

February 1 day 1888 Elton Sumner,  
Brother County Mo  
Dear Laban we are all well at this  
time excep my self i have bin conspned  
to the haus ever sience last coant if theas  
lines cam to hand i hope they will find  
you & famley all well i went over to redress  
the 436 acres of land when i got there  
i found no Laban there i lacted fifteen  
dallars i borrowd \$15. from Lud Ganes  
i lifted the truck and pledge my honor  
he should have it agaist february coant  
now Laban i want you to pay it  
share to Ganes dont let one forfeit  
my ward i did ~~not~~<sup>intend</sup> to stop at your  
haus and stay all night on my return  
but my coald <sup>was</sup> getting wase i struck for  
home i landed wendy night and truck  
down that night i want you to let me  
know whether you can pay it or no if you  
cant base all cam up and i will try to help  
Reman yours truely Samuel Gurn