Grantham, April 29th, 1865.

Dear Cousin Dan,—I received a letter from you the other day was glad to hear that your health was so good, for without health life is not life.” Also that the rest of the 2 boys are well.

It pleased go to see your hand writing once more and read your letter especially the paragraph of what you are all about down there. Don’t imagine that I see them all as you described. Received a good long letter from David Frye last week, he, Albert, Crew, Cowls & wife are well and having a good time.

Uncle Smith Stevens died at Newport with the lung fever yesterday was sick one week as to be buried to-morrow at Springfield with Masonic
honors. The rest of our relation and friends are well I believe. Uncle Horace is saying he has a pile of logs to saw. Aunt Julie walked up to John Clark's to sew society last Thursday. They are reviving the society again but do not nor prevent engaged any preaching, probably the proceeds are to be paid and hung out. Uncle Horace is courting on the farm alone this season will hire through Rejig. Mother and the little ones are well as usual. Elizan is at Pittfield Mts. Uncle Willard has is studying medicine while with the A.D. The plows will all stay this summer. Phone had a hard time with my knee I left the Printing Office the 26th of Oct. The Dr. said I should have to cross cut but I went as to Dr. Brooks last week he said if I kept still I could cure it in a year.
I shall go to Meriden school this summer, it commences the 1st of May.

Dan, I wish you could go and room with me, wouldn't we have it? Let's go together. I've been spending some time at home to do my chores.

I sent 250 lbs of hay, and a load of corn to Franklin last week. I made it well. It was so lonesome here and nothing going on. It just kind of got boy enough together to have a game of ball.

We had a solemn time here. The Funeral of our President A. Lincoln one week ago last Wednesday. There was a young Minister right from Universal. He preached one of the best sermons so patriotic. I am sorry that in our school there was some 60 per cent who threw the rebel cause distilled into their hearts so deep that they expressed joy on hearing the 2nd news.
Even their southern brethren have lost their best friend if they did not know it. The report is they have shot Booth, shot him as he good for him—he ought to be burnt over a slow fire. It does not look quite so clear for Jefee as it did for before the assassination of Lincoln, but I hope Johnson will prove to be the right man in his job. Johnson has been making an ass of himself, but I hope U.S. Grant will make it all right. And settle his own and settle and show well in history. I am getting lengthy, so I will close by wishing you and the rest of the boys good luck, good health and a good time through your service which I believe is only 3 months, which will pass quickly away when you can return to your homes from the excitement and tumult of war. Your cousin write often as convenient.