

Mass Illinois
May 14th / 1860

Dear Father

I have just been studying my lessons Latin, Grammar and Arithmetic. I have not commenced reading any thing yet - as father Billy thought it best, that I should not until I got somewhat advanced in the Grammar.

I received a letter from you last week dat - the 3^d of May and "three days after that - the children received one of the same date. This came by the "Northern Route and mine Via -

Baltimore Hereafter I will
direct all our letters that
may. Uncle Blossom and
uncle Sam go away to day
Uncle Sam looks quite thin
he has not succeeded in
getting a pass and he will
not make his visits very
often. Johnny is lying in
the cradle & gaining he
is getting to be quite a
large boy and you would
not burn him. He and pa
and Smith & McRae are
going pretty extensively into
they are buying and sell-
ing all the time it
is worth fifty one cents
in Chicago You will very
likely have to bring a
Buddal Present - not with

for Aunt Panny, as it seems
to be the prevailing opinion
that it is alright between
her and Mr McCaw, when
you come out you will
have to make some prepa-
rations for the ornaments
Paul of the lot as you will
find the substantial.
Paul pretty well occupied
I was out to Mr McCracken
one day last week and
he was showing me
around his lot. He had
got a very nice place
there and shows of all
variety and he has
some very rare and val-
uable ones I hope we will
have some to. Yours &c
George Spaulding