

Has-sa-amps- Walker's Diggins.

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Dear Father

I have been anxious to write to you for some time but have had no opportunity of sending a letter to office- Mr. Tucker a miner is returning and will mail this for me- I gladly write for I know you are all anxious about me.

You will think that I am almost out of civilization and so I am- yet I am mining in a lovely mountain county and associated with some good men I am in good health so is everyone here There are but 300 or 400 men here but we have a good time and are in fine spirits The Indians are yet very troublesome stealing horses but I have kept mine- We are satisfied that we are near our fortunes but we may be too sanguine but we have every evidence of it- Our mines are paying us well now but we can't be content while we believe there is such a rich country ahead- we shall probably start from here in 30 days that if our digging does not prove very rich here- just at the head of the Ravine we are now mining in, we have discovered a Quartz Lode which may prove very rich- we took out of the Ledge a pound of rock out of which we got [\$30] Thirty dollars however this was picked rock- time will prove it. it may be rich or it may be only a spot or pocket We get no news here or I might say none for it is not reliable War news troubles us but little Our principal study is how to manage the Indians and take out gold- I enjoy this out of the way life pretty well we have an abundance of game every variety of climate and as beautiful timber as I ever saw This

besides being a good mining country is a splendid farming country looks like range for stock is inexhaustable

Govner Goodwin of this territory has arrived and we expect better times now- I hope you all are well-and free from trouble I wish that I could flatter myself that you had peace there' but alas it is too evident that the country is in sad condition however I wish you may and I expect to be home and there to remain long but until the war closes I shall remain away- for my little experience back there has given me a lively though not pleasant reaction

tell Mother that I am healthy enough to eat bacon and beans and enjoy it- We pay \$30 per 100 lbs of flour 75cents per lb for sugar coffee & bacon- I hope you and mother are in good health I shall write even
your son William

I have ink but no pen do you pardon this pencil writing