

Lovely letter from  
Mother Mary to  
Skill & Nord .

6 - Dec 85

Tell Will I was very much  
pleased to have him write to me  
tell him that he can read the letters  
that I write to you and for every  
letter that he reads I think he  
ought to write some in yours to  
me for when I write to you I mean  
it for him as well as you tell him  
I will try and be as good to him  
now you are married as I was mean  
before Mary is well she says  
she has not had a word from you  
since you went away I think  
you have been good to write to me  
and I hope you will keep on being  
good I began to think before I got  
a letter that you had forgotten to  
write to me I expect that the  
Court will commence in Logan  
tomorrow Aunt Mary Reed  
is still over to Chewton

With Love to you and Will  
I will quit for this time  
hoping you both will write soon  
to your loving brother Mary Crockett

Logan Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1885  
Dear Nora

We received your  
welcome letter night before last  
and was very glad to get it as you may  
be sure it found us as well as usual  
and that is not very well your Father  
is troubled with the rheumatism a  
great deal. Our Preston people are  
all well as far as I know bro Simonds  
has offered his place for 1000 dollars  
if your Father can raise the money  
he will buy it but I do not think  
he will be able to get the money  
It is very nice warm weather  
here only very foggy I got a  
letter from my Cousin in N. H.  
the other day she says that Aunt  
Sally and Aunt Emma are both  
dead Aunt Sally was 97 years

and three months old  
Aunt Anna died last June the  
22 if she had lived until the 5<sup>th</sup>  
of July she would have been 94  
years old. Aunt Mary and Uncle  
Harvey and Cousin George Gilmore  
are also dead also Fredrick Reed is  
dead my Cousin did not say how  
old her Father and Mother were  
but her brother was 45 years old  
She sent me some vases she cut  
out of a paper made up a bout her  
30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her wedding they  
are very nice the verses I mean  
I wish I had been there to get some  
of your squirrel I would not refuse  
to eat some of it I am glad that  
you are enjoying your self so well  
I shall be tremendous glad to  
see you and Will back here again  
Hite and Ches are writing and  
they keep talking to me all the  
time and it bothers me so I can  
hardly write at all besides I  
have been working hard all day  
if it's Sunday in the first

Place after breakfast  
I had to fix 6 boys off to  
Sunday school then I had to do  
the ironing that ought to have  
been done the week before  
so you see that I am tired  
Ropie is working down to Delia's  
so I have all the work to do  
it keeps me a jumping all the  
time besides I have been sewing  
for Anna and I expect to make  
a velvet dress for Althere to go  
to the dress ball that is coming off  
Christmas eve that is if she gets an  
invitation there is nothing like  
being ready you know Barbaras  
bung eye has got married to a big  
fat danish girl Rosie saw him  
since he was married and says that  
he looks down in the mouth about  
it but it had to be did. if you know  
what that means Well Nora I  
guess you are tired of my slang  
but I have to write some kind  
of nonsense to keep from think-  
ing too much so you will have to  
excuse me