we live with in one mil of my places down ground and three quarter of bat tis not bad but we have sung school every saturday and sabbath school every sabbath and we have school all the week but there is a baptist preacher lives in this town the people all attend to try which can do the best especey the sabbath ones this is a great place for young men to get some education young george shadley is come out the most you ever see and only one for the time he has been hear he is an assistant in the singing school and is very smart is a very amiable girl indeed preaching is the prominent one among them I believe he has heard of every one that cashiness the neighbor in general appears to be better we have just moved to a place two days ago but it don't feel like home to me yet. I am as cost satisfied as could be expect to frame to be consider how many children I left behind but I shall come when you said you would come of my neighbors allowed that I never would be as well fined again and I do just wish they would come and see me more and see if they would speak somewhere. I do wish some of you there would just rise up and take your place at another day I fear you think you would leave any money but I believe that after this is the best to make money and this the best just for farmers we have got one cow and one more person camps on the past empty old cow on the place we bought our land and many these weeks go on the land and no person camp or a mother of us so the greatest thing bear a cow the most milk but is barley colt and raising seven sheep and if no thing is now not all of necessary but the brings the little yellow they treated us sufficiently for the land and his soul and give them their all might they all know the right time and day that never High and yoke is that his in the day tell all the grave times I want you to a word it in effect I would like to know of donington if they have this object I received your
his trade remembre me to all my acquaintance and when you write to me write every thing that you think I should like to know Sally mitchel jones is just at the point of leaving her and her father is about to drive her off about it her little daughter is very smart and seems like they have taken a great deal of pains with her you must come and see me if ever you can possibly tell all the children we all want to see them now at present but remains your most affectionate mother untill death

Melinda Sharp

Dear son I have reached the promised land and have bought me a farm and I give one thousand dollars for it I had seven hundred and fifty down and my note for two hundred and fifty at Christmas the best of judges say that the improbity on it could not be made for the money this time last year it would have fetched eighteen hundred dollars I want you to try and collect my money if possible hay owing and cattle and the balance I want you send by last Thrusdays he says he will be there sometime in october I live with in four miles of paris I want you to write to me and direct your letters to Paris Monroe county missouri yours brother henry is expected to move to this county this mont no more but remains you newest friend untill death

Leonard D Sharp
To whom it may concern.

This certifies that Brother William C. Ireland, whose signature appears in the margin, as his own hand writing, was on the second day of September 1848, regularly admitted a member of Tollboro Division No. 62, located in Tollboro, and working under a legal and unfeigned certificate, signed by the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, on the day of April 1848.

Having paid all demands against him up to the ninth day of March 1848, and being under no charge whatever, we have granted him this Clearance Card and recommend him to the due regard of all true Sons of Temperance.

In Witness whereof, we have caused this to be signed by our W.P. and R.P. and the Seal of our Division to be affixed in the State of Kentucky, at Tollboro, the ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Wm. W. Taylor
W.:P.

G. Keith
R.:P.
Bro. Tenn.

State of Kentucky

Sons of Temperance
Agreement between John P. Jones and his wife Cecelia Jones, of Beachland, Grant of
the Island of Greenpoint, as follows, viz:
He said John P. Jones to have sold, day of May 1868, to
Beachland, lot No. 29, Range 3, W. T. Mitchell,
by agreement, the same sold to S. Cecelia
Jones, by W. H. Hampton, floor, by title bond
This bond is imperfectly executed, and your
wife here to execute a proper acknowledgment
hereof, and then assign the same to said
Beachland, who is to pay the balance of the
purchase money, two hundred dollars, and
sums interest. The said Beachland
the 1/2 of lot No. 29, adjoining the one above
named, being the same confirmed to said
Cecelia Jones, by W. H. Mountain, sur; by deed
dated 27th July 1868.
The Consideration of this
sale is Eight hundred and forty dollars,
of which two hundred to pay Hampton,
wife, and the interest thereon, and the
balance to be paid within six months, viz:
Six hundred dollars ($600) to said Cecelia Jones.
The signing of the said deed to cover by good
and sufficient deed, when purchased said
property to the 1/2 lot and premises as to
lot 30. And it is also to the use of the said
W. H. Hampton, as above stated.

