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Secretary's Office,

Berryton, Shawnee Co. Kas. July 21 1891

Well Paul I thought I would write you a letter
and tell you about the Colts, Calves, and pigs
but I will tell you first that I am 65 years
old to day. I feel pretty old I tell you, and cant
see to write much; Well, it rained yesterday, and
blowed furiously, blowed our wagon over, the wheat
stack over and wet the oats through & through,
and drowned some baby chickens. Granma farm,
has 15 baby ducks, the rain didnt hurt them, we
have 1-2-3-4-5-6-10-17 baby Calves all told, and
6 baby Colts, and the baby trotter, Day Paul; Aunt
Lucy is sweeping in the front hall; and she said
hires Paul; I went out to see what she meant, she
had found your old Jockey Cap. I had it in her
hand; it did loo^{ke} like you; Aunt Lucy is
going to send a baby dog to Charles & Hubert,
the white dog with a black eye still bites the little
pigs and Calves, when she hurts them. I whip her
well Paul you must mind your Ma. I be a good boy
and when you come back to Topeka, I will bring
you out to the farm to see the little pigs
and Colts, Tell Ma I will let you ride Old Fannie

when you come home and play with the
little ducks tell Gran Ma Bowman to
bring me a stick of Gum, and Gran Pa
Bowman to bring me a lump of sugar,
but you mustn't eat it before you get home
well be a good boy and come back as soon
as you can as I want to see you.
I was at your house last week, but there
was no little boy to say "let me ride"
to Paul; from Ganqu Farm.

uncle Will makes the Baby trolley fairly fly

From W. P. POPENOE,
BERRYTON, CHAWNEE CO. KAS.

Saturday July 7th 1894

Dear Fred we rec^d your last night stating that probably you would get to Wisconsin this day week & start home the following Monday, we would be glad you were here. but I hope you will stay there until you get through so you wont have to go back again. I wish Marion & the Children were here. they could be out with us while you were away. Suey & I were up to town yesterday & out to your house. everything was all right there. Mary getting along well at her place. We havent rec^d a word from Will Curry yet only the 1st Telegram and one a week ago to day. Saying "all well will stay here" are looking every day for word from him. but hardly time yet unless he wrote the day Will died which he would hardly do. all here look dark. we do not know what we will do. will wait till you & M comes home & talk it over; it will be very hard for us to get reconciled to this but must. Mrs Curry has been out twice & staid over night. Helen once & Kenneth has staid sor a week. Ed was down 1 or 2 or 3 days. but all does not fill Wills place. as he had always been here:

got a letter from M last night with one of
yours to her enclosed. you will have to get home
with out Comeny by Chicago every thing demoralized
there & the end is not yet. it seems as if the
world is being turned up side down. your Aunt
Melie was in great distress on her Wills acct.

but after getting his telegram she was much better
satisfied. Murry Tel to Abrams that they
had arrived all safe. I understood Frank
Lawson had given up the Idea of going.

I wrote Will Curry to do the best he could - but
~~to~~ to try and take care of Wills Walch &
little keep sakes for us. but to use his
medicines, tools and such things if he wanted them.

I dont know what that government will
allow in the case. will know when we hear
from them. I will keep all itims & letters so
you can read them. your Ma & Lucy feel sad
& lonely. your Pa

From W. F. POPENOE,
BERRYTON, CHAWNEE CO. KAS.

Monday morn 13th May. Well we went to town ~~last~~ after your Ma. She found all well at Manhattan and was pleased with her egg off. and will do I think till fall. I was in your office Sat. all running smooth so Holman said. Spoke to Raymond he said all was right at the house, we did not have time to go up. They expect Will Curry home tomorrow or next day. Frank is busy & thinks he is doing big things. Lucy drew on Pound. or Holman did & got ticket from Kurt, after due deliberation & study, & will go via Santa Fe at 2.⁵⁰ leave K.C. at 6 C & A. (Chair Car) arrive at B. about 6 next morning. where Albert Walker will meet her. If she misses him she will go on street car to Normal. She will leave here tomorrow Tuesday will be at Towanda till 21 or 22nd. where you can write her. will go to Centerville & stay till 29th or 30th where you can write her in care of at Humes & tell her where & how to go. She has me to write this as she is too busy to eat.

Does Paul know how to behave at a
first class Hotel. I enclose a little
medicine for Wilty. The same I use to
doctor the Calves with. give Paul a
dose. got a letter from M. & Mrs
Kedzie. via Bowmans. they rec'd it
Saturday. I expect Hotel Margaret is
a gay woman. and those that
glance have to pay the fiddler. we
get our Music cheaper; eat Radishes
& Onions of our own raising & get our
Music by winding up the Boy. I have
no Hotel Clerk with a black diamond
pain to present us his bill Sat eve and
rob us. well I'll quit

your

Pa

It has been quite Cool for a day or
two with a little frost. Not enough to
hurt fruit I hope. I'll hate to haul
your Cans back empty

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

[1895-1898?]

11 A M Sunday 20th Lucy & I just came back from "The Pines"
we were also over to ~~Wiggins~~ Ed has the up stairs all scrubbed out & the
lower rooms all cleaned & nicely papered, sides & ceilings. it looks
most too nice to let a — Lucy went up & stairs to attic by
the new stairway. it is finished & very nice. she says if she ever lives
with you she is going to have the west Attic for her bedroom
she had the glass, she says the view is so grand reaching way off west
& S to over = well, way up good in the language of an original
American Citizen. just had a Hello from Currie Hill.
they purpose visiting "The Pines" this P M. so I'll stop & put
on my good clothes. Your Ma is on the lounge snoring like the escape
pipe of the "Pilgrim" P & W know how that sounds.

From W. P. POPENOE,
BERRYTON, SHAWNEE CO. KAN.

Wednesday Feb 19th 1896 10 o'clock

Well I just made a contract
with Mr Hanna, & next week he takes all
the trotters keeps them till fall at his
expence, makes a sale at his expence
sells them at 12 Mo time. Takes notes
& gives us $\frac{2}{3}$ of the sale notes. he
takes them all, but if you want the plates
you can have them, or arrange for them.

This is a great relief to me. as I could not
give them proper care. Could not see to help
them up by the tail when down.

I think this a good trade as if they can be
sold at all, next fall will be the time
and will then certainly sell for $\frac{1}{3}$ more
than now. I'll write Mr Holman to tell
Mr Newmyer not to send any one out
to look at them. I want the one at
wanamaker brought down for me to trade
on if I like it. if I don't turn it over to
Mr Hanna. all well
your Pa

From W. P. POPENOE,
BERRYTON, CHAWNEE CO. KAS.

Sunday morning July 8th 1894

Dear M. I wrote you yesterday also to Fred. did not expect to write you again. but thought I would tell you that last evening we rec^d a nice letter from Will Cunniff. It was a good letter, and better than we expected. as we were really afraid to hear from there. as we feared he had no care. but such is not the case. Will felt so poorly that the boys took him to Juytsee in a Canoe, where he had the care of a Dr and they staid with him till he died. & buried him in a Cedar Casket, Covered with black cloth. buried in Juytsee Cemetery. your Ma & Lucy feel much better about it. as they were afraid from the nature of the disease he would have no care nor decent burial. Will did not know what was the matter with himself & the Dr advised the boys not to tell him. he thought he had Malaria and was about all the time taking quinine. did not think of danger. neither did the boys. I'll keep the letter till you come. we have rec^d a number of letters from friends of his & ours. this probably will be the last we will write you as you would not get them as mails are so uncertain. we will go we are looking for some of courses to day. as they are expecting us

to get a letter & Aunt Nelia is very anxious
she does not know we have a letter but thinks
we would by this time: hope the trains will run
so you can get home safe. If you can do no better
you can take a boat again. Pa

Wednesday 26. Wilson, Paile Cottles

Bert Curry & I are busy making table seats, putting up the tent & raising the flag on the tent much to the pleasure & gratification of Paul & Wilson. Put our old sitting room Carpet in the tent, and the boys tumble around on it - all they want too. The weather is fine and we hope to have a good Crowd, as you know the Popenoes like to have a failure when they take hold of any thing got seats & table for 50 or more and will be glad to have that many old grangers here. Thursday morn. prospect for fine day. every thing ~~every~~ ready for. a big meeting of Hort society, we held back a tree of English Noisette Cherries ~~the~~ tree of wild goose Plums &c for the show. Lucy put the kitchen table near the stand, with white cloth on. (you know how she can do it). picked her best Cherries Plums English Currants & horse berries, cut off some little branches of each covered with fruit and covered her table. to the astonishment of every body. well here is Thursday eve, we had a grand success. of our meeting, in stead of 50 we had from 125 to 150 by count, every body was here, all say they came more to visit their old friends the Popenoes, which made us feel proud, and I must say that Wilson & I held the seat of honor all day, for where it was he was where to be on ~~the~~ following, where Grand Pa

among those present were the two Banosdale families from
Silver Lake Tompkins & family, Cecil & Family Cheeny & family
Zeke Harple & co. Sims & wife Senator Pepper & wife Otis & wife
Mr Hanna & wife, Fred Will house, John Armstrong Eshleman
Mrs Freeman & daughter Lillian, & Heath & daughter, a good many
of these came on the Cars, but we were equal to the emergency
ran free buses, to Berry ton & return: had one of the finest dinners
you ever saw as every body came loaded with baskets well filled
had nice talks from Otis Sims well house, Pepper Cecil & others
no politics in it every body seemt to enjoy themselves most
thugely, so they said, and passed resolutions (profusely) of thanks
thanks to the Popences for their entertainment, and went home
happy. (here Paul breaks in "tell Mama I am playing on the tambourin
and Wilson on the mouth harp) and I think they are from the
sound) & Friday. Paul is a little poorly to day, had too
much business on hand for a day or two, and not over his
poisoning yet, Bert & I clearing up, & taking down tent-flags
&c had 3 big flags & 6 smaller ones mostly from Coultis Crange,
it isent so funny to clear up, as the Dicme was.

