



Antoinette Porter King and
Family Papers.

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Letter #52A

From: Willie Porter King

To: Viola Porter (No envelope)

Jackson June 15th 1867

My Dear Aunt Vie

You said you wanted me to write you a letter and i guess i will try. In the first place we are all well as usual. how are you? Do you have any rain in Wisconsin. We have had so much lately that we are perfectly tired of it. My pa had to plant some of his corn over and Nellie and I helped him. We can work like fun when we try. I have made me a little garden. There is not much in it but pepper-grass & carrots (*sic*).

Do you want to know how I like Minnesota. I think I had rather be in Grandpa Porter's buttery or Grandma King's cellar (*sic*).

Selah is a nice little boy. I love him very much. Auntie has got such a pretty baby. I wish you could see him.

When we get rich Nellie and I are coming to make you a visit so look out when the bell rings. I have finished this on my birthday. I am ten years old today July 9th. Give my love to Grandpa and Grandma. A good kiss a good kiss for you and goodbye.

from your little nephew

Willie P King

Written below in Antoinette's handwriting--

Vie--just as Willie finished his letter he upset the ink bottle as you can plainly see. Please excuse this letter & answer it & I will try & have him do better next time. He was so long in writing but he came near wearing the paper out. He thinks he has done well.

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Whitewater Feb 3 1881

My Dear Brother Selah

Ma said in her letter that we rec'd today and were very glad to get that you were in a stew to get a letter from me so dont boil over but simmer down. Eh? Oh my teeth ache so my cold has settled in my jaws I guess. I have been having an awful cold ever since Sat. I didn't go to school yesterday and this afternoon aunt Vie thought I'd better not and so did I. I suppose I shall have to go to the Pres's office again tomorrow and give my excuse and oh I hate to. He looks at me so sharp.

I guess I shall get along alright. I hope so at any rate. This pen writes pretty well. They are some aunt Vie got of an old stinking peddler today. He was a cripple and had his head all shaved ("with his lather and shave and frizzle um bum"). Oh no not frizzle but two straight locks by his ears. He was perfectly comical she said.

Well I passed into the Normal after all. I got a letter from Zella today saying Mr Kling said "He guessed I did not pass" but was quite confident that Emily and Edie did. Zell said she supposed "I was greatly disappointed" and they were all sorry for me" but as it happens I dont need their pity. I was admitted on trial and so were they and they have been 20 weeks and I have been seven.

I have just splendid teachers now. Prof. Johnson drawing teacher, Prof. Rockwood Arithmetic teacher, Miss Delany Geo., Miss Farron Gram., Mrs. Knapp music teacher. I wish you were here to be under their instruction. I wish you could come and go after you get to be about 17 years old. Then you would like it.

Aunt Vie is ready for bed so I guess I'll go to[o], so Good night and pleasant dreams.

Well if it isn't Sun. & I haven't found the time to finish this. Ill be glad when I forget what the word finish is. It is in all my letters two or three times. Do you suppose I ever will? If such a thing should happen I guess it would be in close connection with an earthquake or something of the sort. Think you not so?

Aunt Vie has just popped some corn. I guess I'll have some. Come and have a bit too. Oh she is going to have it bobbed. Hi, now dont you want some.

Jack Bliss has just come and brought us a peck of potatoes

and a great long roll of sausage. Isn't that nice. Clara H. was better last evening than she was in the morning. I was up to see her just a minute.

What do you and Johnie do this winter. Have you slid down hill any. When were you down town last.

I have been having an awful cold this week and so has Aunt Vie. She had an awful headache yesterday. Mr & Mrs Martin, Mrs Taft, Hattie Williams and Emily Bliss were here yesterday. Shouldn't you think she would have one.

Everybody is having colds nowadays. I haven't sung in school for a week because I had such a cold.

How does Pearly and Tab. prosper nowadays. Have their ears and tails frozen off this cold weather. I should have thought Pearly's would have come off long ago.

We all have to draw in the 1-1 and when I get through with my last book I am going to send it to you and you can erase my lines or draw on another paper. It will be amusing to you perhaps. I dont care much for it but have to all the same and I take just as much pains for I want to pass out.

Aunt Vie has written three letters. I wish I was as smart. What beautiful names the twins have. Why Sel I thought you were going to keep aunt Vie posted on the baby question. You have only reported two that I know of. Dont let your "uncle" get ahead of you.

We didnt get up til after 9 this morning. Em Smith was over here ready for church before we had our breakfast. I guess we wont go to church tonight.

I suppose Alice is learning lots this winter. I am so glad I can stay till June. I hate to leave school so. Well I guess I will have to close now so good bye from your loving sis Nell. Write soon.

Dear Ma I guess your letter will be short this time for I suppose I shall have to write to those boys first. We are going to have baked potatoes and sausage for supper. I wish you were here to eat with us. What awful names they did give those twins. I should have thought they could have done a little better. I bet you would like to have spanked Elva's a-- when she said that. Does she suck like a calf yet? Do you have lots of milk this winter. We bought a pint this morning so we could have some bread and milk. Hattie Greening asked me to go with her some Fri and we would go to Grandpa's. Bye. Love & a kiss. Nell Will write a long letter soon.

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Letter # 77

From: Ellen (Nellie) Greenwood King Davies & Ed Davies

To: Selah S. King

Pipe Stone City, Minn April 11 1881

Dear Beloved Brother Selah:

You can plainly see according to the rules I have heretofore set down for myself that your turn comes next, although I have very nearly run ashore for even stale news. Just as they had the road nearly open why what should come along but a regular old fashioned or rather new fashioned blizzard.

This pen is poor and I think I'll try another. I guess this is a trifle better, it doesn't scratch fearfully at any rate.

It does seem as if it must stop storming soon. The folks wont have anything to eat soon. There does not hardly any one have any sugar. Mr. Smart brought home some rock candy to sweeten tea and coffee with the other day. Everybody is getting so they just love "strap molasses."

