

Chapinville Sunday morning
June the first Eightteen hundred and
fifty.

Dear Brother and Sister and friends he he
I sit down to write some of de tidels
I suppose you think I am down to Norfolk
to work but I have left that place
long ago. I stayed there about half a month
then I pulled up ~~up~~ stakes and quit now
I suppose you ^{would} like to know what I have
been doing since well I will try to
tell you well I thought secin it was just as
it was I would take a kind of a tour
round and see what was going on well
I didnt go to Michigans I spose you
know well where do you think I went
if you cant guess I'll tell you I went
to Boston what do you think I did in Boston
I did not do anything for I did not
stay a great while. I went from
there to Hingham I worked there about
one month. Then our folks wrote for
me to come home so I did I got home
tuesday have worked one day since I dont
expect to work enny more can
ford to live without
well spose you would like to know
what the news was Mr Samuel
Doornis is Married to) now dont
be sheet but prepare for a dread full
shock) the rich and accomplished
Wider Mrs Wilber the Cold woman that
keeps cake & Beer for sale just above joyes
what do you think of that

This morning I spent a mess of cat fish
for Bull head, just wish you please to call
them Mother says she will cook them for
supper the Old Gent ~~was~~ me and James
caught them last night I am the poorest
hand to write that ever was I can't think
of any thing so I'll stop for a while
----- I have stoped about so long
I have took off my Beard that is I
mean I have been shaving and I have
put on my calico shirt (I recore you did not
know I had a new one that one I bought
of a gal not --- well I shan't speak
the name with out you know who that
is but that ~~is not~~ the one I got it of
a Hingham gal and that's all about it
when I come home I went to James Silvernails
first and he brought me over Emily come
along Mr and Mrs Boyd are ceeping house
you know have not heard from them
in some time I saw Henry Sale go by
to church this morning I have not
seen Mr or Mrs since I left I spent the
evening with them before I went to Norfolk
Some body was there I have not see any
of them since that's all my love to all
especially to Mrs Sale and the little girls and
Phoebe in particular let Alfred and Robt
have a Bear ready for me when I come
your friend and Brother
John Benjamin Shaw

PS look for me when you see me come JBS
PS answer soon JBS

+ or taken wish is right I gess that's all the mistake I have made
I dont know whether that's right or not

Sunday the 7th

I must commence this morning by recording the death of Old Mr Wells he died Friday night he and Silas lost all their property this spring it was sold at Sheriff Sale it is supposed his trouble hurried along his end Mrs C. M. is better I give you the particulars all along you see I intend you shall know what we have done in Salisbury since I commenced this letter we I got letter last night Margaret wanted to know about the cows and hogs we keep cald red & blue we sold the other two one for 20¢ the other 23 we keep the two cald hogs and 5 pigs at lost one pig the rest we sold the cald hog had nine pigs I believe that's all our corn is topped out I am going to pick some to cook this afternoon what you think of that Mr Seafale

well now about the 10 of July I did not get married I cant tell the reason something mist have turned up and dis appointed the gossps or else I'd had a woman to sleep with. I dont know Silver nail & Hannah was home so was Mr I liked to forget him they went fishing I caught 4 pickerel I went to Sgt Barrington my self I did I had a tall time I got the rest done I had a tall time they are well they are not there regards to you Mr Geo Enrich has gone to California

Chapinville June the 28th 1850

Dear friends Hannah received her letter Saturday night we have not seen it yet we expect to see it Sunday I got the line Mr Gale favoured me with I have not got my answer yet but I dayley expect our well now I will tell the news Mr C. Barlow is at our house and so is Mr James Silver nail and Lady Mr B. Mrs M. McCreary & Dad have gone out fishing so they cant to our house Emily and the Old Lady have gone up to the store so they cant to our house neither Mr Barlow is out trying to buy up sheep but he cant find any he says he is going back with out Mother has asked more than fifty thousand questions about our York state people in fact she asked so much I cant think of anything he sayed hardly. Morgan Washburn is in California yet he sent twenty one hundred dollars home this spring he is coming in the fall Mr Geo rail is married to Mr Geo. Wilkinsons daughter they have had another Irish riot in poughkeepsie no one killed Mr Stebbins has been very sick he is better now he and his Lady has gone to Red Hook to see he a visit he had wachers about a week they considered him dangerous one or two days

his complaint was of the bowels I shall
 write more about him before I close
 Miss Caroline Maelroy is sick we think it is the
 inflammatory Rheumatism the MD has not said
 yet Mr Mc has been sick he is better Mr Geo Gale
 I am talking to you now I have seen your
 gal Miss W. J. Macle you had better be careful
 or I will cut you out you talk big things about
 flogging me you cant do it I dare you
 to try if you dont come out soon I'll
 come out an whip all Michigan for I have
 got to be one of the B boys since I have been
 to Boystown so you might as well consider
 your self cut out and flogged in the bargain
 June 30 I again take up my pen in mother Stephen
 & myself have been to Norfolk we went
 yesterday and got back today
 July 3rd well I did not tell you much about
 our visit we had a tall time I had a gal
 stop me going down and coming back she
 was one of them I tell you about that first
 cause thats the most important we found
 Mr & Mrs Lyons quite comfortable but what that
 he was the Cold Bar yet we expect them
 up the 4th I will tell more about them
 if they come Caroline Maelroy is worse
 she has got the typhus fever instead of
 the rheumatism they have but little hopes
 of her recovery

