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Mrs Nora Beam

My Dear Friend  
after such a long silence I will  
now make an effort to answer  
your ever welcome letter & picture  
that I received & read with much  
pleasure & satisfaction & also  
the picture was very much  
appreciated I need not neglect to  
answer sooner as I was starting  
to send mine & Baby's in return  
so you see I have the same excuse  
as you had. Dear Nora I guess you  
will be surprised to hear that I have  
another little Darling she was  
seven months old on the seventh  
of this month & Oh she is so cute  
& such a comfort to us The picture

is very natural of the Baby but  
not very good of me It was a very  
warm day & I was not feeling  
well But had It taken to please  
Dave as he wanted mine with the  
Baby. Dave has been out to Corbin  
Illinois at work for about three  
months he spent away when the  
Baby was four weeks old & you see  
I have been a grass widow ever  
since but expect him home on  
the 24 of this month I dont know  
how long he will stay.

My Dear Nora I just had to cry  
for joy when I look at your picture  
& read your letter It seemed to bring  
back old remembrance back. & I should  
like to see you very much I dont  
think you have changed any your  
picture is just splendid you look  
the same. Dear friend that never  
changes I congratulate you on your

choosing such a fine looking  
Husband & hoping he is as  
good & that you may never have  
cause to regret.

Oh how I should like to come  
out & take a peep at you I think  
you must have a good time raising  
chickens Ducks & Turkeys I will  
have to pay you a visit & take  
some lessons as I am afraid I  
should make a very poor Farmer  
Wife. Dear Nora you must excuse  
all mistakes Ma Alice Harry  
& all the folks join me in love  
to you also Dave wished me to  
remember him to you when I wrote  
Love to your Ma & all the folks  
when you write

With much Love I remain  
as ever your true Friend

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