

Alvin Crockett → Nora &
Skill

Please look over the missive for George is reaching and your mother is knitting and Willie and Hyle sitting near by Jim and Roxie well they are in the front Room and once and a while I can catch a faint sound from them so you can see that I am lonely indeed I forget to say that Henry and Elsie are to be.

Remember me to all your other relatives you will also cover that this letter is written to both of you so I shall expect two in return one from each of you a c.

Vogaw Dec 26th 1885

I am glad to learn that you are so well treated and the folks where you are I think must be very good and you must be good to them for they are Gods children as well as us I am truly pleased to find that you are not ashamed of your religion it is unpopular I know in the world but I know that ~~that~~ it is the truth of Heaven and will save all ^{who} live up to the same. Well your mother will write so as to send with this and I leave ^{left} the news for her to write I gave her a rousing kiss for you Anna sends her love to you and was glad that you remembered her with love to you as ever your father a Crockett

Dear Children
Christmas being over I will try to write you a few lines in answer to the very interesting letter that I received from you it found us all well or as well as usual Mother Crockett is no better she seems to be slowly failing mentally and physically and how long she will remain with us I know not but think it will not be long. Well you speak of cold weather and snow and sleigh riding. we have had none of those things as yet this winter it has been raining all day and we have

had no snow to speak of yet
and it is like Spring.
we had a dinner yesterday
(Christmas) at Anna's we were
all there that are at home we
had our Old and aged friend
P. Cranney with us all was
quiet and of rather a solemn
feeling than otherwise on account
of the absent ones Especially
those so far away but while
we could not have you with
us we could think of you
and let our minds revert back
to the times that you took an
active part with us on similar
occasions and we breathed
a prayer for you that ^{you} might
be enjoying your selves and
that God would protect you
from all harm and bring you
back to us in safety.

Well I will write a little about
the present out look of things
here. The District Judges and
those of their kind including
the ministers of the different
denominations are still doing
all that they can to bring trouble
upon this people they are sending
both East and West some of
the basest lies that a wicked
mind can invent to sum it
all up it is no better now
than when you was here they
have got no one from Logan
yet but some think that they
will make a break shortly
after New years Court is now
in session at Ogden and
Bro. Lorenzo Snow will
soon have his trial I suppose
I think they have three indictments
against him and I expect they
will give him all they can