

**Frank S. Treat
&
Maggie Treat**

**Letters to Family
1870-1912**

Mother of Frank S. Treat

April 1913

Mount of Boston Street

1913

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This are letters written in the
1870's - 1912 era

Frank S. Treat + Maggie Treat to
Mother - Dorothea Treat (Mrs Levi)
Atchison, Kansas

Includes some to Brother Tom
Sisters - Kate, Alice, Georgia + Ethel

1904

Year of death of "Maggie"
Margaret Hughes Treat

wife of Frank + mother of 7 children

Frank (brother)

Edna

Lee

Mattie

Sadie

Herb

Betty

(1)

Tucson Aug 4/84

Dear Folks: I arrived
in Tucson last evening
and last night before I
went to bed I wrote 6 letters
and was most sleepy to
write to you so I am up
early this morning and at
the old practice of scribbling
I rec'd 3 letters 4 with Loms & F.
Smiths and a postal card from
you yesterday was very glad
to hear from you will try to
repay you in a small way
by giving one in return I came
in yesterday more especially to
hear from W. A. than any thing
else as regarding his coming

Am very grate
mord rather
one was there
to help entertain
Will Taylor hope
you folks made
it pleasant for
him from what
you wrote I
think he had
a good time (I
intend to
write to him
soon I should
have liked to
have seen Alice
and B.K. in
those boys
clothes.

rainy weather you will need
every every bit of it before next
May as you have no miller
how is that old miller stack
keeping that we topped out to
stand all summer. I expect the
clover in the new orchard was
very good was it not. Alice
says you work Sundays
that is not anything to do out
as here in the Mts. I came in
Town yesterday and thought
it was sat. all the time and
when I got in here I found
it was Sunday it is a hard
matter for us to keep ^{run on} the days
of the week I am (my pard)
marks it down in the almanac

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much of any thing
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have rain before a great while
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good chance to ascertain
weather it is everlasting water
or not. When I read some
of your letters I sometimes wish
I was back to enjoy some
of the good times you are having
for instance the Lurier Party
which I know must have been
a grand affair and your
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out here soon & out the most
information I gained was that
he by your letter stating that
he had wrote to you that he
would be through there soon
on his way to Arizona. I got
a letter from him dated July
20 but he did not say a d-
word about coming so you ^{see}
I will be in town again in a
bout a week I have got quite
used to riding horse back and
I don't mind riding 35 miles
to the ranch hardly any more
than I used to mind riding 5
at home. That is very bad luck
that calf getting struck by lightning
am glad to hear you had such
a large crop of clover although
you had a very bad time for
making it on account of the

every day what we did and
reck but this makes twice we
have been fooled.

You are very badly off if you
think we had any plow or
any thing of the kind to work
the road with we could not
use any thing but a Pick

Shovel & a wheel barrow. The road
is completed long ago and we
have got the house finished
now it is quite a cozy looking
little cabin 16x14 ft and very
comfortable. It is still very
dry here we have had scarcely
any rain yet although it is
already one month in what
they call the rainy season Old
settlers say it is a very exceptional
year so water in several
of the ranches have gone dry

the last place of pleasure
that I went to before I left
home was a drive of over to
the grand old stamping ground
Sugar Lake we drove over
and had quite a nice time
boating & fishing If I remem-
ber right She caught 3 fish
and I did not catch any
we roed from one end of the
lake nearly to the other and
liked to get stuck in the
Pond lillies it was a very
leaky boat and she had to
keep bailing the water out most
of the time and got her feet
very wet but I left before
I found out whether she
caught cold or not That great
occurrence took place the day
before I went to ~~Love~~ loving
your as ever
Frank

in the town holds their dog
 when they see him coming they
 are all afraid to let any other
 dog tackle him. I think he
 would eat Arizona dogs
 alive. Will reports every thing
 lovely & serene at the Rancho
 I will not go out tomorrow
 as it is celebration day with the
 Mexicans something like our
 4th of July we are anticipating
 a great time. They had quite a
 todo at the Park to night.

Will & I attended The Feast close
 to tomorrow eve. ask Mr Woodworth
 what the Mexican Feast is maby
 he can explain it to you.

