

Original handwritten letter by Melissa Freeman Essex to her son Herman Essex (My Grandfather)

The actual letter is in my possession.

Copied as written:

Pearsons' across the streets phone no. 286K.

Troy, Ohio
Feb 2, 1916

Dear boy

I just got home last evening from Richmond. Last Sat. noon I got a telegraph that Uncle Milo was dead. I went over Sat. night he was burried Mon afternoon. Blanche and Mary was there. You go to Blanche's to see them dont forget, for they are going away in two weeks. Your papa said he didn't go back to your place and stay Sat. night he went to Miles. Yes he got a hat.

Now Herman if your father did sleep there, there was no harm done, unless the folks objected. So dont get cross about it. Herman if they will board you, why dont you stay there. I do hope you will get along get a meal here there and every where would be awful for me. If it would be proper give my regards to the lady of the house.

I forgot to ask you what I must do with all your advertisement mail here is another one to buy good books so it says. I am not agoing to send it. If it is a letter I will send it this other mail I am not going to send. They come every week from Chicago I halft to put another stamp and it is not worth it. If you want me to I can lay them away till you come home. good by Herman I trust you to always be a good boy. Mother

P.S.

This noon your father said he could prove he wasn't there. He left about 7 oclock in the morning. He went to Armstrongs instead of Jiles

When are you coming home. I am slow to see and have just found out you cant take meals there. No women folks at home except on Sun. Dont forget it hurts me when I dont hear from you. Mother