

Grinnell, Ill
March 5, 1899

Dear Father & Mother:

Your letters both received near the same time I will not attempt to answer both at once. Ed Jones & Family are down here running the store living in Uncles house they are very nice to Tom & I they came over after they got milk from me. Tom has hauled two loads of goods from the river since they came here. He gets \$1 per load. It takes him till noon to get back with his load. I don't suppose he will get to haul much as Edgar has a team & wagon of his own. We were invited to go there to dinner today but as Tom had to go down to see his brother & also to see the boy he hired for this year we did not go. I will go over after dinner for a while. The boy will be here tomorrow I guess, it is the same boy Tom hired last year.

Uncle Jonty still lives with us he says he is better satisfied here than any where else Edgar & Mary try to get him to stay there a part of the time but he won't do it sometimes he eats dinners with them when he gets tired staying here he goes to Metropolis & stays a few days he is there now but I expect him back the first of the week his trunk is here & he gave me his keys to keep for him.

Uncle goes down to Tom's fathers when we go he has always known them and he enjoys going there. Tom's sister the one that lost her husband while I was at home has rented her place and moved home since we moved here the people round there reported that Uncle was going to see her. One day he came from Metropolis on the boat to Joppa & walked out there to get some of them to bring him out here. It happened that Tom's father could'nt bring him so his sister Julia brought him it was published in the paper that very week that they were married. Julia is next oldest to Tom. I mean she is two years older than Tom. She was thirty her last birthday it was hard to tell who was maddest over it her or Uncle. She said to me I didn't think any more of brining Mr. Jones out there than day than if it had been father. I was glad to get a chance to come see you and Tom. The fun of it was Uncle knew it had been put in the paper & knew it ment him. He had talked to me about it. He went over to the store he was going up to Metropolis with Edgar to haste a reply to the announcement put in the paper. Ed. Said to him Uncle is there a J.R. Jones living near Joppa. Uncle said he did'nt know of any. Edgar says will I see by the paper that Mrs. Julia Anderson was married to a JR Jones last week. Uncle says why that's Toms Parkers sister and I know she is not married. Well Edgar & Uncle rode within about a mile of town. Uncle never referred to it again the lawyer that attend to Uncles affairs got in the wagon with the. Edgar was telling me about it himself. He said about the first thing the lawyer J.F. McCartney said was well Mr. Jones they tell me you're married again. Edgar said it had never occured to him before it ment Uncle. There are so many Jones around here he said. Uncle just blessed the one that had put that in the paper. Edgar said he never had laughed so much about anything as he did that to think he knew all the time and would'nt tell him. Uncle gave me his cot the picture of his house like the one you have. Mine has a nice frame & four more chairs.

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The young ones will lay as many but one goose egg sells as two hen eggs.

I make two lbs of butter to sell each week & have from one to three doz. Eggs that keeps us in groceries & I have some left to buy dry goods butter is only 10 ¢ per lb & eggs 10¢ per doz both have been 15 ¢ but the warm weather has brought them down. I got a bonnet patern from Aunt Many & forgot it. Its in with Mamma's patterns. I wish she would cut one off it and mail it to me right away it won't cost but 1 ¢ to mail it I got a new piece to make a bonnet. But havent any pattern that I like if you mail it as soon as you get my letter I'll get it by the last of this week or the first of next week. It is not as far from here to the office as Dillows place is from home. I'll wait to make my bonnet till I get the pattern I've written all I know so Good Bye

Love to you all

Your affectionate Daughter

Sadie