

*LETTER # 3 This letter was written by John Bennett, son of James and Jane Bennett, to an Uncle in England. During transcription, attempts were made to keep the spacing, spelling and punctuation are as written. The letter was never finished or mailed. It is presently in the possession of Merrill Wallace.*

Foresters Falls July 7<sup>th</sup> 1896

Dear uncle

it is with pleasure that I now answer your kind and welcome letter that I received from you and was glad to here that yous are well as it leaves me and family at present we have six of a family four boys and two girls I am working at the shoe making living in the village trade very dull at present as for father and Mother they are both living yet but very feeble Mother is still confined to her bed and no hopes of getting better

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Thomas Henry is my eldest Brother he is a farmer of one hundred acres and well situated he has two of a family one boy and girl James is the next oldest he is also a farmer he has one hundred an fifty acres of land and is very well off he has one boy of family and married and doing well William is next he is working farm work Just now he is a shoemaker by trade he has three of a family two boys and one girl Elizabeth Jane is my only sister she is married to a farmer and very well to do and has ten of a family six boys and four girls Joseph, Andrew and George is all farming

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George is on the homestead he supports father and mother and they are very well off, as for farming here we have all kinds of machienery Steam thrashing Mills and Self Buinders and so on this has been a very dry season with us here the hay crop is very light this year the grain crop is promising Good times is dull just now every kind of Produce is cheap now wheat sells at 10 cts per bushel butter is 13 cts per lbs cheese 8 cts beefe is very low