

These lines and let me know
what you could do by way of
making payments; - and how soon
you could do anything in that
direction. The owner is urging the
sale of the land - and I cannot
~~not~~ hold it many months - especially
if he finds out there are men wanting
the land. Please bear in mind
this land is not wet like it was
when you saw it. People have
been improving and ditching all
around it which has taken all the
water off of it except of a very rainy
time. We have now commenced
a partnership ditch on south line
of Roberts land that will afford good
outlet for draining. Please write
immediately yours Truly
John J. Quincy

Burlington Ind
April 28th 1876

Mr. Gwinn.

Dear uncle I have
been thinking of writing you
a few lines for a long time
and have neglected it, but as
I have been drove in from
my clearing by a little shower
of rain and have nothing
else to do just now - I will
inform you that we are all
amoung the living yet, and
only enjoying moderate -
health. I am living just
across the Road from Mothers -
have bought a piece of that
Gaddis land, and have built
me a good little frame house
and am now improving land

Jacob Twiliger and myself
purchased eighty acres of the
Gaddis land for ten hundred &
fifty dollars (\$1050⁰⁰), we sold
forty of it for \$875⁰⁰. The forty
that we sold lays west of the
Michigan Road eighty Rods
and is now for sale for one
thousand & fifty dollars, if you
want the land you can have
it. I have the selling of the
land it belongs to Mr. Roberts
in Johnsons County, and I am
his agent - it is excellent good land
black soil, three to four feet deep.
This land has twelve acres deadened
and is now ready to clear with no
grubbing on it - but some good
Oak and Poplar timber on west
twenty - also good Building Spot
half mile from my house - and
one half mile from Burlington

Burlington has now three good
Dry good & Grocery ^{Store} - one Drug-
Store, Two Black Smith Shops, one
wagon Shop, Tin Shop, & Two Churches
M.E. and Christian. There are also two
splendid halls 22 x 60 feet Masonic
and Odd Fellows. There are two School
Buildings District and Academy,
a good harness & Saddle Store
by R. D. Viney. Also a good
Silver Band to make music
on all public occasions.

One word more in regard
to that land there are two men
wanting the land will take it at
ten fifty. Uncle Harrison is one of them
and he told me if you wanted the land
to write immediately for he wanted you
to have it, if not he wanted to buy it.
Mr. Roberts would like to have the bigger
part of it down, you will please
write I just as soon as you get