

Wife & Son-in-law

May 14th 1864



Rev Josiah L. Hapel
Du Quoin, Perry Co.
Illinois,

officers of the regiment promise
the boys are to be sent home, if
sick or wounded.

Mrs. L. F. Street, Hopkins
Wells, Miss Milliken, and Em
Wilson were all down to camp on
Monday, with provisions for our
boys. And in this and the 44th,
they were too late by a few hours,
as the 44th had left. So the others
had it all. They had a fine
time. Seymour sent home word
he had eaten enough to "last him
out of the state." They are very
pleasantly situated, and happy
as soldiers can be. Seymour bunk
with young King, and likes him
very much. The Kings people
have sent them two boxes of provi-
sions, and we have sent Seymour
a few things. on the whole they feel
better than they will when they
get into the field. But I have
reached the end of my sheet.

I am going to speak to Mr B - about Lacey this noon
and will enclose
the result of the
conference. We are
all well and antici-
pating a speedy
return. Dear
friend, I am
amant to say, per-
write all the things
as fast as we can.
and get an answer
at the first of the
month. We shall be
at it. So are you
at it. I am, but wish
you to answer me
as fast as you can.
The people here must
you will be back, saying
large your household
when you come here.
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My unfinished letter
with mother's enclosed went to
you on Monday, and will probably
reach you ere this does. Mother
wishes me to write you again, as
in her confusion that ^{chaff} she fears has
was not very intelligent.

The letter of your last surprised
us very much. We had not dared
to hope for such fortune. At
first Mother seemed to think,
on Seymour's account, and our
school, she could not possibly
change her plans. Since then
we have conferred together, con-
siderably and arrived at the
following conclusion. We will
remain as we are until the close

of our schools, when Mother, Clara
and myself will go to you. On
account of Seymour's business
Larri thinks he will stay until
Seymour's return, if Mr. B. will
do the fair thing. If not we will
pack up Seymour's effects store
them carefully, until his return
and take Larri with us. Mary
is undecided whether or not to
go with us. If any one will give
her a home for her company
she may stay; but is obliged
to pay her board, it will be as
cheap for her to go with us. The
Directors offer her her school for
next year, at \$25.00 per month,
and a promise of more if they can,
and she is inclined to accept.
It is still uncertain whether Mr.
McMillan wants one. So I shall
go with Mother, as domestic for
the summer. Should I give

satisfaction, and you make me
a tempting offer. I may remain
through the winter in the same
capacity.

The house is not sold, but
Mother will find no trouble
in renting it until her time
expires, as several have applied.
Mr. Anderson talks of buying
it, also a Mr. Dodge in Springfield
whose wife and family are at the
U. S. house. Thus, you see, the
only thing in the way in the
least, is Seymour. They are ex-
pecting to move every day, and
the probabilities are, will go to
Harpur Ferry, to guard the lines
of communication, at this time
a dangerous part of service, and
should Seymour be sick or wound-
ed, it would be so much more
easy for him to return here than to go
on to Ind. The Governor and the

Thursday 10 o'clock

Dear Husband

When Lorie came home
at noon he brought word that the
rigement were to be at Xenia
at 5 this afternoon and they requested
me to meet him there. So Gentie
is going on the 3 train. Bert wants
Lorie to stay I think he will give
him \$5 and board him I do not
think it will be safe to have
Lorie leave that store unless
Leynars things are all moved.
He has about 3 dollars worth and
Leynars left & will probably
sell more.

You in haste

A A Ward

The boys are going to New Creek
blower Musprum ferry & Mammas