

French Gulch Dec. 4th 1848

Cousin Sarah.

Yours with J. S. Ab^d
Come to hand last night & was
very welcome I had not heard from
you or any of the -Hebron folks for
some time but I see you are still
alive & enjoying good health &c.

I have not written to any one very
lately, but as I am getting a little
more straggleed round I shall write
often than I have. (If I think
I can write enough sense to
interest any one. I think I will
write one to Em^r Barber & then
she will have a Bakers dozen
after her as I would make the
thirteenth (13) You just speak
to Em^r to wait till I get back
but I presume she cant wait that
long, Now I tell you what it is
Sake I am coming back some
time to make you all a good
long visit. What a time sh^e
I got a letter from Allen, yester
day all well in Antwerp &
vicinity So much for that bag

I think I shall come home one
year from next Spring but
I shall not let any particular
time so as to have no promises
to break. You think you would
like to dine with me in a miners
cabin if you was here now
I should have a good doughnut
& a piece of Pie. yet I have just
been eating some of those cakes
& I have got some grease on
my fingers & if I wash look
cut I shall scold this extre-
-ordinarily large sheet of Paper.
I should like to know what you
are doing with my likeness that
I gave to Mr. Sweet heart when
I left old Jefferson Co. I can't
keep track of all the proceedings
back in the old Country.
That is just my luck for them
to throw off on me because
I am far away. However I hope
you will show it to some one
that will take pity on me &
send a lock of his hair to
hill rate with. just let me
know if you find an answer
for it Oh Oh

It seems that Emily has
at last got married & got
keeping house. I expect things
will be somewhat changed when I
get back. but I presume I can get
righted in due course of time.
Do you suppose folks will know me
when I get ~~back~~ back. I don't think
they will. (I ~~they~~ will).

Allen don't say any thing about
how they get along at home
I have not heard from home
very often this summer & I
guess they have not heard from
me very often either. I guess I
am even with all of you.
Give my respects to your mother
& all of my friends & connections
(also to Fanny Rogers appt)

Yours &c.

David J. Rogers

Sarah J. M^{rs} Farland
Hebron.