

Alvarado March 30<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Aunt

By yesterday's mail I received a few lines from you and was very glad to know that you were still in the land of the living, and yet sorry to hear of your ill health. I trust if these few lines reach you they will find you and your family in good health. For myself I can say that my health is tolerable, at present though I am somewhat worn by exertion. I am laboring in the "sugar bush," as the Hoosiers term it, in company with my brother-in-law, Seth Jagna, and it keeps me busy. Nancy is not very well at present she has an attack of the Diphtheria. Our little girl grows finely she is now six months old. I should be very glad to pay you a visit, but the means to do so, with, are not within my reach. Why cannot you, and Uncle A, come and visit us? The trip might improve