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gnawing the bark under the snow. I am sending the Herald of Freedom to you once in a while. There is a good deal of *gas* in this paper along with a good deal of substantial truth. I suppose you have seen our Gov. Geary's message.³⁹ It is a strange mixture of excellent recommendations with miserable political philosophy. His practical suggestions are good, but his political theories are detestable, untrue, and inhuman. I doubt if Gov. Geary does not soon find himself, in spite of himself, *with* the freedom loving *people* of Kansas, and at loggerheads with the border ruffian legislators thereof—like Reeder, with this difference, then the people were a handful, now comparatively a multitude, and every month becoming stronger. The few grains of common sense hidden under the bushel of error in the doctrine of squatter sovereignty will compel this. The violent proslavery papers here already berate Geary. They say the show of moderation to the free state people before the presidential election was a political necessity, to carry Pennsylvania and Indiana; but now he should throw off the mask and openly show the proslavery colors. But I feel thankful, that it is getting more and more impossible for mere politicians to mould the institutions of Kansas at their will. The people here are getting too strong. It is a curious commentary on the doctrine of squatter sovereignty that where it is first applied, in the territory to govern which the doctrine and sounding phrase were invented, here the people have actually less political power than in any civilized government on earth. Our Legislature is elected by the wild and half civilized Missouri borderers. All our Executive officers from Governor to constable are appointed either by the President or by the Legislature; so with all the judiciary from Supreme Judge to the most ignorant Squire hardly able to write his name; all county officers. But the people are awake.

"Who would be free themselves must strike the blow." And sooner or later the people will triumph. They tried to subdue us last summer with the whole power of the U. S. Government and army on their side. They failed. Now I think they may try governmental forms and formulas. But they will equally fail. The people at last will triumph. If any thing were wanting to insure this, the munificent donations for Kansas in the free states have done it. The South have done nothing comparatively to encourage and keep their sons here.

39. Governor Geary's message to the legislative assembly of Kansas territory, January 12, 1857.—See *The Kansas Historical Collections*, v. IV, pp. 676-687.

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The weather has softened. We have had three mild days, thawing the snow a little. I think the hardest of our winter is over

With much love Your affectionate Son John.

Osawatomie Feb 3, '57.

Dear Father

We received yours of Jan 19 this morning. I hasten to write a few words in reply. The snow is thawing and going off very fast. Today is the warmest day since November—the thermometer now (about 2 P.M.) indicates 60°. The past has been a very mild pleasant week. My health seems to be better as spring approaches than it has been for many years. I am fleshier than I remember myself since I was a boy. My clothes that I wore two years ago are all too small. . . . Sarah and Franky are both well. We are hoping the back of this winter is broken. The Indians think there will be no more very cold weather this winter. Friend Mendenhall has been on a tour through Lawrence and North of the Kansas river. He found people hopeful. There is a good deal of a speculating spirit among a great many where he has been. Lots in Lawrence on Massachusetts street (the main Street) are rated some of them as high as \$150 per foot front. Tomorrow the Pottawatomie may [be] too high to be fordable so I hasten this brief letter to the office. We thank you for the stamps in your last.

Your affectionate son and daughter
John & Sarah

Osawatomie Feb 19, 1857

Dear Father and Mother

We received yours and Lewises of Jan 28th this week. This is the first mail to come in for two weeks. We had a heavy rain and a flood. The Pottawatomie was away over its banks and every other stream I suppose. Of course the mail could neither go out or come in. The prairie was all frozen so that all the water ran down into the natural channels as from the roof of the house into an eaves trough. Some lost cattle and hogs. I found our cows up to their bellies in water, with the water still rising, a bitter cold day. It was one of their usual haunts, when they happen to wander, about 1¼ miles from home. The water surrounded them, and they had not the courage to break for the land, partly I suppose because it had turned so cold, and they would have stayed there till they were floated off or had been frozen if I had not found them. I went home

