

Dayton July 3rd 1872

Dear Father

I have studied a good deal over your offer, and the more I think it over the more I think it my duty to accept and I am not certain but what the best thing I can do will be to remain at home for some time to come. I have been out to Weston to day, Found Carter's wife there Maria got on the Boat this morning on her way to her father's. For this I am glad. Carter says Clara was to join her in Portland to night, at least word was sent to her to that effect. I shall spend the 4th here. Friday I think I will pick black ^{for you} berries. You will probably ^{not} get this till Friday evening. If Sam could come part way it would lessen the ^{of} next days travel. I am trying to raise about \$20.00 which I feel I must have to square up some things before I go. Lest I fail I wish you would send it up by Sam. It is hard to ask wages in advance, but I feel compelled to do it. I may not need it all, will not use any if I can get alongs.

Your affectionate son
C. H. Walker

July 4th

P.S. I send this by private hands to Lafayette, so you may get it to night or come up tomorrow. ^{eye}