

They played
yours doct
you had to
his sister
twice what
barrow fashion
his neck is
still still from
The effect of it
more for says
he sends his
compliments
to you and
thinks of you
often. Ma said
you must
consider this
letter as two
she gives me
no love to you
all. Write
soon to your
mother and
sister Lydia

Terrible fever in the head also
I don't know but what my baby
had brain fever as well as lung
she baby was a good deal better
when we came down we have not
heard since Ma came down Tuesday
and I came Wednesday.

Ma got a letter from Alvin D Sunday
he said he was pretty proud as Emma
had a fine baby boy Sister Curtis
and Delia got up a picnic for the
fourth or the fifth it was up here
in the grove by the house and
had a splendid time ice cream
and beer had a splendid dinner
and supper they put up three nice
swings in the tree they are up
yet Ma says don't you wish you
were here to swing she enjoys it

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Nora and Royie

Dear Sister Ma ^{is} washing
and would not let me help her but
got me to write for her she is owing
eight letters I have just written
to George for her Ma got your postal
Sunday, Royie and was glad to
get it but you did not say
whether you got John's letter or not
she just opened it to take her
out but did not read yours
I have been in Sagan a week tomorrow
Friday evening just as Mr. Dean
came to our house my baby
commenced to scream and I
could hardly get him quiet
I thought he did not feel well

So I gave him some medicine
but Sunday he was so hoarse
he could hardly cry we did all we
could for him Archie and I just
tended to him night and day
but he kept getting worse
we got Sister Green the best
doctor woman in the place
but she was not well her self
and could not stay right with
him she came twice Wednesday
morning was the last time she
came she told us she thought
he was improving and we would
not need to send for her any more
as we were doing all we could
for him and she thought he
would get along if we would
watch him carefully that night
Oggs sat up with us Archie and
I got a little sleep in the fore part
of the night and then we got

Oggs to lay down about three
o'clock Archie sat on the carpet
by the head of the cradle looking
right at baby and he breathed his
last. You will never know how
hard it is for me until you pass
through the same he seemed to
me the sweetest babe that ever
lived. I don't know what we would
ever have done if Oggs and Ruth had
not been right there. Ma Delia and
Archie's mother came up that day
on the train. Oh Josie think how
sweet he looked when you held him
up in the green tree and now you
will never see him any more
Ma was a going to come home
Monday but Ruth's baby was
taken with the same disease but
not so severe although he was pretty
sick I was quite frightened about
him it was lumpy fever with a