

Crosby Family Correspondence 1891-1964

The correspondence in this collection includes letters exchanged among four generations of the Jesse Wentworth Crosby, Edward Bunker and William Thomas Owens families. Most of this correspondence was in the possession of John S. Crosby at the time of his death in 1964 and are currently in the possession of his eldest son, Silas. Letters in the possession of other members of the family have been noted.

The letters in this collection have been copied from the originals whenever possible, retaining both the spelling and grammar as it appears in the letters with the exception of contractions. Grandfather wrote with a good clear hand, but others less so. Whenever I have been unable to decipher the text I have used ellipses and brackets as appropriate. Duplicated words [of of] have been silently omitted, but I have retained phrases that were struck out. The page breaks of each letter are indicated in brackets [2]. Individuals, events and locations have been footnoted when it seemed appropriate or possible.

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1. From the Deseret News, Wednesday, 3 June 1891

NEWS NOTES FROM PANGUITCH

We have passed through quite a severe winter with a heavy fall of snow in the mountains, but it is passing off without much high water. Our mountains are putting on their verdure and look beautiful.

The cattle and sheep question is absorbing the attention of the people of the south. The good citizens of Panguitch met some three years ago and divided the range, giving the sheep about three-fourths and the cattle one-fourth. The division has been complied with by our local sheep men, but some transient herders covet that spot of ground and are determined to sweep it of every vestige of grass. Our citizens held a mass meeting and appointed a committee to wait upon the gentlemen and induce them, if possible, to leave that spot for our cows.

Their reply was, "This is the best grass we have had for our sheep for a long time; see how contentedly they feed," and they would not let go. Rumor says that some men visited the sheep camp in the night with Winchester rifles and persuaded the intruders to leave, which they did in short order. Could there not be something done by our legislature that would divide our range or give the people the privilege of doing so, and thus avoid the use of "shotgun law"?

Panguitch, like other places has been pretty universally visited with the grip, mumps, and so on, but no fatal cases have occurred from these diseases up to the present. Still, the month of May, like the last, has brought death to several housed in our settlement, the last victim being Arthur Steele, the beloved son of Mahonri M. and Emily Bunker Steel. He was thirteen years, ten months, and two days old. The disease which took him away was dropsy of the heart caused by inflammatory rheumatism with which he had suffered for about three years.

Another one was Fred Walker, son of Brother and sister Walker who recently emigrated from England. the third was Artiberry Church, the eldest son of Abraham and Ellen Alger Church.

The agitation which is raging in Salt Lake City and surrounding country over national political lines is beginning to be felt down here, and we welcome it with pleasure.

S. O. Crosby¹

2. Friday, 14 August 1896

35 Union St. Ardwick, Manchester

August 14th 1896

Bishop W^m. W. Child Hooper

Dear Brother:

I wrote you some time ago about William Salt who is in destitute circumstances:- in fact is in rags. Elder Geo. H. Bradshaw had to lend him some clothes to enable him to go to our Conference which was held on the 9th inst.² Bro Salt is one of our best missionaries and must have assistance. the idea prevails among the saints at home that the elders should travel without purse or script, this I think is the proper way in some places but it cannot be done that way here under the present system. We take lodging and buy in our provisions and they must be paid for. The saints are good to us but are so few in number that [2] they cannot feed and lodge us. I think three or four elders could get along here without purse or scrip but then they must live on bread and butter & beef &c and it must be paid for and some one has it to do. Who are the best able, the poor saints here or those who have plenty at home? There was a time here in Manchester when the tithes and offerings of the saints were sufficient to pay the elders expenses and keep them nicely clothed and fed but those good saints have gone to Utah and I believe are still willing to assist in the spreading of the truth. If this matter is properly presented to the saints I believe they will come to the rescue of its people elders. We are required to buy our own tracts and distribute them from door to door, pay our lodgings and it cannot be done without moneys. [3]

Elder Salt is not fit to be seen in company let alone a minister. I would write to the President of his quorum of Seventies if I knew him. Dear Brother

Do try and lay this before the saints and send Elder Salt some relief soon for he needs it badly. It is costing all the elders from \$10 to \$20 per month in the Conferences. But we do better than that. A man should have in my opinion not less

¹ *Deseret News*, 3 June 1891. Reprinted in, *Chronicles of Courage* (Salt Lake City: Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, 1992) 3:27-28.

² *Millennial Star* 58(1896):522-23. This was the Manchester Conference. The meeting was held on Sunday, August 9 at the Industrial Co-operative Hall in Pendleton. Sam was serving as the President of the Manchester Conference. He had twelve traveling Elders laboring under his direction. At this conference, William Salt was listed, along with James Cook, as a traveling Elder in the Chisworth district.

than \$8. month. There are some saints at Chisworth who are willing to feed Bro. Salt but there is nothing to do where they live. So it makes it bad. Please call the attention of the President of the seventies and see if they cannot assist some. He must have some new clothes. Your Brother

S. O. Crosby Pres't. Man[chester]. Con[ference].³

³ S. O. Crosby to William Hooper, 14 August 1896. Special Collections, Brigham Young University Library, Provo, Utah.

Letters of Hannah Adelia Crosby to Elder John S. Crosby, 1905-1907

3. Saturday, 16 December 1905

Panguitch, Utah Dec 16 1905⁴

Dear Son John

We received your last letter written just before you left New York.⁵ Also your card from Charleston,⁶ and be assured we are glad to hear you are well and doing well. I am not able to write but compell myself to do it as I have so many letters that are being neglected, and business letters must be answered in season. Oh how I long to get out of the business so I could lay off one day when sick even. I was in bed all day yesterday and had about 10 persons come to do business. Eddie⁷ is hauling hay for [?]eates. Will get ready today to go to the Vale [Marysvale?] after goods, and then to Beaver after Rowell⁸ and says he may stay there for Holidays. We have letters from Grand ma Crosby⁹ Ella and lots of friend unanswred. You must write to Elida¹⁰ I have not written for so long there is lots of thins I could write that would . . . interest you but do not feel able today. Inclosed find check for \$6.00 to keep you going [2] until you get well located. When you will do better to travel without purse or scrip.

⁴ Written on the letterhead of Mrs. S. O. Crosby & Sons Dealers in Furniture, Groceries, Hardware, Carpets, Rugs and Upholstery

⁵ John spent six weeks in New York City at the start of his mission, from 15 October to 3 December of 1905. See: John S. Crosby, "Journal and Family Record" [111-113].

⁶ Charleston, West Virginia was the center of John's mission activity from December 1905 until his release in the fall of 1907.

⁷ Edward Wentworth Crosby (1885-1960), a younger brother.

⁸ William Rowell Crosby (1888-1919), a younger brother.

⁹ Hannah Elida Baldwin Crosby (1820-1907), widow of Jesse Wentworth Crosby. She was living in St. George at this time.

¹⁰ Elida Emily Crosby Haycock (1875-1967) was John's older sister.

Praying the Lord to bless and preserve you from all harm and sin is the constant prayer of your

Loving Mother
H. A. Crosby

4. Wednesday, 6 June 1906

Panguitch, Utah June 6th 1906¹¹

My dear John.

Made a trip to Escalante¹² but returned to Panguitch before the Conference and Court people arrived.

Naoma¹³ started for Salt Lake yesterday and Eddie is on his way to the "vale" next week. On his return trip he will attend the wedding of Joe Steele.

A number of your old school friends have stopped here on their way home and all have asked to be particularly remembered to you

Sister Lena Dickerson is very low and the doctor tells us that there is no hopes of her recovery.

Sister Steele is on the ranch but will come home after the wedding. Grandma Bunker's¹⁴ health has improved. She has written once since her recovery.

The last word we received from [2] Grandma Crosby found her able to attend temple and make her bed.

We have a new presbyterian minister here. He holds services every Sunday evening.

You will be interested to know that Dina has a lovely calf.

Have ordered a separator and am going to ranching in earnest.

Have been too busy to write myself so this note is being penned by request.

My health is better than it has been.

June 7

¹¹ Written on the letterhead of the Crosby Hotel. Mrs. H. A. Crosby, prop. The first half of this letter was written in a hand other than that of Adelia, presumably the Mrs. Walter mentioned by Adelia. The remainder of the letter—dated June 7—is in Adelia's own hand.

¹² Located in Garfield County, Escalante is approximately fifty miles east of Panguitch.

¹³ Eunice Naomi Crosby Bliss (1890-1982) was John's younger sister. She wrote regularly to her brother in the mission field. See correspondence beginning on page 194.

¹⁴ Emily Abbott Bunker (1827-1913) was the widow of Edward Bunker, Sr., and the mother of Hannah Adelia Bunker Crosby.

My dear boy I have been so over worked could not write so Mrs Walter wrote the above for me yesterday. As I felt you were so neglected. Lena [?] passed away at 11 [?] last night [3] and I expect them here to make the clothes. do not know how I will get through with it but will hope for the best.

They are looking for her Mother and Della. We had Such a lot of company during conference and people came to court but there was none. Mae and John Sevy started to the City this Morning

Naimi went day before yesterday will go up today, for the conference tomorrow.

We were all invited to Joes wedding but fear I cannot go Miss Mavel Peterson is a live girl. He could not do better.

Ed and Hattie had been at outs but made up again. I must get dinner for folks taking the Exams

Your loving Mother

H. A. Crosby [4]

P.S. yours just received glad you got the money all right. began to feel anxious about it. could not wait till Ed came to open it

H.A.C

5. Saturday, 16 June 1906

Panguitch, Utah June 16 1906¹⁵

Elder John S. Crosby
Charleston West Vig

My Dear Boy

had the privilege of reading a letter from you to Bro John Houston¹⁶ which he esteems very highly, and was just going to send you the money: but I told him I could send you a little now and a little later on as you needed it and would prefer to do so, as I do not want you to come home tied up with obligations for months. [?]

¹⁵ Written on the letterhead of Mrs. S. O. Crosby & Sons Dealers in Furniture, Groceries, Hardware, Carpets, Rugs and Upholstery.

¹⁶ John Houston seems to have regularly corresponded with John throughout his mission, sending the missionary small sums of money.

Mahonri¹⁷ gave us a load of hay the price to go to you, if it had been a ton as he expected it would be \$10.00 it was about 1600 [pounds]. I inclose 10.00 check. Eddie has gone out west a party of surveyors took the big team for the baggage and the big buggie, gets \$5.00 a day and all expense except feeding his own team. I secured the job for him while he was gone with wood. We have Jim Steele [?] for him. Eddie can do well if he will, but he seems quite reckless with his means and does not do as I would like to have [2] by quite a lot, but all I can do is pray for him. I wish he would get married I think it would be the best thing for him. He said he would send you some money and I want him to do it as he is not using it to the best advantage. I told him when he started out I wanted him to pay for his buggie when he came home next but . . . he is owing 85 on it yet not due till Nov but he may not have the money then. Rowell will be able to help you some too and if we have to hire many when the boys are off to school in the winter we will do it, but we must pay as we go while we are making. Now Bro Houston wants you to understand the money is on hand any time you need it and perfectly free untill you come home. I tell you I appreciate his kindness, and am sure you will to, and we will know where to go when we have to have help, but sincerely hope we can pull through without it. Naomi has just come from Salt Lake had a nice time but not that long enough. Mr. Walton went up and made arrangements to have her ticket extended a week, but she had gone just a few minutes when he got to Arties [?]. I was so sorry. We are having warm windy weather now and every thins is backward. We are to have R S Conference in the 20 & 21 expect visiting Sisters from Salt Lake and may go to the lake after for a few days. If I only had a boy who would like to take me, wouldn't it be nice.

Write soon to your Loving Moth[er]. H. A. Crosby

[The following was added to the top left corner of the front page.]

Naomi did not get time to write Sunday all tired out, will write more news nest time . . . Wish you could be here to go to the Lake with us Friday

Moth

¹⁷ Mahonri Moriancumer Steele was married to Adelia's older sister, Emily. The two sisters were close and John had a great deal of respect for his Uncle Mahonri. It was Mahonri Steele who ordained John a High Priest on 23 February 1908. See: John S. Crosby, "Journal", [132].

6. Friday, 13 July 1906

Panguitch, Utah, July 13, 1806¹⁸

Elder John S. Crosby
 Charleston
 West Virginia

My Dear boy.

Your letter recived in due time and we are always glad to hear from you, but Oh such a time as I have to get my letters written. Started this while Lottie and Hattie were talking by the counter and made such an out at it. There are so many things I want to tell do not know where to begin. Eddie has not got home yet, was in St. Geo on the 6th the last we have heard. Said it was so hot they could hardly live around the flies so bad could hardly see the sun. Was going to Gunlock soon. All were pretty well. Grandma¹⁹ is very feeble. Uncle Eddie²⁰ was going to take her to the Ranch at Grass valley. He and Aunt Mina and Stevens family were there also Kate & Jim. I expect Eddie in a few days now. Jim Steele [2] is tending the crop while he is gone is camping at Sandwash now. Watering and sowing the field of young pece . . . of Lucern again as it is nearly all killed out.

July 18—1906

5 days since I begun this and have not had one minute to finish. as I have been kept in the kitchen and had to send Naomi to the store and told her to write. So think she has told you all the news.

But there is one item of business I want to consult you about. and that is the capital stock in the Coop. \$200.00 and some dollars. I feel that we ought to turn that to Elida in her portion of the Estate, and will do so if you are willing. be sure and say what you think of it.

May the Lord Bless and prosper you in your labers is the constant prayer of
 your

Mother

H. A. Crosby

¹⁸ Written on the letterhead of the Crosby Hotel. Mrs. H. A. Crosby, prop.

¹⁹ Emily Abbott Bunker.

²⁰ Edward Bunker, Jr.

