

[Letter from Delania Knight to her son Arno Knight; Arno is working in Colorado]

Lincolnville Oct 4th 1881.

Mothers Darling Boy

You are well aware how much I have past through the last few months I could not think of writing to you for I did not wish to make you enney more sad than you was you cannot suffer with out your mothers suffering with you I can not be reconcile to your hard fortune I thought you was so good to come home and help take care of your dear Father I thout that the Lord would bless you but I dare not hope for nothing good I never shall forget Ernest kindness to my Darling Boy I have learned to love him as a son I wish that I could recompence him I think that Olive is splendid I wish that I was with you if Ernest is going to leave you I thought that I must go to your relief wen I hurd of your mishap the girls thought that they would have to go and I thought I should have to give it up but it was hard

Emma is to work for Aunt Joann she has been quite well this summer Nellie talks of learning the dress makers trade Avans has gone to Belfast to the Circus Alpheus went with him Arno I am so glad that I did not administer Alpheus will do the best for all it wold worried me to death I wish that you were at home so that we could wait on you dont you think that you had better come home as soon as you are able to we shold be so glad to see you once more I hope that you will bear up under your misfortunes knowing that it is not man that worketh to direct his steps we have just so much to pass through it is no use for us to worry we shall have all that is for us we may work and plan and how often we are disappointed remember my son that it is God that giveth the increas I am going to inclose twenty Dollars in this letter and you need not say any thing about it Emma and Fannie is going to send you a little before long perhaps it will be so that I can send you some more some time from your Mother