Saturday 29th - Paul seems all right this morning from
the noise he is making with his old tamborch
Wilson yelling dan pa less go Barn, "dont be in a
hurry" I say. Now he has gone for the hammocks on front porch
(we got you hammock east tues day) I think every day, how-
sensible it was for you to leave the boys at home.
This is sat 29th 9 o'clock Lucy has written some I am writing this
and Paul is writing just for me and we will send it all off
to day. Wilson says Oh - prolonged chiggus bit - Ant Doty
and dis.

Hotel Nottawa May 8th 1895

Well we recd last night. Hotel Margaret Ad
N Y Herald (Somewhat larger than the Journal.)
line from Marion at Niagara. line from Fred to Lucy
with order on Holman & Co.

Grand Ma Farm, went to Manhattan Monday, to
stay till Sat, as her spring & summer eating
got Mexican Photos from Mr Holman & your Ma
took them to Ed. Seen Elery Monday. he said
he would leave next day for Iowa. is much better
we drove up to your house, & got basket of jars
saw Mrs Raymond, every thing in statu quo.
Polly lamenting your absence. tell Paul he
forgot his Catalpa fish pole & hook. I found it in the
closet. I dont know how he will fish in the Ocean now.
tell Wilson we have lots of little chickens, and
no little boy to help me feed them, or help
me throw hay down to old Fannie & Roberta
tell Wilson we are going to have lots of
strawberry on a tree. Lucy spent the whole day
yesterday, running me & the wagon over the
neighborhood taking pictures. trying to make a
general round up. before going away.

she took one at Carnahan's, one at Mrs
Jervis, two at Jervis Station, two at Coulter's,
The station Mistress had her to take the
train, with herself in foreground,
Lucy just stuck a handful of roses under
my nose & said "Smell, never knew them to bloom
so early". They are Wills, roses, down at the south
end near his Sweet Pea frame.
Lucy says "till them if nothing happens, I will
start for Towanda next Tuesday 14th and from
there on the Tuesday following 21st for
Centerville O. Friday & Sat last we had
fine rains, too wet to plow, in words of J.K.
"Corn Crop assured". Poor Amos will have to
go up. Not sentenced yet but refused a new
trial. I talked with Judge Hazen about him, told
him what a good & faithful hand he was & c, & he
said what I had told him would make a difference
in the length of his sentence, so I done him some
good. had a glorious hail storm, but it came
down so quiet it done but little harm,
prospect for lots of fruit, grass is green weather beautiful
birds singing in the grove, Roosters crowing, Cockerles
strutting, & every thing lovely, as it always is after a
good rain. There! I have told you all I can
think of a pretty good letter I think for a blind Music
box player.
your Pa & Grand Pa & Mom

Sat Mon 18th May 1895

Will Folks. We got a letter from Lucy at Normal Ill. that far on her road having a good time at Walkers. They were very glad to see her.

She goes to day to Yowanda. Will visit there till Tuesday. Thence to Centerville Ohio for a week. Thence for Boston. I suppose all going along well here. Clear & pleasant our corn doing fine 2 teams plowing in it.

It is enormous old Man Faust says Kenneth & Bert & were out yesterday all well up there. I enclose a letter from your (Canada Cousin). Read and return as I havent read it yet. I will have to wait till they comes home as you ma says it looks like it was 1/2 French. at least she could not make out more than 1/2. Spose you have left it. M. & are at Boston so I send this thru
Da

Hotel Nottawa June 7th

Menu

meats

dried Beef. salmon

Bread

Brown Bread. White Bread

Vegetables

Green Peas. New Potatoes & cream

Lettuce onions Radishes

Drinks

New Milk. tea. Nottawa Water

Dessert

Crackers - Cheese. Cherries

Stewed cherries. Raw cherries

Strawberries on a tree

children 1/2 price, eat at 1st table

Friday morn 7th June 95
didnt get this off yesterday. am
going to P.O. now
Mrs. B. Whitefield & Ethel have
just came in from the garden
with new Potatoes and Peas
for dinner. yesterday Ethel
spent a good deal of the

time in the Cherry trees
she aint so keen to day
for cherries. I keep asking
her why she dont eat more
cherries to day. she says she
is ent very hungry for them no

Thursday Noon June 6 1895 Berryton Kan
well Paul I just been to Berryton and Mrs Cornahⁿ
says here is a letter for you from Paul, and so it
was. and you wrote that you believed you would come
back and take boarding at Hotel Nottawa: well
I think that will be the best for you. and we can
take it easy here. I have a bed in the barn in the hay
where Wilson & you can play and have lots of fun. we have
an old Cat at the barn and she has lots of little kittens
that you can play with. Grand Ma says tell Paul I am
glad he is coming back to stay with us & help us this
summer. so you see they all want you. tell your Ma &
Aunt Lucy, that Mrs Butterfield & Ethel came out
this morning on the Cars, we will take them on
Tuesday Sat morning I expect. if it is a nice day.
if not they will go on the train. now it is about
time that you say when you are coming. we got a
letter from Lucy written at Boston & on the boat will
will get one from her soon, saying she has seen you
all. & been to Mrs Downs with you.

tell Wilson we will hitch old Fanny to the Cart and
put some hay in the Cart and he can get in and he
can get in and you can drive around the yard, and
gather up the grass when Ed Faust cuts it. we will
have about as much fun as they have at a Circus.
Is your Pa going to visit Monte Bello? or did he
give that up. Your Grand Ma is mightily pleased that
you are coming back with Lucy. she just said to Mrs
B. I think it is much best for all, for both the children
to stay here. tell your Ma that Grand Ma Farm has 60
quarts of cherries Canned. aint that
well have Peaches & Plums after while. lots; and then we
was but few. good ones sold at 15c a qt. no strawberries, there
currency 16 to 1 wouldnt touch them. nothing but a Bi metallic
well I expect your Grand Pa & Grand Ma Bowsman ^{gold would do} are with
you before this time. I cant give you any news from
town as we havent been there lately. not since we seen
your Grand Ma B. I expect your Aunt Lucy will feel big
when she comes home. when I get my Collt on ~~the~~ wrong side
out - she will say "that aint the way they do in Boston"
I expect Ill have to take a stick too her if she gets too smart
well I have told you all the news I believe
so good by & hurry home your Grand Pa Farm

From W. P. POPENOE,
BERRYTON, SHAWNEE CO., KAS.

Friday: 4 o'clock 14th June 1895

Yesterday at 4.30 we recd a letter from Lucy. Mailed
at Portland Maine, mailed Monday 10th June
at 5 P.M. so the P.O. stamp says. 3 days to
Berryton. looks almost impossible,

as I wrote you yesterday, I
have no news to den. till the boys I
found another birds nest yesterday, on the
front porch. it has 5 eggs in it. wont
we have lots of fun looking for nests
I know where there is another, but will
wait till they come be fore I look in it
Condit was here this morn to notify us of Hort
Cultural Meeting. soon as the boys come we
will put up flag & tent. we ough to had a
Common flag, & not dirty this one. will
be looking for them Tuesday or Wednesday.
will still have 2 trees of cherries, when they
come yours Pa

Berryton Kans

Thursday morn
so tell your Pa

to borrow quotation for
(Yours (Marion) rec'd)

To come back with me. my will certainly be a 100 times
better off here than they can possibly be with you, going
from place to place, with so much change of climate, water
& food. and the care of them would drag you down, instead
of giving you a rest. here it will be quiet, but enough
stir for children, and can get their meals & sleep
- ~~hospital~~, which they ought to have, and which you can
- not give them, situated as you are and will be,
and there is not $\frac{1}{2}$ the danger of them getting sick
here as with you, and if they should. can have
better car than you can possibly give them, going
from pillar to post, as the old saying was 40 years ago
but now obsolete. well we had the wagon all cleaned out
& ready to go to town to day, but alas it rained last
night again and it is too muddy, I do hate such
mashy muddy weather. The people are getting excited in
town and are building two dams now. at work on both, the
journal says the river is so high that the water was running
over both dams yesterday.

last night One year ago.

Will slept in, Vera Cruz

It is all before us this morning your Ma
has been talking about it, or trying too

Berryton Kansas June 13th 1895

Thurs day morn clear & bright, but rained a good shower
so tell your Pa that the Corn crop is a gain assured.
to borrow quotation from J. K. H.
Yours (Marion) rec^d last eve. glad to hear the boys are satisfied
to come back with Lucy. They will certainly be a 100 times
better off here, than they can possibly be with you, going
from place to place, with so much change of climate, water
& food. and the care of them would drag you down, instead
of giving you a rest. here it will be quiet, but enough
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town and are building two dams now. at work on both, the
journal says the river is so high that the water was running
over both dams yesterday.

Tell Paul & Wilson that an old Cat-Came in to our barn a few weeks ago, and she thought it was such a nice place to stay, that she brought 6 little bits of Kittens along. she is a nice old Cat-very tame and likes you to come and see her Kittens. I give her some milk every day when I milk Buttercup. I will keep them till you come & let you see them.

I found a nest yesterday in a Mulberry tree with 3 little birds in it. I will show them to you, when you come. There will be some shawberries on a tree for Wilson when he comes. I am saving one tree.

I hung my old pants in the tree yesterday, and the blackbirds are afraid to fly in the tree and steal cherries. They think I am hanging there and might hit them on the snoot if they come there to steal the cherries I am saving for you.

