

Dec 7 1887

Dear Mother - I will write

you a few lines I am well and hope
 will find you the same I was up to
 1825 1825 I had late for. with clay
 bell is up to emmanon. I wish I could
 see you and have a good time to it with
 you. me is fixing the ^{beds} ~~beds~~ now. I hope you
 have got well of your bad cold we went to
 under school last Sunday I am getting ~~well~~
 better I will talk in my time

clean very long since you was a little girl,
thought there was no one like mother but
by & by Douglas come along & stole your heart
& took you away from father & mother. But
that is the way the world goes: do it go along
all the same, if we do get very lonely: yes
you will find out that Harling Ethel is
growing fast enough, will soon grow into
childhood & then womanhood & first thing
you know someone will take her away
from you: As the years roll along many
changes come: Made some garden & plant
tend some potatoes last week: Conrad
& Angst did plant potatoes & make some
garden first of Feb: Said they wanted to
get the advantage of a warmer climate: I don't
know whether anything has come up or not: We
ploughed some in every month last winter
did not think it worth while to make garden
so early: The ground worked up awful nice &
mellow: Mrs Briary walked over here the other
day & stayed all day: roads are so nice & level
a person can walk farther than where there is so many
hills, 2 ~~or~~ weeks ago the day Mrs Shingle, Mrs Lane
& daughter & Emma & Clara was here: Will quit for this
time write when you can my love to you & Douglas
& all necessary friends
your Mother, Mary, Ho

March the 24, 1898

Saturday
Evening

Mother to daughter
- exact content
or some like
- from Colorado to you

Dear Sweet

Laura, will answer your kind & ever
welcome letter, that came to hand this week,
We are well, hope this will find you all
well & happy; Think you have commenced
house cleaning very early; I know your
kitchen & stove look nice; Want your carpet
look pretty when you get it made & put it
down; We do not have very much mud
out here: Seems so odd: Roads are dusty
most of the time: Sweet little Ethel of
course she likes to play out of doors: Want
you be glad when the mud dries up: Then she
can go where she pleases: You must not
let her run of, or get hurt: Little darling
Think I will get to hear her sing some
time before long: I often think if I
could have her & little Clara together
they would be 2 of the sweetest & prettiest

Grandchildren that ever graced the Continent
Clara will hug & kiss me so sweet. She
knows me; will run to me with both of
her little arms outstretched. John has ^{over} his
cold, Jim & Charlie, Sam, & John Picford
have gone to day, to have their timber claims
surveyed; Mrs Picford has got well & strong
looks so much better than ^{she} ^{did} when she came
out here. How much carpet did you make?
I suppose Grandma, H., is fretting about them
children. Well it will do ^{no} good, Tommy will
marry before long I expect, & then take the
children with him. Glad Will has rented the
farm, they will be so much company for her.
Think your new dress is very pretty, know it looks
good on you. You must wear Mother Hubbard
dresses all the time now. are so good & easy
for you. I expect Douglas new blue shirt
looks equally as good. The boys girls all look
very well. The widower that went with Eva
Braz did not have any children. Was to bad about
the ^{cat} ~~bird~~ catching Ethel's bird; if you get any
more birds; will have to be very careful. The wild ^{house}
expedition did not amount much; are all at home
now; dont think they will bother with it any
more; you know it is just like your Pa & the
boys to want to dabble into everything. Will Hennings
are well; you guessed it when you thought it pretty
close times with them; There are so many out
here in the same fix; Magwitz of the people
are very hard run; anyone coming out here
ought to have enough ahead to last them a year
or longer if necessary; if they dont will see
pretty hard time. Sorry you cant come this fall
for you wanted to see the country, & if you & Mother
could a come, I could have waited another year
or more. Will you must take awful good care of
yourself, & do not work to hard. You must re-
member that you are a very little woman; I kind
a rest yourself up for the conflict. Douglas
you must watch her & not let her work so
hard; for she never knows when to stop; for
I know just how she is (or use to be) at least.
Now Laura when do you want me to come?
do you want me to be there this fall when
you are confined? if you do, will come in
September about the 1st. Of course want to see
you awful bad. cant hardly stand it some-
times get to studying about you; ^{so near of kin} it does not



Mrs. Douglas, Vincent,
Centerville

Iowa

(Appanose Co)

Dear Laura and all that
I will write you a few lines

I am going to school a
brothering us had a white
pony that had blue eyes and

pink skin I could write
write her they was a big boy
that was crazy for her and we
traded her for a brown pony
and papa traded the brown to
John the white one worked so
nice to the air Cart would
like to see you and how

What a good girl to me
I think we've spent for spring
George and went to school
and got on the horse
Clara went out with milk
a good time to school
Springfield Oct 18 1861

Dear Sister
Laura

I will write you a few lines
to let you know that you
we were all well Me and Grace
are going to school now
Emma Hodgson is our
Teacher Clara is so sweet
She goes out with us will and

go to sleep they are 18 Seolara
on the rowd now only 4 girls
we dont do nothing out at recess
only Crosettaha i wish i could
see you and have a good time
Lucie and i and Dad went down
to the track yesterday Evening after
School was out we got some wild rose
fishes and some Johnny jenny up
they are in bloom now Lucie
and i and 2 other big girls went
to ground get some rocks to write

our names on it they was a
big rock Over there and we
put ~~our~~ all of our names on it and
Left it there they was awful big
holes we could get up there and
we could see the hite mountains
We found some awful pretty rocks
i ges i will hopt to quit for this
time by asking you to write soon
or i will not get to School this
morning Rosa Hollingsworth
to her Sister Louisa

The blue and paper is lovely. - Someone else
is enjoying it. Wednesday the 7th Has turned
of nice & warm. Little Clara was here
part of the day yesterday. I am cooking beans
& baking bread this morning - got 2 batches

the 3rd one in the oven - will be another pan full - will
be done against noon. - Want OP of the boys have a good
get time cooking when I go home, you know they
know so much about it - Will have to drill them
a little before I start - want to see if I can come
all the same anyway - they will just have to do
the best they can.
Harry Helling
Mother to the
dear children

from you often
I wish I could
see you all
out what the
trouble in
finding
you will
have me
no money
to drive
care
he could
try it
all
I wish I
could
see you
all
out what
the
trouble
in
finding
you will
have me

Dear Ethel all over for Grandma
Her sweet little life of they want to see her
my own self, would love to have her & Clara
together, they so much
Springfield Colorado

May 7th 1888

we are having cool
weather and lots of
rain Charley got home
last Friday at noon
from plowing on your
timber claim all the
Boys are going to school
except Harry him and
I are finish putting in
our crop and playing
Cow Boy every thing we
have planted seems
to be doing very well
John and Will are
getting along very well
John makes a very
good old Batch it
keeps him busy
Cooking & and

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Ethel
will
will

Dear Anna will write you a few lines -
quite cord to day - 2 weeks of school to go
to spring of all night - it settles on well
May be a few more will come - seems as
good to have school once more - school
opening to day, Emma of did not get this
letter - the five women there - the horse
60 young chicks, have 3 hens sitting on
hen eggs & 2 on Turkey eggs - before
will raise some this year - the year old flow
during any better, hope they are - the horse
& young calves will 2 of John 1 our early
producers are up of growing fine - considering
the cold weather, what are you doing today?
looking of school! We see a letter from the
school, he said some one tried to burn
our house, dont you think that is to bad
who on earth, do you think would attempt
such mean low life trick, would make me
feel as bad to go home & find my house burning
up - you know of allways though as much of
the school term & hoping you clear little
hands & will drive the most of the morning

Monday
Evening

our farming and
looking after his patent
business I cant tell
whether he will make
any thing out of his
patent business or
not think we are
all doing verry well
here of course we can
tell more about this
country this fall Ma
and the girls talk
lots about their Iowa
visit all our stock
is doing fine I have
rote to J. W. White to
pay ^{you} enough on them
notes to pay our taxes
when he pays it to
you I want you to
pay our taxes guess

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Mrs Douglas Vincent
Centerville
Iowa

Appanoose Co

Nov the 2, 1888 Lamar Colo

Dear children we arrived here all
right this morning nearly 5 o'clock
We come on the fly; dont you think so?
Will & Frank was here; they come in
Tuesday evening. folks are all well; we
will start home soon or more will
write more soon
Love to all Mary J Hollingsworth

and do ~~xx~~ what you
think best probably it
would be well enough to
see Tannehill now if you
and A & C think best to
discount the note the way
we want to and he will
pay the balance at once
and have no more bother
with ~~with~~ it will
be all right with ~~with~~ probably
that will be the
best but if ~~they~~ he will
not do any thing and
think he has played a
sharp trick we will try
and learn him the
Consequences of doing Business
that way Henry Hollingsworth

Nov the ¹¹
1888

Springfield
Colorado
Jas. A. Young
Co.

Dear children we arrived
here Friday evening the 11th. Was
a little tired & sleepy; D & the
boys was finishing up their classes
they made about 700 gallon they are
all nearly tired out; I am so glad they
are done; got through with my little bid
all right. Soon August & Susan will
start for Iowa in the morning; they
was here to day also John Hill & Emma
& 2 other neighbor boys; I am having
warm dry weather here; How did you
get home that night? I am afraid
you was nearly tired out; Hope you
have got rested & ~~are~~ feeling all
right before this time; Our freight
didnt get through before we did
Charlie will go to Lamar for it
this week; He didnt raise any

pumpkins hail cut the vines all up. But Pa has bought all we need with molasses; We got the premium pumpkin it is a large one; Also some squashes & pie mellons; say they make very good pie; not tried them yet have been too busy to make pies yet; I must wash tomorrow & then get patching & making clothes for Pa & the boys for they need it bad enough I am sure you; Had their first frost here that Sunday it snowed in Iowa, drizzled rain here most of the day; So my flowers was all killed; They must have looked very well.

