

Prockemridge Utah Territory
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My Dear Anna

I am glad to acknowledge the welcome reception of your letters which was received last mail I also received one letter the week before this - but prior to this I had received but little word from you - and I had written to you so often that I felt vexed because of not hearing from you and it was in this mood of mind that I wrote the lines to you and if they were wrong please forgive me - I cannot imagine why my letters do not reach you I have written a great many letters which I have never heard from but this does not discourage me but rather I feel like writing the more hoping some of the at least may be received and I hope you will do the same The general health is good here my health is good The weather is quite cold - last week it snowed for two or three days falling thick and fast The Mountains is coverd over with snow some Ten or Eleven inches deep - though it is now melting away fast and we hope it will soon go off

Our prospects for mining this Winter is rather gloomy at present, but our future prospect as a rich and easy mining District is very good. Claims are ranging from one hundred to fifteen hundred Dollars and if they should continue to open well I am of the opinion that many of them will sell for Two or five thousand Dollars next season. I own three claims on this Gulch & think them about as good as any claims here. We have had one Law Suit and come near having several files. We gained the Law Suit at considerable cost to us all and whether it will be brought up in court again I am not able to tell though I think not. We hold our claims by the deffest. Arrend I have enough to winter me and that is all for when Correll let me. We were near one hundred Dollars in debt I have paid all of this and have a little money left (sixty five Dollars) you see then that I have made over one hundred Dollars since Correll let here. I am going to the Valley Near or at Colorado I think it will be much better for me to do so as it is much warmer there.

I shall start tomorrow or the next day
to the Valley and when you write Direct
your letters to Colorado Kansas Territory
I think of remain there about three
months or until the first of March then
I shall come to French Creek again
James Carlile is writing on the other side
of the Table and keeps such a scribbling
that I cannot write very well (as you
may see) Murray's Boys are well also
Oliver Miller & Co are going to the valley to
gather - I have told you all the news that
I now of - When you write write about every
thing and every body Take good care of your
self and Wiley too - Do the best you can and
let us hope ever hope for the better though
Dark and threatening clouds may gather over
us - Discouragement and Despair take possession
of the soul, and ever hope be banished from
the Heart - yet to those who put their trust in
him who died to save There is hope and
consolation Then lift thy soul on high and
be comforted in God's sacred promises and
pray for him that is far away in Peaks of the Rocky
Mountain for I some times feel discouraged and dejected

Anna had I known all this sooner I would
not have stayed here but it is to late now
and I feel assured that you will not blame
me for what I have done I close by sending
my best respects to all please write soon and
afew

Ever yours
E Adams