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RAILROAD SURVEYING LETTER, 1853

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

N, the writer of this letter, was engaged during 1853 in laying out a railroad between Marion and Peru, Indiana, probably the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis. He was writing from Somerset, a village on the Mississinewa River in Wabash County which seems not to have been near any railroad. The writer indicates that his permanent home is in Marietta, south of Shelbyville in Shelby County. He complains both of "nervous prostration" and of pains in his shoulder.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of one letter, from N in Somerset to his sister. It describes his trip from Marietta to Peru; the good behavior and helpfulness of his surveying crew; and his wife Josephine, who exhibits more intellectual, moral, and social excellence than he had expected. ALS 2p

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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