

Prockevridge Utah Territory Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1850

Dear Anna

Long weeks has away since last I heard from you, and did I for one moment think that the fault was yours I could never forgive you, but believing that it is not I therefore write to you again notwithstanding I have written so often without receiving but very few letters from you. I am well at present and I hope these lines may find you all in the enjoyment of good health. I suppose you have received the letter which I wrote you telling you of my design to stay here through the winter I think I shall make money by doing so I sold one half of one of my claims for two hundred Dollars one hundred I am to get about the 30 of this month the other hundred in the spring I was offered four hundred down for No 12 on French Gulch this Gulch is now thought to be one of the best Gulches in this mining country on No 9 (Three hundred feet below my claim) the men who are working it took out a nugget that was worth seventy five Dollars I think my claim is just as good as this if it was opened for ~~the~~ ~~same~~

I now own about four claims on this Gulch and Bar and I believe those claims will bring me five hundred Dollars each in the Spring I also own some other Gulch claims besides about 20 or Twenty five Lode claims the amount those claims are worth remains to be decided by future circumstances I have made some money this Month by Recording I think that I shall be able to winter without much trouble as to Gout money - You may all be sure that "We are having much difficulty about our Gulch claims some very bad threats are made on both sides one man has threatened to shoot me if I did not quit claim to 3 and 6 I told them that if that was their mind the sooner they put such a threat in execution the better for them as I did not intend to give either up, without giving up my life I think perhaps they will not scarrously interrupt me I hope so at any rate for I do not feel inclined to suffer my self to be imposed upon by man neither will I!

So help me! I do not write this to make

you at all uneasy for I do not think  
there is any need of fear or alarm on  
this score. The ensuing weather here  
is quite good, as good as it has been  
at any time through this season except it  
is a little cool early in the morning and evening.  
Aunt I want you to write me soon  
write all about the folk and about  
things generally what how Father Andy and  
Vinny and the Boy are getting along, and  
write particullary about my little Boy  
Willy. Tell me how Old Charly is doing  
and James Carlile wants to know whether  
Willy has got the Dog Put which he gave him  
and if so let us hear from them Jim  
O Mullin Hobbs and Alexander Murray  
are here to gather I think perhaps that  
we will winter here on french Creek  
Excuse the proomness of this letter by  
writing a good long one to me ~~and~~ that  
soon I now close

Adieu  
E Adams