

Santa Valley Apr<sup>th</sup> 27 1859

Dear Sister

Your letter just came to hand  
and as it has been so long on the road I hasten  
to answer it. I am happy to say we are all  
well we moved from Madison to Hardin Co  
a year ago this month and we never had  
better health in our lives we came here after  
we lost our Mill, to rent land cheap we live on  
the Beckman Husbands farm 10 miles from there  
Anna married a man that makes property fast  
but he bears a hard name they live in Renton  
the Co seat of Hardin Co Bradles and pleads law  
I have a kind Husband but yet I feel lonely  
for the want of friends the people here don't seem  
like those we were raised with I like it better  
in some things you spoke of your country being such  
a place for dress it can't beat the Plains some of  
our old mates and neighbors are getting quite  
aristocratic they talk in silks and jewelry and  
ride in 3 hundred carriages if you should come  
back you'd not find the people as they used  
to be However there is one old neighbor the last  
time I saw them was as warm hearted as ever  
only Patrik is left alone William is in California  
Tom & Ned & Hale is married  
old Tom is dead and Eliza has gone back to live at your

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