

My success has been very good
this far if it continues I will be back
sooner than I expected I am getting
homesick to say you I never knew what
it was to be homesick before have been
in several places and by a number of
friends & acquaintances but was never homesick
before I never thought of you until you
promised — and every since I have
thought of you night and day It gives
me a pain to work for but providence
seems to say that I will never win
but I will give you all the love a true
heart can posses and if kind providence
decrees our separation all I can say is
must it be Have you heard from
Chariton? When you do I want you to let
me see the letters & send them to me
if I am not there I am thinking
they will be good and I would like
to see them — (more paper)

St Charles Vt.
Sep. the 26/1883
Friend Nora.

According to promise
I will write you as I have
a few moments to spare
have just arrived at this place
and up from Fish Haven
to day with our friend Mrs
Larson We had a pleasant
drive which we passed talking
about old times (supper is
ready excuse me until I
eat as I am very hungry)
Supper over and my horse fed
now I am ready to tell you what
we were talking about Our sub-
jects varied from hunting and fishing
to various kind of business We talked
a bit of our old friends and towns

had
Of what happened and what might
of been (which is as very interesting)
to us but would be dull to you
all but one thing no doubt you
would like to hear that was the
incident that took place on the
25th of July (if you remember)
The day you called at the P.C. and
told Mr Brangham not to let any
one have your mail. The gentleman
in side was Mr F. So as you
supposed. And it was he that
dropped the line you told me of
for he said us to dory as we were
driving along. He said that
he came warf near signing my
name I left the impression
that ~~we~~ ^{we} were not in good
terms and had never written to
one another as corresponding
only as a matter of business
and at present simply old acquaintances

It seems to be a good friend
to me but I believe that he knows
who dropped the other note if he would
tell I could not find out. Without
venturing to far so I had to drop
the sub.

Well I will tell you about
my supper. It reminds me of
my first meal at Mrs. Worswicks
This was my first folks present
be quite a number of women - the
very nice girls which tend to make
a mark in me. We had a nice supper
of which I partook very heartily taking
as much as I could get a chance
The women were as free to talk as
men were at Mrs. Worswicks
after supper there was a young
fellow called and enticed one
of the girls away (I guess he had
a right to) They say they are young
& the City soon and the there will
be two more hearts to make happy supper



Will Ford I am commencing
this spot but will not have time
to fill it. I have been getting so many
letters that it takes all of my spare time to answer.
You among many others receive first
attention. I got a letter from my sister
and must as she has almost completed
my watch chain. I am expecting with
sincerity when it comes. My folks want me to
come home they are afraid that I will
get a northern girl and well they
might if they have known what I think
I know. I guess I will not go to Iowa
yet a while but I may go to Ed.
when I return. I have a good chance
there if I do not lose it like I did
the other one. I will watch it better
than what I did that.

I was out boat riding this morning
and had all of the fun a lone when I have
finished my work I am going to spend a
day out riding and see the best.

From Your Friend
W. H. R.

C. O. C.

Surprised and made a
blunder

When you have read and considered you
will have enough to comment for
a week - until I write again -
so I will close by signing,
my own

W. H. R.