

Dear Aunt & Bird has left one side blank after
giving you a full description of Missouri I will try and
give you a few items I am very well pleased with this
country but I would like much better if all of my
old friends were out here Aunt Nancy I want to see
you very bad indeed I want to hear you tell some
of your long yarns I will have a great deal to tell
you when I get back to old Hannibal I have some state
news in this corner but the end of it
I have not seen my Methodist preacher since I left
Kansas City I think he is dead or gone home or
there for I think old Mrs. Foster's fortune will not
come to that but you must not tell Uncle Roger
about it I want him to think she can tell the
truth I have no news as John Bird has written all
the news that is if he had any to write its so cold
that I could not think of any news if I knew
was so much but I have patied up so the cold
weather does not go good with me that is as hard
as it does in Ky it makes my hand ach to write
I will tell you something about Uncle Samlons
folks they are well Lucy is here and Uncle Chaater she
gives me in sending her love to you will give my
love to your ma & all the family you must write
me soon I will now close this leaves us all well
Hopes & your friends there love to you all excuse
had writing I remain your friend & relative El Bagby

St Joseph Mo Dec 23^d 1855

Mrs N E Rogers

Dear Mother

I have come to the
conclusion that you did not receive my letter that
I wrote to you some time ago and I thought that I
would write again I am well at this time in
fact I am enjoying better health than common
We are experiencing the coldest weather at this
time that I ever felt they may say as much
as they please about the winters being no
worse at here than in Ky there has been
as much winter here already as we frequently
have in Ky & people cannot live in log houses
out here without having them weatherboarded
from the fact that the wind blows the Chunks
and dobbing out and it is all a mistake
about its not being as changeable here as
there, it is the most changeable climate
that I ever saw, & I am sitting right close
to a good fire and cannot keep my hands
while I am writing and they used to say
that it did not rain in the fall out
here and it has rained nearly half the time
since I came out but notwithstanding
all that I am getting as fat as a Berkshire
and I have eat more meat since I came out