

Letter from William Leeper in New York, Iowa
to Andrew Leeper in Ohio, November 25, 1858

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Dear Children Take this opportunity
of writing you this five lines
to let you know that we are
all well at present hoping that
this will find you all enjoying
the same blessing we recd your
kind letter which give us a great
deal of pleasure to hear that you
were well John is gaining some
strength at present but very weak
he has been elected squire this
fall Oswell is still with us
and say and his and Thomas
and Aunt must say that
the report that you had of sickness
is not so the health of the
people is very good at present
you wrote to me of the price
of wheat but I can tel you

that we did not raise any
wheat at all and i had only
out to make five hunder
bushels if it had don like it
don last year and iam not
the only one there was none
spring wheat in all our country
sum farmers had what the call
black spring wheat and the raised
sum or corn crops is very good
i bought forty acres of land
last spring well improv'd that
was joining my own at five
hunder dollars and i got forty
which one hunder and twenty
acres under cultivation but the
trouble is iam afraid that the
will not be much force to work
it next spring for osnell is
hauling of going to the gold
mins what is could packs pack
for the excitement here is

very quiet time has been
very hard in this country but
the seem to take a change price is
with from ten and half to ten
three quarters dollars in hand but
Eight head to put in market
we have rec'd a letter from William
and he says that he will be
home in the inside of one year
from that time William Brown
and family is well and he
talks of going to take peak
to find more gold but I think
that there agreeable talking of
going that never will see it
old Mr Brown and family is well
Mother and my self is very frail
when you write to me let know
if you have any nothing ^{me} of coming
to this country and tell us
how the children is and how
the grow and how the learn at
school

was so low that i could not
you much satisfaction we
were glad to heare that you
talkt of coming to the
west and glad to heare that
you were all well and doing
well you have made more
money than any farmer
it was in all this country
if i could say three

To Children Duill

bid you good
write soon
William Sepp
by
god bless
you
all