

[from Mariann E. McDonough]

Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Brother

As Mariann was  
a riding to you I thought I  
would try and write or scratch  
a little. I am as well as usual  
and hope this will find you  
the same, I like the west very  
well so far, have not been around  
much yet, or got acquainted with  
but a few, P and Mariann went  
out to John McDonough last  
week and left me to keep old  
mades hall, but I did not stay  
at home much, I went up to  
Davis and staid two days, had  
a good visit, I was a ploughing  
his corn, crops is very poor  
here this year, there is a <sup>kind of</sup> bug