well now I'll tell about
 I lost my pen in the ink stand
 and was about so long getting it out
 the weather is what I was going to talk
 about we had a very backward spring I
 planted corn as late as the 15th of June since
 then it has been warm and wet corn is
 small but it has a good colour grass is very
 large so is grain, I am going to work for
 Mr Hoolester in haying he began Monday
 the weather has been so hot since he has not
 done any thing since to Harvest is
 our grand National Jubilee what do
 you suppose? Shall do well I'll tell
 what folks says they say I am going to be
 married ha ha what you thing of that
 and who do ^{you} think the unfortunate person
 here I give you time to guess
 I dont hear what you say maybe
 you have not made up your mind yet I shall
 tell anyhow if you wont guess you
 shant know thats all about it
 Mr Peter Snyder has left the Place he has been
 gone some two weeks he marched to the tune
 of Mary Poy & run away he chose the latter
 he has gone to parts unknown thats
 more news I'll try to fill up this page
 with some thing if it dont amount to much
 I should think it was done pretty nice what you think

July the twenty eighth 1850
It is a long time since I have
wrote any thing there has nothing new
happened that the reason and that
reason enough we are busy in our eye
we are most done father and myself
have done it all alone except drawing in
four loads that you must know is all that is
in that Mr Bell done when Peter Snyder went
away he owed John Lyons for his watch John sold it
the time you was married John took the eye and
Potatoes that was on the place that Peter had
but some one got a little mad and pulled
up all the potatoes so John will have
lose some if not all I should like to
fill this page this morning but I have
nothing to write Hannah come home last
night she is going back to day I have thought of some thing
else I have got a little Dog he is going to be
as big as sport when he gets his growth
he is about half way between white and
yellow his name is Caesar I guess I will not write
any more to day

July 29th 1850 I intended to have wrote
a long letter ore long enough to suit
you but Mr Parks is going out and
so I thought I would close
this and send it along

Emily and James have come over
to day they brought the letter
you wrote to them I should
like to fill this sheet but I
don't know as I can the neighbours
are all well I believe except Caroline
she gets better very slow I told you
I would write more about
Mr Stebins but I can't think
of anything now more than

I saw Mrs at church yesterday
we have Preaching every week in the
Mapinville Church Rev Mr Reid and
Rev Mr Ward the Lakeville Parson
mother says she will write soon
now what more will you have
I you have any special says
quick if not I will give what
I please I send Margrat the
fifty cts I owe her I in the
Shape of a one Dollar Bill
the Balance after the interest
is paid you may give me or for
Now I believe will close
let me see if I can find some
thing to send

Well I have found some
cards you see I had to scratch
off the original name you can see
who they are for the fish line
is Margaret on the half dime's
for the boys they must buy
candy with it the gal I court
one of the boys I would have
sent some thing more if I had time
to look it up you see this
morn and look for some thing better
next time I am in a great
hurry or perhaps I might
have wrote better

now I must bid you
good by your Brother John B Shaw

Sheffield Jan 1st 1858

Dear Brother & Sister it is a long time since I have wrote to you and today is a good day to write for I am not to work I believe I was here when I wrote to you last since then I have had quite a round when my time was out here I went down to Stebbins and help't him finish up'n his falls work then he sold out to Mr Adams and went to Williamsburg to work for his Brother in law and he wanted me to go down with him I told him I would if he would go down and get me a place So he went and found me one I went down and worked about five weeks and come back here and am goind to stay I am going to work for the same man that I did last year While I was down there I went to see Uncle William Compton Aunt Ann was there we had a very fine time So you may tras over

My
They, told me a great deal of news
but I have forgotten most all of
it Jackson hicks and his sister
Sarah Louisa is married the lieutenant
is dead the rest of the folks at Punkett
were well I do not know as I could
tell you any more new without
it is Aunt Rebecca has got a little
— — — dare I tell it not a baby but
dog accept my best wishes
and write soon to your brother
John B. Shaw

Direct to: Sheffield.

White Hollow April 24-1808

Dear Brother and Sister

It is a long time since I have wrote to you and longer still since you have to me I believe I have not had a letter from you since last October ~~more~~ that is a long time it about a month since I ~~have~~ have heard from the dead folks then they wrote that Almira had a baby I am now working for ~~Mr. Judah~~ Mr. Judah he and his son in law Mr. Griffith has bought a farm about a mile south of Lime Rock I get 150 for a year I havent been up to Chipinville in some time and dont know much what is going ahead Stebbins lives in York Mrs Stebbins is in Norfolk I believe she is going down soon but I guess not to live the folks are all well around

I dont now hard by what to write to fill up my papers James & Ball and H's Russell are members of the Legislature from Salisbury this year

I should be glad to hear from Mrs Gale
I want to know what the boys are doing
and if the girls live with you or Mrs Gale
and if B Phoebe is cold enough to have
a bear and if you think I
would suit her if I should come
out there and that is not all I want
to know I want to know if the
baby grows I went to Mr Ballo last
fall the girls asked a great many questions
about you they sent a great deal of love
to Margaret and I must tell her that
the plants she gave them was a live or
else ask her if the ones they gave her was
and I dont know wech but I am sure
it is one or the other Milo Harris jr
is ceeping store in the Cold Peet Store
in Salisbury Charley Melroy has joined
the Church at Spakeville I believe
now that is about all I can write this
for I have some more writing to do to
day give my love to all and accept
the kind regards of your Brother John

I'll writ soon Direct to Linne Rock

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