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I will write again in a few days - for
I want you get letters oftener than
you do. I will send Ransom a
Circular of the School which
Commenced yesterday..

How I wish I could have been
at the wedding & Dufair - But
as you had such a good time & was
so lively I enjoyed it -

Tell little Tellig - my little fair
daughter - that Father wants to see
her very much. & is keeping he pretty
little breast pin for her in my
Portfolio - bless her little soul.

Well Frank - I am glad you
are such a good boy - if you are
good every one will love you -
but if you are a bad boy you
will be a bad man - you must
see how good you can be to Lellie
& Mother and every body else,
and I will try and give you
a good education. You must
study all you can - so that
when you go to School here
you will not be behind.
I want to see you and Lellie very
much. Good bye from your
Father,

Albertine.

How oft we've walked life's flowery way,
Thy gentle hand enclosed in mine,
With pleasure we greeted each new born day,
When I was with you - Albertine.

Along the war path's beaten way,
No flowerets bloom no sunbeams shine,
I walk alone - and sad to day,
For I am from you - Albertine.

Oftentimes when my weary heart
Repines for friendships sparkling wine
Faith whispers, Death can never part
My love for you - Albertine

Oh! Faith that makes the moments fleet!
Oh! Hope that makes my toils sublime,
That once again, I'll hear thy sweet
head welcome home - Albertine.

S.P.S.

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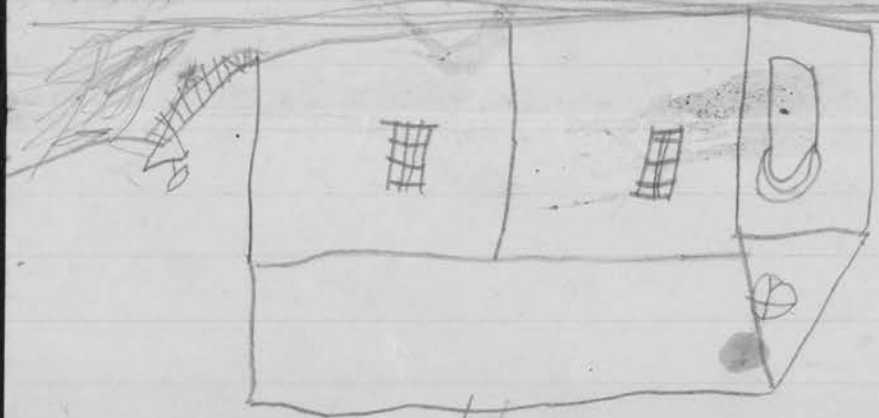
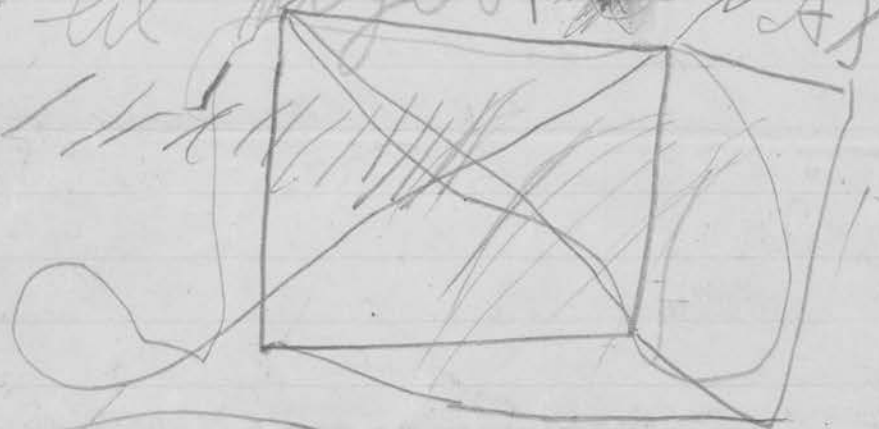
That once again I'll hear thy sweet

Glad welcome home - Albertine.

S.B.P.

My dear Cousin
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The night ~~was~~ was



Mankato (Blue Earth Co.) Minn
June 1st / 70.

Dear distant family - I arrived
in this beautiful city of Minn
about 2 hours ago - I last
wrote to you from Dassel -
found Jenicks - Staid with him
until Friday - when him & I
went about 6 miles to a
Methodist Quarterly Meeting - he
left Sunday afternoon for home -
I started Monday morning for
this place - All the country from
Dassel Station to Hutchinson is
a distressing Country - all woods -
& marshes - almost impassable roads -
(excepting in winter) 10 ^{misquitoes} mosquitos
to every square inch - I thought
if ~~all~~ all of Minn - was thus

I would be thankful to get
out - I plodded along carpet bag
in 1 hand - mosquito battling with
the other - no wind - very hot -
all at Worset - ~~all at~~ I came
in full view of Hutchinson -
from there to within 3 miles of
Minnesota river - it is wonderfully
beautiful - large rolling prairies
as far as the eye can behold -
interspersed with groves - I
staid last night in Henderson
24 miles below here on river -
rode up here on a team - cost
50 cts - on cars it would have
cost \$1.55 - I am going to stay
to night at the "Davis House"
kept by a Hassier -

How disappointed I was at
not receiving a letter from
you. Can it be - I have not

heard from you for 1 month
tomorrow morning - The next
mail may bring me a letter -
if it dont I'll send this - I
cannot get along without hearing
from you soon -

I shall write every few
days now
Direct - to / Mankato -

Blue Earth Co
Minn.

This is a beautiful City - a
great amount of business done
here - I'll write soon -

My health is good -
from your ever loving
husband - father & brother -

S. P. P.

Mankato (Blue Earth Co.) Minn.
June 1st, /70

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I arrived in this beautiful city of Minn. about 2 hours ago. I last wrote to you from Dassel - found Tenicks - staid with him until Friday, when him and I went about 6 miles to a Methodist Quarterly meeting. He left Sunday afternoon for home. I started Monday morning for this place. All the country from Dassel Station to Hutchinson is a distressing country, all woods, and marshes almost impassable roads, (excepting in winter) 10 misquitos to every square inch. I thought if all of Minn was thus I would be thankful to get out. I plodded along carpet bag in 1 hand misquitos battling with the other - no wind - very hot - all at (wonct) I came in full view of Hutchinson. From there to within 3 miles of Minnesota River it is wonderfully beautiful, large rolling prairies as far as the eye can behold, intersperced with groves.

I stayed last night in Henderson 24 miles below here on river, rode up here on a team, cost 50 cts, on cars it would have cost \$1.55. I am going to stay tonight at the "Davis House" kept by a Hoosier.

