

Mary Dillon Holliday to Cyrus Kurtz Holliday

Mary Holliday wrote from Meadville, Pennsylvania to her husband, Cyrus K. Holliday in Kansas Territory. Lonely and worried, she expressed her eagerness at joining him after the birth of their first child. She mentioned receiving a package of papers from her husband which spoke well of him. She also mentioned his mother's desire to go to Kansas Territory with them and described the well-being of friends and relatives.

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My Dear Mr. -

Your letter dated the 14th of January and mailed the 16th has just been received. Its delay was owing to the roads being so long blockaded with snow I suppose; and probably this has been the reason why you have not received my letters. For I have written you very often, and can not conceive of any other reason why they do not reach their destination. Surely Mr. - I could not be so unkind as not to write, when I get such good communications from you - and those written under most comfortable circumstances too - -

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It is almost needless to say - that I was
exceedingly glad to hear from you - indeed
I was getting very uneasy - in consequence
of this long silence - for I thought - that
your dealings with the Missourians had
been more tedious than apprehended -
or that sickness had befallen you - or that
you were returning home and had to suffer
almost death - with rumors that were
detained on account of snow on the western
roads - these and others were the unpleasant
conjectures that constantly haunted me
both night and day - from some cause
or other I cannot sleep at night - I dread
to have the hours of bed-time approach - for I get
so nervous by tossing about and trying in vain to
obtain sleep - that I have quite a fever and the night
hangs heavily upon me, which makes me sigh
most frequently for the appearance of gentle
- dawn - these feelings - with many disagreeable
ones which I have lately experienced - I attribute

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to my state of corpulence, from which I trust
I may be delivered at the commencement
of our first Spring month. for I think the warm
air of Spring will have a great tendency to
lighten the burden; which the cold, steady,
weather of winter, seems fit to inflict —
are you not of the same opinion? My dear C^K
and do you not think it better for me to
remain here in my own comfortable room
until nature's work is accomplished?
I would much rather stay, and I am glad
you make it as I wish it. — Then as soon as
practicable I will gladly join you in journey-
ing to our new home. — I received another
letter from Mother. — She said that she
would like to go with us to K. I would indeed
be very happy to have her with us — if you think
she could endure the journey — she would
be so much company for us, and nothing
would delight me more than taking care
of her, the mother of the baby I love so dearly.

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Anger is away at present - and will
 be absent three-weeks longer -
 I received the package of papers you
 sent - and am highly gratified with
 the intelligence they give of the country
 and also of the manner in which they
 speak of my husband. I am glad
 you are with a number of people
 who can appreciate your qualities
 From all accounts - I think - you have a
 very different class of men there from
 the ones who make up the larger portion
 of society here - and this is one grand
 feature which attracts me so strongly -
 We have heard from Jim - The rainy
 season has commenced - and the miners
 are all doing well - Father has been
 sick but is much better - So has Barton
 been very sick but is able now to leave
 his room - he requests his love sent
 to you. George has sold out every
 thing to Taylor who will take possession
 of the American next month -
 Mr and Mrs Taylor Mr and Mrs Robbins
 were here for tea the other afternoon
 they are very anxious to go West some-
 where - and soon - I wish they would
 locate near us - Now H. I hope you will
 get this imperfect letter - it is with me as with
 you - but little encouragement to write, when my
 letters receive such a fate as has heretofore been
 destined for them - I think of you often my dear H.
 and be assured your wife loves you supremely - Mary