

Omaha April 1st 1866

My Dear Wife

I have not heard from you for a few days but presume you will have some letters for me he was to have left St. Jo on the 27th but he has not arrived here yet you can get here twice as quick by stage and for the same price. There is nothing new here as yet and boarding cars not finished it is a slow country to drive business in. but if I get my darling here I will try to feel well under all business circumstances. I do want you here. I think we can get into our house as soon as we possibly can get ready. I don't know what to do about taking John. here we will talk the matter over when I get home it will be nearly or quite two weeks under any circumstances before I can leave here. Durant is expected here soon and I want to be here when he is here. don't be afraid to send a boy to the Office with your letters. I like them. give my love to all at home darling I love you more than words can express. God Bless and keep you happy

Jack

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Omaha April 6th 1866

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I have not written to you for a few days. but I have thought of you often and I do believe that when I get you with me again it will take more than a locomotive to separate us. The River is beginning to rise and we are in hopes that I can will arrive we have had two Boat loads but they were very small affairs. I have been working a few men grading and putting in a side track we will commenece track laying next Monday but our boarding Cars will not be ready for more than a week. Lou's Postline Arrived two or three days since. E. A. C. came this morning there is plenty of men here and I am in hopes to get a fair start soon, we can get our house on the first of May, and I hope to be able to get around to it by that time. I have not heard from Dan since he went west. Lou's of the 29th came to day I am sorry that Father is under the weather. I hope that Doc. and the Store will all be ready and up when I get home. how I miss our little Darling and can hardly realize that I am not to see him when I return

You had better have all Your things packed
and shipped except Your trunks, and I would
put all into trunks that you can for we can take
those right along with us, whereas freight takes a
long time to reach this place if you ship any
Boxes before I return Mark them or Bill them
by way of Chicago thence via, Burlington & Quincy
& Hannibal & St. Jo R.R. Care Porter & Deuel
Omaha N. D. by so doing I think they will
arrive much sooner than by any other route
I have no news to write you we are all well
and I should be happy if you were with me. Darling
I love you more than words can express and think
of you constantly, have you thought of any good
girl to bring with you? you will need one and I
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Jack

Painesville Ohio..

April 9th 1866..

My Dear Husband

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Ma has commenced doctoring with her Madame in Cleveland we went to Cleveland last Wednesday & will go tomorrow again.

I have been spending the afternoon with Aunt Lida & Sis. Eddie has gone grafting, Dan and Mary are in town - I was disappointed that he did not go to see you."

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You say you want me with you - I don't doubt it - and I shall be so glad when I can

be with you and darling I hope you will be happy - and that I shall make you a happy home - such a one as you will like - For I do love you dearly and hope I shall always be worthy of your love - and your whole heart..

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Yours Wife

(Frank..)

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