7. Saturday, 4 August 1906

Panguitch, Utah Aug 4 1906²¹

Elder John S. Crosby
My Dear Boy

I have written you since we got your last letter but there are so many things I would like to write to you about if I can only get the time. have gotten up twice since I started this. Cannot write at night as my eyes are failing me I find. Will send a letter from Grandma Crosby²² but the \$5.00 together with \$20. is from Rowell. Eddie Bulah²³ and me went to his camp while at the Lake for the 24. had an awful time finding him in the pines and getting through the fallen timber. Got there just as he was coming in with his sheep it was raining a little and too late to return so we stayed all night all slept together on the ground in his little tent which leaked in places, but enjoyed being with him. He got us a warm supper and seemed to enjoy our visit. Seemed to feel first rate and is giving good satisfaction. Said he was going to stay a year, but I told him I would like to have him go to school this winter, but do not know what he will do. He gave me an note on . . . [2] for \$50.00 \$25 to settle a note we had given John L Sevy while he was in school and \$25.00 to send you so will send the rest another time Eddie will send you some money when this is gone he says. He is putting up the hay now with Steves²⁴ help off the pasture land. That is about all the Lucern²⁵ we have that is worth cutting all the old Lucern is killed and mealy. Nothing left but fox tail. The 3 cornered field²⁶ is also a failure and I had it reseeded to Lucern & Brome²⁷ grass while Eddie was gone. The early frost nearly ruined all the first cutting of Hay. We will have six or seven loads off the pasture.

²¹ Written on the letterhead of Mrs. S. O. Crosby & Sons Dealers in Furniture, Groceries, Hardware, Carpets, Rugs and Upholstery

²² Hannah Elida Baldwin Crosby to Hannah Adelia Bunker Crosby, 29 July 1906. See: Jeffrey E. Crosby, *Traveling in the Ministry* (n.p., 1996), 222-224.

²³ Beulah Crosby (1898- 1981), youngest child of Samuel Obed and Hannah A. Crosby.

²⁴ Stephen Abbott Crosby (1892-1951) was John's youngest brother. He would have been 13 when this letter was written.

²⁵ Lucern or lucerne is another name for Alfalfa.

²⁶ This was probably the south-west corner of the Sandwash property.

²⁷ Brome grass was seeded into an alfalfa field to add bulk to the feed.

We have had several sad deaths lately suppose you have seen an [account] of them in the Progress.²⁸ Sherman Cameron²⁹ killed by lightning. Julia Hancock was found in the well head down, think she must have fainted or died of heart failure and fallen in. Last evening Jim Withers little girl was shot by one of the men who were hunting with a 22 through the side of her body missing all the bones and following around under her arm not dangerous. She was sitting in the door at the time. Laura Clark is quite sick has been dangerous but is better. Albert and Molly came last week and he is very sick now with strained nerve in his leg the same as I have. I will have

]This letter is incomplete]

8. Tuesday, 7 August 1906

Panguitch, Utah, Aug 7, 1906³⁰

My Dear boy

Yours of July 30 and 2 inst reached the latter this A M. pleased to hear from you. Wrote a few days ago but did not get it mailed so wrote a few lines more. Naomi started to write while I was at Society meeting this afternoon but did not finish so will not wait for it. Eddie took me to Hatch Saturday evening to visit Relief Society had a nice time. I attended the Sunday School and testimony meeting and think I never attended a better meeting. Also had a nice meeting with the Sisters. The Bp and counsel attended and remarked at the close that we had had a regular conference. I got part of a load of goods yesterday and have been very busy since not quite through yet. Got a nice letter from Elida yesterday. Do you ever write to her if not you must. She is a lovely sister you know and I am . . . to see her [2] feel that I cannot stand it much longer. If it was possible I would go to Conference in Oct and then up to see her and Ella. We are having rainy weather and almost impossible to get the hay up it seems. At least things seem to dry awfully to me, but you know i am always riled when folks don't get up in the morning and accomplish something. Jim Steele has a position as ranger also John Chidester. Mr Kemer is moved some where else and Thomas Cope takes his place. We have had Presbyterians Ministers holding camp meetings for 2 or 3 weeks in a

²⁸ The *Panguitch Progress* was the local newspaper. Apparently Adelia was having in mailed to John in the mission field.

²⁹ See: (Naomi Crosby to John S. Crosby, 17 July 1906).

³⁰ Written on the letterhead of the Crosby Hotel. Mrs. H. A. Crosby, prop.

big tent west of the Cusp. every body nearly has been out to hear them. Lot's of their talk was fine but they do not preach the Gospel nor have the Spirit of it. Bro Albert Reslin and wife are to go to the Temple and labor as missionaries I understand for 2 years. Bro Camerons folks are all broken up over the death of Sherman. I do sympathize with them sincerely. Amanda Alphin is fitting up the Clark place to keep brocades. Budd has not returned yet, and we will not suffer if he does not return. Lousa Clark is still quite bad. So is Uncle Albert.

Praying the Lord to continue to bless and preserve you with all the Elders is the constant prayer of your Mother

H. A. C.

9. Sunday, 18 November 1906

Panguitch Nov 18—1906

Elder John S Crosby

Charleston W. V.

My Beloved Son

Naomi wrote some days ago and gave me to write more and post but I am not strong and the little I feel I must do to enable the children to get to School taxes me. And when I get tired cannot write at all. I had a hired girl last week but it was no easier on me as there was a two weeks wash and lots of things piled up waiting for help. I was in bed most of the day yesterday but feel a little better today. I fear trouble with my leg again as it has hurt me all the week. I try to be careful. do not go out of doors at all. but must get around a little. We have had a light fall of Snow and desperately cold today. I am worrying about Eddie & Rowell who are out. Eddie at the Saw mill had to go and get in the logs before we could get any lumber. We are making another effort to finish the Porch and buggie Shed. hope we can Succeed this time. We have to get a permit [2] to get timber before we can get it Sawed. We have no plowing done this fall as yet and I fear we will get none now. but it will not take long to plow what we have with the big Sulky.

Eddie Threshed 960 Bushels oats and we put up about 30 tons hay. not very good mostly grass at sand wash and the Lucern was poor in all this vally first crop almost an entire failure. Our Stock look well what we know of John Steele is gathering in the East Fork now and will bring over what we have there not doubt. He is very kind to me as also Uncle H. and Aunt Emma. do not know what I would do if it were not for them. Uncle H. came and helped me with my acts night before last. Something I cannot do yet is to work much at the books. fatigues me worse than anything. Shall I hire Some money and close out the business or will you take hold of it when you come home. I can pay every thing up except the \$500.00 that

[?] is carrying us. and must pay that if we quit. I wrote you Some time ago about turning the capitol in the Coop to Elida and you did not answer me. I want to know what you say about it. I inclose a letter from Grandma Uncle Geo & Write Soon to your loving Mother H. A. Crosby

[Added upside down on the top of page 2]

I just read a letter from Grandma bunker who is alone in Mexico as Geo and family are off to the mines working. as all their crops were lost this summer first by floods and second by drought. They are usually well.

[Added upside down on the top of page 1]

How are your finances you do not tell us. If you need money Say So. We have never been broke yet and do not expect to be. Surely the Lord has been mindful of us and I hope we can live worthy of a continuance. H.A.C.

10. Wednesday, 28 November 1906

Panguitch Nov. 28, 1906

Elder John S. Crosby my dear brother

I am ashamed to write on accout of not answering your letters I have just got home from the herd an going back in a day or two to stay all winter and I dont like it much either.

Dear Son John

Rowell started to write before breakfast left it and I know I will not get him at it again So write a few lines and send as I want you to get it. I did intend to Send in time to reach you for Thanksgiving as I want you to have a good dinner. We take our Turkey and all go to Aunt Emmas to eat it. wish you could go with us. you will be here next year. I want to tell you. you are not to do any more washing as I think money will have it done and if we cannot raise it any other way we will hire it. Well it is wash day and I must wash the dishes and see to the dinner and am slow as I have to Sit to do nearly all I do. my leg is quite bad, but hope it will get [2] as I get Stronger. It Seems to good to have Rowell at home and I tell you he is an changed boy takes Such an interest in every thing I do hat to have him go out in the cold and Storm for all winter. And feel there is no need of it. he could make just as much or more here hauling wood or working on the Saw mill or dance hall. labor is in great demand now Schools have had to stop 2 or 3 times for want of wood. and it is 3.50 and 4.00 a load Ed was offered 4.00 yesterday for his load has

gone again to-day. We will have lots of weather that they cannot haul of course, but it is quite pleasant today.

I must hurry to get this in write more next time.

The the Lord will continue to bless you and give you success in your labors is the constant prayer of your Mother

H. A. Crosby

11. Saturday, 20 April 1907

Panguitch — Apr 20—1907

Elder John S Crosby

My Dear boy

I wrote you a few times when I first came home but did not say half I wanted too. was very tired and could not get my mind on to writing and forgot to Say I got Some garments and Aunt Sarah Bunker marked them and then I left them for Artie to mail to you which she was willing to do. And Said She would write to you besides. I had a nice visit with Della and husband and 4 nice children. Also Alf Bunker who I have not seen for 17 years. he is a very prominent man of Bingham and getting wealthy. has a nice girl in [2] Salt Lake and Said he was going to be married Soon

Now a little business. churches are tired of the Hotel and want to give it up, and we have two offers to Sell. Rich Carter and wife have been to go through the house today and seem very anxious to buy. want to let us have their home and pay the balance in cash. I told him to make me a proposition and he Said he would. do not know what he hold his place at but ours is \$3,500.00 would not Sell to any one for less. think we should have 2,000.00 besides his home. Now what do you think of it. are you will to Sell for that or any less. Abe Church has offered 3,000.00 1,000.00 cash and 2,000 land at \$25 per acre meadow and all [3] also improvements with the Land if any one will take the whole farm If we do not make a deal with Carter then Churches want the next chance. Now write at once as I want your opinion before doing any thing. I feel Sad to think of parting with the home, but feel I cannot run it again, and cannot pay taxes and have no use of it. but do not want to make a move with-out you Sanction it. So write at once and tell us what to do about it. The children here all Seem to think we better sell. but they do not realize just what it means I fear If we do Sell I think we better deposit the amt due all the Minor children untill Bulah is of age but I shall do nothing without [4] your approval.

I received a nice letter from Elida which I will inclose. Also Grandma Bunker:

Well it is getting dark and I must go home as there is lots to do. have had 2 pigs Killed today. have 5 more good sized ones and 12 Small ones but will Sell all the little ones but 2 or 3. have 4 young Calves and will have 4 or 5 more Soon. Eddie has been working Late all week untill today.

Rowell is plowing Steve is herding cows, and Bulah and me been cooking and patching all the week. Glad to hear good news from you

May the Lord Continue to bless you is the Constant prayer of
Mother H. A. Crosby

12. Saturday, 11 May 1907

Panguitch May 11—1907
Elder John S Crosby
Montgomery

My Dear boy

Yours of the 5 inst just at hand and one from Elida Snow also with the sad news of the death of our Beloved Grandma Crosby. I will inclose her letter. She wrote us of her sickness. I answered at once but she had passed away before she got my letter. I feel so sad it is hard to write this morning but I feel I must as I must go down home this evening. Am in the shop now and have been since Tuesday came up and let Naomi go cook for the boys. It is sad to hear of Grandma's death, but then I think there was so little besides the Temple work that she really enjoyed in life. It will be such a happy change for her, and her usefullness will only be increased. Uncle Jesse³¹ went to see her at conference time and stayed 3 days. I feel so glad of that and it will be a comfort to him.

Now there is another thing that makes me feel bad and that is this, that when you come home you will not have the old home to go to. I told the children I expected I would shed many a tear over it, but I hope I shall never have reason to [2] regret the move we have made for we all felt it was the best thing for us to do under the circumstances. You think I have consulted John Steele, Uncle H FeFe in which you are mistaken. I have consulted the Lord very earnestly and the children. We have counseled a great deal over it. Had I listened to my friends and neighbors I would have given the shø place away long ago. When Rich Reaster offered me his home and \$500.00 in cash I ignored it. And we were called all kinds of simpletons for not accepting. even Aunt Emma thought I better have accepted it. Now I want to lay the matter before you just as it is. I am a physical wreck, can't do one single hard days work. So we rented the Hotel to Rob Church for one year

³¹ Jesse Wentworth Crosby, Jr.

and we had their home to live in which was quite comfortable. purposely to hold on to things until you could come. Well they did not succeed very well and got discouraged and wanted to give it up as the agreement provided they might in 6 months. We have to get out of their place, and I knew to go back and continue in business we must fix up as every thing was getting old and shabby it meant some new papering new print carpets new fence. FeFe which could not be done for less than \$500.00 and not a dollar to do inst. And the only show was to hire money and then make the house pay it, and the undertaking was [3] too much for me to even think of. And I just felt that if the Lord did not come to my rescue I was doomed. I held the place at \$3,500.00 and was determined it did not go for less. So when Abe Church accepted the price and would pay us in land for farming and pasture I felt the Lord had answered my prayer and when I laid the matter before the children they all said take it Ma. So Eddie, Rowell and me all went down to see what he had we decided to take 80 acres farming land over the river with \$110.00 water under the old ditch. 40 acres of pasture and at \$35.00 per acre \$4,200.00 then I let him have my pasture @ 250 and the home @ 3,500.00 then for a building place on the street we gave him \$100.00 for 75 acres north of the Johnson place with no water except $\frac{1}{2}$ stream of high water in three mile creek. Now we were out in the street with no place to lay our head. So Ab DeLong came and offered his 100 acres he bought of Uncle Jesse for \$1,000.00 a little house 2 rooms 15 acres of wheat in a few acres of Lucern some old Machinery 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ days Lake water Some water in 3 mile creek So we took it and moved [4] right down. but in order to clere the deal we had to raise \$475.00 at once which we got from the bank by giving land as Security. Then we sold Jim Sargent the Baeney land $9\frac{1}{2}$ acres to meet that @ \$427.50 We still have \$47.50 to raise in that to lift our obligation at the Bank. We Settle the balance on the DeLong land with Uncle Jesse in yearly installments have 7 years to pay it. We put \$35.00 water with the $9\frac{1}{2}$ acres we propose to reserve Some water to take to Church farm. Now Joe Davis wants the pasture at \$45.00 per acre and we have decided if you are willing to let him have that and the 3 corner piece making 15 acres and \$30.00 water at 45.00 per acre \$606.75; Eddie is obbligated at the Bank 1.25 expected to haul Oats off to raise the money. Now they will sow and feed most of it out so we must make the farm pay the sueling [sic.]. And I am away behind with the store as we have drawn so heavily out of it for living taxes improvements FeFe most of which has gone into the farm and must come back out of it.