I hope Kate is very much better
 by this time. Tell Mr Woodworth to
 go kinda easy on Mrs Ward
 cause why cause I know

Irving, Kan., 188..

Tucson Arizona
Sept 15, 1884

Dear Mother—

I arrived here
all O.K. at 3.45 this aft. found
Will ready to receive me with
open arms. I got a ticket
from Las Vegas to Denning
for \$21.70 and the fare from
Denning to Tucson Mrs. S. P. R.R.
is 21.90 I tackled the Conductor
and dived with him, I gave
him a \$10.00 Bill and rode
through with him all squeezed
Please inform Geneca of the
fact and told him I was
going to try it. I got old
jumps through in good
shap and only paid \$2.75
for his fare. That is cheaper
than expected. Every body

Irving, Kan., 188..

do for Father to cut his sun
out during his absence.

Well ye last night I slept on
the car and I suppose you
know what kind of sleep it is
and it is now 11 o'clock so
with prayer for ~~re~~ Kates restor-
ation (Mr Higby author) and
best wishes for you all
with much love and little
money I am your most
devoted son

Frank.

I am going to write a few
words to the Kansanians
now to let them know I have
changed my occupation from
dish washer and head man
chopper to cow puncher.
I will send a ^{little} press
kiddo with this. L. & C.

Tucson A.S.

Jan'y 3 1888

Dear People:

I arrived here from Wilcox day before yesterday and left for the ranch the same day I am now back in Wilcox Tucson I expect to go to the San Pedro river tomorrow.

I was very much delighted to receive the handsome Album and your pictures I think they are all very well just splendid I should like to have Toms also I should not know little Johnny although the rest do not look exactly natural I could easily recognise you Mother has not changed as much as I expected Kate seems to have changed (for the better) more than any other Alice and her baby look very cute. Georgia has a more of a woman look and is going to make a splendid looking woman. accept my hearty thanks in return for them.

The necktie is very handsome and at this writing I have it on "muchus Gracious" (english for many thanks). I think George might come over ^{here} and see us since he is so near I should be very glad to see him.

I spent both Christmas and new years out in the country and both days had wind pudding for dinner. but I was fortunate enough to get supper all the same.

I haven't time to write more this time so good bye hope to hear from you soon

Yours Affectionately

T. P. Treat.

I recd Georgias letter.

Tortillitas. April 29/0

My Dear People:

I believe I promised to write you a letter this time I have been putting you off with pieces of letters until I am ashamed of myself. I am a little bit tired to night not being use to hard labor - it kinda hurts a fellows back - bone a little when he does get down to manuel labor and I have got down to real good hard manuel labor too I churned this morning about 5 or 6 lbs: of butter and done a good days work of laying stone besides. we are building a milk house cellar and I am doing the mason work and it is the first hard work I have done for a good many months. Most of my work is done in the saddle and I have got so I am quite

but I must confess I wore out several flour
sacks getting there, you know where I wore them
at home then, and we have some
splendid riding horses, one horse
in particular a sorrell about the size
of old Jake and as fleet as the wind
he is my brag horse I never have got
a rope on a steer or a bull yet that
he couldn't hold no matter how old or
how large the animal may be
he knows just exactly how to make
every turn and when to make it
the grass is very good at present and
we are making a little butter (I should
say quilt edge butter) I have about
18 or 20 # to take in with me this
time I sell it for 4 bits, per #
(I expect that "4 bits" I have just
written will make you wonder why
I did not say instead "50¢" I had it
down before I thought every thing goes
by "bits" here and it came so natural
that a fellow sometimes gets it down
before he thinks.) but to return to
the butter business I was going to say

will all get there, where you will have to do with out water, and you will want it mighty bad too, and would take it even in lent, if you could get it.

I read all ~~about~~ the strike in the "Globe" I suppose it has quited down by this time, our merchants out here are complaining a good deal about their goods being delayed on the road so long one of our stock men here was in Texas shipping a train load of cattle and they held him so long in some place down there that he lost quite a number of his stock.