O, how disappointed I was at not receiving a letter from you. Can it be I have not heard from you for 1 month tomorrow morning. The next mail may bring me a letter if it don't I'll send this. I can not get along without hearing from you soon.

I shall write every few days now.

Direct to Mankato,
Blue Earth Co.,
Minn.

This is a beautiful City, a great amount of business done here. I'll write soon. My health is good.

From your ever loving husband, father and brother

SBP

then preaching at Woburn (Hobbs
and the broth & brodegroom)
Mr. John Hunt & Mrs. Ruth Huff
Came home with us - They were married
in Warrington last Thursday they went
to the circus and went to the Court
house and were united in the bonds
of matrimony and last ^{Friday} they had a
reunion we were sent after with a buggy
we had a glorious time we put them
to bed at night & give them a good
talking, and then left them -

Kate and Webster have come down
to work to work and such I don't
expect it will be long before Kate leaves
me - Solomon I had the nicest
present that ever I had in my life

Brother John Huffman gave me a very
nice bible it is either bound gilt edge
with a clasps it is very pretty cost 2.75
I am very proud of it - this is because
I am going away

your receipt - I am very much afraid
it will be lost make it will not
Sol you don't tell me anything of
the country here yet - Tell me all about
the people how they look and how
they dress and all about - Don't forget
mention every particular will you not
don't never send a sheet of paper
without filling it full every line must
have something on it - (do you remember
the children are all well and grow
fast - Frank sings a great deal he
goes to Sunday school every Sunday
do you have Sunday schools there
where do you think of living - do you
like there as well as you did in Warrington
we must tell me all now do

Father's folks are all well. Hanson has
been here all day most - have you written
to Al or Aunt Mary yet we get
one from her the other day -
I will close for this time write some
more in the morning

June 20th, 1870
Sunday Eve

Dear Husband

This beautiful Eve finds me again your own wife seated beside my open winder pen in hand trying in my feeble way to pen you a few lines. at first I will tell you we are all well as common. with the exception of blues at times and you know this desasse is a very disagreeable. But this evening we have had company and have been singing and I feel very much brightened up. What would I give to know just what you are doing today. I hope you do enjoy your self. It may be that you would like to know how I have spent this day so I will tell you. Well this morning I went to Sunday school then preaching at 10 oclock. Hellen, and the bride and bridegroom, Mr. Pothen Hurst & wife, Ruth Huff came home with us. They were married in Cannelton last thursday they went to the curcus and went to the court house and were united in the bonds of matrimony and last friday they had a infair. We were sent after with a buggy. we had a glorious time we put them to bed at night a give them a good lucking and then left them.

Kate and Motweiler have gone down to rocks to walk and talk I dont expect it will be long before Kate leaves me. Solomon I had the nicest present that ever I had in my life. Brother John Huffman gave me a very nice bible. it is lether bound gilt edge with a clasp it is very pretty, cost 2.75. I am very proud of it. This is because I am going away. Sol I sent your receipt. I am very much afraid it will be lost mabe it will not. Sol you dont tell me anything of the country hardly. tell me all about the people how they look and how they dress and all about Bro. Garrits. mention every particular will you not. dont never sent a sheet of paper without filling it full every line must have something on it. (do you remember). The children are all well and grow fast. Frank sings a great deal he goes to Sunday school every sunday. do you have Sunday schools there. where do you think of living. do you like there as well as you did in Wiscos. You

must tell me all - now do.

Fathers folks are all well. Ransome has been here all day most. have you writen to Abel or Aunt Marry yet we got one from her the other day.

I will close for this time, write some more in the morning.

June 23rd, 1870.
Thursday Eve

My Dearest Friend on earth

Last night I was made happy by receiving a letter from you. I had been downhearted all day but your letter soon changed my feelings your letter was dated the 18th of June.

We are all well today We was very glad to know that your health was so good and that you was gaining in flesh. But I am afraid you are going to work to hard. I have sent you that recpt in the other letter. Now how long will it be before you go to work at that buisnefs & how much are you getting per day - in what kind of style do Brother G live are they well off.

I must close and Kate and Frank will write. Albertine P.

Tellie says she is a good girl and she has got a sore foot & to tell Father that she got a letter. the children were very proud with there letters I was as proud as they were ---

I have been quilting all day - please write often I thank you for them stamps you sent me.

Here it 3th and I cant send this letter. You know how it goes dont you. you must not be worried if you dont get letters regular. we are all well this morning. Tellie whines around to see her father. she says she would hug and kiss you.

light bread - I have not seen a
"Rue Cake" since I came here - O
I need you here to bake me
Graham - If I ever get hold of
you again you'll not stay away
from me this way -
O how sorry I am you have such
a hard time with the Cow - you
had better sell her. Cows here are
from \$25. to \$50. & a splendid
stock of milk cows - When will
it be that I can be with you and
assist you - This climate agrees with
me first rate thro' for this is in
fact a great Country - Manitoba is
not on the prairie but surrounded
with timber - but a few miles each
way the Country is rich prairie - the
City last week received over 20000
bushels of wheat & still it comes -
last year 1 man not far from here
had in wheat 2000 acres - & from
50 to 100 & 200 acres is a

common amount - This is a very
productive Country - but many are
staying not only for that, but to enjoy
this beautiful Climate - the weather
now is very very hot - Thermom^{eter}
stands go to 96 degrees in shade -
they say the hot weather lasts until
August, ^{or Sept} & then Summer begins to
gently die away, & we experience
the most beautiful Autumns - until
Christmas or New Years - & This
The people here enjoy themselves
hugely - rides - Excursions, picnics -
are lively - the 4th the Good
Templers - Go on an excursion train
to Minnneinnepa falls, and
to Crystal Lake City but ~~as~~
as you are not here I ^{not} enjoy it -
but stay & earn a \$1.00 or 2 -
If you were here I'd be a happy
man - And preparations must now
be speedily made to carry our plans
into effect - - If I am healthy

Mankato, June 26, 1870.

My Own Companion & Children & Sister.

This beautiful Sabbath morning finds me in the City of Mankato at Bro Fairfields the bells are ringing to call us forth to worship - but I must steal a few moments to address you. Yesterday I was the recipient of a long interesting epistle from you. together with Allens recipe &c. You cannot imagine how relieved I am if I had not heard from you yesterday I should have written to some of the neighbors to have found out whether you were dead or alive. O how I have worried about you. My health is still good - with the exception of a touch of the piles caused by eating so much light bread. I have not seen a "hoe cake" since I came here. O I need you here to bake me Graham. If I ever get hold of you again you'll not stay away from me this way.

