

Have no word  
from Buttersman  
yet.  
Expect to get  
money from  
Pineville to pay  
board bills &c  
and return on.  
I have not much  
left - should I  
not return by the  
16" you can use  
the Creamery check  
as you see fit. tho -  
You may not get it  
until the 20<sup>th</sup> or  
later.  
Well, some bye  
 Lovingly Your  
husband  
L. W. Walker

Warm Springs Agency Or July 1 1896  
Dear Mama

Your good long letter received this evening has been three read, and thoroughly appreciated. It is so warm that I hardly feel like writing. After the sun is down I will be cooler. The nights have been uniformly cool after 10 o'clock. Major is still ailing, and on his back most of the time. I have carried his two meals a day to him yesterday and today. I was with him last evening until 11.30. He can give me much interesting information regarding the Indian service. We discussed Col Gardner pretty thoroughly. I told him Col's remark at Pa's table about the blessing I had asked. He said it was very ungentlemanly. Said Gardner never said such things in his house. They are both from west-Virginia. Major was a Major in the Confederate service, but takes a sensible view of matters as have existed since the war. He is a free silver democrat. I think he is getting to like me better all the time. I hate to leave him to go to the hehe but feel that it is my duty though



I cannot hope to accomplish as much, as I would if he  
were there to complete my affidavits, should I get any.  
We expect to go up tomorrow, It is quite hazy in  
the west and we may have some rain. I think you are almost  
sure to have some soon perhaps on the 4<sup>th</sup> since it has been  
dry so long. Has the grain in the orchard come up any ways  
good. I sowed it very thick so that if there were no rain  
there would be enough sprout even if that <sup>on and</sup> near the top did  
not. I now wish I had tried to have got a drill, for then  
it would all have been turned deep enough. But I am not  
going to worry. If Elmer gets 150<sup>#</sup> the cows are doing better  
than when I left. I did not expect to pay Stewart ~~so~~ until  
I returned. I send you a check for \$500.00 so please pay Mr Brown.  
I wish I could spare more so as to send some to Elmer for  
I presume he could use a few dollars. If he wants <sup>any</sup> thing  
in the way of groceries give him an order at Perry house for  
I made arrangements with him to that effect. The key to P.O.  
is in the middle drawer of sewing machine. I am sorry you  
did not buy some strawberries for canning. If they are not too  
high and can be got - you might get some now. We have straw  
berries every few meals. Mr Lee at first got from the Dallas, but  
now from the Ordains. Had some rice ones for supper tonight.  
Was my absence from the funeral remarked upon much? What  
Vernal. I wish she would not be so naughty. I think you can  
break her to some extent, now that you can have some regularity in  
attending to her wants. Dear one I have not put much love in this  
for I think you like to hear the news and know that I love you.  
Tell Elmer I am very thankful he is doing so well looking after  
the farm & other work. I may have a chance some time to do much  
better by him than I can this time. Your letter is more plainly written  
than mine is, but I think you can read it. Love to all. Give Vernal 3 Kisses  
Glen 2 and Clifford 1, tho I love all alike I believe. You can take a share from each