

I will add
our mutual
wishes soon
from
John and
Foligail McCoy

Givoli Peoria Co Ills
Aug the 18th 1865

Dear Son

it is ^{with} much
pleasure that I embrace this present
opportunity to drop you a few lines
to inform you that we are well
at present and the friends in general
with the ^{with} out any exception, I received
your letter last Saturday dated
July the 27th it give me much satisfaction
to hear from you I think it very
strange that you have not received
any letters from me you say that
you have not received any letters
from me since in May I have
sent three since that time and
the most important one that I
sent was immediately after ^{the} she
reg returned home that was on the
22th of June we give the 26th a
grand reception which I give you

the full particulars I all so cut
and a column out of the transcript
which gave the full particulars
from the reporter the picnic was
in Higgs grove just south of the barn
it was got up by Grivoli Township
and adjoining townships I never saw
a richer table spread with every thing
that heart could wish we fed
4,000 people and it was calcula-
ted there was enough left to feed
as many more in addition to that
we took up a collection to for
the benefit of out-side expenses
the people responded noble we got
\$500 dolls to pay for the brass band
lemon aid and ice and other
necessary expenses in addition
to that we had four rouser speakers
upon the whole it was the most
pleasant scene I ever saw
Scoville has returned home about
the midel of July

he found a brother near Shelbyville
which him and Mary Ann has been
down to vasete, I suppose you have
heard of the death of your infant
it was born the 5th day of Aug
it did not live but one hour

Edie and Laura is both well;
^{well} ~~now~~ I have just got through stucke
a horn the hole it has been one
of the longest harvests that I
ever saw taken the harvest and
stacked all together not for the
want of labor but for the time
to work the rain come most
about the 3rd of June from that time
up to the present it has been very
disagreeable weather for harvest and
stacking grain there has not been
any great quantity of rain fell here
but it has been cloudy with
frequent showers that has kept the
grain wet and a great deal grown
in the shock

I have got your sack in the stack
it is not very heavy I do not
think it will turn more 10 or 15 bushels
to the acre the references even
and put in stack amounts
to twenty dolls and 50 cts. I finish
thresher my eye last Saturday
it turned 20 bushels to the acre
produce is general low to what it has
been eye from 50 cts down about
the same rate from 30 to 35 cts

wheat - from one dollar one doll
twenty five well william in
conclusion we are doing good
dear in the poultry business this
year we have got ten young turkeys
one of your big speckled hens come
of in the first place with the 17 chicks
she has gathered up and stole from
other hens till she has brought
30 fowls her now all sizes and ages
she frequently undertakes to house
some of them the small ones
will get under her wings and the
large ones get in top of her upon the
hole she has a very respectable family