How does Kittie and Frank look this winter, slick as mittens and fat as butter? Oh I know they do without asking. They always did. Uncommonly nice looking hors[es], always was and always will be I reckon. Well now we have had some jolly old rides after them haven't we Sel. If they wasn't the finest looking horses in Christendom. Some nice old rides we wont have again right away. Old Frank is pretty nice but I haven't had many rides after him as the roads have been so very bad all winter. I tell you he can zip though. He is a little too lively to suit me. How does old Bunter stand the wether (weather), is he just as frisky as ever? Have you got any little lambs? Be careful of them so they wont die (bring them up on the bottle if it is necessary and if they need an injection dont delay a minute if I am not there to help you keep your spirits up and your stomach down.

Ed has departed for parts unknown to me and left me without wood. I wish he would hurry back or I shall have to sit and freeze. That is the first time I have got so near out before he has returned. I have been waited on in that respect this winter better than I ever was before. I haven't brought in a spark of coal this whole winter---have never had to go farther than the porch and then only two or three times. Isn't that pretty nice?

Well I just had a chance to send my letters out. I did wish I had this one finished so I could have sent it. Perhaps I will have another chance soon. I rec'd a letter from Leonora

today and it was real nice. She is a nice scholar. I do hope they will read their letters as I told them, and more than all I do hope Will wont read my letters to everybody or anybody in fact. I wont write any nonsense home if I think every one has to know it, now I want you all to remember what I say about this matter. I will choose you as spy now do your duty. You know what fell to your lot last winter when writing to Aunt Vie. Well that is one of the subjects to write about when you write to me. Now be sure and keep me posted hence forth. Make a diary and write all the names down. Well Sel I am the same old rattle trap as ever am I not? I am just in my element when I'm writing some silly nonsense (*sic*) to some of you. It seems as if I was talking with you. You know I didn't used to like to write. Well I guess you won't suffer any more for the want of letters from me.

I went to the Old Settlers meeting on Mch 15th and this is one of the songs they sung. The bears came over from Parksville (repeat three times). To see what they could see (repeat three times). The bears came over from Parksville (repeat three times). To see what they could see. This was sung to the tune My father and mother are Irish. Then they sung a sort of a round. The farmers dog lay on the barn floor And Bango was his name. Repeat. Then each one said one letter B-A-N-G-O Bango was his name. Then they sung Won't we have a jolly time &c and several other pretty pieces, danced and had a good time generally.

Well I am here all alone. Ed has gone over to the depot. How I do wish you could come in and stay with [me] all the afternoon. Wouldn't we have a jolly time. I have a burn on my arm where I steamed myself the other day, larger than a silver dollar. A great big blister and oh it is so awful sore. Excepting my foot I dont know when I have had such a sore. Not since I burned my face I guess. My whole arm feels lame but I guess it wont leave a scar if I'm careful and not break the blister. It is on my right wrist, the reason why I write so horrid but I'll write though if it takes a head.

I suppose old Bob is entirely covered up by this time with huge snow banks. Frank Halpin is out with his dog. You ought to see them sometime. Frank gets on the sled then he will lick the dog like snookie to make him go; the dog will go a zipping for a little way then come to a stand still.

When shall I come home? Do you want to see me. I tell you I would like to see you and I would awfully like to have you all come and see me and see what a nice home I have got. Oh beeswax. Oh blizzards. My heart is so full I'm most ready to fly not die. You couldn't do that if you wanted to because a feller must live and enjoy all these snow storms.

Well I have a chance to send this by Mr Allen so I will close this with a loving Goodbye from your most loving

Sister Nellie Davies

Write soon

Ed Davies wrote two notes across Nellie's letter:

Nell has just been singing about the Monkey and the Baboon playing in the Grass-----I quite frequently help on the chorus.

Come up when you can and will entertain you playing Seven Up or Euchre. I can beat Nell if she didnt cheat. *Nell interjects(vice versa) Dam lie (Taint either)*

Nell has had a bad cold. When I tell her it was because she washed her neck she seems to think that I am not a good judge of such things.

Ed

I suppose old boat is empty
Grant talking is out night
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Letter # 77P

From: Antoinette P. King

To: Selah S. King Jackson Minn.

Whitewater Jan 17 1884

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I dont know what to think of her. Some have told me that they thought she would never be dressed again but she has been partly dressed today. She says if I dont help her she thinks nothing will. Dr Lindsay was here yesterday. I wanted [to] ask him what he thought about her but I could not.

She has a great many calls & all seem so glad for her that I am here with [her]. I dont know how she has got along alone so long.

I do hope you will all keep well & all be good & make it just as pleasant for your father as possible. I think about you pretty often & wonder what you have to eat & if you get up early enough for school. I want you to help Alice all you can & make it pleasant for her.

I wonder if you have heard from Nellie & I hope she is gaining. Everybody knows of her trouble & all inquire after her.

Mr & Mrs Hulce are so kind to Vie. He comes in every night to fire the stove for the night.

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The weather has been quite pleasant while I have been here.

Mrs Mulligan has been here today. She wanted to know how Johnnie was. She used to live in Troy by Fathers.

Vie wants to go to bed so I must go & help her. Mrs Wilkinson & Mrs Brockway has just come in so good bye & be good children & write to me.

Direct Box 80

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Letter 79C

To: Antoinette Porter King (No envelope)

From: Nellie King Davies

Pipestone City Minn
Feb 7th 1885

My dear Ma

I ought to have written sooner but we have been cleaning house. That fellow made to come. We have the walls all calso-mined a new preparation--splendid too--and the front room papered so we look quite nobby. I shall have a new carpet & curtains before warm weather & then we will be all hunky. Ed is at Grandpa's now. I suppose I will write him at Afton today. Haven't heard a word from him.

Virgil got the G.B. yesterday--will look for another job. They want him to go to Sioux Fallsbut I guess he had rather stay here. Kittie is cross lately, her ears bother so much.

Now my dear Ma Mrs Allen said she would come down here when you came up and now I want you to come back with Ed. Will you & I will send word to her and will have a bully time--or come in Mch. if you rather. Sarah will be gone to Edgerton two days only the 20th of Feb. Now I want you to be sure & come. I've lotted much on it. I'm afraid to take Kit so you come right here. Now don't disappoint me I will look for you.

Dr. Taylors have a baby girl and so have Tates that lost their baby when Gail died & had a baby same day Kittie was born. I'm not the worst fared. We will just shine.

Now if you want Ed to pick out that sofa write me & I will write him to do so or you can write to Afton.

Cawleys baby weighed 10 lbs. and has hair 3 in long.

