

*[Letter from Fannie Knight to her brother Arno Knight; Arno is working in the Rosita, Colorado area, but is currently sick with "Mountain Fever" per his diary entries]*

Franklin April 28<sup>th</sup> 1879

Dear brother Arno

I received your very welcome letter Saturday I should have written yesterday but I went to ride in the afternoon and then went to church in the evening so my time was about all taken up. I went to City Mills, Norfolk and Rockville then went down to Kingsbury's Pond (perhaps you know where it is) after May flowers we a few but they were not very pretty it was rather early for them we got some trailing Arbutus but they were not blossomed out prettily.

I am glad that you have got work, am in hopes you will have steady employment and will do well I should think that you ought too, for according to your description it must be with about a hundred dollars a month to stay in such a place, if you did not do anything.

I would like to come out there but if it is such a forsaken place I dont know as I should care about it but if you stay out there many years I am coming out see if I dont. Why dont you teach school you can teach any one there is out there I know if you can make more than you can at anything else should think you would try it. I dont know weather I shall go home this summer or not if I can get work that I think I shall like I shall stay here

You said that if I went home you would like to have O—e and I to become more intimately acquainted. I have no doubt but I should like her I do now you know I always told you that I did and I think I should like her better if I was more acquainted with her but I am not sure that she would me. When Nell wrote last she said that Herb Heal and Dana Proctor had gone out to Nevada guess there will not be many young people in L – this summer My roommate has wrote a few lines to you while I took a rest

Mr Arno Knight

At Fan's request I will write a few lines while she is resting after the severe exertion of writing the first page.

Although I never met with you I have often heard Fan speak of you and in that way have become quite well acquainted with your hopes and wishes for the future. I respect and admire your courage and enterprise in thus leaving home and friends

and in a distant state surrounded by hardships striving to win honor and wealth for the purpose of doing good to your fellow men. Most heartily do I wish you success and God speed even as I would my own dear brother most Respectfully Your friend

Well Arno be a good boy and you will be blessed. The folks were all well when I heard from them last will tell Nell to write all the news to you from L— Write as soon as you can I will write again soon when I feel more like writing than I do tonight. My tooth aches so that I don't what I am about I suppose. Before this reaches you you will have received a letter from home also one from O---e  
Good night your loving sister Fan