

Sligo Clinton County O June the 29<sup>th</sup>. { 65

Mrs. Sabar Givner Jr Brother

I conclude this morning to drop you  
A few lines to let you know that I  
Have got Back home from Va and  
found my family all well I got home  
Last Saturday at twelve o'clock I left  
Charleston Va on Friday morning at four  
in the morning and got to Cincinnati  
Next morning at eight and taken the  
Nine o'clock train and got to Clarksville  
at eleven I found father and mother  
In tolerable good health But they have both  
Failed very much since we left there  
& Ledridge & Lockridgensons & Sivelys family  
are all well and the folks generally are  
Well times are pretty hard up there but  
Not so much so as I expected to find them  
Money is very scarce that is the Green Back  
They all have plenty of Confederate but  
it is of no avail The folks are all at  
work like fine fellows corn crops look well  
Wheat is pretty good but has Sun Rust  
Some of the folks have Horses and some  
Have none But they have all managed  
Some way or other to get in a pretty  
Good crop " times is quiet and fine  
I Rode all around among the Thermanites  
With out any molestation What ever they  
all claim to be union men now and says  
That they have been all the time But was  
forced to do what they did by the Rebels  
They will be forced to do a great deal now by

The game seemed to be going when I left  
There there was a meeting held at Ganley  
Bridge while I was up the to appoint  
States attorney, Sheriff Coast & Co. Samuell  
Charac was pushed out in ranks by  
The Secesh but was objected to by the  
union Party they told him that Rebels  
Shouldnt be supported there that they intended  
to support union men hence forth and forever  
The Secs now stand on the same shoes that  
Now that the Negro did before the war  
commenced they are neither allowed there  
Vote nor there oath and it is very uncer-  
tain whether they will be allowed to stay among  
us or not I need several of these parcels as  
I come down Kanawha and the Sumed Road  
as tho it would be a very difficult matter  
for them if they are permitted to stay in the  
country they only Paralle them they are not  
allowed to take the oath of allegiance yet  
your place is not rented Saul Boggers  
is living on it there is no chance to rent  
Land up there I tried to rent some but  
could not I could sold it half dozen times  
before I could rented it once

Land merchants is thick as hail up the  
I come down with the three Pennsylvanians  
from charleston to Gallipolis they have bought  
Land twelve miles above Ganley Bridge up  
on newriver they wanted to buy mine but  
I will bet on a white longer yet I could  
sell mine for double what I could before  
The men commenced the newyorkers are  
as thick as hail up on the river they are

Bourning for oil up the I was up at sold  
by Samuel Higginbotham twelve miles from  
Charleston and saw several engine in operation  
The lands is nearly all bought up on Elk and  
Leased together it is also leased up as far  
as the widow hamletons at the hawks nest  
and up coal River Samuel Higginbotham  
was offered twelve thousand dollars for his  
land on coal River We will have one  
of the richest little states in the union in a few  
year hence.

I expect to move back home about  
the first of august if nothing prevents  
you can go back home as soon as you choose  
if you wish there is no danger at all  
Father & mother wants us all to come back  
as soon as we can father got atteter  
from you a few days before I got out there  
and one from Harrison

Harrison seemed to be  
very uneasy when I left Ind for fear we would  
all give him a bad name from the way  
he flouts us all to father he certainly want  
something of the kind spoken of he stated  
in his letter that we had all left there well clad  
with money and every thing but some people  
wouldnt bear good treatment and he  
respected you as a gentleman

I did not calculate on saying  
any thing about him in any way to tell the  
truth I didnt think enough of him to do  
so he is like the fable of the preachers little  
dog I heard of while the minister would be  
sitting by the door the dog would be two

mistakes and Bad Spelling

Cowardly to attack the preacher but as soon as the minister would get out of sight the dog would bark on his track

So that's the way with Harrison he was too cowardly to say any thing to our faces while we were there but as soon as we got two or three hundred miles away he flew out on a cold track and as for the gentleman ship if he takes you to be one it is more than I take him to be any man or a brother at least that would let a person by there as I did is not fit to live in society let me be what I may be dog "hog" "cow Bull" or "Devil" for my own part I never have taken the upper seats in the Synagogue or make loud prayers to be heard by men on holy Sabbath days and then quarrel and fight with my family all week and feede Sick Brother on hog feede as he did me while Strangers gave me the best they had he need not throw his slurs back to Navat all thinking that he can redeem his credit ther for he is known there the same as he is known in Ind that land is what sticks him to the Red and well it may for it got permits me to live & intend to have my lot or sink what I have in Virginia unless he pays me for my share I could give you a great deal more news from Va but I must close uncl John George got killed a few days before I got up ther by a horse it broke his neck Give my best respects to all of my old friend out there you know who they are please show this to W. G. your's in love John, J. Gwinning