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Edith → Norval Hall  
& Baby  
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Chariton, Iowa, Oct. 7 1856.

Dear Brother & Sister:—

To night with a tired  
hand and an aching head  
I will try and ans. your  
welcome letter

This leaves us all tolerably  
well and hope it will  
find you getting a long the  
best kind. I have two more  
weeks and three days and school  
will be out.

I only wish I was like you  
done teaching school and had  
a pleasant home and could  
live a happy life.

Mr. Halle had their sale today  
they are going to move to  
Kansas, they sold to J. P. Walker

I had a spelling school last  
Tuesday night Cousin Hiram  
Smith was out and helped me  
to pronounce. They are looking  
for young folks before long,  
excuse me for writing such as  
this to you but I cannot  
think of any thing else to  
write.

We have most of our apples  
picked we will have enough  
to do us if they will keep.  
What do you call your baby  
and where is George I got his  
last letter misplaced and I  
can not remember his add.  
I burned some of my old  
letters and I think by mistake  
I got his last letter with them,  
I received a letter from  
Agnes not long ago she  
sent me flowers and quite a

number of nice pieces for my  
quilt, do you paint yet?  
I have never sent for any  
patterns yet I want to know  
we have had Edith at our place  
but my such looking things you  
never saw I am going to  
try again I want pa + ma  
to go and have a group taken  
I have got them almost in the  
motion. This is all I can  
think of tonight.

Send me baby's picture  
as soon as you can.  
Write soon

Edith to Hiram, Will + Baby