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### September 18, 1855: Letter to Stanton Merriss

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Columbus Sept 18, 1855

Dear Cousin Stanton

Sir

I received a letter from you a few days since, which you wrote to me in July last, I think, it came safe to Columbus, but I had left Columbus and was living in Champaign Co. this State, and therefore did not read your letter until I returned home to my Father, he then gave it to me, and you know now the reason why I did not answer your letter before. I must tell you that I have not been doing much business this summer the reason is that where I have been located it has been very healthy. I was deceived in the place. The most prominent citizens in the place advised me to come there and I did and stayed six months and did what little business there was to do, and now I am at my Father's contemplating what it is best for me to do, I do not know whether to pack up and come out to your town or to seek another location here in this country, you stated that your Doctor wanted me to come out, and that soon but you see that I did not get your letter in time to come then and now I do not know what to do, I want you to see him and see what he says



about me coming yet and see if he  
will take me in as a partner, & in  
fact you may tell him if you please to  
write to me and tell me the prospects  
of my doing business in his town.  
I would rather go in with him as  
a partner for a while if it would  
suit him as well. Now Stanton if  
you and the rest, and the Doctor think  
I would do well to come out there  
I will come. I must tell you as I do  
not know whether you have heard or not  
that I am married, I was married on  
the first day of May last to a  
Miss Hannah Patterson, she is like  
your wife young and tender, but, cons,  
they are the kind after all she is as  
quick as double geared lightening, round  
featured, blue eyes auburn hair &c we  
have been well this summer but her  
folks and my folks have some of them  
been sick but are all well now it  
has been very sickly in this (Franklin)  
county, generally the remittent and intermittent  
fevers are the prevailing diseases I do not  
know that I have any thing of peculiar  
interest further to write please give my  
love to your wife and all of the  
relatives that you see.

with great respect and tender love  
I remain your humble cousin

Stanton D. Merrip  
& wife

E. S. Merrip M.D.  
& wife