Well I think it is about time I was closing this letter it is a pretty long one but I dont flatter my self that it is by any means a very good one I send much love to little Johny & Georgia I will answer Georgias letter when I get time hope she will write me another one soon

With love to all I am yours affection-
E. J. Treat

that in, if I hadn't it down I wouldn't
write it. The Odd fellows were to
give and I suppose they did give a
very fashionable ball on the 26 inst
it was to be a very tony affair I had
an invitation and a compliment but
I did not go in be cause I don't wear a
Prince Albert or a cutaway coat and
did not know where I could borrow one
My girl just as good as asked me to
come in and go with her but you know
when a fellow don't want to he can't
understand hints there is about ten
boys here to one girl any way and I
expect she will ^{be} there as with her
"little straw bonnet" with out me, as
it is the day after lent her max will
let her go out. That lent buis is a
nother humbug all you lent christians
that do without salt and with out
meat & ect. if there is such a place you

for some time to persuade me to go
to church and I guess I shall have
to give in this once she promised not
to carry any pins and not to pinch.
She is a good christian herself poor
soul she has been scared into believe
that rib story that Adam and Eve tui's.
and all that and I don't know as she
is hardly to blame for what she can't
help the country has to loose a few poor
superstitious souls but as each generation
rises people are becoming more and more
enlightened and less superstitious, one
does not see many people now days that
does not admit that even patent medicine
will cure more sick people than prayers.
Lizzie (I might say my once was Lizzie)
is doing very well in her new home
and seems happy. I might say she is
doing very well in many ways as a
friend remarked to me the other day
"she is wearing her apron strings mighty
high" don't upbraid me for putting

ROYAL
MILLS

that I made most of that butter
[guilt edge butter] from one cow since
I was in town last. she lost her calf
and she comes up every night and
morning to be milked and she is such
a kicker we have to tie her legs to
milk her.

We are living fat on doves now
they flock in here to water of an
evening by the thousands I killed
13 this evening at one shot, and that
is no duck yarn neither it is actual
fact a lot of them were on the edge
of the pond drinking together and I
shot into the thickest of them and
got 13 they are very nice and fat now
they get fat on the seed of a weed that
grows here and which is ripe now.
I am going to town Saturday night
and shall probably be there on Sunday
and Aunt Anney has been trying

Ingon A. L.
Oct 16/1890

Dear Ethel

I received your long letter and was so glad to hear from you I would liked to be there so I could see the President I am a republican and I guess you are too but Frank says he is a democrat. How I do wish you would be here this winter there are going to be so many parties and I will introduce you to all the nice girls and boys. We all have heard here have you I got a very pretty breast pin last Christmas from mine You don't know him but I will tell

you his name it is Jean Drake
My friend Lila who was going to
write to you back out she said
she was shamed to write first
so for my sake write to her first
and send it in my letter if you
want to or send it separate in
an other envelope your address
it Tucson A.T. the same as you
do to me I wish we could meet
~~some~~ some time try and come
here this winter The boys would
all go for you because every new
girl they go for them Mary is
always saying when is Johnny going
to write to me Frank never calls
you Ethel it is always Johnny
He is an awful tease he makes
me so mad. Papa is coming
in from the ranch tomorrow
may be and I am going to have
my picture taken and I will

send you one give me one of
yours no matter how small you
are in it Well I will close
lots of love to all and kisses
from me to your self
Your loving friend
Jessie

P.S. Answer soon and don't
forget to write first
lovingly by
Jess —

Excuse bad writing but I
don't write so good any how
but my pen is bad my ink is
pale my hand shakes like a
puffin's long tail
Jess —

importance. Oh yes I almost forgot to thank you for that Bangle I think it is very pretty It is way a head of any thing el of her others. She is very well pleased with it and of course so am I.

I am just a little bit smitten thru my self she is one of the 5 Belles of Tucson and I think I am the high monkey monkey but I dont know how long it will last guess I had better give it up before long. I could get her picture by asking but I am afraid you would point your finger and smile at our Arizona beauties and as you will probably never be any nearer related to her than you are now guess it would hardly be worth the while.

Well I believe I will quit you for this time cant think of any thing more to write and what I have written is a very poor excuse for a letter but I will try and improve on it next time.

