

Utah Territory Oct 21st 1860
Prestonridge Postoffice

My Dear Anna

Once more through the medium
of the silent yet expressive pen do I write
you in answer to your kind and ever most
cordially welcomed letter which was received
a few days since - imagine how glad how very
glad I was to hear from you and to hear
that you were well yet in your letter I
learned other news which grieves me most
Anna Why was you so slow to tell me of
this Ere I should have placed my self in
such circumstances that I could not without
great loss to us both ^{go to you} I will now tell you
how I am placed I have toiled hard all
the live long summer and fall without making
any thing and with a prospect in the future
of soon reaping the fruits of my labor and
now when those prospects and hopes are almost
reality its self shall I and must I
now just when it is in reach give up all

all of those cherished hopes and returns
to home and thee poorer than when I left
it I would do myself and you too wrong should
I do this such a sacrifice know Dear Anna
you do not wish me to make yet if I thought
or knew that I could add to your safety
I surely would I come I trust you will get
along just as well without me be of good
cheer and do not neglect to have some competent
person to see your in due time have Andy to fix
your House in good order Do not neglect this
by any means for your safety may depend on it
Take good care of your self and Willy please do
remember and study all you can if necessary have
one of the Boys to stay all the time with you
and when I come home I will pay them well
for it Anna I expect to come home with some
money my claims are very valuable my Greek
claim I think I can sell for or two hundred
Dollars in the Spring I have got claim on all
most all of the Silver and Gold Leads in
this country and should they prove to be
good I am rich in deed for they will
bring many thousands of Dollars

Why I have stayd here it was because
I thought and doubted not that I was
doing my duty- if in this I have been wrong
I trust you will forgive for the fault is in
the head and not the Heart and now Anna
Why it is necessary for me to stay is this
As soon as our claim is left there are many
awaiting an opportunity to take them from us for
the excitement is up on this gulch (French Gulch)
and many think it will prove to be very rich
digings therefore men are anxious to take our
claims a way from us and the only way we
can keep them off is by remaining on our claims
and manfully defending them I have told them
(and expect to live with us) that my claim they could
never work in peace untill I was dead though
I now think they will let us alone for a little
while at any rate- I have enough money to
winter me and that is all I must soon
close with you and write a long letter too
for I do not like little letters out here tell
me about every thing you think I would like to hear
I have received no letters but from you since
here I now close Fare thee well
I am Dear Sir
E. Adams

Oh yes!

There is something more I would write you
The weather is very ^{fine} except ^{it is} a little cold at
night and morning some of the claims
on this Bar are paying well there has
been some fine nuggets taken out our
claims are not yet opened fairly
I have not done much mining for a few
days I have not been able to do so
owing to a sore hand my health otherwise
is very good my hand is almost well now
Anna I want you to write to me once
a week for I know how Lonesome and
uneasy I shall be do not forget to
write and tell others to write to me
also Anna send me the coming Sentinel
if it is sent to me or any other News
paper you may see proper to do so

Ed. Adam

Breckinridge, Va.
18th Oct 1860



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