O how sorry I am you have such a hard time with the cow. You had better sell her. Cows here are from \$25 to \$50 & a splendid stock of milk cows. When will it be that I can be with you and assist you. This climate agrees with me first rate thus far. This is in fact a great country. Mankato is not on the prairie but surrounded with timber but a few miles each way the country is rich prairie. This city last week received over 20000 bushels of wheat & still it comes. last year 1 man not far from here had in wheat 2000 acres & from 50 to 100 & 200 acres is a common amount. this is a very productive country but many are staying not only for that but to enjoy this beautiful climate. The weather now is very, very hot. Thermometer stands 90 to 96 degrees in shade - they say the hot weather lasts until August or Sept. & then summer begins to gently die away & we experience the most beautiful autumns until Christmas or New Years. The people here enjoy themselves hugely - rides- Excursions, picnics are lively - the 4th the Good Templars go on an excursion train to Minneinneopa falls and Crystal Lake City but as you are not here I'll

not enjoy it but stay & earn a \$1.00 or 2.

If you were here I'd be a happy man. And preparations must now be speedily made to carry our plans into effect. If I am healthy we can do well here, I think. If Miles could pay you now I would have you come directly. I think I will write to him & plead with him to assist us - for I cannot live without you. Do all you can Tina to get here. I know you would like here - the Brothers & Sisters are very kind. Sister Fairfield says - your wife - I send my Christian love to her & that you may soon be with us." last night I met with the choir & now I must close for it's meeting time - we are soon expecting a great preacher from Indianapolis.

I am going to test the companion and send for receipts soon. I would like to write 10 pages but have not time. O Tina be careful of yourself & struggle on a little while longer - don't get discouraged & wish to die - let us endeavor to get together & live happy once more. Write surely once a week to my own Albertine.

from S. B.P.

O, if you were here we could enjoy ourselves so much and move to this beautiful climate. I shall write to M soon. Now don't work too hard. good bye. I will write again in a few days for I want you get letters oftener than you do. I will send Ranson a circular of the school which commenced yesterday.

How I wish I could have been at the wedding & infair. But as you had such a good time & was so lively I enjoyed it.

Tell little Tellie - my little fair daughter - that Father wants to see her very much & is keeping her pretty little breast pin for her in my portfolio - bless her little soul.

Well, Frank, I am glad you are such a good boy - if you are

good every one will love you but if you are a bad boy you will be a bad man. You must see how good you can be to Tellie & Mother and everybody else and I will try and give you a good education. You must study all you can so that when you go to school here you will not be behind. I want to see you and Tellie very much. Good-bye from your Father.

Andersons Township.

August 16th

Dear Husband

I once more seat myself with the greatest pleasure to answer your letter received last Tuesday morning. I recd the 30th. I am very anxious to get your letters and am just as anxious to reply to them but it is impossible for me to sit down to write a week day so I have to wait until Sunday. Well I am well to day as common and am all alone - they have gone to Sunday school and I will pleasantly pass away my time writing to one that loves me and will protect me until death. Oh I know that you are very lonely to day without your family and a home - but I hope the day is not far distant when you will once more enjoy the blessings of a home. a home is a home be it ever so homely I will soon be left alone 3 weeks from to day. I expect will that wedding come off - Oh how I would like to have you be here to go to the fair with me. we are all going up to his fathers to the fair - I will write more to you about it in my next letter. Katie is going to do well. he is a very nice man I think I am very much pleased with this mistake she will be well for about 4 or 5 days as long as he lives and has his health I will go to Cannelton. Was with or went to get our things - I will have to travel my road alone to Minn if I go. Mr Jim Jackson will buy my note with about 15 or twenty dollars discount - but I will try to do better than this I shall go and see Viles before I do any such a thing as Mr Jackson does not want me to go he says stay here and let your spend our winter there first and then you will be free to come back he says that I never will like there in the world. what do you think do you think I will be home soon. (S.A.M.) - We are having real hill weather this week. A very folks have gone to camp meeting down by Rockport. Father & mother was up here the other day. Johnuffman has had a very bad hand it has been laid out with it he has suffered every winter -

Will close

do the very best you
can I do

It is raining now - Frankie can play one
thing on the Accordian - it is bounding bellows
I think he would learn to play easy on any thing
the children want to see you very bad. Tiffie
dont allow us to say any thing to about Bate
marrying she thinks she cant go to Minn with
us if she marries - and she cant bear the thought
of that - she is a lovely child is most 4 years old
time she was learning to read she is up in
a chair beside me, telling me to write something
good about her with a biscuit - in her hand

You told me to sell that confounded cow
but this would never do I have to buy my meat
and have to pay 15 a pound - I must
hold on my cow 3 or 4 weeks more then I
expect to let Green have her - I know she is
a good deal of trouble to me but I expect trouble
in this world - I hope some day my troubles will
end - I will close and put on dinner now

Well Solomon dinner is over now so I will commence
writing again - and I will tell you what we had
well we had dried beans broiled - and meat - a foot with
them biscuit and butter sweet cake sticks a apple
pie and french coffee - And now I tell you who
took dinner with us - Mr John Northwick of Iowa
Lura Scherwin and Amanda Elen Channing
and your family made up the company
The Mr & Kate are in the other room talking
and making plans for the future and about
house keeping - Adam dont is coming so I will
quit - Well Adam has gone after he came
of your Annual game - He & Mr went over to the Agency
to sing - So I was obliged to quit my writing
to entertain them John went away and I thought
that Adam never want to go - he talked of
that but at last he went - So again I am left
alone - Adam wants to go to Minn he
wants his best respects to you and wants to get
a letter from you - John says he has got a 300
dollar horse and is going to take it to the
fair this fall and get 400 for him then
he is going to Minn - he is the same John
I am had a good time playing optice

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my sacks - he is going to build for me - he
said that they thrashing machine was
consuming to his house this week - he is
going to take 7 bushels to Santafe for me
he said heat was not in the bargain but
he would do it for me - I never ask a
man a favor but what they grant it - I
dont think it is a great thing to be beautiful -
I have got friends I dont think and I
know there is not one man in this
neighborhood that would let me suffer for
any thing - as I told you before - some
go further than to just like me - I dont
wish you was here Pat and I have great
deal of fun - but to look at it the right way it
is not so funny - but I am glad I have
a husband - know my know this out
of the family - and you will - you had better
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any one can persuade me to do wrong - you are
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this evening - it looks very gloomy around me
I feel very lonsome without my companion
this is a material consequence - I think in about
6 weeks we will again meet.

