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Newsy letter from
Mary Crockett → Nora
(mother) & Will

The last time I saw him all the
Preston children have grown so
much that you would hardly know
them I expect they have the last
of this month she says that the
two boys are going to school and
are learning nicely Roland is
almost through the arithmetic
and Rochester is to the last page
of common fractions do you not
think that is doing very well for
such little fellows Well Nora
be good to your self and kiss
the babies for me and give
Will a good hug and kiss for
me and tell him to do the same
to you for me you must write
soon and keep writing and when
you get a chance to post it do not
forget it with much love E. S. Crockett

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Dear Daughter Nora
I got both of your letters was
very glad to get them you must
not get down hearted When do
you and Will calculate to get
a recommend and go through the
Temple I think you both have had
time enough to think and study it
up and still I never hear a word
a bout it one way or a nother
I hope you have not given it up
Is Will going off canvassing is he going to
bring you over in the team I shall be very
glad to see him as well as you and the
little ones I often think of you all
and long for the time to pass so you
will be here for when you have
come you never stayed long enough
to get a good visit

we have nice weather here now it is too dry
for good crops Your Father is at Preston
and has been there for over two weeks
I got a letter from him two or three days
ago he said that Lydia was very sick
she was taken with vomiting and dizzy
he did not know what was the matter
with her I would have gone up there
I could have done any good but I
could not and I thought it would be
enough for them to have one sick
woman to take care of without
having me to wait on for my feet
and legs are so bad that I could
not do any thing Rosie has a hard
time to do all of my work and wait
on me and take care of her baby
for he is not well and is very
cross he has the bowel complaint
I expect he is cutting teeth he has more
now it is very warm and lots of
mosquitoes and they bite his head
and face

When you come you must be
very careful of your self and babies
what are you going to name your
baby I have no flowers now they
all died while I was sick in bed
they all got frozen in January
and I cut them down and put them
in the cellar but they was all right
when I took sick but when I got
able to go down cellar and look after
them they were all dead the folks
had all they could do to take care
of me without doing any thing
with the flowers Ruth has a nice
baby it looks like Kerie has eyes just
like her full of mischief and Lydia's
baby is awful bright and smart
but is cross it makes her or Archie
tend to him most all the time it
has lovely bright eyes Emma has
poor health this summer her baby
is a nice big boy he has not been
very healthy but he looked better