

old—we have no mill in the township as yet, we are sawing the timber for one to be built in the summer, it is a long road to one—we have plenty of sawing handy home about half-a-mile, and from that to 5 miles more than we can do, but thank God we shall not want to do any much longer. Tell Thomas West he should not fail in coming, for it will be the best thing he ever done for himself—when first I came I thought I would go back to England, but I got acquainted after a little and thought no more about it—if Thomas West comes out and thinks of getting land, he had better come up pretty handy to us, for it is good land, but if he do not mean to farm, labour, I think, is better further down the country; but if a man wishes to do good for himself he had better farm—but tell him not to take cleared farms at halves, for there is plenty would let farms at halves, or so much a year, it is a bad plan, for when you leave it you are no better than when you first came to this country, but when you clear a farm yourself it is your own.—here is trouble you will find when you come to this country for 2 or 3 years and then you will begin to be comfortable. We have 9 acres of land to clear off in the spring, we have 6 acres of wheat sowed—we have built a barn 32ft long, 22 wide—we had good crops of every thing last year that we could wish for—Father's family is small now, only 4 at home besides myself and Absalom—we have 240 acres of land amongst us—Eliza lives at her old place still—tell Grandmother, Reuben is a good thrasher—Mother and Eleanor have many a battle about the barn, she is so fond of thrashing she cannot keep her out of the barn, here is not hardly a man in the township that can thrash as much as them two. Apples about 40 miles from us have been selling at 2d per bushel all this last year—you take 2 barrels they will fill one with cider for you for the empty one, and as many as you like on the same terms. Provisions are not so cheap as when we came, but cheaper than in England—they have been bringing fresh pork from Upper Canada and selling 4d per lb, and it is getting lower—flour 6½ dollars for 196lbs—tell Thomas West if he comes to bring some seeds such as clover and grass—plum stones and apple pips. Yours &c. &c.

TIMOTHY TRUSSLER.*

P.S. If Thomas West comes I wish he would bring me ½ doz sacks, ½ doz Birmingham reap hooks, a prong that will answer for a pitch prong or barn & a hog killing knife & I will pay him.

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