From another proposition Bro sargent wants the Lynn land which is all into Oats. So we have decided again if you are willing to let him have that for ~~with~~ 60.00 per acre 23 acres Eddie says more or less 1150. If he does not buy believe thee are others who will. This would lift us out of the hole and leave a little to

stock the farm and perhaps buy us a City lot in town to [5] build on. Grandma Clark wants to sell her home will take \$800.00 \$160.00 down and the balance on bank interest which is 4 or 5 %. We will give Abe Church our note for the balance we owe him at the sale of 8% interest. He has what crop he has in this year and pays all taxes in it and we pay no interest for a year. We are using the pasture now and milking 6 cows. He assumes all the taxes on the home now.

Now John there is nothing I want so much as to get out of debt, and we don't want to be land poor we want all we can do justice to and no more, and I think the best thing we can do is to sell all there patches of land and buy some stock and stay with them and make a Lucern of the farm. And make a success of the children. I tell you I am very anxous about them. Oh if you could come home in Sep to take the responsibility so Eddie and Rowell could go to school. I just feel I can not stand it if they can not get to go this winter. If they do not their schooling is done for. I know that. I would not like to ask for your release but if it is the will of the Lord I hope it will come about right. I am so anxous over them [6] and want to see them make first class Missionaries in due time. And trust the Lord will help them to be Valiant in his cause. They are such good boys but so rough. And dear Stephen needs schooling so bad, is so trashy about his lessons when in school. Would you like a position in the school room here this winter, if so write the Trustees. I believe you would get it easy.

Well I would like to say many more things and think you would like to ask many questions if we could talk, but think of them after the letter is gone. Eddie has just come from the field after grain says all the Sandwash land will be in tonight. 18 acres have grubbed and cleared some more this spring. Rowell worked there nearly a month. They have about 13 acres plowed and ready to sow on the DeLong farm, and will put some in on the Church land I think.

Aunt Emma is very poorly all the time. H. M. Jun [?] will be here on a visit the 20 of this month. Grandma Bunker was poorly the last we heard could not induce her to come to see us this summer. Uncle Geo is off to the mines some where freighting. Got in debt and lost nearly all he had in some mines. Oh yes there is quite an excitement over mines near Tropic I hear.

Now write just as soon as you get this and let us know how you feel about the business as we want to be united in all we do. Lovingly your Mother

H. A. Crosby

13. Tuesday, 2 July 1907

Panguitch July 2 — 1907
Elder John S Crosby

My Dear boy

I find from check book that I wrote you on the 14 of June and inclosed a check for \$15.00 and have been wondering for Some days why we did ~~did~~ not hear from you and find the check has not be returned. So take it you have not received it. It dawned upon me a few days after I wrote that I directed to P.O.Box 180 instead of 181. I am So crowded all the time can not trust my self to remember your address and must See it each time. I inclose a check for 20.00 and if the other is returned to me all right is if you get it and Send it in it will be O.K. but if it comes in without your endorsement will Stop payment. If you have recived it just hold this untill you need it. and I will try and keep Sufficient on deposit to pay it when it does come in.

Well I am wondering what you are doing to prepare for 4. We are making the usual preparations for a celebration Lena Ipson will be Godess Edith Dickerson Columbia R. R. Our Summer has come at last and we fully appreciate it. I tell you the weather has been extremely cold during most of May and June [2] Just received a letter from Grandma Bunker³² which I will inclose. I was Sick all day yesterday just because I could not go to Idaho with a Company who were going on excursion rates of \$31.00 to California and ~~and~~ back through Wyoming Idaho &c good for 90 days from June 19. Thom Keazwick insisted on me going Said he would lend me the money and look after me. which was very Kind, but I could not go and leave my creititors bust try and do Something for them.

We have bought the big house up the creek that Phin Little build and are trying to move it down, got it on three logs and 3 wagons last week and just got it to rolling when 2 logs broke and Eddie and Rowell went to the mountains yesterday for more. hope to get it down today. Oh we need it So bad cant live longer without more room. I have had to leave the [?] now. and feel So hurried will not try to write a long letter. but write more after the celebration. Hope you are well and doing Some good We had our Relief conference last Wed and Thursday Sisters Caine and Dusenbery³³ were here and gave us Such good talks. they have gone on to Kanab and will go from there to Grand Canyon next a party from there who have bee making preparations. I was also Sick to go there but could not on act of the house moving.

Well it is nearly night and I must close cannot Stay with it to Keep track of my self. Kenny Excell has come home talked to us Sunday week.

With lots of love from us all and constant prayers for your welfare. Your
Mother H. A. Crosby

³² Emily Bunker to Emily Steele and Adelia Crosby, 17 June 1907.

³³ Ida Smoot Dusenberry was Second Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency from 1901 to 1910.

14. Thursday, 22 August 1907

Panguitch Aug 22 — 1907
Elder John S Crosby

My Dear Boy

It has been some time since I read your letter and no doubt you wonder what is the matter as we always do when your letters are over due. Well one reason is I have been very busy and another is I have bee off Missionary visiting around the Stake. 5 in the party namely Bro and Sister Syrett sister Sargent Sister Foy and myself, had a very pleasant trip and an enjoyable time. Visited Tropic Cannonville Henrieville Escalante Coyote Kingston Junction and Circleville. gone 8 days. found every body pretty well and doing what they thought they could in Relief Society work. Bro Syrett is a lovely man to travel with So careful and Kind to his team and every body. I find lots to do at home as soon as I got back, cannot catch up at all. and every body is busy now as we are to have Conference Sat and Sun will have Apostle Lyman and Richards³⁴ with us also Ladies in the in terest of the Mutial and Primary. expect a good time.

We have been having some terrible rain and thunder Storms lately the worst to-day I think I ever heard. but no one hurt that I Know Struck [2] Thomas haycocks barn but did not damage it much. They boys had to quit cutting hay and Eddie went to the Saw mill to put in Some logs So we can get some lumber to fix up a little for winter. but we are not making much headway with anything. and I fear we will be away behing [sic.] when frost comes. the grain is coming on quite well, but this is our first cutting of hay.

What shall we do about Sending Rowell to School. He wants to go to Logan. If he would consent to go to Beaver we could reach it much better and you don't know how I long to go there with the children this winter. I just feel that I cannot Stand it if do not get to take them there. I cannot tell you the condition of our boys. Rowell especially in regards to our religion Oh how my heart aches over it, and Stephen sill be just the Same if I do not get him under a better influence. i wish Some one could convert our own boys. I Sorrow to See them going to the bad, but they will Surely do it if Something does not entervene to change their course. I do hope while you are trying to convert people in the world our own will not be lost, but they will have to turn a Short corner Soon I tell you. Well, I have refrained from telling you any thing that was unpleasant as I did not want to take your mind from your labors, but the time is short and we must decide what we will do for

³⁴ Francis M. Lyman (1840-1916) and George F. Richards (1861-1950).

Rowell. Can you write to him and [3] prevail on him to go to Beaver this winter and then if I could do Something with the Shop I could go with them. I did think very Strong of writing to your Pres about your release but just feel that I can't do it. As I am afraid of displeasing the Lord. But I do feel that we must spare no pains to convert and Save your brothers. What would life be if they turn out bad. I know we are all in the hands of the Lord and trust he will open up the way for us, and direct us aright.

We have had our business fixed up in the court and deeds made but must have your Signature. And parties are anxious to get things settled. If I knew you would be home at Conference time I might get parties to wait untill then otherwise I will have to Send them to you for your Signature. It has been a great Strain on me the Settling of the affairs of the Estate alone, and trust every thing will be satisfactory to you.

It is getting late and I am tired so will close. i want to remind you that we have not had a group of you Elders yet; and all the rest of the boys have sent them home [4] ever praying for your welfare and the Lords blessing in your labors and your Safe return

Your loving Mother
H. A. Crosby

P.S. Bro Wallace G Hunter is here taking Life insurance policies and Send his kindest regards, wants you to call on him on your return, will inclose his address.

He wants to know if you think he is in the wrong track. I gave him quite a deal on the business. Ma

15. Wednesday, 18 September 1907

Panguitch Sep 18—1907

Elder John S Crosby
West Virginia

My dear boy

Your letter to me came yesterday and Rowells more than a week ago. I was pleased with your letter to him and hope it will do him some good, but he would not admit it if he did endorse anything in it. I really believe it did Eddie more good than him. I have been labering with Eddie some and endeavoring to show him where he stood and the result of his course if persists in it and saw that I had made some impression and he seemed to [2] accept of all you said to Rowell and voiced

your sentiments. I tell you Eddie is a pretty good principled boy, but has been disapointed for some time, and felt that he was impressed on and always had been and had not had the oppertunities he should have had. FeFe and them got broke up over his girl and been going with company that was no benefit to him. And Oh dear how my heart has ached over him and Rowell, and Steve is now following right in the wake, and we must get them out of it no matter what it costs. I had planned to have Eddie meet you in Salt Lake at Conference time and I was all undone when you wrote that you would not likely be released to return at that time, and I think he was disapointed too [3] Uncle Eddie has been to Mexico and brought Grandma Bunker home with him. He is now at Grass Valley, and think he will bring her over here right away. They got to Bunkerville just in time to see Uncle Myron Abbott buried. They were at the grave yard. They say her health is good and she stood the trip fine. She is 80 years old today. I am so thankful she concluded to come in. think she will not go back again.

Bro and Sister Becker went down to Mexico thinking to sell out & stay but were back in less than three months. Satisfied [4]

I sent Elida your address and told her to write you and keep posted so she would know when you would be in Salt Lake so she could meet you there and come home with you. I feel that I cannot stand it much longer without seeing her. And I know I cannot go there this winter now.

Our school starts next Monday so I hear and the talk is that John Myers is to be the principal. The boys are just rushing to get the grain cut as it is freezing quite hard now every night. And some of it is not ready either. I fear our grain will fall far below our expectations. And our hay crop is very light. We have had a very Strange Season with lots of rain and terrific thunder & [5] lightning and hail. And frost every month. I see similar conditions all over the State and adjoining States. first crop almost a failure throughout the county.

Tropic has lots of apples and . . . but very few peaches.

But truth all business seems unusually brisk. Our New Court house nearly done. lots of work for teams and single hands in the resevoir and in the harvest field and freighting with good wages. The price of every thing advancing and the people complaining bitterly at the high prices. and fearing Brian is going to be elected. That is some are [6]

Well I must close as it is late and I feel cold with a big shal around me, and the door closed. I had overdrawn my bank so far could not make a check so went to John Houston and asked him to send you \$26.00 which he seemed quite willing to do.³⁵ Suppose you have recived it before this.

³⁵ Houston complied with this request, having sent \$25 nine days earlier. See: John Houston to John S. Crosby, 9 September 1907. Houston sent John an additional fifty dollars the following month. See: John Houston to John S. Crosby, October 1907.

Uncle H says they will surely pay your fare home unless some radical change has taken place that he does not know of. If you are kept another month no doubt you will have to have a little more if you do get a free pass if so let me know in time to get it to you.

All join in love to our mishunary
Your loving Mother
H. A. Crosby

[The following was added upside down to the top of the front page.]

PS. Rowell seems determined he will not go to Beaver to school but says he will go to Cedar so I guess we will have to send him

Love Ma

16. Tuesday, 19 November 1907

Panguitch Nov 19—1907

Elder John S Crosby

My Dear Son

Yours of recent date received and with it came a very great relief. As we had been So anxious about you for days we could hardly stand it. expecting you every day and could not know its cause of the delay. The whole town was wrought up over it. Central got the Vale³⁶ every night to find out if you were on the train and every time she Phoned me no I was ready to faint away. I have thought [2] so much of your Cousin Lorenzo. I feel that I cannot wait a minute longer Sometimes. We have goods at the Vale and the team will likely go the last of the week. but your letter came with the mail I will Send extra wraps for you.

Next Sat and Sunday is our Quarterly Conference. do not know wether we will have visiting Brethren of the twelve or not.

Give our love to Artie & family and all our friends Della Lesenbee lives there I think and Alf Bunker is married and lives there or at Bingham. See them if you can. Lovingly your Ma

H. A. Crosby

³⁶ Marysvale, Utah.

Letters of John S. Crosby to Mary Ann Owens Crosby, 1910-1935

17. Wednesday, 6 July 1910

Salt Lake City July 6 1910.

Mrs Mary A. Crosby

Dear Wife:- I was looking for a letter yesterday and I hadn't a doubt but I would get one to day, but it didn't come. I guess I can stand it all right but my I would like to get one. I was going to write yesterday but dicided to wait until to day, thinking, may be, I would get a letter and then I could answer it.

I went down to Liberty Park yesterday to join in the celebration of the Fourth. They had a fine parade and program. I injoyed it very much O. W. Powers was the orator of the day. Charles Kent sang the "Flag Without a Stain" it was fine. He is one of Salt Lakes best singers. We had some fine music from Held's band.

In the after noon I went down and heard the announcement of the Jefferies, Johnson fight.³⁷ I was a little dissappointed in the outcome but since reading abut them and seeing their pictures to gether I was not dissappointed. I [2] didn't think Jefferies would get whiped so easily though He just didn't get a look in.

I stayed home last night and watched the fire works. Some of them were exceptionally fine. I wish you could have seen them.

I told you in my last letter that I didn't think I would go to Wandamere Friday night, but I did and had a good time. Fred³⁸ and I took a ride in the Synic Railway. Then we 'Shot the Shoot' and after that we danced with the girls. When we tired out at this we came home and went to bed. I had a good time, the best I believe since come to the city.

I am almost afraid you are sick. I fear this is the reason I didn't get a letter to day. It may be I am crossing the bridge before I get there. I hope I am. If you are not feeling well you must be careful. Do not over do. for goodness sake. I want a wife when I get home.

