

Glenn to read direct to Paula English Co Gray Sea Song



My

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Friend

I now sit down to answer your letter which I received yesterday I was glad to hear from you once more I have not got any news from you since you wrote last summer at the time of almira's death, I am well at present and the rest of the family mother is not at home she is away among the sick and won't be at home for a week her health is a great deal better than it was. To be denison don't live at home for his trial won't let him he is trying to learn the blacksmith trade James and John Madsworth is trying to put in a crop they won't get ready to plant before next week I have made a garden and every thing is up nice this spring is backward than I have none since I came to this country I don't know you should hear that mother was coming back for I never wrote any such talk for I no that she aint but it is not because she don't want to for she would come if we could raise money enough for her and the rest of us she would not come and leave the three boys but as to come back there to live she don't want we have him here so long we like it better than we do there that is the boys and me we can get along better here than we could there and we don't have to

work so hard to make a living but still I would like to
come back and see you and all the rest of the folks
and I will if I live long enough but I hope you will
conclude if same sell his farm to come to Kansas you
are young yet there is not so many deaths here as there is
there nor any more sickness that is fatal you get sick
every two or three years and you stay at home and if you
come here I can take care of you it will be a great
comfort to me to assist you in sickness I think you
would like the country better than we did when we
came six years ago times has altered greatly since that
day every letter I get from home they say hard times
what kind of a country is Kansas I think of coming out
there but they dont care no one has ventured out but
Ezekiel Wiggins and he is not sorry that he has got there
the last time I saw him he said if he could send for
his family he would not go back to Wisconsin again
I heard from him last week and he was well and had got down
planting and was well satisfied so far but when he gets
the news about his son it will make him homesick
I think Chick Dick live up to the delawares about 40 miles
north of us and Ezekiel lives about 50 miles south
of us we all live a good ways apart Ezekiel lives on
the new york track and we on the Mayam lands but if
we get our land we shall be all together after awhile I
am in hopes, well you wanted to no all about Kan-
sas what shall I say I have written all about it so
many times I would like for Sam or one would come out
here and see for him to self but I will try and see

how well I can do and you must not dispute my word
for you no me to well to to no that I would lie about
you if I did still about once } well Kansas is a
rolling country mostly prairie land well water by large
rivers coming from the mountain plenty of timber on these
streams for houses and rails plenty of rock for penning
if you want good soil produces good wheat corn potatoes
buck wheat sweet potatoes tobacco cotton sugar corn and
fruits of all kinds if you want and take pains to have all
these things a good country for stock of all kind such as
horses cattle sheep ~~go~~ hogs and chicken and so forth and
every thing else to numerous to mention there is not
many snakes here I have bin around a good deal and see
some but they run from me and I run from them
but there is not as much good water such as spring
and wells as I wish there was but if any one would
dig wells they could have plenty since the country
has bin settled up there is not so much chills and
fever as there use to be but it is natural for one to
like there old home the best I dont blame you but I
would like to see you all out here after all that
I would this is all the fact as near as I can give you
of Kansas it wont do ~~it~~ for them quinnies to come out
here for they would get sold pretty soon I am done
for this world if real has got Charles I cant survive
I dont think let her make much of him if she can
for I have nothing to say for here I have bin waiting for
him all dressed up I couldnt think what keep him so
long well it looks like rain this evening and I am

down hearted I wish you would pop in just now and
see me we live on a place that belongs to a poor little
girl there is 27 acres that is broke up for use it is six
miles from Paola but that is our nearest post office
to get a letter direct for me we are down there often we have
some first rate neighbours here but all the white folks I
don't feel quite as free as I would if they were some
indians the indians here is quite friendly but won't
talk english much but the most of them dresses like
white folks they don't no how to use fine clothes
silk is no object nor cloth coats and blanket
they waiste more in one year than I could earn
in ten years there is no good schools here as there
is there that is one thing I don't like there is no
church only once and awhile there is no fighting
in Kansas just at the present I have not heard from
James Blood for along time I would of thought
you might of filled your letter full just
ended it so short I hardly need it when I get
a letter I am so glad I hardly no wheather I am on
my head or feet Jane and John sends their love
to all the girls I aint got any love any more it
is you but give my best respect to all increas-
ing friends fare and here I don't no as I can
rite any more but I could talk if I could see
you face to face we have plenty to eat and drink
and ware I cant complain I am fat raged and
saucy I am just that. Kiss that little one for me
for I no it looks just like me poor thing it cant
help it that is if it is alive I herd yesterday that
there was men appointed to corn and run out our
land but I don't no if it is true did you not get my
ambrotype that I sent you rite soon and let me no