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Home Farm July 19 1896

Dear Papa

Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> just  
at hand I should have had  
it yesterday but was not at  
the Post Office all day I will  
write you these few lines  
to Portland hoping I may  
meet with a chance to send  
them to town this afternoon  
I was glad to get your letter  
to day but quite disappointed  
to know that you would  
likely not be at home until  
Saturday as I had thought  
you might be here by  
Thursday I will not complain  
now but it is a lonely life I  
have been living for the past  
three weeks I have never felt

more lonely, discouraged and  
blue all my life than  
I am feeling just now, The  
Baby is not feeling very well to day  
and I have had my washing and  
mopping to do and the weather  
is so hot taking it all together  
I feel just like giving up and  
quit trying to be any thing  
I am trying to write this with  
Vernal in one arm which is  
decidedly writing under disadvan-  
tages. Pa is in town to day in  
fact he has not missed more than  
three day going to town since he  
came abt here and he is beginning  
to get very anxious for you to  
get home so that he can feel  
free to go. I dont see how you  
live with the mercury 110° we cant  
hardly live here with it ranging from  
95- to 100. Elmer is cutting woods

in the Orchard this afternoon  
this forenoon he was harrow-  
ing will finish to morrow Saturday  
I had him pull what mustard  
there was the boy is all in  
the Barns, A Mr Hunt has  
just brought Pa home from  
town and as he is going  
back to town I will send  
this by him I have not  
time to look it over so  
if I have said any thing  
very dreadful you will  
have to overlook it  
we are all in usual health

Mary