Monday the 5th Frank helped us wash to day; had a big dirty washing; We baked light bread also; Charlie & Edd butchered a fat sheep this evening come over all of you & get a rich kiss the girls for me will quit & let Pa write some yours in love ^{mother to} her children

Well Douglas our girls are home and we are done making molasses and cutting our cane and can have plenty of feed for this winter. ~~and~~ I am ~~so~~ aggravated at J. W. and P. & White for causing you and my girl so much trouble I think that truth and principle with them is very scarce think they have made themselves liable for doing the way they have and if they don't settle up right we will see what can be done for them have rote to H. E. White to see you and bear the facts about the business

January 13, 1889
Sabbath
Afternoon

Hear Laura & family I will drop
you a few lines; We are well, hope this
will find you the same; Rec your Dec
16th was glad to hear from you; We would
have written sooner but Will & Emma
said they was going to write; Thought we
would wait; if you would have later news,
Glad you are feeling so well & stout this
winter; you must be careful & not take
cold; I imagine that you are not near
as stout as a mule; I think you are going
for the butter; you can get lots of nice
things with butter; Suppose you get your
big spoons with butter, they must be
real nice ones; I recon Grandma H is
as happy & snug as you please in her new
house, write & tell me how large her house
is; & how many rooms; We heard about Tommy
smarriage before we rec your letter; Glad

ones! And you go compare Robinsons and Jennings
Another in the children's class by the
quilt for this time make when you can
moved at Abstem? Of think so. Will write
don't you think I'm a little James with the
think so? Offense you from in Abstem today?
to meeting to day; also Will &
Emma. Have Literary every Wednesday night
at the School house; Have a paper edited
every week by first one than another, Edsel
was editor last week; He wrote about 20
pages of foolscap; He done very well; Also
have ^{Singing} declamations; After recess
debating; The children still all go to school,
& more weeks of school; I rec a letter from
Mother & Sister Lyde last week, Ora sent me
such a nice silk handkerchief, Bell a
kerchief & Gracie some blue ribbon
Mr Beach & wife have been to visit us since
I come home; Pa, & Will go over & visit them
tomorrow or next day if we can; Mother said
she had been to Smolton 5 weeks; Haisey sent
Bell & Gracie a pair of croquet rackets one blue
the other pink; O yes I never told you that Pray
got the premium on the largest family that is
the heaviest weighed the most; got 160 ~~lb~~ lbs
of flour, that was doing very well don't you

he has got a good woman hope she
will get along with the children all right
Glad Grandma likes her. How is Grand
ma Hisby, Poor little Jocie Wright
has gone to be an angel, her sufferings
are over, she was at Grandma's
one day while I was there. Thought she
was such a sweet little girl, Belle
& Gracie thought so much of her, they
felt so bad when they read about her
death. All right about the breastpin,
you keep it & wear it when you want
I suppose Douglas has his corn all gath
ered before this time, & you & him have
had had your thanksgiving; Glad
Mr Longs have all got well of the measles
Don't you feel funny without your teeth, of
course you are glad they are out, better off
without them; you ought to have told the
dentist that you & your mother was very
gritty; Ho Elons occupy all of that
large house; They surely will be very

fine in that large mansion, Had
some one buy the property where they
formerly lived; or what made them
leave it. I ^{would} love so well to see the
baby & Ethel, I hear the sweet little
one laugh, & talk her sweet baby talk,
Bless her sweet little life of her, how
I love her & darling little Ethel
could kiss them all over. You & Douglas
must kiss & hug them for me, don't ex
pect you can get enough for yourselves.
Conrad Angst wrote they was at your house
also that they was having a good meeting
at the church near you, I don't blame you
for not going, I hear that Campbellite
run the Methodist down, of course he
is very shallow or he would not do that
away; We had a roast turkey Christmas
Wills, & John was here, & a preacher, Rev.
Mr Harris; What have you done with all of
your Turkeys; Supper is over John, Charles
& Ed, have gone to night meetings, Pa & the

Springfield Colo
January 17, 89

Dear sister Laura
Thought that I should
write you a few lines
and let you know that we
are well we haven't any
storms yet this winter
It snowed a little
last Monday night
it has froze ice about four
inches ~~deep~~ thick we have
been skating pretty well all
day I have got them
skates that Douglas give
me there are good skates
I have been going to school
there are only one more month
of school I am glad of it
Well I must quit yours truly
by from Fred to Laura & John

well Douglas suppose
you are busy this winter
tending to your stock
and other Business suppose
you have had a nice
warm pleasant winter
we have shure no blizzards
nor storms not much cold
weather it keeps me pretty
busy trying to keep Business
straight and moving along
this Country is getting up
Springfield is making
a desperate effort to get
the Co seat Railroad
Sand office and ~~the road~~
make a big boom generally
dont know how she will
make it suppose time will tell

our Cattle are doing well
this winter rather better
than the Horses our cane makes
very good feed our corn
was not much still there
was lots of corn raised in
the country we bought corn
for 40 Cts per Bushel
we are not running wild
Horses this winter we are
trying to break what we
have it is quite a tedious
task to break them to
work you and Laura must
take good care of your selves
and your little Girls
would like very much
to see ~~you~~ you and your
little Girls hope I will
yours
H Hollingsworth

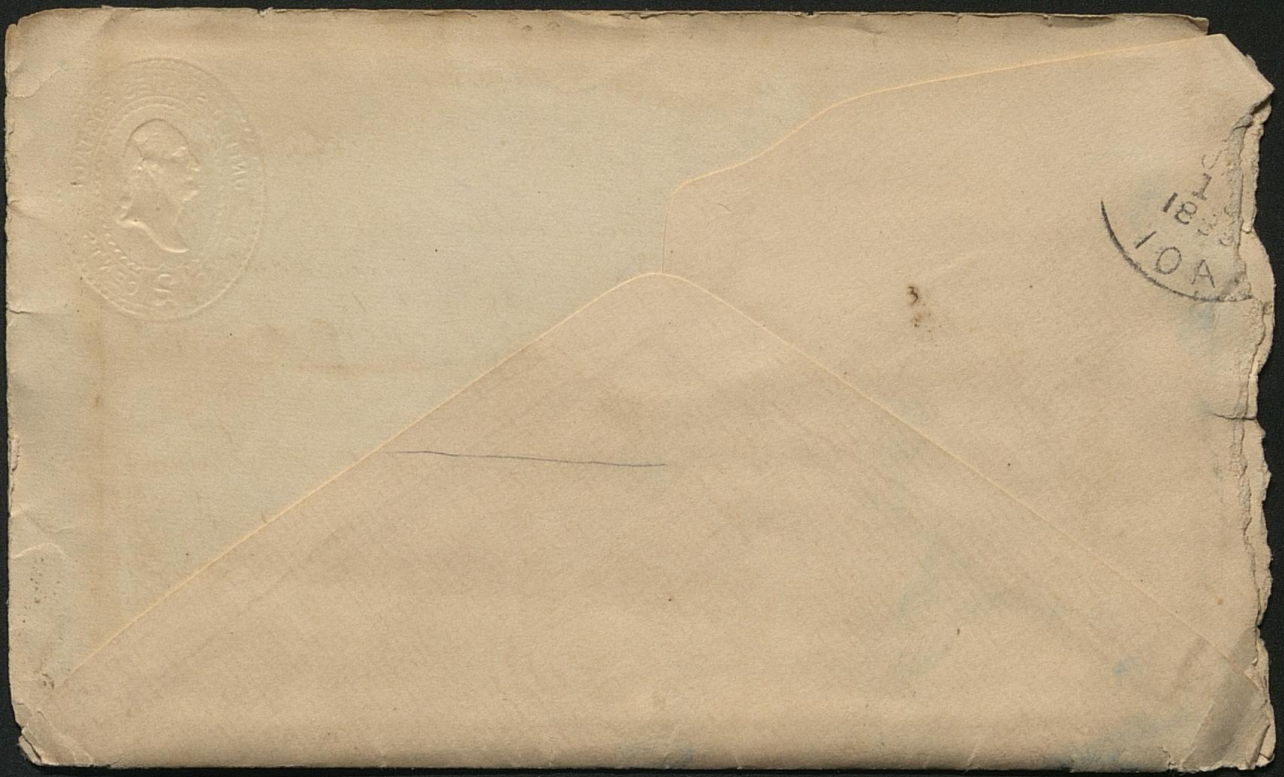
Monday morning 14 1889
Dear Sister
I will write you a few
lines It is a snowing
The boys have all gone to
school Grace and I didnt
go we was afraid it would get
to storming I would like to see
you all awful well
I learnt to play the first part
of the sweet home Our little bird is
all right It can sing very
sweet It is asking for it
breakfast now I must get up
and feed it when I get the letter
done Grace and I got up and
got breakfast this morning
Ethel how is your little sister
getting along I reckon you and
her have a good time I dont
made many paper flowers
sence I come home I guess I will have to
quit for this time write soon
Bell Hollingsworth Springfield Colo

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Mrs. Douglas, Winzant,
Centerville,
Iowa,

(Appanoose co)



Feb the 19, 1889

Sabbath
Morning

Dear Laura & family

We rec your ever
kind & welcome letter; We are well; hope this will
find you all the same; John is feeling better; coughs some yet; He is
do much better now, than he was last fall when I came home;
Glad you are having a nice winter; Here had a nice winter here also,
No blizards yet; Hope we will escape; Another snow fell Friday
night 4 inches deep; No wind with it; Yes snowing to day;
Charlie made 2 trips to the cedars this week for wood; come in
last evening; Several of the Neighbors go to the cedars together
Lou Lenny, & John Bray, was with Charlie his last trip; They was
snowed under Friday night; But they crawled out scraped the
Snow away, & made a fire, & got their breakfast; Good thing it
was not cold; Edd, Will, Lenny, & Oliver Bray took a team a ^{piece}
& went to meet them; They got in last night; I assure you
we are glad that our boys are all at home, & not out in the snow
like a great many poor fellows; 2 men staid at Johns last
night, are on their road from the cedars; you have had quite a large
family, have they gone yet? Surely kept you & Minnie pretty busy
I should think your washings would be large; Did you do their
mending? Does that fellow go with Sade Hollingsworth yet; maybe they
will marry; do you think they will? I expect you will feel relieved
when the drill men are gone, wont you; Would love to see your ^{knives} &
forks, & your large looking glass, I know they are nice; What part
of the parlor is your glass in; hope it is a true one; you & Douglas are
getting very fine; Well dont blame you; A person just as well enjoy
some of their earnings as they go along; That is my motto; all
though I do not get to put much into practice; But you know
it is not my fault; I am so glad you have such a nice home

with plenty of everything around you; Alice a good kind husband
42, starting little sweet girls; I know you appreciate all of these;
also deserve them; for you always was a good obedient sweet girl
I do get so lonely without you. I know your blue dress looks good
on you. Except you was very busy the week you butchered; did you
make any sausage; its so good; not had any since we have been
out here; you know we always made so much in Iowa; Have
you any apples yet; We have a few that we brought from Iowa; saved them
for the bird; it loves them so well; them men surely love pie; you
must get tired rolling your lace; I would love to visit Mother & in
her new house; Tell her I know she looks ever so nice; Mother
said she & Edith farms was to visit her; looked so cozy I was
so well contented; I am like you; think it was high time someone
was having a meeting in that neighborhood I get them another
word from their dreaming; do hope there has been impressions
made that will be lasting; that all may be good workers in the
Church; Tell Minnie to be faithful; Take up the cross & follow
Jesus when he leadeth; she has a sweet voice; so she can
sing for Jesus; Be prayerful; for true earnest prayer is the
Christians guide to Heaven therefore attend the prayer meeting
I take an active part; O Lord shun the cross; bear the cross &
by I by the cross will carry us through if faithful unto death
Grandma wants see that sweet baby I said Ethel; you & Douglas
must kiss & hug them over I over again for me; Have you finally
concluded to name her Mary Estella; you said you had laid of sev-
eral things to do this winter; if you cannot get them all done; why let them
go; dont wish to hardy; Remember you have your sweet baby to take
care of; I Ethel must look my sweet holding baby; I am glad the
baby is good; you must not abuse her because shes so good; Emma

