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Windy Hill Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1892

My Dear Father

I have thought of you often and I thought I would write to you for some time but thought you would be out to see us before now. Well we are all well except Bettie, she has had one spell with her stomach since we got back from Colorado. We were gone three weeks from home. I believe if she could have stayed longer the trip would have done her good: I think she was benefited some. She was homesick all the time we were there. We went out on the Union Pacific from Omaha, saw some beautiful country through Nebraska out as far as North Platte. The towns in Colorado are beautiful, the mining resources are all that keep them up. I did not fancy the west very much especially Colorado.

Well we had some frost last Tuesday night, did not do any damage out on the prairie, but knocked things in the bottoms of the rivers. The corn crop will be very poor to take the average; there is very little corn that will make fifty bushels; I am heeled for corn, I have 60 acres myself and two fifths of 80 acres. All of the sod which I broke out this spring will make 50 bu [*bushels*] but the other will not. I think the whole will make an average of 40 bu. I have about a thousand bu of old corn on hand. I have 45 head of two-year-old steers on hand, they are now in good fix, I have been thinking of feeding them, commencing now and feeding until Christmas. What do you think of it? I have hauled two or three hundred bu of my wheat and sold it. Got 50 and 55 cts per bu will not haul anymore until prices are better, or until I have to have a little money. I am sowing 40 acres of wheat now, the forty west of the house some in the corn and some on oat stubble, want to get it back in grass again. I see Dot and Parker have a sale soon, will sell everything. This is a poor time for sales.

I think that young Jim Frank married a very nice girl. Louly says everybody speaks well of her. Jim Linville and Mr. Shockley had a round yesterday while working on the road. Linville called Shockley a liar and Shockley knocked him down and bruised him up. Linville asked the other men to take him off for God's sake and they did so. Louly and John have not been home since their school commenced. Fran has just gone to bed says to give her love to G. Pa Gex and for him to come out right away. Love to Ma and Louis. All's same here I hope you will soon be with us. I hope to hear from you soon. Good night with much love to you and all.

I am as ever your loving son

R.B.Gex

P.S. I received a box of nice tobacco from Willie Cox a short time ago with no express charges on the box. I did not expect him to be so clever. I wrote him a postal thanking him. He is a very nice young man. Mart says to give you

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