and got my mare and drove them out. A neighbor below found his cattle on a little island of perhaps half an acre. On the island with the cattle were frightened representatives of the denizens of the forest—wolves and rabbits, pigs, deer and turkeys. The cattle were driven off, the pigs refused to budge and were left to their fate with the wolves deer and rabbits. The weather has been very mild generally, this month. A number of days the thermometer has been from 60° to 68° at the warmest. For three days now the wind has been North with rain and heavy fog blowing down and freezing as it falls. Not very cold—mercury ranging from 23° to 34°. But it seems much colder after the mild beautiful weather of the few days preceding. We have had no mail from Lawrence for three weeks. We hear privately that the Bogus Legislature has repealed the test oath law,⁴⁰ and part of the statutes infringing liberty of speech.⁴¹ It is remembered that this Legislature was chosen by the slaveholding party in Kansas *without let or hindrance*, and that free state men by their convictions and conscience were precluded from voting. This is an indication that the substantial victory is ours. By the time this reaches you, Buchanan's inaugural will be on your table, and the names of his cabinet under your eye. I hope to live to see the time when a President of the United States may be chosen who believes in the Declaration of Independence and in the free doctrines of the Holy Bible, and who will administer the Constitution in the spirit of its preamble. Too many of our *Democrats* (and is not Buchanan their chief?) seem to believe in nothing but in flattering those who have votes. Buchanan comes in without the moral support of the North, and I do not despair of seeing among his "glittering generalities" some decided admission or appreciation of the fact that there is a North. D. Webster on the 7th of March 1850 forgot that, and was forgotten in consequence.

40. Section 11 of the act to regulate elections, passed by the territorial legislature of 1855, provided that no one convicted of violation of the fugitive slave law should be entitled to vote or hold office in the territory; further, that if any person offering to vote should be challenged and required to take an oath to support the acts of congress pertaining to same, as well as the Kansas-Nebraska act, and should refuse, the vote of such person should be rejected.—*Statutes of the Territory of Kansas, 1855, "An Act to Regulate Elections,"* Section 11.

By an act of the legislature of 1857, that part of Section 11 of the act to regulate elections, providing that any person challenged as a voter should be required to take an oath to sustain the specified acts of congress, was repealed.—*Laws of the Territory of Kansas, 1857, "An Act Prescribing Oaths . . .,"* Section 1.

41. Section 12 of the act to punish offences against slave property, *Statutes of 1855*, provided: "If any free person, by speaking or by writing, assert or maintain that persons have not the right to hold slaves in this territory, or shall introduce into this territory, print, publish, write, circulate or cause to be introduced into this territory, written, printed, published or circulated in this territory, any book, paper, magazine, pamphlet or circular, containing any denial of the right of persons to hold slaves in this territory, such persons shall be deemed guilty of felony, and punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not less than two years." This section of the act was repealed by the legislature of 1857.



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You see I have nothing to write about, and I close. Sarah intends to write a few lines to Jenny if she has time before we can send this. Do not expect our letters regularly now for a few weeks. To take this to mail, I will either have to wade the Pottawotamie or go down three miles below and cross in a canoe. The banks are so miry that it is not safe for me to try to cross with my blind mare.— We have 3 or 4 hens laying. Do you get any eggs? How many quires do you wet now for Cenhadwr? Do you or Lewis or Jenny know of a cheap edition of Macaulay's last volumes of the History of England. Harper published the two first vols in paper covers for 25 cts per vol. If the last two volumes are so published you would do me a very great kindness by getting and sending them to me by mail. I have not seen a new book since I came here, above an Almanac. If you want to get a very interesting and useful little farmers book, you will find one in the "*Illustrated Annual Register of Rural Affairs and Cultivator Almanac*" for 1857. It is beautifully printed and illustrated, and cannot be read by any one with a square rod of ground without profit.

With much love Your son

John

Osawatomie Mar. 5, '57.

