

Jedediah Smith to Ralph Smith

This letter is from Jedidiah Strong Smith (1799-1831) to his brother Ralph Smith (1794-1867) who was living in Wayne County, Ohio at the time of the letter in 1831. This letter is written from St. Louis, Missouri months before Jedidiah Smith was killed by Comanche Indians in May of 1831 on the Cimaron Cutoff of the Santa Fe Trail near the Cimaron River. In the letter, Jedidiah writes about his travels and people he encounters and interacts with including children and doctors.

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	At. Lancis, Jan., 26 # 1831
	Dear Brother
	Acostin arrived here opertirlag i Fore came
	The Lawis an the tuenty third of Derr. tost, he had
	Branght hand tipe and was to have , Outled.
	with a state of the state of th
	for M. Fair bunk, but this tety and the crimity
	hust hem presidently aupplical; I wear very and
	of the meting, and saw had arrangements made
	of the many, and can new assungements made
	for him to place himsely under my contral,
	that he might received an Education : some dispirity
	and willing the dilleanen same difficulty
	occurred with segard to consiging the Property to Me
	For as the piver was prage and the Mail Stage
and .	were to the state of the state
	mas at this section inequality he were only hised
	constituoually; I sinally took the responsibility upon
10	myself to maye to consearch the To respecting to
	of a content of the 13. property to
	Loon as the River opening and Ina whate what
	we had concluded upon, to Mr. F of their would
	to fackroussill, Itlinois, where there is a College
	& litt is a talleye
	I left him at that institution; I can not say
	The I am assay the pleased with that Summer
	but there is a prahability of its becoming away
	nestratelle
	, respectable and of un strong willing to give it a
	pair hint, as it is not very par ofe, and I can the
	more carily currespond , and know his attration -
	I had expected to hear by Austin
	Remerking more intigher if
	comething more particular with regard to what
	The prospect was with regard to the opportunity
	of the School for Bir and do for the intuing
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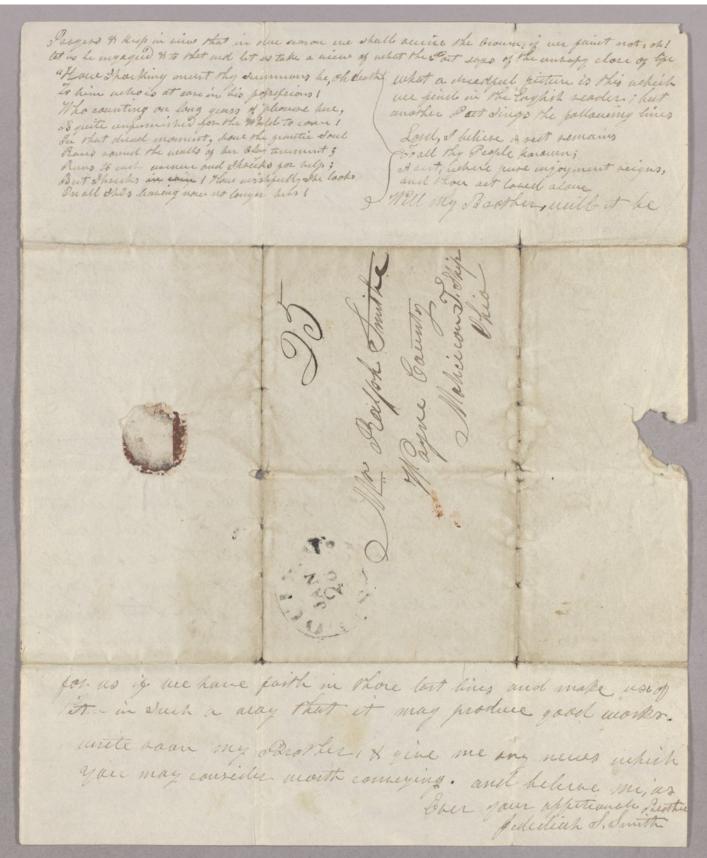


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muking, I'm not Surprised at this, for have cauld Thenwise with Children placed under So you Authir had came by Witer but the fire Lapped mouth of Ohio, will be braught name of the At percent I shall only write to your Self & Partin, mans, of have secrous for westing to no mon To aux husiness. - I deput you to records generally . - Next My Another which we like , are we ungratiful wham we live, and maure, and have are hering, have after aught me on our hunded kneed greatful achuqueled gunints por I'm; is it possible that Ind So loved the World that he wave his only beyother of on that perhassener we perish, but have everlasting like Then let as come forward with faith, nothing dans in the means and take my word for in a blessing; some, who have made a = apersion of Christcanity & have by theirs auen myligener but where did they fine lind au Saniam wer wheating to moving us, une-- ing the most incleasing language and inche means without compelling, por that weared at and distros per agently) to bring us to him that we are nee dacing our duty, do me sexularly and without fail attitude



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