³⁷ Jack Johnson, the first black heavyweight champion, defeated former champion Jim Jeffries in a fight before 20,000 spectators in Reno, Nevada on 4 July 1910. The thirty-two year-old Johnson (208 pounds) defeated the older Jeffries (227 pounds) with a knock out in the fifteen round.

³⁸ Fred Gardner, close personal friend. He later became Superintendent of Schools for Garfield County and Bishop of the Panguitch South Ward.

I still keep a little homesick all the time. I wish this summer school was over and I had the information I am going to get. I want to come home. and I want to come bad.

Love, kisses and lots of each for Mama and Baby³⁹ . I am.
Your Loving husband and Father

John S. Crosby

18. Friday, 8 July 1910

Salt Lake City July 8, 1910.

Mrs Mary A. Crosby

Dear Wife:- I ought to have written to you yesterday but delayed doing it. I got you letter in due time, was pleast to hear from home. I hate to hear of you having such a time with baby. It may be good for him to cry a little; may be it will develop his lungs, but I would if I could have him do less crying and take chances on his lungs. I hope he will get better. I hate to think of you sending the cow off because you will need the milk so badly, but if you can do no better you had better do it. I was rather in hopes that Will⁴⁰ would need Ray⁴¹ so continuously, that he wouldn't get to move until I came home. I don't like the thoughts of you being alone. But do the best you can and take good care of your self. [2] Take care of the baby if every thing else goes. I wouldn't give him for all the rest.

There is an excursion on to Lagoon to night and this afternoon. I am not going. There will not be many of the boys here go. But then I wasn't going to Wandamere but I did, but I am surer about not going tonight.

We are going to have school tomorrow, (Saturday,) to make up for the day we lost Monday (the 4th). So I will have to stay and study to night. My money is getting pretty low. I believe I will have to use a little from the Stake Contingent Account. I can get along I think with about eight dollars.

I haven't had any washing done since I came. but have bought the shirts I have used to change with. also collars. I will have all my collars done [3] up to come home with.

³⁹ This would be Silas Owens Crosby, born 12 May 1910.

⁴⁰ William Thomas Owens, Jr. (1875-1942), Mary's oldest brother.

⁴¹ Andy Ray Owens (1886-1976), Mary's brother. He was closest to her in age of all her brothers and sisters.

I believe I am getting something out of school; that is going to help me in my actual work in the school room. I hope I can make a success of my teaching work.

We are all making calculations on coming home Saturday the 23 of July. That is we leave Salt Lake then! Then we will have a team at Marysville to bring us on home that night. Gardner is going to write to Jinnill [?] Daly. Then we will have a good hug. My! I haven't had one for so long I am almost dying for one. I guess it is a good thing I don't sleep with any one or I expect I would have my arms around them half the night.

I am feeling fine but getting awfully fat. I'll sweat when I come home and go to work. I thought I would get home in time to help get up the hay [4] but if it keeps good weather I guess they will have most of it up before I get there.

I must go to the library and study for a couple of hours. So Good-by.

I would like to hug you for about two hours this afternoon. I believe I would take chances on being unprepared tomorrow for that much pleasure. ~~this afternoon~~

With kisses and blessings for Mama and Baby. I am.

Your affectionate husband and Father

John S. Crosby

19. Sunday, 18 February 1912

Panguitch, Utah Feb 18 1912⁴²

Mrs Mary A. Crosby
Richfield Utah:

Dear Wife:- I got your letter or rather card this morning. I am glad to know that you got there safe. though I expected nothing else. I couldn't be any better, but I am not a very successful house keeper. Gwen⁴³ cleaned up the day you left and the house has not been touched since. I am going to try and straighten it up tomorrow.

I guess no woman ever came nearer dying than Parley Steeles wife and live. She went into spasm after spasm. I don't know but as many as nine in just a little while. They got the doctor and he said that the only possible show for her life was to deliver her. So he took the baby though she never had a birth pain nor wouldn't

⁴² This letter was written on stationary with the letterhead of the Presidency of the Panguitch Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

⁴³ Gwen Owens (1894-1942) was Mary's youngest sister and probably living with John and Mary at this time. She would have been seventeen.

have had for two months or more. I talked to him about it and he said that eighty five percent of the women in he[r] condition died. eighty percent he says are never delivered. He said the cause was that she never neutralized [2] the poison given off by the baby and it had gone all through her system and caused the spasm. I asked him if she had fifty percent of the chances and he said no. But since then she has been gradually getting better and all including the doctor thinks she will get well.

Some men in town have contracts to sell their yearling steers for \$22⁵⁰ in March so it looks like we would at least get our \$20⁰⁰ out of ours. I saw Sam Pete Henrie taking a calf up the street and asked him how much he gave for it and he said \$15⁰⁰. He then asked me if I had some and I told him yes. He asked how much I wanted for them and I told him more than that. He asked again how much and I said \$21⁰⁰ He said he would give me \$21⁰⁰ if they were as big as the one he had. I believe if I can get \$21⁰⁰ will sell.

I got a jag⁴⁴ of wood yesterday. I believe it will last till you get back then we can gather chips again.

Write soon. Your loving husband

(John) over

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20. Sunday, 3 March 1912

Panguitch, Utah March 3 1912⁴⁵

Mrs Mary A. Crosby
Richfield, Utah

Dear Wife:- Conference is over and I have a few moments leisure so I believe I will write you a short letter. I don't believe I would have written so soon but there is a little news I must tell at once. Lill and Ray⁴⁶ have a Sandy fine red headed girl. It came to-day at 10 A. M. I was just down and they both seem to be getting along fine. Lill was as jolly as could be. I never made any inquiry if she had a hard time, but I don't think she did because I hurd nothing about it.

⁴⁴ A small load of hay or wood.

⁴⁵ Panguitch Stake letterhead.

⁴⁶ Mary's brother Ray married Lilly Josephine Horrt in 1909. The new baby was their oldest daughter Rayma.

I hope Maggie⁴⁷ is better than when you wrote your last letter. It didn't sound to me like she was getting along very well. At least not from my standpoint. When I sweat there has been something going on. And I fancy there must have been something going on with her or there would not have been so much perspiration. Well if she is better I am glad and I believe she [2] is or you would have let us know.

I was called to the phone last and I was scared about to death. I was afraid Maggie was worse or may be dying but it was not that serious.

We have had a fine conference. I don't know when I have enjoyed one more. Elders Joseph F. Smith Jr⁴⁸ and Joseph W McMurrin⁴⁹ of the General Authorities were here. They didn't talk very much upon it, but they answered all the objections of the Josephites⁵⁰ very satisfactorily to my mind.

We had a Basket Ball Game with Circleville yesterday. It was decided different than the one played with Monroe. We beat them 64 to 4. I played one half only. We are going to have a game with Piute County the last of this week and one with Beaver Saturday. I am wonderfully afraid they will tan us, but I don't believe they can beat us as bad as they did last year. I hope we can make enough out of these games to pay what we owe on apparatus, then so far as I am concerned they can have the Gym if they want it.

My I will be glad when you get home. I am not up to much keeping house. Then I want to hug you so bad my teeth ache. Lill said the other day she would like to see me herd sheep for a month. She thought I ~~would~~ I would want out of it. I have come to the conclusion she is about right. I have decided I want to live home and I want a wife to live with. I believe the Lord Knew what he was talking about when he said. "It is not good for man to be alone."

May God bless you and baby in connection with Maggie, Willard and their baby. I am. Your loving Husband

John S. Crosby

⁴⁷ Mary's older sister Margaret Caroline Owens (1881-1930) married Charles Willard Powell, Jr. in 1909. Their first child, Hayes Owens Powell was born 21 February 1912. It would appear that Margaret had a difficult birth and that her sister Mary traveled to Richfield to take care of her.

⁴⁸ Joseph Fielding Smith, member of the Quorum of the Twelve, 1910-1970 and tenth President of the Church, 1970-1972.

⁴⁹ Joseph William McMurrin, member of the First Council of the Seventy, 1898-1932.

⁵⁰ Josephites was a term used to describe members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

21. Thursday, 7 March 1912

Panguitch, Utah March 7 1912

Mrs. Mary A Crosby

My very Dear Wife:- I got your letter of March 2. Yesterday I was indeed pleased to get it. I am happy to think Maggie is getting along so nicely. I hope she has no more trouble and all the babies she wants.

I am glad to know that Silas is learning to talk better. I don't know when any thing in a letter, tickled me more than When you say hes said. Lock it.

I am on a cattle deal to day. The calves are getting so they are not doing much on straw, and to sell them they should be in at least good driving condition and I haven't the hay to feed them. Tom Sevy has offered me \$140 for the seven, or \$102⁰⁰ for five and two heifers. I believe I will take the latter. If I thought they would go with the other calves all right I would keep them, but they are quite dogy. I might be able to get heifers cheaper but haven't much time to look around. If I get the money I will spend it. If I get the heifers I will keep them [2] If I take the heifers that will give me 3 heifers for my straw besides feeding the rest of our cattle, and then we will have straw left. A good deal more I think than if I had sold the straw. I believe the heifers will be worth more to me in the long run. That will give us eight head of she stuf. I am satisfied ~~the~~ our three oldest heifers will calve this summer, two will be late

I got 22 eggs yesterday. The cow is giving a nice mess of milk, four good pans a day. So you see it will not cost us much to live for a while.

Institute is on to day and to-morrow We are to have a Basket Ball game with Piute County to-day and one with Beaver Saturday.

We had an awful time at school yesterday. Annie Houston⁵¹ came down and jumped on to Parley Ipson. She hit him with her fist, grabbed a stick from his hand and hit him to the side of the face with it and threw something she had in her hand at him, and called him names that are better not written. The trouble was Parley hit ~~him~~ her boy a slight rap across the back, and only one. Gwen went and told her mother that Parley gave him a beating, which she knew nothing about. With the result that Annie flew on to Parley with out investigating it. So Aunt Annies is under arrest to-day and must answer to the court. Leonard Sargent is the justice.
Hurrah!

I was glad to hear that you were coming home about Sunday. I will be glad to see you. But I don't want you to leave Maggie until she is safe. I may not write again.

⁵¹ Check genealogical records, Houston family, to see if this is Tommy Ray Houston's mother. Who would the boy have been?

Your loving husband
John

22. Monday, 9 October 1916⁵²

Panguitch Oct. 9, 1916.

Mrs. Mary A. Crosby

Dear Wife:-Just a line or two. The country is still weet. If the rain made it miserable for you, it has saved me ten days work. There will be no need of watering any thing now. I can go ahead and plow as well as if it had been watered, and the lucern will be sufficiently weet for winter.

Both the boys when ahead and caught a good cold. Silas coughs quite hard at times, but he isn't a bit sick. J's nose runs continuously, and he coughs hard at times. His appetite isn't as good as it generally is. He feretted a little last night and Mother got quite worried, so she called me at 4:30 and I got up but I couldn't see any thing the matter. He was sleeping as nice as he ever did in his life. We woke him up and gave him a drink of milk and he went back to sleep and slept until breakfast was nearly ready. Mother says he has a slight attack of the Grip. I guess she knows. He is around all the time and is no harder than common to tend. He says, "Mama gone". We have given him castor oil every night since you left and gave him some quinine the first night. We have made some more cough medicine and give him that regularly.

If any thing serious develops I will send a telegram, so if you don't get one you may know that every thing is all right. We keep a good fire in both rooms , so that every thing is comfortable but we have plenty of air. Have a good time and stay as long as your ticket lasts. Take in the best of every thing you can hear of in Salt Lake. You can get more out of seeing something good once than you can out oseeing [sic.] a lot of poor stuf a good many [2] times, and you know we don't take in every thing that comes into Panguitch, but I would like to have you see something realy worth while.

I have done nothing at my field work except complete shocking the grain, and erskocked some that the wind blew down. If it keeps good weather I believe I will hawl grain day after tomorrow.

Well enjoy your self.

⁵² Letter in the possession of Jay Crosby, Panguitch, Utah. This letter was typed except for the postscript below John's name.

I am, your loving husband,
John S. Crosby

Joe tells me that Will and Isa have them a boy.

23. Saturday, 29 June 1935

Salt Lake City
 L D S Hospital
 June 29, 1935

Dear Mary,

I am in Ern's⁵³ room in the Hospital. He is feeling fine. Better than he expected. he says the doctor said it was better than they expected. That is if he wasn't wasn't dreaming that is what the doctor said. He can lift his leg all right. He said there was a little infection in the bone. They scraped that away. [2]

Ern says when he came to, he had them a fishing he was trying to get the doctor to jerk. He said, "You won't jerk when you got a bite."

He is surprised that he feels so well. He thinks they must have put him off with gas. He has eaten a little dinner. He has a dish of ice water here so he can [drink] all he wants. The doctor told him to "hit it a little light." [3]

I am all right. I may go up on the mountain on an excursion to-morrow, but I hardly think I will. I walked here from school. There is a musical at the University to-night. I have two tickets. Let's go.

I will write a line to Dee,⁵⁴ and to Wilford Pendleton.

Lovingly
 John

P.S. I have just talked to the doctor. He says there was more bone that he thought there was. They didn't brake [4] the leg over. They just chisled the bone a little to stimulate the growth of new bone. The leg is better than the x ray revealed.

⁵³ Ernest V. Owens (1892-1963), youngest brother to Mary. He had been kicked by a horse, and his leg was broken in two places. When it healed, the damaged leg was shorter, which required him to wear an elevated shoe the remainder of his life.

⁵⁴ Dee Wayne Crosby (born 10 December 1917), third son of John and Mary.

24. Wednesday, 3 July 1935

Salt Lake City
L D S Hospital
July 3, 1935

Dear Mary,

I am in Ern's room. He says he is feeling all right. I told him I would write day before yesterday, but I didn't.

The night I wrote to you, about 11 oclock his leg began to burn like every thing. The have had quite a time with infection. His fever went to 104. He was sick. [2]

When I was here day before yesterday he couldn't wiggle his toes. I have just looked. He can wiggle them today. He looks pretty well. He says he can eat all right. The are just about to get the infection out.

