

**TRANSCRIPTION OF LETTER  
WRITTEN BY PELEG YOUNG BLISS**

Sugar Grove  
June 4, 1843

Nathan,

I received your letter April and glad to see that you are on the move from Strafford. If you have made up your mind to leave for good, all that I can say is just pack up and move if you can persuade the family. The family to come west, all that I can do for them I will after getting here, and I think if they are just landed here once that they never would think of old Vermont again. As for the matter of living, it is much easier done than in the State of Vermont.

I hope that you will pack up and come in one week after you get this.

As for the journey west, I think that the best way for you to come is by water. Come to Whitehall by land and there take a line boat for Buffalo. You can make a bargain much cheaper for a whole family than for one. Board yourselves, and you can come [ ] perhaps on line boat that you can so as well to get boarded. But [ ] your passage through to Buffalo and then by steam boat to Chicago you can come cheaper to board yourselves than board on steam boat. Just put up a lot of [ ] at Buffalo. It won't be a very pleasant piece of [ ] to the women to move, but it won't last long. Just say to them that it will be a move for life if they will come, that they never will be sorry. Pack into as small compass as you can. Fetch all that you can and not have it too bulky. When in Chicago, I will meet you and convey you on to home that may ever last, I hope.

Sampson Brown and son arrived here about two weeks since and it only cost them from Vermont to Chicago by waters twenty dollars for both. They boarded themselves [ ] including board and all.

The sooner that you come, the better. No mistake.

If you have anything that you can turn into a pair of [ ], they will be a good article here on a double wagon.

Nate, if the family won't come, you come anyhow. Don't fail of coming this summer. I hope that you will all come. Write what day that you will be in Chicago, and I will meet you there.

Mrs. Bliss and family are all well.

Yours, Peleg Young