

months. My health has been
very good since my departure.
The people are very kind and give
me much encouragement. They
take more interest in education
than the Marylanders. Such a
teacher as you have had for several
years could not get a certificate in
these regions - they would be sent
to the primary school 2 or 3 years first.
When you go to school again I wish you
would go to a teacher that can
instruct you.

How are the secessionists coming
on in your County? or have
you no Jeff. Davis men?

We all hurrah for the Union
and the red white and blue!
I wish to be kindly remembered
to Mr. and Mrs. Pitters and to Ellen.
as well as to yourself

Your affectionate brother
Amos Burns

Londonville
Ashland County
Ohio

do not forget to write

C. W. Burns July 13, 1861

Londonville Ohio, July 13th 1861.

My dear Brother

Doubtless you may think
strange of my not writing sooner.
My object in not doing so was to wait
until I had taken up my abode
permanently somewhere. After
the unexpected and extraordinary events
which took place shortly after I left your
place I changed my mind very much
about going South, the far famed
Sunny South. Maryland is far enough
South now, I therefore made up my
mind to take a tour Westward. I
started from Baltimore on the 2nd of May
and arrived at Huntington on the 4th a distance
something over 700 miles. I found John
at home or I would not have known who
he was - his having a strong beard giving
him quite a different appearance.