

Janesville Mission,
March 10th, 1852

My dear Friend,

I wrote to you some weeks ago but have not received any answer. I now again write you a few lines to inform you that I am still alive and in good health. I would fain hope that you and family are the same. I do not think that I shall stay long here. It was with feelings of great reluctance that I left home. A few days ago I received a letter from my father informing me that he has been very sickly ever since Christmas and that he was living all alone. My Brother and Sisters left home last summer and have not yet returned home. Henry Jackson is here now on this Mission called Chok Mahing or Janesville. His wife is pretty well but he himself is still exceedingly weak, not able to do much as yet. He has been very sick that it was thought that he would not recover. He was first taken sick on the

month of November, ^{and} on to this present
time, Jacob Jackson has also been
sick for some weeks past but I believe
is now well, his family is however
very well, The Indians continue to ramble
about as their fathers or grandfathers have
done in times that are past and gone,
I sometimes feel some doubt about the
rise and progress of the Indians they still
love the old mode of living customs manners
&c. &c. It seems almost impossible for
them to abandon it, I have very few
children in school at present most of
them are gone making sugar. I find
it exceedingly difficult to make the children
in this place, understand, I have to interpret
or explain it to them in Indian, But the
children at New Credit are not so. If I
should return home soon I think I will
come through your residence (S. C.) I hope
you will write to me as soon as you
conveniently can,

Direction
Mr. John Smith
Jamesville Mission
Hampton P. Office,
Lower Saginaw U. S.

Thy. Me. See
St. Clair C. W.

Yours truly John Smith

P. S. When you write please to tell me
something about our people at New Credit
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