

Franklin June 18th
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Friend Edgar

I now make my permis-
sion to let you know how I am getting
along down here now days. I received yours
of the 5th and was glad to hear from
you once more, and to hear that you was
well and enjoying good health. Last night
I went up to the p¹⁰ and the band of
music had met there to practice on their
instruments there was 12 in the band and it
was very pretty music now I tell you that
sir. The same band played to the
school exhibition the next Tuesday night after
I come over here ~~in the town~~ the school house is not
but a few rods from the p¹⁰ it is a large
school it they have two teachers to teach
that school there is a bout 100 Scholars
in the school but it cant Commerce
with No 2. well Edgar we will not saw any
shingles this week. on the other night bout 10 o'clock
I was sawing and he had a bolt that was
so long that he could not dog it so he thought
he ~~would~~ he would cut it of on the
saw the saw struck the bolt so hard it
stopped it right still it bent the saw and
the arbor so we cant saw untill next
next week. my time will be out one week
from Thursday next. I will be home about
the 3rd of July. I wish you would come
down here and see the country over
go to the city of Newtowo.

Come down with Orlando when he comes
down here if it is so you can Edgar

to Vick I shall be ~~there~~ there some
time if I ever do and if nothing ^{happens} it
will not be a great-while but
Dunham wants me to stay all
summer with him but I cant see it
a tall a tall. I have been quite lucky
I have cut my hand a little and the
saw two times enough to draw the
blood a little I must close my foolishness
now by you must excuse a short letter this
time. Give my loves to all your
friends if there be any and dont forget
your self so good by Edgar.

this is from Grand
Henry J Fowler

to
E M Dick

Franklin June 20th 1864
Mr. Edger Sir

I take Pen in hand
to tell you that i had got ready to come
out there & my Mare up & had a Colt so i
had to Postpone it a few Days then i got
Ready to start in ten Days again. & i
had to go down to Manitowoc & Before
i got Back my Colt got scart & Lumped
his feet under the Waggon wheel &
cut Both forward hoops half off so i had
to wait till he got better & i got Ready to
start to Morrow Morning & the fire has got
in my lot & i have hard work to keep
it from my Buildings it has burnt
nearly two Rods of fence for me & is at it
now has burnt some 7 or more Acres of
Meadow & set all of my Grain out to the
Commons & it is still burning yet
Henry A Fowler Has helped me to fight
fire some but it is of little use as
we right had a drop of Rain to mount
to ashes since spring Rains & none since
i was out there My hand is all on the tremble
from the & working around the fire i shall
come out as soon as i can beaul & not
be in Danger of burning up, i had sold
my place here for one thousand Dollars
& i am to have the Money in 4 week
from this but i am Afraid he will
Back the track now as there has been
so much fire here Yours Friend A H Betts