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Dear Son

We haven't heard from
any of you folks for
some time Pearl always
writes every week but
she hasn't written for
2 or 3 weeks hope there
is nothing the matter
maybe she is busy
and you don't write
very often

we are all real well
Dad is feeling fine these
days and Lottie is feeling
better now than I have
now for a long time

I havent been^g very well
the weathes has been so
warm and Lottie was gone
almost 3 weeks and I had
lots to do
we have had very warm
weathes the hottest in 40
yrs we had 104 one day
and it has lasted so long
since the first of June
now since last thunders
it has been fine weather
and we have had some
fine rains in this section
and that is more than
other parts of the state
has had
in some other counties
every thing was burned
up Lottie was down in
Lawrence County at Walters
Goneses where again and

Leslie went 3 and they
had no corn beans or
potatoes it hadent rained
there since march
we are going to have a good
corn crop here
Papa has begun selling his
last years corn gets 7cts bushel
and the buyers howles it
have you been down to
Leasls lottly how are they
long do you think you
will ever come home again
and bring the boys
we are so scattered it is
sad to think about it
Edo were coming this
week to stay a few days
but they didnt come
Ed is back at the car barn
again we have been cutting
clover seed and breaking

some ground for wheat
Papa made 3 trips to Indefels
two trips for sheep he
bought and one trip for
Colfax Lottie had a well pant
down up at her place they
went 144 feet and got
splendid water and plenty
of it we will go down to the
graveyard before long and
clean the weeds off Lessor
grave and take some flowers
dear little Lessorie
will Fred write when you
can we love to hear from
you often

goodbye from
your loving Brother

11AM
1913

IND.



Mr. Fred Relander,
Exeter,
California

Hartford Jan 28/14

My Dear Blanch I have

been quite busy little Meltha
Barbra came to us three
weeks ago to night she weighed
six pounds & Sylvia had a
hard time had to be cloriformed
& the child taken but she
is doing fine also the babe
you will have to come in
& see the little stranger

she is all O.K some
work just the same
Good night with love

S. J. W.

~~AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO~~

~~D. E. BROWN~~

~~DEALER IN~~

~~LUMBER, CEMENT, TILE AND BRICK~~

~~FARRAGUT - IOWA~~



C. H. Relander.
Exeter Calif.

60 | 1650 | 27 1/2

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Blauville, Indiana.

February 22, 1914.

dear Fred - We are having a stormy day today. It is snowing and a cold strong wind from the north east is blowing the snow into drifts. We are having our coldest weather now. It has not been lower than zero I think. Our papers of Friday and Saturday tell of heavy rains, cloudbursts, washouts etc. down about Los Angeles again. We are almost afraid to hear from Pearl for fear they have suffered some big damage. Claude had been putting out trees. I suspect they are all gone if nothing more serious has happened.

Papa is not very well, 2.
I fear he will get down again.
Mamma has recovered from the
deep cold she had, but she is not
well and does not look well. I
am about as usual. Eds are all
fairly well.

I suppose you received the
letter I sent you from W.A. Jones.
The Ind. farmer will not be so
prosperous in the future, since
the Democrats have put all farm
products on the free list. Butter fat
has dropped 10¢ on the pound in
two weeks. Butter is coming in from
Ireland, Denmark, and other dairy
countries. Corn is down, chickens
eggs etc. etc. You ought to hear
Mamma give it to Wilson. She
says she got her Cream Separator
four years too late.

Pearl thinks when you get
 your big pumping plant in
 and your ground all leveled you
 will have a valuable piece of land.
 If you wish to make further
 improvements, and hold on to your
 lands while longer, I could let
 you have some money, \$1000 or
 even as much as \$1200 or \$1300. If
 I let you use it I would not
 give it in and pay taxes on it.
 You could pay me the interest.
 I would have to have interest as
 I think now I will not teach an-
 other year and must have some-
 thing to live on. I think, and so
 do others, that in a year or two,
 when farm ^{product} prices drop, as they
 certainly will, land will get
 somewhat cheaper here. Then will

4.
be a good time for you
to buy an Ind. farm. There
are plenty of good farms for
sale but good ones, in a good
part of the state are high. I
believe a farm advertised to
trade for Calif. land is not
much good, any of them. I
have not seen Mrs. P. in a
long time. I believe if I were
you I would hold on to that
land you have for a while.
It ~~must~~ ^{will} certainly be worth
when improved a good big
sum. Let us hear from you.
Pearl wrote for me to find an
Easter poem for Clifford to learn
She said she knew they would ask
him to speak. Percy is not quite
so free of stammering as usual,
she says. Best love to you.
Affectionately
Lothie.



Mr. Fred Relander,
Exeter,
California.

