

Kear Missouri
May 21st 1860

Dear Father

This is Monday
morning and, I have just fin-
ished getting my lessons. Jack
Harvey and Jim and myself
all recite to Cousin Billy,
and have to Aunt Sallie
and see to Aunt Mary and
they learn more in one hour
than they learned in one month
at the School house the teacher
gave them from fifteen to
a hundred pages and, it
was an utter impossibility
for them to get them, and
so they have all turned
teachers. We have got a
very nice Garratts School

now larger than it - has
ever been before and the
people generally seem to take
more interest in it - Yesterday
Mr Henry moved that we
take up a subscription. He
thinks that we can get
Ten or Twenty Dollars easily
and Mr Wickock appointed
Aunt Fanny Mrs Collier and
Miss Richardson to take up
the collection, if you wish
to do any thing for the A. S. S.
you can send some money
by mail or you can send
some books as the money
is to buy an entire new
set of books which we very
much need. Saturday the
Boys and myself went
to the woods in the wagon.

for the purpose of getting
Pea sticks and Bean Poles
we staid all day and
had a very nice time we
brought all the wagons
would contain and I got
half and Grandpa half
and I stuck my Peas
and Beans. I had a very
nice lot of barrage Plants
some two or three thousand
and the Bugs ate all of
them except two or three
Hundred You cannot raise
barrage Plants in this count
ry unless they are off of
the ground it is a small
Bug just like the flea they
call them. the barrage flies
they get on them as soon
as they come up and kill

them right down they can
not hunt them after they
get any size

Your Son

George A. Spear

P. S.

Ma says you must
not dispose of that little
match as you gave it
to me and I am going
to buy some land with
it