

[Letter from Avans Knight to his brother Arno Knight; Arno is working in Colorado]

Lincolnville Sept 11th 1881

Dear Brother

I will try and write you a few lines Should have written before but neglected it as I have been pretty busy am in hopes to hear you are gaining fast then it must seem to you to be slow and teagous but you must keep up your courage or til the straw is laid on that breaks your back then I suppose you will have to give in

Well I am in pretty good health and still haying have got in my grain and am cutting second crop it has been so wet there is more than usual I shall cut from the three to four tons have a good deal of foggy and rainy weather it is raining here now.

Alpheus is going on with the business of settling up the property The prizers was on last Tuesday and Wednesday everything was prized that was sold after Father died even to the apples The home stead was Prized at \$2633.1/3 personal property about eight hundred and the further woods at one thousand

I dont see no other way than to sell the further wood lot and if we don't fix up pretty well we will have to sell some thing besides I nor Emma have not put in any bill nor dont intend to for Mother wants to keep the home place together and is turning in money that belongs to her to pay debts and of corse there will be more left for the heirs when the debts is paid but of corse in order to do anything there hs got to be some of the personal property kept on the place it is reduced about as low now as it had ought to be In regard to your account it looks to me rather large under the circumstances but it is no difference how it looks to me as I know of I suppose it would be well enough for you to make out another account and deduct out the amount you had when you went away as we could get at it so about as easy as any way Or this keep that and not render in any account mother didn't know but it would be as well to try and get the debts paid and try and rase some thing on the farm for you at some fucher time but a bird in hand is worth too in the bush

Recon your account and Alpheus and Sampson notes makes something like \$850.00 and the note Winnie has got I have got and you have got makes three hundred more then there is too years taxes amounting to about on hundred and sixty dollars and Cy Youngs note over Sixty making total over \$1370.00 besides the expence of settling the estate I have nearly given you my opinion and some figures to let you know how things stand and what I want is for you to write and let me know what you think of matters and we will try to have things fixed for the best

good of all if you are really in need of money I will try and get the money on that note but if you haint you had better keep it until you can send it in to Alpheus

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Well write soon and let me know your mind of things if you had not had such luck I should liked to have bought in that wood lot dont know as we can do anything at it now as it is

Avans