

Emma Webb → Nova

she died last year I thought
then would I ever find another
friend that would endeavor
to see as she had done I trust that
I have

I will send you the few
lines that I mention in answer of
yours

Respectfully yours
Emma Smith

Palmyra September 4th 22. 1844
Miss Mrs C. Crockett

Friend Anne

to day I will try to answer your kind
letter that I received September 22nd wishing
was the reason that I did not write sooner
the work is the first that I have had
to do my work I wish you were here
to day you spoke of being a letter
haver at talking I am writing Anne
if we should ever meet you will find
that I can make a better hand at talking
than writing She is coming to stay a
few weeks with me

Pa has just gone home he said
he thought if Ma could come and
stay with me I would get well sooner

I did not get to go to our
state fair this year that was said
to be the best among the states

we live close enough to be occasionally
~~called~~ so that we can see their new one
State house they have just finished
it this summer

Will said he would like to
see it after they had finished he
thought it was nice when he saw it
it last. I don't know what one
he came of Will he has not written
to me for several weeks.

My Sister and her husband
are coming to spend the winter
with us they went to Nebraska
last May have become Christians
they think they would rather come
back home than go any further
west I am glad they are coming
back for if they had got as far
west as Will was an afraid they
would not want to come back
Mr Will has spent 25 years of
his life in the West and it seems
like to me since Will went west

I do not want any more of
family to go west either.

There is a gentleman in our village
that came from Washington Territory
last week he went from here to
Oregon 10 years ago he did not
like Oregon and thought of coming
home he had friends living in
Washington and went to visit
them they persuaded him to stay
one year and they thought he would like
the country better in stead of trying
as you he stayed 10 and has come
back now for his Father and Mother
to go home with him to live

I will close for this time
hoping to hear from you soon
I cannot tell you how much your
letters reminds me of a dear friend
and associate of mine when I read
your letters it almost seems to
me that Anne is talking