

New Lisbon May 25th 1843

Dear Uncle

I write to give you some some insite into what I am doing on the farm. My corn is all planted one field has been plough from the other is coming through slowly the reason that it is so late has been on account of the backwardness of the season prefeenting us from doing the work I commenced ploughing as soon as the frost was out of the ground and have been pushing hard ever since. The wedding took my attention from it a little but it did not last long. The corn field front of the of (sic) house was manured all over and the old timothy meadow after casting two furrows to gather was manured in the hill with a good shovelfull of compost made of $\frac{2}{3}$ barn yard manure & $\frac{1}{3}$ marl. The meadow is sown with barley oats. millit and the part that I had corn on the first year I come here is mostly sown with timothy & clover alone. the piece next to Hews meadow was not mellow enoug for grass seed. I sowed it with millit. the corner piece at the lower end and next the County House land I have ploughed and intend ploughing & harrowing untill it is fit for grass seed. The sand field will be all plough before this reaches you except where the rye was sown. I **have** commenced trimming orchard there is going to be some fruit though the trees are not regularly full. Both R's & our trees bid fair for peaches. The lime commenced coming day before yesterday. and I am now liming the Timothy meadow.

You must see by this account that I am full of business the ploughing. liming. plastering trimming & tending corn &c &c. I have had four men and two boys for six or seven weeks past. and what is more I have been up at sun rise several times of late. The barn is now finished the field it stands in I intend mowing. as I think I mentioned to you before. The grass seed that was sown this spring looks very well though the field beyond the rail roads the young grass is to much in bunches in consiquence of the sowing being suceed by a heavy rain. My rye looks very well but the wheatt was sown to late and does not generally look well. I saw cousin Mary T & Sally on Monday evening both well excepting being very sleepy. In hopes that we shall you up soon

I remain yours as ever

James A Fenwick

N.B. not so buissy that if you mention the day we cannot send or go to Pemberton after you.

J.A. F.