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Mrs. Susan Austin
Fox Lake
Dodge Co.
Wisconsin
11 Sept. 1864
Nashville, September 11th, 1864

My dear father,

I received your kind letter this morning. I am very sorry to hear that you have not yet arrived. I hope that you will get here shortly.

Orvis and I went to church this morning. We then went to get dinner. I commenced to write. He has gone up street to see if he can find some food. Wheeler Orvis says tell you that he does not know when he will come now he is going now. The thinks of staying a while longer, some times he says if he says well I party he would not go back at all, he was talking yesterday of starting to marry but he has coney to wait a little longer. I think he will stay till I go unless he should be given to some place again. Then he would start at once he talks some of staying in Ohio to see what chance there is to buy apples and ship them to Milwaukee.
My dear pet I often wish that you was here so that you could have a chance to get what peaches you could. By & by I can up to use next winter & spring fruit groves as natural as grass in Wisconsin. Their was a man made four hundred dollars off of his water melon patch besides his other garden stuff it is a common thing to get forty dollars for a one horse wagon load of melons D D & Barnes paid eighty three dollars & seventy five cents for a two horse load. There is plenty of water here but the more I look at your likeness the more natural it looks but when I first got it I could not realize that it was you at all, there isn't a day that I don't have a peep at you in the picture. How long it will be before I shall be there when I get started it won't take long to come if I don't stop at the way I may stop in Ohio two or
Three days on the way to see what potatoes can be got for. Potatoes are three dollars per bushel & scarce at that. I have not seen many sweet potatoes yet & I had sweet potatoes for dinner. A day & I have had one meal of them before. I like them as well as the hubbard squash. Orvis said the other day that he would give a dollar for a hubbard squash if he could get one. Tell Mrs. Brady & Mrs. Deniston that when Orvis & I get back that we are going to have one grand time fishing & we will bring them a fish. We will come Saturday night & stay all the week. We don't make any calculations of working for a while after this term is out. It is customary to board till your money is gone & then begin to think about work that is fashionable among the genteel folk.
My dear I don't know as I hope much more to write this is to be great dooms here. To morrow night on the account of the news of our armies in the field there is to be one hunfreed cannon fired & the bell of the churches are to be rung. Their is to be a great display of fire works in the garden. Their is to be speaking in the State house & a great time generally.

My dear pet I will close for the time by saying good by with much love to you.

H. Austin
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