

Shawnee, Town, Kansas

July, 1st, 1863.

Dear Friend

I take my pen in hand
to drop you a few lines this pleasant
Sunday morning. I am thankful that
I can say that we are all well at present
time, and hope these few lines may
find you all enjoying the same health.

I am quite lonesome to day without
my Husband he was here last Sunday
with us but now he is at Humboldt to
day, he only stayed 3 days, and went
back to his company, it was hard for
me to see him go off, my boys all cried
after their Pa, I felt pretty bad then

I often thought of the old times and when I am alone with my little children enough about this. Well where is your man these days, Mr. Cook was saying when he was down, that he wanted to buy that 20 acres of my land, I dont know if I could sell it now or not if I could I want to sell it now for I need money very much, my man has now got his pay yet for a long time we loan some money out in Leavenworth but I cannot get it at any time, or without my man was there and besides I have no way of going when I want to, A man was here last week, he says for me to let him have it and let no one else, he says he was willing to give much as Mr. Cook would, he will give \$5 an acre for it, if I could sell it now, if not that he would let me have some money till I could make deed to him.

I told him that I did need some money at present I thought I would write to you and let you know what I wanted to do or going to do, Any one let me have some money here I will sell the land too, I want to sell it all soon as I can. We are going to buy us a home down here, If you and Mr. Cook lent me some money about \$25 or \$30.00 dollars you may have the land as soon as I can make deed a 10 or 20 acres that is if you want it, maybe the man would like to buy it too, but write soon and let me know about it for I would like to have some money right away to get something to eat for my children but I have good hopes of getting money from my Cherokee kin folks before long. My man will sent me some as soon as he gets his pay, I dont know when he will his pay I have

told you the news I know
I must come to a close by asking
you to please to write soon. I have a
fine girl 6 months old only and
three boys. My little girls name
is Josephine. No more at present
my best respects to you all so good

Bye at present I am

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