

## Letter to Grandmother

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Dear Grandmother,

Our family has moved to this new place. It is a small place right now, but Father says it will grow into a city. Right now, if we need something we have to make it or trade for it. Mother says that some day we will be able to buy things at a store. Since there is no store here now, we have to make things or trade for them. Mother keeps patching my clothes because she says we can't go to the store and buy new clothes.

It took us such a long time to get here. First, we traveled by wagon, and then we traveled on a boat. We carried our things in a big trunk. It was very heavy, and it slipped off the boat. Mother said, "Don't worry, it is made of wood, so it will float." Father got the captain to turn the boat around so we could go back and get the trunk.

I remember how nice it was where we used to live with you. There were stores. I had friends to play with, and I really liked it there. But Father said we should move here. He said we would have a better life. I miss my friends. I have met children who live near us and I hope they will be my friends. Right now, I am so busy helping that I don't have time to play with them. I don't have time to go to school, but that is not a problem because there is no school in this small community.

When we first got here, we did not even have a home. We lived in a tent until Father built a small house. It has just a few rooms, but Mother says we will build another room soon for the baby.

Mother has just had a new baby, and I am helping with the baby. He cries at night. I hold him and rock him and then he smiles at me. You would be glad to see him.

It is going to be warmer soon, and Father says we will have more food. We will be planting a garden. Mother has some of the potatoes you gave us. She says she can use them to grow more potatoes. I didn't know how to grow potatoes, but now I am learning about growing food.

I miss you and grandfather all the time. I hope you can come to visit us. Father says he needs some tools and Mother wants cloth, so if you could come soon and bring those things we would be very grateful.