

Cincinnati November 3rd 1857

Dear William

I Received your and Marys. of the 26
3 or 4 days ago Since that time I have seen
Susan he has got moved and is very much pleased
with his new home and so is his family he says.
You want my advise in regard to your selecting
a place and also a business for you and your boys
Now William to be candid with you I think if you
can get a salary that will support you and
yours. in either Steubenville or Columbus you had
better accept. Notwithstanding I know that
you could make more money (if you can collect
what you make which you know is an uphills business
with you) in Rochester Pa at the painting business
I have just been talking to Capt John C Reno
who you know lives there he says there are two
drunken worthless fellows there at present who has
more work than they will do. John says
he knows you and will help you all he can
the painting is good in Rochester Beaver Brighton
and Bridgewater all in working distance of each
other on one side of the River and Philippsburg
on the other. also Freedom 2 miles above so
that to live in Rochester you could work in
either place. But the Painters bills are
very hard to collect and will need close watching

Which is the secret of success in any business
I wish you would answer this and let me
know what you think of doing and if you conclude
to move up the River I can then tell you
when you had better come in. the river is
very low yet Brother Sam leaves up every
Wednesday when the river is up which day
you must try and hit. We are all well
here hope you are the same nothing
new in our circle only money is tighter
now in Cincinnati than it has been
in a number of years amongst Businessmen
Yours Respt

A. Dean

Dear Sister

I must address a few lines to you
and hope I shall see you soon it is hard and
looks like a want of affection on my part that
we have not seen each other oftener but dear
Mary you must excuse me. for every day I
think of you and wish you were better
fated and better satisfied. but I think you
have lived to a good end so far. for you
braz a good deal on your boy Joseph which
I am satisfied he richly deserves
When you look around you see a great
many you would not exchange situations with

We cannot all have what we want of this
Earths goods for I know by Examining My self
I thought if I could get off of the river and
be with my family I should then be satisfied
now I want to own a house and go to
house keeping. and if I am blest with success
until I get on then I presume my wants
will just Commence

Dear Mary you must write in Williams next and
tell me what you think of my sermon and
also of my speech to William for I talked
plain to him about his ~~mode~~ of doing business
and his Not collecting what he does do
give my love to all the Children. I will
write to you when the river rises if you
wish me but you must answer this in a
day or two anyhow

I sent Victoria a $\pounds$ to buy a dress with
which I want her to accept of her
Uncle. I saw Henry Howells
he gives a good account of her
Remember me to Cousin William Victoria
Samuel Amelia John & Anna I am
writing this in the office but I send
Lizzie & Charles Frederick Deans love to all
and if you stay out there much longer
and I can possibly get time I will

Come and spend a day and night with
you if I am spared

I will be married 3 years the 28th day of
this month if I live, and have never kept
house yet so you see I must be anxious
to get in a house of my own

Essie started up the other day on the
S.B. Paris William has gone to St Louis
he will be back in 12 or 14 days
when he wants to take Lizzie and Charlie
up with him which I think if they are
well at the time I shall have no objections
to. for it is tiresome work for Lizzie to
board. and if we get to house keeping then
she will be more employed and cannot go
so readily. I got a letter from home
the other day they were all well you
must write Mother.

When you write me tell me if Joe is
going to stay in Richmond and give me
all the news is Minnie in ~~Frederia~~ get

Your affectionate Brother

Alex^r Dean