

Letter to Augustus Patchin from his wife Margaret and son Elbert

April 25 11 o'clock
in the evening

My Dear Husband

we received yours of the 13 on tuesday and was very glad to hear that you was well and to hear that you have gone up a little if it will ad any to your comfort for you are very Dear to me but Augustus I do not fell as I did when you said that you had a commis I then thought that you would soon be home but I find myself very much disapointed in the calculations that I had made Ok it is hard to think of how meny ways there is for a man to do just as he is a mind to whether his wife is willing or not and then to expect that wife to keep every thing a secret and be an old slave at the south cant work any harder than I do and I dont get even a look to thank me for it you and the rest seem to think that I have no right to have any say about things onely to take care of things well I dont think that God made me for that for if he had he would not have given me a heart asken for love as my heart dos Ok Augustus I used to think that you loved me but I never have thought so sence you enlisted and the thought is terrible Ok that I had died years ago that you could have had a wife that had not got so meny faults as I have so that your home would have ben plesent enough to have kept you from going any the thoughts of your being in an other battle is dreadfull may God protect you my much loved Husband from all daingers and permit you to come home you know nothing of the dreadfull anxiety of watching for news after a battle when you know that one that is Dearer than life is in it but I know it all Ok how I dread another you will think that this is all weakness well you know that I am well if I am large and my children wants their Father

the boys is all abed and a sleep the baby
has got quite a hard cold again he takes
cold very easy and he is getting teeth
and he werys a good deal so that I
cant write very much why do you wait
for our letters if you have time
to write we have so much to do
that it is very hard work to write
even onse a week you had ought
to write often for you are exposed
to so much that we are allways so
anxious about you but I must
stop and go to bed with the baby
so good night from your lonesome
wife Margaret C. Patchin

Tuesday Morning we are all as well as usual
only that we are spered I have got some time
to whitewash with but it looks like a hard
job for me to undertake for my shoulder
is quite lame but there is no other way
but work for me James has gone up to
finish sowing wheat and John has to go
for the mail so every one has to keep moving
Margaret

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Dear Father

I will try and write
you a few lines to you we are all well
this evening I Mary came home last
night we have to get all but about
3 acres of the 43 in one of the oxen
has a sore shoulder and is lame so
that we cannot use him or we would
have got it in I set out some
appel trees this week and
trimmed part of them in the nursery saw
April 27 Dear Father we are all
well to night I have been starting
canning potatoes out of the well
to day I fetched up 18 bushels
the most of the folks are done ^{sowing}
we should have been done but we had
to take they to potatoe
E. Ellet C. Patchin

Letter to Augustus Patchin from his son James Patchin

Wyoceena May 31st

Dear Father

Why don't you write often to us
we are all well this morning
the best was sick in the night but he's
well this morning it is foggy this mor-
ning we are having a hot time now
we have got all of our corn planted
we sold 107 bus of wheat last week
at a dollar a bus. ~~we have~~
we have got another load to sell and
they we will have it all sold except
what we shall want to eat

things are growing very fast now
wheat looks good some piece of our
corn is up so you can see the rows
clear across the field I wouldn't
wonder if we had good crops again
this year anyway I hope we may
the leaves and the bees are the largest
and thickest that I ever saw at
this time of the year grass looks ^{well}
I was up to town last night and
a cooperman said showed me a letter
from you written the 21st of May you
said all was excitement on account of
a forward man went about the election
I would not have written any thing to you about
it only I knew Royal meant to injure you
in the esteem of the people here and besides
I didn't believe a word of it any way what has
Royal got mad at you about why don't you
tell us some things about it we got a letter
from you Tuesday in which you said that you
thought that you would come home before long

I am very sorry to hear that you have been troubled with cough
What did I get angry at you about I am afraid that the next children
to get a chance for the cure of your self or my sake and for your children
and come to the home that as so fortunate with you and stay with us till I

I hope you will but dont you get of a lough
for more than 15 days you have been there
so long that they ought to let you have
a longer furlough than 15 days dont you think
so I hope you will come as soon as you can
you have been going to come home so many
times and fell through I hope it wont be so
this time as all want to see you so bad
we got a letter from Curtis Thursday written
the 19th and I will answer it as soon
as I can We have had 3 had showers the
day you said in your last letter you
was sorry we didnt sell the wheat when it
brought a good price I think a dollar and five
cents a bus is a good price for wheat we
have sold 329 bus of wheat since it has
been over a dollar a bus that counts up
we have run out of hay and are feeding
straw to the horses now we let them out
yesterday and to day we have got plenty of
corn to feed them and plenty of work
for them to do they are rather thin now
but I took as good care of them as I could
and do get we washed the sheep yesterday
up at the tail race at Wyocena it was
a good place and we get them washed clean
and nice James Dickson helped us to
wash

we use the same
kind of change. your loving son
here as you sent

James Patchin