

James Griffing to J. Augusta Goodrich Griffing

James Griffing wrote from Topeka, Kansas Territory, to his wife J. Augusta (Goodrich) Griffing. Mrs. Griffing was visiting her family in New York for the first time since her arrival in the Kansas Territory in 1855. Griffing described his efforts to perform household chores in his wife's absence, including cooking, milking the cow, churning butter, doing the laundry, butchering chickens, and gardening.

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You ask how I get along?
 All the best I can, with
 just as little ⁱⁿ door work as
 I know how. I generally get
 coffee for breakfast. boil an egg
 or two. get two or three onions
 sometimes cook some codfish
 my ham is all gone. I notice
 the potatoes are growing finely
 and soon shall have plenty of
 them. I milk one cow, ^{the best} and use
 most of the milk so that I shall
 not probably churn much more
 I have plenty of butter yet. have churned
 more than I have used. I have not
 washed either time yet. I.E. garments
 the hen in the keg hatched about ten
 chickens so that there is about thirty

Tell Goodrich I am looking for your letter which I have not yet received



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of the smallest. The largest are just
large enough to fry. and I expect
to had some of them to the block
as occasions requires. It is a
very cool pleasant day. the
air is clear. and every where
things look beautiful. The morning
glories. in the garden are beginning
to blossom. there are two colors red
and purple. they beat the cypress
blossom. The cypress blossom is crimson.
Saw James in Town when up. he is
through at Ward's has had his
likeness taken and intends to send
it soon. may be you will get it
before this. He continues to work
for Lindsey on other jobs. Our
neighbors are all well. they ask about you
every time I see them. hardly stopping to
ask about myself. how I poor lone mortal
flourish. after trying to convince them that I am
of some consequence. I tell all I know about you.