I went up to John Whaffmans and borrow
27 lbs of flour last week - Myrna came and
brought it home for me - I dont know as there
is any news to write only - John Biele John Burt
Ed Cutler are all gone to Minn to see what and
get places to live - every one is getting the fever to
go somewhere - Solomon I am very saving - I have
a quilt of quilting for Hellen - I have all the
sewing I want - it seems as if we live on
nothing - I am doing the very best I can - I
could stay here all winter and do very well
but if possible I want to go to you - I should be
very lonely here all alone with the children
dont you Sol - tell me every one of your proceed
when you write - I will make every effort to
come to you this fall about the 1st of Sept
and before if I can - from your affectionate wife

Sunday evening

Dear Brother

As Tim has got done
writing I will try and answer your
kind letter which we received not long ago
I know what you want is all very true
I know he is a man of good principles
and sound mind he would make me
a good husband and good home but I
am a curious girl I do not care one
straw about marrying but - as the old
maid said it is the fate of us all
sooner or later - so I suppose I shall
have to come to it - for I dont care
about being an old maid I wish you
were going to be here don't you
he says he has made up his mind
that he shall go west in the
spring well it is getting dark and
father is getting tired of writing he wants
to talk I guess I will have to close
cousin sends his love

write soon

from your Sister

Kate B. J.

Anderson Township
August 16th,

Dear Husband:

I once more seat myself with the greatest pleasure to answer your letter received last Tuesday morning dated the 20th. I am very anxious to get your letters and am just as anxious to reply to them but it is impossible for me to sit down to write a week day, so I have to wait untill Sunday. Well I am well today as common and am all alone. They have gone to Sunday school and I will pleasantly pass away my time writing to one that loves me and will protect me untill death.

So I know that you are very lonely today without your family and a home, but I hope the day is not far distant when you will once more enjoy the blessings of a home. A home is a home be it ever so homely I will soon be left alone, 3 weeks from today I expect will that wedding come off. O, how I would like to have you here to go to the affair with me. We are all going up to his father's to the infair. I will write more to you about it in my next letter. Katie is going to do well. He is a very nice man. I think I am very much pleased with this match. She will be well provided for as long as he lives and has his health.

I will go to Cannelton this week or next to get our fixings. I will have to travel my road alone to Minn. if I go. Mr. Jim Jackson will buy my note with about 15 or twenty dollar discount but I will try to do better than this. I shall go and see Wiles before I do any such a thing as this. Jackson does not want me to go he says stay here and let you spend one winter there first and then you will be kean to come back he says that I never will like there in the world. What do you think, do you think I will be homesick. (SAY) we are having real chill weather this week. Avery's folks have gone to camp meeting down by Rockfort. Father and Mother was up here the other day. John Preffman has had a very bad hand, has been laid up

up with it but has suffered every minute.

It is raining now. Frankie can play one tune on the Accordion. It is bounding bellows. I think he would learn to play easy on anything. The children want to see you very bad. Tellie dont allow us to say anything about Kate marrying she thinks she can't go to Minn. with us if she marries and she cant baer the thought of that. She is a lovely child is most 4 years old, time she was learning to read. She is up in a chair beside me telling me to write something good about her, with a biscuit in her hand.

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Well Solomon dinner is over now so I will commence writing again and I will tell you what we had. Well we had dried beans boiled and meat cooked with them, biscuit and butter, sweet- cake, dried apple pie and french coffee. And now I tell you who took dinner with us. Mr. John ^{Mottweiler} Bothwiler, of course, Lura Chawning and Amanda Elen Chawning and your family made up the company. Mr. M and Kate are in the other room talking and making planes for the future and about housekeeping. Adam Went is coming, so I will quit.

Well, Adam has gone. After he came John Oneal came. K. & M. went over to Mr. Avery's to sing. So I was obliged to quit my writing to entertain them. John went away and I thought that Adam never ment to go. He talked I talked but at last he went, so again I am left alone. Adam wants to go to Minn. He sends his best respects to you and wants to get a letter from you. John says he has

got a 300 dollar horse and is going to take it to the fair this fall and get 400 for him then he is going to Minn. He is the same John. Adam had a good time playing on the Accordion today. He came up to get my sacks. He is going to Mill for me. He said that the threshing machine was coming to his house this week. He is going to take 4 bushels to Santafee for me. He said that was not in the bargain but he would do it for me. I never ask a man a favor but what they grant it. I find it is a great thing to be beautiful. O, O fine.) I have got friends I don't think and I know there is not one man in this neighborhood that would let me suffer for anything. As I told you before, some go further than to just like me. O, Sol, I wish you was here. Kate and I have great deal of fun, but to look at it the right way it is not so funny, but I am glad I have a husband haint you. Know one knows this out of the family and never will you had better herry and send after me. O shaw, I am just fooling, don't think strange, don't think any one can persuade me to do wrong. You are acquainted with me haint you. It is raining this evening. It looks very gloomy around me. I feel very lonesome without my companion, this is a material consequence. I think in about 6 weeks we will again meet.

I went up to John Preffman's and borrowed 29 lbs of flour last week. Alvena came and brought it home for me. I don't know as there is any news to write only John Hide, John Hurst, Ed Cutler have all gone to Illinois to sow wheat and get places to live. Every one is getting the feaver to go somewhere. Solomon I am very saving. I have a quilt up quilting for Hellen. I have all the sewing I want. It seems as if we live on nothing. I am doing the best I can. I could stay her^e all winter and do very well but if possible I want to go to you. I should be very lonely here all alone with the children. Don't you Sol. Tell me every one of your proceedings when you write. I will make every effort to come to you

this fall about the last off Sept. and before if I can,

From your affectionate wife

John ONeal wants you to write to him. Mr. M is looking for a letter from you.

I love you Solomon. Keep up godd heart.

Sunday evening.

Dear Brother:

As Tina has got done writing I will try and answer your kind letter which we received not long ago.

I know what you wrote is all very true. I know he is a man of good principles and sound mind. He would make me a good husband and good home but I am a curious girl. I do not care one straw about marrying but as the old maid said it is the fate of us all sooner or later, so I suppose I shall have to come to it for I don't care about being an old maid. I wish you were going to be here, don't you.

He says he has made up his mind that he shall go west in the spring. Well it is getting dark and John is getting tired of waiting. He wants to talk. I guess I will have to close. John sends his love.

Write soon.

