

[Letter from Nellie Knight to her brother Arno Knight; Arno is working in Colorado]

Lincolnville Dec 14th 1881

Arno my dear brother;

I have made several attempts to write to you since I have returned home but have made a failure every time I have had just all I could do ever since I got home dressmaking I like it very it worries me a little now while first beginning to cut but if I have good luck I shall soon get over that. I was in hopes you would be at home before this think you ought to come just as soon as you get able to travel and get tuned up mother and sisters will do all they can to help you I know you must be badly jarred and smashed up and it seems wicked for you to stay there and suffer how we wish you could be here with us Christmas you poor boy I know you would like to be at home I should think you would feel real babyish by this time, We all hope to see you home soon.

Well Arno they seem to keep hitching together around here there's Fan she is an old married woman now and Abbie Moody and Herbert True are married also Edd Payson and Loda Montgomery of Camden

Alice Drinkwater and Ed Whitney are to be married tomorrow evening have a wedding at their home she has been preparing for it long enough I guess don't think she is any too young to get married do you? "spec" Eddy & Nettie next. Dont hardly think Addie Miller & Nathan will right away they are too young I think then there is Fred Rackliff & Abbie Wadlin Oh! There is a few more to span up then I hope they will give us a rest it don't seem to be nothing new for anyone to get married getting to be an old story now dont astonish anyone now to hear that anyone is married. I want you to come home so I can dance in our old brass kettle with you. we will kick the bottom out this time sure want you to get your leg limbered out all you can so we can do it in good shape. Hiram Farrow has been here several days surveying the wood lot, we have had very mild weather thus far for the time of year it is warm and muddy here now presume you have got my letter with little Addies enclosed in it How are Thomas & Ernest. Expect a letter from you soon

Mr Hodges gets along nicely with his scholars at the Ctr Abbie & Nancy are still sour old maids if not sourer and Abbie is pretty well dried up this fall. A.A. I spec. it makes him feel real old to see so many getting married he will have to take his cattle to play with and console him & Joe L. to. Mother says she will write in a day or two

Dec 15th quite a little fall of snow last night been squally and windy all day clearing
off cold to night with heaps of love
Very truly Your sister Nellie