

23 Sept 1889

Lydia → Nora

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Dear Sister Nora

after so long a time I will try and write you a few lines I was pleased to hear from you but so sorry to hear that you have been so sick I was in hopes we would have our house started before I write to you because I knew you would say (as every body says) that we would ~~to~~ not have a house this year but Archie intends to build and finish one room he has got his grainery moved down there and Mr. May and corn down there and he has nearly every thing ready to begin building, we had 17 1/2 bushels of wheat but the corn was not much this year Hazel has been walking all around by things for more than two months but does not creep or try to go alone Emma's baby does not stand on its feet at all and Bertha's baby can not get around now as well as Hazel but he has been quite sick ~~but~~<sup>Bert</sup> weaned him last month and then he began getting better she ought to have weaned him last April but we could not make her think she had to till last month when I was to Logan last July I saw Mrs. Gishman and asked her how Esther was she said she has better health now than she used to have she has had four children and two living and lost two Guy does not forget Wesley & Mitchell when ever I speak to him of

Wesley he never forgets to say and Britto  
a week ago yesterday was Archie's birth day  
and I got by quite a dinner with out his  
knowing it - so when he came home from meeting  
the house was full and we were all sitting  
around the table ready to eat - as soon as he  
came in there were twenty three children and  
fourteen grown people and had a good dinner  
and a splendid time I wish you could have  
been here. We have no schools here yet - Debra  
is going to send May to Logan to school this  
winter. I am afraid you can not read this  
but I have to write it - with the baby on  
my lap crying she is cutting teeth and is very  
cross she had only three teeth yet.

Archie's Brother Mat bought all of his sisters  
a new dress Annies and mine all are alike  
blue. I want to make mine this week if I can  
I have had it - about a month or more I will  
send you a scrap of it - the baby is crying so  
hard I will have to quit writing love to all  
Write soon to your Loving Sister,  
Lydia