



Chasanga July 2. 1891

Dear Uncle

I do take this opportunity to write to you to let you know that we are yet alive and well. We are thankful to arrive at our western home all in good health. We are thankful when especially that we made many narrow escapes of railroad accidents for just a few days previous to our starting there were two or three ^{fatal} accidents happen on the railroad, and since we have been here we read of many even on the same route we came. There have been many wild tornadoes through the western States, (one near here) and many lives lost while we are yet unharmed. Praise our Heavenly Father in his merciful kindness has spared our unprofitable lives.

I hope you are well and enjoying the sweets of a Christian life; which, amidst all the storms of earth we can still put our trust in God.

I have for some weeks tried to get time to write to you but have had many hindrances. Our quarterly meeting has just closed. We had a shout in the western camp, just such a one as would please you I know. The Banquet was held in the schoolhouse and other services in a beautiful grove fitted for the occasion.

We came here in April found our friends well in good spirits. The week after we arrived, Sister Louisa was married to Mr. Randolph a man from our immediate neighborhood in Montgomery. She has a fine home. He is a Presbyterian but thinks they can live a religious life together just as well. The societies are mostly Protestant Methodists & Episcopal Methodists.

Uncle if you come west ^{of us} will be happy to have you stay a long time with us. My brother Henry was 21 years of age in Apr. and was married 3 weeks ago. He has a forty ~~acre~~ lot paid for and a few acres of timber land besides.

I think the vast Prairies of waving grain present a most beautiful appearance and with all the remaining beauties of the West, I think the mind may be led to praise the the God of nature, as much here as elsewhere.

There are many here that are very wealthy and do much for the improvement of their country and society. There are also many who are wealthy and very avaricious. There is one good old Methodist man who has been in Iowa 14 years and has not omitted taking two or more of the "Christian advocates" and has taken the "Ladies Repository" Almost all the people that I have been acquainted with take some 3 and some 4 Christian papers

We have a thriving Sabbath-School called the Pleasant Grove
Sabbath School I am teaching the day school and find a
pleasant set of scholars as I ever taught, and also intelli-
gent and are still improving under my instruction.
Mother says to tell you that she don't like Iowa yet
as well as she did old Plover, but she likes it
better than she did at first. Father and all the
rest like it very well, but they are none of so en-
-raptured as myself. I have been around consider-
able and think the scenery delightful.

There were six preachers from Plover at our meeting
They shouted as well as their people. They are going
to have Camp meeting in the same grove (Pleasant Grove)
where I am teaching. It is one mile and half from home.
We are living in a rented house yet as ours is not yet
completed. I go home every Friday night, glad to my
friends after my weeks labor in teaching the young-
-sters. I find my new sister (in law) to a very good and
pleasant girl and is very acceptable to our family as Sister
Adda & I are both teaching this summer and will still
continue a select school until winter school will
again commence. Sister Conrad & husband are here
with us but don't know whether they will remain
here or not. He is not satisfied with the country,
but perhaps they will settle somewhere here yet.

I get \$36. for the term of three months and my board paid.
Sister Adda \$28 This her first term of teaching. She likes it well.
She comes home every week like myself. She with all the
family send much love to you.

We brought your letter out here for our friends to read that
they might more fully realize that they indeed had an
Angel on the land of the living.

They wish very much, you were able to take a journey
west again to see us all once more.

Mother says she would really like to see you now. She
says to give you much love & ever continue to pray much
that she may live the life of the righteous and at last
meet you in Heaven. Please give our respects to all
the cousins in your place, tell them I would be
happy to have them write to me if not too much
trouble.

Father still continues to wrestle on to try to live in the
good way. He is at work building fence. He said he was
going to write you himself but for fear he would wait too
long I have written as I know it has been neglected too
long already.

Sister Adda has not joined the church yet. Please pray
for her that she may be brought in the fold.

Little Adda & Henry Conrad send their love to you.

Please write soon. Yours truly,

Davina S. Higgin.