

Oran Shivers
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My Dear Father
This is not my usual
time for writing to you but Ma and
myself swapped and she took Monday
and I Wednesday so hereafter you
will always hear from her first and
my next. We have had sleighings
almost ever since you left and
we have very fine sleighing now
the weather has been quite cold

Mr and Mrs McBay are still at
Grandma's, they will likely get in
their house next week. he has got
very handsome furniture and car-
pets. Johnny has been quite sick for
two or three days past but is much
better to day.

I wish you could
be here on the first of this m-
-onth John Henry is going to sell

some horses. Cows. Hogs, and other things at Auction, he has been to me several times about that piece of land to know whether you had written any thing about it, or not he says he has had several offers but waits to hear from you you had better drop him a line as soon as possible and let him know Mr Flint hauled me a load of straw and I fixed the Pig Pens so that not a bit of Cold could get in them at all. Since you left I have taken to studying I saw wood and to all I have to do in the morning and study in the afternoon I have not been at it only about a week and I am getting along very well if you should come across a set of Books (Ledger day Book &c) for sale cheap I wish you would buy them and send them in the box it would improve my writing and learn me to keep Books at the same

time. I think when you come
west again you will find the
Best thing you can do is to set
up a store. I wish you would
Corn is selling at twelve and a
half cents a Bushel all well.

Your obedient Son
George. Spanow