

Toledo O, Jan^y 2nd / 81

My Dear Bro. William

Your kind and ever welcome letter
of the 28th is received and I am re-
-sured that I was somewhat disapoi-
-nted for I was in hopes that it was
to say that you were soon to visit us
but from what you say about
how you are situated we shall ha-
-ve to forego the pleasure of seeing
you for the present but hope that
something may turn up that we may
-say yet see you - But if you cant
come and I should live and my
health improve so that I could
stand the journey and the expense is
not too great there is nothing that
would give me more pleasure
than to pay you a visit for as
you say there is not many more years
for us to remain in this life -
And in looking back over the

Many happy years we spent in
early life and on up to the present
time it seems but a short time
Though we have seen a great
many ups and downs and the very
cold weather we have had this
winter reminds me in looking back
of some of the winters when we were
on the Wild creek farm how we had
to hale wood with Paddy and dry chest-
nut log that took all the family to
get into the house and on the fire
and it made a nice fire but it
flew all over the house so that
we had be up most all night
to watch the large sparks that
would fly all over the house
And I expect you have not for-
gotten the cold Friday that you
came home from Stewbenville and
was so nearly frozen when you
got home we had it a little tough
those days but most of those dear
ones who were sharecroppers with us

have gone to rest and now we
shall follow —

^{My} We are all getting along about
usual work has not been very
plenty this fall and now it is
very scarce so the boys have not
much to do and I have not been
able to do but little the last
year think that my health is
improving slowly and by using care
in taking rest by spring I hope to
be able to do something the rest
enjoy their usual health I think
M^rs. health is better this winter
than it was last. her ^{one} eye still
remains good. I am very poor
^{My} Henry is still such a charge
to you but hope he will im-
prove I should like to see him
I believe he would remember
me — I have not heard from
Boris, Joe or Henry for some time
they don't write often I wrote to
both of them last ~~to~~ and am now

awaiting their good pleasure —
I suppose you feel safe for some
time in your present berth —
We all feel very comfortable over
the Election and hope for more
of the same sort —
May 4th I have just got
a letter from Bro. Henry

He says they are all as well
as usual and that he had got
a letter from Bro. Joe and would
like very much to have one
from you —

I think as Iza does that
the girls might visit us if
you cant so you will please
tell them so and have them
come just as soon as they can —
We all join in love to all
I remain Your
Affectionate Brother Lou