I have just got through with a test in History 110. I don't know how well I did. I said something about all the questions. [3]

From what Dee said I expect to see him to-night. I am even getting a little anxious. I will go back to my room so I will be there when he comes.

I called down to the store to see about Billie's sash. They said they had sent it parcel post.

I am just fine. I have all I can do in school, but believe I will get through.

Lovingly

John

Letters of John S. Crosby and Mary Crosby to Their Family, 1947-1964

25. Thursday, 13 January 1947⁵⁵

Panguitch Dee Jan 13th 1947

Dear Dee - Your letter written Dec 2nd received on Jan 6th I have read it every day since it came and have not yet got the full meaning - One time I read and see you disgusted - a nother time you are home sick and then I think maby you have phnuomia, in all I dont know just what to thing? "But I wish I had you home."

We are all well. Art and Beverly have moved⁵⁶ - they now live in Winnona Roe, Davis home across from John Lynn and across town so we do not see them only once a week. Winnona's husband has gone to the army for 3 year's. She has 2 babies and not very happy. She has gone home to her mother.

It has been dry and warm ~~in~~ during the ~~day~~ month until yesterday we have a little snow a inch, but it is still cloudy so we may get more.

We have had an open winter and it should be spring in 6 weeks - Our house is warm We have no trouble with the water freezing we have dripped it a few times just in case. "Kinda a doubting Thomas)

Silas has started his back porch he and Tom got in a couple of day's last week.

Tom tells me he hopes to be married in less than a month⁵⁷ - he has Dorothy down often - she is a nice little girl. [2] He says she will go on to school and graduate this spring.

Art is working in Kenny's or I should say Bryce Garage so is Jay.

It has been a week Sunday since Theron went back to Cedar school.

⁵⁵ Letter in the possession of Dee Crosby, Salt Lake City, Utah. Dee was still in Germany as part of the Allied occupation forces at the close of World War II.

⁵⁶ Art had married Beverly Roe on 29 November 1946.

⁵⁷ Tom married Dorothy Sandin on 7 February 1947.

Gordon is doing well in school his last marks were A. & B. Boyd and [?] still work at the air port. Gloyd in town still drinking to much. "none of my business tho."

Ellis, Leila - Dee, Dorothy - Art, Bev - Tom, Dorothy, also Gordon went to Circle vill friday nite for the bal game - we were beatin 4 points - Gordon say's we will beat then on our floor. We play Escalante here on the 17th, I am afraid Cooper is not doing his best by his ball boy's.

Aunt Ruth has gone to California. Gorgia & Lola both have baby girls Geo born on 5th and Lola on 6th is in St George. George in Long Beach.

Wedding Bells friday & saturday - last:

Jack Davis and Melba Evans - Press Elleson & Shamble girl the large one - (Carril Adair and Dorothy Evans were marrie[d] not long ago they live up in Aunt Lucy's Apt_)

Letha and Bill Ellison still sh having their fight's she bit a good piece out of his lip so she must have won "this round." Did I tell you Gordon got Skis for Xmas so did Dan - Silas ha had them up Red Canyon Xmas day he still got a kick out of telling how Gordon & Dan came down the hill - [3]

Tell us what kind of living quarters you have and also give an idea just what I could send you would enjoy.

Dose the cheese mold or is it O.K. when you get it.

Callis is at the herd for V. Hatch he went out just before Xmas Billy said he went out on them and they had to have the Dr - I gess he came near dying - It seems some of the drinks they get must be poison - They had three deaths in Kanab - one boy age 22 - one 24 and the father 56 - They took two of them to the L.D.S. in Salt Lake⁵⁸ but they could not save them

Pa is feeding the cattle straw this month - he is well - I have run down - I may think of more - but will close so I can get this in the mail.

Dont you think you could write a little more often - We all send our love and best wishes and hope you can come home before June.

Love Mother -

⁵⁸ She is referring to the L.D.S. hospital in Salt Lake City.

26. Monday, 21 January 1952⁵⁹

Panguitch, Utah
January 21, 1952

Dear Ellis and Leila

We have had another good snow or rather a good one and a smaller one. I believe there is fully ten inches on the ground and it has settled a good deal.

We have had four and almost five days of right harsh south wind. It was really a little east of south. It blew practically all the snow off the Church field and piled it up in the lane. I believe the snow on the sides of the road from here to the field will average three and a half feet deep. The drifts on the north hill sides in the mountains must be something. That is the place we need it to insure a good water flow. It is not quite so good though to wet up the range.

This last snow though will be something for the range. [2]

Marysvale sure tromped Panguitch Wednesday night. For three fourths of the game they had the score doubled. We gained a little in the fourth quarter as some of their men left the game on fouls. They looked to me better than their team last year. If they pitch that well all the time they are going to be hard to beat.

Panguitch beat Circleville though Friday night four points.

My cow that we operated on and took the calf from the side is doing all right. The side is running a little pus but she is licking herself and eating a good feed of hay and grain each day. She is giving enough milk for the calf.

We have the calves in the Church Field and the cows in the Sand Wash. They are doing well. It looks like we will have enough feed. Quite a thing this year.

They have struck oil out on the East Fork. But I understand it is not quite as good as they wanted. Floyd Richards [3] has been working there and he was telling Arthur about it.

We went to the funeral for George G. Dodds last Friday. I talked a few minutes.

The funeral for Bishop Hans P. Ipson was held last Tuesday. It was really a large funeral. Brother Dodd's wasn't so large but there was a good crowd.

Tuesday morning. Jan 22

I am expecting to go in to Salt Lake this week end to be checked over by those doctors. I would wait until Monday but I want to get back for court on the 30th.

⁵⁹ Letter in the possession of Ellis Crosby, Los Gatos, California.

We are having court over of the water. Circleville and Panguitch are contending for the privilege of turning our water in March, April, October, and November in a reservoir to be built at the old Hatch Reservoir Site. These engineers that have gone over the thing carefully tell [4] us with our primary, secondary, and winter water we can more than fill that reservoir. There could be something better than thirteen thousand acre feet in the reservoir and we would have about fifteen thousand acre feet to put in it. Thirteen thousand acre feet in June and July would help like the dickens.

I want to hear that little attorney cross examine commissioner Ogden. I want to hear him stutter.

I am getting almost well. By the first of March, I feel sure I can take Hanse and Nance and start. I believe I could do that now. But I do need just a little more help from nature or somewhere else.

Love and the Lord's blessings.

Father

27. Saturday, 9 March 1957⁶⁰

Panguitch, Utah
March 9, 1957

Dear Ellis and Leila

I am not doing much right now. In fact I have had time to have written before.

We have just got through winning the State Class B Basketball tournament. We have made a lot of fuss about it. We have played it through again and again. And decided just how we came to do it. I am not sure we have the solution. But anyway we won.

I have finally sold the farm cattle, and reserve right to Arthur. I don't know just what I will do. I have felt that I ought to continually have something to do. But to put up the crop alone is beyond me. I don't jump across the ditch as easily as I did. I can maybe do something.

I surely felt good when they let me out of the school that I had the farm and bunch of cattle. It worked fine while I had a couple of boys home. But I can see that I can't do it alone, and [2] Arthur wants something that will give him a little financial security.

⁶⁰ Letter in the possession of Ellis Crosby, Los Gatos, California.

I have been trying to study a little during the winter. I have given most attention to the scriptures. Maybe that is rather natural for an older man. I do hope I will not get over balanced.

I wish I had the sense and inclination to do genealogical work. We tried to take a course in our Sunday School. It made very little sense to me.

I didn't go to the basketball tournament. Arthur did and Jay went the last two nights. They came home wonderfully thrilled. i am now definitely thinking of going to April conference. I believe I would rather see and hear the conference than see the ball games. I herd them as it was. I was just a little pleased myself.

Naomi wrote and told me that my brother Ed had been hit by an automobile in Price and rat[h]er seriously injured. She said if things turned for the worse she would let me know. I have heard nothing, so I conclude he is improving.

We have had some moisture but not enough. I am hoping for a good storm at the equinox. My health is just as good as ever

Love Father

28. Monday, 1 February 1960⁶¹

St George, Utah
Feb 1, 1960

Dear Arthur, Bev and all

I will not write much. Beverly asked if the money should be put in the bank or sent to me. Put it in the bank. You remember you gave me \$120⁰⁰ when I shingled the house. Also take out the insurance you paid on the house. You ~~deedn't~~ needn't make any effort to pay the principal. If you pay the interest I will be perfectly satisfied. I feel sure you are having about all you can pay.

Louise is up and around but she is not entirely well. She was really sick.

I have been well all the time. My left arm is a little lame, but it has been for several years. It is better now. I had a little trouble raising it above my head.

I have my garden fertilized and dug up. And have made arrangements for water this summer. So we will try a garden again.

We have quite a lot on carrots now. We left them in the ground all winter. They are just fine now.

⁶¹ Letter in the possession of Arthur Crosby, Panguitch, Utah.

I have just been and had my car serviced, and I mean serviced. It is ready to go now, I hope.

Love
Father

29. Thursday, 23 August 1962⁶²

St George, Utah
August 23, 1962

Dear Maxine Crosby

I am writing this letter to authorize you to handle my home in Panguitch. To rent it in your discretion and to collect any rent due.

If to you any renter is not satisfactory you are authorized to remove them him and secure one that is.

I have written a letter to Mrs. Maxine Green telling her that I am writing you this letter, and that you have full authority to rent my home and to collect the rent. And you are here by authorized to do any thing else that is justifiable and in reason.

I have been up at 3 o'clock this morning watering the garden. It looks rather good. We have three diferent crops of corn coming on. There are lots of carrots. Another row of string beans are coming. I am hoping for fall carrots [2] and beets. We already have parsnips. The tomatoes are abundant. Peppers to throw at the birds, but the birds don't want them. Neither does anybody else. So they are just there.

The grapes aren't abundant but we have some. The pomegranites look a little better than common. I believe there aren't so many but a better quality.

This morning I am not at [all] sure what we will do about going to Ogden, and Glensferry.

I believe both of us have a little better health than common.

Love to all
John S. Crosby

⁶² Letter in the possession of Maxine Crosby, Panguitch, Utah.

30. Sunday, 3 October 1964⁶³Arthurs boy is a girl.

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St George, Utah
October 3, 1964

Dear Ellis, Leila and Jeff,

I just got your letter. I feel that if I answer it right now I will get it done. If I put it off no telling what will happen. Probably nothing.

I notice or think I notice that my writing is not as good as it once was. My thumb and first two fingers are always a little bit numb. I have had to learn a new way to button my left shirt sleeve. I can get the right one all right.

We have spent two days seeing and listening to conference in Salt Lake City. If I am not mistaken the general authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later [sic.] day Saints are [2] really capable men. Their talks just thrills me. I believe I have never seen more capable men. When it comes to religion I have never seen any thing in their class.

To be sure they taught very little that I hadn't know about. And I know that they are chosen from the body of the Church. And I know, or think I know, that then they pass, there will be others among the rank and file who will take their place and do it just a[s] capably as they are.

A member of our temple presidency has just been called to preside over a mission in the South Pacific. He ~~lend~~ led us for a time in Jesus the Christ. He is thoroughly good. [3]

From what you say about Jeffrey's math, maybe if I were there I would have to take Algebra B and C over.

I was out to Panguitch last Sunday. I went out to be at Earle and Bulah's fare well. They are called on a mission. Their headquarters is Independence, Missouri.

Norman is to go to school in the Brigham Young University for three months before he goes. He is going to the Andean Mission. So they will give him three months intensive training in Spanish before he goes. I encouraged him to go. And have prospered to help some financially.

Maxine told me something about how you feel about the incident of Beaver and the horse racer. She said [4] Leila really cried and cried hard. I believe I can see why. I feel that you and Arthur were really close together in Utah County.

⁶³ Letter in the possession of Ellis Crosby, Los Gatos, California.

I have been out to Henrie's ranch in October a few times but I have never stayed there over night. Just too many there for me. And I guess I couldn't fit in as well as I could have done a few years before. I got along when we camped in the Little Valleys all right.

I very definitely do not want my family to pull apart. I have the group picture taken at mother's funeral that I show with a good deal of pride.

I want the picture that we had taken when mother was with us increased in number. [5] You boys were smaller then. Not men like you were in the photo to which I refer. But the photo I think of that I want in that picture . . . was there.

We can hear the proceedings of the Priesthood Meeting held in the Tabernacle tonight if we go to the Tabernacle here in St George. I believe I will try and go.

Louise has just been to Denver and up in Carlin Nevada. She also went up in Idaho to see after her place up there. She has a home and six acres of land in Glens Ferry.

She is feeling better than when she went. She was awfully tired last night. She was fed like every thing.

I will call close and post this

Love, John S. Crosby

Letters of Naomi Crosby to John S. Crosby, 1905-1907

31. Monday, 25 June 1905

Panguitch Utah
June 25, 1906
Mr John Crosby

My dear brother:- Well I dont know wheather I owe you letter are not. It dosent make a bit of difference I am going to write any way. I'll tell you I think of you real often and am glad I have a big brother to think and talk about. I went to Salt Lake for June conference it was the 8-9-10 I'll tell you I had a fine time but would have enjoyed it better if I had been going to meet you their. Well John what do you think went off while we were at the city Well sir Johney & Mary were married Just think of it [2] they got their a little late but that made no difference she wasent going to get left again. And so she stayed until he could go, as soon as they got home he went out to the heard, "thats the way I wont my man to do".

Joe Steel & Maud Peterson was married the 12 of June I think that is the date but am not shore I wasent here at the time are else I would know.

Dr. Brumba send his kind regards. Charles Stoney is at our house now I like to talk with a man that has got an education only he is a little girl struck but then he has seen lots of the world and knows quite abit about it. I gess you heard about aunt Lena Dicksons death it is sad [3] but could have been worse. Edith is older that I am but then she is young and likes to have a big time I think she will do fairly well with them tho. Edith and I are no more alike—than if we were relation at all she is prittie and likes to dress and be stilish and I am ugly and cornie but in the long run I believe I will turn out the best for I am going to put my money & time in getting an education. Bud Olphon & family have moved back. they say that Clark man that married sister davises daughter is going to move back also I am over in the store are I dont expect I would be waiting. [4] I gess I will go down to veators for the forth they are going to have a big time down their I believe a better time than we will have here. I would like to go to the lake for the twenth fourth dont expect I will get to go tho well John take good care of you self so when you come home you will be the same old kid. I just cant write to save my life I scarcley

ever write only when I write to you. I dont know as I have told you any thing that is new to you as you get letters from so many. Well good by may the lard bless you I am. as ever your loving old sister

Naomi.

