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Portage Wis Oct 1/85
Dear Mother

I arrived at
Leona a week ago today,
& found all well,
we were much disappoint-
~~ed by our~~
not coming to father's
funeral, John especially
spoke of it again & again.

When we parted
with you it was agreed
that you find out some way
of making contract or
~~arrangement~~
- gotten so the the property
might be in your name
(to save time in conveying)
& at same time so that we
would have something to
show from you what we
had an interest in.

but I have not rec'd any
word from you yet, but
it is just as well for
money is dropping faster
with us at present, paying
more full goods, but you
had better think of it &
I will, John said he would
put up as much as I
would, that when I suit you
money to satisfy him &
he would immediately send
you same amt.

Walter Cottrell appeared to
be afraid of Chesapeake
on the ^{great} Altitude, would
have to go deep for water
& briden colder & would
not be settled up so early
nor be in demand so soon
appeared to think western
Kansas preferable for this
above reasons
on ^{my} mature deliberation
after you left us we got to

Supposing you bought six
sections at \$3.50 per acre & you
did not sell them as soon
as you expected & we had
to pay a bill of \$12,000.00
or \$15,000.00 we would be
in a ^{it would be} ~~Shameful~~ fix,
so to avoid the above danger
we thought two or three sections
would be enough & that
John & I only furnish all
the money for the first pay-
ments, the first years taxes &
the first years interest,
i.e. the cost of buying & holding
it twelve months, & after
that you pay one third
with us, that would
give you almost two
years to sell it & get
2/3 of the profit without
costing you anything, except
expenses of finding it & buying
same, but after that you pay
alike that will be ^{your} responsibility
it is our ^{job} & make you ^{responsible}

Study the case & let
me hear from you.
R.R. land in Kansas
is not taxable until
decided

Idont pretend to know
which is best

my kindest regards
to Mrs M & your girls

Ever truly yours

D. G. Miller