Will write John soon. Haven't time to write more.

Lovingly

Billy

Written on back of page: My wedding paper. This is the last.

On another back page is a note in ALPK's handwriting which is obviously intended to be an entry into her journal:

Sun 8 Feb 1883. Cold. Lent John Babcock Bayard Taylors Travels in Russia & Greece.

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Feb 1885
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To: Mrs A. L. King Jackson Co Jackson MN

Pipestone, Minnesota, Feb 24 1886

My Dear Ma.

Well I received your letter to-day & will answer it to-night. As I have to do as I please & knowing no better way to do, I accepted Mr. A's offer. Will take Horace Greeley's advice and go west. I knew no other way to do, so I did as I thought best, whether best or not time alone will tell. I thought it over considerable & came to the conclusion that the best thing I could do was to go west. I expect to bring up at the Pacific O. before I stop.

You say "that you never expected anything good from any of your boys." That sounds as though it came from the heart. Well they surely ought to strive & work for the top round of the ladder if they never succeed in reaching it. Give John an education if it is possible. Perhaps he will amount to something. I hope he will surprise you if the rest can't. When I get so I can command good wages I will be supremely happy. Out in Dakota, on the Letter I will be faithful & try & perform every duty & then if I succeed--we'll shout!

I am sorry to hear Will is beached (?). If it should prove serious, it would be too bad. He must be very careful of himself.

My old black pants I still wear, but they are seedy looking things in & around the seat. They still continue to cover the tender spots.

Ed is away this week at Brainerd, visiting his uncle. Will be back next week.

Well I will write again & let you know when I start for Wentworth. I guess I wont need anything. Kittie is somewhat cross to-night.

Well good-bye for a time, from your loving son

Selah King

I guess Culley will go to Ohio next week.

OFFICE OF
DAVIES & WALKUP,
Dealers in Lime, Brick, Cement, Etc., Etc.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

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no other way to do, so I did
as I thought best, whether best
or not time alone will tell.
I thought it over considerable
+ came to the conclusion
that the best thing I could
do was go west. I expect to
bring up at the Pacific O.
before I stop. You say "that you
never expected anything good
from any of your boys."

That sounds as though it came from the heart. Well they surely ought to strive & work for the top round of the ladder if they never succeed in reaching it. Give John an education if it is possible. Perhaps he will amount to something. I hope he will surprise you if the rest can't. When I get so I can command good wages I will be supremely happy. Out in Dakota, on the Letter I will be faithful & try & perform every duty, & then if I succeed — will shout!

I am sorry to hear Will is ~~beckled~~ if it should prove serious, it would be too bad. He must be very careful of himself.

15 minutes

or less

My old flack pants I still wear, but they are seedy looking things in & around the seat. They still continue to cover the tender spots. Ed is away this week at Brainerd, visiting his uncle. ~~He is~~ ^{over} He'll be back next week. I'll write again & let you know when I start for Wentworth. I guess I won't need anything. Bittie is somewhat cross to-night. Well good-bye for a time. From your loving son

Selah King

I guess Culley will go to Ohio next week.

Return in 10 days to
C. L. COLMAN,
Lumberman,
Pipestone, Minn.



Mrs. A. L. Tong
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Letter #79H

From: Selah King

To: Ed Davies (No envelope)

Elkton, Dakota, Dec. 20 1887

E.W. Davies, Pipestone, Minn.

Ed.- Your letter received tonight, and about the new town and paper have not had a great deal of time to think of it, one way or the other. However, as there is from now until spring to study it over we will discuss & consider. If it proves to be a paying investment or looks that way and satisfactory arrangements can be made, I am favorable to the scheme. Will see what W.V.K. thinks of the matter, as I would not like to go into it without his approval, as he will undoubtedly help out, if necessary, in the way of "hard stuff."

When I start out I want it to be some where near the right way. Carefully. If the quarries are good and well worked it ought to furnish a considerable amount of work for laborers and business is what will make the town.

Will probably see you before long and have a chance to talk it up. Many thanks for information and interest manifested.

We are having a devil of a bliz today and will continue I presume for several more.

All well at Pipestone I hope. Love to Nell and the babies.

Yours

Selah King

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To: Mrs W V King, Jackson Minn

Pipestone City Minn Dec 28 1887

My Dear Ma

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We rec'd the things and are very much pleased with them all. Kit is jealous because the handkerchief isn't hers. The aprons are very, very acceptable and nice too. John gave her a bank and I gave him a necktie.

Well John took me to Russells and Sarah will come and stay with them so I can enjoy myself perhaps.

Arthur came up Sat and staid over Sun. They call the twins Elmore and Edgar. Ed, Arthur & Kit went to the Xmas tree. Kit got a lovely doll from papa. Burr enjoyed the tree we had more than anyone.

John went to prayer meeting last night, is very good about not staying out late.

(Private somewhat--) Black is trying to trade a farm for a printing press and letters come fast. They are bound to have Selah down in their new town. Will likely have Mark Ashley in their bank. Have written to him. And they want John to devil for Selah. I will send you his letter. Black thought it excellent and I do too. It will be a good chance I think. They wouldnt do it if not.

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Burr gains every day, crawls around now and is so good. Four years we had Gale alive with us. It seems ten or more.

Wish I could see you every week. Wouldn't we enjoy it to the fullest extent. Well good night.

John likes to tease Kittie and I feel I would like to lick him, but I shall be lonesome though when he goes. Sarah cant come for a week or two.

I will send the velvet but you keep the money. I will write to Mother D. next.

I am about played out and am almost sick.

(No signature)

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To: Antoinette King

From: Selah S. King

Jasper, Minnesota, Jan 27 1889

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I expect Levi and Leo will be here in a short time now. Will try and keep John straight. We may have to give up our room to them, but I dislike that part of it.

I shall try and come home before two weeks more, but will give you long enough notice so Will can meet me at Spirit Lake. Hope it will not be cold for I'm sensitive to it.

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The cost of the office has at last been figured out and it amounts to a little less than \$1500.00. Wish I had it all paid for. Oh, Money!

How did Pa favor the election of Washburn to the US senate? Does he still think the sage of Ninegro(?) a dandy? Some time ago the Heron Lake News man wrote up and wanted to know how Washburn stood up here. Said everything was Washburn down that way. Later on he cut me from his exchange list and I more than believe that Sabin boodle caused him to flop.

