

Greenwood Franklin Co Kansas
Dec. 22^d A D 1863

Dear Cousin:

Your kind favor of Nov. 7
is received.

The folks are all very well, ex-
cepting Quake sick, who has been
very sick - almost dead. He has
the pneumonia - the same
disease Turner had. He is
getting better. We have had
some pretty rough wintry
weather this last week past.

We have all been enrolled
for payment again, and
we got some orders in advance
of the payment, which is to be in
a few weeks. The money has
not yet come on, and we do not
know how much we will draw
a piece. But when it comes we
will do with yours just as you
directed, pay Hendricks. Thos.

Turner & Black Hawk or Edwan-
gual one share & the other we
will send to you.

The Agent rather objected to
paying your share if you were
not here. You are enrolled &
will get your money this time
and the next time he the
Agent ^{that is} will not make our pay-
ment. We now draw money
and if you cannot do better
there in Michigan than here
you had better come back.

There is plenty of work. There
are rail roads to be built or
are building & wages are good.

The Indians are all talking
about becoming citizens
but a good many of them do
not seem to be willing. But still
we must become citizens before
a great while or go South. It may
be we will do something soon
in this matter. We are to talk
about it tomorrow over at Joe
Cabb's. I will write in my next.

more of this.

Edison great wishes to know whether you got those two likenesses sent you, The one of himself & the other of your step daughter. And he would like to have your likeness.

I would have written to you sooner but the Teacher was not at home. He had gone to Ohio and just returned on Saturday Dec. 18th with a wife.

Yours as ever

Mrs Thomas Edward M'Combes
Port Huron, Michigan, by the hand
of the Teacher