

"Ranch" Sabbath Eve

4/29/83

My dear Mama -

I have not had time
to write you a letter for some

time - At night I am so tired
and the mosquitoes are so bad
that I can't write, and during
the day I can find plenty
of work to do - We took dinner
today with the McKibbon
boys of Oxford - They "Batch"
about one mile from us -
Had a nice dinner, They are
good cooks - and very nice boys,
I had a letter from bro
Jno in which he said
he was going to Gadsden,
Having noticed account
of big rains, fear he got

water bound - He said
for me not to stay in

Fla. longer than first of June.
I wish I could get off
then, but we will not get
through with our vegetables
before last of June or 1st July.
We have to make a place
in our new ground, for
our little seedlings. This
will be a big job, as we
will have to transplant
them into rich soil, before
we go home - then we
want to sow down our
land in peas - We do
not know whether we
will leave the place
in Andy's care, or whether
we will get someone else
to take care of it for us.
Our vegetables are not
maturing as muchly as
we had hoped - but we
could not expect to

make such crops as those
who manure heavily - We
have shipped 13 crates of
cucumbers - Our tomatoes

look very well. Think we
will ship some middle of
next month. Some of
our trees have the "die
back." Do not think we
will lose a great
many tho'. If we are able
next fall, we want to put
out larger trees on the
balance of our ground -

Tell Bro Jno that I will
write him soon -
We are well - Do not go
out enough to get any
news - Love to all
With a kiss
Your Aff Son
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