

[Letter from W.P. Coleman to Arno Knight; Arno is working in Colorado]

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Friend Knight.

Yours of 25th ult. is received and contented I sent your trunk sometime since and intended to have written you but was very busy and neglected to do so. Could not find the key. No one at Uncle Jims knew any thing about it. It was hanging on a nail then when you sent to me to get those papers out of your trunk but you and I put it back again. Clifford recollected seeing it there but did not know what end it made I sent your trunk by express as I thought it would go quicker and safer that way than as freight it only cost a quarter to get it over to Rosita. That so small amount you need not bother about sending it. I engaged a team to carry it to Rosita some time before it went, and Jim Thomas agreed to get it out of the Cabin (he was stopping there then) but when the team got there had not got it out and the cabin was locked so it did not go then. Jim and Frank Miller started for home last Monday, Frank had got some better of the rheumatism. I hope your brother has entirely recovered before this. Give my best regards to him and Erastus Thomas.

In regard to the Tilden Claim I was talking with McNeff about it the other day. he says he can take his oath that the assessment was worked on it two years ago last Summer but if you think it best, to try to hold it. if you will be to half the expense of working the assessment I will have it worked before the first of January, and a survey on it, and we will make a show of fighting them on it though I doubt if we can hold it but perhaps we could scare them into buying us off. Let me hear from you immediately if you wish to make a fight on it.

Yours Truly
W P Coleman