

Toxawayalla, Nov. 21/7

Father Dear sir I received your
Letter of the 13th and on my way
home from the Post office I stop at
my old Grocery Stand where I am
now sitting to you your Letter being so
long coming I thought I would not delay
writing untill I got home, for fear that I
should not get the Letter in the office
before Monday, it being now Saturday
about nine o'clock, and quite a tedious
day it having snowed for the last 46
hours, very hard and accumulated
to the depth of about one foot on a
level in some places it is over 2 feet
and snowing and blowing very hard.
I was very glad to hear from you
that you ~~was~~ are well and had a safe
Journey through to ~~west~~, you have
undertaken quite a journey for the
winter, try and be patient and take
time so as not to over do and get
sick, I hope you will have a good visit
with your sister and her family
I have not got into business yet however
rather dull at present - The mill
will start Monday, notwithstanding the prospect
looks rather hard for the year the present
winter on account of there being
no work and hard money scarce
My self and family are well
Give my Love to Aunt uncle & all
the Cousins, I had told one of the Cousins to
write to me so that I may have the name and
address in case I should want to write to them
I will write again soon and I will
write from your son James Mearns.