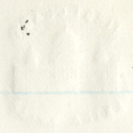


Pleasant Valley, W. T.

June the 24<sup>th</sup> / 81

My Dear Mother,

Lorenzo received a letter from Alice, a few days ago announcing the death of our dear Father. I can hardly realize that he is dead, I would have given anything if I could have seen him once again, I got the telegram just at the hour he died, or it got to Colfax at that hour, I got it that night at twelve O'clock, I felt sure then that he was gone, I should like to come down this summer if only for a few weeks, but I cant, I have been sick for three or four weeks I have ~~not~~ been able to do any work at all, I feel better this week than I did last, I got a bad cold and it settled on my lungs, I suppose M. & E will be down this summer Alice said she heard she was coming down, if she dont come down you and Em better come up here and stay awhile, it would be a change, you could come on



the boat and cars, to Cherry, that is the nearest point to us. 28 miles from here, and a good road. Charlie was over there once this spring. Richie wanted to go over there to see about getting a lot for us, but I dont know when he can go. he has been fixing up the house, I have a nice large kitchen, a sitting room, and four bedrooms and the milk room for a store room. I have a new carpet for the sitting room, and two bed rooms, but have not put them down yet. he has not got through with the ceiling yet, and is going to put another window and a new door in the sitting room. I have a good many flowers this spring, I have two hop vines at the porch, and one is clear <sup>up</sup> to the roof, and will soon cover it. Richie is out mowing in the front yard, over my lawn, it is doing well. I got the stockings many thanks. I sent you one of Richie's pictures, it is a very poor one he will have some better taken when he can. Tell the girls to write and write yourself if you can. Give my love to the family, your loving daughter Lois Richardson