& Clara are as fat as a china pig; Emmas clothes are all getting to
small for her; that dress she made while back there the one I gave
her cant get it on; you would hardly know them; her hens are
laying; are yours; your Pa was 52 year old a Friday; Grace
will be 8 year old tomorrow; you would hardly know the boys
have grown so since you saw them last; Wonder if you wont get
tired reading this long long letter; I love to get long letters that is
one reason I write such long ones; Will was Editor last week
had very good paper; Charlie is Editor in 2 weeks; so you see
we are all getting to be very literary; Ethel is Vice President of
the Society; she had to act in the Presidents place as he was absent
she done splendid; Well I must quit leave some room for your Pa
I will more write soon as you can from your affectionate
Mother Mary, He, Do for sweet children Laura & Douglas
well Douglas suppose you have been very
busy this winter looking after your large
family and other business we have another
nice snow this inshures us early grass the
ground is in nice shape for plowing plows
have ben running for two weeks we have
not started our plow yet but will in a
day or two school is out so we will go to
work I have had an easy time this winter
looking after things generally and tending our
literary the boys cant I have got be quite debaters
our literary is quite interesting our cattle are
doing splendid horses only moderately well
think they will do better as we have learned

I have not seen out last week, I have meant to show
I had to finish it

something a bout caring for horses in this
country This has been a hard winter on range
cattle and democrats to much snow for the
cattle and the democrats bet to heavy on
Cleveland they got so excited they bet their
overcoats so they had to take their linen
clusters and line the collar and tail that
is the tail of the cluster with Sack rabbit
skins of course they are not verry warm but
they beat none thing and the winter has been
verry favorable any body ought to have more
pudgement than bet on the ellection even
a democrat hope the democrats in Iowa are not
so reckless see if you can rent the shariton
place for one hundred dollars and the road
take workt out if we cant rent it that
way I know what we can do guess I will
quit and let Bell rite a few lines ##

Feb 18 1889

Dear ~~Grandma~~ Sister Laura

I thought i would write you a few lines
This morning we are going up to Hills today
Ma bought Gracie and I some cotten floss
They are 4 diferent coloss red purple yellow pink
I think they are awful pretty ~~i think~~ i wish i had
some green but they didnt have anny How are you
getting a long Ethel and your sweet little sister What have
you named the Baby i know Ethel looks awful sweet a miss
and the Baby i wish i could see Ethel and the baby ~~and~~ and
Emma and Clara was down for yes they a little while had a nice
time well i must quit for this time ~~write soon~~ Rosa B Hollingsworth

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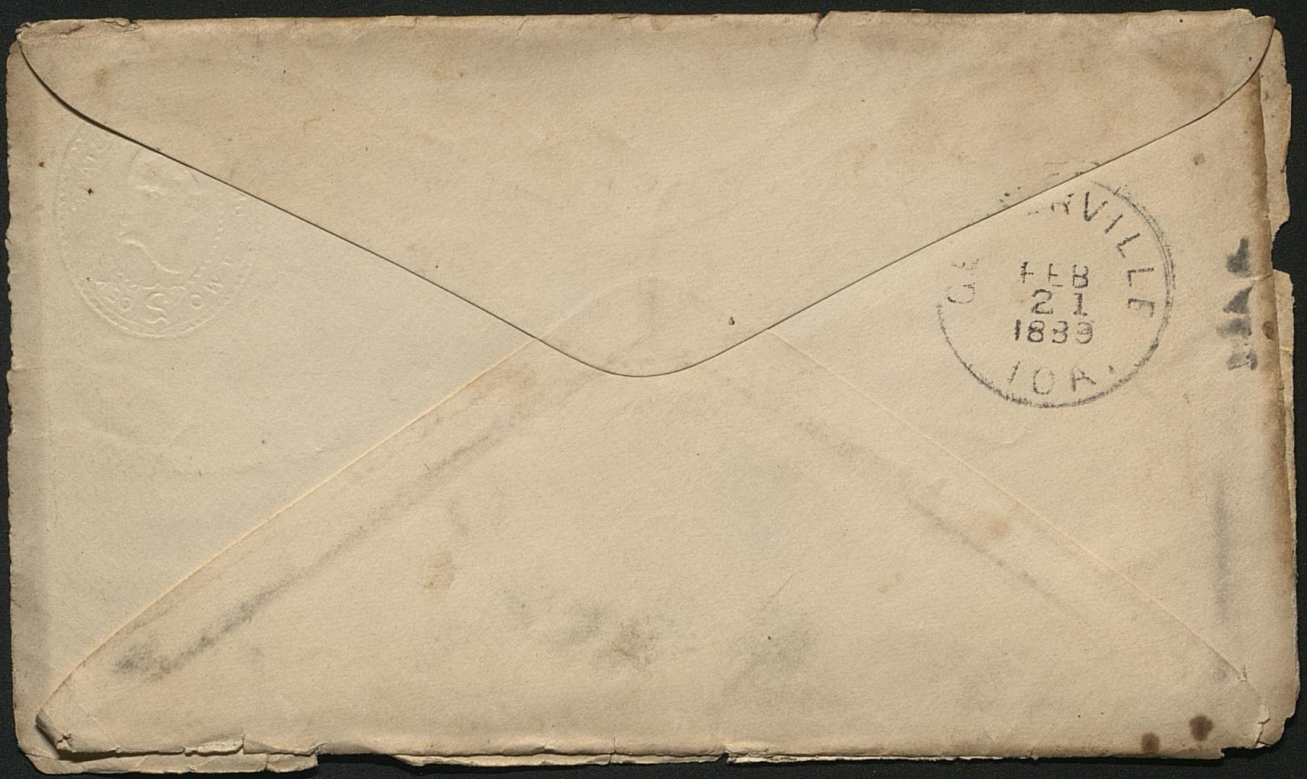


Mrs Laura Vinzant

Centerville

Appanoose Co

Iowa



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Springfield Colo
May 14 1889

Suppose you have
warm weather and
lots of farming work
done and lots to do
we are busy putting
our crops finishing our
stone milk house
warm weather and dry
small grain is needing
rain. Looks some like
rain this morning plenty
of grass stock doing fine
our stallions have all
they can do they have
proved to be good breeders
Some men come twenty
mile with their mares
our mares did not
do verry well last
summer on the

on the account of not
knowing how to take care
of them they appear to be
doing very well this spring
we are breeding 17 of our
own mares this spring think
we will trade for 3 or 4
more in time to breed
we have plowed on all
of our timber claims
you will have to send
us some walnuts after
a while they seem to
grow fine here think they
are the timber for timber
claims have you rented
the Shariton place or
any prospect of renting
it ~~you~~ tell Laura to
kiss the little girls for
me good Bye for this time
yours H Hollingsworth

younger; Well that is enough about my teeth.
Think you are doing fine with your young
chickens; We only have about 70 or 80 now.
We have sold \$10 worth of butter in the
past 3 weeks; butter is down now to
15 cts a pound; Emma the girls & I
was over to Mr Bray last Monday; They
well Will has gone to Trinidad looking for
him home Thursday or Friday; Went to home
up; I want to see you most awful bad
think it is to bad; to be so far away from
you; can't hardly stand it sometimes
I would come right back there on our
old home place if Pa would; I don't
know what he will do; not very many
of the boys that is satisfied; I think
we had just as well staid in Iowa for
all the good we have done in moving.
Wish we had some of your good pie plant
we have, 10 bunches a growing not pulled
any yet; Emma made a one pie plant pie
about 3 weeks ago No more I still re-
main your true & loving mother
now & forever more Don't this to go
out tomorrow

then you will get it

Saturday Evening May 15th 1889

Wednesday
Evening

Dear Laura; ~~Just~~ ^{one} Will drop you
a few lines this morn'g. We are well
hope this will find you all well &
enjoying yourselves fine; We rec-
your ever kind & welcome letter a
short time ago; must excuse me
for not writing sooner as Will
& Emma wrote thought I would
wait awhile; then you would have
latter news; It's very dry, here at
present; not had much rain since
I wrote to you last; If it does not
rain before long our garden & some
grain will dry up; We washed yester-
day; Bell & Grace are mowing; How
your house looks awful nice; I clean
wish i could see it. Glad you are
having plenty of rain; do hope you
will have bountiful crops of all
kinds; Love think you go to hear old

Salem Church very often; I hope
the scarlet fever has run its course back
there; you must try & keep them dear
little children away from it; as it
is a very dangerous fever; I came
very near dying with it when I was
a little baby; the baby must look
very sweet with short cloths; kiss & hug
her all over for me & sweet Ethel
how I love her; Grandma often think
of her We went to Springfield last
Sunday to meeting Presiding Elder
from Denver was there Bro Cham
berlain is his name; heard a
splendid good sermon; Was preach
ing here at our house also last sabbath
at 3 o'clock will be here again in
4 weeks; you & your little family come
over if you can; O yes I have got my
new teeth 3 weeks ago; Tell you they
was quite a mouth full at first; am
getting a little used to them now; I
cannot chew much with them yet I
am so aw hard ~~at~~ with them; lower
part is the hardest to get into; guess
I have got a perfect fit; at first, not
had to work them over one bit; A

Dentist from Kansas Topeka
done the work; he came here about
the middle of last winter; done right
amount of work before he done mine
but mine was the only whole set;
some had half a set made; He
come here the very first place too; but
I was almost afraid to trust him
but after his work was giving sat
isfaction; why I thought might as
well let him do the work; I get my
teeth; I get the good of them; Believe
he is a good dentist; my teeth only cost
\$25 dollars. His sister is a music tea
cher; she is Teaching a class in Spring
field; is a splendid musician;
has been here & staid all day; can
play so good on the organ; you would
hardly know me since I have got my teeth
gums all filled out; face looks kind a
square; all say I look 10 or 15

May the 15 1889

Dear Abel I thought I would
write a few lines Emma and
Clara are down here now
they are going to town they
have got the milk house
nearly done maby ma will
go to Mrs Compier I expect
Stella look ofel sweet with short
dresses on Clara will write sure to
Abel write soon Gracie Ballings
with