I have written several letters to stockman and one to Will Morgan before this

Hope to hear from you soon and that you are all A.O.K. yours affectionately
Tracy

Tucson N.Y. Sept 3rd 76
Dear People:

Mother and Keates letters of Aug 22 at hand always very glad to hear from you. I am still well and hearty and dont know as I should complain as long as I have plenty to eat and an appetite to eat it with and I have & fortunately been always been that far prosperous so far I am going to the ranch this morning have been in town 2 days and been taking in the feast and can say with a clear conscience and with truth and integrity that I have been comparatively sober during the whole time I am a kind of a reformed row boy when I booze up I always have to go and buy a larger sized hat next morning and that dont pay here for 70 good hat are worth 6 or 8 dollars out here so you see it is a little expensive.

I wrote Amos a long letter the other day and forgot to bring it in from the ranch If you see him you can tell him I will send it about the 15 although it is 7 or

Office of F. J. Tread & Co.

Jan'y 15th 1885

Dear Kansanians:

I expect you think I am very slow in acknowledging the receipt of that box of very handsome presents you sent me but I did not open it until on my way to the ranche the 7 inst. and I wanted to see what it contained before I said any thing about it. I suppose Mr. Sholz informed you that it got through all right. I do not know of any thing you could have sent that would have pleased me more and I must say that I very highly much appreciate them. I opened the box about 5 or 6 miles from town and found that loaf of good home made bread in there and although it was 3 weeks old and I had just ate a hearty dinner I let in on it and

chewed $\frac{1}{2}$ of it up in no time.

a few of the apples decayed a little but the most of them was all right.

That cake is just simply gorgeous and so large you must have surely baked it in the $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel or the dish pan. And that Butter is so delicious to mention. Those canned goods are just splendid one of those glass jars or I think it was a bottle of "Catchup" (if you can) got broke some way probably froze and cracked and stained the pillow case some. And that

Feather pillow "good law let me die easy" I went to bed as soon as I got home and slept on it untill the next day noon and then when I did get up it seemed as though my head had made a mash for it was awfully hard to separate them. If you think that isn't an improvement on sleeping on your boots with your coat and overalls throwed over them you just try it once for 7 months. I don't know what

to do with those yeast cakes as we
have no stove to set the ~~bread~~
Yeast by to raise a lady gave
me some yeast once and I tried
to make bread out of it I sat it by
the fireplace in the dish pan to raise
and put the dish towel over it to keep
the dirt off and the whole thing took
fire and burnt up the towel and melted
all the tin off the pan. so I tried it
once more with a little better success
and made two loaves of bread that
got smaller instead of larger when
in the oven and so hard it broke
all of Jimboes teeth off out to eat them
after 5 days soaking in boiling hot
milk and 3rd of bacon grease. so I
gave it up in disgust and cursed the
old woman for not giving me the
right directions.

I used that very elegant Necktie
of states it is the slickest in the town
I have never worn it but once but it

mashed every thing on the street I passed
I wish I could return the compliment
by sending you all something but
I declare I have no idea at all what
I could send you. I should like to
be able to send you something nice
but as the company is just starting
and every thing is pay out and no
income yet they are a little short
now and I don't like to draw out
any more than I can help at present
and I manage to blow in so much
money every month any way and I
cant see where it goes to. all my expenses
are paid such as eating sleeping and etc
in Tucson and I don't buy many
clothes and am sure I don't drink
much whiskey and don't play any
Pool and only go to town 2^{or} 3^{or} a month
Out \$10.00 don't last me very long in Tucson
and I try to be saving to. I did not
buy a single Xmas ^{Present} this Xmas not I did

not even send Mary Wade a Xmas card. I hear from her as regular as ever. Will met her I sent him one of her letters he says he enjoyed it very much. Mr. Scholz & I had a very Pleasant time during his short stay we rode over to Willow Spring ranche (one of our neighbors) about 25 miles distance) one day and came back to camp that night after 6 o'clock and the night air was a little chilly and I caught a slight cold but am getting over it now. He seemed to be very well pleased with the way things are conducted and look on the ranche he had no complaints to make further than he thought my stable & hotel bills were a little large he thought I stayed in town too long sometimes but he did not kick much I told him if he had any complaints to make but them before the board

