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Dear Uncle

I take this opportunity in writing to you, no doubt but you think it is about time. I am well at present, and hope that you are all the same.

I see by your letter that you have had a very busy time last year, and I think that you will have a still more busy time next year, I should like to be there to help you, not that I want to get back to the ~~back~~^{Back} Woods by any means, for I never would think of living there and make it my home as long as there is any hopes of getting one here. But I think if I was there I might give you the western fever, for I know that you could do far better here than you ever can down there. And if you would come out here you might double your money in about four years, that is if you bought a Prairie Farm. But if you bought a ~~Farm~~ Timber Farm. I think you might almost as well stay where you are. You know that David brought more money with him than ~~age~~ George did. But let us look at the difference now. David has the same number of acres of land that he had when you was out here. ~~he~~ has He has about

forty acres plowed. he has a span of Mules
2 Colts 2 Cows & one yoke of stags one yoke
of Steers. He fattened 12 Hogs. last fall.
I dont know how much Grain he had. He
lives in a log house. his Barn is as a shed
shingled with straw.

On the other hand George has bought
120 acres of land. besides some Machinery
he has two span of Horses. one Colt. six
teen head of cattle 40 head of hogs. He
has fattened 23 h Hogs, and is fattening 9 more
he is fattening 12 head of Cattle. he raised on
his farm last year 2000 bushels Corn 1600
bush of Wheat 700 bush of Oats 100 bushels
Potatoes. besides a lot of Hay, and 150
bush. Barley. He has a ~~wood~~ Frame house
but it is nothing extra. he has a nicer
Barn than they can afford down there, it
is 30 by 60. This is the difference between
them now. I have heard you say that David
would ~~be~~ some day be better of than George.
this is not so. Providing they both have
~~the~~ their health. George will increas ~~on~~ ~~him~~
as much here after as here tofore. So they need
not talk about their Timber farms (here
is another item that I forgot he (Geo) has 62
bush of Grass seed and has about 10 bush
bush of Clover seed,

I wish that you would sell out

if you can, and come out here. There is a
plenty of good Farms for sale here, well I
dont know that it is of any use for me to
try to persuade you to come out here.
All that I wonder at is that after you
had been out here; that you ~~so~~ ever could
be contented to stay in the ~~back~~^{Back} Woods,
and work in the mud and rain as long as
you have.

We have had a very hard winter here so
far. George says, that it has not snowed
~~so~~ so much in any one winter ~~as it has~~
since he has lived here, as it has this ~~winter~~
winter. The ~~so~~ snow is about 3 feet deep in
the woods.

Charles I wish that you, or be
tween you and Uncle Michael, that you
~~you~~ would let me have \$200 for 2 two
years, if you can. I ~~as~~ will give you as much
interest as you can get there. I want ~~you~~ it
next fall, to get me a team with. I
calculate if I can get a team, to work land
on sharse, for I can make more in one year
that way than I can in two. Working by the
year. The reason I want to get them in the
fall is be cause I can get them cheaper than
I can in the spring, and another reason is be
cause I can get a plenty of work all winter
to do with ~~them~~ them. Now if you can let

me have it. let me know in your next
letter. You need not fear that
I will spend it foolishly, for I think
I can take care of money as well as any one.
Dont fail to write as soon as you receive
this.

I suppose that you have not as yet
~~recd~~ received that letter from David. He
comenced a letter to you a few days after
he got don planting, he wrote a few lines
and quit, comenced again before harvesting
wrote a few more lines, and quit again.
Comenced again after harvesting wrote a
few more lines, and quit again, and
whether he has comenced again or not I
cant say. I asked him the other day
if he had sent you that letter yet, he
said he had not.

From your Nephew

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C. A. Wilson

My love to you all

C. A. Wilson