

Jacob Wyeth Jr  
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Mr Charles Wyeth

Care of

Wyeth & Norris  
Baltimore  
Md

1834

Missouri Belle



Upper Mississippi Boat  
Jack Middleworth - 1975 - 50.00



Brother Charles

Galena June 27<sup>th</sup> 1834

I may owe you some apologies for not sooner informing you; that I commenced Married man on the 11<sup>th</sup> ult, but the hurry and confusion, and necessary arrangements attending such an important affair in the life of a Man, must be a sufficient one, other wise I have none to offer. I am again to my business, and altho' wugh it is very healthy, the greatest share of Patronage continues still to fall to me, in the Spring I shall open an apothecaries Store as a means of enlarging my business, if I can make arrangements to obtain 6 months credit, or still better if I can purchase drugs &c for Cash. I am some in debt for furniture but not to an inconvenient extent, Money is pretty scarce but business of a mercantile kind tolerable fair, but not very profitable. The town increasing fast & Country very rapidly, farms springing up in every direction. My wedding was celebrated in a splendid manner over a Hundred invitations were given, and more than Twenty attended, the whole terminated in a ball in which the young folks danced all night. I was engaged part of the time in better business. Col George W. Jones is now on his way to Baltimore on Castward, he has letters from Nat please give him every attention in your power he is one of our most respectable men, and in every respect a gentleman, please give him letters onward, he left here on the day of my arrival in town, else I would have given some myself; let me hear from you shortly, let nothing interrupt our Correspondence and friendship; it is sometime since I heard from you, am getting anxious to learn what you are about, you do not write often enough. I sincerely hope you do not feel much embarrassed from by the pecuniary distresses of the Country. I felt hurt you could not send me a congratulatory

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letter which I could have shown to Mary. I did not wish you to contradict any thing Nat had said, not even allude to it, I never doubted Nat spoke the truth about me, or at least intended to but felt fears that it might have an influence on Mary's feelings that were unpleasant, she might suppose for instance, the misunderstanding which he alluded to my having with my family amounted to an alienation of affection for me on their part, which I do not believe is the case, at least with some members of it, a letter of a friendly cast with no allusions to the past, but giving me all the felicitations usual on such occasions, would have done away with all such impressions on her part. It was not my intention to receive her in the least or make you accessory to such a refusing plan, for I have been very candid to the whole family. I mention this because Leonard pretends to believe it was my doing, I can not think however that either of you do believe this and am sorry to be compelled to say, I can view in it no other design than to act as partisans and to side with one brother at the expense of another, and again, it would seem to corroborate the supposition that the family are estranged from me if this is the fact case the fact is new to me, and would be glad to be informed, if it was designed to convey such an impression, for I will act in that case in an independent manner and as a gentle man should act. I wish for the friendship of no one, that thinks me unworthy of it, and did not think that when I asked you to do an act of common justice, or kindness towards me, that it could be in least derogatory to me, or improper in you to grant the "humble boon" in the meantime I shall bear and for bear, putting the most favorable construction on it possible. I enjoy excellent health and spirits, and feel that I am respected here, and it is my determination to exact from all, respect and honor, by a course

of conduct, calculated to elicit no other sentiments. I am industrious and studious up early at my studies. Livermore is with me studying medicine. he labours under many disadvantages. he maintains himself by a school, and studies at leisure hours. I have so far found him a handy man in the office and is no trouble, but is useful to me, if he will. I think he can succeed, please give my love to your wife, and perfect remembrance to Mr & Mrs Jarvis and all enquiring friends and let me hear from you soon. Do not forget me, but believe that I think of you with sentiments of respect and affection at all times and continue.

Your affectionate brother  
Jacob Myer