Dear Sister, Laura

I thought i' would write
you a few lines I spect
Stella looks awful sweet
setting a lone Isaac and Harry
~~a word~~ have got one of the
little calves, working it to the
little wagon Well Ethel how are
you getting along i' would like
to see you so well with your
new hat i' spect your hats are
real pretty the boys have got
a new suit of clothes ^{a kiss} ~~people~~
they are real pretty ~~is~~ don't
think of anny more to write
Write soon

Bell

Emma and i are going to town
this afternoon

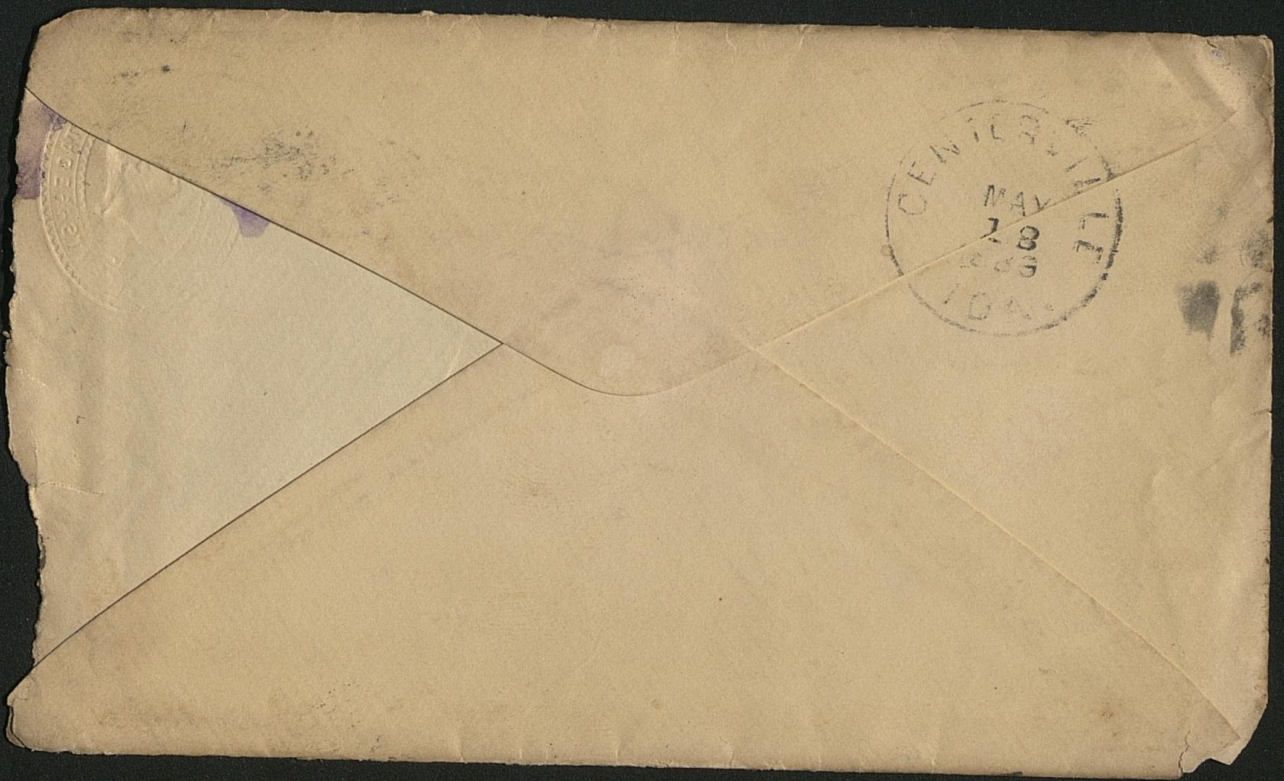


Mrs Douglas Vincent

Centerville

Tenn

5 Apr 60



I am getting along very well with my little learning to read with the book out next time I come back I can show or read these all together
writing for me; don't forget it

from all parts of the World; People have been coming & going ever since we have been here; Has been more bearing this Spring than common I got very many coming in, I think all will be in better heart now it has rained. We have plenty milk & Butter, have sold about 100 lbs. quite a job to tend to so much butter Butter is 15 cts a lb. Well would love to see you also kiss & hug the little ones for me I expect you have a nice garden, & lots of chickens, Well tis getting late & I am sleepy, so I will quit, for this time hoping to hear from you soon from you little mother Mary Hollingsworth to her dear ones in Slava, when this you see remember me



Springfield Col. Jan 7th 1848

Sweet month of roses Sabbath evening

My dear sweet Laura & family, Will drop you a few lines this good rainy day; Has been very dry all Spring; rain has come at last We was very glad to see it; We are all well; hope this will find you the same. rec a letter from Mother yesterday also one the week before from her she sent me Roses & Lillies Pictures enlarged; I think they are real good hear me; why dont you write, Been about 5 or 6 week since we rec a letter from you; I was getting uneasy afraid you was sick, or the little girls had the Scarlet fever; Suppose if there was anything serious the mother would have written about it. Well Laura Wills started last Monday, 3 of this month said thought ^{she} would stop in Newhaver

while I work on the Railroad
I ~~go~~ then go to her Bro Charles he
lives up in Iowa about 200 miles from
where you ^{live near Glenwood} I hope there; Charles
might think that is the Boss country
where he lives; Wouldn't surprise me if they
didn't stop a place very long on the
road until they get to Uncle John
Wrights; We will be very lonely without
them. Was so much company for us
Little Clara was so sweet; I said some
thing about them going away; Clara
David Grandma you come I go with
us. Nearly made me homesick to see
them leave; didn't feel like doing
anything all the week; we are seper-
ated from you & Will & all of our
Sweet little Grandchildren; I would love
to live near enough to visit all of our
children; would be a comfort to me; Is
not much comfort & satisfaction to
be seperated from our children

Dear & dear friends must part
& strangers meet; I hope Will & Emma
will do well; A Mothers Blessing is rest-
ing upon them; Wherever they roam
Another wrote about Will Coates death; he
has gone from this world of sin & sorrow
to a better world beyond; His sufferings
are over; Looks hard for the young today
Still they escape lots of suffering
& Heartaches & Temptations; We are put
here in this world to prepare for a life
beyond the tide; The good Lord helps
all to be prepared for that change
when it comes; Did you go to Con-
terville Memorial or Reconciliation
day; We went to Springfield in
the evening; Didn't see
anything; Like it did in Con-
terville; The gray & Blue did in-
tend to meet in the School house
but there was a shot; was not many
in town anyway; People out here

June 9 1889

Springfield, Mo. Dear

Dear Sister I thought I would
write you a few lines It has
ben raining all day Well Ethel
why dont you write to me
You must write to me the next
time your Momma writes the
wind is blowing it is chilly the
evening two little girls came to see
Gracie and I the other day we
had lots of fun a playing we
went down on the creek in the evening
I wish I could see you and have
a good time I dont think of much more
to write Write soon Good bye

Rosa B. Heollinger

Springfield Colorado
we have had quite
dry this spring it was
rather dis couraging
our corn and cane look
fine oats and wheat rather
short rye good our prospect
for a good crop is verry
good we had a verry damp
rain last night and this
morning suppose you are
verry busy with your farm
work if you have not
rented the sharton place
yet you and Nenele Ed
White and Will if he gets
back in time to help cut the
can have the use of it if he
dont get back in time to help
you and Ed can have it would
you ^{like} let him have enough
of hay for his mules this winter

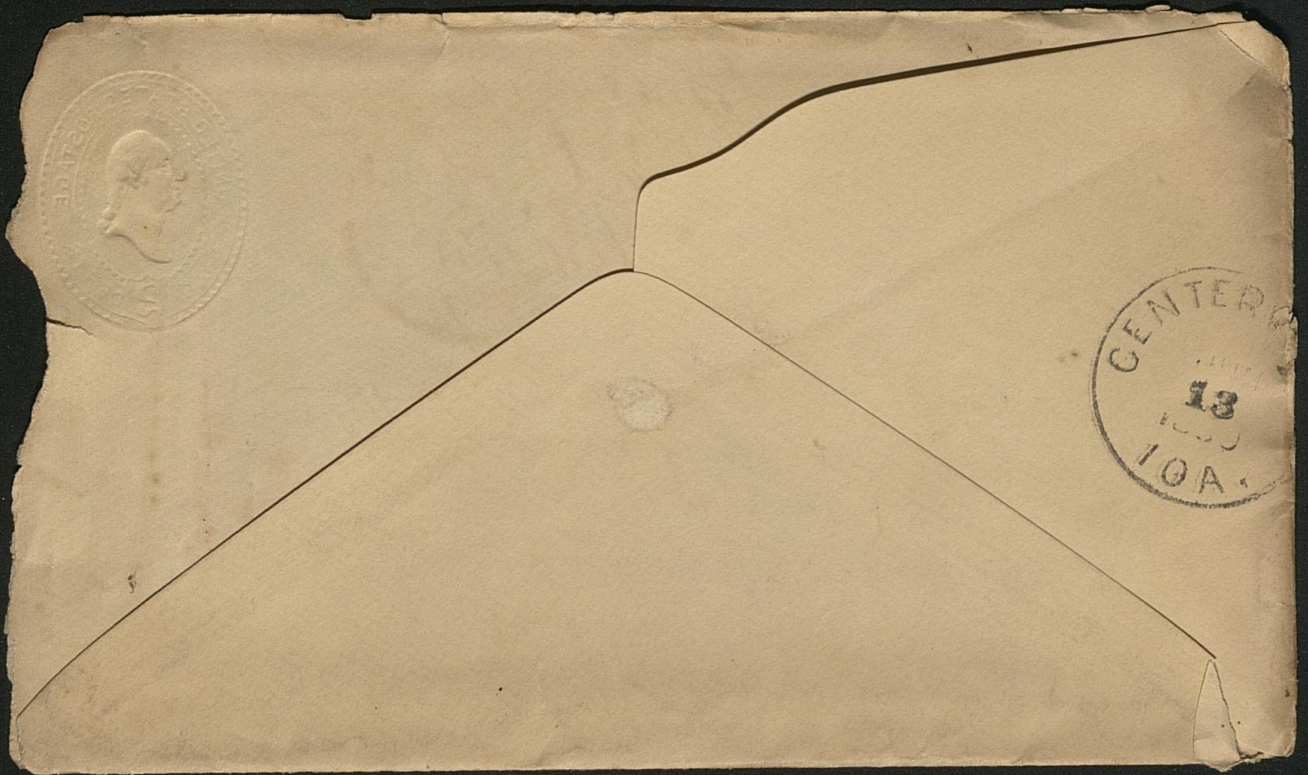
we think he will get Back in time
to help cut his $\frac{1}{3}$ third Ed has
done a great many ~~then~~ favors for us
with out a ny compensation and I feel
like we ought to Compensate him in
some way you can divide it before
cutting or after as you think Best we
will want you to pay the taxes if
Will gets Back he will pay his part which
will be $\frac{1}{3}$ if he dont you and Ed can
each pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of course if you have to look
after the place the most you ought to have the
Bet Bargain in the hay will rite to Ed in
a few days tell Laura she must Kiss the little
Girls for me yours H H

