Box 1, Folder 23, Item 11- Letter to Dick T. and Ora Morgan from Dell (1904 Nov 24)

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Dear Sister and Brother

I have seated myself in commence my journal when or where it will end I know not for I have had a time getting at it. I will first speak of what is [[?]] most in my mind that the good Father will soon send rain that may we here not had a real good soaking for two months or more our cistern has been dry for three weeks we have had such wind it has [[?]] everything so so dry but [[?]] [[]] the weather has been beautiful so much Sunshine, I think most people Winter Clothes will be [[?]] for the dust in fearful so so fine and deep, what has made it so fine so much helling there was such a coal famine in start Winter, So i presume are trying to present it this Winter by telling all day and almost all night. Again welcome Card and letter received

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Tell the children a letter is coming soon from Aunt D. of health and soon for [[?]]

D.

I will commence with the day you left, you are aware it was Saturday. and we had to rush a little more than usual as Edna and I had to go to the City and make a fashionable call on Mrs Dr. [[Handerove?]] Daughter in [[?]] for we were invited to the reception and promised to call soon as she returned. And on the 4 oclock train Sister [[?]][?]] the ministry Elder Wilson oldest-daughter came to remain over Sabbath, and Evan came out and remained until Monday morning. First time he had remained over night at home for fire [[?]]. Sabbath morn Grand. Ma. and G. Pa Sister Janis May and Evan attended Church at the School house and the Children S.S. at the Church, Hart and I held the fort, I pulled and dining table full length and prepared for the grand, sect had Dinner over when the whole Davidson household came with a basket of [[?]] grapes and plums, the next morn we did not have a very small mash, the next day May and I went up

3 at Cellar and picked the large basket of Blue plums, the next day it was [[bit?]] fuller, can plums and make fall and so it has been every week until the last three or four, for over teacher did really well and so did our apples, so it was wash iron, clean, [[paacher?]], make peach butter or corn apples or Tomatoes and [[?]][[?]] [[?]] Grad fall or letter or some kind of pickle and out to dinner one day and of each week for[[?]] two or three days after you left Clara Grain flood and asking how long you was going to remain for she wanted you and [[?]] to [[concard?]] day that week and stand the day and was so disappointed that you was gone so said if she could not have you was could just wait until the next week as it would be more [[?]] but if you was here she was going to make it convenient the next Sat which was the week after you left May and I went up to [[Clesborne?]] Prairie want up and the afternoon train came home Monday afternoon had such a pleasant visit will Jaimie Lear Ludlow

4 and husband, they took quite a trip last year visited YellowStone Park they go to Florida this visit this makes the fourth winter they have staid in F. I heard G.R. Hammond preach and had a little visit with him he preacher for the O.P. church once a month, he preached just as he debated in Society when a school boy with all his might- he attended the S.S. [[?]] at [[?]] last-Spring. When we were having our little visit in Speaking of you folks and mentioned that your son was married, he kind of turned his head on one side and shook it as of you and exclaimed Dick Morn a married son can it be possible, Mrs. Hammond and I commenced laughing, and Mrs. H. reminded him that he graduated in the same class with Dick Morgan and that he was no Spring Chicken they are small on [[?]] but do not look very old, I enjoyed seeing those two so much. [[?]] on Hammon [[?]] we he said my but I am glad I was a good boy when of [[?]] so I need not fear I have again come here i have been and am for [[?]]

5 I think the next week the [[?]] was at Cellise and the next at Celarr Carmier. I just happened to think you will want to know how the Grand was at each place, Clora Craine, Janice Du Boise, Erm Bright, Serelda Clane May, Edna and self and I [[?]] [[?]] the after noon, at Cellier a Mrs. [[?]] good and her mother Mrs. [[?]] [[?]] Sit and Pearl Martin and Sarah up nell enough to come Grandma May and self and Edna in afternoon, [[?]][[?]], Dell [[?]] [[?]][[?]] Clara C. [[S?]] Bon[[?]] Sis M, May and Self an dMeg B, Serelda the [[?]] Clara C, and Ern B. not able to come, Bon, [[?]] and [[?]] Y. Dell T, Grand ma May and self. Grace had us there and [[?]] the Davisson family and all the Heath family that could come nut Ray Wife and Ray came to [[?]] that morn, [[?]] could not come until after dinner and Harp got up with a fearful headach so Evan and we three girls were all to dinner, May [[?]] same day with Grace and remained with [[?]] while Nell went to St. Louis, She and [[?]] went [[?]] to her Aunt Mattie's one day. She and

6 [[?]] to Manforde one day, she and Edna to Ed Rabbe one day and to Uncle Luthor's one night and she and I and several afternoons, [[?]][[?]] after may and I was up to the Prairie the [[?]] came down, had been talking for so long and wished to come whilst May was here. We will wait until May returns to have the friends for [[?]] home her booked when she comes back from Willier. She [[?]][[?]] the 10th, we had some comfort but not spicily for May, had been wanting to [[host?]] Clara Lou and children whilst the weather was pleasant for so long, and one day Dr. and Mrs. Handerson Mrs. H. had wanted to come out all summer, but was so busy getting [[?]] for Dr. Toms visit for she was [[?]] anything undone, and so she and May are very much in ([[?]] in fame thought it would be pleasant for the to spend a day tighter. When Ene. Your card of kind remembrances [[?]]. Yesterday it was so [[?]] and so for the occasion 7 We spent a very pleasant quick day at home, was [[?]] up to [[?]] Rae but Edna had bad headache and I had [[?]] to ro, the day before and had my eye full fo Sand [[?]] went Friday, you may not understand, Penston have [[?]] about six miles North East up where Andie was raided, Have a new married couple in there well acquainted with the girl. [[?]] Bright in teaching at No 9. [[?]] at 16, Some [[?]] the Strait last week said she had been passing something like [[?]] but she looked as girlish as her [[?]] Nan [[?]] of the last times but not least, Ryan card and letter in regard to the [[?]] mother and her was [[?]] and Mother of course was very grateful for the interest you took but trading in so sp [[?]] tiresome for her so different from your Ma Morgan I think riding [[?]] and so can does her good, so we could not visit an it you can have the [[?]] you did your part and the children did every thing they could to get their papa to go, but no go, I think he wants to wait until he can take a Western trip

8 I want like to know and yet I would be afraid to ask what the children are thinking of their old Auntie, I have a card from them dated Sat giving their address, but it has been one of the unfamiliar, but they ought to not be so formal, ought to write and tell of their new quarters, but [[?]]they feel they are busy my almost Christmas and I do not [[?]][[?]] what Pam going to do or can do. and just have let me give you some advice. Do not worry about we [[?]] if you wish to and something if must [[?]] and " we can all enjoy. At home and something separate for Evan here is alone so much and I think feels a [[?]] [[?]] at such time do not tell him I ever thought so. Edna requested me to inform you she would write you a long letter for Christmas, say "Del, you [[?]] be a long letter to all of us. Nan do write soon as possible. Do be so so careful an dwell. get one of those bad [[?]] you hear had for this [[?]][[?]] All [[?]] in love to you and [[?]] by Sis Dell

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Mr. Lashh Redd was laid to rest two week ago.