Tell Aunt Lucy we are saving some green beans for her. Lucy wrote us at Portland before she left the boat I suppose. have not heard from her since, as yet.

Gran Pa Farm

Dear Marion

since you have all been gone because Pa has written so often it has not seemed necessary we will take good care of these little boys and it will be much better for them to be where they can be quiet through the warm weather I hope you will have a good time while gone and that time will fly and you will soon be home tell Fred not make his visit too long he will want to go again sometime because the more I hope I as having a good time Your Ma

This is the Kindergarten page

FROM W. P. POPP

Sunday June 23rd 1895

with out a mishap, well she Mrs like Paul + Wilson with mouths wide open. Grand Ma was on the platform, and I was in the wagon at the back door. The Young uns ran through the depot like cots just out of the stable. dars clampe. says Wilson dars ole stank. At next was Grand Pa we yide, ole Fanny in a cart? I'll drive, wood I Gran Pa says Paul. I'll yide says Wilson. we go fishing Gran Pa?

I about this time began to realize that probably, there were too many promises out for my Compot. I found Jo Burbank in town with load of Corn, gave him checks & got trunk home without any trouble. Train got in at 11. drove up to your office, boys got up stairs before I could, & when I arrived in Holmays room, they were busy shaking hands and asking & answering all sorts of questions. Then Paul said he would like to see Tom & Carl, so I drove up there, & they jumped out, ran in the yard. Carl turned round, & when he seen Paul he couldnt say a word, just stood with eyes & mouth wide open, directly he drawled out, wgy Paul. I didnt know you was here, they soon got so they could talk. Bell came out to see the boys, talked to them a little, & then we started for Currys as it was 12. Bell did not think to give them a cracker. we got down at C & Y then came home. the boys were wild; I ran

all over the barn, yard & orchard, and it wasn't long
before Paul was on the slip ladder, & Wilson on a box, each
with cups picking cherries, and Paul actually picked
a quart, and Wilson $\frac{1}{2}$ pint before they stopped
then got supper, and went to bed, and slept till about 7 next
morning. Friday morning up refreshed, lamented they were
not up in time to see me & milk, I compromised by promising
they might go to the pasture with me to get old Fanny, went
down, caught her, put Paul in front, Wilson next, me behind
& so rode to the barn, much to their amuse ment & gratification.
next they got a kitten at a time ^{out of the nest,} and laughed to
see the old cat take it by the neck ^{and carry it back,} next
I was obliged to hitch old Fanny up, as they said there was a promise
out to that effect & we drove over to Elias Faust's to see some little
pups. after noon Paul & I went to Coalter's on an errand, he
drove most the way home, as big as Ken J W J H Hughes,
he said he guessed he would soon be able to drive anything
to day he & Wilson got thoroughly loaded with chiggers, Lucy
washed & bacalined them but there was a big scra looking and
grouching. they were among the Plum & cherries in the ragweed to
their hearts content, but got more ^{out of it than they wanted}
they are more careful now, as the ^{penalty is too heavy for the fun}
so they will spend more time in the ^{now} barn & house
as they have their run about out. they both say they like this
better than Boston and I know it is a 100 times
better for them, as they sleep as much and as long as
they please and in a goodly manner

Chapter second of the tale of the Babes, and the Chuggs
as there seems to be a fulfillment of that Prophecy, when the
Prophet says. Yea they shall have trouble with their women.

The women shall go up and down the earth talking aloud
to the men from the hill tops: and the old men shall take
care of the children, and the children shall cry out in their
agony. kampa I want to do the papers and time will hasten
on to the end. Sat ^{eve} ~~Morn~~ 22nd we went to town today, Paul
didn't feel well. Lucy that we had better go up to Mrs Sargents &
see Dr Powell. Paul had been poisoned the Dr said by the bite of
some insect or or sat down on some thing, he was sore &
swollen some what. the Dr said he would be all right in a day or two
but we had better leave him a day or two, so Lucy has staid with him
at Mrs Sargents. Wilson came home with us, he is perfectly
contented & says he is going to sleep with (kapa aw).

Sunday Morn, Wilson went to bed with me laughing & laughing
& soon was fast knowing where he was, hot to day. Programme.
kampa less go Barn, see Kitties, less go hay, feed old Fannie, so
in the hay loft he would go, put hay in old Fannies box a while
then less go house, next kampa winds e music, the Music
box is a favourite of his when he cant think of some thing else
he always has ~~the~~ ~~spangled~~ ~~banner~~ as chief piece.

I was sitting on the porch. Wilson by me so usual. He too don't know
come up to ask me some thing. Wilson asked us a piece of paper, for
part in his mouth, & said I must light my cigarette and take a little
stick turned up his shoe. When I went to the store I took a little
four mouth like a match. you ought to see the size of the match.

4th July 8 o'clock Pauls flag is set up. a
Carriage, big express & a covered breezy wagon
are going by, loaded with women & children. flags
flying from horses & wagons. Paul & Wilson are on the
front porch, waving their hats and the folks
in the wagons, giving them a loud huzzah in
return. the day is beautiful. cool clear and
stiff breeze from south which makes the
boys flag stand straight out. Lucy Wilson &
I went to town yesterday with Mrs Wise.
Paul staid with Grand Ma. Couldn't all go, he
staid contented. on promise of fire Crackers.
to day they are shooting Crackers, and I
had to get out the old Musket and
put in some real powder, and wad, and both
shot twice. Wilson yelled at the top of his
voice hurra for a 4th Campa how long does
it stay. Paul does not boil over as
much as Wilson, but likes it just as well

There is a 4th at Coberly's Grove today.
We expect Myrons & Neilie today,
if they don't come, we will drive to the grove
this afternoon. but our boys are well
satisfied with what they have. another load
being by and yelling ^{hurray} for the 4th when
they see Paul standing by his flag waving his hat.
The boys think it fine, and ^{answer} them all in
return. lots of folks going ^{to wake} ^{them} ^{all} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{morning}.

Paul sent a letter to Tom Tuesday when I went in.
I gave it to Homer. Paul invited Tom out to Nokawa
tell Mr B. all seemed running smooth in his office.
I was in your office Tuesday. Holman got your telegram
at 1/2 past 4 on Monday. This is our 3rd letter to
you Care Baring Bros. 1/2 past 8 more wagons & more
enthusiasm at our flag. The day is as fine as could be,
not too much air. Cool and bracing. now is a call for
star spangled banner, ^{on} ^{music} ^{box}, and Wilson dancing
too it. I said Wilson you must mind what I tell you or I will
have to spank you, he hollowed all right, and off in the kitchen
as hard as he could go.

Sunday July 7th 1895. 9 o'clock. I left off 4" at
10 o'clock. About that time Mrs G & Kenneth, M. H. Dorea
& Lizzie arrived. much to the gratification of the boys, as
I had told them to wait till Kenneth came to go into
the shooting Cracker business. it then commenced for good
and I had to get out grand father's "old Mucker" again
and let them "shoot" twice around with real Powder and
which beat all your Crackers, Wilson would pull the trigger
and look as important as Jeff Kemper. on Monday
They just gave me an Apricot from Coult's, here is some
of the juice). evening came and rain with it and
spoiled our pin wheel business. But they went to bed
well satisfied. Friday Old Billy Needer and wife came
over & spent the day. wanted to get Otis notes
from Lucy. as I can't see to do it right Billy
spent an hour finishing up the Cracker business
for the boys. and at night the pin wheels were
fizzed and a 2 days 4" wound up. Sat 6th quiet
at last. Coult's & wife for supper and evening visit

Sunday morn. Paul Wilson & I just returned from
a walk down to the pasture, and a romp in the
hay loft. Wilson is humped over feeling up his legs
and Complaining of "hay in my back". The day is
beautiful Clear and a nice little breeze, but will be warm
after. while. got a Card from Mr Alderson, saying he
would be out tomorrow. (Monday) afternoon and stay all
night (if convenient to us). so you see we cant stay all
of lonely, especially when Wilson is hollowing "Dampa, les
go barn", Lucy has to keep Paul off the books. only 1 chapter a day.
I guess he would read for a day at a time if she would let him
To morrow morn we will go to Courtis & get
they have nice ones, they brot us a few + a bushel Apricots to put up
some, I was just down to the pasture 3 o'clock Sunday
rode old Fannie and behind me. Wilson in front. he kept
squirming around. trying to change his position. directly he said
trumps. I feel old Fannies Back bone, I had to laugh right out
and said does it hurt, Yep, he said,
he is a regular circus, he took his pistol along. I asked
him what he was going to do with it. he said "well I
see a bear, when he came back he said he guessed
old Fannie had a stick in her back.

1. Thursday Pelly, Mrs Chambalack & Safford, just arrived from train. much to the joy of Paul & Wilson, and now they are running here & there. Paul trying to show Safford every thing in a minute. beautiful cool day. I did not know they were coming.