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Mrs Laura Vinzant
Centerville
Iowa

E. J. Apperson Co.



Douglas I want you to
send me the money you
have put in Cammels
Bank except five hundred
dollars I want ^{that} much
still left in the Bank
get a draft sent in a
letter to Springfield Colorado
Seaman's Co. Cammel a
draft to furnish I draft
free of charge think we
will ^{win} some money here
at two percent a month
two hundred dollars secured
by a mortgage on 160 acres
of land we would be all
right if we could see you
and Laura & that your
Ma and our mother hope
it will suit for some of
us to live near together
yet so good bye for this
time dear children
yours
Henry Hollingsworth

Springfield Colorado
Oct. 14, 1887

I did not measure the
straw with the oat head
but I will tell you
what I did see it was
an oat head 32 inches
long so it is worse and
more of it there was no
oats sown here the oats that
I see a lot are volunteer
oats that got scattered on the
ground where horses were fed
we mix a few oat with
our millet seed but they don't
fin I think this will be a
good oat and wheat country
will sow wheat and oats
next year then we can tell
more a lot of it

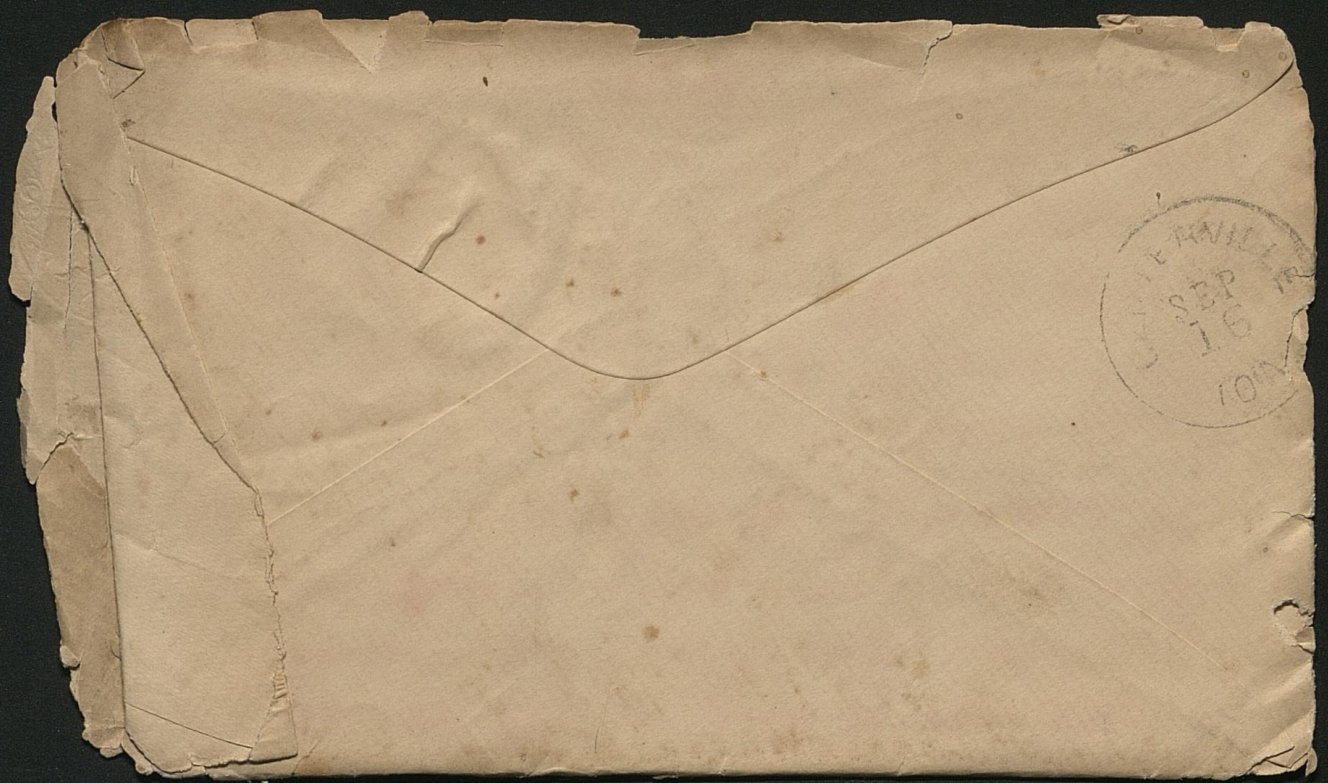
we still have plenty of
rain ground plow very nice
our hay hay harvest and can
cutting is done some cane to
cut yet think we will have
enough of hay and fodder
not very much can was
planted to late for can
we can tell more a bout
this country for farming next
year we will give it a fair
chance we still think it
all right we will not
get our new stone house
done this fall we will
winter in a house plankt
up on the inside and soddid
of the out side it is 14 ft
3l we will have it covered
and warm if it dose look
ugly on the out side we are
laying in our winter fuel

so we will be ready for
winter when it comes
we have had nice
weather so far we are
expecting a pleasant winter
the only woman that was
in the country last winter
was an old maid and she
lived under a wagon bed
all winter so I think we
will get through in our
plank house soddid all
around and all over we
will have our new house
done a gainst you and
grand gets here or break a
harnessing we will commence
on our stone ^{house} soon as we get
fixt up for winter this country
is settling very rapidly we
have neighbors plenty and
thick the land near here is
all taken

Return to.....

LAMAR, Bent Co., Colo.,
If not delivered within 10 days.





I made Mother Meaney of the W. in payment to her children
 in payment on a coat, time, we made most
 miles was the neck of a half on the road, we only
 minutes, we are about half way back, there comes a
 to go for the end was written standing by me at the long
 in the kitchen a nice fresh coat, would not take long
 in the kitchen a nice fresh coat, would not take long
 in the kitchen a nice fresh coat, would not take long

So both so grand & sometimes feel like getting
 has she got, Harling Ethel respect you
 can dry the dishes for marna & it will not
 be quite a year before you are old enough
 to go to school, wont you be glad then? have
 you seen aunt juda yet? I would love to
 see her, I wonder if she wont stay all
 winter with mother, she would be so
 much company for her, do you still have
 Sabbath school at Fair view or is that the
 name of that church by you, I suppose George
 Rainey still preaches there & John Peak, Well
 I want you to write just as soon as you get this
 & give us all the news, I would love to see
 all back there, We only live one mile & a half
 from town dont take but a little while to go
 there & back, Have a good school there, the chil
 dren will start to school next Monday Also
 2 Railroads Santa fee & Rock Island ^{and}
 like we are, in a civilized world, can hear the church
 bells & school bells & hear the cars whistle & foot
 around cars pass close by where we live they

the 25, 1889
 South Haven, Summer Co, Kansas,
 our P. O. office address

Dear Laura & family
 I will drop you a few lines this Monday
 Morning. We are all well, Hope this will find
 you all enjoying the same blessing, Must
 excuse me for not writing more; Was so busy
 Mornings & Evenings & when traveling would
 shake me so I could hardly write so any
 one could read it. We have stopped at last, dont
 you think it was high time we had? On the
 11th of this month, Are lots of houses in here
 but are full, & We are living in a house with
 a young married couple, This a large frame
 house, We get the dining room & kitchen
 & 2 rooms up stairs, We all sleep up stairs
 They have the sitting room & Parlor, Think
 we will get along all right, They are real sociable,
 Belong to the Christian Church, Are 3
 Churches in South Haven, Methodists
 Baptists & Christians, The Methodists &

Christians have a Church a piece Baptist
have meeting in the School house. We went
to Sabbath School yesterday, first time we had
been ~~to~~ in 2 months, Was at Prayer meeting
one night while traveling. all of us went
Was going to commence a Series of meetings I
believe they had a good meeting for they had
a good one that night. Girls & I papered the
dining room a Saturday. Have our Organ
in there, These folks have an Organ to, so
we have plenty of music. Their name is Glas-
ling; Charlie is hauling water for a Steam
threshing, So much wheat raised in this coun-
try, there are so many pretty green wheat
fields, he gets one dollar & a half per day &
himself & team boarded. We all feel like we
have come to a Land of plenty. We nearly
all hurt ourselves eating sweet potatoes &
Irish potatoes & Turnips, I am so glad
we have come to a place where we can
have a plenty. you dont have any idea how
we all enjoy it. your Pa went to mill a
Saturday with 8 bushel of white corn, he

said it was more like living compare
ed with buying a little 25 or 50 lb sack
of meal; & then we got better meal; We rec-
eived a card from Mills this morning first time we
have got word from Iowa since we left Colo-
said they had not heard from John since
the morning he started, did not say when
he started. Said they would write us a long
letter soon, Suppose they will tell us when
John maybe there before they write. Dinner
is over will finish my letter. We had corn
bread, milk, butter, Turnips, Potatoes Sor-
gum molasses & Beef. Will have mush
& milk Butter & molasses for supper.
Our appetites all good, think we will all
get fat this winter, I wonder what you all
are doing to day; expect you are washing.
Douglas gathering corn, Ethel & Stella
helping Ma Ma. Bless their sweet little
life of them, you & Douglas must hug &
kiss them good for me, of courses I would
not know sweet little Stella has grown
so since I saw her, how many teeth has

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SOUTH HAVEN, Kans.,
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SOUTH HAVEN
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Mrs Laura Vincent
Centerville
Iowa

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I made the girls dress you for them
first of the winter, made up mine of an
the long one you got me of all the new
one to be in their children's end by

