

JOSHUA HANNA.

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Pittsburgh, Pa. 17<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1861

Dear Cousin Margaret

Your very returned favor of 9<sup>th</sup> inst  
duly received and has been the subject of  
much pleasure to us and your many enquiring  
friends who all unite in the wish that your  
visit, sojourn at Whiteplains may fully restore  
your bodily strength, that Sister Belle may realize  
somewhat to console her for the absence of Charley  
and that he may succeed in his efforts to dispose  
of his interests in Kansas satisfactory, speedily return  
Now I should enjoy the privilege of sitting among  
you and listening to your "good old fashioned talk"  
I would rather hear of John having something else in  
view than a political situation. As you have  
spoken of the war I feel at liberty to say  
that as I have understood the subject the  
Politicians of the South have originated it  
and will not permit an honorable peace

Even if the United States were to  
to agree to any compromise it  
would only be until the same  
parties could be prepared to carry  
out their plans so as to bring the  
nation at their feet; then dictate  
their own terms. Our Country no  
doubt deserves this terrible scourge  
& I pray that it may duly humble  
itself before the Lord and that in  
mercy His wrath may be stayed  
and cannot but hope that there  
is a glorious future for the nation  
humanity will suffer among all  
the nations if the Union should  
be dissolved and Christianity will  
doubtless be thrown back many years  
I therefore pray earnestly for the Union  
our inseparable. Fanny has been much  
frightened by a visit of one of her dear  
early friends now a married lady  
from Columbus Ohio. We are all well  
Our Mr Laughy has been with us

some 3 Weeks in good health and  
spirits the duties he had to perform  
in the Army were hard but he says  
not so much so as he anticipated  
when he started. Give our best  
love to all friends and let  
us hear from you soon with  
all the family concerns please  
say to Aunt Susan her Sarah  
that I find it difficult to  
write as I have inclination  
from various causes which hinder  
this was commenced on the 17th  
and is now hastily finished or  
rather sent unfinished this 23<sup>rd</sup>  
in order that your desire may  
be gratified with a letter from me  
before you leave White Plains

As ever truly  
Larsen  
John



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Dearest Cousin Margaret

Why is it I am without a line from either you or Sarah since Sept we have been anxiously expecting a letter daily for a month past & this moment Mr Hanna informs me he & Mrs Hanna leave for New York this afternoon. and I shall hope they will see you and Cousin Susan & families I do not know what they they will make in the City but will know as soon as he comes in. We are all in good health the mild weather we have had has no doubt been very beneficial to me I took tea out last Evening and did not Cough once. all our connections are well Mr Marshall has just called & sends their love to all. Uncle Archy is in his usual good health John is at Boarding School in the Country & much pleased Mother, Sarah and

the two daughters & families are well  
Fanny is busy as ever and often talks  
of the pleasure she enjoyed while you &  
Cousin Susan were here & how much she  
loves you. Adas Sands frequently asks  
questions about you. Sands says I must  
tell you he has adopted your practice of  
not drinking until he is done eating  
Hoping soon to hear from you and  
Sarah &c &c

I am truly with love to all  
Cousins John & Eliza

Mr. McManua will stop at the National  
Hotel Courtland Street and will not  
be long in the city I send this by them  
I regret I did not know sooner of their  
intention but Mr. McManua often does not  
know himself where he must go. in my  
next I hope to have more time to write

Mrs Margaret M. Tread  
White Plains.

Answered Oct 7/17

N. Y.