

*[Letter from Winnie (Tolman) Knight to her brother-in-law Arno Knight; Arno is working in Colorado; Winnie is married to Avans (Ave) Knight]*

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Dear Brother;

Ave said he was going to write to you tonight but did not feel like writing much so I volunteered to write for him, perhaps you will think me rather a poor substitute, but to tell you the truth I wanted an excuse or something to start in on for I have been silent so long I am fairly ashamed to write now. My conscience has been troubling me for a long time writing is something I will shirk if I possibly can, but I know you must have so many lonesome hours, you would be glad of most anything to read poor old fellow. I am so sorry for you, to think you must be so unfortunate, I think of you most every day so far away from home and Friends tis hard, very hard to be reconciled to your luck and if you would come home as soon as you can travel I think you would feel better in spirits and that affects anyone's health I suppose, if anyone is low spirited and of course you cant help being blue with only a friend or two to cheer you up I wish you could and would come Your Mother would feel so much better to have you where she could care for you of course we should all feel better, but I can see it wares upon her having so much trouble and she has lost the main stay of her life (as mother says) and has but a few years longer at the longest before she too will be passing over

It is as lively here at the Centre as ever this winter with now and then a marriage to break the monotony and Fannie has taken to her self a better half too, she is a dear good girl and I hope she will be happy. Ave is unsettled in his mind at present about the Cushion lot Oh dear it is an awful thing to be poor but there are a great many things worse than that if one has their health they ought not to complain had they. Nellie has got home from Belfast and business seems to be pretty lively for her at present she had a call to cut three or four dresses before she had been home a week. I have got my Organ sewing machine and knitting work all combined for some months to come in the form of another poor mortal but such is life and I must have my share of its cares I suppose. Joshie has written to you about his baby Brother I will send it to you as it will doubtless be very interesting Billies wife is bound to be a little ahead of me her youngest baby is five days older than mine but I cant say as I care much if she is I have been keeping house today a part of the day the rest have been to meeting Fred Wiley & wife have been here today

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Foss Rankin and Anna Frohock are married also Abbie Moody & Herb True Eddie has left us and gone to the Beach so we are without a man this winter there I have written the sheet full and I can see as I have written any sense either

Well Arno you must keep up as good courage as you can and come home soon write soon and I will try and do better in the future

Bye bye

Winnie