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Hope there will be no danger of catching the measles while I'm down there.

Pratt is the happy Pa of a pair of twins. I pity him.

Tell Will I will send his ladder tomorrow or next day.

Mail services commences (*sic*) this morning so your letter is one of the first.

Write soon to

Your Loving Son

Selah

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From: Selah Samuel King

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Jasper, June 2, 1889

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We are again sleeping upstairs. I bought a hemp carpet for the room. Cheap, but it makes an improvement.

Were your decoration day exercises good? Presume the W.R.C. spread themselves in fair style.

I have got the village ordinances to establish this week and it is going to make me hump. Have sent for some new type to set them up with and expect that [they] will be here tonight .

I think Jasper will be treated to a spicy scandal ere long if matters continue a great while in the present course. Mrs. Robinson is burning around nights until ten or eleven o'clock with one of our saloon keepers. It may be all right, but it looks bad.

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From: Selah S. King

To; Antoinette L. King

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From: Printed invitation postmarked Pipestone Minn

To: J. King Jasper Minn

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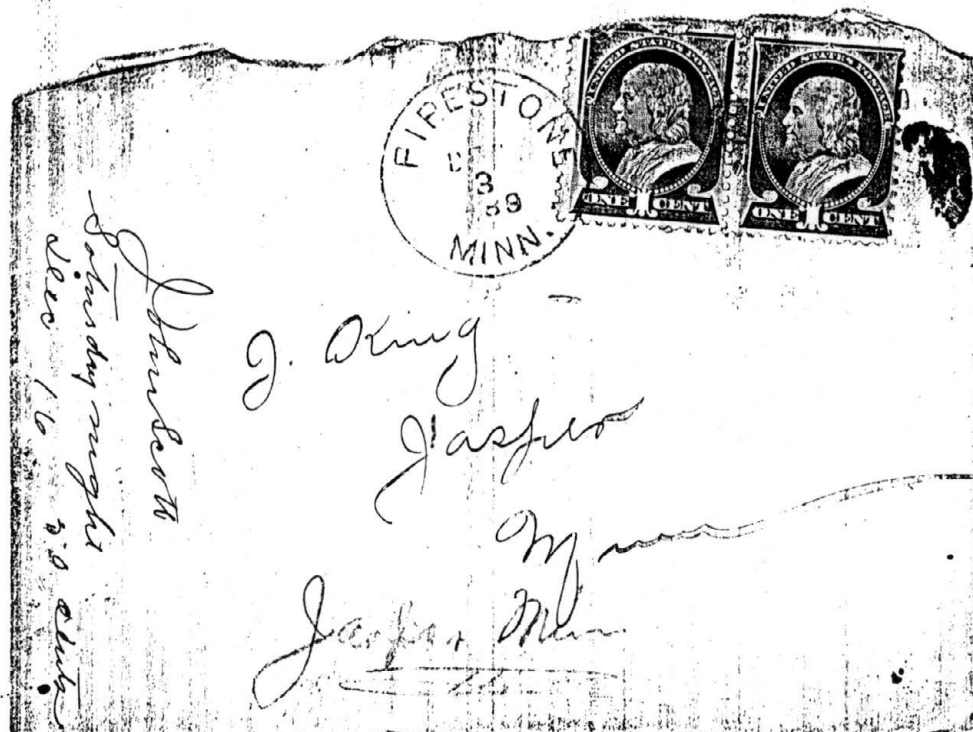
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Letter #82D

From: Will King

To: William V King (No envelope)

Windom, Minn April 15 1890

Dear Father

I rec'd a letter from Nell this morning and she wants to take the money that Mary left for Ma and get her a watch.

I spake to Odell and he offers me a watch that retails for \$45.00 and a plush case that retails for \$2.00 for \$25.00 just one dollar more than it costs him.

Now her idea is to take this money as the boys cannot spare it now and as ma has good clothes now and then we will make it up when we want to get her the dress.

This is certainly a better then (*sic*) we will ever get again. So if you can send it now, it will please the boys and Nell better than any thing we could get her now. And Odell will engrave her name on it also.

I konw that this is just what the watch cost.

Do not say anything to mother about this.

I gave you the 25.00 for the steer you remember.

Yours in haste

Will

(Note: the letter was written on the stationery of C.J.Odell, Jeweler in Windom)

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W. Odell

Letter #83C

From: Selah King

To: Mrs. W.V. King Jackson Minn

Letter written on stationery : Office of The Jasper Journal

Selah S. King, Editor

Jasper, Minnesota, 12-14 1890

My Dear Mother and All:

Would have written you regarding the cutter, but received the proposition from Stanes and Abbott only the other day, so hence the delay. Will send you their letter so you can see whether or not you want the cutter. To buy one like this at Jackson it would cost \$25 or \$30. The freight will be nearly \$5.00, so by taking this cutter you will save \$5.00 or \$10.00.

Have sent for the electro so if you want it there will be no delay and if you don't want it of course I will not be obliged to run the adv. unless I choose. Return the letter to me.

I am going to Pipestone Tuesday or Wednesday and try and settle up the Bentley matter. And I want to get it off my hands, as it is only a bother.

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Lovingly

Selah



Jasper, Minnesota, 12-14 1890

My Dear Mother and all:

Would have written you regarding the cutter, but only received the proposition from Stivers and Abbott only the other day, so hence the delay. Will send you their letter so you can see whether or not you want the cutter. Is by one like this at Jackson it would cost \$25- or \$30. The freight will be nearly \$5-⁰⁰, so by taking this cutter you will save \$5-⁰⁰ or \$10-⁰⁰.



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Mrs. M. V. King
Jackson
Minn.

Letter #85E

To: Antoinette Porter King (No envelope)

From: Nellie King Davies

Pipestone Minn
Sep. 2 1891

My Own Dear Ma

Well my troubles are over and now for the next in the race. I will be thankful if they all get along as well as I. But first of all how is Grandpa. I have thought of him so much. I hope he is better.

