

It seems to quit a calm after
the storm of war we have passed through
the war is over thank god and peace reigns
in our land the soldiers have got home
and returned to their different occupations
of life and I hope that they may all make
them selves useful to society in building
up our country that has just emerged from
a bloody war which will never be forgotten
in history I spent 18 months in the service
of my country which I don't regret it was
a lesson to me which I will never forget I followed
the old flag through and the same old flag
floats to the breeze ^{to day} and I think will as
long as time will last and I think reason
will be made odious, well enough of this
every thing is moving along after the
old fashion I believe Old Andrew
Gwinn was out to see us this
winter he lives in Washington Co
Ill. A. J. Gwinn was with him
Old Andrew looks hearty

The worst that I could see
about him his speech is bad
take me as I mean not as I say
I suppose that you have heard
him talk if you have not just
get upon one of them mountains
som still morning and I think
you will hear him he is rich
he owns three thousand acres of
land he sold one hundred
head of cattle last fall at
seventy dollars a head that
is the way to make money
I think you had better sell and
come back to our western
country if you will come I will
take you out to all where
you will see some of the prettiest
land in the world it will make
your eyes water to look at it
Walker is teaching school this
winter he has about fifty scholars