

Cornucopia, Elko Co. Nev  
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Dear Sister

I arrived in town today and rec'd. your welcome letter - I am well but in an uncertain condition as regards prosperity, last summer I bought only 70 head cattle and while looking about this country these new mines were struck. I invested over \$5000 here and on the present showing am unable to get out even - It is useless however to make regrets but rest easy on my usual good luck - I am satisfied we have a rich mine but the cost of development and lawsuits in prospect may wind me out before I can realize - My horses and cattle are doing very well and I shall try and hold on to them whatever turn mining affairs may take I have not rec'd. any letter from Brother Willie, but hope I shall soon - We are having a severe winter. Snow 8 in and 12 in.

Glad to learn of your prosperity and hope it will continue.

I happen to have 75 cents in currency which will buy the children some candy - I don't see why you can't send me your photograph - As I have about a dozen letters to write and must close with many kind wishes to all.

As ever Frank