Dear Father

We are well. Have only had one mail for nearly three weeks, and no letter or paper in that. The rivers have been high, and now the waters have subsided. The banks are so miry no wagon can pass. These are some of the inconveniences of a new country. In a few years we hope to have good roads and bridges. Emigration has commenced in good earnest. Every boat we hear of comes up loaded with emigrants. Several claims have been taken near us this week. Mr. R Hughes of Lawrence, whose name is on your Cenhadwr book, spent Sabbath with us. He is out here looking at the country, with a probability of moving here. I do not see but that we are likely to have a Welsh settlement at Osawatomie. At least there seems to be a number of Cymry who talk of coming here. They all like the country around here well.

A proslavery man named Sherman, generally known over the territory, as "Dutch Henry," was shot Monday evening four miles above on the Pottawotomie. He was a violent proslavery man, active in the troubles last summer, and this is one of the bad fruits of that miserable slavery extending crusade. He had been a resi-

dent of the territory for 10 years before the Kansas bill was passed, first as hired man to a half breed Indian head man, and then as stock raiser having for his pasture the illimitable prairies. Before the troubles he had large herds of 200 or 300 cattle, but "when there was no king in Israel" guerrilla parties found means to find wings for his cattle, and now he is probably dead. This act is greatly regretted here, but perhaps not to be wondered at. Today is cold. The weather has been spring like. Our pie plants have started. We get some eggs. John

Osawatomie, Mar. 11, '57.

Dear Father,

We received yours of Feb 18 this week. It contained a draft of \$29.55. This will be of great service to us. I am disappointed in the way of making my field and plowing as I wrote. The man who took the claim West of me proved quite changeable in his plans, gave up the claim and bought a timber claim elsewhere. Still I expect to make a field of 10 to 15 acres in addition to what I have now under cultivation, and think I can do it and get it plowed with this assistance. I fear it will cramp you to take this from your own means. I wish you could have borrowed it.

George Cutter has left us. He had a chance to go and went the beginning of the week. He had got so as to sit up nearly all day, and to walk around some. We miss him much. His disposition was kind, very peacable, and unvengeful. One of the last persons who would seek a quarrel. The Committee owe us yet \$30 for taking care of him, which I think we will get in time to be of service for our spring expenses. I have besides between \$20 & \$30 in my pocket. We get 7 or 8 eggs a day. Now we are alone we expect to sell most of what we get. They are worth 20 cts. a dozen now. We have some 1st September chickens laying now, and some May and July ones not laying. The winters here are much more favorable to poultry as indeed to all stock than with you. The difference in latitude between us and you makes a more marked difference in temperature in Spring than in fall. We shall not need to fodder much more this spring. We have had a very cold turn of weather these last few days, but the sun has got so high it cannot last long. There has been a good deal of discussion about the Convention called by the bogus Legislature. The general feeling is in favor of voting if we could expect fairness but this bill was so unfair Gov. Geary vetoed it, and I think Free State men will not recognize this more than any

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other law of the bogus Legislature.⁴² There is a delegate Convention⁴³ this week at Topeka, to consult and devise a wise plan of united action. It was with the delegates from Osawatomie to this Convention that George went up to Lawrence. . . .

From your son

John

N.B. Tell any body who knows how to make cheese that they cannot miss it in coming to Kansas. Cheese has retailed here this winter at 25 cents. Butter, 25 cents. Pasture don't cost any thing.

Osawatomie, Mar. 18, 1857.

Dear Father

We received two letters from home this week one of Feb 10 and Feb 23. The latter contained the draft of \$21. The draft of \$29.55, we received last week. We hope to be able to repay you before very long. Our great anxiety now about it is, lest you have cramped yourself by sparing it out of your own resources. . . .

