to answer the Stranger. I received your letter March 27th and as Chittenden is at home now and you will ask him of and concerning everything and body here I've but very little news for you and consequently will have to fill this sheet with a demurrer to one or two soft impeachments hinted at in your communication and some conjectures as to your own views and actions with a slight touch of my own practical experience. Now turn over the leaf John and listen; Now Mother do not drop a stitch in your Knitting, Father must not laugh so loud and all you little ones keep still while John reads the "nondescript." Homesickness then to begin with is something which people are very little troubled with at home, and am I not there? Notwithstanding P. M and Storekeeper I have plenty of time to think of you all every day altho do not talk a great deal about it. As to my running around with the Girls I used to when I was young and foolish, but when one sees ones follies and others fickleness and reforms had others ought to rub quite so hard on the old scar Ah! John your time must come as well as mine then I guess you will not find so much fun in it. Am glad you are so soon going to have a Post Office so near you and hope you will write much oftener then than now.

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Tell Father the "Sun Moon & Star" have been on a spree here not showing themselves for several days and rain, rain, all the time, such a rain at this time of the year the oldest inhabitant rememberth not of. And the "Horses Cattle and Sheep" look much better since green grass has come plentiful. I should have liked very much to have been in Johnstown on the 22^d with you and Jane but do not remember of any one there who has any account to settle with me or to whom I am under any obligations to write too. I believe I payed all my debts to "the uttermost farthing" and if any body in the wide world can give you bills with proof of their correctness Just pay them with compound interest and I will remunerate you amply. And if Uncle Israel would be glad to see me wouldn't I return the compliment ten fold, and then

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to the sugar camp we would go. You say Anson Gardiner was married to a Miss Watson how is that? I thought him engaged long ago to Miss Sarah O French Wonders will not cease write me all about it. Now where is C C Carpenter I have written him 2 or three times at Fort Dodge but have not heard from him for nearly 3 years tell him to write me and let me know where he holds forth and you please give me his address also. My next letter will be to Jane and for your very long and good one I am certainly much obliged and hope you will continue to write as you certainly gave much news and an interesting letter. My Love to Father, Mother, Brothers & Sisters and all enquiring friends and if you see me in 2 or 3 years walking into the house you may know I intend to make a visit & remain

Your Aff Brother

H. H. Fassett