

Chicago

July 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

Dear Erecta

I received your letter this  
after noon and was happy yes more than  
happy to hear from you for I had  
bin waiting anxiously for the last two days to  
hear that you are well, but oh Erecta how  
sadly disappointed I am to hear that you  
were suffering severely with what I  
suppose is the quinzey, Dear Erecta I have kn-  
own it to prove fatel when not properly trea-  
ted, but God forbid it should prove so  
with her I ondy love and live for oh  
Sweet sweet Girl I was lonesome weary, and  
sad before I received your letter but what  
are my feelings now if I was with you  
perhaps I could tel but now I cannot  
Oh Erecta what would I give to be with  
you at this anxious moment for I am  
shure I could find relief but now I  
can ondy hope.

please write as soon as you  
receive this.

Yours truly and forever

Andrew May

turn over

Dear Erecta I sat up last night until  
twelve and had for little sleep for how  
could I after hearing of such sad news  
Oh Erecta how sad shall I be until I hear  
you are better I am well and God grant those  
few lines may find you the same you John &  
George are well and send their compliments  
to you and Dealia. George says he will  
be most happy to join Dealia in the  
Spanish Waltz at the opening of the first  
party and school next winter and John  
sayes George Morgan had better be careful  
how he [?] around there for he expects  
to be down that way next spring  
Pleas tell Dealia for me if she wants  
the tea table sat in good style to just  
send for me and I will do it up in the best  
stile business is good and if we have  
no bad luck we will make enough left  
from my bill at Collmans next  
if he has a dance Dear Erecta  
forgive my noncense, this has been the

the dullest fourth I have ever spent in the states  
I have bin trying to think where I was  
last fourth of July but I cannot, there  
is a young chap that is boarding with us that  
told me yesterday that he knew Salley  
in Hollend and said that he had a waltz  
with you at Southwales last fourth of  
I have not learnt his name but  
shall the first opportunity he told me  
he rode in the stage with you from Aurora  
to Buffalo, I wish I knew his name for  
he is well acquainted with your friends at  
holland. No more at present please write  
as soon as you get this.

Yours forever,  
Andrew May