

think it will do to neglect of  
improving the chance

as I doubt whether you can read  
this or not I shall not impose  
upon your to generous nature  
longer Good bye for this time

Yours truly W. S. Johnson  
to L. S. Burdell

writes word of all of the news  
the folks are all well

W. S. Johnson  
to L. S. B.

July 22, 1860

Morgan Whiteside Co Ill

Cousin Lewis you  
must pardon me for not writing to  
you sooner, we are very busy harvest  
~~now~~ now & I have not had time to  
write before, the crops are first rate  
here this season, the farmers calculate  
that the wheat will average from 25  
to thirty bushels to the acre

I left Morgan county 2 weeks  
ago last Monday, I worked my time  
out for Alfred Williams, and as I  
could not get any work to do there  
I thought that I would go where  
there was something going on  
I started from Jacksonville on  
Tuesday night, then went to Quincy  
to take the boat up the Mississippi