

Warm Springs Agency Or June 25 1896
Dear Mama

Thanks! thanks!! thanks!!! for your care of the 21" I never was more rejoiced to get - a word from you. As it is postmarked the 22; it is plain that it was not put in till after the noon day mail had gone, hence could not reach me until today. It is marvelous how ma has held out; but she must be at rest ere this. I now feel better on account of leaving last Tuesday, for it seemed wrong for all the hand of Providence seemed to make it best for me to go. I find it is going to be harder to get affidants made out - than when Farber was here. Major Gallagher is more particular. He may get over it when he is convinced I want to do nothing but honest work. Godani says he had the idea when I first came that the bondsmen were trying to buy up enough affidants to clear off the property, by paying the Indians to make them. He'll find out different before he is through with me. I have made out - 3 or 4 only so far, but have written out near 20 so as to have them ready, especially for the 4" if they have a celebration as is expected. Yesterday the Agent

met a good many of the Indians in the church, and made them a short talk, then listened to them. Their speeches were short - and he says different from any Indian speeches he ever heard in that they spoke of the need of tools and implements, and of schools. Tuck Joki mah in his remarks said, "Wheeler was a good man and helped them on the north boundary line, though he made enemies by it." Next to Captain Smith, Pa seems to be the favorite agent; Tahsympt spoke of the time when I was a teacher in complimentary terms. Their speeches were the most-sensible of any I ever heard them make. The Agent referred to the Bible as the best guide in all things.

I was telling Mrs See about ma being so poor. She spoke of Nettie Willoughby Doc W's sister, whom I remember was very sick. She lived on 3 teaspoonsful of cream a day for 3 months. The doctors said she was the poorest person they ever saw. you could feel her back bone through her stomach. She recovered and is now in fair health. Ma is much older, and tastes less nourishment, - so there is but-little hope for her, at the best. To day is one of the warmest of the season. The nights are nice and cool. Sky has been clear and cloudless for several days. Our thunderstorm did not materialize. I happened to think last night - that there were likely some hens shut up in the coop. Perhaps they have been let-out-see this. I presume Elmer keeps things as near right as any person besides myself could. I have confidence in him. I wish you were all here with me. I shall hardly remain over the month, in fact - will likely leave soon after the 4th and finish up the month at home, preparing some ad detemal answers, unless Mr Butlers bondmen give me a job. I will know soon whether they will want me. I saw Butler at 15 mile Dupur, saw Holmes in Pattanal, was very friendly. Is working in Surveyor Generals Office. I send a double portion of love and kisses to them. Your husband C. H. Walker