March 20th, 1890

Thursday
Morning

My dear children, Laura, & Douglas, Will now answer
your kind & ever welcome letter, which we see in due
Season, We are always glad to get a letter from Home,
all well as usual, Think Charlie is mending slowly,
Hope he will get all right when it gets warm weather.
His very changeable here, & he takes cold nearly every change
you Pa, & I, went to South Haven yesterday Afternoon
first time I had been there since we moved, They had
great stacks of new goods, & so much nice hardware,
Well we are still in Hunnewell, been here 2 months, don't
know how long we will stay here, are waiting for the
Strip to come in for settlement, Suppose you heard
about the excitement last week, a good many thought
it was open, Was a mistake, Was no mans Land, or the
Neutral Strip, quite a good many went all the same,
One man was seen pacing around his claim with his
shot gun, afraid some one would take it, Said he
had not tasted food for 28 hours don't know what
the simpleton done, may be there yet for all we ^{know}
Pa nor the boys did not go, Some say those that went ^{have}
forfeited their right, Well it seems like winter has
broke, hope it has, some are making garden, far
mers are sowing oats, Lots of people moving to
Oklahoma, passing every day, a man staid in here
all night, who was moving his family, his wife
died last fall, was 5 girls & 2 boys, the oldest girl
15. Was real nice looking folks, & you really think Ed
& Jennie will marry sometime between now & Christmas
think the young folks are getting thined out around

Salem, Surely John & Viola dont visit much wish she
had some of our rags to put in her carpet, Ho hope John &
Charlie will get well of their cough, dont think cold helped their
health any, do you? Well, Ethel & Stella, you sweet little ones, ^{How}
Grandma would love to see you & kiss & hug you, Stella must ^{look}
awful cute with bangs, Suppose you are both quite busy with
your Springwork, you a making soap cleaning house & ma-
king garden, Douglas a farming & straightning things around in
general, dont know wether ~~we~~ we will get to make any garden or
not, Have not had any to amount to anything for the past 3 years
^{when we will} get usets doing without after awhile, yes Larna our baby is 10 year
old, I think like you, does not seam but a little while since
Grace was the baby guess time does fly, is ever on the wing,
Time nor tide waits for no one, O! how true, yes your Pa &
I are growing old, & dont you think it was about time we was a
settling down in Life once more, I am getting very tired living
the way we have the past 3 years, Well the children have come for
dinner, 6 more weeks of school, then there will be about 4 months
vacation, Sorry to hear you was so sick with the grip, hope you
will not have it any more, it will seam more like home to you
to visit the old Home now, since Mills are living there
Ho hope the boys will do well, for they have had a hard time since
we went West, I am afraid they will work to hard, They are
so anxious to get a start, Where did the Reppogle boys move to?
dont no one say anything about ^{I mean Grand Pa} Mr Saunders, where is he, live
ing with Ol? Do you ever get over to Salem to meeting?
No have callus ever now & then, I dont get around much, have
to much to do, So you see I do not get to spread it on very much
Well I stopped awhile & eat maple sugar, your Pa bought 2 lbs
Tis 12¹/₂ cts per lb, tis awful good, I weigh more than I have for
a long time 119 lbs didnt have my heavy coat on either ^{had} a shawl
on, what do you weigh? must excuse Pa & the girls for not writing
this time no more, write soon from your loving Mother, Mary H.

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Mrs Laura Vincent
Centerville
Iowa

{ Oppenrose Co }

June 22 1891

Sabbath
St. Petersburg
Very warm city

Dear Laura & family
we will ans your kind & ever welcome letter, must excuse me for not answering sooner, as I am behind hand all the time about my letter writing, all well as usual, sometimes we think Charlie is better too hard to tell, Poor boy, feel so sorry for him I know but is another who has had the trial I know how sad I feel to see him ^{I hear} give up his life away, of course we hope for the better, while there is life there is hope he gets so discouraged sometimes, he says its so hard for him to keep his courage up, he didnt go to Oklahoma he started, & only traveled little over a half a day with his man he was an old drinking pup & dirty also about this cooking, as Charlie could not stand it made him mad because Charlie wouldnt go on, but Charlie stoped at a ranch

Mr. Laura I will govt for the time hoping to hear from you, when you get time to write
about 11 o'clock, & sneaks out in the morning about a school, only one train here a day except when they load cattle, are loading cattle this afternoon 11 cars. Hope you still all like the preacher, think he will be sent back there; am other year? What has become of Lura B, he never writes to us any more, Viola's father died the first of this month, was buried the 3rd told them not to grieve for him it would be wrong, all he longed for was to go, of course Viola has heard before this time, feel to sympathize with her, but tell her not to grieve ^{any} more than she can possible help, for we hope our loss will be his eternal gain, tis a debt we will all hope to pay sooner or later, I usually trust & pray we may be prepared for that change when it comes, Write when you think you will come mother said didnt know whether she could ^{come} or not, afraid would be to hot for her poor mother is getting so ^{fast}, who did the boys & Douglas run the Chanton place to?

I said so & then come home with some folks who was passing up this way, boys at the ranch wanted him to stay a week or 2 with them, write in Bro Edds letter about him going to Oklahoma, if you see John before you write ask him the name of that medicine he took in Colo just before we come away, he will remember that Charlie took some of it (you mention about that) Charlie thinks it helped him, I cant remember the name of it. Well we are having very warm dry weather here, wheat is ripening so fast that lots of the people are out in the harvest fields to day, saving their wheat, if it does not rain before long the corn crop will be cut short, to day is warmest we have had is 100, yesterday 96 & no signs of rain, there is a good breeze, if it was not for that would be terrible hot, We had ~~ice~~ ice Lemonad for dinner, was awful good this warm day, We was at Sabbath school this morning glad you are having a good Sabbath, I in your neighborhood, had childrens day

2 weeks ago, had very good time, Douglas you are making your barn shine, are you, Laura if tis as warm there, as here, you will get very tired cooking for boarders, afraid you will make your little self sick, Ethel you & Stella, sweet little ones must carry ^{wood} & chips for me, muscat play so hard then you wont be so tired, & can help your ma more, Grandma dont want you to play ^{so} with the cats, tis not healthy for you afraid will make little girlies sick, think you must be going into the chicken business, well hope you will have good luck with them, hope them darkies wont steal all of them, Sweet little Stella must quit squeezing the chickens to death, wait until they get larger then you can fry them, yes Laura the boys have grown lots in 2 years you would hardly know them, do you really think you will visit us after harvest, how we would love to see you & your sweet little girls, We would meet you at the Depot, only a few steps from here, Train comes in here after night

are negotiating with the
Indians and getting more
Land east and south of
the strip think we will
locate farther east than we
was thinking of as there is plenty
of timber think this a fine
nice laying country but timber
is scarce we dont know
how long we will be here
if the Country opens for settlement
we will pull our freight in
a hurry you bet the wheat
is a bout half cut and
the wheat dead ripe the
mashines are running day
and night and Sunday
Ed is working to day
and Frank will work
to night if it is Sunday
there is lots of wheat there
and it is good quality

will make from 15 to 35
Bushels per acre thrashing mashines
will start this week farmers
and Horses will have a hard
time for a while we are
not doing much except taking
care of our stock we getting
ready to put up hay will
commence in 2 or 3 weeks
then we will be verry busy
until frost comes suppose
you are thinking a bout
your harvest and are verry
busy well Laura how ~~are~~
are you and your little girls
getting along suppose you
all are busy you must
not work to hard the
hot weather dont ^{know} whether
I will visit you this summer
or not as I want to be
ready to take land when the
time comes good bye your old Pap

Hunnell Kas

June 23rd 1870

Dear sister
I will write you a letter when
you will come out here this fall
and bring grandma with you
you must come now and bring
Ethel and Della so I would
like to see you and well I want
home with some of my children
I had lots of fun. Be sure and come
Grace & King, sons

Dear sister I will write you a few
lines about what time will
you start - Don't change your
notion now and not
course I want to see you
and the girls again

Write soon

13th St.

To Laura Ethel & Della

Hunnell Kas

we are having hot
and rather dry weather
Charley and I have just
been down to the River looking
at the Hoses and cattle they
are doing fine we have taken
possession of a pasture 3 miles
long and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile wide the
Nebraska River runs through
it so there is plenty of water
and grass and does not eat
any thing we have 39 head
of Hoses and 5 colts 64 head
of cattle and 25 calves
Cattle shipping has commenced
loading a train now the
strip will be clear of cattle
against the first of October
don't know when it will
be open for settlement we
will be ready the Commission



Ms Laura Wingant

Centerville

Iowa

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we have had, so we just went for it, are
frying each rabbit for supper, tell John
that old Willie caught it. Boys are busy
cutting corn fodder for feed, they have nearly
done cutting it's across, we get half of it,
have put up some hay. This baby as well as
usual, except to Charlie, still has a cough
part of the time in bed & part of the time
up, still under the Dr's care, Poor boy had the
blind piles all Spring & summer, the Dr
performed a surgical operation on him
last Thursday was 2 Drs here, made me
feel so bad, I couldnt stay in the room
he feels so weak & now, hope he will feel
better soon. Charlie has been able to go
& get a load of mellow, at Wabash
City 25 and from here, they are
him nice & good price, we have been
buying one Smellon the past 3 weeks, was
fine ones, he bought tomatoes, made half gallon

Centerall Iowa
Appanoose co

Aug the 19 90
Hammewell, Iowa
Sumner co

Dear children,
Laura, Douglas, & the sweet little girls
Will drop a few lines this nice cool Sab-
ath afternoon, We very glad to get your
kind & ever welcome letter, Oh glad you
are going to make us a visit, for we
all want to see you most awful bad, wish
Douglas could come with you, of course
you will bring Ethel & Stella with you
& mother if you can, rec a letter from
her this past week, didnt know if mother
she would come or not, want to see her bad
enough, sure I certain got letter from Will
& Emma yesterday, they write another mother
was going to Sister Claidies, or talked pret-
ty strong of it, I want you to come when
ever you get ready, I not wait for us poor
old folks to move some place else, for
we dont know how long we will live, they
may be a long long time if we wait for

the old ship. I tell you what Laura & I
am getting very tired a living the way
we have for the past 3 or 4 years, just been
staying around most any way, good many
of our goods been packed ever since we
left Iowa, of course had to look after them
& then pack them all away again, its lots of
trouble to move around with so many
things just in a bid way, so well you
to just come ahead, dont think there is one
bit of danger of us moving any place
for quite a while, looks to me like we have
taken up our abode in Humberwell, you
think its a ^{small} town when you see
it. We have had had it very dry here this season
had pretty good rain the past week, first one
to amount to anything since the 3rd of
May, How is that dry, had some very
warm weather we never saw
I expect your bean crop is gate nice, dont
dont go fixing to much, you will be plenty
enough to come to this little ugly town
and, Gaudine H. will come with you

It would love to see her, Well Laura your
Pa, Charlie & I staid at home all day
The 4th was a lonesome day to me, the rest
of the boys went to Caldwell, hardly any
one left in town, Sell & Gracie went to the
river to a Picnic. Charlie wasent able to
go any place that day, Oh but it was a
hot day, So we staid in the shade & drank
Lemonade was better of than if we had been
out in the dust & heat, I expect you John
& Wills had a nice time the 4th eating your
dinners in the beautiful shady part.
Think you must have had lots of Strawberries
not seen any since we have been in the
West, nor nothing else much, the amount to any
thing, City about John B being so afflicted with
the rheumatism, to had about you having
bad luck with your Chickens, I dont dident
raise any Chickens this year, tis to had to do
without Chickens eggs, you know they are
such a help to a body, We had peach cobbler
for dinner, was pretty good although the
peaches was pretty well dried up, just

Hunnewell Kasas

August 18, 1890

we are still rustling
around quite busy
making hay and cutting
corn fodder corn is
quite lite we get $\frac{1}{2}$
for cutting we can
make feed quite
rapidly our hay costs
us nothing except
cutting and putting
up we made a corn
cutting mashine that
cuts 2 rows at a time
we can cut corn quite
rapidly it has ben
very dry and warm
this summer are havin
some rain now and
pleasant weather

The cattle men are
moving their cattle
out of the strip by the
train load think the
strip will be clear of
cattle and fencing
by the first of October
we don't know when
it will be open for
settlement but think
some time this fall or
winter we will be
glad when Nick
Saw says go there
will be a big rush
as it is very fine
land suppose you
are quite busy looking
after your business
of one kind and another
would like to come over
and see you yours. H. H.

