

[Letter from Clara Gilkey to Arno Knight regarding the death of her husband Horace; Arno is working in Colorado]

Lincolnville Apr. 17th 1881.

Mr. Knight:

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 23d was duly received which found Horace very sick indeed. He was only able to hear the letter read, and said one of us must write an answer. When you called on your way to the West he expected to get well; we also had hopes of his recovery, but have been sadly disappointed. The 31st ult. he was suddenly taken ill and continued to decline rapidly, until the 5th inst. when he passed away. He did not appear to suffer much only growing weaker and weaker untill he died; was conscious to the last moment and was not afraid to die. He says, "I must die as all have died and us all must die". He died with a firm belief that he should be raised to enjoy a better life, which was very comforting to those he left behind.

The papers you sent were not received till a week later. I have written this to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and knowing that you would be interested to hear about Horace.

Yours Respectfully,

Clara R. Gilkey