

Curtisville

Oct 28/54

Dear Mother

Have just received a letter from Pollie (dated Sept 13) saying that you are anxious for me to come home this fall which I should be glad to do if possible but are several things to prevent it the greatest of course money or rather the want of it. in my last promise to come early in the spring which I still hope to do and will try and be in time to take charge of the farm if you should not be afraid to trust it to me as expect will have to learn again the little I knew of farming. if anything should prevent me coming will write and inform you in time to get a tenant. Pollie is grieving about you advertising the mill for sale and thinks if I would come home you would not sell it now dear Mother I do not know your circumstances what the property is.

worth what you are or indeed anything
of your circumstances therefore cannot
form an opinion of what is best but
am like Pollie it seems like parting
with part of home but do not let
me influence you either way as you
certainly know best but reckon it will
be sold before you receive this.

you wish me to write every week but
indeed dear Mother have nothing to write
about we have had a few slight showers
in the last week and expect the rains
to set in soon and then will let you
know whether I shall be able to make
anything this winter or not. if not —

Pollie please write me a little confidential
letter for yourself next time will answer a letter
from Willie with pleasure but not mention him
without he writes to me. half a hundred kisses
to little Mary and Sam might write or at least
add a few lines often. Thina seems to be
always in the moon if she does not write
will not love her boys a bit

a gentleman here Wyatt an old comrade
of Tom King's wishes me to mention him
to J. King and ask him to write
saw Jim Frazier a few weeks since he is
on the Tuolumne doing nothing like myself

am obliged to close as have an
opportunity of sending this to the
P.O. and the messenger is now
waiting much love to you all
all all

yours son Dan