

[Letter from W.P. Coleman to Arno Knight]

Rosita Colo. Feb 23rd 1880

Friend Arno.

Yours of 12th is recd and contence noticed. Times are quite good here now there seems to be a plenty of work and wages are better than they were last summer. They are doing more at prospecting then ever and a great many mines and prospects have changed hand within the last three or four months. Bossickville is quite a little town now, every lot is taken up now way up to where your pine tree [??] rooled down that you and Moody cut off. If they keep on building as fast as they have lately it will soon be a large a place as Rosita. I have built me a cabin here and think some of putting up a house. Have a corner lot on Main Street. They are taking out lots of ore out of the Bossick mine now. In regard to the Tilden claim. Craig sold it to a man by the name of Allen. He sunk the Shaft some distance and built a Shaft house. I have been to the Cliff twice to see a lawyer about it They think you are a little lame in your title in making a bargain with Craig to let him have it for what you did and not get your pay at the mine They say if you try to hold it that Carvery [?] will come up and acknowledge that he took possession of it with that burden standing and they think he would hold it on that ground, and all that you could get would be the ten dollars if you get any thing, but I think we can frighten something out of them but we should have to attend to it and it would be necessary to employ good council, and you would have to be here, but if you don't want to do that will give me a mining deed. For one half of it (I had it be carded one half in my own name.) I will pay you what Craig was to pay you \$10.00 and if can hold the claim will give you \$50.00 more. Than if it was necessary to have you here you would get your pay for coming as a witness. You cannot send the deed to me or to Mr Gooch the P.M. & he could send the money to you. If you make a deed make the consideration \$500.00 let me hear from you at once in regard to this matter as it aught to be attended to. Would send you the Location paper but left with the Lawyer at the Cliff. Will get it the first time I am over and lend it to you How is Erastus T – getting along? Give my best regards to him and tell him I would like to hear from him

Write Soon

Yours Truly

W.P. Coleman