

Pelmont Ohio September 18. 1844

North Wright
My dear Aunt

I wrote you from Cuba I believe on or about the
first of March, and left that is land for Philadelphia on the 11th of
April, and was favoured by Providence with an extraordinary fine and
agreeable passage of twenty days, scarcely a wind stronger than what
seamen call a whole sail breeze. I arrived in that city formerly called by
way of distinction "of brotherly love," as I may say, in the midst of one of those
detestable riots, which have latterly changed that appellation, to one more
consonant to the present temper of its inhabitants, that is to say, of mob rancour,
during thirty years residence in Santiago, I never saw any thing a tenth, no,
not a hundredth part as bad, and the apathy and indifference of the respect-
table part of the community to such a sad state of things, I considered as
more foreboding of future evil, than even the discontented and riotous spi-
rit of the lower classes, even I think I spoke of it a good deal in the following
style, "well, certainly I agree, that all such acts are to be deprecated, but it
must be allowed that the Catholic party merited punishment, and the Law
won't touch the unworthy doings," and my firm persuasion is, that while the
upper orders feel thus, the lower will continue to act wrong. I had to
stop a week or so in Philadelphia, and then proceeded to New York, and
Boston staying a few days in each, and then returned to Philadelphia,
whence after I had got through with business on the Atlantic board, I started
for Ohio and arrived here about the 10th of July and found father and
all the members of the family in good health, and it thus continued to the
11th of August when father was very unexpectedly taken down by an attack
of Apoplexy, and died on the 23rd of same, and was buried on the 25th.
I refrain from entering into particulars as uncle William to whom we

I gave my best love to those who were with me and shall and will be glad to hear from you and shall be glad to hear from you and shall be glad to hear from you

entrusted the answering of your letter to Father, and whose reply in a record
-ance thereto, I have myself this day directed for him, gives you I take for granted
-ted, every minute detail of that melancholy occurrence. It almost seemed
as if divine Providence had withheld the call, so as to give father and son
so long separated, a chance of once more commencing together, before their fi-
-nal separation in this world, and certainly it was a very great consol-
-tion to me, to be present to close his eyes, and follow his remains to their
last home. Nehemiah's family are all of good steady habits, Joseph
Dow is established here in store keeping, John D. who was at school
-keeping has relinquished it, and is now looking about for some suitable
place in this neighbourhood to set up on the same line, and James D. is
studying medicine at Cincinnati where he expects to take his degree of
M.D. next spring, the girls are unmarried, and the two remaining boys going
to school. Nehemiah is now very well off having about 300 acres of good
land and a great part of it in cultivation, and he is completely reco-
-vered from the effects of his two bad falls. Uncle William is doing very
well indeed, he is perfectly steady and orderly, and has near 100 acres
of very good land, which he is putting in prime order by time, and is
considered by every one, as one of the best farmers in the country, his
son and his son in law are both fine young men, and I may sum up
by saying that I am highly pleased with his prospect of happiness.
Brother Benjamin has a very good farm of rising one hundred acres,
with a fine promising growing family, he is a great politician on the
democratic side, and well versed in the policy of the States, no doubt he
is looking out for office, having once unsuccessfully canvassed for the legis-
-lature, unsuccessful only however because his party failed, he is really
a very good smart fellow, and I would not wonder to see him yet in
some of the high places. Brother Smithson Wright is now a storekeeper
in Columbus, the capital of this State, of which city he is now Mayor

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The genealogy of the family, and to receive from him the name or change of the one which he preferred me to
long long since, the subscription indebted to me a letter, and shall look to him for my next soon as I may

It would be well to see that should send me to

he is a very industrious moral man, and his wife is quite a nice woman, ladylike in
her manners and much attached to him, and I have not much doubt but what he will
succeed in life. William's widow is living with her father, she appears to devote
herself to bringing up her two sons, both of them very likely boys, and she is much
esteemed by all who know her. Sister Abigail left four children one girl
and three boys, they are living with their father in Illinois, and though he has
attended to their education, I cannot say much in his favour as respects his
business habits, for he leads a desultory life, pretty much given to the chase &c. &c.
Joseph C. Wright carries on the tailoring business and is a very liberal open
hearted man, too much so to get along fast as regards the ways and means of
life, but he is well respected in the community, and has given his son a good
education, and intended him for a lawyer, and I think well of the lad & abilitate.

This town contains about 300 inhabitants, who are much given to the pur-
suit of literature, indeed there are few small villages in the State, whose
populations are as well instructed as Delmont, but the schism among
friends, has done much evil, as respects their religious feelings & faith
and I must in truth say, that in no part of this country have I seen less of the
spirit of devotion than here, which is much to be regretted certainly, the buildings
are generally frame, with 4 or 5 of brick, and about the same number of log,
there are now being built 5 new frame houses, and taken altogether the town looks
very well, and the site and surrounding district is healthy. I am now living
in a small cottage, and taking my meals at Mechanics, but shall move in
a few days into the brick building that father lived in the last nine years, for
mother has moved to Joseph C's as she felt too lonesome where she was, and
she is allowed an annuity for her care, and comfort, and maintenance. I have
had to give up my long cherished trip to Ireland, and feel it deeply, but I
cannot lay down in bed, and it makes travelling every great burthen
indeed, although it does not incommode me at all when at home, say when I am
stationary, and especially as my mind is fixed upon proving whether

to be so that it will be certain of receiving me before I leave this, although he could see that should send me to
the south before my confinement period of leaving home say in April, and I am not at all
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I can stand the winters of this state, so as to make it hereafter my place of
-sidence without suffering in health, for being now as it were considered the
a head of the family I should like much to fix myself down amongst them, and
likewise because I have family affairs to examine into, in order to enable me with
discretion to contribute aid and assistance where needed, therefore I shall
man here most probably till next March or April, unless the severity of winter

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could drive me to the southward earlier, at all events you will have sufficient
time to write me, and I shall live in hope of an answer to this letter, directed
to this place, I enjoy better health than I have had for a long time, I suffer
owing somewhat to being so far from the care of the family.

Your affectionate nephew
Wm. W. Wright