

Lisbon Farm July 1849

A M. Jones

Dear Cousin Your Dun come to me through the hands of Mr Tobey. I should be pleased indeed. to meet the payment of My Note and the Interest Due your fathers estate. but I am sorry to say that an inforcement of the immediate payment of it at this time, whould produce a stoppage of the business of my farm and my prospects for the year at least, I still have prospects from my Western Lands every day of receiving considerable more than my debt to your Fathers estate and rest assured that the moment it comes. that that debt shall be the first attended to. and for these grounds I beg of you to give me time.

I had prospects During the Month of March last of receiving the money to pay this thing. and in all axiety. I wated for a letter from my agent. (having written to him repeatedly). he told me at last but few or any of the purchacers had payed (this 2000 acres was divided and sold on time in parcels) but that they had improved the land and new sales had been made at better prices.

And again the tract on the River Bottom 1600 Acres there was Due in June a third of the value of that tract & more. It was sold to A man with plenty of means and can pay if he will but my Agent in his last letter dated 15th June says that he has not been able to see the purchaser on account of the high water in the River surrounding this tract with rapid waters. The gross amount that is in prospects from these lands amount to somewhere in the neighborhood of nine thousand Dollars. The realizing you can have an idea as good as I can. More is over (bottom of page)

I have lived this year or two past in a costant state of excitement. about my affairs. rendering me in a masure unfit for the constant little attentions to my farm hands & work. (some times a little too sanguin I am sorry to say. but it would not last long)

Improvements where commenced which where considered judicious & nessary to my success. by others as well as me these had to be carried out. for a year or two. amidst an inccessing debt. and on this account where not brought to maturity. as soon as if had been otherwise. there are now in a great measure finished. and will hear after bring in an income of from 4 to 600\$ per year where formerly that part of my(farm produced me not more than 40\$ per annum. other parts. in fact the in taken all in all is considered by Richard & my neighbors considerable advanced since my comming. upon it.

That I have been Industrious. friends & acquaintances give me credit for it to my face (perhaps for flattery) but I know I could have more so. I know I have acted foolish in many things. but the Farm I know I have loved next to my family, in it has been the current of my thoughts & hopes. but as I grow older I feel more the boarden of care of an inccessing family. the necessaty of care in peicunary affairs for there sakes. and if my Western affairs do not come up more promptly to my assistance I fear I shall have to sell my farm &c pay my debts. and take what little may be left. go West or somewhere. and as I look upon it now leave a home for ever.

Think not I write this to seek any favours of you as your Fathers Executor. what duty prompts you to do in Gods name. and may I be able to

say humbly let his will be done. but for your advice & good oppinion
I seek &c for as a Friend of me and mine I have looked upon you for
several years.

Respectfully your cousin

James A Fenwick

Estab settled
Jan 31, 1974

J. A. F. 1986-83

Margaret 6536.42

Emma 6730.84

B. Jones died May 16, 1977