

Franklin Chenango Co Pa. Oct 27th 60/??

Dear Brother,

I take this opportunity to write you a few lines according to promise to let you know that I am well & hope these few lines will find you the same. We started from Belvidere at 11 oclock A.M. tuesday and arrived in Dunkirk about two P.M. We did not find Mr. Baum there so we waited until 12 o'clock at night and took the train for Girard. We laid over there till 2 oclock the next afternoon and took a train and came on to Hinesville the Stage was there waiting and we came to Meadville. we got there about 7 oclock in the evening we stayed there over night and started in the Morning and walked here a distance of 24 miles and got here thursday night. We found Mr. Baum here and he got us a boarding place We went to work the next Monday in the Woods about 3 miles from here The Mill will not be ready for 5 or 6 weeks It is an old Iron rolling mill and they are taking all the old works out and are going to put in new ones.

The timber is very poor here not half as good as in Allegany Co. We are _____ it in the Woods

There is not any of it too large to quarter and it is very bad quality at that Baum told the truth about one thing he said the Country was rough here and so it is and very rocky too. If it were not for the Oil, Franklin would not be much of a place for Business. there is between 200 & 300 oil wells in this town. I have forgotten what you wished me to tell Mr. Baum. If you will write and let me know I will tell him. I am very sure though that he would give you your wages. They work very slow in the mill and he wants such a man as you to hustle them through I have not time to think of any thing more at present so I will stop Write soon

John N. Porter

(A. Paddies wind-up)