

[Letter from Llewellyn Drinkwater to Arno & Olive Knight; Llewellyn has consumption and is in Hot Springs to try and get better; he is married to Nellie Knight, Arno's youngest sister]

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Dear Brother & Sister:

I received your welcome letter Thur. and will write you a few lines to night. Between letter writing, going to the baths, going to market, and cooking my time is pretty well occupied. Sometimes I am at the bath house two or three hours I never come out until am all done sweating. I am gaining but very slow. Have taken 16 baths My appetite is good and am gaining in flesh now weigh 139 lbs. Can sleep better and soon My chest feels better and can move around in bed easier. My knees have straightened out a good rate, but my feet and ankles are very sore and lame and terrible swollen. I am going to fight it out while I am here for shall never come to Hot Springs again. Some come here and are cured in a little while. And others have been here a long time and are no better. I am taken a remedy of my own without my Dr. Dear Sister if you have not got through with your sickness you must keep up good courage and hope for the best. If I could get well soon I would go to Fort Paine and see what I could do towards finding a home there As I think I must live in a warm country. It has been very warm and pleasant here since I came. Seems like summer I can hardly realize it is most Jan. again. So Alice and Ed think I am a fool to come south. I think I should not have loved through a winter in Maine or Minn. either I am writing in my room without a fire and am plenty warm. I wish you were all in as good weather. I have quite fretting about my expences if I can shake this terrible disease off from me I will be contented without a dollar. I get very lonesome when I think about home and my family. But am more contented than at first. My friend Kinningham trusts everything to his God and his religion is a comfort to him in his trouble. I want to tell you about Lill and Ned. I think there Piety is doing much for them if they live all the time as they did while I was there. Ned carries his religion with him week days as well as Sundays. Well I hope to hear from you soon and that you will both be well and comfortable is the wish of your Loving Brother Llewellyn

A Merry Christmas to you all

Good Bye