

*[Letters from Winnie (Tolman) Knight & Nellie Knight to her brother Arno Knight;  
Arno is working in Colorado]*

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Monday morning before mailing father's kidney trouble has commenced  
terrible to lay on his back so we shall go crazy

Lincolnville Nov, 27 1880

Dear brother

I seat myself to inform you that your Father has met with a sad accident. He fell from the plank while crossing from one barn to another Yesterday afternoon and broke his leg, the same knee that was lame before. The Dr. says the worst is yet to come he thinks the only chance for him will be to have his leg taken off there is no one here to wait and tend but Bill Cy has gone South for the winter. I thought I would let you know just how it was and you and Ave could do as you thought best about coming home think you had both better come but will leave it with you. Dr. Brown is tending him and they have sent for Paine

In Haste Your  
Loveing Sister

[in same letter]

Like Dr. Brown very much also Stone both very good & kind

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 1880

Oh! My Dear Brother how can I write with heart to full for utterance nothing but misfortunes for this family. Win has wrote the case plain to you Dr. Payne did not come illness prevented but Dr. Stone of Camden which Dr. Brown thinks an excellent surgeon They were here today all the afternoon and early part of evening and consulted and dressed father's leg they think it is a very hard case for him as it is the lame knee and they think it very doubtful if those old callouses ever heal and it makes it very bad for his kidney troubles laying on his back you know. You and Ave better talk it over about coming home we asked father if we should telegraph to you and Ave he said better write it would take a dispatch so very long to go and so we gave it up said he wanted to see his children once more and it seems hard

not to have any of his children to take care of him in his old age it seems so hard  
father was so smart and seemed to feel in real good spirits this summer and fall and  
he will have to suffer so much seems as though he suffered enough in his life  
wonder if there really is a just God will write again in a few days and let know the  
changes

Your ever loving sister Nellie