

*Arbor, Okla
Aug 24, 1904**

Mrs. F. P. Gorham

We received your letter last week. We was fixing to go up to Mr. Brothers (Aunt Minnie's husband) so I thought I would wait until we came back so we went to see them. We didn't get there the day we started as we didn't know the road & went out of our way so we came home in one day. Bob, he traded for a old hack & we went in it & as we came back it broke down with the axle broke in two so we fixed it & came on home. Got here a little before sundown so Bob & Bill is gone to the shop to take old Josey & have her fixed & then we will I

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be ready for another trip. We are going to see Atta some Saturday eve. & stay till Sunday eve. Minnie was looking a little for us. She said she got so lonesome she was getting dissatisfied & Tom he was down with his back & Minnie just barely can go. She looks bad & her baby looks bad, but the rest of the children is fat. I help her wash & scour both floors & she has got chinch bugs so I have to kill them & left everything clean. She said she hadn't been able to do only what she had to do. I don't think she will ever be satisfied up there. She begs us to come up there when we sell here

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but I don't think I would like up there. Still think that is a fine country. Lots of good water & grass It is all right for cattle but cattle is so low now. We couldn't live on cattle. We still are trying to sell out. There is two widow women coming to look at our place. They want to buy a cheap place they can find. I think there is a good many buyers coming in now. Cotton sure is fine this year & fed stuff. That is about all will be made in Greer this year. I don't see how people will ever get hands to pick their cotton this fall. There is so much planted. People keeps filing

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on this rough land. The grass is sure fine on it now, but nothing don't get to eat it. If we can't sell now I don't think there will be any use to try any longer. There is plenty of water up here now. We had a fine rain Sunday evening & we have had plenty ever since it started to rain. Tell Ashley Mrs. Cary has got a good crop this year maybe he will get his money this fall. Tell Seymour they say Bud Bass has sold out. Now would be the time to get his money for his horse he sold to him. I seen old Coly the day we passed there. That was the horse Seymour sold to him. If Bob had the note I believe he could collect it but their notes are in the bank at Mangum

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& he couldn't get them without an order. Claud Moss stayed all night with us last night. They got a letter from some fellow down there. He said Seymour had corn 5 feet high. I guess we will have to come down this fall & help him pick cotton & my how that fellow did blow on Mexico. Claud said they couldn't hardly hold his Pa now. He wanted to go so bad. Dr. Moss' son Linsy Moss is dead. He died last week. I forget what day. He lived at Erick. He left a woman & a house full of children. Their baby died about 2 weeks before he did with measles. I think that was what first ailed Linsy & run into something else. Minnie said Dick

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Brothers thought you was the best woman in the world & he thought lots of Seymour & Ashley. Dr. Moss sure does think a heap of Seymour & Ashley. Dick told Minnie her & Seymour was just a like. Sarah, I make the most good butter ~ yellow and firm & I made some "lite" bread & had good luck with it. I had peas & "oakry" for dinner. Now if you could come in & take dinner with me, but all of our kinfolk have left us all alone. I think back when Ma lived here close to me. I was as happy as I wanted to be. I study about the past a heap especially when I am by my self. I spend many a lonesome day here, nothing to cheer me but this little

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old sweet Babe. I have got as Brother Soloman said that's what makes sunshine in a home. I guess Nola is enjoying her self. Sarah, I read a piece in the news about the Rhode Island Reds & their piece said they was fine layers & the cross between the Leghorn & Buff' Cochin made the R. Island Reds & they are crossed in R. Island. That was what give them their name. So I thought now I would raise me some. Bob got me 4 eggs up at Erick — full stock Buff Cochin & I raised 3 to be frying size & it came a big rain one night I was gone with Bob over to Dr. Moss' & they all drowned. The coop "blowed" off. I had about 15 to drown

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frying size so I have only 3 full blood Leghorns — 1 rooster & 2 pullets. I wanted to keep trying my hens are laying now since our feed is headed. I have got 2 gallons of cucumbers put up. Mrs. Temple went to see her sister & told me to pick her vines. They live on the place Cicero lived on & they have got a good garden — fine old sweet potatoes right below the house down close to the spring & he has fine feed & lots of it. Where the land is good up here it will raise anything when it rains. They say crops ain't not account in Bloomington Valley. They didn't have much rain. I planted some sweet potatoes but the chickens eat the leaves off of them & they didn't do

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any good. We sowed a turnip patch. This last rain will bring them up. Sarah, you direct your letter to Arbor, Okla. That will be so much closer. It has been a long time since we

heard from Amy's folks. I am looking for a letter today. Bob is going to Erick to see if he can't sell his lots he has up there. I guess Pa don't aim to go back to Mexico. I thought maybe he would come back to see us before he went as he had some business to attend to. Well, I reckon Mexico has got it's Sunday clothes on now from what we can hear. I guess Bob

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come down this fall & Dr. Moss. Mrs. Moss said she was going too if he went & I don't know I guess I won't get to come. Money will be too scarce to go on unless Bob gets to making some more that he has been making. Is Otho still improving. How does Jack like Oregon. picture of ours, What has become of Ollie. She never says a word & Ed & Arthur, you never say a word about them. Well I guess I have told all I can think of. Ans. Soon. This leaves all well & hope you are all well

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*Arbor Oklahoma was located half way between Erick & Bloomington in the Jester Township. (Source: Map of Greer County by A. W. Putnam and published in the Greer County Sun-Monitor on Jan. 29, 1904)

**Lindsey Moss died in 1904, and will was probated on Sept. 13, 1904. Mag states in this letter that "...Linsy Moss is dead. He died last week." So this letter was likely written in 1904. (Source: Mangum Star Oct 13, 1904 v 17 n 15 p 3 c 6)

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