July 11 at 10 o'clock. Wilson wants me to write & tell you that he Paul & I have had our hoes & been down the lane cutting cool nettle and jimson while Lucy is giving a music lesson now Paul is printing some pictures which he sends you. we were at town yesterday. Lucy Paul & I went to town. Wilson & Ma staid at Curry's we came back here for dinner. It drizzled 1/2 the day. we were going to come Paul at Homer's for dinner but it was too wet. Saw Homer and he excused Paul, as Paul had written to Tom: Lucy took Paul to Charley Broadwells store. & Charley let him feed the 3 monkeys in the window we were at your office. all seems flourishy. Also at Mr Bis, so Homer said. Tuesday Jr Alderson & Mother in law spent the day at Nettawa. Much pleased with their trip. he & I spent some time in the grove as the seats are all there yet. he enjoyed it very much. I see him com mencing to scratch his hands before he left which showed the Chigger was getting in his work

I send you acct of Hort meeting. Paul says to tell you
that Wilson is getting as wild & as an Indian I expect

you had better come home pretty soon. as these boys
will get out of your reach. Yesterday at the lab.
as Ma Dada Wilson! If you dont quit
your hands, he studied a moment, then said, I cant hear what
you say. I m deaf. that settled it. and as he was vexed he
went toward Paul & said. Paul! I wish you would mind
your bitnes; there! you cant hear that! We went after
the mail in the red buggy. Paul Wilson & J. Berryton is
as big as Topika in Wilsons eye. I told them I de board them
for 50 cts. but will have to raise as Wilson eats so much.
Paul does not jump on Bread & Butter quite so fast as he

This after noon we drive to Mr Coulters & get Peaches & Apples,
Corn doing fine. big rain 4" raised Wakarusa 10 feet
will be lots of Apples. Peaches. Corn & Potatoes I think.
They bot you a few Apricots & Black bz & put them up
has plenty of Cheries put up, Peaches & Plums yet to come.

If these boys keep on youll hardly know them, sun burnt
Brown & fat. and use branger language. This morn we
were down the lane, Wilson was walking in the path, suddenly he
stoped walked out in the weeds, ^{something I said} passed around
Little Cox Dapa. Cow du kee paper. in e path. what she do that
for. she ought to go out;

he carries his voice at the 3rd Octave, am trying to get
him & down to Base. but dont know as Ill succeed
as he takes a who's your son I tell him to talk lower.

Q^d Monday. Washington in full bloom. Paul & I
arriving tomorrow. We are getting hot & weak. I don't
now with heavy dew. and some folks has heard
tall of 23, with even the amount
cant make up

Well, this is Sunday morn 8 o'clock July 14 "1895-

We were at town yesterday. took Paul & Wilson, & striped
them off at Homer's, to stay while we were in town

Bell said it was all right to leave them to visit
her boys, in fact would be real nice. she never thought
to ask Lucy to stay to dinner with them. so I took
her to Myron Holcombs, I went in your office to get

the Out look, all seemed to be running smoothly:

We think it about time for a letter from you.

Nothing yet, will be in a day or two: I told you I

think that Mrs Sargent & Mrs Chamblain were

here Thursday. they seemed to be much pleased with

their outing, if they did not get as far as London.

Lucy Wilson Paul & I took them to the train at 4.30.

& they went their way rejoicing, to use an old expression

Ed's talking of coming down soon. We drove from

Myrons, round to your house, to get some jars. your

big elms, are doing splendid. flowers do. so your Ma

sage seem to be kept in good shape

No news of importance in Lopez that we could hear of. no fires no murders, nor financial disasters all seems, and looks about as you left.

Ellery Murry is in town, will go to Tuxtepec Wednesday next. he & Abrahams are coming out to see us Tuesday, on my invitation.

he has faith in Mexico yet. & thinks he will come out ahead. your Ma is feeding the chickens with Paul's help. Lucy washing breakfast dishes. & Wilson standing

by the desk where I am writing, looking over a lot of negatives. Lucy gave them, he looks through them and seems to know them all, he is saying "Paul churning. Me. Pupa. Paul wiv gun. & L.C. he asks me what dat, I tell him it is spoiled. "who spoiled it", Lucy. "what for." "Cause it warent good

why aint it good, & so on till he runs me in the ground & I have to quit: I recon you know something about it yourself

It would be a good thing if we did not have to prepay postage, as I can hardly afford to pay 5 cts for such nonsense as this.

I am about out of material so will wait till evening to finish. Wilson has been palming B.R. with me just now. & I guess said I must go after the cows in the pasture, and he could

ext-ride Roberts. he said he could my was in the pasture, and he could heard him called him in the kitchen ma told him no. & he laped me & Lucy

he said no. it was a jack rabbit we heard & he laped me & Lucy she told him to go sit in that chair in the corner till he could be good by Ma in a minute. ^{Said Robert} Rooty I guess I got in e rong chain; jumped down kicked B. Ma. said please excuse me & crawled on the

back of my chair & hulled all aboard

Sunday July 21st 1895 to day brings me to the
advanced age of 69. I was born July 21st 1826,
one year more will bring me to the time allotted to man
"three score and ten" not one person in a 100,000 ever lives to
that age. So if I ain't here when you get back, you need not be
surprised, as it cannot be expected that I should be here much longer.
You had better get back as soon as you can, and look after
these children, they are getting entirely too smart for this climate
this morn. Wilty came down while we were at breakfast, & remarked
as Lucy took him on her lap "I am as weak as paper" and by Ma kissed
him & said bless his heart & I am as sweet as a piece of good joke
as he had his gown off, and smelled (to me) like a nest of young
wood peckers used too. when I was a boy, ask Mr Bowman about
the woodpeckers, he recollects: I have to promise 12 hours ahead to take
them both on old Lanny to get the cows, one in front, the other behind
Wilson can hold more (for his size) than any boy I ever spied, saw and
when they shut him off from scarcity of grub, or other cause he comes
around and says, "Kenka dim me little last of yours"

Paul takes care more of him self, reads & makes boats & writes
Wilson cant do any of this, so he has to be amused more than Paul
We wrote you Friday ~~or Sat~~ took it down for mail going East, and need one
from you, dated 9th July, recd 19-10 days from on warent that pretty good
glad to hear you had read ours, we expect to hear soon, when you will return. we are having
plenty of rain now and our first plant, the clover, will make corn

The south field also looks fine, but was planted later
11 30 Menu New Potatoes, string beans, cabbage, Ruck pie
English currant jam, with bread butter, &c.

These boys make a business, drinking a glass, each of
new milk for breakfast, which is hard on
Bultucap. Cant-let-them have it at supper
for reasons, not necessary to enumerate just now.
This is Monday morn Mrs Faust washing. Lucy
up stairs, at work clearing the deck. Ma among
the China & silver ware Paul packing pictures, in a
scrap book, & Wilson on the kitchen porch, talking
a streak, to Mrs Faust, 11 and a half. I hear the
College yell. Dan Ma, Dinner more yeady? Answer
from "Betty soon": respond, all yite. 1/2 an hour later
yell increased, with energy, Dinner yeady in a dining Car
so I'll go; 2. P.M. Paul & I just returned
from Mrs Fausts. Wilson was asleep. so
he couldnt go, Mrs F gave us a little
white pup. so now we will have fun

I'll now go to P.O. so now we'll quit
Fausts are mowing the Timothy. & Jo Burbank is
mowing the yard: the Old man Faust came up
through our Corn & says, "it is simply immense"
havent been to town for more than a week

Cant give you any news from there.

So this is the last of your Pa -

July 2

Paul did not get
a comb out on
the first picture

Dear Sir PAPA -

I have just been out
fishing & the water
was so muddy we got

lots of PRETTY things we
spent about ^{three hours} 1/2 an hour

there I enclose you a
few ~~leaves~~ ~~leaves~~ leaves

if they were not
washed & we had a
fine time we are

PLANNING another one for
5 days after July

1. everything is going
very lovely -

yours loving

PAUL

We this Frid 26th July 1895 and is our last, as it
 will not leave N.Y. until 31st - and then only 10 days till you ^{start}
 Monday Mrs Janet washed Tuesday Lucy ironed
 Wednesday we all went to Preaders, for the day,
 yesterday (Wednesday) we went to McCoalt's for some
 cooking apples, (four noon). after noon Paul took 4
 sacks ear corn to Rinehart's mill at Berryton. &
 exchanged for meal for cow & horses, I went
 with him & got the mail. Wilson was a sheep.
 this morn I had to pay a promise rec'd to go
 a fishing some time, and we went to Wakarusa, they had
 milk can of water, little bucket of Bread + B. jam, Cookies
 &c. fish poles bacon bait &c. all according to Pic nic regulations
 fixed Paul & Wilson with tackle, all bait, to order. Lucy
 picked out a place, and they "flung the hook" and fished
 almost a minute and a 1/2. Wilson following all the time at
 the top of this voice, Aunt Oosephy dont-da bite, "keep
 still Wilson", "hell why dont a bite." &c &c well it went
 many minutes & not more than 10:30, when they concluded
 to have their dinner
 had ls Ma to spread it on the ground in true picnic style
 ate their dinner, picked shells, nuts &c & came home
 contented, & ready to absolve me, tomorrow we go to
 Tappeta, weather fine, cool and bright, all in best
 possible health, young uns fat & brown, as Bawnies,
 sweet corn now, finest kind have a late patch which
 will about hit you. ^{fishes, Peaches & Plums,} Pa
 Paul made this picnic he is learning to ^{winnetta}

Wilson writes to write you a letter but it is the dog's
pen is a picture of a pup with 4 legs "make you can find
M. P. Cant, he thinks I am stupid. Come I can't see it

Monday morn 29th July at Berryton

Well Folks. I thought I'd send another line & tell you that we
got Marion's letter to Paul & us. Sat morn date 15th July.

made good time. we went to town sat, took Paul & Wilson

to your ~~appt~~ went to your office & showed Holman

an Arsenal as Paul said. all seemed busy. was at

Mr B's office all lively there. left Paul & Wilson at Mrs

C.'s for dinner. we went to Sargents, Wilson ate too much

I think & it was very hot coming home. he slept most the way

home. look sick at stomach. threw up dinner. & went to bed

with some fever. Sunday morn came down to breakfast

ate a little whitehead much. lay around most the forenoon. ate

some dinner. and by 3 oc seemed about as lively as ever

went to bed, slept well. up this morn as lively as ever.

