

They played  
games and  
I had to  
wash sailor  
boy's wheel  
barrow fashion  
his neck is  
still stiff from  
the effect of it  
Nora has said  
she sends his  
compliments  
to you and  
thinks of you  
often. Ma said  
consider this

terrible fever in the head also  
I don't know but what my baby  
had brain fever as well as lung  
Her baby was a good deal better  
when we came down we have not  
heard since Ma came down Tuesday  
and I came Wednesday.

Ma got a letter from Alton Sunday  
he said he was pretty proud as Emma  
had a fine baby boy Sister Curtis  
and Delia put up a picnic for the  
fourth or the fifth it was up here  
in the grove by the house and  
had a splendid time ice cream  
and beer had a splendid dinner  
and supper they put up three nice  
swings in the trees they are up  
yet Ma says don't you wish you  
were here to swing she enjoys it

In love to you  
all. Write  
soon to your  
Mother and  
Sister Lydia

Logan July 6<sup>th</sup> 1886

Nora and Rose

Dear Sisters Ma <sup>is</sup> washing  
and would not let me help her but  
got me to write for her she is owing  
eight letters I have just written  
to George for her Ma got your postal  
Sunday, Rose and was glad to  
get it but you did not say  
whether you got John's letter or not  
She just opened it to take here  
out but did not read yours  
I have been in Logan a week tomorrow  
Friday evening just as Mr. Team  
came to our house my baby  
commenced to scream and I  
could hardly get him quiet  
I thought he did not feel well

So I gave him some medicine  
but Sunday he was so hoarse  
he could hardly cry we did all we  
could for him. Archie and I just  
tended to him night-and-day  
but he kept getting worse  
we got Sister Green the best  
doctor woman in the place  
but she was not well her self.  
and could not stay right-with  
him she came twice Wednesday  
morning was the last time she  
came she told us she thought  
he was improving and we would  
not need to send for her any more  
as we were doing all we could  
for him and she thought he  
would get along if we would  
watch him carefully that night  
Ozro sat up with us Archie and  
I got a little sleep in the fore part  
of the night and then we got

Ozro to lay down about three  
o'clock Archie sat on the carpet  
by the head of the cradle looking  
right-at-baby and he breathed his  
last. You will never know how  
hard it is for us until you pass  
through the same he seemed to  
be the sweetest babe that ever  
lived. I don't know what we would  
ever have done if Ozro and Ruth had  
not been right-there. Ma Delia and  
Archie's mother came up that day  
on the train. Oh Rose think how  
sweet he looked when you held him  
up in the green trees and now you  
will never see him any more  
Ma was going to come home  
Monday but Ruth the baby was  
taken with the same disease but -  
not-so severe although he was pretty  
sick I was quite-frightened about  
him it was high fever with a