

Brother Braod

I Received your letters to Ede & one of November Date  
and my heart would vibrate with joy could I heard of yr  
Receiving my letters as well as hearing of your health  
I have wrote more than I can Remembert Israel &  
you I have few Returns - I had written to Williams &  
R perhular to come with a Waggon & the Road it  
would have saved his horses & Waggon the Distance is  
about 600 miles which would have been much more com-  
fort than to be Drawing Over the Shoals of Alleghena -  
I had directed my letters to Crookes post Office Niagara  
I think they got burnt by the way as I have to pay two  
things before they start - I would you get this & con-  
write again - you give Directions how & where to send  
I have no expectation you will get it - my familys  
are all well but myself Very feeble sometimes feel  
better I think I will come after my payments then the  
least colds I am Down again. Somebody must go soon  
for we are getting thin of money - you wrote you  
heard I sent ede money to fetch him home - after  
Receiving Marcys letter & her Complaining of his Owing  
money for the Doctor I sent a check of fifty Dollars  
to Leb for him & wrote Special to them both for him to  
go to Canada & pay all his Debts & then come home  
like a man - my Orders was not Obedied he got  
the money & is none of my Profit nor Credit -

Its Generally a difficult Time people many Owe  
for their lands & this the sink of money they cant pay  
abundance of wheat was raised for the purpos & they  
have Offered a 1000 bushel at a quarter Dollar pr bush  
it was a very Dry Summer & the wabash is very low yet  
we have had but litle Rain or snow as yet but  
sour cold, some litle snows - some specks on the  
ground now but thaw y wether every Day muddy &  
freeze at night - - wheat is called 50 cents & salt 2=50  
Goods Generally high Sugar & Mollafis The best I have  
seen from Orleans, Goods plenty & cheap at Cincinnati  
flour 8 1/2 per hundred, Our Seat of Government  
is established about 130 miles towards you in the  
woods on a fine Stream of water call'd fall Creek  
I expect the lands will be sold next fall new purch  
Our mail is Detained by the Ice or ice Ohio I did expect news  
from Lebanon by this time - May God in his Mercy preserve  
us in all Our tribulations & at last admit us to his King-  
dom to sing praises to our Redeemer forever amen  
January 15 = 1820

Knox County State of Indiana

S. Jewell

I sh<sup>d</sup> w<sup>d</sup> be glay to spend a Day or 2 with you & drink some good Cyder  
the time will ever permit — I had cyder plant the last year but my Apples  
last season I have some boild cyder yet — we are fixing still they will Run  
away in the Spring Run of high water when we can get grinding — if I sh<sup>d</sup> get strength  
again we will build a mill for the sake of our own grinding I w<sup>d</sup> attend the new purchase  
Vindus Next fall to buy a mill Seal for the boys — my money is good as other mens  
Lucy is well & hearty & better natured than common she now I dont drink much andent Spinks  
she says drink expels Reason drowns the memory defaces beauty diminishes strength inflames the  
blood causes internal & external & incurable wounds is a witch to the Venes a Devil to the soul a thief to  
the purse the beggers Companion a wifes woe & Childrens sorrow the picture of a Beast & self mur-  
derer who drinks to others good health & robs himself of his own — no more at present  
As we had thunder & rain 2 nights ago 12 January

My father wrote, to me when I was in York State to get me  
and come by the way of Canada and pay you but my brother  
to me he reckoned that I had better come home and help  
father I hope I may see you all yet and settle up all  
affairs and bein friend Shes forever give my best respec  
all enquiring friends fare you well all

Dear uncles & Aunt we are well through the Edie Purcell  
business of God & I hope this will find you all in good health  
I arrived at Vincennes 2 January we had a tedious journey we got  
to take Erie we went on board a schooner & took our boat by advice  
there came a dreadful blow about 10 and we lost our boat at  
twelve we expected to all be lost our kind protector preserved us we  
got on shore the next night we landed at portland we went  
to the charotarque lake we built a scow & went on the water was  
low we took our things some times by land draw'd our boat over  
the shoals I have a great deal to write but little time it is going  
to the office I cant tell how I like the country I was so tired  
journeying that I have not looked round I want to see you  
all very much I could tell you a great deal that I cant now

Give our best respects to Uncle Isaac. to Daniel & Zulwen  
to David & Sally to Stratton & wife To all our uncles & aunts  
to all our cousins & all enquiring friends Mother sends her love  
to you all & wishes you would come & see her for we remain  
your faithful friends Samuel Rhoda Williams

Winchester }  
16 Jan'y }

Recd 25

Peter Bractt at Sixteen mile Creek  
Upper Canada to Lewistown Post Office  
from thence to Crookes fort George

winning in the Spring  
Again we will be  
vendues Next fall  
Lucy is well & hearty &  
she says Drink expels  
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the purse the beggers Com  
never who drinks to  
As we had thunde

19 Feb'y, 1821

Queenston