Your loving sister

Kate

if you went there and I would stick to
it just as long as you can. I think that Mr
Somboddy is very sorry for the way he has
done. he says he loves me - do you believe it
I think he thinks he will be more apt to
work out his hellish design if he can make
me think he loves me. he nor no other man
can persuade me to do wrong you need
not be alarmed about me giving up to him
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the one he marries - Write often

From Your Wife Albertine Palmer

Sept. 7th 1841

Dear Companion

well I again have taken my seat by
my open window with pen in hand to write to you
I have just returned from Sunday school to day
finds us all well and in tolerable good spirits
I went to Tell City the other day with Father
& Mother I took them large frames along and had
these pictures taken for them - it cost 3 dollars
do you blame me for having them taken I knew
it was the very last chance I would have and
I hardly think that I shall see them again after
I leave I cant bear to think of leaving them I
hate to leave them more than all the best doctors
cant bare to bare me say one word about going away
I am glad I have got these pictures and they are very
material - are you glad I shall keep them as long
as I shall live - I spent 25 dollars for Kate I got
her a nice set of dishes and set of goblets knives
and forks a beautiful bonnet a nice Impair dress -
an numerous things to mention - her money
came just in the right time Mottwiler has got
his furniture a nice stove every thing to keep
house with and plenty to eat they both have
white kid gloves to ware - Next Thursday the
wedding comes off now I wish you were going to
be here and the next day we all are going up
to the fair at his Palters - near Wintofee
we will see a good time Ransome is going to
be my partner we are going to have a bust
up - I Solomon I have got a nice chance to
learn the milliners trade Mrs. Hartman in
Tell City has agreed to learn me very cheap she
is a first class milliner she said if I have any
inquiry - that in 8 days she can learn me
so I can go ahead all by my self she will learn
me for 10 dollars and board me - she says

that I could go to some city hire out and get
15 or 20 dollars a month - and by learning more
all the time - then I can take 260 dollars and
she said that would give me a good start at first
she said there was a great deal of money to be
made at it - and I all ready know I shall leave
my children with Mother - she is very anxious
to have me to go and learn - if I go I shall go in
about 2 weeks. Now Sol tell me what I shall
do - Mrs. Coartman says that I would do well in
them - now I want you to give me your answer

You wanted me to tell you whether to enter land or
not - I dont know yet if I can do well to work
at my trade we will have to live in Town
how many Miller shops in Manhattan - you
know whether one of us are very stought and if
we could get started once I think and it would be
nice work - So we cant tell quite yet what to
do about the land question

well I must tell you what good news I heard
last night - got. came here last night to see
when I wanted to start I told him just as quick
as I could get the money - he said he could get
some money for me in a week or so - he thought
he said he would come next week and see
me again about it - I think there is little hopes
left - it will take me about 2 weeks to get
made - if I learn my trade it will be a
few ~~days~~ longer - if I get the money as thought
he can get half and perhaps all I will come
as soon as I can - would you like to see your
Fring wife - say - I shall soon be all alone
she has every thing all nice she has got a
plenty of clothes and he has a nice suit
of black cloth - he has bought a nice gold
ring paid 3 dollars and a quarter for it - to
place on her finger when Uncle Bird says your
hands - we are going to have it done up in style
I tell you - Hanson is here
today - he says his love to you he is standing
here beside me - giving his amustatche
now is teasing Tellie to kiss him

Where are you intending to live this winter
in Town or in the country or have you got
your mind made up - I expect in 4 weeks
we will again meet - what a meeting there will
be - I got Tellie a new hat and a new pair
of garters - she is the bravest little thing I ever
saw - she never had a hat before - I told
- junk he might gather all the paper rags he could
find and take them to the new store and
get just what he took a notion to - he had
ever a time putting up his paper rags
and dar before yesterday she went to the store
and he got enough fine bleached factory to make
him a new shirt and a pocket knife - the
first time he ever done any trading - he was very
much pleased, and is going to save some more
fully for Frank - Tellie is very anxious to see
her father - when she came up yesterday and brought
me up a few quarters of mutton - first fresh
meat we had here this year - John Buffum
and several others are talking of going out west
this fall to buy there soldiers claims - Are you
going to buy your soldiers claim - I called to
Troy to be fired corner and get your discharge
but he was gone - but I will get it before I
go away - well I will get up and get dinner
then I will write again after dinner

But dinner is got all eat
up, and now I will continue my writing
Maudama is here this evening - the neighbors
are all as compe I believe - they are about to
commence building the Methodist church
they have got 500 and over subscribed - they
are going to build a nice one - I hope they
will because they will need one before they can
build - John Bird is going to Illinois to
live this fall - he has swaped his land for a
piece of 320 in Ill. - Now I want you
to think about my trade and tell me to what
to do - I got your letter written the 23. of Aug
I am glad that you are going to buy blankets
because we will need them I expect - dont
go without any thing you need - you are doing
well now - better than you ever have since

Sept 9th, 1870

Dear Companion:

Well I again have taken my seat by my open window with pen in hand to write to you. I have just returned from Sunday School. Today finds us all well and in tolable good spirits. I went to Tell City the other day with Father & Mother. I took them large frames along and had there pictures taken for them. It cost 2 dollars. Do you blame me for having them taken. I knew it was the very last chance I could have, and I hardly think that I shall see them again after I leave. I cant bare to think of leaving them. I hate to leave them worse than all the rest. Mother cant bare to have me say one word about going away. I am glad I have got there pictures and they are very natural. Are you glad? I shall keep them as long as I shall live. I spent 25 dollars for Kate. I got her a nice set of dishes and set of gobblets, knives and forks, a bridal bonnet, a nice infair dress and numerous things to mention. Her money came just in the right time. Mottwiler has got his furniture, a nice stove, every thing to keep house with and plenty to eat. They both have white kid gloves to wear. Next Thursday, the wedding comes off. How I wish you were going to be here and the next day we all are going up to the infair at his Fathers near Sante fee. We will see a good time. Ransome is going to be my partner. Were are going to have a bust up. O solomon I have got a nice chance to learn the milliners trade. Mrs. Hartmon in Tell City has agreed to learn me very cheap. She is a first class milliner. She said if I have any ingunity that in 8 days she can learn me so I can go a head all by myself. She will learn me for 11 dollars and board me. She says that I could go to some city hire out and get 15 or 20 dollars a month and be learning more all the time, then I can take 250 dollars and she said that would give me a good start at first she said there was a great deal of money to be made at it, which I all ready know. I shall leave

my children with Mother. She is very anxious to have me to go and learn. If I go I shall go in about 2 weeks. Now Sol tell me what I shall do. Mrs. Hartman says that I would do well in Minn. Now I want you to give me an answer.

You wanted me to tell you wether to enter land or not I dont know yet. If I can do well to work at my trade we will have to live in town. How many milliner shops in Mankato. You know neather one of us are very stought and if we could get started once I think and it would be nice work. So we can't tell quite yet what to do about the land question.