and is on the porch playing with the pup. Ma

says she is not going out with him any more if

hot weather. nor let him dine out. If I

knew where to reach you at N.Y. I would write thru

Say I will write ^{care} H. Old Margaret. Mine

to catch you on arrival

The prospect now is a hot mouth a head,
so we will stay at home & keep quiet.
last week we were out several times to straiten up
some things, & fulfil some promises, but are through now
and will stay at home now. This is no weather to take
children a 10 mile trip. The Faust boys say Saturday
was as hot a day as we have had this season.
This is going to be hot. just striking St. The boys
at Coal house playing with the pup. Paul says he
is making a cage for them him. we got them new
hats & slippers, sat 9. Lucy is looking for a paper on
flower culture. at Hort Meeting day after.
tomorrow at Scotts Welsey, she may go with Coultis &
we cant, too hot. Paul is much disappointed as he
wanted to hear Aunt Lucy make her speech!
well this is my last letter over the water.
When any one asks Wilson. where's your name?
he invariably answers. (I see she on the ocean now)
Paul keeps posted. he answered a dozen Saturday.
"They sail from Southampton. Aug 10" at noon"
he has it down fine as he recd
the boat roster, and has read it, & has it by heart
he says he guesses he wont write to day, as the docs
not think they will get it. but I told him I would
try it any how yours
Pa

Monday July 29th 1895 at Nottawa Farm, history.
Mrs Faust washed Monday. Babes in the woods & I
took her home after dinner. Saw their kennel of pups
Cats &c. Tuesday baked & fixed for Horticultural
Meeting. Wednesday, all went to Scott Kelseys to
Hort- Meeting. had a nice time. Leading address by
Ex Gov Glick. Paul & Wilson had a big time. Beautiful
day & beautiful grove. Thursday. Lucy put in
the day ironing. Friday Lucy & I went to town.
Boys & G Ma at home. found Ed & family. in town
but Mrs Wise home with us. was at your office,
all moving there. Mr Drew just recd a letter from you
Saturday 3rd Aug. I recd Marions letter & Paul postal from
G Ma Bowman, which pleased him much as it was so queer
& different from ours, he is saving all his foreign letters
& stamps. Sat eve. Eds came out. 5 boys here
had to put on more police. Sunday morn. after Br.
Lucy. Carrie Mrs Wise Paul. Charles going to Church Creek
Ed drove down. from Manhattan. has his own conveyance
to go around. going back to Vicksburg this evening

Monday 10 o'clock July 5th 1895

Well. Eds did not go home last night, just left with their troops and Paul & Wilson have settled down to playing with dog & cat. yesterday when they were all leaving around I was ignored entirely by Wilson, but he would run by & pay no attention. I called him just now, and he stopped, & said, Whatty isan pa. Lucy is getting beans. Mrs Faust - washing & Ma & Mrs Ware busy on Mas new lawn dress.

Monday at 2-

Rose Waters just came from P.O. & brot-
Wilson a letter from Mama, from Bing ren on the Rhine
with stamps, Paul gave 4th stick Candy for his share Chips of red block.
as Wilson never gets enough
to eat, he readily consented to the trade.

Tues day. nothing of importance transpired. Faust boys digging Early
potatoes, a good deal of a failure, i.e. early crop. Corn all right, late Pot
-oes promise well. Wednesday 7th Ironing going on. Paul & W making
about. The Campaign I believe. weather cool & fine. feels like fall.

Next to Wednesday 16th Paul & Wilson are to have a Picnic in the
grove. Eds 3 boys Homers, Safford, & Kenneth, are the Compo any-
- it was to be to day, but Ed had to go back to attend Reg. at Meeting
& left them at Myrons while he was away.
Wilson just said with Mama ad come home he Paul & Lucy just gone to
Waters to get some crab apples to make jelly,

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Dear Mr. [unclear] PA* I think PAT
was nutrient try in New York
was long because we were in
a hurry to sell you I
think that you are in a hurry
to do you I want those
coins & all such things I believe
that you must not use so much
time in Boston & New York &
Brooklyn. We want you to come
right now. I will be in
Rochester a few days ago. Our
ink is giving out & PA wants
to write. Your loving son.

Paul Bowman Poppend.

Peniston
Rottava. Burn
Shaune Co Kas.
on Horeko

here it is sat- 10th Aug at 10 o'clock, Paul
that he would write some, & left this side
for me. Wilson is posted, at Breakfast he said
"Grandpa, dis is augus 10th" I said well what of that,
"Mama's on the ocean to day, coming ^{home} yesterday in the old
Lucy & Mrs Wise went to town y^e ^{year} day in the old
buggy. I did I tell you I bot Wills old buggy back
They were at your house. Raymond has rented
next house south of Mrs Chamberlin, ready
for sept. sund^a 11th Eds sent word

would be out today to stay a few days. Mrs Wise
leaves Tues^d for Nebraska. Mrs W. Paul & Wilson went

to B after mail yesterday, a man was there with gun,
Wilson asked him what he was doing, he said he was going ^{hunting}
Wilson said, you need not hoot me I'm no rabbit.

well the boys are talking about you being on the water
on your road home, the journal says you ens are coming
but not Mr B's. Monday 12th July - all alive

& busy. as has Mrs Faust washing. Lucy sweeping
Ma. dishes, Paul telling me to sharpen up the hoe,

and Wilson pulling dogs. tails & G Ma trying to work on his
better nature by saying what would mama say if she see you do
that, "Mama on de bunnys de to day. she know nuffen
bout me

From W. P. POPENOE,
BERRYTON, SHAWNEE CO. KAS.

Tuesday Noon 13th Aug. 95 - well folks I wrote you
yesterday my regular Circular letter, sent it off & read
at same time^s for the boys, from you. your last
from over the bring dup as Wilson has it. Eds are
here with their 3 boys, to say they are having a big time
is putting it mild. I shall be obliged to put on addit-
-ional Police. Ed took Mrs Wie & trunk to loan to day.
Paul Wilson & I walked over to the east side of
pasture to get old Fannie. I got on, pulled Wilson up
in front of me, & Paul climbed on the wire fence and
jumped on behind, & so we rode home 1/2 mile. you need
not fear that you will not know the 3 delicate fellows
as Lucy will wash off the outside coat in a day
or two, & when the original skin appears, I think
you will recognize them. Last night Paul, Charles
& thubert each had a Punkin lantern lit up, and
had a gay time. Wilson would not think of going to
bed till the show was over; 8³⁰ it was over
he would squeal like a scurrying mule, when the boys
would bring their lanterns

The party tomorrow has played out. only Carl, Tom, Eds & your boys will be here; too hot, & would make too much work. I meet Carl & Tom at R.R. in the morning, you need not run your self down to get here to see the boys, we can put on a little more dirt and they will keep a few days longer. here it is Wednesday morn 9 o'clock. I'll ride old Fannie down to Berryton to take this letter. Pauls Pirnie to day is done for as it has been pouring down rain for 2 hours & not quit yet so of course Carl Tom will miss the ride here is 5, all have to stay in to day & are making noise enough for July 4th as Wilson says I think I'll carry them to the barn. Well I expect this will be the last letter to Margaret, as you will be back pretty soon & want to come to Nottawa and have a rest, we can keep you cheaper than Margaret can & can give you better menu. So come along and see our Circus & the Brownies Fred, you recollect Colin & semi Colin, well every thing Paul says, Wilson repeats like semi, From Willis P Popenoe

Nottawa Farm

Friday, 27th Dec 1895

Fred the horses came
Yesterday. 22 they forgot
the soreback Pony, told me
to call & get it when I come in
I'll send for him by some
one when I get a chance

They drove that bay mare
out with a flock of theirs
They have the bay mare
& the two you drove out
& the Saddle Pony. I don't
know what others.

Lucy sends you
a bundle by M. W. W. Pa
a Christmas Bundle

Mottawa Farm,
Berryton, Shawnee Co., Kas.

Sat morn 28th Dec 95
Fred. Waters arrived home all
right, with Chukens & Pony
at a cost to me of only \$7.00 which
was much better than for me to
go. Tell Paul there is a little boy
Pony in this herd well broken to ride
that is just the thing for him to ride
I'll saddle it new years day for him
to buy. I think I'll keep it on the
farm for he & Wilson to ride when
they come out. buy & come if it is
a little cold, as we can make out to
get to train. but going to town now
is almost an impossibility

When you come out & see
these colts, we can tell better
what to feed them. I fed them
corn & hay the eve they came & next
morn. last night they did not come
up. ~~the~~ morn I tried to call them
up but they would not come
they have all they can eat &
dont care to come up

They are coming up more
so dock. I give them a feed of ear
corn to use them to come up to
barn

Yours
W. P. P.

Monday morn 30th Dec 95
Fred, I am most afraid to
say for you to be sure & come
out - the 1st for fear the train
may be late Sat eve it was
7 or 8 before it came, and was late
for a night or two before, but I
should think they would be all
right by that time. The trouble
has been rain & high water down
toward Ft Scott, but that must
be over now, If you come I
wish you would get your Ma
a pair of Arctics to go over a
No 2 shoe, she got her shoes of
Charly B & he would know what to
give her. Lucy has a pair, & you
ought to have them, as she runs
out to the chicken house so often
to see those wonderful
A. Wyandotts

I suppose you want to come out
badly to see those trotters, anyhow
so if the day is passable you had
better come and if the train
should be an hour late it won't
hurt any thing. as old Johnny C
will be glad to entertain you.