. . . We heard that George Cutter arrived safely in Lawrence, after leaving us. The last two winters have been the coldest (they say) known or remembered in Kansas, by the oldest inhabitants. March is still cold. Not much spring for us yet. We do not have to feed cows much however. We have one cow that gives us a little milk yet. Get 6 to 8 eggs a day. Our pigs that I boasted so much of last fall, went one day in the beginning of winter (as all the swinish multitude here were wont to do) into the creek timber, and never returned! Some one "*pressed*" them I suppose. So we suffered, because "there was no king in" Kansas. And we are only too happy because it was not a thousand times worse with us, as it has been with some. We hope never to see such times here again as we saw last year.

I close with much love to all.

Your Son

John

42. The territorial legislature passed an act on February 19, 1857, providing for the election of a convention to frame a state constitution. Delegates to the convention were to be apportioned on the basis of a census ordered for April 1. Governor Geary vetoed the bill because it failed to make provision to submit the constitution, when framed, to the consideration of the people for ratification or rejection. The bill was passed over his veto.

43. A Free-State convention met at Topeka on March 10.



Longwood, Mar. 26, 1857.

Dear Father

We received yours from Utica, (March 5) this week. . . . The last few days have been beautiful spring days. Last Sunday the mercury rose to 84°. To day it is between 70° and 80°. This week we heard that Gov. Geary is dead.⁴⁴ If so, it will be a great loss to Kansas. He will be sincerely and truly mourned in many a humble log cabin. With all his errors of logic in his messages, in his administration he was the true friend of the actual settler. He stood between free state men and those who would devour them. He restored peace, and maintained it by refusing to employ the military in enforcing the barbarous territorial laws. We shall hardly get a better Governor, and may easily get a worse. A son of John Pierce of Big Rock and one of Thomas Pierce of Aurora, fine young men, have taken claims near us. They stopt with us one night.

. . . I must close in haste.

Your son

John.

Friday morning.—I was interrupted in writing this by a prairie fire driving down straight into our timber. We both worked hard to keep it back for about 8 hours. Did not get to bed till midnight. We finally succeeded. It reminded me of the effort of the slave power to spread its devastating flame over our beautiful prairies. We had to work hard, watch constantly, when one plan failed to try another, and it finally only blackened one little corner of the timber. I have a chance to send this, and must close.

Longwood, Apl 2 1857.

Dear Father

Yours of Mar. 10 (from Utica) recd last mail. I thank you for sending the heads of your sermon on secret prayer. Hope it may do us good.

Rev. Geo. Lewis and Mr. Thomas of Racine stopped with us last Sunday. Had a pleasant interview with them. You will have seen 'ere this the account of our Topeka Convention. They resolved not to vote at the coming constitutional Convention. This vote I think was unanimous. There has been a good deal of difference of opinion as to the wisdom of such a resolve, and is yet. Many were in favor of going to the polls, and if necessary with rifles in their hands. I

⁴⁴. Governor Geary left the territory secretly on March 10. He had addressed his resignation to President Buchanan on March 4, to take effect on March 20. His death did not occur until 1873.

think the wisest course is that adopted by the Convention. We can wait and watch. Let them form their slave Constitution. There is no provision in the law for a submission to the people. Will Congress receive this Constitution formed by a small fraction with such submission? I think not. If submitted to the people, we shall be much stronger next fall than now and if we could get the control now could easily vote them down then. If not presented to the people we can send a *remonstrance* signed by three times as many *voters* as they will be likely to muster to vote for their constitutional candidates *without opposition*. Our policy is now a "masterly inactivity." Wait for those who are coming. The advocates of voting want to go to the polls and expect they would have to vindicate their rights there with blood. But our policy is peace. We wish to do nothing to provoke collision, at least till we are strong enough to awe and look down all opposition. Even if our state is slave in form and name, it will be a slave state with the great majority actively hostile to slavery. I predict that when Kansas becomes a state, the greater the effort to make it slave in reality, the more determined and explosive will be the opposition to slavery in fact. If a slave state at all, it will be a slave state without slaves. Mark that.