Well I must tell you what good news I heard last night. Joe came here last night to see when I wanted to start. I told him just as quick as I could get the money. He said he could get some money for me in a week or so, He thought. He said he would come next week and see me again about it. I think there is little hopes left. It will take me about two weeks to get ready and if I learn my trade it will be a few days longer. If I get the money he thought he could get half and perhaps all. I will come as soon as I can. Would you like to see your tiny wife - say - I shall soon be all alone. Kate has everything all nice. She has got plenty of clothes, and he has a nice suit of black cloths. He has bought a nice gold ring, paid 3 dollars and a quarter for it to place on her finger when Uncle Bird says joyn hands. We are going to have it done up in style I tell you. Ransom is here today, he sends his love to you. He is standing up here beside me oiling his mustach now is teasing Tellie to kiss him.

Where are you intending to live this winter, in town or in the country or have you got your mind made up. I expect in 4 weeks we will again meet. What a meeting there will be. I got Tellie a new hat and a new pair of gaiters. She is the broudest little

thing I ever saw. She never had a hat before. I told Frank he might gether all the paper rags he could find and take them to the new store and get just what he took a notion too. He had quite a time picking up his paper rags and day before yesterday he went to the store and he got enough fine bleached factory to make him a fine shirt and a pocket knife. The first time he ever done any trading. He was very much pleased, and is going to save some more. Bully for Frank. Tellie is very anxious to see her father. Alvena came up yesterday and brought me a fine quarter of mutton, first fresh meat we have had this year. John Huffman and several others are talking of going out west this fall to lay there soldiers claims. Are you going to lay your soldiers claim. I called to Troy to see Fred Conner and get your discharge but he was gone, but I will get it before I go away. Well I will get up and get dinner then I will write again after dinner.

Well dinner is got. All eat up and now I will continue my writing. Mandana is here this evening. The neighbours are all as common. I believe they are about to commence building the Methodist church. They have got 500 and over subscribed. They are going to build a nice one. I hope they will because they will need one before they can build. John Hide is going to Illinois to live this fall. He has swaped his land for a piece of Ira in Ill.

Now I want you to think about my trade and tell me what too do. I got your letter writen the 23 of Aug. I am glad that you are going to buy blankets because we will need them I expect. Don't go without anything you need. You are doing well now, better than you ever have since you went there and I would stick too it just as long as you can. I think that Mr. Sombody is very sorry for the way he has done. He says he loves me. Do you believe it. I think he thinks he will be more apt to work out his hellish design if he can make me think he loves me. He nor no other man can persuade me to do wrong. You need not be alarmed about me giving up to him because I

never will, and to cap all Mr. Sombody has a wife, a good woman and respected. You told me never to tell it. You need not be alarmed about that. It never has got out yet. I have told John Mottwiler. He advises me to go to you as quick as possible. He was awful mad about it. He tole me that I ought to shot him through his heart and told me he would lend me his pistol. John is my friend. He says it shall never get out from him. I hain afraid of Mr. Sombody. I shall not stay alone much eather.

Well I planly see I will have to quit my writing. Before you get this letter Kate will be the wife of John Mottwiler. They will write you a long letter after it is over with. His wife threatens to kill the one he marries. Write often.

From your Wife Albertine Palmer

Anderson Township September 30th 1870

Dear Husband

To day
is Friday and I have been thinking of one far, far away, who
is looking anxiously for a letter from his wife - I thought I
would not write until Sunday but I know just how you
feel when you do not receive a letter when looked for - so
I will write now - in the first place I will
tell you we are all well here in Father's family - but there is a
great deal of sickness in the neighbourhood. Green has been very
sick, but is getting better. Hellen and the baby has been sick
Jim Spencers, Jim Cutlers, Philip Smiths, Jim Wanninkles and some
family's have all been sick, and some of them have been very
low there has been a great deal of sickness here this summer &
fall we all had funny spells but did not get intirely down
I was really afraid I would have to leave one or both of my
children behind when I left here - but I thank our gracious
Lord he has spared both of my children to me they both seem
well and hearty now - I hope I will get to mingle with them
I received two letters from you this week one mailed 17th the other
you said you wanted to know how I prospered about selling the
note - I will tell you - I cannot sell it - there is no mortgage
on the land you know and people are afraid to buy it - I have
run a great deal to sell it but all to no purpose - I will be compelled
to send for money - to take me there if you want me to come
it will take \$30. for me and 30 for the children I expect - they
will go for half price - I will try to get Nellie along for ^{nothing} half
price if I can but I dont want to start with less than

50 dollars you know - I have sold every thing but the beaver
but have not got the money yet but it is promised I sold my dishes
and chairs for factory cloth - my spinning wheel I am going to
get a nice blanket, I expect. I have sold 15 dollars worth
but I dont know how I will get that - they ferocise - I think
I will get it if I dont I will fix it up some way, I cant depend on
getting the money you know - I sold my wheat to father wich was 4
bushels I have not sold my molasses yet - for surtain there was a
man here to day to buy my cow - I asked 20 dollars - he said that
was cheap enough - but he wants a new milks cow - he would have
paid the money for her so you see where you missed it in not doing
your duty last winter? Father is going to let me have a Townships
order - 20 dollars to get things before I go - I will go to Troy next week
and do some trading - I have got things pretty well settled up
now all you have to do is to send me about 50 dollars and
I guess I can get the other 10. and I will start on my strip
now I want you to send it just as quick as possible - because it
is getting to late to travel - I am afraid it will be to cold aft
a while - I am going to get a large double shawl when I go to Troy
- Dad I have turned over a new leaf - what do you guess it
is - well I will tell you - and I want you to agree with me - will
you - I guess you will - well it is this - I never want to go in debt
and lay up all I can for a rainy day - and when ever I get
thing never get any thing only nice durable things I never will
get cheap things the way we have always been doing if we dont get
any half the things we need get them nice and wait untill we
can get the rest - and so doing after a while every thing will be
nice and good - and if we got cheap things after we get them
what account are they - now when we go house keeping we will try
this very plan dont get any thing untill I come then we will
do the getting together - what do you say to this - I cant see it any
other way - I will close for the present and write more to
night or to morrow

Well it is night and Ransom and I are
at the table writing - Now I wish I could see you and say what I
have to say right in your face and eyes but hold on if you sent me the
money we will meet in about 3 weeks dont you think so, Dad. we
are having beautiful weather this fall very dry, I think that is what makes
it so sickly, we have had no frost - Dad you said that you did
not know wether you would live in Wankato well I dont know as I
care, all I batt about it is there is a church there and make there is
none where we go to live, and I cant bare the thought of living where there
is no Christian Church - can you but I am willing to live where we can
do the best - Saturday evening - I will finish my letter last night - my light
went out so we had to stop writing - I am well this evening Mrs Smith,
has sent over after me to go over there and make her a visit they are all better
Mr Smith has gone to Burlington to day - Solomon you wanted me to
get a hat but I have concluded to do over my old bonnet and were it there
than you can get me one if you wish most any thing will do to travel
in - Mother says that it looks just as well as if it just came from the shop
well it did come from my shop - it looks as nice as one would that
cost 4 or 5 dollars - it looks nice enough to travel in - so I will not buy
me no bonnet or hat untill I get there then you can do as you please
I am going over to Souffmans to meeting to morrow I wish that you
could be there to go with me well I will close and get ready to go
over to Mrs Smiths - So ad bye Dad.

