

11-14-1850

Andrew and Martha Pollock to their nephew,
Robert Forsyth, Home, PA, November 14, 1850

Home Nov. 14th 1850

Dear Nephew, Robt. Froyth, We received your letter a few days since, and were glad indeed to hear of your welfare and arrival in this country; this land of Plenty.

We are all well at present; and through health, industry, and the divine blessing, we have abundance of such things as this world affords; are situated in an excellent neighbourhood for morality and other good qualities; Presbyterians, Secedars, and Associate Reformed churches are most numerous;— and the prospects of the Covenanter here are encouraging, we are in the bounds of an organized congregation; though it is much scattered, yet several parts are in our reach, and in our own society, convenient we have at least twelve days preaching in the year; and are still increasing; our own society is in a prosperous condition; though we have no settled Pastor, yet we are highly favoured; we are visited with and have heard several ministers viz. Messrs. Hanna, Cannon, Milligan, Dadds and Hunter, Sabbath first we have preaching, by Mr. Hunter. — And now if you wish to come to our place, we all, Parents, and children join with a hearty welcome to invite you to our home; and will do all in our power to render you comfortable; and will show our fire sides, and the table board, cheerfully with you; land in this section of country is rising fast, but with 30 or 40 £ sterling you could pay hard money on one hundred or more acres of Woodland; or you can farm on the shares; if the owner of the farm finds all, Horses, feed, Seed &c you will then for your labour receive the third of the grain, and for putting up the meadow you will get half of the hay. School teachers get \$20— per month.

We got out on a section boat, for five dollars a passenger; and think you can do the same if careful.

Every passenger gets 50 lbs brought in with his fare - over that you will have to pay - they will not charge you for your cooking utensils, if you contend for it.

Be careful to keep inside of Boat or Car to avoid accidents; come along the Canal to Blairsville, and remain there to you get an opportunity of coming out on sending us word: - if you can in this fall, or expeditions; to get along before the winter; - and send us a letter so that we will know when you will be likely to arrive in Blairsville. We are 30 miles from Blairsville - 15 from Indiana, on one of the Pump Lantany roads; near Works Mill, Marshall's and Bonard's Stores on little Mahoning; inquire for any of these places, I live in the neighbourhood.

And now we have done; nothing more to communicate; but that the kind care of a covenant God, which has been shown so bountifully to you in bringing you from your native to a foreign land, protecting and keeping you safe over the pathless deep, may still be manifested to you in your further journeying; is the sincere Prayers of your affectionate Uncle and Aunt.

Andrew Pallock
Martha Pallock

(for Robert Hensyth)

About Philadelphia the Ague and Fever is very common; and it is a very unhappy disease - but in this country there is no such thing, therefore this is a preferable locality. I wish you to bring Peggy Jane along with you, leave her out; it will doubtless be much better for her;