

Grandview Louisa Co Iowa

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1863

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Dear Sir I recd your very kind letter some time since but partly for want of time and partly through carelessness I did not answer it as soon as I should have done. Our little family are well. The friends & relatives are also well so far as I know. We have been having a remarkably dry summer the dryest we have had for many years and I think the dryest I ever saw; but notwithstanding the crops are remarkably good. Farmers are cutting Rye & Fall wheat and the chop of Fall wheat & Rye is the best we ever have had in Iowa. Corn is looking well. Spring wheat & oats are short but quite good. Coonrod Reynolds was married a few days since to Elyza Stinemar. also Jacob Pike to Emma Jackson. The 19<sup>th</sup> Iowa Regiment are now at Dickburg. Martha Bush sister

of Virginia & Lucinda) who lived at  
 sister Eliza Sheridans died a few days  
 since of Consumption, Lieutenant  
 Beatz of Co K 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa is at home dis-  
 charged on account of ill health. Capt  
 W H Benson is sick and report says he  
 is on his way home on sick furlough.  
 Clinton Knap of the 35 is at home discharged  
 has been sick four or five months.

Sevi Huff has got your pony quite  
 fat. W H Blackston of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry  
 is at home discharged on account of wounds  
 he is now raising a company of Cavalry  
 in Grand View for State Service. He has  
 about forty members to his Company

We expect to have a Big Celebration  
 on the 4<sup>th</sup> at Harrison. Old Jim. is going  
 to have a one horse dance also which will  
 suit some. They are having a prayer  
 meeting across street tonight at 9 P M &  
 they sing pray & shout so loud I cannot  
 think what I am writing so I will stop  
 write soon & often  
 Very Respectfully  
 Yours J B Satta