

Letter from Sarah Strong Wilson to her brother, James T.
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Deare brother i will try to write a few lines to let you know that I am alive yet and well as common i am a Shame of my neglect of writing to you but i have had a good deale of trouble in the last yeare my daughter and her husband in illinoise both died a yeare ago last november one died the 24 the 26 and left five children a infant four days old it died a month old there is two boys and two girls one boy 14 years olde we have him the others is in illinoise orphant home i sent an got the girls but we could not keep them on the account of theaire estate not being in iowa and that caused me a good deal of trouble well all my folks was well when i left them two weeks a go i am in Council Bluff my daughter and famley is here and am a heare a visiting we have sold our farms this Springs i do not know whare we will go to but we will Stay on it a yeare from this may william is going to look for land thsi Sumer i don't know if it will be in cancis or in nebraske the two boys wants to go whare the can git good range for Stock for farming dose not pay as well as Stock dose for the grasshoopers eate all the Small graine last yeare but we had good corn crops the hoopers hatched last yeare hear but there is no eggs this yeare dont know how it will be the inglish from the old country is a coming by the hole car loades and bying land in our country thare is a latter-day Saint Church hear in the Bluff my soninlaw be longs to them i for my part be longs to the methest Church but there is onely wone wa to get to hevan that by Sincere praing and being a good christan and i want to Searve god and i hope that all the rest of you are trying to do the same that if we never meet in this world that we will meet in the hapy worlde to come whare we will part no more and i want all of you to pray for me that i might be a good Christain i feel to thank god for my health i mak my home with utah She had three little girls but god called the Second one home to him last August the 22 she was two years and 4 months olde i do not worke very hard now thank god i have good children to me and that is a grate comfort to me there is none a them rich but what is riches

but now I must ask if my deare olde Mother is a live i do not expecte She is but if she is not i hope that She is happy for I want to meet her in heaven

now I will have to quit for this time i write this to all of you and hop you are all close to gether So you all can heare from me for I am Such a poor writer and nerves please forgive me for not writing before now be So cind and wriete as soon as you git de lay no time for i will Stay heare until may i want you to tell me a bout all of the folks. Direct

to Council if you think it will git in Bluffs iowa first of may if not
Sende to Lemars iowa

now I will bid you all good by for this time may god bless you all is my
prayer and i hope this will find you all well write Soon

this from you Sister Sarah wilson to James t Strong and all the
rest of her folke