

## LETTER FROM HILAH CARTER OF KIRTLAND, OHIO, TO WILLA AND PHILO BOWERS OF ADDISON, VERMONT<sup>1</sup>

Dear Sister it is a long time since I have heard from you or the rest of my friends nor I do not expect to hear from any of them without you write to me. I have expected a letter from you. Gideon said you told him you would write but we have never received any. we have sold our place and Moved to Kirtland. I intended to write as soon as I got moved but have neglected it. we have been here about four weeks. I will inform you of our health which is very good. I say good they all enjoy good health but me and I am better now than I have been since we came from Vermont. I have had a bad cough ever since last August till about two months back. My health is now about the same as it was that summer before I left Vermont. I have no I have no help but him and the children. Rozilla is a very good girl. She can wash dishes keep house and knit and sew.

I wrote a letter to Mother in December but have received no answer. I don't know why it is that you don't write. I don't know but you will forget me but I shant you if I never hear from you again for I am more anxious of late to hear from you or see you than ever I have since I left there. I want to hear from you and no what you think about the work of the Lord that is now going forth in the land. I feel anxious that you and all my friends should receive it for I believe it to be the work of the Lord and is doing great things for his children by sending revelation and in structing of them and if they are faithful and hear to the word of the Lord shall be preserved from all the judgments and destructions that will go forth in the land. but we are unfaithful creatures especially myself and expect to be afflicted but the Lord is a preaching and preparing a people that will be ready to meet the Saviour when he makes his appearance and I hope you will believe it and the rest of my friends and if our lives spared will be able to stand his coming.

Brother John wrote that you was believing. I was very glad to hear it and hope you will hold on and the Lord will instruct you both till you be come strong in the faith and if you are faithful honest hearted before the

Lord he will lead you into the truth of his work and you will not do it to be the work of the Lord by his spirit. but you may expect temptation and trials for the enemy will deceive you if he possible can but it is the work of the Lord and he will accomplish it his own due time. and the gifts are in the church and the gifts of tongues. the church here a most all speak in other tongues and sing and some interpret. Gideon can speak in three or four different languages. you know that he never learnt it and it must be a gift of God. I should be glad to write to you so as to enlighten you into this work if I could but I am a poor creature and no but little and cannot write but a little but wish not to lead you in to any thing that was wrong but I believe this to be the work of the Lord without a doubt and should be glad to have all my friends embrace it.

if you will write to us when you get this Gideon will write to you but he says you never have wrote to him but once and he don't know as you want him to write to you but I felt as tho I must write and let you know where we was for I expected you would think we had gone on to the west but I don't know as we shall go this two or three years. he is to work on a farm this summer. he talks some of buying here and if he does we shent go on to the west under two or three years. I wish you would believe and move here and go on to the land of Zion with us. I am in hopes I shall have some of my folks to go with me if not all. if I stay hear long you must write and write about Mother and Sally and where they be and about Isaac. I never have wrote to him yet but I don't know but what I shall this summer.

I don't know but my children will forget their aunt Urilla with out it is Rozilla and she thinks she wants to see her aunt Urilla more than any body else and the rest wants to see their aunt Sally. I often think how long Sally and I have lived where we could visit each other and now we cant hear from one other but don't think of it no longer at a time than I can help. if I new where to write I don't know but should write one letter to her if I never got a answer. I cannot write no more. Don't leave your

letter with out fillin up be cause I have and write as soon  
as you git this for I shall count every weak. Direct your  
letters to cirtland Mills Geauger County Ohio.

Hilah Carter

I have taken a farm that costs five thouson  
dollars. I have sold 16 bushel of oats and planted 10  
akers of corns and spect to plant two more.

In haste

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#### NOTES

I. The original letter, written by Hilah Carter is  
in the Ohio State Historical Society. A copy is located in  
the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Hilah's spelling has been retained. To facilitate reading,  
the letter has been edited to include sentences and para-  
graphs.