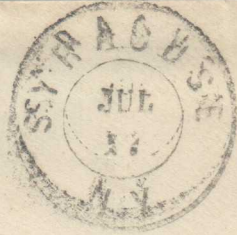


Wife, July 20th 1861
Ans - " 21st "



Rev Jerome Ward
Decorah Michigan

Amboy July 10

Dear Husband & Children

I am now at Enos.

I came here on Sat just 14 weeks from the day we left our house in DuBois. I got your letter the same day so that according to that you commenced housekeeping about the same date if you are not disappointed again. I told Em that I should expect to hear in your next that you had failed again. Now I do not like the idea that you should have to pay rent for a house that the Society have bought. I am afraid you have got among a very small people. You will have a chance to judge when you commence housekeeping whether they have any regard for your wants or not.

Do not buy any thing in the furniture like you can help for. I cannot make up my mind Deatur is the place for you. I have heard Mr Bacon twice. If he is one of the smartest of the Union Presbytery I pity the rest. I do not believe he is Royal.

I am surprised at the manifestations of friendship that I hear for you. Your antislavery sentiment has ^{not} been wholly lost in this community. All who are on the right side now speak of your views upon the subject 20 years ago. Such men are not satisfied with Mr Bacon. He is going to spend 3 sabbaths searching after next Sabbath. The people here will be without a minister. Dr Canfield is going to Europe.

to be gone a year Thursday Morn July 13

On Tuesday Morn 5 Pm I went to Uncle Ansons to pick
currents. I staid there until last night. I dried
about 12 quarts & have them put up in glass cans to
bring home I got a package from Seymour yesterday
with my pin and a letter. I should like to know
why I do not hear from Gester. It is four weeks
to day since I left her & I have not heard one word
from her except what you have written. I am hope-
ing that I shall get a letter to day & have been
every day for some time. It is real cold this morn
yesterday it was hot. The weather of late has delighted
I have felt very much better for a week past.
My appetite has improved very much. I was saying
last night that I felt very sanguine that my health
was improving. This morn my head ache is upon me
again. I thought I would scratch off a few lines as
I can send this to the Office when the children
go to school. If you have got a home how does it
look & seem? I would like to look in & see you.
Seymour says that Clara wanted to live in Colorado
always. I wish she could. Good bye hoping to hear
from you soon again. Yours lovingly
A A Ward

To have some saved some way. Nobody
here has any Currants except Anson
The current worm eats off the leaves
every season until the bush dies
Anson saved his by sprinkling on
lime when the dew is on the bush
I am not idle entirely I do something
where ever I stay to keep myself in
countenance I have made up that
lace that Cousin Rhoda gave me
into a cap. It is very pretty. Em
gave me a blue & black plaid mowan
for Clara. Ellen gave me a dress
of hers to make one for her. & I got
a pair of slippers at Mrs. Frenchs
for her I expect to go to the Creek
to Church next Sabbath I intend
to go there & make some calls
soon I have visiting enough to
do to last a long time yet write
again soon Tell Clara to be a good
girl Good bye A A Ward

all send love
Amboy July 18 /65
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Dear Husband & Children
Gerties letter of the 9th
I got on Friday I was very glad
to hear from her after so long
delay I am wondering what you
doing & where you are today
It has rained here all day so
that we have not been out of
the house at all I visited at Mr
Bacons on Friday afternoon
He says that a minister is wanted
at Pittsford just below Rochester
and they have a nice parsonage
Brockport is also vacant This
very desirous that you should
come to N York Now suppose
you write to one or both of these
places Fayetteville will be vacated
in Sept I do not allow myself
to think about the situation of
our family I do regret that Clara

did not come with me what
will become of us the Lord only knows
These we sinned that we should be
thus afflicted! It may be that he
has a controversy with us. If so may
it do us good. If Seymour in any
trouble? He did not write as cheer-
ful as he has sometimes and from
what Gertie wrote I am afraid
he is not feeling quite at ease
I hope nothing will happen to
his quiet. I wish he was able
to buy out his employer and
we were able to live in Toledo with
him. Vain wish! I do not want
him to go to Cincinnati unless it
is necessary. Does he go to hear
Mr Williams preach? Does he
like him? How I want to see
those dear boys and all the rest
of my dear family May the Lord
bless it that I ~~can~~ soon Emma
seems more cheerful than ~~she~~
when she reads at our house

Our trials are nothing compared
with hers. She is as anxious to hear
your letters as I am & I read them
to her. All that we have heard about
Coda & Lewis is true. They are worse than
traitors. Mond Morn. This is a
delightful morn after a dubious day
It seems quite a change from last
summers heat. I am feeling much
better than I was. I have not enjoyed
my food so well for years as I have
the last week. If you do not get a
house soon Gertie had better come
to Mr Grees. She can teach their
children and pay her board until
she can find something else to do
I sold one of her charts to Phleas
girl for a dollar There is a lady
in Bellish who said she would
teach her to use it if she would
get one If Gertie can get some whose
the basis she had better dry them
in the sun without sugar as they
can be removed easier I should like