Lucy was there at Cannahan Hall
last night, at a supper & school
entertainment. reports a good time
tomorrow night she is invited to
a grand Opera at the Hall. Thursday
night she is invited to help Caultis
organize a Grange at the Hall
& so it goes. she is in a town of
Gaelic all the time, and they think
nothing can be done without
her advice & presence.

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This is Monday. wrote
the other yesterday
we are washing.
it is a beautiful day
brains settled down all
right. so nothing will
hinder you from
coming out. Lucy is hurrying
washing through as the
Opera Company are to meet
to rehearse at Carnahan Hall
to day at 1:30 and have a turkey
dinner there.

Speaking of Turkeys, tell
the boys that Max run after
and worried our big gobbler
so much yesterday that he died
20 lbs at 7c $\$1.40$ dead loss. do
they want a dog? he must go.

This leaves us 1 hen which we
are to dress to day for Jan 1st
and that winds up the
Turkey business for good

If I could see to look after
dogs + Turkeys, it would be
diffrent. There is no use to keep
a dog to kill Turkeys
B P Farm

Thursday 20th Feb-96 11 o'clock
Well Fred, just recd your Towanda,
Bloomington letter. Glad to hear you seen some
of your old Chums & mine. Jack Carroll just
left, taking the Colt. I told him you
wrote me he was to bring out the Irish
horse when he came. he said he
would have to get Haish to go with
him. and he could not leave as the
grand jury had him, for stealing
Swains Beer. Jack says what he
pleases, or what suits him best.

Yesterday sold to H K Wymans Northwicks
agg. the little Jersey, Daisy. She had a calf seven
he came out to see her did not parley long.
led her home at -37¢.

beautiful clear warm day. Long ironing
your Ma out - to see what makes the old
speckled hen Cackle so much.

I wrote you yesterday.

What do you think of my horse trade²

I am sorry you cheated just so. he says no man could have the white heeled mare but you at such a ridiculous price

well if you did beat him he can make it up some where else. the bidders have not left yet. I keep them till March 1st. If you do not like the trade say so, I was to consult you. I had to lift one up yesterday by the tail. I'll hold them.

...FROM...

W. P. POPENOE.

NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Friday Morn 3 July 96

Well. It is quite a disappointment to G Pickett that there will be no display of *Protechnica* at Nottawa sat eve. He knew two boys in Chambersburg that had a whole package between them selves, and a little boy that had two red stumps he found on the street. They had an eronious lot of fun. we go to Burlington to morrow to the picnic. will go down in the 4 noon a while, we did not go to the Fort, yesterday, only I. She went with Mr Coulter's I couldnt stand the ride with my ls A R leg. if you can find any red stumps after they have been shot, save me 1 or two. Your
W. P. Farm

P D

Private

dont let G. M. Bowman read this
unless she promises you a sheet of Candy

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M. B. BOELEN

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Tuesday 7th July 1896

Well Boys, there are a good many Jimsons
that need cutting, and the Melon patch is
getting weedy. What are you going to do about
it. The Chickens are eating the Cabbage. we
are going to shut them up to night. Can't have
the Tomatoes & Cabbage gobbled up by them. it is
eroneous to see how they have picked several heads
already: our 4th was very slim. we staid at
home & I did'ent have a cracker. not even a
red Stump of a rocket to look at. your Aunt Sue
went to Berryton with Mr Coult's folks. but
she said it did not amount 2 anything.
we had some fun yesterday however. Lucy washed & I
got her to let me pound some, I tell you I
splashed the water all around. to day Lucy irons.
Tomorrow Mr Skinners are coming: next day
(Thursday) my father is coming to see the Davis girls

then Friday she has music center
I dont know what will happen on Saturday
you see she has business laid out for
all week. If you want to know more
come out & see. you'll be P. Lars

W. B. BOBBIOE

... FROM ...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.
Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Wednesday morn 12th Aug 1896
Well Fred. I recd a line from Mr Holman via
Colorado. in regard to the Cornell University, well
it is a great satisfaction to have that fixed up
& know you aint sleeping on "tented ground"
in the language of S. Waters & other G. A. R.
we have had a week of burning hot winds,
which seemed almost impossible, sometimes, to live
through. it changed last night & gave us a
nice rain, that has cooled the face of the earth,
but it came too late to save late Corn,
we have to pull water for the horses to day anyhow.
I spose you see the journal, & see the report of that
your ma thinks there has been nothing like it since
G. Hopper days. Lucy expects to go to town tomorrow
we havent been up since you went to N.Y.
I spose you will turn east soon. your P

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Sunday noon 16th Aug 1896

Folks, yesterday was too warm for comfort but today is nice & cool. So much so that I think the summer back bone is giving away. I think that invalids & delicate people, might stand it to Crall down from the Mountains & see how poor people stand it, who have to stay here all the time like me & P Faust.

Lucy & your ma did not go to Cripple Creek, but sought a higher altitude by going up stairs a while a go. I are sleeping away the time under the delusion that the air is rarer up there, than down here on mother earth. Some other folks labor under the same delusion.

being grindstone handles, in that line. See? the Peach crop is a total failure. all dried up. Apples part a crop. enough for home use I guess.

pastures + Hay fields looking brown. If
we could only get a good rain, we have
had but one shower for 3 weeks or more

late corn gone up; but lots of gold in the country
yes. Moorell, now is the best man in the state,
only you + McKinley as Wilson says.

he says My Papa + McKinley are the 2 best
men in United States. make he means
benighted:

This probably is the last letter
from me as I do not think you can frame
any excuses to stay longer.

You seem to have more business out there to
detain you, than Jim + Aris had at
Centerville; from Nottawa per W.P.P.

...FROM...

W. P. POPENOE.

NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Well ~~dear~~ folks. This is Friday, Sept 14th 1896
just done breakfast & just struck 7. Clear with a nice
Cool breeze. Yesterday we had a wind from the
North. which cooled off this end of the globe so
much that I had to put on a Coat, there was
a heavy dew also, the first for 2 weeks, the horses
did not need much water yesterday. I think the
Back bone of summer is broken. & now we
will have Cool nights generally, unless political
ranges high, which will produce some heat.
well you see Morrell was renominated, Jim I did
not have any show. This I think will end in
resubmission. I think I'll join St-John.
Lucy was at town yesterday. Says Wilson
wanted to come home with her, but she pacified
him by telling him he must stay & take care of
G.M.B. while you were gone.

11111
Paul, I was out in the field yesterday
where the Paul boys were cutting hay,
they found a Bumble bee nest and were pitting
them. I said dont fool with a bumble bee
"If you think they wont sting you'll see"

Two got after Howard & stung him on the
ears, I got behind the stack & said
"a bumble bee wears out his welcome too soon
for me") they had lots of fun, the boys
laughed at Howard wearing ear muffs in summer
one stung a horse & he pitched and went
around so bad Howard could hardly hold him.
The golden rod is all out in bloom, down at
Horsemint Crossing, it looks beautiful.

Wilson found a new Crossing, & called it
Shumac Crossing. I think it is about where you
were coming home from to P Farm

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.
Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

[1897-1898]

Friday morn so dark &
Cloudy I cant see. Masons quit on account
of rain yesterday noon. Carpenters will have to stop
till porch wall is up, all Carpenter work done inside
until plastering is done, no - 1, line done yet as they are
waiting on the heater, as the pipes must go in before
they can lath. ~~has~~ had no word from Heater Co yet
Geo said he would write yesterday. I would write 2 or 3
times before this, but here is a piece of the Electric wire for
P & W that the man is putting in the new house
Cleaning out Cellar (Edis) to be ready to cement
all well here. how is yours. Wiggins, oh I believe I told
you he was moving. had house everything torn up
burned that can be even the shingles on Cottage roof
Carraps will move next week.

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

(1897-1898?)

Friday morn 7 A.M. Henry with Nellie & his wagon landed 2 big ^{bags} on our porch at 6 P.M. yesterday. Louke also but went to barn. This morn is clear & forty & quiet so the masons can work. Plummers getting along well, Lucy getting ready to go to the farm. ~~Look~~ ^{Lucy} has just left for Nottawa, going out to look around. Your Ma is up stairs making her bed. the assessor ~~is~~ just left here. he would like to get a clip at you I expect. I told him you wasnt living out here was in town, but really I suppose you are in Lopez a township aint you. the assessor is Will Bradbury. the wind has struck up & is blowing furiously from the south. I have been wanting to go up to Clay st for 2 or 3 days, but havent felt able to go. had a lame hip for a few days. Uncle Henry & Mary will look after things. Mary will stay till all is out. I let Ed go this afternoon as Henry is not very able to lift & Louke wont. to morrow is Louke's Henry is Sunday. so it will have to stop till Monday. I fear rain. no furniture hauled yet just cleaned Cellar & Barn

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

[1891]

Confidential so genuine Pine says

She wants us to take Walter, her oldest boy & make a farmer of him, good boy way way but nothing do & takes to farming, & she thinks the west the place for boys see about it when you come home. Mom Ma says to tell you that you must quit going on the run, & well lots more but no use in telling you anything as you do not pretend to mind any more. P & W think they struck it rich yesterday, got basket Hazel, 2 baskets walnuts, Basket quince & Golden apples, & wanted to shoot a bear but couldnt find one. we took the Winnebago along, also caught some rare bugs as Wilson has it. Paul has been learning to milk, milked about a qt from Dandelion yesterday; Howard gathered some apples yesterday, had 10 or 15 B. the boys got some Peaches grapes & Tomatoes & Pop over gounds &c

I got a little shephud dog pups for the
boys, from Dela sern the low human at
Wakarusa, they have lots fun with him
would like 2 or 3 apiece. they were disputing about
ownership the other day, when Wilson said
Isnanpa. is Bruce a male dog? yes I said.
well Bonnie is a female aint she? yes.
well make they will hatch some little dogs
then we can have 2 or 3 cant we

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.
Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Monday noon 10th May 1897.

