

Dear brother Lewis
I would write more if I had time but the children are making such a noise I cannot think of leaving my house to attend to them. I am
from your humble sister Anne

It is Monday evening
I have done a hard days work and am very very tired but am going to try to write into or three letters before I sleep. We are usually well. Henry has been mowing oats all day & feels very tired, but hope he will feel all right in the morning. It is very dry here - every thing is drying up. Our garden is not improving very fast now. Ellen came to see me yesterday. She has been to work in Rutland. The family she worked for was burned out & she lost a good many of her clothes in the fire. She has been to Mr Farmers for two weeks - is going to Mr Whitfords to work awhile & then to Loyals. Ellen is a good girl anyhow.

She & Et & Mattie came down and staid with Emma Saturday night - and Charlie Green took them all to meeting. Susan Rain & Jerry were there & came up to Uncle Peters to supper & then all went down to the school house to meeting. Mr Goodspeed preached. Father came down in his carriage after me & brought me home again. Et is at work to Charles yet. Mary is getting better. It looks that Dig home soon after you went away and I heard him say Sheldon Smith was going to pay Mr Blaisdell. We do not see a cent of money any of the all we have to buy our flour & groceries & clothes. better

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Brother Lewis: received yours last Thursday we are all usually well finished keeping cattle & sheep Thursday and about half through harvesting it is very dry here this summer. Every thing is drying in very fast. I have not cut as much hay as I did last season.

There about the same with the old hay. I have not sold any sheep yet. Things dont look very promising in that line. is there any light out in your parts. We sold the one the best of old Fries last week did not get what he cost.

The water is fading in almost
all of the Springs I shall have
to put Billy into the brook
lost if we don't get rain
soon.

I suppose you think there
ain't only two horsemen fit
to handle your colt one is Sid
& the other is out west would
guess Sid could learn him
some things by this time his
two horses runs over together
up East this summer didn't
happen to have anything hitched
to them & the best I've got
horse & started for home once
along some one caught him
& since then he has run
away with the horse, rakes
& broke it all to pieces
So I jump if he one of mine or
one of your colts he might

by good keeping get them in
condition to raise a
jump. if they had a good
shame your colt is worth
25 dollars more to me than
I thought he was before I ever
drove him. Think I can
get \$200. for him any day will
give that myself but want
to get more if I can

don't sell our wool
yet they are paying only
25 cents for unwashed I shall
have to sell it that if I don't
get some money out of my
backs in two or three weeks
will let Amanda finish this
till ^{swife} Russ & Bush I wish them
good Luck. a tip for Grant &
(Colfax)
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