32. Tuesday, 17 July 1906

Panguitch Utah
July 17, 1906

My dear brother John:-

We have been thinking of you all the time & I have been wondering why you didnt answer my letter I wriote to you soon after I came from Salt Lake. And can't under stand why you dont answer. Well dear brother I wouldlike to have you home with us so well but I gess I will half to get along for over a year that seems a long old time but I gess we will know how to aprecate you when you do come. O, it seems odd not to have any of you boys home but Stephen. Edd is so much better to [2] me than he used to be. He take[s] me to the dances and dances with me & mak[es] me aquanted with all the strngers it seems as tho you have got to have some one stort you out & then you can have agood tine. We are looking for Edd home either to night are to morrow night.

A week ago friday Sherman Cameron⁶⁴ went down to the form to turn the water & was struck with lightning and killed. His parent[s] were gone. And no one here but Sadie. She got woried and tried to get booth Uncle dave & Ben to go & see what was the matter but they said he was just staying with Scott Worthin which he had been [3] usted to doing, he laid there all that night all day Saturday and until Sunday about 10 aclock at night. He was in the born. He hadent turned his water yet people think when it strated to rain he went in the born to wait until it got over raning while theer got killed. His horse stood right by him they dont think it made a move. some folks think it was stunned. Annie May Lee Haycock, Little Tom Haycocks wife also died Sunday so they had their funal togeather Tuesday the 10 of July that was as sad a birthday as I ever had.⁶⁵ O, one of the sadest things ever hapened [4] Sunday the 15. Julia hancock, Tom's wife, fell down the well was down about 15 are 20 minutes before they knew any thing about it. The worked with her for over an hour but she was gone before they found her. He was out dich working. She left five children the oldest 12 years the youngest 8 months. O the

⁶⁴ See letter 11, Hannah Adelia Crosby to John S. Crosby (4 August 1906).

⁶⁵ Naomi turned 16 on 10 July 1906.

baby is a little thing. Miss Roy & Effie Sargent are married. They had their respitan [reception] and dance 10 of July the day Sherman & Annie were burried. I thought that didnt show any to much respect. They were married in the Cathlic Church I thought that seemed fony.

Hattie is over here with us [5]. Now she goes with Robert Daily. I wonder what Edd with think when he gets home. Their is going to be a theator to night their was one last night it as just fine. It is the Parwon [Parowan] trupe. I will send you a bill.

Pearl Adams has been asking about you she said she would like very much to see you. Rubey Hatch & Rattle Snake Bill Talbert is going to get married to morrow the 18. Emily Steel is helping us now. O, dear I would like to go to the Lake for the twenty forthe 24 but dont think I can. I have just been talking to Rowells camp boss. He said Rowell was going to by [6] him a horse of Joe Davis in stead of going to school. He has all ready got him one horse his boss said he paid 25.00 for.

I do hope he will go to school for he ought to have an education.⁶⁶

Gess the news. Their is a new mass maid [match made] in town gess who it was Uncle John Houston & Lissie Worthen.

I think they are an all right couple. Well graces I gess you are geting tired of such a lot of noncinse so gess I had better close hoping to here from you soon & often I remain. As ever your loving old sister

Naomi

33. Tuesday, 11 September 1906

Panguitch Utah Sept 11, 1906

Elder John S. Crosby

My dear brother John:-

Aunt Emmy said for me to write & tell you ma was very, sick and not to be surprised if you here worse news all tho I can't geel like she was going to leave us I have fasted & prayed & I feel as tho the lord would answer my prares I must close as I must write to Elida we will try & keep you posted

Well good by write as we are anxous to here from you from your loving old sister Naomi

⁶⁶ Naomi may be reflecting her mother's views here. Hannah did go up to Rowell's camp on the 24th. Ed and Beulah went with her. In her letter to John, Hannah makes no mention of Rowell buying a horse, but she does remark about his need for further schooling. See letter 11, Hannah Adelia Crosby to John S. Crosby (4 August 1906).

P. S. The Doctor has just been in and he is quite Alormend.

12th

Dear Nephew John S

The Dr has just been in & feels encouraged told your mother if she deserest it with all her heart she should live: While she is very low & has wanted to go: at times: do exercise all the faith you can. I feel she cannot be spared yet a while with you

Aunt E Steele

34. November [1906]

Panguitch, Utah
Nov⁶⁷

Elder John S. Crosby

My dear brother:- I gess you think I am never going to answer your letter which I recieved some time ago but I am going to school and ever spare minute I get I try to put in with my books. O, I feel so discouraged as starting in so late I am so much behind and it dont seem like I will ever catch up with my class. I am going to work hard if it is possible to do so. I am going to Mr. Reese his home is in Salt Lake he seems to be very bright [2] and so for I like him real well. Uncle Jim Dickson is very sick with tiphoid fever but is a little better to day. Jim Saakespear has it also and is very low today the doctor is afraid he can not pull through we are talking of letting Rob Church take the hotel and us live in his place you know he lives in Jim Houstons house or wher he usted to live ma said she just had to get out of some of this work I was just wishing all of our family could spend xmas to geather but it dont look as tho we would Rowell [3] will be home to stay for a day or to before long he is going with his sheep down to dixie ma is just sick to go with him she said she knew she would never get well unless she went off away from this work Rowell sent in for a bible and Pratts books and that made ma feel good Jimmy Cameron that boy that came home from a mission not long ago is his camp boss good by from your loving sister

Naomi

⁶⁷ This letter is undated, except for the month. From the internal reference to Hannah's desire to sell the Crosby Hotel, it seems probable that this was 1906, and early in the month. See letter 13, Hannah Adelia Crosby to John S. Crosby (18 November 1906).

35. Saturday, 29 December 1906

Panguitch Dec 29. 1906.

Mr John S. Crosby

Dear brother John:-

We havent heard from you for some time. I sent you a hankchief and Bulah a tie hope you got them all right. It has been quite a dull Xmas for me Joe & Maud Steel Emily and Alvin Jenson were up here for xmas. We were invited up to Aunt Emmas for Xmas dinner but none of us went w ma was in the store all day. Marion and Jessie Crosby⁶⁸ are here we have invited them up to see us but they havent come yet and I am not much inspicing them either as they have been up to Provo going to school and they are as bigity as people get asspecilly Jessie. Marion goes with Dee Tibs and Jet with Dea Barney you know she has been off to school too. Press Pase is also here he came with Milton Sevey. Cousion Mahonry Steel is also here. Phibie Evans is also here she has brought her fellow with her you know she has been teaching school in [2] Kimberly. We danced in our new brick hall⁶⁹ Xmas eve on the first floor they would have got their good floor down but it just come the day after Xmas Ill tell you it is going to be a swell hall when it gets done. You know we have rented the hotel to Robe & Lottie Church and we are living way up in the old Jim Houston place. Well John what kind of a Xmas did you have hope you had a good time we would have liked to had you here with us but when we think that you will be here next Xmas we try to stand it. I gess you heard about Minnie Savages & Earnest Syretts Marriage I recived a letter from Elida thanking me for the present which I sent her. I see Ead and Mary Ann Owens are flying around I think she is a nice girl.⁷⁰ well I can't think of anything more to write about so gess I had better close hoping to here from you soon I am as ever your loving sister

Naomi

⁶⁸ Marion Beatie Crosby (born 1886) and Jesse Crosby (1888-1952) were the two youngest children of Jesse Wentworth Crosby, Jr. and his first wife, Sarah Pauline Clark.

⁶⁹ The Social Hall was built to replace the old Mascot Hall which had become to small for dances and parties. Golden Nuggets of Pioneer Days: A History of Garfield County (n.p.: Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, 1949), 196.

⁷⁰ It would appear that John's younger brother Edward dated John's future wife for a time in 1906. Naomi's comment would seem to imply that they had dated more than once.

36. Wednesday, 27 March [1907]Panguitch March 27⁷¹

Dear brother John:-

I gess you think we are forgetting you, but were not but you no I go to school and it keeps me prittie buisy it is now Eleven oclock and I ought to be in bed. I have been working hard in school this winter And Mr Reese has done nothing but groul at the B class all the time and I am such a dull Snead it meaks me feel bad, but crying and feeling bad dont help it out any we are in Percentage in Arithmetic and O, my it is hard for me and if we ask him to explain it at recess he will say wait until your class & when we ask [2] again, well before he gets to our class which is once in two are three days he has got rilled up prittie good & if we dont understand right eaisy which I hardly ever do we hire a few words from Mr Reese School will be out in too more weeks I hate to see it close but I would like to trade Mr. Reese for an other teacher. Ma is going to Salt Lake for conference O, I do wish she could to on and see Elida but she said she couldnt afford it. Rilla Le Fever has the Spinall man Gutis took sick night before last at two oclock the first thing they saw she was nocking her head against the wall she hasent known any [3] thing until this afternoon. They have the Yellow flag up so it wouldn't spread. Well I am so tired and sleepy I will half to close write soon & often good night

N. C.

37. Wednesday, 10 April 1907

Panguitch April 10,'7

Mr. John Crosby

Dear brother:- I don't think you answered my last letter but I am going to write as I am afraid you will get blue if some of us dont write. Ma went to conference and some of the folks have come back but as for as we can learn ma has gone to see Elida I hope she goes and yet I can't hardily stand it I am so home sick to see her & O, so lonesome with out Bulah. Their was a train Reck at manti the freight train ran in the f pashinor cor so [2] Uncle Mohonery phoned & said he was on it from what Fern just said, but no one was heart bad. Lois Tibs little girl Allie was run over with a horse yesterday but was not heart very bad.

⁷¹ Naomi records an incomplete date on this letter. Based on internal evidence involving school with Mr. Reese and Adelia's trip to General Conference, the probable year is 1907.

I gess you have heard about Merry Marshall's little boy ~~Pre~~ Parley dieing. It seems like every body that gets sick now days dies. Young David Cameron got home to night. I'll tell you it will seem nice to have our missionary boy home again. Rowell is camping [3] in the field plowing Stephen has been with him but is home to night.

I can't find any ink but I thought I wouldnt let that keep me from writting. Do you get the Progress? We got your letter after ma left but we were anxious to here from you so we red it or at least me. Emily Steel Jenson is clearking in the store & school has stopped now so I am doing the work for the boys. you know I am just learning how to cook. I was invited to a party but am to offel tired to go to [4] parties. Well I must close just thought I would let you know we were well & happy good night take good care of your self.

write soon your lovy sister

Naomi

38. Thursday, 18 April 1907

Panguitch April 18, 1907

Elder John S. Crosby

Dear brother:- I recieved your letter a day or so ago and was very glad to get it. Ma got back from the City a week ago to night at 12 aclock and was in bed all day Friday ma got a letter from Elida to day they are well but sorry ma couldn't go to see them. I met Uncle John Houston in the office he wonted to know If we was going to write to you if so he would like us to send this money as I had started I thought I would do it for him he said he would send you \$25.00 twenty Five dollars and when that was gone you could tell him & he would send you more [2] well my butt ache so bad I will half to quit as I dont know what I am doing write soon & often to your loving old sister

Naomi

hope you git this money all right

39. Monday, 29 April 1907

Panguitch April 29, 1907

Dear brother:-

Mas letter was returned and she has been waiting for an answer. we have bought Abe Churches farm and they have all moved but men and I am in the store and will stay for a while Carter ~~was~~ didnt want to pay enough so ma sold the home for land Ma says we are land poor well did you get that money I sent for uncle John Houston I must close as I am breezing and must make a fire good by write soon.

Naomi

40. Saturday, 6 July 1907

Panguitch July 6, 1907

Mr John S. Crosby

Dear brother:- It is so fearfull hot I can do much else but write I believe it is too hot to last long. I got a letter from Jonnie Aunt Maud's girl she wants me to send your address to her I gess she wants to write to you. We had quite a good time on the 4 of July but I didnt want to spend the fourth in Panguitch. Lena Ipson was Godast Edith Dickison Columba Maggie Davis Utah James Hatch & Effie Sargent clowns the dance at night was [2] good only everyone was so tired. Henrie Excell has got home he is just the same old Henrie and is glad to get back to Panguitch. sister Excell is better but Minnie Excell Syrett is sick again I think she is a little better today. Nora Page is very very low with typhoid Doctor has given her up she has finished the Cedar school and intends to go to Salt Lake if she gets well. Brother Page forgot all about being so poor when he went to get the doctor he said he didn't care what it cost he would pay if the doctor could and would come. There is going to [3] be a Indian show to night I dont know wheather it will be in the hall or meeting hous the Indians which will play are- Loa Indians they say they did all right in Richfield I think I will go If I can. Aunt Emma said to give you her love & tell you she was always glad to hear from you. I gess you know Allen Cameron & Von Clark were married Joe Clarks girl I gess you rember her so you see their is to Camerons married in side of three months They are starting to work on the new County & City building. Rowell is gitting a great deal like his brother [4] John he puts us all in mind of you A sweet kid is hard to find if he would just quit tabacco. well I must stop and write to Jonnie. come and less go to the show tonight write soon and often to your loving old sister

Naomi

41. Tuesday, 12 August 1913

Salt Lake City
Aug. 12. '13

Mr. John S. Crosby.

Dear brother & sister:- Received Your letter all Ok. was very glad to here from you. Think while the Fever of Marriag has struck the town, think I had better go home, Ha! Ha! dont you think so.? I have been in the office for a few nights, tending Telephone runing errands & etc. but am on Division F tonight which I am glad of don't like running errands very well any way. and then I am one of the oldest girls on the floor. Just think not long until I am charge of the div. I realy dread it.