This morning was the first frost in a week. The gooseberries in the timber are leaving out a little. The prairies are yet brown with green patches here and there. Grass grows in the timber and wet places, and the buffalo grass and the wild barley make quite a bite on the prairies. Yesterday our hens laid 13 eggs. With which interesting information I close with much love from your grandson, daughter and son John.

Commercial Ink

10 gallons clean rain water, 2½ lbs Extract Logwood (*not the chips but a solid, comes in lumps*). Boil slightly 15 minutes in a clean iron kettle and stir well.

Then add one half pound bichromate potash, dissolved in a little hot water, stir it till a deep black, take off. Let settle, strain or pour off.— This is a valuable receipt. Friend Mendenhall has been a druggist, and paid \$10. for the above. This is the ink. Costs, dear as drugs are here, 20 cts a gallon. He sold me a pint for 5 cents. If you had known it, you would not have sent the powder. It stands the test when tried with chemicals better than any other ink.

Mr. G. Lewis gave us \$11.25 from the Welsh Relief Fund, which was unexpected but very acceptable. Mr. Adair had a box come



lately. He sent word over and Sarah went and got a pair of shirts for me, two pair of woolen stockings for herself, a pair of pants, apron & mittens for Frank, 12 yards of calico, 1 pair of pillow cases. . . .

Longwood, Apr. 8, 1857.

Dear Father

We received two letters from home this week Mar. 16 and 24 with . . . that little ball of yarn. Please excuse me writing a letter this time, as I am very busy with my spring work. I am splitting rails now. My health is better this spring than I remember it since I left school. Sarah and Franky are both well. The Spring is quite backward. Sunday was a very cold day—a regular return of winter. Monday morning the mercury fell to 10°. How was it with you about then? It has stopped freezing nights now except once in a while. We were sorry to hear Gov. Geary has resigned. We have not heard who is the new appointee. It was a great joy to us to read of the triumphant result of the New Hampshire elections. A few short years back and N. H. was where Penn. & Ind. are now. The world moves and will continue to move. We feel cheerful, and confident of the final triumph of the right. . . .

Your affectionate son

John

Osawatomic, Apr. 16, 1857.

Dear Father

The mail seems to have become rather irregular on the advent of a new administration. We got no letter this week. (But now I remember we got two last week.) The Feb. Cenhadwr only came to hand last week. We have had no *N. Y. Tribune* for two weeks now. We are having a cold April—colder than anything we have seen in April before— North winds now two days out of three. Some have made garden and planted potatoes, but they are doing no good. Last years crops were poor, except wheat, and the emigration is large; so provisions are quite high. It is a good omen for us that we hear of very little Southern emigration. Ask any one just come in, if the boat he came on was full? "Crowded," will be the answer. "Were there most free state or slave state?" "O, Free State, a great deal," or "Nearly all Free State," will be the reply. Still, the most of those going on to the Indian lands, or *claiming* there are Proslavery Missourians. It is said there are 2800 names registered on the

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squatter's claim book in Westport of Missourians who have made claims on the Shawnee lands. It is said the Census taker went to that *Claim Book*, and took all those names on his list. If he had gone on to the land he could not find a tenth part of them, I presume. But this is a part of the fraud that is to be practiced at the Bogus election this summer.

The removal of Gov. Geary is a sad blow to us. Well, Walker cannot well be worse than Shannon was. And then we are far stronger in the territory, and our enemies far weaker in Missouri than last year. If Walker wants to save the Democratic party, he will give no occasion for a renewal of strife in Kansas. I must close now.

Your son

John

Osawatomie May 1, '57.

Dear Father

Your regular letter came this week. I have been quite busy planting and making garden this week. April has been *very* cold and dry. We have now had a few days warm weather. But to day is cold again, the wind North. Sarah is well excepting a cold. Frank is pretty smart again but complains still of a cold. My health is quite good.

In haste

John.

Longwood May 7, 1857

Dear Father—

Yours of Apr. 23 came to hand this week— John is very busy now with his Spring's work and can hardly find time to write— He is getting on very well—has done his own plowing (on the old land) and got it mostly planted. Will finish this afternoon all except a small patch for a few more garden seeds.