The Rock Island
does not run here
the Agent here says
for you to get to Kansas
city in the morning then
take the saw table for
Hannibal you will get
here at eleven o'clock
at night the first night
after you leave Kansas city
so if you leave Center
about two o'clock or near
that time that in morning
you will be here the
following evening at eleven
o'clock there will not be
much change no laying
over so come along
you had better see your R^R
Agent as it is an excursion
tell him where you want to
come to yours P. C. P.

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1890

Mrs Laura King August 18

Dear Sister

I will write you a few lines
I am filling out my Star
quilt - I cant hardly wait till
you and the girls come try and
get Grandma to come with
you it will only be about 3 weeks
I wish it was only one week
Our morning Glories is
running all over our corn too
They are drying up one
though our horse is getting
nice and fat - we have got about
30 head I guess Mand Grace is
getting supper Pa is a writing I
cant think of much to write
Write soon Bell

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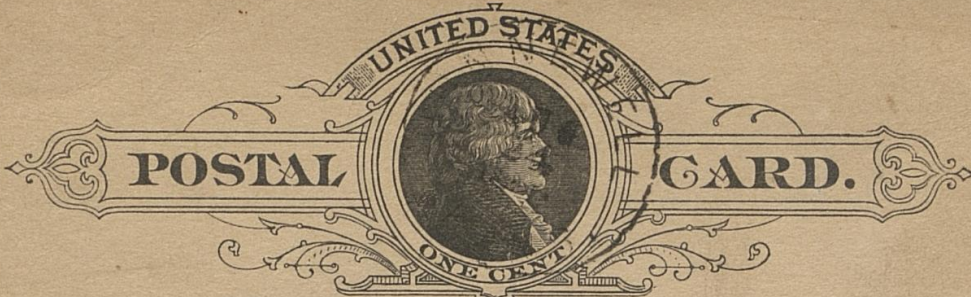
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Mrs Laura Virginia

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Mrs Laura Vincent
Centerville

Iowa

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Honnewell Kans Aug 25th

Dear Laura will drop a few
lines this afternoon, all well
as usual, Charlie has been poorly
for a while. But is feeling better
to day. I want you to bring
me one dozen of ~~sewing~~ ^{sewing} the
Harris Machine needles, near
ly all coarse ones, Please dont
forget them, Laura, 'dear one';
I want you to arrange your
affairs, to stay quite a while
with us, for we will hate to give you
up, drop a card to let us
know when you will be here
bring some of the friends
with you if you can get
them in the notion, as ever
your Mother Mary
Wallingworth

is to little to go to school alone, you ^{can} learn her to spell at home. I may need some, Ethel you can go next summer cant you? Stella you & Ethel can have a good time playing with little Clara. I would love to see our sweet little Grandchildren & kiss & hug them.

I expect your house looks real nice since it is painted, expect you are all fixed up snug for the winter. Do you have Grandpa & Grandma Bryants for neighbors. Will you & Douglas visit them often as you can, tell them ^{we} would love to see them, Frank makes fires & rings the bell, at the School House & sweeps the rooms, gets 5 dollars a month for it. 2 months of school is gone, think the children are learning fast, What are you going to do Christmas? I, mom, & I went a visiting one day last week about 2 miles from town, to Mrs Hummerts the music teacher of this place, we had a pleasant visit, & a splendid good dinner. Miss Cassie Murray is out of the P. office & has gone on a visit to Missouri, her mother is still sick, poor

Dec 7. 1890.

Hunnemwell,
Kansas,
Sumner co.

Sabbath
Afternoon
A little cold &
stormy
for this country.

Dear Laura & family

Will answer your kind letter; We are all well, hope this will find you the same. Snowed some last night & this morn. Has quit now; The wind is very cold & chilly. First snow we have had. Was at Sabbath school this morning, Preaching to night, had a protracted meeting in this place that resulted in doing ^{some} good, 16 joined Church, I am sure was needed bad enough; think we have such a good little Preacher, & we all think so much of his wife. Hummewell folks made a donation for the preachers, & we went up to South Haven one night & took them on surprise, made up a box of money which is 10 dollars & a lot of

I was happily surprised. What did you
 do Thanksgiving? We cooked our din-
 ners & took them to the rink, set 2 long
 tables & eat dinner together, all free
 had plenty of dinner. But O; I feel so
 lonely all the time, at home, or
 wherever I go I think of Charlie
 so much of the ^{time} ~~time~~ all the time.
 first Thanksgiving we ever spent
 without him, dear, one is done with
 the troubles & trials of this life, We
 buried him in the South Heaven
 Cemetery. have not been back since
 the day we seem laid away in the
 Silent grave. We want to go over there be-
 fore long, tis so hard to say they will
 be done Dear Lord, I say it from
 the heart. But death comes into every
 home, sometime. We hafta see our
 dear ones laid away. Or they must
 see us laid away. Such is life, &
 we will hafta try be reconciled to our
 lot, I felt so sad to the morning you
 left, I felt like we would never be as
 many of us together again, I thought
 when we parted in Iowa we would
 never all be together again; made me
 feel very sad. I feel so uneasy about John
 poor boy; never would take much care of
 himself. I am afraid he never will get
 well, he allways would work to hard
 you must talk to him, & get him to take
 good care of himself if you can; he
 said something about buying some of
 the soapcreek land, afraid he would
 work himself to death if he does, poor
 boys; John & Will both have land, but it
 dont look like it will ever do them much
 good, maybe it will sometime, hope it
 will bring them something sometime
 in the future. Will I think tis fine
 enough for Ethel to go to school, she is

I don't get money to get away
 from school the more I get
 the more I want to go to school
 I don't get money to get away
 from school the more I get
 the more I want to go to school

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Tuesday the 9

I will write a few more lines this evening. We are all well & hearty; it weighed 108 lbs a thanks giving; my health is good. Recd a letter from John this morning. He was so sorrowful to hear of their loss of their dear sweet little Rosebud, darling little baby; gone from the Evil to come, just opened her dear little eyes for a short time & then closed them forever on this earth, gone to be an Angel, never knew what sin was. Taken in her innocence; Viola wrote that there was such a change in John, said he grieved so much. She said that he said he was going to try & do right. O! I do hope & pray that he will. Poor boy; I am afraid he is not long for this world. I want you all to talk to him give him a word of encouragement to help him in

get to see my dear children in heaven
I don't know how not some get by the door
to conscience without dear choice of con
The right way For what does it prof
fit a man if he should gain the
whole world, & lose his soul,

O! I pray that the good Lord will
help us, & guide us, that we may
always be willing to be led by
jesus, & allways do our duty in
the fear of God; you remember
the front of the house we live in is glass
Will I put curtains on the lower half,
put the carpet down that we had in
our sitting room, have one bed &
the cot sofa, Organ, stand, trunk
& several boxes in that room, also
a warming stove, you know tis a
large room, the 2 rooms next to it we
cook & eat in, 2 more rooms, boys
have one for a bed room & the other one
has boxes & a little of everything in it
There is a shed to keep harness in &
then saddles & one thing or other we have
them all full. Killed 3 hoes since you
was here, have 2 more to kill after while
seems little more like home, but I am

they have any ponies to sell
they say maybe so they have
and maybe so they have
not we don't think there is
any danger here of the
Indians giving any trouble
suppose you are quite busy
getting ready for winter
you must not work too
hard how is John's health
am a afraid his cough
will wear him out every
thing is still and the children
are asleep will close
for this time bye bye for
this time and I will go to
bed sleepy head yours to
bed your old pap

Hunnewell Kans
December 8th 1890

Dear children this
nice pleasant morning
finds us all well
yesterday morning
lookt as though we
would have winter
in reality but it
did not last long
snowed a little but
is going off will all
be melted off a gain
evening have had
very nice pleasant
weather this fall
our stock is doing
very well will not
have to feed for a
while yet the strip

is vacated no fencing
no stock on it we
are letting our stock
run on it the most
of the time dont know
how long until the
soldiers come they may
fire us off if they do
we will get
eight o'clock will try and
finish your letter be fore
I go to bed we have had a
nice warm day we are
quite busy the boys are
going to school except Bob
he is helping me look after
the stock and fixing for
winter we think you are
having some winter we are
still waiting for the strip

dont know how long we
will wait dont think we
will wait stay here next
summer maybe so we will
maybe so we wont cant
tell what we will do we
like this part of the strip
very well we have not lost
any cattle since you was
here the children are going
to bed you Ma is scraping
a turnip turnips are worth
15 cts per Bushel we raised
some and bought some
so we have plenty of turnips
suppose you think the
Indians have or will scalp
us bet ground Ma dose
they still come here once
in a while and I go out
to tell how and see if

Dec 9, 1890

Miss Laura Vincent
Centerville Iowa

Dear Sister

I thought I would write
you a few lines this morning
We are all well and hope you
are the same there was tin bears
hear the other day They would dance
And climb a telephone post
And rasle and kiss the men
and hug him and shake hand
Earl Northrop rode one of them
There other they took them in the
Laundry back of the hotel for them
to stay in all night their names
was Frank & Maggie I am going
to school all the time now I would
like to see Ethel and Stella

I study Reading spelling Arithmetic
Grammar Physiology Geography
then we write to Mrs. Oleson
is our teacher I like her real
well It will soon be Christmas
I don't know whether we will ^{have} any
things there erms

