

Bourbon County, Mo.

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Dear Father & Mother after a long
silence I now embrace the present
opportunity of dropping you a few
lines to let you know that I am
well at present and hope these lines may
find you in the same state of health
I was in Iowa in May I only staid there
4 days as I was in a hurry and did not want
to stay there and deprive them of the
happiness of that cold region as I would
not leave this country and go there to live
if they fought all the time now everything
else we have had as fine a season for
forming as you ever saw we had a fine
rain on the 10 of this month the corn
looks fine the fall wheat is cut and
is as good as I ever saw in fact
all kinds of grain that is plowed has
come well in short I believe that
we have as fine a country as the sun
shines on

Sam^l Sir A. will give you all the
news I was married on the 4 of this
month I married Martha Stevenson the
second Daughter & I we have not got
to house keeping yet but shall soon
I am going to the River in a few Days
and as soon as I Return we shall go
to house keeping I will soon have
my house finished it will be a ver (some-
portable house) for this Country and is in
as fine a Location as is in Kansas I now
shall venture to invite you to Come and
pay ~~us~~ us a visit as our purses is
all ones I think we have perfect peace
at this time and kids fore to Kewanee So
and as you have never seen the territory
I should like to have you and soothe
to Come and spend a few weeks with us
it is but little further than it is to
Cowa if you should take a station
to Come out Let us know in your next
Letter & I will send you a waybill with
soon as I am anxious to hear from you
for it has been 2 months since your last
date