

Okaw Illinois
Mar. 1st 1860

My Dear Mother
It has only two
days since you left and I should
have much news that you
will feel interested in, except that
we are all well with the exception
of Lizzie who has got a bad
cold. It has been raining very
hard all day and it muddier
than I have seen it since I
have been in Illinois. I made
ma a very nice little bed-
stead for Laddie to sleep on
yesterday. I cleaned out the
pig pen and attended to
all those things that you
left for me to do except that
I could not prevail on Mr. Guin
to take any pay.
Your obedient son G. A. Spawon