

Ask Katie if she intends to get married
this fall. if she does I will leave it up
to do choose for me. she is getting to be
a very good girl to work she does
all the scrubbing, most of the dishes,
and all the Chamber work. so if Katie
gets married. we will need her now
that grandma is here. I was going
to start back to Army yesterday but
got word that school will not begin
until the first of October for the
Diphtheria is there. I suppose you
have heard of Delia's sickness she
has been bedfast for two weeks to night
if she was at home it would be better
but she is at Preston when she got
saw spoke about going to Preston
John Reed told her if she went she
might come back a corpse. when
we got ready to start Mr. McAlister
told bro. Curtis to get her life
insured before letting her go. after she
was taken sick she kept saying
"John said I would come back a
corpse and perhaps I will"
Doubt has been up there most of the time
he is there now

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Dear Daughter Nora
Please excuse me for not writing
before for I have been very busy
making quilts that I may be ready
to take Grandma and now the
fire has burned up three of my
quilts I have to make more
Well Nora I am very thankful
that you are all right and have
a nice little baby. I hope you
will take good care of yourself and
baby remember if you are care-
ful and take good care of yourself
you will be healthy and well
Oh how I wish I could see you all
I have had two letters from you
since I have written so this will
do for the answer to them both
and the next one was you glad to see

John I guess Roxie was you must
not let Roxie neglect you you
must call on her for any thing
you want you must take an egg
in new milk every morning
I hope you will be able to come
this fall if you do you must carry
the baby on a pillow What are
you going to name the baby
A D and family are down on
a visit I think Emma has a
nice baby Lillian is quite sick
she looks very peaked and bad
Ruth baby has been very sick
again but is better now Mary
and Delia went up to Preston
a week ago yesterday and was
going to come home on Monday
but Delia met with an mishap
and is very sick I do not know
when she will be able to come
home I think I will be
able to save you all the young

roosters you want Aunt Mary
is talking of going home in a
week or two if she can I got
a letter from George yesterday
he was well. ^{Thursday 11} Every since ma started
this letter she has been trying to finish
it, now I have been taken pity on
her, at about 9 or 10 o'clock
Tuesday night Uncle Marion sent
grandma up to ma we were out
looking for her and ma was
terribly tired she gave them "hail
Columbia" for not giving her a half
day notice, grandma had three
hard fits that night when she first
got into them she makes a noise
loud enough to be heard a block.
I think ma is so nervous that
she will not live long if grandma
stays, which she is apt to do
as long as she lives. She has to be
washed and tended just the same
as a little baby. Ma is very anxious for
Roxie to come home and help her.



mother has two beautiful pairs of
 worsted shoes for your baby. she means
 to have sent them by John but forgot.
 Ma wants you to write us often as
 possible but she will not be able
 to write much now. she does
 not have a minute to herself
 now.

In this letter ma sends
 Kope one of his Pussadiv's it
 is as double as it can be I
 never saw any thing so pretty
 Ma is very proud of your baby she
 wants to know of it is ~~the~~ blessed
 if so what is its name. Aunt
 Mary is thinking of going home
 in a few days

Miss D. and E. and five
 children all here, been here a
 week. you can see us number
 a good many

Write soon as letters are a great
comfort to us we all send
our love to you and yours

Mary

Reyes started out