Yorba Linda Calif
April, 14, 1914.

Dear Father, We received the
Easter things you sent us
and were awful glad to
get them. We got six big
Easter eggs a piece and 12
little candy eggs at
Easter, besides the ones
you sent us. I said a
piece at Church Easter
moring, we did not have
any Church hour, named
The Easter Angels, I said
it pretty well.

We just got two teeter
toters, two turning bars
and one swing made

at school. Will you take
us to any of the beaches
when you come down in
your auto? We all went
to a big supper last
Thursday night. We had
pie, cake, beans, pickles,
~~salad~~, and oranges. I
thought it was fine.
I am reading the "five
little pepper books". I
have the third book
now. We are saving all
our old bunny sheets to
make a book with.
We had a Easter vacation
for a week. We had
lots of fun. Clifford
and I made a garden.

out by the house, we
have radishes, lettuce
peas, and beans we
have a walk in the gar-
den and flowers for
the ladies, our radishes
are coming up. We got
post cards from grandma
Pearcy, aunt Sottie and
grandma Belander,
and from Geraldine, for
Easter. We are making
a little fort on a little
piece of sand to play
in, we have fourteen
rifles, six cannons

Twelve swards and ten
look holes, and are making
a little road to it we call
Fortstown Blvd. The
Fort's name is Fortstown.
Uncle Claud is making
hay some hay he has
bought from another
man his barn is all-
most full. He has
rented two mules for
a month. For arithmetic
at school we have
short division.

Your son,
Percy Belander



Mr. Fred Relander,

Exeter,

Calif.

Danville Ind
July 3
1914

Dear Son.

See your letter to day will
answers right away
we are not very well
either one of us Papa is
pretty well worn out and
I am the same

See a letter from Pearl
yesterday telling of her
sickness the first we once
knew about it

I am almost crazy about
it but hope it is not to
late to save her

Why didnt she say something
about it before now
Papa went right off to

Town and sent her a
draft for \$300 and if that
dont pay the Bill we
will send her some more
if she just had
someone to go with her and
see that she got the right
kind of a Dr.

do you feel like you could
go down and go with her
you know so much about
sickness and Doctors it
would be such a great
help to her

we are putting up hay this
week will not get through
before the middle of next
week have 2 men from town
sea and arch we had 33 acres
and is splendid

Cut wheat last week and
it is the best wheat we

I
ever had seems like the
farm is just beginning to
make lots of money when
we have to leave it for this
is our last crop we will
never try to stay and raise
another one

Papa is old and wore out
and if I don't get away
from here I will go like
Mrs Macdaniels did

don't you think if we
could sell it that it would
be better than to rent and
have every thing destroyed
we have got the fences all
fixed up nice now and
every thing is in fairly
good shape
and we have 19 head of
nice yearling heifers and
7 milk cows and 8 winter
calf

and all our last years
 corn crop and several
 hogs and pigs
 and all this hay and
 wheat and 2 fine work
 horses and the mules
 and the little black horse
 and all the farming tools
 so you see we have to
 have a sale and it will
 have to be this fall if we
 going to leave what is the
 use staying here as other
 winter and working in the
 cold and feeding out all
 this stuff and hiring help
 and one working and
 cooking for them
 don't you think if we
 can sell it would be the
 best and get rid of all

This old hard ⁵ work and
then when we get loose
from it all we will come
out to Cal

but when we do sell you
must come and help us
with the sale and get
away from here

I have never give up
untill now to leave but
I am willing to go but
would rather sell than
rent then the whole thing
would be off our minds

if we dont live
to long we will surly have
enough to keep us out of
the poor house

write and give your opinion
what you think would be
the best for us Leath is so
apposed to us selling when
we are gone you. Childress

Could have the money
 in place of the land
 now if there was any one
 of you that could own
 the homestead it would be
 different but ^{the} thing renting
 that is nearly as bad as
 tending it yourself

I will send your letter to Lottie
 to answer and she can tell
 you what she will do about
 the money

Papa has all his money
 loaned just loaned some
 the other day he gets 8 per cent
 now for all he has to loan

Had a letter from
 Ed's folks the other day and
 Ed has been having an awfull
 time with a wisdom tooth he
 has been trying to cut that

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Tooth for over a year
and they went to Impls
the other day to the dentist
and he worked with it for
over an hour and didnt
get it out and it was so
swollen he could hardly
swallow but hope it will
soon get better

It seems there is nothing in
this world but sickness and
one kind of trouble and then
another but dear boy you
know all about these things
have no more time
to write this time write
when you can and
may god bless you all
and keep you from
trouble and sickness
from your loving
Mother

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Mr. Fred. Belander

Exeter
California



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