Baby is five days old today. I sit up in this rocking chair this morning while my bed was made. I tell you I feel better than I have for nine months. I tried to get this letter off today but baby fussed so--a little belly ache I guess--but he is all right now. Mrs. Smith staid Sat & Sun nights then I told her she could sleep at home if rather for she laid on the sofa one night & that was pretty hard. So Ed sleeps with me and takes care of me & that is very little for I have turned myself over ever since Sun night and the baby with me and the last two nights I changed baby myself. So I do not ask odds of anyone only when I tried to shite night before last. Ed had to flip me on that pot pretty quick about three o'clock and then I had a passage again last eve. It is the first time I ever had one without physic or injection before.

I eat watermelon, plums, crab apples, peaches & cream, tomatoes & cream, cucumbers & everything good. It has not discommoded me much. I sit on Ed's lap Sat evening a little while.

This baby looks just like Ed, his hair the color of Eds too or darker. His head is solid as a nut and shaped like he has a big head too. He weighed 8 1/2 lbs with pining blanket & nightie on so I know he weighed 8 lbs naked.

Annie washed the baby the first time. Put him in the wash bowl and he never peeped. I have never got along so nice before. Burr just danced around he was so tickled & Kit sit and laughed. Ed could hardly wait till morning to have the children see it.

How I wish you was here but I want you to come when we get in the new home for I shall enjoy it better then.

Ed wrote his mother he would send her money when she wanted to come. I wanted him to.

Livia Kufus across the street had a baby boy last night. Was sick 25 hours thought she would die.

I sit up again this morning, got back to bed alone, feel good.

I would like some plums and I will let it go for some silk for
your wrapper.

Well Good bye from your loving

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To: Mrs. A.L. King Jackson Minnesota

Clay Center, Kans

Aug 16, 1892

My Darling Mother:

I suppose you think I have forgotten you but I have not. I was very sorry to hear that you had sold the house & Lot. If you sold it for 1800 you must of got bit for it was worth 2500 any way.

Has Selah been down to see you yet? Are you going up to Pipestone to visit.

There are no news to write so you must excuse a short letter. Got a letter from ADK the other day. They are all well. Aunt Alice almost cried when I came away. She is an awful good woman.

We are going up to Fact P.O. this afternoon so I will finish this letter. Zella has three nice children & I think they are doing first-rate.

I like Kansas first rate, much better than Oklahoma.

I suppose you will soon go to Jasper on a visit. Hope you will have a good visit. Love to you all. I am

Your loving son

John L. King

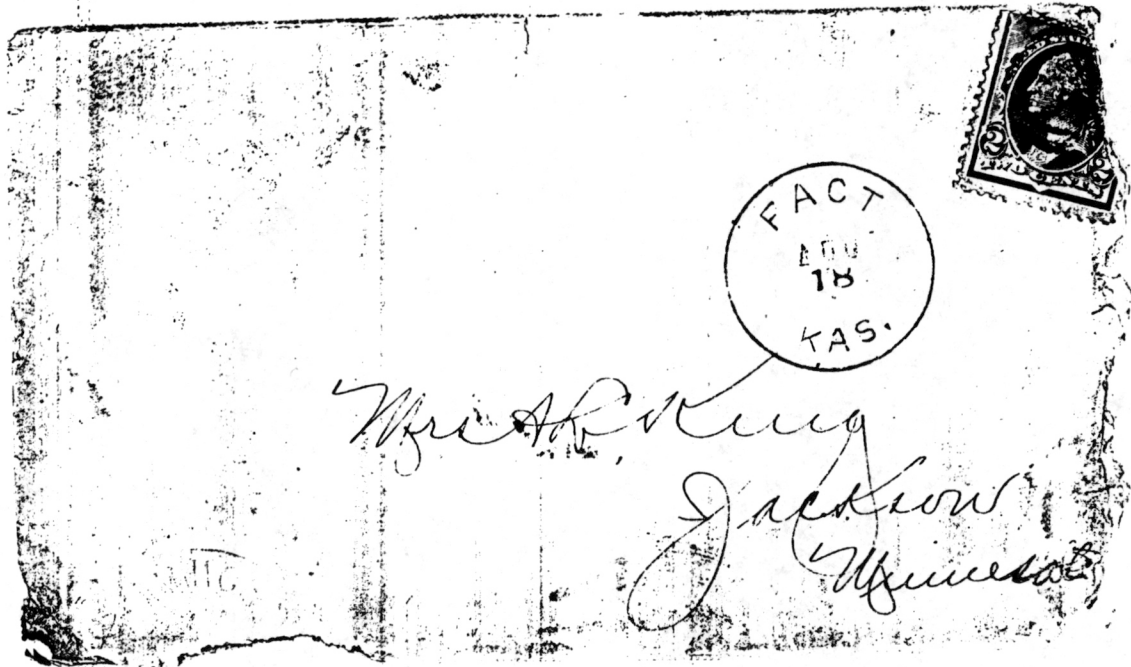
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I thought I told you about Aunt Lucy. The Sunday before we came Dr. Young held a consultation with Dr. Reynolds of Geneva and they said that she could never get well, but that she might live for a number of years. But it seems as though they said that merely to give a little hope. One thing sure, they have no hopes of her recovery, neither has any of the doctors had who have visited her. They say her liver is drying up, and she cannot keep any thing on her stomach. She takes a little nourishment and drinks some cold liquids, but none of it stays with her long enough to do any good. She converses rationally enough, but her memory is very defective. She will ask a question and perhaps in fifteen minutes she has lost all recollection of it. She is steadily failing in flesh and in strength, and I can see no foundation upon which to build hopes of her recovery or even temporary improvement. If she lives until May 1st I shall be greatly surprised. Her system seems to be completely worn out. It seems too bad, but those who wish to see her while she is still able to help herself should go before a great while, unless a change for the better occurs.

Friday Night.

Well, I have not finished this letter yet. Have been a little bit busy with P.O. petitions. Old Mr. Starts had a petition started for the P.O. Tuesday afternoon, and yesterday morning I started Geo. Carr out with mine. Old Stilson was engineering Mr. Starts'. He had two days the start of me, but I got all but three business men in town to sign mine. The three E.P. Lesuer, I. Turner & Henry Fauth (cigar dealer). So you see I have the people on my side, even if I do get left. Every business man in town except the three mentioned signed my petition. When I get through Ed will take it to St. Paul and labor with P.H. Kelly & M. Doran in my behalf. Don't know how it will

come out, but there is a certain amount of personal gratification in the fact that I have the citizens with me. I also got about half of the democrats of the place on my petition.

