

Burlington Carroll County Indiana
October 14th 1866

Dear Brother

Sir After the lapse of some considerable time I take this opportunity of addressing a few lines to ^{you} informing that we are enjoying a reasonable portion of health also all the friends & community generally Hoping these lines may find you and yours enjoying the same blessing. We have undergone a very unwholesome season of very remarkable wet weather fever and ague has prevailed to a considerable extent Crops have been considerably drowned we will not have more than half ~~as~~ much corn as we raised last year wheat was no more than one fourth of a good crop Hoosiers will eat some corn dodger before next harvest and a good many will no doubt ^{be} glad to have plenty of that I think pride will be some abated though times are good enough yet Politics have been the order of the day they have run extremely high the election is now over and ~~quilt~~ ^{quilt} prevails yet we (the union party) are still rejoicing over our decided and important victories not only at the Ballot box but three of our soldier boys Cleaned out the Warman's at Burlington we ^{are} joyous over that I Cleaned out Isaac Patty for assessor by 23 votes

We have elected our representative in Carroll
and our state senator for Carroll & Clinton counties
we have elected ^{2d, on the} in this 8th district we stand 8
out of 11 for Congress in Indiana we have carried
Ohio Pennsylvania Iowa by large increased major-
ities thanks to God our King forever amen
I will send you the Delphi Journal By request of
H. Gwinn gave to me yesterday for that purpose
I mean one number of that paper Harrison &
family send their best respects ^{to} you ^{all} and ^{will} write
before long Harrison says he has not answered
your letter and he wished to send this number
of the Delphi Journal and their respects
to you and family I have not much
interesting matter to write to you But will fill
up space with what enters my mind at present
A. G. Hulver & family left here last Thursday
for Meigs County Ohio He sold his possession to
Mathew ^{Shelly} for 950 dollars & bought a tanyard with
15 Acres of land where ^{he} goes I guess he has done
well he has plenty of greenbacks We have lost
Old James Millburn who died in Monroe Co
Virginia he is buried by his father Green Wood
rum was with him and has returned to Ind
we very much lament the loss of Mr James
Millburn as ^{he} was a truly honest man in worldly
dealings and without controversy one of the best neighbors
where ^{he} lived but is no more with us in this life

You can say to Breckenridge Guinn that Abe is well
and hearty at present tell him we get no word from
him since he left Ohio We would like to hear what
he intends to do weather he is going to give us Lincoln
or no for the longer we keep him the less willing
we will be to give him up for he ^{is} our own child
only that he has been better treated than any we have
raised Now ^{say} would just we dont want him against
his fathers will but otherwise we would like to keep him
if he designs taking him which is his priviledge he
had better take him soon or at least let us know what
he is going to do please tell him to let us hear from him
very soon You can tell old pappy John that I am
clearing my way very well & will soon free my
land from all incumberance notwithstanding the
opposition I have and that too from a very ill
founded source Humanity forbids me making
an exposition of the whole matter I have borne ^{more} abuse
than any other man in Canoll County I have been
called thief robber & every other name that could be
thought I have ^{borne} it all a little better than I thought I could
I feel cheerful under all those provocations for conscien^{ce}
Wood says I am doing ~~right~~ right in my worldly affairs Laban
I want you to give our best respects to all the
friends namely John G Eldridge Lockridge
Patterson & Cathrine Samuel likewise give my
respects to R A Ylangant Family I want all them
write to me soon as they conveniently ^{can} do so

Since I commenced this letter Francisina has
taken the ague she is now in bed I dont very
much like this swamp but I have my hands
tied and I cannot leave it very easy at this time
We are making some effort to have it drained
there is a ditch in progress about two miles nearly
complete to my land which will lessen the
frogs I will pay my third payment on my land
in a few days I have got the Greenbacks I am
still working some for Uncle Sam which pays
\$400 per day if I live I will assess Burlington
Township for state & County tax as I am duly
elected by 23 Majority Mr Israel Plank has got
him a wife she is old Mrs Kenyon's daughter
I believe I have written all of much importance
I would have you excuse Bad writing

pleas answer this epistle as soon as you receive
this or at your Earliest convenience

I will will write to old father John as soon
as I can But I must write old Greenbrier first
and for the first time since the Rebellion

give our Best love to all and accept
the^{same} for yourselves

Laban Gwinn

& Family

J. V. Subrider
& Family