of B Directors as according to my
oath of office I was compelled to
follow their dictations and not any
individual stockholder of the Co.
he said he was not ~~cor~~ reprehending
at all as I run best and that I have
fulfilled the duties of the office
better than any body else they could
have got and was very anxious
to have me freeze to it and says
he will see that my salary is raised
as soon as the stocks commence to
pay dividends. and I commissioned
him to represent my shares at the annual
meeting Jan'y 13th 1885 as I could not
be there my self was allowed to represent
by Proxy. He appears to be a little
bit tight (like Joe Wade) but I think
he is a man that will pay every cent
he owes and live fully up to every
agreement. So you have met the
Notorious Sam'l Hughes I am
glad he stopped there he says he
intended to stop there on his return

from Morgans but it was quite cold and he could not find any one that knew the short way very well and it was about Kansas City train time and he could gain one day by not going out so he concluded not to stop but he says if you had of given him any hope of Alice coming out with him when he was there he would have stayed a week if he could have persuaded you to let her go.

he also says there was some Lumber merchant there that put in his objections I think he is rather mashed on Alice.

He is not a very fine appearing man but he is a man of lots of good hard sense and judgement and seen a good deal of the ups & downs and hardships & troubles of this western life. he has made considerable money here in a legitimate way and knows what to do with it he sees the necessity of an education and

expects to keep all his children in a good eastern school until they are all well educated. He has rendered me several little favors in different ways therefore I speak well of him for it and when I get home sick and lonely I can go to him and always find a friend. Scholz says he inferred from what Mr Hughes said while at he was there that I made his place my head quarters while in town and that Miss Lizzie and I were very intimate. Mr Scholz surely gained the wrong information for my visits there are (which does not occur oftener than once a month) are strictly confined to business transactions with Mr Hughes. I have never called on Miss Hughes alone in my life and only on one occasion have taken her out in her company that time she had refused several invitations to attend a ball given by the fireman.

of Tucson I had not heard a thing about the Ball until that evening while I was in private conversation with Mr Hughes one of the Fireman boys came around with tickets and Mr Hughes owning a good deal of property wanted to patronize them a little so he purchased 3 tickets and asked me if I did not want to use the tickets I told him I did not care to go he said for me to go and take Lizzie and after a long resistance I consented thereby using 2 of the tickets the other was never used. Therefore if you hear any more reports of the kind you will know how to take them. Miss Hughes has a great deal of company and has often invited me to spend the evening and to dinner & so on but I have never accepted any except to Christmas dinner then she had me cornered and I could not get out.

of it. I also wish (by Mr Hughes consent) to correct his statement that one Pony we bot from him threw me he made a mistake it was Will while I was in Las Vegas the pony threw him about 5 miles from camp and he had to walk home and get a Mexican that was working here to go and loose the pony to catch it. You must excuse this writing for yesterday while in the act of Lassoing a cow the rope burned my thumb a little and to day I have a rag around it and it feels so clumsy I can hardly write at all. and the spelling I dont make any apology for I know you know and can spell a little bit but writing to any one else I always refer to the dictionary.

Tell little Johnny I am thinking of her as much as ever and long for the day I can hold her in my arms. I shall regard Kates secret as she desires I shall. I expect to go in town in a few days. Hoping you are all well & prospering yours & etc
F. L. Truab

Uncle. We get in last night with some cattle
I get in to night. Had a letter from you and Amos
I wish for your Valentine. I wish you had thought no
no any thing more. I wish

TC Cattle Ranch Feb. 28/887

Dear Sister Georgia & Johnny

I must acknowledge receiving
a letter from you when I was in
town about the first of this month
and I don't think I could find enough
to say to write you both separate letters
so I will write you one both to gather
I was very glad to get your letters
they were such nice ones and so well
written too. I wish I could get one
from you ever time I come in town
I could not very well answer them every
time but will write to you every time
I get a chance I have not been to
Tucson since the first of the month
but one of the boys from the ranch
was in and brought me out a letter
from Mother. I went to Florence
a little town about 60 miles north of
us on the 10th to deliver some bulls I sold
to some men near there and was gone
about a week so I did not go to Tucson
but once this month we drove the bulls

