

Winfield Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1878

Dear Brother

It has been so long since I received a letter from you it was a great <sup>treat</sup>. I hardly know what to say to you, I have no desire to rake up any thing that I have past through that is <sup>or has been</sup> unpleasant since I last saw you, it could not better my condition now, but will say I am trying to be as happy as I can let me be where I may I feel sorry sometimes that I am obliged to work out by the week in my old age it seems like a dogs life but I have my <sup>put</sup> money into land thinking it would be safe & help to support me in my old age if I should live to need it, I like the country here & climate & this Town is settled

with an intelligent people neat  
and tasty, & business like for a  
new country they are making good  
improvements & I could support my  
self well here if I only had a house  
of my own but rent is high now  
there is such an emigration to  
this country, it is a wheat coun-  
try even grows well if it is  
put in early enough but it will  
not compare with what you say  
of Cal or Losangeles County  
for beauty or fruit raising for  
we have some cold days but not  
many at one time, so far this  
winter the weather has seemed  
very much like april most of  
the time, peaches grow well  
but very few apples yet & what  
there is are mostly seedlings, the  
family that I live with have three  
cows giving milk & I make the butter  
it is as yellow & sweet as I ever



saw in June they feed on wheat  
when the ground is not too wet I  
intend to have wheat put in on my  
place about twenty acres this year  
on shares if I can get anyone to do  
it, there is about thirty <sup>acres</sup> broke, it  
is nine miles from Winfield this  
is the nearest Town of any account,  
Cemmas husband is trying to sell  
a house & lot he owns in Mich if he  
sells he will come here, Helen living  
in Osborn Co Kansas, Grand<sup>son</sup>  
I do not know where he is I am  
afraid he will not amount to much  
he is unsteady but a good worker  
& very much inclined to rambling  
George lives in Ohio by himself  
if it was not for my children  
I would come to Noahs & live  
now that Cemmas is married  
& Susans health is poor I could  
assist her & not be a burden  
perhaps <sup>but</sup> I hate to go so far

Amillo. King

from the girls Emmas health is  
poor but mine is good this winter  
last winter I hardly expected to see  
another year but the Lord has seen  
fit to spare my unprofitable life & I  
am trying to live a christian & try  
to make as good an appearance as I  
know how by keeping myself tidy  
& attending church & sabbath school  
& by so doing I get acquainted with  
the better class of the community  
every one treats me with respect &  
I am glad to be out of the way of  
George but I feel very lonely &  
have to work hard but hope I  
may be prepared to rest when I am  
done with this world, I hope  
your prospect is bright for the  
future how is it, I would  
like to send my picture &