

Dunshore Pema RD1
Sept 25, 1963

Dear Ernest:

I received your letter today and was glad to hear from you once again, for I was wondering how you was and where you was so I will answer right this evening and let it in the mail tomorrow so that you will get it soon before you go some where else there isn't much news around here as there are only a few families living around here and now you asked about the Murray Place they sold it to a fellow from New Jersey his name is Albert Braum and he is just going to use it for week ends in the summer time and for hunting season the well went dry so he don't have any water up at the house. Well we had another dry summer here this summer and the crops were not to good I have the Barn here at home full of hay and straw so that will have to do me for the winter

I have 2 horses and 6 head of cattle and
 26 sheep to winter not as much stock as
 I had last winter, the sheep had 30
 lambs last spring and I lost five
 so I had twenty five lambs to raise
 I sold all of them but one and I
 sold seven old sheep. I had 3 fresh
 cows last spring and I sold all
 the calves for Deal and sold one cow
 and the Bull well you asked about
 the saw mill, it is still running
 and I guess they have timber enough
 yet to last nearly a year or until
 next spring any how. For I worked
 for them nearly all summer in the
 woods I just took time enough to make
 the hay. I had a couple boys to help
 me with the hay so we made it in
 a hurry I done nearly all of the farming
 with the tractor this summer so we
 didn't waste much time I had 5 acres
 of oats planted and got 154 Bushels
 I cut it with the binder on a Monday
 and threshed it on Tuesday I did not
 shock it just threw it on the

wagon and hauled it to the Barn and
 run it through the threshing machine
 I Planted Corn 2 times this Spring and
 The Black Birds Pulled it Both times
 so I dont have any Corn or Corn stalks to
 feed to the Cattle. No I didn't get started
 to Build the new house yet. as I worked
 in the woods to steady and didn't have
 much time to work around home. I
 have the lumber all sawed to Build
 it with. well I have my work pretty
 well caught up now but to dig the
 Potatoes and do some fall Plowing and
 haul out some Manure yes we had
 5 or 6 heavy frosts for the last two weeks
 that killed every thing. It was so dry here all
 Summer that the Pasture was Poor and the
 Cows didn't give much milk I am Putting a
 electric fence around a couple fields so
 I can Pasture them for a while before
 the Snow Comes yes old man winter
 soon be here again. It Just seems like
 we didn't have much of a Summer well
 I was kept to Busy to enjoy the Summer

Working in the woods and doing the farm work. I sure put in long days I didn't get to see Helena all Summer the last that I saw her was in March, she was up in Canada most of the Summer taking treatments for her Blood from a Doctor in Canada she is Back home now she wrote and said she was some better but could not do much work I must go up to Endicott some week end and see her for I was worried about her all Summer. I hope that I will find her in real good health.

Well you asked how many people left since I wrote. Arthur McDonald died last spring and Johnnie Lick died last week, and Sara McDonald died last week up in Elmira she was a sister to Willie and Fannie McDonald.

Well we don't have any apples at all this year the frost killed all of the blossoms this spring.

You asked about the fish in the Pond No the hard winter didn't hurt them there is a lot of nice fish in the

Pond Charley Fitzpatrick come out here
 a Couple weeks ago and Caught 25 nice
 Big Bull heads. I didn't do much fishing
 my self this Summer as I was working
 to long of days, and when night come
 I was tired so I would go to Bed so
 I would get some rest,

Charley and his wife and Elsie and
 her husband was here to see me
 this evening, Charley and Sara always
 are awful good to me and I always
 like to see them come.

Well Erment at the Present time I
 have an awful Bad Cold. I didn't
 work yesterday or today I just done
 the Churn and Built a little fence
 and stayed in the house most of
 the time I was out to the Doctors
 last Friday and again yesterday the
 Cold is in my head and throat and
 I feel weak all over. Well I just am
 not to strong now for I worked so hard
 this Summer that I lost 10 Pounds I only

Weigh 130 Pounds and I should weigh 140
 so you see I am not very Big I never
 was as Big as the rest of you Boys I was
 always the runt, even the man that I am
 working for tells me that I am working
 to hard and Putting in to long of hours
 Well I guess I will do Better after I get
 a good Cook if every thing goes all right
 she should come sometime this winter
 no she is not a widow she is a single
 girl. and a good Cook

Well Ernest you say that you dont
 have no job or dont know if you
 can get a job or a Place to stay
 and that there is nothing out there for
 you any more. Well if you dont have
 no job or no Place to stay why dont you
 come back to Jenna I still have Beds
 in the house and there is always some
 thing here to eat and there is lots of wood
 to keep the house warm and I have two
 good stoves that keep the house warm so
 dont stay out there in the cold and freeze
 well I will close now so take care of yourself and
 write again soon I remain as always Bro. Peter