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Mother → Nora  
Mary

29<sup>th</sup> I have a terrible headache to day I always  
do have after washing I think you have done  
very well earning money it makes me  
think of my young days when I used to  
earn money by sewing by hand some  
times I used to earn two or three dollars a  
week and would have to hold Mary on my  
lap the most of the time for she was always  
sick but girls as a general thing grow days  
do not do any thing but their own house  
work and they do well to do that some of  
them have their husbands help them.

The last I heard from Emma her three  
youngest children were sick.

You must write soon Give my love  
to Will and Delia and keep a good  
portion for your self and baby a  
Thousand kisses to my darling little  
Grandson This from your loving  
Mother Mary J Crockett

Post script Roxie is washing to day and cannot  
write but says she does not know whether she  
will go to Payson or not she says that she has  
wrote three times to you and get no answer and  
she thinks that is enough M. J. C.

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Dear Daughter your most welcome  
letter just received I will sit down  
and answer it tonight although I  
am very tired for I have been washing  
to day and when I am on my feet  
much I get very tired I guess that  
I am fat and lazy for my feet  
and ancles get so tired that they pain  
me I was late getting a start washing  
for I had to get the men folks off  
for Preston so you see that Henry  
and me are two old cronies together  
all of the rest have moved to  
Preston and took Fred with them  
do you not think that I am lonely  
after raising so many children  
to be left with only one  
I am so lonesome that I do not know  
what to do and I do not know

what to do I wish I could see you and  
baby I think baby must be cute  
and sweet. Just think of yourself  
when you get old and all of your  
children grown into manhood and  
womanhood and go away from  
you don't you think that you would  
feel lonely. Roxie is here yet and  
I will have her write in this to you  
in the morning before I mail it  
I do not know if they are going  
to move to Sarysan or not it is  
getting so late my ducks lay as regular  
as clockwork they never miss a day  
I think the reason is because I  
have taken particular pains to  
feed them plenty in their coop  
before I turn them out with  
the chickens last year I did not  
get many eggs from the ducks  
because they were so poor I always  
fed them with the chickens then  
they did not get enough to eat

I did not know that they were so  
poor until I caught them for you  
to take to bear lake I let the boys  
take six hens and a rooster to  
Preston Anna let them have six  
hens and they took the cow and  
my twins up there and Carlson  
too Willie says he will set some  
of my hens on turkey eggs for  
me. if you feed your young  
turkeys on hard boiled eggs for  
two or three weeks it will make  
them strong you need not feed  
them only two or three eggs  
a day. Where is Will a going  
this summer. Did I tell you  
that George has come home he  
has gone to Preston with the rest  
Well it is getting late so I will quit for  
tonight. If I do not forget I will pick  
some of my flowers and send to you  
I have some lovely ones