

## Mary Dillon Holliday to Cyrus Kurtz Holliday

Mary Holliday of Meadville, Pennsylvania reported the contents of a letter her husband, Cyrus K. Holliday, had received from William D. Paul of Topeka, Kansas Territory. Cyrus was speaking in New Castle, PA on the behalf of Republican presidential candidate John C. Fremont. Paul wrote that Harry G. Young was living in Cyrus' Topeka house. Milton C. Dickey and Dr. George A. Cutler had returned to Topeka without weapons, to the disappointment of the "Topeka boys," who anticipated conflict with Missourians. Mary recommended reading the New York Times. She wrote of her dissatisfaction with their separation and readiness to emigrate to Kansas Territory.

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My dear Husband,

Mrs Oettinger has just returned from church bringing a letter from Wm Paul written on the 21<sup>st</sup>. He has received from two letters one containing \$5.00 in two drafts. he gave the \$5. to Young and received his receipt for you.

Young has moved into your house, and has received the order you sent him on the Lopsika association.

Paul thinks that your house should be oiled or painted. The weather boards are warping and

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cracking very much.

The Dopeka boys have not received any arms yet!

Dickey and Dr. Cutlar have returned but did not bring us any arms. We expected to have arms when they returned.

We are expecting to have a big fight here before long. The Missourians and proslavery men are collecting at Decatur.

We expect to have to fight this fall.

The New York Times is full of the most exciting news from Kansas.

I wish you could see it.

perhaps you have? at New Castle.

If Ed was not so choiced of his paper I would send it you any way.

My cold is getting better. Ingram and Bill will go about the 21<sup>st</sup> to New York.

I would <sup>like</sup> very well to accompany them but pandemonium says not! Write from every stopping place.



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Tell the Gov. that I have not  
forgotten the ugly names he called  
me. Lizzie is sitting near ~~me~~  
amusing Billie while I write. I  
think she too has imbibed that  
same propensity of calling me  
names - but never mind; I will  
not give her love to you and the Gov.  
Mrs B. has left Meadville.  
Now I'll be sure to write at every  
opportunity, remember take good  
care of your health, and hurry up  
matters so that we may be off to  
Kansas and get to living, for  
I cannot endure the present  
way of living much longer. You  
can not imagine how trying it is  
for me; yet I do not want to make  
you feel unhappy by complaining.  
But I imagine if you had another  
ladz for a wife. You under the circum-  
stances would be awfully harassed.  
What do you think? better times I trust

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and coming. These we will make  
up for all this:-

I have to pay attention  
to our Lillie so good bye my  
honored husband.

Yours affectionately  
Mary Holliday.

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