It is hardly necessary for me to write you, as Lucy says Paul does it so well. we (W-P. & I) went to Pa bit a go & got your letter & card. we look muchly to morrow for a spritz box & Wilson says. "tell Mama to send one every time she can. every day if she wants to. we went to Waik ca last week. Wilson had as much fuzzi on him as a bottle of Pop. he squealed & hollowed when he found a bed of Sweet William's & said it makes me most Crazy. you know he makes much of a little. Paul got his Youth Corn last Tuesday. & never opened it till yesterday. for dinner today Paul drank 2 glasses milk & ate 2 squares Corn bread & 2 fried eggs & wanted a Bartlett Pear Wilson said, like the Ruggedy man. 2 o'clock Wilson has retired. Paul is going to write you. I tell him to think what they do each day & who is how & c & then tell you about it in his own way. Lucy says he does well. mon a non Pa

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.
Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Sat morn: 15th May 1897

Folk. There is no time to write here this morn
Lucy had to go to town yesterday to get some groceries.
Took Paul along & dropped him off at 10th st
& called for him at Homers, when she got her things.
Paul arraigned (by leave) to have Carl & Tom out
to day, so we will have to get ready to go to Cars &
then go to Wakarusa I expect. Wilson staid at
home, perfectly Contented. had two strings to 2
dogs & spent most of the day out on the grass
breaking Winnie & Sprinkles. He can get more fun
from out of a little than any ungun I ever saw.
had onions & radishes for dinner. after dinner
Lucy was playing with him & kissed him. he objected;
& said. I wish you you wouldnt kiss me when
you got so much radishes on your breff; the combination
was too much for him. Pa

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Wednesday noon 29th Sept 1897

Dear folks. Lucy Paul & W., went to town
to day for the 1st. Monday we said we wouldnt
go till Tuesday, it was so hot. Tuesday noon was
as hot as ever. I said, boys, lets go over to
Mrs Lewis Woods to get Hazel nuts & Walnuts & not go to
town till tomorrow. all right both said. so we went to the
woods instead of town as they both, were perfectly satisfied
this noon I said lets go to Bill Bailys to get Walnuts
& Parpaws. all yite, Wilson said. Paul said all right too
only if we would be sure to go tomorrow. Wilson said
Grampa says every morning says tomorrow, tomorrow
& we ll never get there Cause tomorrow never comes.
Paul seems just as Contented as W. goes around
whistling all the time unless I check him by asking
him if he has lost his dog; then he grins & stops
for a little while, he will stay in town.

to night with L. Ma B. Lucy & W. will come
back this evng will go back tomorrow or
Friday morn. and stay over Friday night
take them down to will Curry a little while to
see the Hot home at night
not keep them down there long for fear they
cant sleep well. I guess we could have
kept them here all week, but Lucy wanted to go
up. we will not go, its too hot & dry. and would
take us out Paul got cards from his Ma from
Lawrence K.G. Chicago. & one this morn from Albany
MA. also a letter from Fred. at Copley square Boston
sorry to hear you are unstrung. go slow had hot & dry weather
no hurry: just got a letter from Jennie Pine. all well.
says Lib Miller is at Centerville on a visit. that you
uncle Jim took her over to where she was born: the farm
on the little Miami where W & Howells I used to flat
when Wilson left. I said good by Wilson. Come back some time
huh! he said Ill be back in just 12 hours. needent think I am
going to stay in that old town, Course I ll be back with
Dad Lucy. Pa

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.
Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Saturday noon Oct 2nd 1897

Wilson & I was down to B, before dinner
& got your letter the Boss Town. W said make
I'll get a spare package. I told him I expected you
had sent it to Tapella & told him we would go up
Monday & see. Paul said when Lucy left him, he
would be ready to come home today but we
could not go in, we will go Monday & if he
would rather come out than go to school, will bring
him. has a good time Ed took him & his boys
to the fair ground. he goes around with them
& Ed sees to them. Wilson & I turned, went to
B. Killed Corn & C this fore noon, & went to
Isaac Fausts in the Buggy. he says he thinks he
ought to stay here all the time. & show me
around & show me where the cows are. he
thinks he is doing lots of work.

...FROM...

W. P. POPENOE.

NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

This morn I asked him to hand me something,
he was so full of gas he could hardly stand it
kicking up his heels like a Colt. His answer was
dont have to. I squared around, looked at him
very sternly. I said Wilson! I dont allow any body
to say that to me. I never allowed your Pa or
your Conde Ed to talk that way to me when they were little.
It look him down: he said I was just in fun well, I said
that will do to talk to other children, but you must
not talk that way to big folks, so we fixed it
all up; lots of talk about the festival being a
humbug now as it is over. folks got tired out
Wilson says why didnt you get that velvet Tuffey?
I dont know what he means, do you? he says when you
& Ma ma comes home you had better come out to the farm
& stay a week, he says you know the rest.
Wilson & G P Farm.

Dictated by F W P

he says to put here / you know who 4 times

Picture Card from a no who.

look on the back of the picture card

to Ma & Pa at Boston wheres lots

Candy for New York

we went Paw Paw hunting yesterday & got lots

we saw Bill Balys pigs. not sp as good as ours

I fill my little crock with new milk every day

and get the cream my self-

here dictation placed

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Thuesday morn 10 o'clock 18

Yesterday afternoon Lucy + I went to town Called at Eds + 227 day
Mrs B Still lives at 227. Saw Mary. She is packing some things.
washing some etc. Cold + cloudy yet. Thursday noon. (noon at work
Weggin is moving. Ma got letter from Paul yesterday. dated
tracking on Lucy's surprise Came off last night. about 20 from around
Nottawa were. Hayden took on the flat Corri + alone out on the organ
- ~~the~~ Music box: brot it out for the occasion from Eds
they brot their supper (you can spend part your time deciphering
my short hand) twice on one line sometimes, got the big stone that
the Inyen sets on, in place to day. [each side front steps at work
to day all along front porch 12 M. Ugh! 2 hours ago Came a
mist then a cold wet drizzle, now it shows symptoms o slow rain
with make a sprinkle of snow Ugh! I think they finished the
roof. was hurrying to do so 2 hours ago. it will wind up make
work. Les is most out of work. no lathing yet. waiting for the heater
so they can put the pipes in the partitions did I mention that
Weggin was moving. if not, he is for a fact.

9 o'clock Friday just over
sargent is there with 2 or 3 masons pointing up
Cellar walls in side. was stuck for want of red stone
but got letter this morning that it was shipped
Expects it to day. Men will go on & finish porch ~~etc~~
wall. Men Carpenters will make porch ^{Geo + 1023}
are at work at back stairs. got 2 loads
Vitrified brick yesterday -- for Coal Cellar floor
Cloudy & Muddy, but not raining
Lucy just going to eatie Jellie home

3 days & 2 1/2 1.8 1/2 will have to make it 1.88 in change

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.
Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Saturday morn 12 March 1895

got letter from M & P & W. have you recd anything from wright?
yesterday afternoon 2 men were repairing barn roof Wiggins has
moved. I think I told you he was moving Ed & I went over &
looked at the house. and I told him to get dan to help him if he would
work on the pony. & clean it out & get in as soon as he can.

it is a dirty place. Noon sat. of 2 masons painting up. John
arrived at 9 was not out yesterday afternoon. has some red stone
but not a variety to pick from he says. it is on the road
he says Geo is impatient at John being so slow with his end
of the work. Wiggins has moved & Ed is over there going to
clean out. he got here at 4. he is the slowest man I ever
had around. he will be a week at it. Tell Wilson it is
too muddy to plant S B but I'll push it when it will do
the roads are most as bad as they were a month ago.
Geo is mending the barn roof today with 2 men & 2 on
finish in the barn. foggy today cant see a block.

Tell Pans the hens wont go to setting as often as Lucy wants them.

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Sunday 4 o'clock March 13' 898

Lucy & I just came ~~to~~ back from the Auditorium.
Only 9 there, but it is very muddy & people have not
turned out well. it is clear & windy in P.M. and
work will go on tomorrow. Lucy is on the lounge. Help
you Ma reading a poetry journal so as to help Paul
raise chickens & I ate strawberries so there would be
a demand for Wilsons. The mud is drying up &
it will be to plant strawberries in about 2 days
and I will push it then. Monday 10 A.M. 14. March 1898
we have churned & washed, & I just came back from P.H. Hust
as Wilson says. all in good humor & at work hauling red stone
& porch work going on. Geo. whispered to me ^{to} 24 hours after Sam-
-gat promised that porch I'll have the roof on road dried up
very much yesterday & will today as we have clear warm windy
days both days. Lucy & I will go to town this P.M.
and mail some letters this envelope. have you rec'd
any from us yet? over as ^{the} ^{are}

Ed B arrived at 11. I asked him where he had been.
he said up town picking out my paper.

must be a big job

W. B. BOBENOE
MILLER & BROS.
PITTSBURGH, PA.

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Sunday Morn. March 20 1898. I sent you yesterday
a continuation of the H's story of the building of "The Pines"
I was thinking that make you dont Care to hear about the ups &
downs, here. & the annoyances of the every day life here, as it might
mar your enjoyment somewhat & do no good. Now
yesterday was a fine day to work. So one of Sargents men
were here but had to go home as he did not show up.
Moon M says make he is sick. Well if he is he should
have Cuthbert or some one else here. ~~At~~ the heater came
yesterday. Lseo says he will have it out tomorrow. The
roads are drying up so we can haul it & also your goods
in a day or two. got the barn roof repaired & all in
good fix "as soon as heater pipes are in things so
will go along. If you want to hear any more of the
ups - downs of "The Pines", or "Life at Cottonwood"
we can give it - voluninous pen and a voluninous
nose to smell up what is going on L. P

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Saturday Morn. March 26 1898

It is cloudy and warm wind south & looks like sun I am afraid it will rain before we get the goods over Cant hill it is 7 3/4 just Hello & Currys all well. nothing much says. I hear the Carpenters at work on the porch. The S & E pillar to finish & red stone work will be done. There will scarcely be 1/2 doz red ^{light} stone. Tombre came back yesterday. They wouldnt have him in ^{Conn} Connecticut. 9 o'clock Saturday yet just red letter from M with Norwood letter about Wilsons & Pauls doings striking 9 Ed B just arrived. I guess you will have to work him over when you get home. he says he guesses he will move 1st of the week. as they might want to rent the house he is in. If the weather is good Henry says he will empty your house Monday. Ed has a long way to come. when he gets here he will do better I expect. Wilson & Paul are having his time in the old town of Canton & Norwood. I think I shall go up to Clay st today. & see after things a little. Henry just put a box of Carmel fruit in our cellar. Lucy had a box full from Nottawa yesterday. So there is no danger of your being eaten.

