

St Joseph Mo
Nov Last day
Dear parents we have never yet received any letters from you
since we left Paris although we have written to you frequently
we are wintering here - Uncle Prov. is near here. we got a
letter from him a few days since. he and all his host
are on the Track for California or Oregon - he says it
is so sickly in Indiana that a decent white man cannot
live there and that he has no fears of "worsting himself"
let him go where he may he has been sick nigh unto four
since he started but his courage still holds out - Oh God!
how I have suffered in the Spirit since I saw you, not
in the flesh. - The hardships natural and physical
were never anything to me - Cold, Hunger, and
fatigue never weighed anything in my mind - they only
furnish a wholesome food and excitement. But Disease
has rendered our family more like a hospital than
any thing else. Martha still survives in a marvelous yet entirely
hopeless manner she has been unable to walk for
above 3 months. Her disorder is chronic diarrhoea
I wish you would let us know if you have heard from
Lemelyn and where he is - tell me how you expect
to spend the remainder of your life - ~~the~~ better time passes
as pleasantly in Mr Willson's family as you anticipated it
would - whether the tone and moral capacity of society
pleases you &c I see your Legislature have kicked your
Railroad overboard - is your land rising as fast as you
expected? Land here is worth 16 dollars per acre !!!

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