John P. Jones
Cecelia Jones

May 15th 1868

W. H. Irland

State of Kentucky

By the Court:

I, O. L. Wilson, Deputy for W. O. Hamilton, Clerk of the Magistrate Court, do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing between John J. Jones and Ellen Jones his wife and William J. Irvin was presented to me and acknowledged by the said John J. Jones and Ellen Jones to be their act and deed for the said and purpose thereunto contained. Given under my hand this 16th day of May 1868.

O. L. Wilson, Deputy
for W. O. Hamilton, Clerk

Rec'd of W. O. Irvin, in consideration of $1,000.00 dollars, Cash, and the note held by Ellen J. H. Hamilton, wife of the said William J. Irvin, dated July 15th, 1867, and due July 15th, 1868.

John T. Jones

Ecelia Jones
Whereas by the judgment of the Boyd Court, No. 29. Range One West in the town of Ashland, situated in the corner of Winchester and Chris Streets, Succession Court in said Kent, the Commissioner having made sale of said lot and improvements thereon, and reported the sale to the Court.

At the November term 1868, the said Court report was approved and confirmed. The purchaser having transferred William B. Holman, transferred his purchase to W. B. Island and directs the deed to be made to him.

The Court at the June Term 1869, appointed John Hampton, a Commissioner to make a deed of conveyance to W. B. Island.

Now therefore:

This instrument made this 26th day of June 1869, between John W. Hampton, Commissioner of the first part, and W. B. Island of the second part:

Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the purchase and the further consideration of one dollar, the said Hampton
as Commissioner, hereby sell and convey to W. C. Kelton, for the consideration of $30.00, Range One (1) West of the town of Ashland, being in the town of Winchester and their streets, naming in Winchester 575 feet, and running back thereunto the second and forty-fourth line east (14.59) to an Alley together with all and singular the improvements and appurtenances to the same in any wise appertain ing. To have and to hold the same to the said William Kelton his heirs and assigns forever. The Commissioner, being joined by the right title and interest of E. J. Hilcher and John F. Wood, and Warrants the title as above and for them generally. The Commissioner not making himself personally liable in any event.

In Witness Whereof, the said John W. Hampton, Commissioner hereby sets his hand this 28th day of June 1857.

John W. Hampton
Commissioner

State of Kentucky
Boys County, S.C.

J. W. A. Hampton
Check of the Boyd County Court do certificate that the deed of conveyance by John W. Hampton, Commissioner to W. O. Ireland, was this day presented to me by the grantee (W. O. Hampton) and acknowledged by him to be his act and deed for the receipt and acceptance thereof expressed.

Given under my hand the 26th day of June, 1867.

W. O. Hampton Clerk.

State of Kentucky
Boyd County

I, Ellis C. Lawrence, Clerk of the Boyd County Court, do certify that the foregoing deed from John W. Hampton, Commissioner to W. O. Ireland, was filed in my office for record, October 9, 1905, at 2:45 P.M., and the said deed, with this and the foregoing certificate, has been duly recorded.

Witness my hand this 10th day of October 1905.

Ellis C. Lawrence, Clerk.

By Howard Mullan, C.C.
Dear Grandma,

Papa is getting along all right, and all of us children think I am longing to see you all, but I wish to see you most. I hope Ma is getting along all right, who tends to her now? Does Dongla ride his velocipede any more?

Does Miss Gouldman teach in the school any more?

Papa is reading the advocate.

Uncle Jim is going to build me a chicken coop this day but has not commenced yet. Aunt Jane'sitten is so lazy that he won't go in the milk house only when she goes to milk, and then he goes to get the foam.

We had a splendid treat Christmas, instead of a tree we covered a table with evergreen. I hope you will soon be able to write.