I come third in my class we are classed according to the time we have been here. Fourteen months for me, I will be glad when it is only 14 more days.

We have a lady this is from Mexico on the floor she knows all of our folks grandma included her name is Mrs. Nagles. was operated on for (Hemeroids of Piles) is doing fine, said she had a time before she got here. [2]

I dreamp of home all day.

Thought Mother had supper ready and there was mince meat pie, saucage, roasted chicken & etc. I was so disapointed on awaking and nothing doing, and so hungry.

Mary wish home wasen't quite so far away so I could come home & stay with you.

I hope I get a letter from Mother havent had but one since I came back over two weeks.

I would shore like to take a run in for Breafkast.

After breafkast this morning we all went up City Creek Canyon for a walk, it was grand so meny flowers, the birds singing brook humming its tune did injoy it so much. Come try it with us!

Gess you folks are sleeping and here I am visiting with you.

There is such an interesting Patient on the floor a young man 23. he bumped his head causing lack of memory, taste, smell & etc. He was to be married some time the last of the month, can't even remember that, his poor girl is about sick over it, she phones or Thegrams nearly [3] every day. Arent we having hot weather, it is quite hard to sleep in the day, seems it gets so close.

Uncle M.M. took Hattie Barrouclough and I out when he was here I so injoy him & his company so much, and he never goes back on me.

Mary you get a credit mark for both those letters, remindes that much is due you.

Now I didnt know about Sadie Gould & etc. I don't get much news sister Davis told me quite a few things I didn't know.

How I should like to se Silas, also Evan & _____ Give them a good Kiss for me. John I have nursed several of your friends are at least there children, they all ask about you.

Aunt Mauds Georgie, is still at Arties. she is such a sweet girl always so jolly Artie says "She is so much like aut Maud."

Lyle has come back from his N.Y. trip isent feeling at all good gess sporting doesnt agree with him. Larince Snow & Wife are doing fine. Josephine⁷² is still [4] here with them.

Artie & Baby well and happy.

Gess I had better stop as it is nearly time to start on my treatment again. By By do write when you can to your ever

Sister

Naomi

S.L.C.

Nurse's Home LDS.

Aug 14 This letter hasen't gone yet but will leave tomorrow I hope. I received a letter from mother today was shore glad to get it. How good those letters do make one feel.

It is now 10¹³ my patients are quite for a minute. I hope. i have the dearist old lady (Mrs McEwen) a christenscientis she had a growth taken out of her face, She has several boys they are mormons and she says good ones but every body has there beliefs. I only have six Pt tonight but to good to last Long.

Hello there is the ambulance I see my finish I do hope not a fracture case. Will half to stay and get busy. Good By.

Love to all. Naomi

⁷² Josephine Snow (1883-1959) was the second daughter of Erastus Beaman Snow and Elida Ann Crosby Snow, and the older sister of Lawrence Crosby Snow.

Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1906-1945

42. Wednesday, 26 September 1906 Elida Crosby Haycock to John S. Crosby

Burley Sept 26, 1906

Mr. John S. Crosby
Charleston W. V.

My Dear Brother:

It has been a long time since I heard from you and do not remember whether I answered it or not.

I suppose you have heard of Mother being so very sick. I have wanted ever so much to go home but could not do so.

George⁷³ is working on the ditch across the river they will have the water there next Summer and we expect it the next year (or 1908.)

The children are going to School they walk, it is all of three miles they [2] have to leave a little before light and are a little late most every day. Bill's children go too. Amy has a big fine baby boy, he's a dandy.

I hope you are doing all right and enjoying your labors, you have been gone about a year have you not?⁷⁴

George comes home once a week usually Saturday night.

Bill is working at the same camp as George. Jesse is at Elba about thirty mi. from here.

We have raised a few tomatoes & mush melons by watering them from the well.

I have just read a letter from Aunt Ella she is also very anxious about Mother.

Oct. 5 I have had a letter from Noma⁷⁵ and one from Grandmother Haycock. Mother is slowly improving, but very weak yet [3] and, I fancy, she is terribly

⁷³ George Albert Haycock married Elida Emily Crosby on 4 July 1894 in Panguitch, Utah. They had since moved to Burley, Idaho to establish a new farm.

⁷⁴ John left Salt Lake City on 11 October 1905 for New York City.

⁷⁵ Naomi Crosby. See: Naomi Crosby to John S. Crosby, 11 September 1906 [page 197]. Clearly the family was more concerned about Adelia's health in the fall of 1906 than she was willing to confide in her missionary son.

discouraged she ought to do nothing for a few years but travel around and make her life pleasant then she could live a good while as the care she has now for a while will control her life whether it be long or short.

I want Mother to come up and spend part of the Winter with me and I want you to encourage her all you can.

We are all quite well and would be happy if we could see our Mother, Brothers & Sisters once in a while.

This is going to be a fine Country when it get some water at Twin Falls; where McSwen's are, they raise lots of water & mush melons [. . .] and the like.

The wind blows so very hard [4]

Wednesday last they had to quit work on the ditch so George came home. We have quite a lot of wind and getting to hard to [. . .] it is a light [. . .]

Bill is at home for a while to fix up for Winter and then he will go back again.

Well John [. . .] you and hoping [. . .] be successful and happy.

Write to Mother and advise her all you can and I will do the same. Write when convenient

Your Sister

Elida C. Haycock

43. Friday, 5 October 1906

Laurence C. Snow to John S. Crosby⁷⁶

Brooklyn N. Y.

Oct. 5, 1906

Elder J. S. Crosby:

Dear Cousin:- It has been about two months since I received your letter, so, probably by this time, you have arrived at the conclusion that I was not going to answer it; but I am. Me, my companion and I, have just got home for streetmeeting so will steal a little time To-night we had one of the best meetings that I have ever attended on the street. Had a good crowd and they stayed all the time [2] My second companion was just transfered to Philadelphia about a couple of weeks ago, so that left me alone. About a week ago I received a new one. A boy from Salt Lake City. He is a mighty nice young man and a good singer and speaker. To-night he gave one of the best talks I have ever heard. If I was as good a speaker as he and as bright I would be very thankful. It seems as though I never will be able to speak.

⁷⁶ Laurence Snow was the son of Erastus Beman Snow and Elida Crosby. Elida was Sam's younger sister, making John and Laurence first cousins. They were both serving in the Eastern States Mission in 1906 and 1907.

I guess I was not made for a preacher an away. Street-meetings are fine development, though it does not seem that I am making any progress whatsoever. [3]

I tell you John, one of the hardest and most difficult things for me is to become humble, prayerful and submissive. There is too much enjoyment here, it seems, for me to settle down to good honest hard work. I feel that good solid country work where I could meet with the real obstacles would be a fine thing for me. I am not, however dissatisfied; but am enjoying myself immensely. It is my purpose to try and do the best that I can under the circumstances [4] I feel though that as I have stated it would be better for me in the country.

Pres. Jacobs has just been released. Bro. Walton has been made President. Everything seems to be going on alright around here.

One Elder, I forgot his name, from down there told me hello for you. Told me also that you had been made Pres. of the Conference. Except accept my congratulations? It is fine experience. That is a position that I do not much desire. If I can work as an Elder and do my duty and all that I can I will go home satisfied. [5]

It would be very nice, as you have suggested if we could, at the time you are released, go up to Mass and visit with our relatives. We want to make the best impression possible, so suppose that that is the best time. I do not know where I may be at that so probably I had better go the first good chance I get. They have written to me once or twice, and their letters seem very nice. I am glad that you did not come when I wrote you for I could not have gone [6] on account of ill health, though am alright now, as well and strong as I have ever been in my life.

Some of my relatives (the Snows) from Salt Lake City have been visiting in New York for the past two weeks, so have had a nice time. Went to several Theaters and excursions to different places. Last Sunday went to West Point which place is about forty miles up the Hudson through one of the most picturesque countries imaginable. We have, to tell the truth, too many places of pleasure and amusement to go to [7] that our minds are not centered upon our work like they should do. I can not control myself in that regard.

How are all your folks at home? Your mother Edward and all. I never get a letter only once in about two or three weeks, from home. So I do not know all about our affairs. Artie & Leo are still in Salt Lake. He is going to the U. of U. again. Josephine is there on a visit. All seems to be well at home. Isa and ma seems to be enjoying pretty good health now [8] from what I hear.

We are having some of the most delightful weather here now. Our streetmeeting season will soon be over.

I expect your fall Conference will come of right away. Ours come somewhere in the fore part of next month.

Well, it is getting late so had better close. Good by for this time. Wishing you the blessings of the Lord. I remain

Your Cousin

Laurence C. Snow
717 Prospect Pl
Brooklyn N.Y.

44. Wednesday, 12 December 1906
John A. Chidester to John S. Crosby

Panguitch
Utah
Dec. 12, 1906

Elder John Crosby

Dear Bro:-

It is with a degree of pleasure that I take the pleasure in & through the Missionary Society of Panguitch in Presenting to you and all Missionaries from this ward a xmas Present of \$5^{00/100} And we wish you a Merry Xmas & a happy new Year

Very Truly Yours
President John A. Chidester
of
Missionary Society

45. Sunday, 3 March 1907
Emily Bunker to William and Loella Cameron⁷⁷

Morales

March 3^d 1907

My Dear Children William and Loella. I have several letters to write but must scratch you a few lines this leaves me well I think of you so often but when will we meet I dont think I shall come up there this summer do not know what I shall do I am here alone have a girl to stay with me nights but am comfortable had a letter from George last week he said they [2] is well do not what he is going to do Emily

⁷⁷ Charilla Lowella Bunker Cameron was the youngest daughter of Edward and Emily Abbott Bunker.

& Eager have a Daughter 12 days old she is not very well your Aunt Phebe Abott is quite poor give my love to Rhoda and Martha and the little tots not forgetting your own dear selves from your loving Mother write often hope we will have a good mail soon

Emily Bunker

46. Monday, 11 March 1907
Laurence C. Snow to John S. Crosby

Brooklyn New York
 March 11, 1907

Elder John S. Crosby.

Charleston, West Va.

Dear Cousin; You stated in your letter that you answered promptly to save forgetting. Now if I had done that it would have saved me too; but as I did not, will have to ask your pardon. It has been very near five months since I received your letter. It does not seem possible, but the date as I have it before me is Oct. 9. You know how it is when you start to put off a thing until tomorrow. Tomorrow is usually a long time coming. I had not entirely forgotten you.⁷⁸

Your debate must have been interesting. That kind of experience [2] is good, and believe that I would like it, thought possibly if I had it to confront it would be of a different color. We don't very often get right good conversations or arguments. About all we can get to do is to leave a tract and that not an more often than we would like.

John P. Mealsin lectured here for us on the 17th of last month. "Utah and the Mormons" being his subject. We had a fairly good audience, most of whom though were our friends.

It is almost impossible for us to hold cottage meetings. It seems that none of our friends are in a position to open their homes to us. About three months ago Pres. McQuarrie gave us the permission to hold Hall meetings so now we have a nice meeting every Sunday night. We have quite a number investigating the Gospel. There is not the intrest manafest by those who are members [3] that I would like to see. i have a good many friends so many that it takes nearly all my time visiting. It is hard to tell how interested they are. I am usually invited back.

⁷⁸ Laurence had previously written John on 5 October 1906. Laurence implies here that John responded just a few days later and no additional correspondence has taken place during the intervening time.

Yesterday Pres. McQuarrie spoke his subject being "The Latter Day Saints vies of Church and State." The topic is one of interest at present. It being closely associated with the celebrated Smoot Case. Say, that is once that popular opinion and public clamor has been defeated. I am thankful it turned out as it did. Last night Prof. J. E. Hickman of the B.Y.U. spoke here in Brooklyn on "The internal evidences of the Divinity of the Book of Mormon." We have a course of lectures outlined. I spoke in Newark, New Jersey last night "Religion and Superstition [4] defined, compared and discussed." When it was first given me I thought it very green; but after giving it a little thought liked it well. It is a subject of great importants.

Last Friday night our regular Mutual time was taken up by Bro. Cummings, Superintendent of Church Schools. it is a rare opportunity to have such assistence.

A short time ago received a letter from mass. Grandma's folks want us to call on them. They write some nice letters. Every one at home seems to be alright. Everyone here of our people is well. it snowed all day yesterday; but to-day is just like spring. This winter has been quite sloppy.

We are going to a social to-night given by some of our friends, possibly a dance afterwards.

The work is extremely interesting at present. God bless you and companion

Your cousin

L. C. Snow

P.S. Have given up batching and are now boarding. It is much better for us and the work. I am now at 63 Ralph Ave.⁷⁹

47. Sunday, 14 April 1907

Elida Crosby Haycock to Hannah Adelia Bunker Crosby

Burley, Idaho, April 14, 1907

Mrs. H. A. Crosby

Panguitch, Utah

My Dear Mother, Bros & Sisters.

George has been home and gone back to work and I thought I must write a few lines to some of you.

We are all O.K. only disappointed that we failed to see Mother last week we fancied she was coming.

Our grain looks fine and radishes lettuce etc are up. Monday morning.

⁷⁹ The postscript appears at the top of page 3, not the bottom of page 4.

harry is going to town and I am going to wash but will try and write a few lines to send it out today.

I walked over to Amy's yesterday they are all better than they have been Lorin's head is almost well but he has had a close call. Mahonri (the baby) has a very bad sore yet, from the burn, and is cutting teeth so she still has her hands full.

We are having a lot of rain all the [2] time. We read a nice letter from M. M. Steele jr. written to Bill & Amy he can sympathise with us some as he is amongst strangers all the time.

In less than a Mo it will be Four Years since we left home and I have never seen any of my own relatives. Amy has it better as she sees Liza occasionally and had a long visit with Jane. George & Bill have had their bros. and I feel like I am entirely forgotten, seldom get a letter even.

I have not been able to find out whether you went to Conference or not. Judds have not come yet.

The Pace boys with drew the Contest so we are sure of good neighbors on one side of us. Mahonri said in his letter this would be \$200.00 land ten years from now. We are putting up with a lot of hardships and would not do it if we were not looking for something in the future. [3] We want to have a school here next Winter that will make it some better.

