

From Lizzie P. Huntoon to A.J. Huntoon

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Sept[.] 22[.] Sunday 1861

At Roswell's

My Dear Husband[.]

You will see by this where I am[.] Roswell came for me yesterday & was down to Golds's[.] where he came but came up to mothers before he had been there long. I went to [MS. illegible] with C[blank in MS.], last tuesday[.] It tired me[.] it being the first time I had been out since I was sick[.] I have got quite [smart?] again. I received two letters from you yesterday[.] one mald aug[.] 28[.] the other sept. 8[.] you dont know how glad I was to get them[.] how anxious I feel about you[.] how glad I was to hear I could come to you and that we could be together. O D[ea]r, it has taken off half of my sorrow. they all say here I would not go[.] I dont feel so although I dont know how I can

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come on alone[.] they act so in Mo[.] burning bridges &c[.] now D[ea]r I want to do just as you think best[.] if you think I better stay here a while longer and see how things are[.] I will do so, to think I can see you has taken a great burden[.] I feel so much happier you say you will resign your position if I say so. D[ea]r I dont wish you two[.] you have tried hard to gain [MS illegible] way to make something[.] why should I wish to interfere at present[.] although I vary much wish to see and bee with you[.] My whole heart and soul is with you. I want to come and be with you but if you think I better stay here untill spring or a while I will do so[.] I want to do just as you think best[.]

I see you had not got the letter telling you of Father's death when you wrote[.] Caleb is a setling the estate[.]

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the inventory amounted to between twelve & thirteen thousand[.] mother tries to be just as hateful as she can, nothing to bad for her to say about Caleb & Henry[.] she was dreadful affraid I should stay there[.] I was glad to get up home to get away from her noise about the property[.]

Hannah is expecting to be sick vary soon thire [their] youngest dont go along[.] she seems sickety[.]

At Roswell's[.] Sept[.]

Sunday evening

Dear one[.] you see I have not get away from here yet. D[ea]r I have been reading the account of the battle at Lexington but I trust you was not there & I cant bare to have you there exposed to so much danger[.] how I do want to see you to night[.] I would go a good ways a foot &

have got real smart[.] I was sick with a slow fever some time[.] I think it was a billous [bilious] attack[.]

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and getting worn down with taking care of Father & the hot weather[,] worrying a little about you & my self & Prentiss all was to much[.]

I see by the papers of an expected attack on St[.] Joseph[.] I dont see as I can get there[,] do you? I wish I knew just your feellings about it that I would like to be with you[,] you know as well as I but is it best I wish you was here[.] have [been?] ask dont he's[.] is Joel at home[?] Horrace was to home to day he has worked to Mr[.] Walkens all summer[.] Marsella has got to be a great girl[.] Prentiss likes her vary much he calls her Katie[.] he talks a great deal[.] I went to church to day saw Father & Mother they seem well & Candis and Samuel also. I want you should tell me what you have to live on and whether you are comfortable or not[.] she that was Emma [MS. illegible] is in Warrensburg MO[,] says they are in the midst of war one of Henry [MS. illegible]'s girls married a Philips and lived in Mo[.] her husband has joind the rebel army[.] she has writen

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home that she is vary destitute and wanted they should send her means to come home with[.] they say they cant get the means to her[.] her mother is almost crazy.

D[ea]r I would not stay a great while. I cant spare you[.] you say you want to relieve yourself from debt[.] I feel as though I might help you some and let us try and enjoy it. when I write I feel as though it is doubtful if he gets it or not[.]

A good night kiss from your Lizzie and Prentiss[.] he can kiss good[.]
your own Dear Lizzie