

ENOCH AND SUSANNAH EWING TO MACK

January the 15 AD 1865

Dear Son this Sabbath evening finds us well we have great Reason to feel thankful to god for his loving kindness to us he has spared us and kept us through dangers seen and unseen I Received your very welcome letter last night we was truly glad to here that you was geting along so well and that your wound is doing so well we was glad to here that you got my letter Dated January the 1 with its contents Mrs crandel was here to day She Said She got aletter from Nancy but had forgot the date She got it two or three days ago She wrote that She was well and the boy was doing well I wrote Nancy a letter the same day that I wrote to you I put five dollars in it we have not heard whether she got it or not but hope She has got it be fore this time now I must tel you that Robb has got yor loom made in part he sent us word that the loom was ready to take away so I got leanders ox your Mother and me went after it their was no tempels no Shetals no Rayth no Rods no beamStaff nothing but the frame your mother told him that Much was of no use without the balance well well Misis Ewing I will Make them in afew days your Mother went to see Robb yester he had not done any thing since She has got one pease warfed and Ready for the loom but has to wait Robb time perhaps you have not herd of the death of Stephen fitz Simons he died at lexington Kentucky he took the Measels had them hard but got so he could get around he got wet took could he took down again he lived to see the second day of the new year then expired he was sent home for berrial Will fitz Simons came with him his funeral was preached at the church one week ago to day by the Reverant brother Wheeler then he was taken to the divine grave yard and their intered as leander and Elizabeth has been writing through the day this is to let you know that I have improved the night this from your father and Mother Ewing

Note: Andrew Robb who built the loom was the carpenter who built grandfather's farm house abut 1867. Besides being club footed he had the rickets, yet could hit a nail on the head every time. He also had a peculiar manner of speech that the folks of that day regarded as comical. They used to imitate his sing-song drawl. I can remember of seeing "Old Robb," and was inclined to be afraid of him. He is said to have once made the trip a foot between Hillsdale Co. Mich., and Jackson Co. O. He became an indigent and died in the Hillsdale County "Poor House."

The loom remained in use long within my recollection by my mother and grandmother.

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Note: The envelope is postmarked Hillsdale, Michigan and addressed to Mack at Jarvis Hospital.

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