From your wife A P.

I hope this letter writing is all-most done with and a better
way will be introduced

Anderson Township, September 30th, 1870.

Dear Husband.

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and I have been thinking of one far far away who is looking anxiously for a letter from his wife. I thortght I would not write until Sunday but I know just how you feel when you do not receive a letter when looked for so I will write this evening. Well in the first place I will tell you we are all well here in Fathers family but there is a great deal of sickness in the neighbourhood. Green has been very sick but is getting better. Hellen and the baby has been sick. Jim Spencers Jim Cuttler Philap Smiths Jim Wanninkle's family's have all been sick and some of them have been very low There has been a great deal of sickness here this summer & fall. We all had funy spells but did not get intirely down. I was realy afraid I would have to leave one or both of my children behind when I left here but I thank our gracious Lord he has spaired both of my children too me. they both seem well and hearty now. I hope I will get to minn with them. I received two letters from you this week one mailed 17th the other 14th. You said you wanted to know how I prospered about selling the note. I will tell you. I cannot sell it. there is no mortgage on the land you know and people are afraid to buy it. I have run a great deal to sell it but all to no purpus. I will be compeled to send for money to take me there if you want me to come it will take \$30 for me and 30 for the children I expect they will go for half price I will try to get Tellie along for nothing if I can but I dont want to start with less than 60 dollars you know. I have sold everything but the beaureau but have not got the money yet but it is promised I sold my dishes and chairs for factory cloth. my spinning wheel I am going to get a nice blanket I expect. I have sold 15 dollars worth but I dont know how I will get that they promise I think I will get it if I dont I will fix it up some way. I

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Well it is night and Ransom and I are at the table writing. how I wish I could see you and say what I have to say (right in your face and eyes) but hold on if you send me that money we will meet in about 3 weeks dont you think so. Sol we are having beautiful weather this fall, very dry. I think that is what makes is so sickly.

We have had no frost. Sol you said that you did not know wether you would live in Mankato well I dont know as I care. all I hate about it is there is a church there and mabe there is none where we go to live and I cant bare the thought of living where there is no Christian church. can you but I am willing to live where we can do the best.

Saturday evening - I will finish my letter. last night our lights went out so we had to stop working. I am well this evening. Mrs. Smith has sent over after me to go over there and make her a ^{visit} ~~visit~~ they are all better. Mr. Smith has gone to Cannelton today. Solomon you wanted me to get a hat but I have concluded to do over my old bonnet and were it there then you can get me one if you wish most any thing will do to travel in. Mother says that it looks just as well as if it just came from the shop. well it did come from my shop - it looks so nice as one would that cost 4 or 5 dollars it looks nice enough to travel in so I will not buy me no bonnet or hat until I get there then you can do as you please I am going over to Huffmans to meeting tomorrow I wish that you could be here to go with me. Well I will close and get ready to go over to Mrs. Smiths. Good by Sol

From your wife A. P.

I hope this letter writing is all most done with and a better way will be introduced.

United States Internal Revenue,

Collector's Office, 31st District, New York.

Randolph, 186

I would write
more but I cannot
my ink will
hardly make
a mark

Oct 9th 1860. Dear Husband
To day is Sunday, the children and I are all alone
in day. John Hoff's child about Frank's age died
yesterday, with the diptheria it was sick only one
day and night, it chocked to death. I went over
last night to help make his grave cloths. Father &
Mother traegone over this morning to put the
child in the coffin so we are all left alone.
To day finds us all well as common &
very anxious to go to our home in Minn. I
wrote to you last week and went to town
with Father in the buggie last Tuesday and
too my letter and got one from you and
one from Cordelia. They were all well. Your letter
was written 21st of Sept. I spent 20 dollars
when I was there. so I am very well clothed w^h
I have to get a very few things more then we
are ready to go. all I want now is the money
and I am looking for it every letter I get
I am about ready to go. John Hilde had a sale
yesterday I had my beaurcan and spinning
wheel moved down there and I put them up
for sale. I done very well with it the
highest bidder bid \$5.25 and I let it go for
that. so I got 8 dollars and a quarter for
it. all over \$8 they took notes for. so Mr
Morris gave me this note. he said he would
get the money for me before I left if possible
and if he dont Greene is going to take it
towards what you owe him so that is all
right. well for the wheel the highest

bidder - bid 100. and I see how it was going
and I bid on it my self. - I thought if I
could not do any better than that - I could
take the head with me and leave the rest
at fathers for them to sell. - I dont pose
to give it away, every thing is sold but that
Bill Huff's wife took my flat Iron and
table - she is going to give me yarn for them
John Huff took my bed stid for 2 dollars
store for 3 dollars - Henderson owes me most
6 dollars - all I have sold comes to \$26. 40 cts
I shall get some money I expect - with the
row it makes \$50 - 40 cts. I am going to turn
the most of it in towards Greens account
Oh I cannot get in money - if I get any money
I will hold on it - I got me a large double shawl
when I was at Troy - you know that is what
I was obliged to get. - I have got to pray God
Mr Heard some way - I dont know how
I shall get all ready and went for the
money - and if I dont get it - I shall be a
very disapointed - it seems like if I never will
go, I want to start before it gets any colder
and if I dont go this fall - I dont wish thing
I ever shall go. I shall go to house keeping
again and get all out of the notion I went
~~to any~~ - make you think I am getting impat-
ient. I am tired just living without a home
and I dont know who blames me also you
if I dont go this fall I expect I will run
I am tired of this way living - and I think
you would be - I must close for this
From your Impatient wife Tina

Oct. 9th, 1870

Dear Husband:

Today is Sunday. The children and I are all alone today. John Haff's child about Frank's age died yesterday with the dipthera. It was sick only one day and night, it choaked to death. I went over last night to help make it's grave cloths. Father and mother have gone over this morning to put the child in the coffin so we are all left alone.

