

Woodside May 1st 1857

Dear Charles,

As it is raining to day
So that I can not get out to work I
thought I would occupy a little of
my time in writing you a few lines
as I now you would feel very much
gallied to hear from home just as
I feel when I get a letter from you
it is now about eighteen months
since you left home and I have
not reciev'd one line from you
altho I have written two letters
to you I am well aware that I
ought to have written you many
more in the time but it is quite a
job for me to write as my hand has
become so unsteady thidles with
much difficulty that I can write
at all the only excuse I have which
is not a very good one

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I have nothing of importance
to write or any thing that will
be very interesting to you but I
now will be gratified to get one word
from your Father as I should be to
get one word from you.
we are all very well at this time
my health is very good better than
its been for the last ten years the
only thing I have to complain of
I have to work a little too hard
I have no one with me but a
small boy Jimmy Wiley a very good ^{boy}
I have been plowing some this spring
and find that I can plow better than
most of men yet our spring has been
very cold and backward I have not
got any thing planted yet except
a very few potatoes I am feeding
all my stock yet as much as I did
in the winter grass has just begun

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back yet as much as I did
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to grow I shall have to feed
perhaps two week longer which
will make feed very scarce here
Mr Wm Henry is ~~still~~ still on the farm
old Mr Henry is quite sick with the
consumption has been confined to the
house for six months and perhaps
will not live much longer
Mr S. J. King has retired from the practice
of law and Mrs King has taken ^{place} his
so it is Mrs Wood & Mrs King
^{John} is beginning to look up a little
there is a company formed to supply
our town with gas and the
manufactory of coal oil they have
commenced putting up their works,
have purchased part of my old
property to build on which will
give quite a stimulant to our town
I have not as yet got all my pay
for ^{my} old property the whole of it will

not ~~near~~ pay the last pay ment
but I think I have the balance
secured on Geo B. Wright so
that I will get it in time
I think Mary and Mr G. W. Munsey
will make a match he is a very fine
man but I think he is too old and
has had two wives before
if they make the match I shall give
my consent as I think it high
time ~~for~~ Mary was settled
Eliza and Milard seems to be doing
a long very well.

I shall expect to have a letter from
you after you receive this one ~~or before~~
if not I shall ^{writing} ~~write~~ to
you as often as I can get time
I have come to the end of my sheet
and must close
your Mother I am ^{me} with sending your
love respectfully yours E. S. Woods