I have not seen or heard any thing of the folks at Elba for a long time. I will enclose some letters Aunt Ella sent. I am try to get my carpet rags sewed and wish I knew how to color with cheese coloring have forgotten how you said. I have a nice stash of pieplant most ready to eat. We also have 52 young chicks that means fried chicken after a while. Eggs are only .15c a doz. the cheapest I have known them in Idaho.

We all hope you are getting stronger Ma, and do just as little as you can.

We are also glad to know Rowell is at home intended this letter to be to him but I was thinking of Ma so it must be for all hands.

Best regards to Aunt Emily & family [4] Lois & family and your own dear selves. Write when convenient

Your Daughter & Sister
Elida Haycock

48. Tuesday, 7 May 1907

Elida Crosby Snow to Hannah Adelia Bunker Crosby⁸⁰

St. George, Utah, May 1 1907

Dear Sister

I got your letter this A M & I cant recall whether I wrote you of Grandma's death or not. I know I wrote to Maud I have had as much to worry me of late I hardly know what I am doing. Grandma died last Thursday May 2 & was buried on the 3rd the tabernacle was nicely decorated with flowers & the speakers were Bro Cannon Bro Bleak & D H Morris. Mrs Pike sang a beautiful piece "Fact to Face" it was so lovely. Her clothes were all ready except a dress sister Brooks Sister Black (Arthur's Mother) & I made her a beautiful silk dress & she looked so peaceful & nice, as tho she was indeed [2] at rest. Her heart was weak the Dr has been giving her heart medicine all winter. She was taken with a chill & a sore throat & other things like so [?] & her heart was very much affected & she got weaker each day. tho she would say "I am better" "My arm feels better to day." her right arm swelled in the elbow & caused her much pain & the pain went right accross her brest to her heart. she could not take any thing to eat: she would take a spoonful of milk or gruel & say that is enough. She never complained or said a word about dying. she did not seem to suffer much & when she went it was just like going to sleep. even her hands didnt move. I think she might have lived to be ninty if she had not work so much she must be busy all the time & this winter she has tended baby lots because she could not see him fret & you know Aunt Lean has two babies. We did all we could for her if I was gone she would ask for me. the last day I went by to see the Dr about the opperation & she wanted me and they sent for me & in about two hours she passed away. She was so helpful altho she was so old & weak I feel that i am left to live my own now as they say. The speakers all said we can say nothing but good of Sister Crosby but they did not tell half the good.

The boy is doing nicely. The feed him through a tube until they can dilate his throat. Love to all

Elida

⁸⁰ Letter was written on the letterhead of the E. B. Snow Furniture Co., St. George, Utah.

49. Monday, 17 June 1907

Emily Bunker to Emily Steele and Adelia Crosby⁸¹

Morales

June 17th 1907

My Dear Daughters and all

Emily and Adelia

This leaves me quite well this morning but wondering why you do not write I imagin you are all dead or dying we have had a cold May but it is warm enough now the people are about done harvesting crops pretty good I am expecting George up home the last of this month do not know what he is going to do yet Orson has got home from his long [2] trip he has been gone about two months says he traveled about 10 thousand miles and says he did not see any country much better than this your Aunt Phebe wants to go to Ogden wants to be there when they put up the Monument to Br Browns grave on his birth day which is the 30 of September I will be 80 years old and as able to travel as I ever was Orson wants me to go I told him if Eddy would come down and go with us I would go and see all of our folks and come back in the fall if the Lord will [3] So I do not know but I may see you this summer And there is so many changes we do not know what mite happen I dare not make any calculations one day ahead our folks here are all well most of the men are off freighting well I will have to close for this time if I could see you I could say a great many things And cant put every thing on people give my Love to all of the folks cant name them all do write often from your loving Mother

Emily Bunker

[4]

June 20

yours of the 10 received yesterday we have had two bad winds lately I guess it is the tail end of a tornado I expect George in soon I think he will stay here this summer can tell later Orson is going to move his family to Stubban love to all

Mother

⁸¹ Emily Bunker Steele was the daughter of Emily Abbott Bunker and older sister of Hannah Adelia Bunker Crosby.

50. Thursday, 29 August 1907
Joseph W. Gibbons to John S. Crosby

You had better write to the news the papers has'ent come yet.

Central City W. V.
 Aug. 29th 1907.

Prest. John S. Crosby & Pierce:-

I have just received your letter, and take pleasure in answering it. I was pleased to hear of your getting a chance to tell some of the people what mormons believe in.

Bro. Rasmussen has been gaining strength every day, but the rheumatism or neuralgic pains as the Dr. calls it gives him considerable trouble, and keeps him from getting very much rest. Elder Wallace has'ent got back yet. There is a card here from Elder Roundy telling [2] him to meet him tomorrow so if he comes today I will be alone again soon as I would not like to try to get him to stay so I could go home, as I am not sure to a day or two just when I will go. And if things can be arranged and the Dr thinks Bro. Rasmussen could travel in a few days, I and he should get his release I would wait a few days on him. so if you get here as soon as you get what things you think are necessary for you to attend to attended to I will wait till you come. Prest McQuarrie said he would like me to meet a lady at Huntington and it may be that [3] she will not be able to lay over and I will have to govern my self accordingly, as I have written to him and told him I would do what I could for her.

My release has come.

Elder Rasmussen would like to pay a nother \$25.⁰⁰ to the Dr. Friday or Saturday and I havent the money as some of the Elders has sent in for money to be sent out to morrow which will take most of what I have left.

My account is about \$43.32 and I think I had better wait till you come in for the money. I will wait [4] Monday any way if you dont get here before.

Every thing is going all right, and I have written all the elders about the change in time of conference, but the ones whose mail goes out tomorrow. I will put your letters in a new envelope and send them to you they have been scribbled on so much they might go astray, and it may be there is some thing in some of them that needs attending to.

May the blessings of the Lord be with you and crown your efforts with success is the prayer of your Bro. in the cause of truth

Jos. F. Gibbons

51. Monday, 9 September 1907
John Houston to John S. Crosby⁸²

Panguitch, Utah, Sept 9 1907

Bro John S Crosby

Dear Brother

Your Mother wished me to send you some money. You will find inclosed \$25#
 If you are [?] you can Borrow a little money if not we can send more latter

I hope your health is good and that you are getting satisfaction in you labors

Best Wishes for your welfare times are good here and money is easy John
 Houston

52. October 1907
John Houston to John S. Crosby⁸³

Panguitch, Utah Oct 1907

Bro John S Crosby

Dear Brother

You will find inclosed post office order for \$50# I hope this will Reach in
 time before you leave for home

Things are going much as usual. The Weather has been very wet for a few
 days stopping the harvest work

You are no doubt a very happy man since Receiving your Release

Well good Luck

Respecfully

John Houston

⁸² Letter was written on the letterhead of the State Bank of Garfield.

⁸³ Letter was written on the letterhead of R. G. Clark's Shoe House.

53. Wednesday, 25 August 1926
Mina Wright Crosby to Mary Ann Owens Crosby

R.F.D. 1. Delta, Utah
 Aug 25, 1926

Dear Mary:-

I have written to you many times in my mind but not with the pen. The seed crop isn't very good ~~wh~~ on the place we have rented this year.

We only have twelve acres in on our own place & its just fine, burned to the ground.

I suppose Tom has been walking for a long time. Floyd has been walking alone for a week. It tickles him all over to think he can go. [2]

Steve sure wanted to go over and get you folks this summer but we were too poor. Money has been rather tight over this way all summer. Steve is going to work on our own place next week and put in twenty acres of winter wheat.

We got a letter from Grandma Crosby the other day & she said she was going to Idaho for a while. It doesn't look like she was coming to see us.

We have been making from two & half to three & half gallans of Ice Cream every Sunday for the last two months [3] There has been from five to seven couple of us get together & we have had all we could eat every time. The ice will only last one or two more Sundays, then we will have ~~melle~~ melon busts. We haven't any melons but our neighbors have. Its fine to have a good standing with the neighbors isn't it?

Steve has a job finding sheep this winter for the fellows that own this farm we are on.

We see sister Shakesphere the other day. She was at ~~Ivys~~ Ivie's.

A bunch of kids run away [4] the other day. Four boys & four girls started out but two girls came back. The other two May Steals girl & Fred Gavens went on. They caught them in Milford and brought them back. They fined the boys and took Mays girl away from her & gave her to her grandma and grandpa Steal.

They took an ex-Ray of the girls & found out the Gavens girl had not been straight for some time.

It has been a month or more since we were at Ray's & they were all fine. They sure have a nice baby. Steve thinks [5] Ray's crop is good this year.

I have been making Floyd some little suits. I have three made & one more to make. He sure looks cute in them. We got Bulahs cheese O.K. & also letter but never written to tell her about it. I suppose she thinks we are ~~grate~~ great ones. All three of the cheese were certainly fine. Tell her I'm going to write her one of these days. I have been going to write to Rela all summer but haven't done it yet.

Dont ~~take~~ wait so long as I have to you Love Mina

[6]

Dear John Mary and the Boys

Mina has written all the gossip so I will se say hello to you and the Boys would like very much to see you. Silas have you ever seen that black coalt I told Earl to trade her for a cow if he found her if he hadn't and you can find her you can have her so tell Earl she is yours

better get Mamma and dadie to let you come over here and work for a month.

All so O.K. with us here

love to All Steve

54. Wednesday, 11 November 1931

William Thomas Owens, Sr. to Mary Ann Owens Crosby

Draper Nov — 11 — 31

Mrs John S. Crosby

Dear Daughter & Family —

A line to let you know we are all well. Trust all of you are enjoying good health. I have been in S L City - and I find Thomas D Madinson Furniture Store. At least I found were they should have been, but the Birds have flown. They have gone Bankrupt. i found them in another Part of the City — Said they could do nothing for you. They were sorry. The Furniture Store was sold at Auction - but they Said if went and tell the Man what I wanted. They might still have them on hand. So Delwin and I went back and told them the circumstances. They said we was welcome to the Boards [2] if they were there. There was some Table Boards still there but non of that Number. Now the Question is is the anything else I can do. The Cheese we got along with The Table Boards from C. W. Powell, but the Cheese is all gone, and the only fault is it weren large enough it was a fine Cheese. And it came in good play as Delwin & Family are here.

How did the Boys come out in Court? did they get anything?

Remember us to all the Families - and write and let me know what about the Boards

Love to all

From Father

W. T.

P. S.

I got a fine ok Print Bush in the Joseph Mountains.

55. Friday, 17 November 1939

John S. Crosby to Utah Farm Production Credit Association⁸⁴

Panguitch Utah
November 17, 1939

Utah Farm Production Credit Ass'n
504 Beneficial Life Bldg.
No 47 West So. Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:- I am enclosing check for \$239²⁵. The amount received for nine calves. Kindly give me credit.

My State and County Taxes are \$173.34. Since Mr Winder was down here my boy⁸⁵ who was working in the printing office lost his job. I wanted awfully bad to send him to college last fall but hardly had the money. He wants to take the winter quarter now and I want him to the wor[s]t kind, but he needs some money. It will take a hundred dollars for him. My Federal Land Bank of Berkeley payment of \$37.35 is due ~~the~~ December 1.

If you can let me have it I will need about \$325.⁰⁰ to take care of my immedate needs. I sincerely hope you will let me have that [2] much. If the chance presents its self I want to sell about six more cattle. I had an opportunity to sell some heifers the other day, but the buyer wanted to top them for 6 1/4 cents and I couldn't see the point. I hope to make another substantial remittance before I have to start to feed. I expect to ride and see what else I can locate to morrow.

Hoping for favorable consideration. I am

Yours very truly,
John S Crosby

P.S. I have one boy⁸⁶ going to college now. It is taking all the surplus to keep him going. And then we are not doing it too well. This is why I need to borrow some for this other boy. The boy at home is older than the one in college. I feel he must go now or never.

⁸⁴ Letter in the possession of Arthur Crosby, Panguitch, Utah. This appears to be the original which was apparently returned to John during the course of his correspondence with the association.

⁸⁵ Dee Crosby.

⁸⁶ Ellis Crosby.

56. Thursday, 22 November 1945
Arthur Crosby to John and Mary Crosby⁸⁷

Tokyo, Japan
 Nov. 22, 1945

Dear Folks;

Thanksgiving and what a day its turning out to be in this section of the world. It started to rain last night about 10:30 P.M. and its still going strong this morning. (Its now 10:03 A.M.) I don't have any idea as to what kind of dinner we will get today but I'm sure it will not be any thing like what I would get if only home with my feet under Mothers table. However, I'm of the opinion that it wont be to many more months be fore I can set down to Mothers table and enjoy a good meal. Boy that will be the day.

As for the news in this section of the world--we'll there just isn't any. The mail situation is the same as the news--there isn't any and hasn't been for some time now. All the mail that has come into this hotel the last three weeks I could hold in one hand with out any trouble at all. I don't know what the hold up is but the men are getting quite impatient and are going up the later ladder trying to find out what the big hold up is.

We are still working short handed in this so called communication center and from the way this so called officer talks we will have to run this way for awhile as yet. I'm of the opinion that he's looking for Captain and afraid to open his mouth for fear he won't get it.

If I remember right in a letter wrote armistice day I mentioned the rodeo and what the boys had to say about it--well it isn't over yet. The paper we get here every morning (Pacific Stars and Stripes) has a comment and query column. Ill enclose a couple of articles out of todays. The boys - enlisted men - have been putting in a few good words as to what they think of officers and every once and a while some officers helps them out alittle, which is the case in todays. Well I have run down so will sign off.

Your loving son

Arthur

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P.S.

I still say better late than never. One of these days some thing will happen & I'll set down and write more than one page.

⁸⁷ First page is typed all in upper case and double-spaced. I have changed the text by using upper and lower case letters, but I have not altered spelling or typographical errors. The postscript on page two was hand written.

How is everything going at home?

By the way some time ago I mentioned sending home a Jap rifle, well as yet I haven't sent it, but hope to get around to it in the near future. You sure don't do today what you can put off until tomorrow.