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.
Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Wednesday morn 7¹⁵ A.M.
March 30th 1898

It rained a little last night but not enough to stop work.
Ed moved yesterday, & slept last night in the Wiggins house. He has
been 2 weeks & 4 days at it. he asked me last night what I was going to
do with Bessie. Said he would want some way to go after groceries. I told
him the Exchange Grocery came out & delivered goods for us & Curries
he said he would rather trade at Kales. I told him I liked Kale, &
you, & he could arrange with Kale no doubt they will finish your
goods this morn. Say! Bont Luck told me he picked up a V trough at
SW corner of your house, and the lady at across the fence told him not to
take that it belonged to the house to run the water away. he dropped
it. Hurra for Polly! Luck said "I dont think it was any of his
business to dell me what to date" Thursday P.M. I went up to clay
this P.M. House empty. Fuller putting down Carpet & Paper. Luck & Co
putting up fragments. Cant take quite all they say. the old fellow will try
to make another load tomorrow. Ed at last moved. says he
must go over tomorrow for a few more scraps. Homer
has been pushing him for a week to let some one in
that house

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

11 AM Apr 12 1898

Mrs Webster saw an ad about Heaters in McElures Magazine
she wrote them to know about it, was a Chicago house. They
wrote her "See Mr Popenoes house" notaricity, well just
back from The Pinet Harst place, no masons there. Woodston
is there with 2 men. he is like Gee. he puts on his apron & takes bowl.
was filling a wash bowl for the hired girls in a closet next her room the
bowl was solid porcelain 2 or 3 feet square with silver feet. I ~~never~~
never would fix a girl up that way. sooner or later they will ^{have} _{the}
they are the boss. Quit raining on collar wet & muddy must pare it
speckles stay at your house most all the time. the men give her
bones. I guess she will stay there "all the time when Paul & W
get home. Slur, Ma - looked around and said "this is a
grand house but I guess he can afford it" No 2 how so
why they say he owns a Coffee plantation in Costa Rica
I ^{he} remarked, a little mixed I think, soon Ma is asleep.
Lucy & Mary Teris in kitchen getting dinner & talking.
especially talking. I got the paper & pills but likes the Sugar
Calamus the best she says, not a slur, but a hint

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.
Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

April 1 1898

Well Freds B day. Came in raining I would like to send you
a little sack of walnuts to crack but the Express Costs too much
there is a contagious disease going through H Parks. we came here &
fixed up & cleaned up. you took it up & had a new hoise Frank still
seen what we were doing. went home & raked his yard & put out letters.
Ed Curry took it up & went to burning & raking. Webster do &
is going to build. now Helden joined me that the Plummer is
there & is putting in a bath tub for them. so you what example
does. if we hadent come here they would all been in plater
you. that is Latin for "in former state". Plummers are getting along
as well as could be expected (I suppose) but seem slow to me they
I have both borders set & most of the upright in. & now seem to be
putting in the big horizontal pipes in the Cellar. the Cellars are all
paved. finished yesterday. 1 mason was pointing up the barn front
2 were cleaning & pointing the red stone. Carpenters were on the
porch. 9 o'clock Apr 1 raining dont hear any workmen. How
well you know about them after a weeks rain.

Miss Mary Lewis of Lewis
who has been in Dallas Tex. for a year
teaching school, is at home. Came up to
visit Lucy ^{staid} all night. They left over
to "The Pines" last eve. after their ^{trip} ~~trip~~ ^{left out} over
Mary was delighted. She is very precise in language
when she came back she said, "It is a beautiful
home. Not a point from any direction either inside
or out" is distasteful. To the eye. I see no place
or part not in harmony with each other. etc

That is a slur, but not a bad one
10 AM slacked up am going over to the Pines.

...FROM...
W. P. POPENOE.
NOTTAWA FARM.
Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

1900
Tuesday morn 7³⁰ just got milk they were eating Breakfast
Mrs K, Harry, Segred, Shirley, Peter the great, Segred Conrad was out up the
said. got letters from Wilson Birch Park from his Ma.
Mrs K got baby over to read letters, had Fannie picked up to go to gran
the young man kicked & squaled & wailed when baby in
baggy, took the lines, jacked and shook the lines & made Fanny
and laughed as tho he had done it, & Mrs K was sitting
enough to think he had you had better come
home & lend to him, he will be so badly spoiled he will smelly
in fact I think he did a little this morn when I took him up
as he had nothing on but his square. Wednesday Morn
Yesterday afternoon Mrs K took Segred, Pard home &
not Jessie back, left Baby with Segred & Shirley
& Normans who appear to be the Diselong there
Shirley seems to be Captain over there & Mrs
K & D. delements, she is paying particular
attention to Harry. I see her come out

wednesday morn I had a nice little shower at 7. would
like a good deal more just over for milk all milk
Norma gone home Mrs Smith ditto
nobody there but Shirley Harry + Isaac baby lively
the dirty I camp grabbed my hat + we the in
No little shower has cooled the air, very
much. Saw Charley + yesterday he says
he begins to wish you were at home as
Barrett + Sp amand are both going away
next week.

Truly Busy brot us a bucket of Nectar
Peaches yesterday. Tell Wilson there are lots of
Peaches on this, but they won't be ripe till
he comes back. 11 - drizzling a little
hope it will come down.

Thursday m. old Fanny is
sick. just left to Pnetina
coming out right a way. Signe
gone to town on Bell. old Fanny
too back to go. got postcard from
Wilson to Baby. all fairly well
hot afternoons

Pa

МЪ БОБЕМОЕ

...FROM...

W. P. POPENOE.

NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Sunday morn 7 2¹¹ Aug

To Paul & Wilson, Aunt Lucy say something

is eating all the ground cherries some bug or worm.

Mrs King got a letter from you Mo yesterday eve. Said Wilson dident

like the smell of fish. Spoke you come down here & smell

some peaches they bot from Nottawa Friday bout as big as

an apple & soft & juicy & Maiden Blush apples & loras

My arnt they good. last night about 7 galbs got away. Came

over to see our chickens. we went out & bred every way to

catch him, but couldent as he went up a Cottonwood tree

so we had to shut up all the chickens. This morn went after milk

at 8 nobody up but Shirley, she gave me the milk, went back

at 9 to find jake, he was there & hunting for his Breakfast

segrs Sista Anna cant him & she shut him the whole

family were out Harry Mrs K segrs Annie & Miss Smith

the woman that is looking thru meⁿ Felix. Lucy is keeping

wilsons kind of stamps for him. Very pleasant today

Daby has got so smart he can open my knife, so cant cant find

May had jabs had too long yesterday + he got on
the porch. Then on the stand + then

well guess what happened then
I dont know what Gardineers cost
do you? Uncle Robby went to town

+ brot out a slut + some jumps
folks in town dont like to pay dog
tax he says.

He want
to see
the
slut
or
any
longer

Baby just came + we + write
his hand to hold his hand
some

...FROM...

W. P. POPENOE.

NOTTAWA FARM.

Berryton, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Sunday, 2, 20 12" Aug 1904

Lucy just started to S S
your house was not represented last
Sunday but will be today as Segred & the Comrade
Segred's sister Annie & Shirley have just gone around the house
with the boys. Uncle Robble & Cash are making McParters
Cows just fly down the road. I went to the door and
he said "Lute Mom Cash, May broke in
my lot and Cash is walk after
them about as fast as old Jimmie
can walk. Lucy saw Shores Calvins
Luerbeger & I'm carrying off grapes &
I think most every body in the Park
was been in your vineyard but me & Handers
& McSinty

noon Monday. East we segred borrowed Fannie
 so she & her comrade
 horse bolt ride shuley stall at home
 and amused It avry. To day I rode
 Fannie over + Baby seen me through
 the window + he yelled, hollowed, talked +
 tried to ride do I look him on, +
 took him home. he grabbed the reins, I hooked
 + pulled + that he was doing it all. he
 put me in mind of a couple of boys
 I used to take a riding at horse
 with crossing. They says tell them to
 come home its lonesome Mrs King
 came for baby, he ran to me + de
 bam bam boo bam + pointed out to
 the post where old Fanny was tucked
 + told me as plain as he could to
 take him home on Fanny they all
 laughed to see him. I rode up to the
 Hackays this morn + he gave me
 3 multemilous } Mis is 3 o'clock Monday
 the Hackney say is 3 o'clock Monday
 of the season. To day is hotter I think, it is
 debil rating Mrs Curry says.