

[Letter from Ernest Drinkwater to his sister Olive Drinkwater; Ernest remained in Colorado after Arno returned to Lincolnville]

Venable House

Maysville, Colo. Nov. 3rd 1883

Dear Sister,

Your welcome letter was rec'd this morning. Was very glad to hear from home. I came down from the mine this morning shall go back to morrow. My health is very good, I am not making much money but am very well, as well as I could do in Maine. If I have my health I think I shall leave Colo. in another year, for some other State whear it is a little more like living than it is here. Tell Arno I am very sorry I have not answered his letter. I thought I had done so. Tell him I will write to him in a day or so. Tell him not to wait for me but to write often

I do not have much time to write, and I neglect it. How do you and Arno get along to gether. I hope that you will make him happy soon for he is as dear as a brother to me. and in all a noble man. what is Lill's fellows name I have never heard it. And what is his business. If Eva Miller marrys John Dean I hope she will make his money fly and have some fun with it. I think old John will have to shake the sheet to find her don't you. you spoke of some one waiting for me. there is no one that would be so foolish as that will not write any more to night as it is bed time. The Clerk has gone to bed and I am all alone. This Hotell seems like home to me. Mrs. Venable is a very fine woman. She has a little girl that is lame will always be a cripple from Hip disease. She has been in love with me for two years, she is always glad to see me when I come down I showed her Allies Picture to night she thought it very nice. Toled her it was my little girl. I wear my whiskers long and most People think I am about forty years old. Well I will not scratch any more. Do not think you can read this. Give me love to all and write often.

From your Loving Brother
Ernest