

LETTERS FROM JAMES ADDISON CURRY TO HIS SISTER PHEBE

I have retained the length of line to correspond to original.
Where I am not sure of a word I have used.....
There is one letter and a portion of another
Originals are numbered 1-6

#1

Envelope addressed to Miss Phebe Curry
New California
Union Co.

Ohio

Postmark
Westerville
Aug 29

#2

Aug 19 1859

Dear Sister

I improve this.....
.....of answering your letter.
I was very glad to hear from you.
I was sorry to hear that Harriet
.....was not well. I hope when
I hear from home again they will
Be better. I don't expect we shall
Be down this fall unless some of
You are very sick. I shall come
To see Harriet, s folks if they do not
Get better soon..... has had
The fever he was quite sick he
.....well now the rest of the
boys are welland had
one tooth it has been very dry
here we had.....rain about....
weeks ago. That is all we have had
.....was here of any account

#3

write to everybody almost.....
I am afraid I shall not have
time to fulfill many of my
promises.....

#3 cont'd

I want to hear from home
often and if I don't write very
often I don't want you to serve
me the same way for every
one knows or ought to know
that. It does a person ten times
as much good to get a letter
when he is away from home
than at any other time.
So don't forget to write often.

J.A. Curry
Westerville
Franklin Co.
Ohio

P.S. Excuse all errors and bad
Penmanship as I write
In haste

A.C.

#4

Dear Sister,

I suppose you want to
Know something about what
I am doing and how I am
Getting along. Well, I am
Located close to college and
Just opposite the Ladies hall.
I have a good room good
Board and everything comfort-
able. The house where I boarded
last year is now unoccupied
and Mr. Winters our old land-
lord is now steward of the
Ladies Hall. There are six boarders
In the house besides four

#4 cont'd

Lodgers who room here and board
Elsewhere. There's not nearly
So many students here as usual
But they are still coming
In. I suppose we will do better

#5

Than if there were more as we
Will recite more and receive
more attention from faculty.
One of the students
Pohlman left today to join
The regular army. Bill Hoover
another of the Westerville boys
but not a student goes to join
a Volunteer regiment at Camp
Chase tomorrow. He has
been on a three month
already and was at the battle
of
There is to be a Sunday School
Celebration and Picnic near
Here on next Saturday.
I hope you will have a good
time..... And I wish
that I could be there among the
rest.
My room is in the second story
of a large brick building

#6

Once known as the Flack
House but now joining in the
cognomen of Metropolitan
Hall. The name of mine
Host is "Waters". The family
Consists of mine host, his gude
wife halfa-dozen children a hired

#6 cont'd

gal and a crop-dog.
I had the blues a little when
I first came here for the place
Was very dull at first and
nothing to do but I am all
right now. I heard that
the P. Valley distillery was burn-
ed down and I suppose
there will be a scarcity of good
whisky in consequence.
I want you to write me
a long letter right off and
tell me all that is going
on especially about
the picnic. I have promised to