I guess I will have
to stop Belle Hollingsworth

Hunnevell Kans
Dec 9 1890

Dear Sister and the
rest of you I will write you a
few lines if just love my
teacher it snowed Saturday
night and a little Sunday morning
we went to Sunday School
we have lots of fun at school
Ethel and Stella I don't you wish
here to see the bars they would have
I hope
Belle Hollingsworth

Book bought with your
money

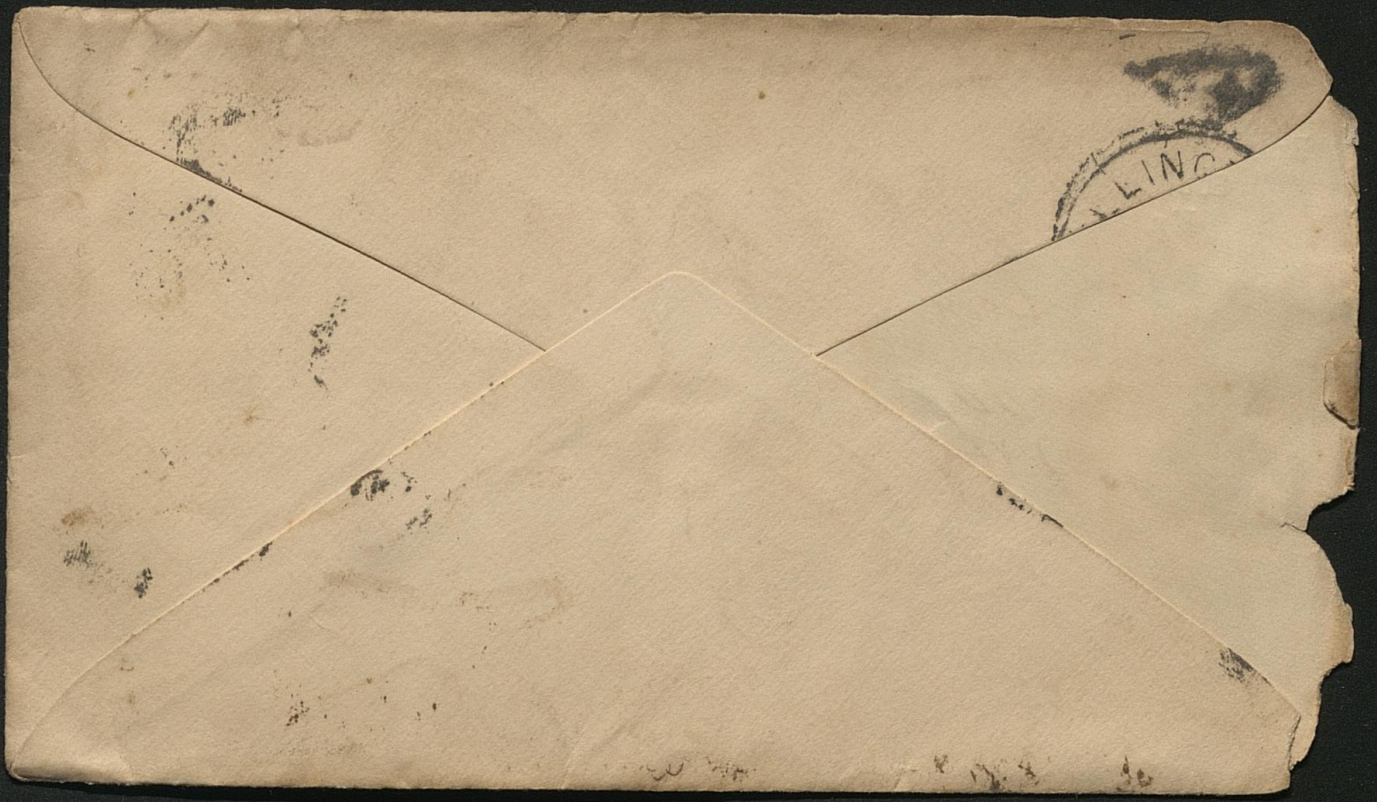
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Mrs Laura, Vingant
Centerville

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Hinnewell Kansas
Sumner Co
March. 7 1891

Dear loved ones will
rite you a few lines this
pleasant Sabbath
all well except your
Aunt she has a bad
cough and has had for
a bout 2 1/2 months she is
not bedfast yet and
is resting easy today
has not caught much
last night nor today
we think her better
but cant tell how
long it will last
A cough is so treacherous
will let you know
every week how she is
or often if there is
any particular change
in her health hope

she will get along all
right she is a sleeping
now and seems to be
resting very nicely
do not be uneasy or worry
about us we have
lots of good kind friends
and neighbors and good
doctors but you know
we all have to die
some time and we know
not when the best way
is to be ready when
we have to go well
Douglas we have had a
nice pleasant winter
our stock has done fine
have not fed very much
grass has started to grow
think we will like this
country fine all the
children are going to
school except ed he goes

to see his' girl hope
you are all well and
doing well will finish
your letter so we can
mail it this evening
Ma is sitting up and
talking with two of the
neighbor women we have
plenty of company the
neighbors are very good to
come and see Ma and
bring her something to eat
that is good she is eating
her supper now that
one of our neighbors brought
in for her she gets a piece
of cherry that that is good
in town good bye for this
time rite soon we will
rite in a few days
yours for ever
Henry Hollingsworth

March^{1st}, 1891

Mrs Laura Vinzant
Centerville
Iowa

Dear Sister I thought
I would write you a few lines
We are all well except Ma as she
sick Gracie and I does all the work
The boys have gone to Sunday

" sun is shining bright -
I can't think of much to write this time
how is ~~she~~ ^{she} getting along write soon

Kennell
Hans

March 11 1891

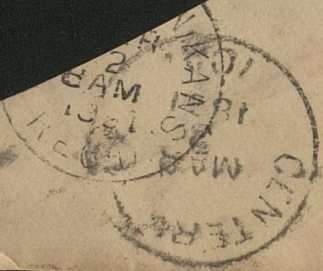
Dear Sister and the rest
of you though I would write you a few
lines I would like to see you all
I go to school all of the time I am
in Foxes ^{in town} I like my teacher our
school will be over till May

well this is all I can

think of your Sister

Yours
Janie Hollingsworth

to Laura Rice road



Mrs Douglas Vincent
 Centerville
 Appanoose Co, Iowa



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mrs. Laura Vinzant
Centerville
Iowa.

Murmanville, Kansas.

June 8th 91

Dear Laura.

Your Mamma died this
morning at 7:10 she suf-
fered all night extremely
distressed by her all night
long she died very easy we
bury her to Morrow at 10
by Charley she murmured
sweet hour of prayer +
Jesus wash away my sins
but got so she could not
talk before she died we have
just finished laying her
out she looks so well.
Good Bye dear Laura
Sadie

Hummel's News

Sumner

July 9, 1891.

Dear Sister I will write
you a few lines this morning
we are all well I suppose you
have got to see Uncle Sam
He started back to Iowa
Monday morning ~~that was~~
Our dresses was black
sattin the sattin was
20 ct a yds you done pretty
well on your Strawberry
Gracie and I was at a surprise
party yesterday evening at
Sophie Helbling where did you
spend your 4 of July at Gracie
and I spent ours at the
river went with Mr Helbling
Had a good time wading
in the water Pa and Uncle
staid at home all day.

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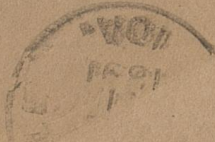
and Hardy

Frank Fred and Ed went
to Wellington ~~on the train~~
to spend the 4. They went on
the train It is a nice day
Home is Ethel and Stella
getting along I hope you
are all well Pa is going
to Wellington in a week
or two I expect Gracie and
I will go too he is going
after a cold she will
get our saddle
up there I can hardly
wait. Reacher is up
Pa traded for a pony the
other day It is a little
thing but after getting to
Grace and I can ride
her she is a chestnut soil
I ride nearly every evening
- Gracie is reading a paper
now. I am packing bread to
day. I can't think of much

To write hope to hear from
you soon, Bell, Hollin-
sworth



Mrs Laura Irving
Fenterville
Iowa



P.S. I guess Parnock
will say this time
he is so busy he
dont get time I have
been waiting a week
for him to write.
So he dont
get to write.

Aug 1854 Humevoll Farm
Dear Sister & family,

I will answer
your kind and welcome
letter which received was
glad to hear from you. We
are all well and hope when
this reaches you ~~you~~ will
find you and your family
all well.

How is little Albert getting
along. Kiss his little wife I
wish I could see him.
I reckon Ethel & Sella are just
as sweet ~~as~~ as they ever
was. I will send the girls a
little ribbon a piece I did not
know what to ~~send~~ ^{send} to
Albert I like Albert better.

I have a really good thing for
 you to do on the account of
 my new
 better for a name than
 do Glen which do you like
 the best? Did you raise
 very many Chickens
 this year we did not try
 to raise any I am going
 to raise some next year
 though I reckon that is
 lots of help to you
 We havent got our
 house fixed yet we had
 to put all our furniture
 when all the glasses broke
 out except the doors
 It was kindy rolocky old
 house & we will never
 have it all fixed
 installation will ~~be~~
~~be~~ ~~be~~ ~~be~~
 How is Will folks all
 getting along Gooie is sitting
 around eating honey

a talking about prices
 they have a great deal
 we have got our new
 winter dresses they are blue
 I will send you a piece as
 soon as I commence making
 them to get some seeds
 I got stuff to make my last
 winter dress over about
 what you got for about
 Blake is awful pretty the
 girls dresses are pretty Gooie
 and I havent got our
 coats yet this winter we will
 get them pretty soon
 Papa wont get us no hats
 he is going to get focinatio
 or hoods But I wouldnt
 have a hood he says he
 dont want us to freeze to
 death Well I guess I will
 give for this time William
 Belle Hollinger th
 Aurah for Harrison

I guess you will like it

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Miss Laura Vinzant

Centerville

Iowa

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Hunnewell Kans

Aug 30, 1893,

Dear Sister Laura,

Our Sister Belle died
Aug 28, 1.15 P.M. Was
buried Aug 29, 11.30 A.M.

Frank Hollingsworth



Mrs S. A. Dinzant

Centerville

Appanose Co's

Iowa



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Springfield Colorado June 22

Dear Sister Laura and

Ethel will write you a few lines to let you know that we're ~~all~~ ^{well} and hope this will find you all the same. Ethel & I wish I could see you and have a good time. I went to school today there were 4 young ladies to visit the school this evening. Emma had all the scholars she could to get pieces. Fannie and Lura King and Minnie League and I got pieces. Not many of the boys got pieces.

Ed picked one piece out of a book and he went

