

## Letter from Ann Miller Keep to her daughter Sarah Keep Buttars – January 1891

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Lehi City, Utah

### **My Dear Daughter Sarah,**

Your letter came safe to hand Monday Eveing and it greatly surprised Me in a great Many Respects. I was sorry that John E Godfrey was feeling Bad at your Father sending that card to him. I do not like the Postal Cards for I have seen them Girls at the Post office Read them many times but as John did not Answer your Father's Letter that he sent to him and you did not send any more about it and the Bishop did not write to your Father according to his promise, it made your Father feel Bad about it.

And as it regards the 20 cents, I know that Lidia never paid me or I should have remembered something about it but it is not the first time she have served me so, but let it go. Say no more about it as it will not make me nor make her. If John say any more to you, say that I do not remember her ever paying me but let it go and say no more about it.

Dear Sarah, as it regards our ever coming back to Clarkston to live, We never shall unless anything was to happen to Mary or Alfred[?] here, that may make a difference for none of us knows what is going to take place or where we may be when we are Called to Lay our Body Down, but as it is now, it is Settled to stay here.

I was sorry to hear that Poor John was still very sick but hope by this time he is getting Better for I do not know what Poor Dear Ruth would do to be left with all them Dear Little ones without a Father to look after them and she so Deaf as she is, but I do hope and pray and trust that the Lord will spare his life a few more years to Bring up his Family so that she may not have all the Trouble on her Shoulders, for it would be a great Burden to her as she Couldn't hear anything that they say without they speak very Loud.

Now as it Regards I, My Dear, I do not want any stranger to officiate for me as I think that there is plenty of Grandsons and Daughters to do it for me and as it Regards Ann She have Nothing to do with my Dead. As Long as I am Alive, she cannot Authorise anyone for me. It is not her Place, that is my Privilege not Ann's and Should certainly take my Rights and tell or Authorise my GrandChildren to do it for me, if my Daughters could not or would not do it. I was in hopes that Elizebeth would have been Married before now and then I would have got her to do something for me as Lucy Ann does not seem to want to do anything for me. I shall Write to her by this Mail so will not say anything about them.

I will write to Newbury and see if I can get my brother John's Date of his Death and where he Died and as soon as I have got it I will send it to Little Tommy so that he may go and get Baptized for him, but it will take 6 weeks if they answer my letter Decently; but I should like it Done and if I can get His Wife's Name and where Born and where and when she died, I will, for I believe that She was A Good Woman, as I have heard say, I only saw her once.

Mary says that she is not Mad with you but she thinks that when we write to you, it will do just the same as [if]she wrote, as She has not much News to tell you and she thinks that we have told you all that is going on, and that is not much.

We have not had much snow yet; there is little on the gorund now. We had a storm the day before Yesterday. Tell Elize that [we] Miss her doing our Washing. I cannot get it done like she go[t] it; sometimes it is Gray instead of White....Father Jo... to about it. Give our Love to all and Receive the same yourself

**from your Loving Mother**

**Ann Keep.**

Tell Elize to write and tell me all the news-- how many Bab[ies] since we left, how many Dead and how many Tries