

Virginia City Nevada March 2nd 1874

Dear Andrew

Your of Feb'y 8th
came duly to hand, dated at
St. Thomas Ont. I am glad to hear
that they are all well. I received
a letter from Becca dated from Jan'y 26th
she told me that you had left
for the West. I wrote several times
to Hattie & Chattie but have received
no answer for quite a while. I
am glad to hear from your brother
John as I have written him two
letters & received no answer. I have
been doing very well lately, taking
jobs moving buildings whole, it
has been very hard & active work
besides being dirty as we have
had so much snow & thawing
& freezing. I have sometimes cleared over
\$10 per day at it. If I was as good at

saving money as I am at making
it I would soon be rich here
as I work like the devil some
times, when it has to be done.
The population of this place
has increased five fold since
I came here & they are still
pouring in – rents are high. Stocks
took a terrible rise from \$7 to
\$145 on Overman others almost
in proportion. A man could
come here when stocks are low
and with two or three thousand
dollars invested go home a

millionaire. I can see it all
now when I have no money of
any consequence to go in with.
A man could do well between
now and spring. Yet this is
not the best time to invest.
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-ceedingly sorry to hear of it
also about brother Jacob bleeding
at the lungs. Give my best regards
to John your Brother & please tell
him to write & I will answer
I will send you a Weekly
Enterprise. You will please
direct any paper you send
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Most affectionately

Yours,

JD DeWitt

P.S.

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