
Graham Mo August 25, 1873

Dear Pa

I received your letter on Friday last, which contained the check for \$100. I sometimes wish I never had commenced improving this land, for it takes so much money and I hate to keep asking you for money; no I do not think you are made of money. I would like to buy some hogs this fall, but reckon I will not be able to buy. I do not care about borrowing and have to pay 15 and 20%. I am going to try and build the house this fall, if I can get the money. The corn crop is not as good as it was last year, though I will have a pretty fair crop; we have not had any rain to do much good for six weeks. The sky is cloudy at present, has begun to rain some, do hope we will get a good one.

I went up to see Si and his wife, I like her very much. Anderson and I took Dot over near Bridgewater to see that land of Uncle Abs on last Tuesday. He seems to be very well pleased with the country. Uncle has some beautiful land over there. I think Dot will be apt to improve there.

We went on down and stayed all night with Charles Craig. Anderson introduced me as Dot and Dot as me, we got there about (4) in the evening. He thought I resembled Uncle Ab very much, said he would know a Craig anywhere; thought Dot resembled Cousin John Gex very much, he gave all the points of resemblance. We enjoyed the joke very much, we told him of his mistake at the supper table: I never saw a man as much plagued in my life. The next morning we went out to see Cousin Walton's land, I think he has some of the prettiest land I ever saw in my life, it lays so well. Tell Lou he can get a beautiful farm out of the 1400 acres, if he will come out. I have not sowed any wheat yet, on account of it being so dry. Dot went to Maryville yesterday, will go down to the B. Water today to look at the land again. Give my love to all. Write soon to your Affectionate Son

R.B.Gex

P.S. Tell sister I will answer her letter soon

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