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fourteen years ago then we were gay & happy with sister Julia & family in Wilmington. I'll now brother & sister are both gone & I am here in the far west with father & five dear little ones suffering all the privations of a frontier life in a land that has been suffering a terrible drouth for two years. All asleep but me and I must soon go as I am very tired. July 4th 30 day is the anniversary of our glorious National Independence warm & pleasant. I received a package of temperance papers also Collier brought 2 letters to me one from bro Dr the other from sister Laura & my niece Jennie we are glad to hear from our friends it makes our hearts lighter and I feel thankful for all the blessings we have. July 6th Father & I wrote to the Dr. and to Mrs Andrews on business we went to the dance intending to go to Vernon but the Pawnee Creek had risen so high on account of the hard rain we had last night that we could not cross water stands in all the draws I then pulled her picket last night and went off I found her feeding and left her her face is considerably swelled now we have no butter or meat or sugar. I am thankful to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon me but oh how I wish he would cause me to get my person that I might make father and the children comfortable.

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July 6th Father & I broke a little on father's claim with Bird & Minnie July 7 went to the ranche & the creek was so high we could not go across returned went to Marina. They had no flour or meal or meat I bought 2 lbs of sugar & 2 of maceuil I got supper partly cut fathers pants out & it was too dark we mailed one letter to H & L one to Aunt Seymour one to Mrs Clark one to the Dr one card to Mrs Andrews at Marina. July 8th Father & I broke on his timber claim with Deles. she was hard to drive & broke the plow but I am thankful it is no worse & when we came home had supper already gotten by the little girls with a nice cake in honor of my sweet little boys birthday one is 9 & one is 6. 9th we have been plowing all day the stock are having nice feed since the dry rain a plenty of water in the draws I am thankful for the blessings I have that God remembers us and all our wants although so very small. 10th plowed all day and felt much worn out 11 Sunday Collier went to the office no mail 12 plowed all day & Collier bore on the beam finished fathers timber claim I was never gladder to finish any piece we had broke. the handle to our plow several days before & now we must break a new one. 13th went to Vernon nothing to eat for several days but bread & milk & a few eggs once in a while. a very little sugar but everything used up this morning and I had only \$1.65 to get anything with & pay a debt of 20 I got 1 sack of flour \$1.50 then lacked 99 of paying him but he was very kind and trusted me for 8 lbs butter box matches little