30 miles in one day and it rained
on us 6 hours that day pretty cold
rain too it was the wind blew right
down off of the mountain right square
in our faces. But we got the bulls
in to camp that night about 9 o'clock
all OK. it is about the only rain we
have had and we were very thankful
for it. and would like to see it rain
more but I just at that time I could not
have thanked conscientiously thanked
the sender for sending it just at the
time he did. I should like very much
to have you come out and see me if you
would come out and visit me I think
I could manage to take very good care
of you. When I come home I expect
to bring you both back with me.
The children out here nearly all have
the hooping cough I was over to a
Mexican Ranch the other day and there
were about 10 or 12 little guinea pigs there
and they were all laughing as though
the next minute their insides were coming
up and I noticed they were outdoors and
all bear footed and bear legged and bear

headed it is very seldom you ever see a mexican kid where shoes and stockings here and they always sleep on the floor (dirt floor) and eat on the floor a mexican cant sleep ^{good} when he is and sleep warm so they seldom ever have more than 1/2 blankets enough to cover them.

That T.C. at the head of this letter is our cattle brand I claim every living thing that wears that brand with the exception of ~~over~~ a young lady friend of mine who wears it for a breast pin sometimes I had a very pretty little brand made of solid gold & for a necktie pin and she got a hold of it and has had it for a long time that is about the only thing I dont claim that carries that kind of an iron.

There is some little girls at Mr Hughes (the old gentleman that called on you one time) and they often asked me to have you come out and see them they are only half breeds but are as white as most Americans little Sammy the boy you saw is the blackest of the family I think the little girls are

the happiest girls in Tucson and they
are quite smart too they are such lovely
singers and play the Pianos very well
they all know me and like me very well
I used to go there a considerable but I don't
go there much now I am kinda growing
out of the notion.

We are running two ranches now I am
writing this letter at the old one to night
will be the first time I have slept here for
nearly a month but I am going to town
tomorrow and the wagon and wagon
horses are at this one.

I have about 85 hens and 5 roosters and
I buy just \$4.00 worth of grain for them
every month and the boys over here say they
get one egg about every other day. you may
figure the profits on that and when you get
it figured out write to me and tell me what
it is. I worked it out a time or two but I always
make it out that I come out looser!

I wish you would have your pictures taken
and send to me I see a mans Ad. in the Globe
Cabinet size \$2.00 per doz the cost wont be much out
here it costs 5 or 6 dollars for a 1/2 doz. Hope to hear from you soon
your most affectionate bro. Frank.

Trason A Ter

April 30 1889

Dear Mother. I am going out in the country to gather some Bulls and am waiting here for the Mexican to bring some saddle horses in from the ranch. I have just written a half doz letters and I will write you a few lines. They are pretending to celebrate here a little today but I don't see much going on as yet.

I returned from Wilcox on the 26th we had a pretty long trip of it as we drove Bulls over there to parties and we had a load of Thoroughbreds come to Wilcox we sold most of them there but I drove some of them to our own ranch for our own use. I got a letter from George a few days ago and also one from you. Goldwyn Julius recd an order from George yesterday for some papers. Julius showed me the letter this am. he said he did not remember

George. It is quite warm here
and getting warmer. feed is a little dry
but is very good yet Cattle look fine
just as fat as they can waddle

I have not seen Miss Maggie for
some time she seemed to be quite well
when I saw her last she is not usually
very well and strong. I lied I did pass
there a few days ago and she said she
had rec'd a letter from Alice and that
Alice was quite well.

I am glad that Tom & George are
doing so well in their office Buiss.

I read an account in the Globe of a no
recollection of J.P.

You did not say any ^{thing} more ^{in your last letter} about
your sister that wanted to come west
Tell me something about her, is she married
how old is she and what is her other name
besides Harriett how long has her father been
dead and what is she doing now.

Regards and love to all
hope to hear from you soon

Yours affly & etc
F. J. Great