

6 Oct 1887

Lydia + Nora  
from Preston

Puxton Oct-6<sup>th</sup> 1887  
Mrs. Sara C. Keam

Dear Sister

I was so pleased to hear from you and to get one of your sweet baby's pictures. I think he is a right-pretty baby. How I should like to see him. Pa said he did not think you would be coming down this fall. I was so in hopes you would. Archie Cousin Emily and her husband and little boy were here a short time ago and staid over night. She enquired about you and Will. She gave my baby such a pretty little blue hood she made her self.

I have got my baby shortened  
and he looks so cute.

I never hear from Delia now  
do you? I had raised quite a  
large flock of chickens this summer  
but some disease come among  
them and I have lost nearly  
all of my old chickens and  
a great many of my young  
ones I am afraid when they  
quit dying I will have to  
buy some here to start with  
again. I think you have quite  
a bunch of stock of your own  
and you have done well  
with your cows this summer.  
I tell you I miss the eggs coming  
in view. The turkeys are beginning  
to die now I had raised 28  
this summer and the most  
of them were as large as the  
old ones but four have died

and some more are sick,  
I feel pretty well discouraged  
I expected to sell a good many  
chickens & turkeys this fall  
and help to buy me a sewing  
machine for I need one so bad  
kiss the baby for me

and kind regards to Will

Write soon to your loving

Sister Lydia

P.S. I asked Geo why he did  
not write to you and he said  
it had been so long since he  
got your letter that he was  
ashamed to, and Ruth  
said you did not write to  
her

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