We had a very nice masquerade the 22nd. I represented a Scotch noble man. About twenty of us had our pictures taken yesterday in our suits.

Glad to hear you will soon be in your new house. Hope you will be able to get all the fineries you desire. Will try and come down soon. Must stop now & go to work. Lots of love to all & write again.

Your son

Selah

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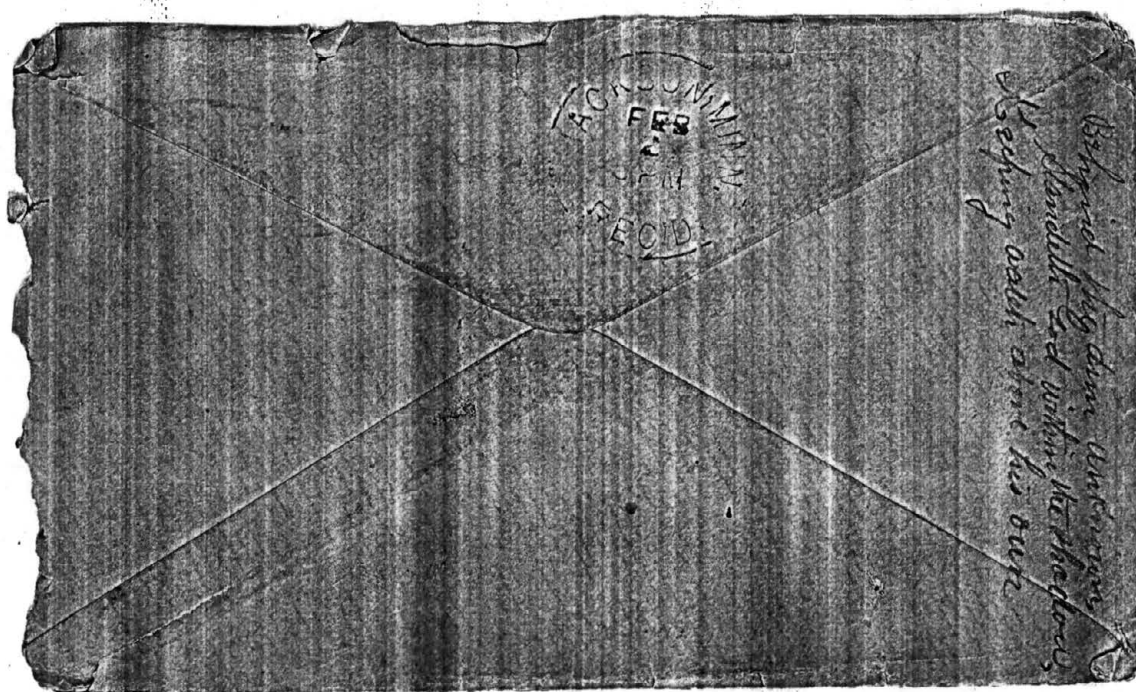
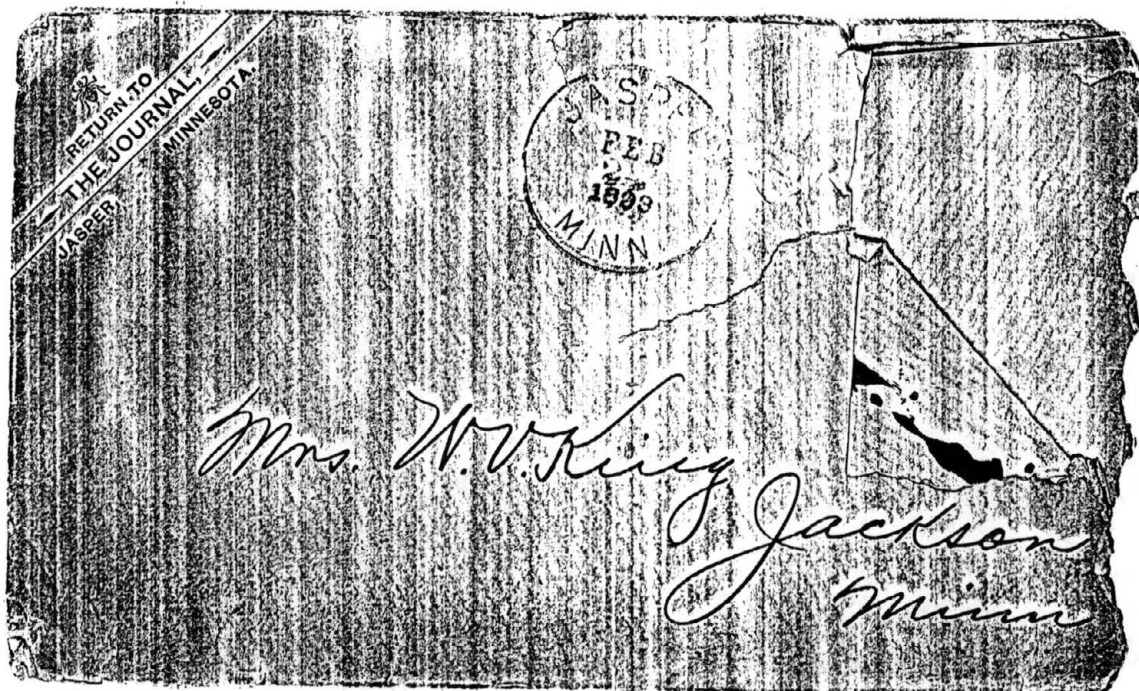
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Letter #86E

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To: Antoinette Porter King (No envelope)

Pipestone Minn

Feb 25 1893

My Dear Ma

Your letter rec'd and I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Geo. Dear me it does seem as if they had lots of trouble sure.

Selah said Aunt Lucy was failing every day and that it did not seem as if she could last over Mch, but that she did not realize her condition. I think it a good thing Aunt E. went for she can converse now but if two days makes so great a difference in her she would not be so she could hold conversation long.

Yes I hope Pa will go see her and let all by gones go and be the loving brothers & sisters of yore that will lighten the heart and we can stand lots of good feeling we can get for it is only a world of sorrows.

I will see to something about that carpet of yours next week. I wish you could wait till we get our things. It would make quite a dif for you for we will have to have carpets too.

