

Ask Rose if she intends to get married this fall, if she does I will leave Drama to do chores for me. She is getting to be a very good girl to work. She does all the scrubbing, most of the dishes, and all the chamber work. So if Rose gets married, ma will need her now that grandma is here. I was going to start back to Albany yesterday but got word that school will not begin until the first of October for the Diphtheria is there. I suppose you have heard of Delia's sickness. She has been bedfast for two weeks tonight if she was at home it would be better but she is at Preston when she got sick spoke about going to Berlin John Reed told her if she went she might come back a corpse. when we got ready to start Mr. McAlister told bro. Curtis to get her life insured before letting her go. after she was taken sick she kept saying "John said I would come back a corpse and perhaps I will" Bro. C. has been up there most of the time he is there now

Susan Sept 6 1886
Dear Daughter Nora

Please excuse me for not writing before for I have been very busy making quilts that I may be ready to take Grandma and now the fire has burned up three of my quilts I have to make more Well Nora I am very thankful that you are all right and have a nice little baby. I hope you will take good care of yourself and baby remember if you are careful and take good care of yourself you will be healthy and well

Oh how I wish I could see you all I have had two letters from you since I have written so this will do for the answer to them both and the next one was you glad to see

John I guess Roxie was you must
not let Roxie neglect you you
must call on her for any thing
you want you must take an egg
in new milk every morning
I hope you will be able to come
this fall if you do you must carry
the baby on a pillow What are
you going to name the baby
D and family are down on
a visit I think Emma has a
nice baby Lillian is quite sick
she looks very peaked and bad
Ruth's baby has been very sick
again but is better now Mary
and Delia went up to Preston
a week ago yesterday and was
going to come home on monday
but Delia met with an mishap
and is very sick I do not know
when she will be able to come
home I think I will be
able to save you all the young

roosters you want Aunt Mary
is talking of going home in a
week or two if she can I got
a letter from George ^{Saturday 11} yesterday
he was well. Every since ma started
this letter she has been trying to finish
it now I have been taken pity on
her. At about 9 or 10 O'clock
Tuesday night Uncle Marion sent
grandma up to ma we were not
lookin for her and ma was
terribly tryed she gave them "hail
Columbia" for not giving her a half
day notice, Grandma had three
hard fits that night, when she first
goes into them she makes a noise
loud enough to be heard a block.
I think ma is so nervous that
she will not live long if grandma
stays, which she is apt to do
as long as she lives. She has to be
washed and tended just the same
as a little baby. Ma is very anxious for
Roxie to come home and help her.

mother has two beautiful pairs of
worsted shoes for your baby. She means
to have sent them by John but forgo
ma wants you to write as often as
possible but she will not be able
to write much now. She does
not have a minute to herself
now.

In this letter ma sends
Rolie one of her Frusadins it
is as double as it can be I
never saw any thing so pretty.
Ma is very proud of your baby. She
wants to know if it is ~~the~~ blessed
if so what is its name. Aunt
Mary is thinking of going home
in a few days.

Alvin D. and E. and five
children are here, been here a
week. So you can see we number
a good many.

Write soon as letters are a great
comfort to me we all send
our love to you and yours

Mary

Roxie scented oak