

Arlington Sept th 1889

Dear Sister Clara & Neice Carrie

I will write two letters in one this time as you wrote that you received my letter and Carrie answered it. I must be aweing two letters. You wrote May 29th. I think I am getting to be a poor hand in writing letters my excuse is I have not been as well this summer as usual and then it has been pretty hot weather at times lately it has been quite dry, but too day it has commenced to rain and it is really needed. You wrote at that time that there had been a severe frost I hope the cold weather will keep off this fall so that your crops will be gathered all right. Carrie wrote to Uncle Russell that George was giving up cattle raising that it does not pay. I don't blame him for it must be pretty hard for him to take care of them in all kinds of weather and he is growing older same as myself. I remember when I was there I like to have George call the cattle to eat it was quite a sight to see them running and seemed almost dangerous for one to be near them I am glad I went west for I can see in my mind just how everything looks. Mr Elbert Russell has not been on yet. Now happens it has he given up the plan of buying the homestead or did George decide to keep the old home for himself and children It is a very pleasent place there is no pleasanter place in Arlington. I can see it so plain from my windows. I can imagine Father Mother Grandmother and all that use to be there It calls up many recollections of past times Elbert Russell seemed very earnest about buying the place when he wrote to me. I would like to see you all living [ulr] to the homestead. I suppose that George has lived so long in the west that he would feel lost here. But if you do not [charge] to live her George and you all must come on and see the changes that have been made on Jason St and all over the town. I suppose that George and Josiah had a nice time together Josiah is very pleasant company and so is Nellie. It is to bad he does not live this way it costs so much to come from San Francisco last. Maria + family have moved to Winchester to live. Gertrude is againg to be married and keep house and they took the notion of mooving out of town and have let thier house but I hope they wont live away long I will miss them very much. I think that they also be homesick to come back in time. Sam is about the same as he has been. It is hard for Sam to be sick and hard for those who take care of him night and day Josiah wrote me while at your home that he and Nellie was having a fine time. I enjoyed his visit but was sorry I was not able to go round with Josiah and wife I had [cotted] on his coming on. Josiah wrote (Carrie') that you had been sick I was very sorry but hope that you are all well now I think that have had more than your share of sickness. Effie + Emma + husband and baby are well. When Emma has any pictures taken of the baby she will send you + Edith one She only had a few taken of the baby. The baby is very cunning so we think Pauline can talk quite well. [Leorinyo] has been haveing quite a sick spell this summer a fever with nueralgia but I think he is gaining and getting better he had aught to have a good rest but he will go to his work men are poor hands to be sick. When do you go to your new house Carrie you [surot] me a good description of the house and place. I think I should allmost know the house if I see it. It must be very handsome and a nice house. Josiah wrote to Russell about it and was quite pleased with the place. What a trip Josiah did take (on gaining home) to Yellowstone Park. Josiah is bound to have a good time. It was quite wonderful the sights he saw there I suppose Josiah wrote you all about them. Is he not a good fellow Russell is better than he was when Josiah was here he has had a [sloot] fever one day he would feel better and the next day not so well but he is gaining now we all wish to be remembered to George and all of the rest of the family write when you can I shall be glad to hear from you

Yours truly

Abbie