

A Letter from Rabe Elliott.

Dear friend and family:—A short time after I reached Oklahoma I received a letter from you, and you must pardon me for not answering sooner. We are all well at present and have been since we quit chiling. We had the fever and chills in the summer but it is no worse here than it was in Nebraska in an early day. There is bound to be sickness of that kind where there is so much prairie being turned over. Outside of this class of sickness diseases are very rare. We all like the country and are well pleased. We think we are in the best part of Oklahoma. The land is rougher here than it is farther west, but this is more productive and there is more rainfall here. While they have a better wheat country than we have, we raise the corn, and a better grazing country never was. Blue stem grass grows on the highest hills. We have plenty of timber and that first class—lump oak, white oak, black oak, walnut and black hickory. We very seldom see any red soil; it is principally black limestone. Some of the land is very rough and rocky out it grows very fine grass and is as good pasture land as we have. Indian land can be leased for pasture at 25 cents per acre.

Lula and Paul (Argabright) are here now and Paul thinks he has gained 15 pounds since he came. Minnie and Will (Devor) were here today—came to eat turkey. We had one that dressed 20 pounds. Minnie's health is 100 per cent better than it was when she was in Nebraska. She is teaching, drives three miles and enjoys her ride every day. Mr. Frost's are all well and Mr. Frost is improving every day. We live thirteen miles from them but see them occasionally. We will soon have a railroad that will run within six miles west of us. It starts from Guthrie, goes through Stillwater and from there to Pawnee.

I live 17 miles from Walter Starry and visit them frequently. They ate Thanksgiving dinner with us. He has a good farm and a good house and barn and other improvements. He raised corn that went about 45 bushels to the acre.

We are pleased to learn that Dr. Andrews has decided to move to Oklahoma.

Give my best regards to inquiring friends and come to self and family.

Very respectfully,

RABE ELLIOTT.

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