

Red Rock Iowa
Oct 15th / 1868

Dear Uncle

I take my pen to
acknowledge the receipt of yours
of the 1st and to assure you
I was glad to hear from you
and agreeably surprised to learn
that you was in Illinois and
coming on to Iowa, you have
started to the right country
for I dont believe there is a state
in the Union, that offers greater
inducements to poor men seek-
ing homes than Iowa, we are
all well at this time, that is,
all who are at home, brother John
is in Oskaloosa 26 miles east of
here, going to college he started
the 1st of Sept, and will probably
remain 1 or 2 years. I have not
heard from Aunt Adaline for some
time, although I have written to her

Twice since I heard from them
at last accounts they lived in Pal-
myra, Warren, Co., about 23 miles
west of here. I know she would
be very glad to hear from you
for I had almost concluded that
you had gone to Europe or some
other place. I have not had
your name put on the list of
missing men again but I have
been thinking for some time of
writing to Parksville to find out
what had become of you when
lo! you turn up in Ill. well I
hope you will soon anchor in
Marion, Co. Iowa for of all my re-
lations there is none who I would
rather see than yourself.

we are having rousing times
politically in Iowa. the whole
country seems to be going for
Grant & Colfax but I suppose it is
different where you come from

I think you did extremely well
to get away from Ky as you did for
from what little I can remember
of the place & what I can hear
now, I think I would sooner
crawl away on my hands & feet
than remain there. I think there
is almost as much difference between
Iowa & Ky as between Heaven & Hell
although I doubt not many good
people live in Ky. we have got the
biggest lot of produce raised here that
was ever heard of some single coun-
ties raising according to estimate
from two to three millions bushels of
wheat Marion Co. raises about 2 1/2 million
and corn oats rye potatoes and other
vegetables there is no end to them
there is not rolling stock enough on
the railroads to carry off the produce
wheat is worth 90 cts corn 30. oats 35
potatoes 40. fat hogs 60 cts pr lb. fat cattle
4 cts. sheep 2 dollars pr head horses \$2.50 to 7.50

I think I have written all that
will interest you, and perhaps more
if you come on to Iowa by rail
road, come to Ottley which is
only 2 miles from where we live
the rest of the folks with your man
-servant send love & respects and
wish to hear from you often
your nephew as ever

Will J. White

A. H. Cooley

this is the
Nephew
that his mother
Mrs. J. White
that raised
my husband
being Aaron Henry Cooley
who lived in
Carrington Mo.

these clifango are
to see. wharrie his
People have lived