

Colorado City Kansas Territory  
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My Dear Anna

Today I find a few moments of leisure time which I am most happy to spend in writing to you - trusting that they may find you well and happy. My health is very good. The general health is good. The weather is warm and pleasant so much so that I am now out in the waggon a writing. There has been but little snow fall here and what did fall has soon melted away. Stock of all kind can live well on grass and cattle looks much better than they did in the summer time. Ho (Oliver Milline) Noah Bear and Hobbs and Alexander Murray are now stopping in Colorado City and design staying here over Sunday and on the Monday we will start out again on a hunting excursion and will be out perhaps two weeks or more then again return to this place. So far we have not killed but little game except one Buffalo and one Mountain Sheep. The Boys are out on the plains to day trying to kill an Antelope but they are such cunning animals that it is a very hard matter to get a shot at one of them and it is therefore very doubtful that they get one though there are hundreds of them to be seen at a time.

And I have not much to write you for I have  
written some 700 or more times since hearing from you  
Need I tell you that I am ever anxious to hear from  
you and Willy and how disappointed I was when  
the mail came in a few minutes ago and I got no  
letter from home and how sad it makes me feel  
when I think that I must go forth in the wild  
woods and Mountains without hearing even one  
word from you, yet I cannot think that the fault  
is yours yet I hope that you will not let an opportu-  
-nity pass without writing to me tell Correll that I have  
not heard any thing from him since he left  
but would be very glad to receive a letter from  
him Tell Andy and Vince that I do not like them  
because of their meanness about writing to me  
Tell Uncle Chauncy Sager that he has not fulfilled  
his promise by writing to me or if he did I have  
not received a letter from him Tell Father that  
he might spend a few moments in writing  
to me and I assure him that I would return  
the compliment well I must close for the sun is  
fast sinking behind the Snow clad Mountains  
May Heaven bless and ever protect you is the  
most earnest wish of Ed Adair

As the day so fast is fading,  
And the future beckons on,  
As the clouds of Night draw nearer,  
So thou, I would be gone.

Hope bids the heart grow strong  
While a kind and gentle Spirit  
Whispers the time cannot be long  
Ere we shall meet in joy and gladness

Ed