The spring is so late that there has not been any sod broken yet in these parts— John has split most of his rails so far this spring to fence in his new breaking and expects to be able to finish what he will need before his crop will be liable to injury— His health is better than it has been before since I knew him— We are both amply repaid for all the privations, persecutions and horrors we have suffered in the Territory, by the better health we enjoy and in seeing Frank changed into a robust, vigorous stout boy.

We do not learn that the resignation of Gov. Geary and the appointment of Walker affects the emigration into the Ter. or that it

depresses the Free State people already here— They are pretty strongly determined not to submit to the same grievances they did last summer—and not to recognize the right of their oppressors to tax them— You will see by the *Herald of Freedom* John will send with this how the Lawrence people met the taxation question when acting Gov. Stanton expressed his views on it—and that is an echo of the whole free state population⁴⁵— We have heard this week from one of its agents (Genl. Pomeroy) that the Em. Aid Soc. has bought out half of the town of Atchison—including in their purchase *String-fellow's* paper *The Squatter Sovereign*, as violent a proslavery sheet last summer as could be found, and are going to turn it into a free-state paper.⁴⁶ Gen. P. says that the proslavery men are “backing down” throughout the Ter.— It is not believed by any one that there is the least probability that the outrages of last summer will be re-enacted or even attempted again—

Little Franky went with us to “fight fire” till dark when I took him to the house and put him to bed and returned again as one alone could accomplish nothing.

There was nothing particularly dangerous if we were careful— My dress or any of our clothes *might* have taken fire if we had not had our minds on ourselves as well as on what we wished to burn— but we escaped unharmed with the exception of extreme weariness and severe colds.

Our nearest neighbor is three fourths of a mile distant. We had no time to take Frank there—besides children here have to learn self reliance and independence as well as their parents— That night Frank went to bed with his clothes on and without his supper without crying— But he cried for his breakfast before we could hardly get our eyes open next morning.

One thing I should have mentioned in regard to our bogus officials—which is that they do not attempt to enforce the *barbarous* “laws of Kansas” against opposition as they formerly did, even when justice calls for punishment. One striking example of this occurred not long since in Osawatimie— A young man at a boarding house

45. A portion of Acting Governor Stanton's speech to the people of Lawrence is quoted in an editorial appearing in the Lawrence *Herald of Freedom*, May 2, 1857. “You wish to know my position in regard to the Territorial laws. Congress has recognized them as binding. . . . The President has recognized them as valid and they must be received as such. (Never! from the multitude.) You must obey them, and pay the taxes. (Never, no never.) There is where I am at war with you. (Then let there be war.) It shall be to the knife, and knife to the hilt. I say it without excitement, and wish you to receive it as such; the taxes must be collected, and it becomes the duty of my administration to see that they are collected. (Then you bring the government into collision with the people.)”

46. See Samuel A. Johnson, “The Emigrant Aid Company in Kansas,” *Kansas Historical Quarterly*, v. I, pp. 436, 437; and Russell Hickman, “Speculative Activities of the Emigrant Aid Co.,” *ibid.*, v. IV, p. 253, for statements regarding the interests of the company in Atchison.

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in the place ran away one night with a span of horses and wagon belonging to another individual \$80 in cash belonging to another, and a coat, pistols gun &c belonging to others— He was pursued, taken, and lodged in jail in Lecompton. Not long after, the sheriff and a posse of ten I believe brought him down to Osawatomie for trial before our bogus justice but no one would testify against him, the blacksmith who boarded at the same place with this fellow was subpoenaed but he told them if Williams (the Bogus justice) wanted him he would have to come where he was— Williams talked pretty loud about *making* him testify and others also, but it all ended in talk, and we have heard nothing since— So it is in other parts as well as here— The free state party are conscious of superior strength and are not moved or daunted as heretofore.

