

Cleveland July 18<sup>th</sup>  
1857

Dear Mother

I have just got home from Pleasanton. spent over at Rocky River Saturday evening, and got there and there was no one there to meet us. Aunt Anna had been there once waiting for the train that we expected to go on but we missed it and it was getting dark so she dare not wait on uncertainty so we had to walk eight miles, but we had the good fortune to catch a ride part way. As this we going to try and come down to E. sometime this summer I hope that she will.

Have you had ripe apples yet. Uncle's trees being full of nice ripe fruit yesterday I had with them I tell you.

Well I have been here over a month now and it seems as if I had been here three. though I am not homesick a bit. I should like to be out of Chington pretty well I tell you. I take all my meals now away from Elk, we have got sick of cooking our own breakfasts.