Dear Sister Lizzie:

Your letter received.

I am sure I don't know whether you ever 
see a letter or not for it has been so 
long since either of us wrote that my 
memory fails to go back. But as Betty 
Hammond used to say in the Shaw 
School house: "It seems as the weather 
that you did or some one else did and I will 
not testify to it. The fact is that I am 
evry careless about writing letters.

Whether I am getting lazier than common 
I do not know but the fact remains 
that I fail to write when ought to.

But what is there to write about? 
The papers give all the news and 
nothing left but gossip and that 
is an abomination. I do just hear 
anything from any one but you 
and once in a great while
Many of them hardly ever write. And I am on the treadmill which revolves in the same direction all the time. We are drifting along down the stream of time as usual with nothing but the prospect ahead to interest us. Johnny has been attending a Business College in Chicago this summer and studying Book Keeping, Short Hand, and Typing. He has got his diploma in Book Keeping and is doing first rate on the others. He is almost beating the record for rapid advancement. He learns very quick and has a good memory. Perhaps he will be able to strike a job in Chicago when he gets through which will be about the middle of September. Bertha wants to go to school somewhere this fall. But
don't know if we shall be able to send her.
I don't bother myself much about politics or religious laws. They can say what they please but the prohibitory law is a failure in this state. But let them have their own way.

Your World's Fair seems to be in a muddle. And it would not surprise me to see it fizzle out once about think I should be sorry either.

Well my capabilities are about exhausted once so good by.

All send love,

Yours affectionately,

John E. Longley
E. P. LOVEJOY,

DEALER IN

General Merchandise and Produce,

Waluska, Nevada, March 4, 1870

My dear uncle for so I shall call you without any apology
of mine on the 12th of this month. I will
be fifty-four years old. Since early
childhood I have led a life of constant
travel through various situations
and startling adventures. Here phrenologists
and the extremes of wealth and privation luxuriously
ease with hardly an ungrateful client.
In the rest of such an existence I grew
almost indifferent to the changes and
fortunes that came with me. Nothing was
deserving of notice. Nothing too strong
to happen. While we cannot conceive what
the human mind brings forth. Some one has
said “it is always the unexpected that happens”
I can recall no incident on earth in
my whole life that came upon me so
suddenly was so foreign to my thoughts and
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anticipations stirred my being so closely brought my past life before me reminded me of who I am so forcibly as your letter. It was the greatest surprise of my life. While this letter is addressed to you I am really writing to my dear Aunt the dear good woman who has cherished the recollection and kept the memory green of her little nephews for more than fifty long years. My heart overflows with a continuous torrent of warm, friendly affection for her. Old and grey bearded as I am at this very moment the tears are in my eyes and I could cry My Lord and my God. Since from the companionship of my beloved Mother whose never had the slightest personal acquaintance