Today finds us all well as common & very anxious to go to our home in Minn. I wrote to you last week and went to town with Father in the buggie last Tuesday and took my letter and got one from you and one ^{from} for Cordelia. They were all well. Your letter was written 21st of Sept. I spent 20 dollars when I was there, so I am very well clothed up. I have to get a very few things more then we are ready to go. All I want now is the money and I am looking for it every letter I get I am about ready to go.

John Hide had a sale yesterday. I had my beaureau and spining wheel moved down there, and I put them up for sale. I done very well with it, the highest bidder bid \$5.25 and I let it go for that. So I got \$5. dollars and a quarter for it. All over \$5 they took notes for, so Mr. Morris gave me his note. He said he would get the money for me before I left if possible and if he don't Greenee is going to take it towards what you owe him so that is all right. The wheel the highest bidder bid 1 00 and I see how it was going and I bid on it myself. I thought if I could not do any better than that I could take the head with me and leave the rest at fathers for them to sell. I don't pose to give it away. Everything is sold ~~but~~ that Bill Huf 's wife took my flat iron and table. She is going to give me yarn for them. John Huff took my bedstid for 2 dollars, stove for 3 dollars, Henderson owes me most 6 dollars. All I have sold comes to \$90.40 cents. I shall get some money I expect, with the cow it makes

\$50.40 cts. I am going to turn the most of it in towards Green's account all I can not get in money. If I get any money I will hold on it. I got me a large double shawl when I was at Troy, you know that is what I was obliged to get. I have got to pay old Mr. Heard some way. I don't know how. I shall get all ready and wait for the money and if I don't get it I shall be very disappointed. It seems as if I never will go. I want to start before it gets any colder and if I don't go this fall I don't much think I ever shall go. I shall go to house keeping again and get all out of the notion. Maybe you think I am getting impatient. Well, I am tired just living without a home and I don't know who blames me (do you). If I don't go this fall I expect I will run away. O, I am tired of this way living and I think you would be. I must close for this time.

From your impatient wife,

Tina.

I would write more but I can not. My ink will hardly make a mark.

12 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
g o p l
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Wednesday Nov 2nd

No letter from you yet
I am have almost got the horrors.

Direct to

Winnebago City
Faribault Co

Minn.

Winnebago City
Faribault-Co Minnesota
Nov 1st 1870.

My very dear family.

Can it be possible
that I have returned from
my perilous journey? I
have & am in good health.
I look like an old trapper.

But my mind is too troubled
to write anything of my journey.
I have not heard from you
since Bro John & Sister Kate
wrote Sept 24th 1870. &
now it is Nov 1st. O what
I undergo you never can know.

I expected surely to have quite
a quantity of Mail from you
when I returned to this place
Oh how disappointed I am - I am
unhappy - I am worried - I
do want to know whether you are
alone or not - I sent you \$75.
in P.O. orders - before I left here
& have had time to hear from
them but have not - I expected
to send for you in a few days -
now I do not what to do -

The mail from the east
arrives at 12 to night - maybe
I to hear in the morning - I can't -
write I'm so troubled - I expect
in a few days that we will break
up for winter - Good night -
Yours in trouble

S. B. Palmer,

P.S. the weather is warm & very
pleasant -

Winnebago City,
Faribault Co. Minnesota
Nov. 1st, 1870

My very dear family.

Can it be possible that I have returned from my perilous journey? I have sam in good health. I look like an old trapper. But my mind is too troubled to write anything of my journey.

I have not heard from you since Bro. John & Sister Kate wrote Sept. 24th 1870 & now it is Nov. 1st. O what I undergo you never can know.

I expected surely to have quite a quantity of mail from you when I returned to this place. O how disappointed I am. I am unhappy. I am worried. I do want to know whether you are alive or not. I sent you \$75 in P.O. orders before I left here & have had time to hear from them but have not. I expected to send for you in a few days. Now I no not what to do.

The mail from the east arrives at 12 to night - maybe I'll hear in the morning. I cant write I'm so troubled. I expect in a few days that we will break up for winter. Good night

Yours in trouble

S.B.Palmer

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Wednesday Nov. 2nd.

No letter from you yet. I have almost got the horrors.

Direct to

Winnebago City,
Faribault Co. Minn.

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am now putting this letter in to go to
you. I hope before this reaches you that
you will have received the P.O. orders,
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to your joy and my sorrow for you
of our friends - it is the best
I have friends & some of them are a little
too good to me can you guess. I will not tell
you any more until I see you
only there is one that wants to fill your place

and now I will try to write a little more
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Broad had man preaches - except Sunday
there is a basket-meeting over there in the
new meeting house to is pretty well along
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to stay at home I have nothing but my
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do you owe Uncle Heasman, Heffman
anything or not - I want you to write him
a letter and squair up things I know
nothing about it did John Neal pray any
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thing in your next letter about it - John is
at Heffmans get - inquires about - you
every time he sees any of us Solomon I want
to make one request of you I want to have
you write a foolscap full to the church, and
compose it very nice tell them how often
you think of the church - and all about the
church where you now are and ask
the prayer of all and tell them you hope
to meet them in heaven - and all you
choose to write and send it - to one of the
Elders and have it read at the church
meeting - and if I leave too you can ask
for a family letter to join where you are
will you do this - please do - you done very wrong
not to go over to church meeting and
getting up and talking about leaving, and
bid them good by, dont you - they
thought so I think it was your fault
I love the church - I hate to leave it very
much, but I hope I shall go to another
one Solomon be faithful to God - and
your family, pray much I am not good
but I want you to do right - if I dont
I have more care on my mind than you do

Solomon dont think that I have
said to much - because I have freed my
mind and now I feel better - dont ask any
thing about Ole

there is not much John Farris writes often
of any thing going his adress is Crofford
on here Croffordville Co. Kansas
went and bought him a farm I dont know
how much he bought - or how much he paid for
it I heard some one say there was 70 acres
under cultivation - I guess he bought 160 acres
he has lost - Nos. and Grant is very sick
they thought ^{Palmer} he was dying the other day -
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Margret Cutler wants to go to miss she told me
to tell you to write to Jira about the country
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Greene. Charles Palmer. John Thiele is talking
about getting a thrashing machine - Greene
went to town to see about it - yesterday - and
brought out my letters - - I believe this is all
the news - I am glad you enjoy your self so
well - I wish Tiny could be with you to day
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down by Fathers - he is very sick - feavers -
Philaps and wife wants me to come there
and stay a week or too - but that wouldnt
do - - My health is just - tolerable I have got
a lame back from tugging so much -
from Jane - I must close Frank has on
a fire to get dinner so I must get him some
good bye untill I write more
From your faithful
wife

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John Farris writes often his address is Crofford, Croffordville Co. Kansas.

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