

Home Farm July 5-1896

Dear Papa I will try and write you a few lines this evening before retiring for the night it is now after 9 o'clock but if I do not write now there will be so much to do in the morning that I cannot write. Letter writing is one of the hardest things for me to accomplish of all others for when I might write baby will not let me. I have had so much to do since I came home that I am just about worked down and there the weather has been very warm for some time nothing like 1.14 but about 90. Your nice good letters come regularly every mail for which I thank you very much. I am beginning to think some now about your coming home as you are now on your last-half if you only stay one month I do hope you can do as well for the Bandman as you had expected. I presume you are now at Badger I did not go in town yesterday one reason because I could not spare the time another because I had no desire to go it seems

her because I had no desire to go it seems  
to me that I will never have any heart to go  
places now that Ma is gone Oh Papa I loved  
her so much that it will take a long long  
time for me to be reconciled to her death yet  
I am standing it much better than I ever  
purposed I could. I will send you in this letter  
a clipping from the Albany below I print regarding  
her death Pa is getting along out here very well  
he has been to town every day since he came  
out excepting to day he thinks of going down  
to Yussas Wednesday to stay one night and bring his  
home with him so that we three girls can go in  
town and get every thing moved out of the house

So that he can rent it. Pa has had new tires put  
on the back wheels and some other repairing done  
which came to ten dollars, that you will have to  
settle as soon as you get your pay and I think  
he intends having the harness repaired soon as  
you spoke of, did you settle up with Brownell  
before you left I had Elmer take what cherries  
we had to sell to him they came to about five  
dollars I also took the 5 gal can of lard that I  
would like to get some sugar and things there  
if we do not already owe him more than the cherries  
and lard came to. The mosquitoes are pretty bad  
here the babies face is all covered with bites  
Pa got screens for our bedroom so that now  
we can sleep quite well. I will send this letter to  
the agency as you will likely be there before this  
reaches the agency. This is all the paper I have in  
the house. Elmer is doing well with the work so  
you need not feel in a hurry to get home an



account of the work at home. He expects to commence  
cutting the hay in the morning he has the Morgan  
hayball hauled. Nancy Hanks has a calf came the  
first of this month I thought she was not to come in for  
some time yet we let the calf run with her it is  
a finer calf, it is getting quite latte and as I  
feel tired I will close this miserable letter hoping  
you can make it all out our little Vernal is so  
sweet now I wish you could see her Pa just thinks  
the world of her and takes a great deal of care of her  
for me when he is in the house Pa got the children  
some fire crackers yesterday. Do you think you will  
call on the Emigration Board men when you come home  
with much love and kisses I am as ever your  
Young wife Mary

I had a letter from Mrs Sampson she evidently  
does not know that you are at the agency  
I want to write to her soon will you  
call there as you  
can home