with any blood relation since childhood. My lot has been cast entirely among strangers. So I have lived and so I expect
to see that this was so I have requested for my Mother sake. Sufficiently she battled with poverty to send and educate her boy and whatever that may be of good in him he owes to her teaching and example. Whenever he fails to remember her infinite affection her unmeasured devotion. May a just God forget him. I feel in years long gone by that my Father Richard and my own ought and might have stretched forth a helping affectionate hand and greatly alleviated her lot. While it might have changed my whole career my regret was only for her sake I pray with me to conserve what she loved to see her boy emerge from poverty and obscurity and surround her for eternally with everything she desired. Now I have been waiting for which comes after most often remembrance and looking
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for me so long I presume you would like to hear how my life has been spent and I may tell it without suspicion of being prompted by egotism, vanity or a silly desire to talk about myself. I recollect being in Cincinnati when between 8 and 4 years old. I recollect being at Oberlin in 1848 being 4 years old. I think we went to Canada from there in 1841 lived there 2 years. Then I read the Bible through before I was 6 years old I also read and re-read Sketches of Life and True Other Books. Spring of 43 we went to N. St. I lived at Fowlerville Rochester and Buffalo. Spring of 45 we went from Buffalo via the lakes to Chicago then to Chesterfield Green Co Mills. Hence Spring of 46 to Iowa. Then the fall to Mediationt. Next year 48 to Hinton from Spring 49 to Missouri Institute 6 miles East of Quincy Fall of 49 to Utica Alton, where I attended
Churchester College fall of '57. That year there was a great deal of sickness and I had several attacks of diphtheria, bloody flux, pleurisy and mutton. Becoming frightened I stole him up and rowed off to Iowa (Kewanee, the county seat). I kept that for one year and went to Keokuk. Kept no one but about 30 acres of s. F. W. 18 and 1 miles in the county to a farmhouse where mother did the house work and we kept a sort of every side. Down to this time mother always took the lead would not allow me to do anything she could help and would not allow me to milt the cows in the morning. In 1858 I raised a farm we had hardly any money but I found some good fences I bought team and wagon on credit. The farm was on the plank road 2 miles from Keokuk.
And we entertained Travelers. He died very well for 2 years when I came to New home. I had never had the slightest idea of coming to this coast until 2 days before I started. It was one of the most reckless foolishly undertaking any one ever engaged in. I had a neighbor well along in years who took a great liking to me and was quite like a father to me. When away from him I was aware of his feelings toward me and naturally they bent went out to him. He had one daughter he loved as his apple of his eye who previously assured him and ran off and married a gambling, drinking, morose man against his wishes and commands. Her husband took her to California and after a while began to beat and otherwise abuse her.
She wrote her father asking his forgiveness and begging him to aid her to escape from her husband. The business was complicated by her having a little boy which happened to be her own son. Of course she could not part with the boy. The old gentleman came to me with his eyes and begged me to go after his daughter and grandson. After being deliberating I consented and camped a few miles. The old man said one evening into the Mountains of California's 35 years of age among a reckless, lawless people for what to steal away from him a son's wife and child. As it happened the Mon was killed in a drunken brawl about 28 miles from there. I started on the 24th and the lady and child were to sick passed me in the ocean on the incoming storm of the same line. Arriving in California on the 5th day of June 1857. I concluded
continuously to execute my Mission. But funds
matters as I have related. I had some other
business which kept me until it was too late
to return home and put in a crop. So I
concluded to remain in the desert for
the country and climate very attractive.
My mother was troubled greatly with
bronchitis and hysteria being a nervous
woman which was hardly to be wondered
at. Considering the trials and tribulations
she had gone through. She was also
approaching the turn of life and I had read
that a change of climate was frequently
very beneficial at this critical period.
So I wrote her I thought it would benefit
her health to come where I was and urge
her to sell every thing and come.
She did so and the result verified my
expectations. Mining being the principal
pursuit I engaged in it but without success.
I wish to state that Doblas came and in the Spring of 1859 and was the first woman to come overland by the Overland Stage. In 1863 I was riding over a little town and a poor fellow who was arrested for an assault with intent to commit murder and against whom the whole community were violently prejudiced came to the claim where I was at work and begged me to go with him before the Justice and say a good word for him. I went and was able to bring out and establish the fact that the prosecution was purely malicious and without foundation. The jury by their verdict exonerating my client and condemning the prosecuting witness to pay the costs. After that in every case in the Justice Court there would be a race to see which party would get to my desk. This turns my attention to the law
In the fall of 64 I went to the county seat
during my old job and read laws. In the
Spring of 1865 I was admitted to the bar
and that fall elected Justice of the Peace.
During two years. in 1867 I was elected
District Attorney re-elected in 69 and
in 1871 elected County Judge for the term
of 4 years. In the fall of 68 I bought the
only newspaper in the County and
owned and conducted it for 7 years
until leaving the County. In the fall of 69
I married and July 10, 1870. My dear
Mother died in My arms. She had been
suffering from an aneurism and it
resulted fatally. She was 67 years 4 months
old. Although having an income of about
$1000 a year from all sources we lived
excessively I was very extravagant
in My expenditures and after Mother's
death I was even more careless. Would to
acquire a fortune quickly and go.

Hoping I had become desiguated well.
the law as administered by the judge
of our district regarding as unreel
and unprofit. I again went into
mining on a large scale with a disastrous
result. Numerous fortunes had been made
in Virginia City and I had some friends
who before times had pressed me to come
there. Without any previous investigation
I closed and every thing went went to Virginia.
On arrival at I found the bottoms had
struck out of the stock market and
my friends were all broke. Every thing
was over done it required strong influence
to obtain a days work on the streets. I started
into a hotel but found it a lying concern and
gave it without a dollar. I walked around
from hotel to hotel till December 1880 when
I come out and went to work on the city
Rt. as a common laborer I was fortunate enough to attract the attention of the President and Superintendent of the railroad and in a week I was given charge of a gang of men as their foreman. When the work was going on I succeeded in appointing me agent at this station. furnishing me materials to build a house and recommend me for a small store of goods and going to business. I came to this place on the 1st day of June 1881 was appointed Post Master June 12th, since I am well off agent here. The business holds here for another two years. I carry a small stock of goods, eat, drink, and keep a board in possession of considerable property own about 1500 acres of land. Some cattle and horses but I owe a great deal of money about one half the value of the
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property. The problem now is to pay off the indebtedness. The last 4 or 5 years have been bad in this district. Everything has gone wrong so far as our minds are concerned, the depression in silver and copper together with a series of dry years have brought us to use a familiar phrase "down to bedrock." This winter we have had the heaviest snowfall any white people here have ever known. We are assured plenty of water for 2 years. Now my dear friend I have brought my sketches of myself and my affairs down to date. I will add what I did not mention as I went along that I was married on Oct. 30, 1869, to a lady 11 years younger than myself. We have 20 children. My wife lives combined in 1871 and although a healthy strong woman the Physicians were compelled to take the child away with us. I was 11 years old.
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DEALER IN

General Merchandise and Produce,

Waskuska, Nevada.

We became, in the room. They said it was impossible for her to continue. I was heartbroken, it was such a terrible situation. I have no photographs of my self except one taken when I was 20 one at 33. I will have them copied and send copies of all to you. I know Uncle and Aunt Sammons accept my heart felt wishes for health, happiness and prosperity and yours and all you hold.

Dear,

Your Affectately Affectionate,

Edward P. Lovejoy

Son of Elijah Parish Lovejoy, who was murdered at Alton Nov. 6 1837 in Defense of Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press. The Blood of the Martyrs is the Seed of the Church.