

Colby
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Dear Sister-

after a long time I
will try to send you a few lines
I think of you every day but - I am
getting so I can hardly set my self
to writing we are all as well as
usual I am lame most of the
time Clay's children both have
a cold Bert's foot is well enough
to work if he could get any to do
work is scarce here this winter
Hattie was home a week ago
she has three weeks and one
day to teach yet - I do not know
whether she will be home again
before her school is out or not -
a week ago yesterday Lydia came
up with the team and took us

all down to their place it is
the first time I have been
to see them since they moved
it is two and a half miles
down there Lydia came up in
the morning and it was nearly
nine O'clock at night when we
came back there was Clay
and his family Hattie and Bert
and Minnah Shesuck was here
visiting and Lydia's grand mother
and Jamie and Rowland came home
with us I told them people would
think there was an "uprising of the
infjuns" Jamie and his folks
stayed until 11 O'clock they cup
all sorts at last they got some
quilt around them and went to
dancing infjun Bert made so much
noise I had to stop them I told
them the neighbors would think
we were all crazy or drunk

8 I will tell you how it was
about Clay's boy's picture: when
Oscar was up here last spring
he gave "little Oscar" a dollar
so Isabelle took it and had
6 pictures taken then she kept
3 and gave Clay 3 he sent one
to his uncle Oscar and one to
George and gave me one they
say they are going to have both
children's picture taken then
they will send you one: we have
had a nice winter so far the week
before Christmas we had some very
cold weather but this month has
quite mild for this country

Heathie gave me a gray flannel
dress for a Christmas present - I
will send you a piece she got her
self a blue flannel. Isabelle
gave me a cream pitcher for Christmas

they gave Hattie a china cup & saucer.

Bert gave her a pen knife and
she gave the three boys a pair of gloves

I hope you had a nice Christmas I
did not go any where this year for
"Christmas or New Year" well as I
have no news to tell you I will
quit scribbling may be you can make
out this poor scrawl any way make
believe you can and write - and
let us know how you are getting
along this winter wish I could
see you and all the rest of the
folks down there, dont know when
I ever can come down there

well Good

Bye for this time regards to all

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