We are having a very dry spring and have had also a very cold one. During April the wind was strong and steady and cold—the weather here was well described by the Tribune in speaking of the weather in N. Y. that it was “unseasonably, unreasonably, uncomfortably and unnecessarily cold.” It was that here once more also— I close with love to all from—

Your children
Sarah & John & Franky

Osawatomie May 14, 1857.

Dear Father

Your regular letter received this week. . . . I am very busy with my work now. I am fencing for my new breaking. Expect to get about 10 acres new prairie plowed or perhaps a little over. Will have to pay \$4.00 an acre at least. Around Lawrence they charge \$5.00 and \$5.50. Have saved \$40.00 of the fifty I borrowed of you for that. My rails (excepting 250) I split myself. Have got enough split to answer till my corn is planted. Yesterday and the day before was hauling rails. Have got about half done. Expect to get it planted week after next. The spring is very late and cold. Flour is \$7.00 a hundred. Bacon 15 to 20 cts. Corn for meal and seed \$2.00 a bushel. Butter is 25 cts. Cheese 25 cents a pound. I wish somebody would lend me \$100 to buy cows. I would willingly pay 10 per cent, and could afford to pay 20. It would be the same as rent with you. Are there none of your money loving Oneida men who would like to get rent for some of the Western prairies? Thousands of tons of good prairie grass will be *burnt* this fall within two miles of our house. When I was in Steuben men would pay \$12 rent for a cow and a place to keep her, when butter was worth no more than 15 to

18 cents and cheese 6 to 7. So we go. I have done more work with less fatigue this spring than in four times the time last. There is no more danger of Kansas being a slave state (except by fraud and in mere form) than Iowa. Not half as much as that Pennsylvania will revert to slavery. Much more likely that Missouri will become a free state. We feel quite safe on *that* head. Proslavery men are backing down and backing out, and free state men marching in by thousands to fill their places. *Thank God*, in this country the President is not absolute. His power is very limited. The Governmental power is in the *people* by universal theory and general practice. In the end, the *people* here will triumph against the slave power and all its hosts, including President, cabinet, and their long tail of office holders and seekers. In Europe the sovereignty is with the prince, and in the long run he generally succeeds in his objects as against the people. Here the sovereignty is universally acknowledged and felt to be in the people, and in a contest between President and people, the *people* will come out winners. All that is needed is firmness, wisdom, and faith. The most significant fact of late is that the Squatter Sovereign, the head and front of slavery propagandism has become a free state paper. "Is Saul among the prophets?" Has persecuting Saul, who sat at the feet of Ananias, and held the clothes of those who stoned Stephen, become the Christian Apostle Paul? This is like James Buchanan trying to make Kansas a free state, or the Washington Union becoming a Black Republican paper.

I must close. We are all quite well.

Your affectionate son

John.

N. B. The land is now open for pre-emption— That is, we can pay for our claims as soon as we can get money. Excuse haste and blunders. We have no milk yet.

(To be continued in August Quarterly)

Research Projects in Kansas History

THIS compilation of projects in Kansas history is based for the most part upon questionnaires submitted to history department heads of Kansas colleges granting advanced degrees. Of course the list, compiled at the request of historians wishing to be informed concerning completed studies or research and writing in progress, is not complete. Only a start has been made. If the information is of sufficient interest other lists will be published, perhaps annually. Suggestions and coöperation from graduate students and faculties of Kansas colleges are solicited.

Listing is alphabetical by authors. When known, all studies being made in fulfillment of masters' or doctors' degree requirements have been so designated. Progress or completion of projects is indicated by the following abbreviations: Prog. (in progress), Fin. (finished). A definite date of completion replaces "Fin." in many cases. If known, information on printing is included. Some faculty projects are listed. Names of universities and colleges, with which faculty members and graduates are associated, are shortened and printed in italics. For more extensive lists of papers in education see the *Bibliography of Research Studies in Education*, prepared annually by the Office of Education, United States Department of the Interior.

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