

St. Jaro Woodford Co Ill.
April 2nd 1861.

Dear Mother,

Your letter of a recent date
has come to hand / Forwarded from Washington
I found I could not get a Lot for less than
100 to 150 at that place & conclude on the
whole I had better come here. I get a Lot
here for \$25 & have until January next to
pay for it. We moved here 2 weeks ago. Started
from Washington about 1/2 past 11 O'clock A.M.
on passenger train, having put ^{my} household
"fixins" & 14 hundred feet of Lumber board of
the freight in the morning. Succeeded in
getting my stuff ^{unpacked} hauled on to the spot
by about 5 O'clock P.M. & with the assistance
of one hand a couple of hours had my
Wigwam up & moved in same evening.
Some of the folks were not a little amused
next morning on seeing another house up,
& occupied: - declaring that there was not
a stick on the spot the day before at 3 O'clock.

Of course the house is built on an economical
plan. Size, 12 by 16 feet, 8 feet high at the
sides, - shingled with boards, & a hole about
2 feet square in the peak of the roof, which
answers the double purpose of letting the stove
pipe out, & the daylight in.

After getting
"fixed up" so far as I had about \$2, to
commence the world with.

El Paso is about 20 miles from Wichita
at the R.R. crossing of the Texas & Arkansas,
& Illinois Central R.R.s; - contains about 1000
inhabitants, is surrounded by excellent land
for farming purposes; it is now building up
more rapidly than another town in this
section of country. It is now about 4
years old, & without doubt is destined to
make a town of considerable size & importance.

I am glad to learn from your letter that
you are in comfortable health both of body & mind.
May Heaven's choicest blessings continue to
rest upon you, ^{in your old age} & may we all ever enjoy much
of the Spirit, & power of the Religion of Christ
in our hearts, [which only can render us truly
happy] in my sincere prayer.

There is likely to be considerable building here this
summer & as I can turn my hand to Carpenter
work, Plastering, and Brick Laying, &c. I shall do
well enough, I think, if my health continues
good.

As ever,
Your Son &c
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