

1 Nov 1883^r

Friend → Nora

St David
Cochise Co
Arizona
Nov 1st 1858

Dear Friend Sara

I have promised to write to you so long and I thought I would try and keep my promised. I hope that you are well as it leaves me the the same.

I ~~had~~ wrote to Maria a couple of days ago and I told her all the news I could think of then. The first thing is I wished were back in Gogon I just hate Arizona but then I am here and I will have to be contented. We have got a nice one here it is one large room. I expect you are having pretty bad weather there now on the 31st of Oct it was fearful hot the sweat just drip of me as I sat in the house. but today it has been raining and it is cold any way we dont have any preparing for winter we can go and get our fire wood any time we want to. We are sitting in our house tonight

Yr. Aff. Servant
J. W. Rice and Co

without any fire and we do every night.
I start to school on Monday ^{with} Mr Seth
Jones ~~from~~ Salt Lake City and Mr
Bluff of St David is our teacher Mr
Jones came from S. G. L. where we did
I am Secretary of the N. Y. S. M. I. C.
of St David. We expect Bert home ^{tomorrow}
from the Soldiers fest. Well Nora I dont think
that I have any more to say tonight
but Nora you must excuse this short ~~letter~~
this time as I have said before I told
Polly every thing I could think of, the
children are well and happy Well
Give my love to all of the folks and
Excuse the ^{damn for gawd} from your loving friend.
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P.S. Write soon Ma and father
send their kind regards to you
and the folks I will write to Mary
soon I could have written to night

but I dont know what
to say Goodnight
From, Leah. W. W

Excuse Writing and mistakes