I am feeling first rate again but I did have quite a tussel (sic).

Well goodbye now for it is near train time. Your loving

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On letterhead:

E.W. Davies, Pres. O.P. Miller, Vice Pres. J.H. Taylor, Cashier

THE STATE BANK OF JASPER

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Jasper, Minn. March 16 1893

My Own Dear Ma

Well I guess I will write a word so you will know we are not quite dead, for I should think you would be in doubt somewhat as it seems a long time since I wrote to you. Ed is home for dinner and says the[r]e are no trains today but I will have this ready to go tomorrow.

Well here it is Sat and this is not finished. Well I will send it sure today. Your letter rec'd last eve and I don't wonder at your worry for I guess I have been silent for a long time.

Well now for explanations. The day I wrote I said I should go to Jasper but I could not after all as the J.O.P D. dance and we wanted to go and I could get [not] back that same night without leaving the play, so I did not go. I was sorry. I thought Nora, Levi & Selah would come up to the dance but they did not, no one beside Adams & Gertie Ferris. They are going to have another dance the 5th of Apl and I would like to take Selah for they have very nice dances. I will send you my program and you can send it to John so he can see them. I did not think of dancing more than once or twice when I went up there but until it ended and then we went to supper at the "Nicollett." It was about 1 o'clock when we got home. You see I am getting to be a gay old gal.

Ed & I will go to St Paul tomorrow eve I suppose if nothing happens. We got ready to go from the dance but we did not feel like leaving and then the next morning Kit was not well so we were glad we did not go. I guess she had the grippe, a touch of it. Her throat was cankered and she had a little fever and she ached all over and the back of her head hurt so I thought it must be grippe, but she is all well now.

Burr and babe are well too. Ed feels good and I would too only the red flag is out this week, so the neuralgia did not cut

any figure after all.

The folks around town were somewhat agitated but it will be all for naught. I'm sorry to disappoint them.

Babe has four big back teeth but he is fat and healthy.

Poor Aunt Lucy. I do feel so sorry for her. It is a terrible thing. I don't see why Nora don't go to her. I am astonished that she dont as long as she thinks so much of her.

I have some more papers to send to John. I will send them to you and you can read them & send them. Poor laddie, I must write to him again.

I feel sorry for Pa, I know how he must feel. If it was my brother I know I would feel awful bad but I dont believe he would feel any better if he did see her now for if she has got so bad and we would not want to leave anyone if they were so bad, and no[t] knowing how long she might live. It is very sad though.

We had lettuce radish onions and cress yesterday. Do you have such stuff down there?

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You wrote that they had no letters too. Why Kittie has written to her Grandpa & Grandma this week.

Mrs Goodnow got a chair here of Powell. It is [an] oak swing rocker and cushioned leather seat for \$7.00. tIt is very nice.

Do you want tapestry brussels carpet or ingrain? I will look at both and get prices &c. and will compare them here &c.

I have been sewing the last two weeks and I have done pretty well. I will send you a sample of curtain stuff 10 c yd. at Martines. I got some for the bay window. I have made the babe a dress like this plaid Llama cloth.

Well I guess I will close now with best love to you all. I wish you could go to St. Paul with us. I would be tickled if you only could, and you could come home with us if you wished and you could take Mary with you. She looks good enough. Her clothes and your clothes look good enough too, your Hack dress bonnet & shawl. Well goodbye.

Your loving
Billy

Note on the margin:

Sat. Ed says you to start Mon morn and you would get there at night. We go tomorrow night. We will meet you if you come. I think you will like to go.

Perkins Bros. Co., Sioux City.

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Letter #87A

To: Mr. Will P. King, Jasper, Minn.

From: Antoinette Porter King

Jackson, Apr 17 1893

Dear Will

It seems you really want to hear from Ma. I thought I would wait & see how badly you wanted to hear from home. Think you stand it quite a while. But we are old & can stand it better I suppose. I sometimes feel neglected but I guess I am getting used to it, for you are all alike about writing lately.

I have not been very happy this winter & I think I shall feel better when I get a home of my own once more. I will never be caught in the same trap again. When this home is sold there will be another provided for me before I sign deeds or leave it. I am tired of being in other peoples way.

Two weeks ago they began to run off the time & we expected to plaster last week but the weather was horrid. We felt pretty blue when the mortar began to freeze but the masons say it has not injured it but we had rather not had it freeze. Today they commenced to plaster & I am glad but it will be two weeks or more I suppose before we can get settled. Every day seems an age to me but I suppose it will be finished in course of time.

Well Mary commenced going to school today. I dont know how she will make out for she dont seem to see the necessity of minding very well. I told her this morning that she must mind me & her teacher & she would be all right. I told her she must come directly home at noon & she did but at night she did not come on time & when she did she brought Ada & Sherman with her. I told her she must not bring anybody here & she must not go to any house without I said so but she thought her way was best but she had to go to bed as soon as she ate her supper & that most killed her. I think she will do better tomorrow. I told her she must mind or she could not go any where. Her grandpa bought her a slate & pencils & a tablet. I hope she will learn but I think she will be slow. I dont like to punish her but it will not do to let her have her own way. I told her I should write to you & tell you she had been a naughty girl & she begged of me not to tell Papa or Papa Will.

She has been saving stamps. She has over 3000. She will give them to Lonie B. if she wants them & if she dont she will send them to Palmyra. Mr. Lewis has given her the stamps off his letters & Flora Frost will give her a lot of them.

Well I suppose I shall have a new carpet for my new house but your father dont want me to get anything else. He says what

we have is good enough, but I dont think so. I want some chairs & I wish he did not feel that way but of course he knows best.

I am very glad to hear you have work. You need it. I do hope you will try & keep out of debt & get square with the world. I would like to have your father save some of his earnings for I dont want him to run for office again. He was so hurried & worried while E. was gone I felt sorry for him. He works every night & it is to[o] hard on him. I wonder if you & S. will ever be independent. I hope I shall see the day.

Did you send John my picture. If not do so. I do want to see him. If I was able I would go & see Belle. She wrote me a pressing invitation to visit her & I would like to go & see her & Lilla too but I cant.

