

Billings Christian Co Mo

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Mrs Caroline Roper Dear Sister

I received your letter a few days ago was glad to here that you was all well those lines leaves us all well ever hoping those lines may find you all well I am living 5 miles South East of Billings on Charles Dewits Land I have forty acres of land for corn crop and it will produce from 60 to 80 Bushels per acre this is a good Settlement the clearest friendliest people I ever Saw the land is rich and productive it produce wheat 20 Bushel per acre it produce all kinds of vegetation as good as any place I ever saw this cuntry is a level one and the health is Said to be as good as can be found anywhere in the world So said by men who have lived here 40 years I am well pleased with it sofore as I know ther is the finest cattle and the most of them and the finest hogs and the most of them in this cuntry I ever Saw so you may be shure there is good living here as you could wish plenty of corn and wheat and Bacon and milk and Butter over Water is as good here as it is anywhere it is not so plenty as it was there though a nuff there is more grain made in 10 milds round here any one county in that old cuntry can make I am well Satisfied I can do much Better here than I could there I never expect to try to live there any more I would love to see you all the best in the world but we are to fore to visit we should live rite in this world and after death we have a hope of meeting where parting is no more we had along and tiresome journey we taken a way Bill of the road as we came and distance is 702 miles we crossed high mountains and deep waters we crossed the Mississippi River at Cairo illis it was 4 miles wide we had a verry plesant crossing in a Steam Boat the Seanry was worth a gradeal to my family I must close Children Be good children to your mother help hir to mak a living this year and if I can See that you can do Better here and you wish to come I will help you all I can to get here So I must close I want you to rite as Soon as you get this letter and let me no that Bro Alead Roper is doing I remain yours truly W.W. Roper and Family
to Caroline Roper and Family