

C. Crosby
Bartle
Cuba -



Mrs W^m Hobbs -

Paw Paw -

Michigan

U.S.A.

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Dear Sister Abbie and Family.

If I remember right we are owing you a letter and ~~as~~ I have been thinking of writing to you for several weeks (in fact I commenced a letter to you three or four weeks ago) I will now try again and see what I can do.

We are all as well as usual and just as busy as can be. Floyd is so busy at the mill he doesn't have time for any thing else. When Sunday comes he is too tired to do much but lay in the hammock and rest. Floyd and Jesse operate the saw and planing mill and Walter and Nellie's husband run a handle mill in connection with our mill using the same power plant.

Clarence moved here last winter and

his wife runs the hotel here and he is
working on the RR as fireman. They
have five little folks now and they are
surely a lively little set of one girl and
four boys. Walter lives on his ranch
about 60 miles west of here but comes
here and sees after the business a part of
the time. Nellie lives just

a little ways from us and Jesse lives
just beyond her so we are all in Cuba
but Georges folks. Georges wife a Father
and Mother are moving to Zion City so
she will have her folks near them
they have one girl and two boys now

Floyd, I received your card and
was glad to be remembered by you I
~~suppose~~ you are a big boy now and can
about do a mans work. Howard
works at the mill in the fore noon
and meets the two mail trains in the
P.M. and carries the mail to the P.O.

Bertha is Post-mistress for Bartle
Lannie has been away teaching for a couple
of months but is at home now but will
go away to teach again soon. She

teacher in a private family - Where are
Herrill and Morrel now? and how do
you like Michigan by this time.

Cuba seems quite warm, the days are
hot but the most of the nights are cool
and pleasant - and good for sleeping

A card from Mary Huntley tells me
that your Uncle Joel is dead. I wonder
what ^{our} Mary will do now - I suppose you
got all the South Way or news.

Mary has just been on a trip up there
and has written quite a newsy letter
about old friends and neighbors there

We have been washing today and
now we are having a genuine Cuban
shower it not only rains but it pours
too -

The big mission school that we used
to have in Bartle has been moved to a
city near where Walter lives. They run
it here last year but the head overproud
a rascal and as they had no property
here they moved it away and put others
in his place - Floyd is very busy at the
mill it is awful hard to get experienced

help here so it-keeps him and Jesse
very busy all the time They have some
colored men there and one or two other
Americans there now. There is land
being cleared and planted to sugar cane
just north of us they are preparing to
build and operate a big sugar mill
there the land comes within 2 miles
of Bartle and goes to the north coast.

Well guess I have written all the news
so will close hoping to hear from you
soon. please dont wait as long as I
have but write soon for me would
be very glad to hear from you once
more. With love and best wishes
to you all. I am as ever

your sister

Charlott -

and family -