What do you want of the violin. I hope you will sell it. I dont want you to fool away any more time on it. Your father says tell you to try & save a little money. Try & get a dollar or two ahead for a "rainy day." He is very anxious about you boys & do try & cheer us up a little before we die. I would not put much money in the chicken business for every body is at it & another year it will be out of fashion.

I am going to call on Virgils wife this week. I think I will like her.

Mr. White is very sick.

Aunt E. has a new set of dishes -- pretty. How does Mary get along. Do her toes hurt her -- mine do. Aint you glad you dont have to keep so much fire. It is chilly & not much sunshine. Hope it will keep good weather so the plaster will dry.

I cant think of any news. Hattie Lee Russell called on me Sat. Shall be glad to hear from you any time. We are always glad to hear from you & that you are prospering.

With love to you & Mary I am as ever

Mother

Will send the violin when your father can attend to it. Do you want that back ground. Is it worth sending.

Jackson Apr 17 1893

Dear Will

It seems you really want to hear from Ma. I thought I would wait & see how badly you wanted to hear from home. Think you can stand it quite a while. but we are old & can stand it better I suppose. I sometimes feel neglected, but I guess I am getting used to it. for you are all alike about writing letters.

I have not been very happy this winter & I think I shall feel better when I get a home of my own once more. I will never be caught in the same trap again. When this home is sold there will be another prospect for me before I sign deeds or lease it. I am tired of living in other people's way. Two weeks ago they began to run off the lime & we expected to plaster last week but the weather was horrid - we felt pretty sure

when the winter ² begins to freeze
but the masons say it has not injured
it but we had rather not have it freeze
Today they commenced to plaster & I
am glad but it will be two weeks or
more I suppose before we can get settled
every day seems an age to me
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Mr Will P. King
Jasper
Minn.

Letter #87C

From: Selah S. King

To: Mrs. W.V. King Jackson Minn. *(One cent postal card)*

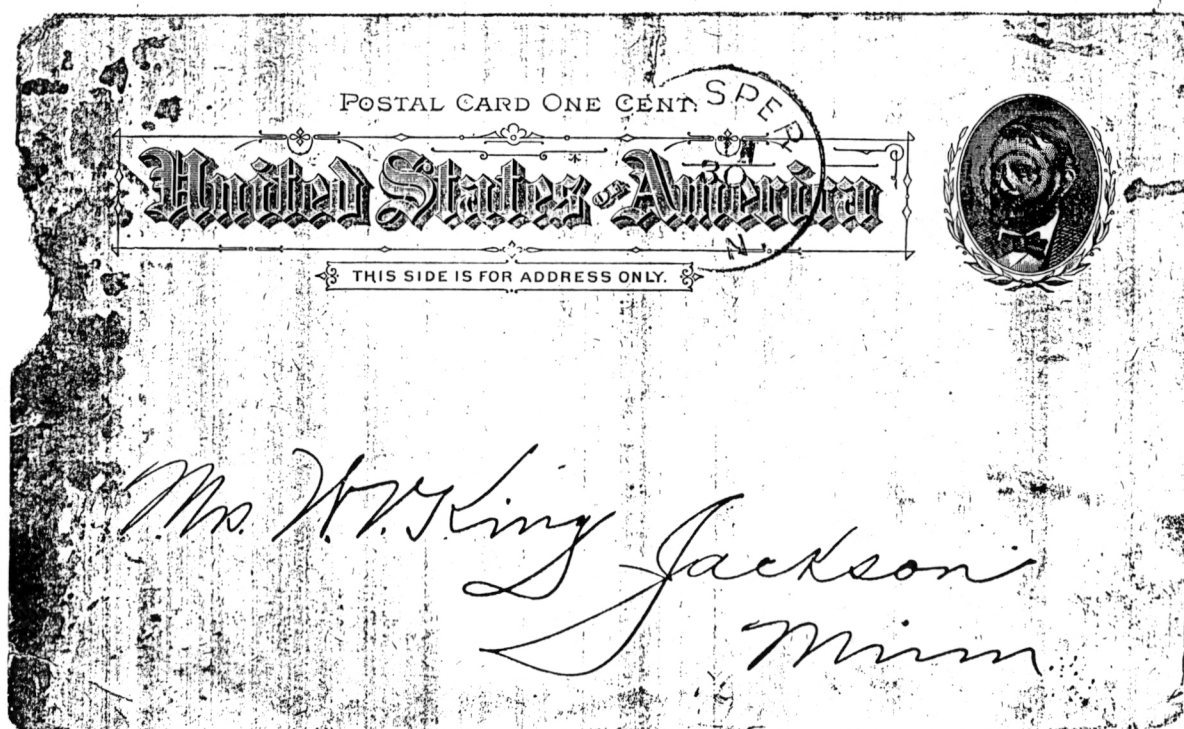
Jasper 6-30-93

Dear Mother

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Write soon. Love to all.

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Letter #87E

From: Antoinette Porter King

To: Mr. Will P. King Jasper Minn

Jackson Oct 11 1893

Dear Will

I suppose Selah is in Chicago now if he went as he expected to go. I am glad he could go & wish you all could have gone. I think it something the young should not miss. Your father is just getting the fever. It may be cheaper in some respects & dearer in others. There is such a rush that you cant see as much & they say things change more so I dont know when [is] the best time to go.

I want your father to go but would like him to have a quiet time. If he goes he will have to make up his mind soon.

I have not heard a word from John, dont know where he is. I think he might write & let us know where he is & what he is doing. He said he would write. He is rather lawless.

It is cold & gloomy & cold--rain yesterday. Have a boy going to school (Irving Bedford).

Nellie is down to Davies. She cant wear [a] shoe yet. Her fun is somewhat dampened. I suppose Mary & the babe is at Hills having a good time. Hope baby is better of colic.

I have not time to write more. You will know we are alive. Your father is going to send the coat when he gets around to it. I have a very lame back. I can scarcely stand up straight & my hand hurts this morning like fun.

Had a letter from Lulu. Will is conductor on [an] electric car. Gets \$42 1/2 per month.

Love to you all

Ever Mother

Mary is getting ready for school. I think she is learning. A good many sick yet. Hurry and get your house fixed before it is so cold.

Your Pa sends coat today. Look in pocket for salve.

Love to mother & sister
 from P. & sister about being
 going up home for father

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1893



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