

Letter from Giles S. Thomas to His Family, January 3, 1876

Sutton Clay Co Neb.
Jan 3rd 1876

Dear friends,

I was at Sutton this forenoon and have just got through with my dinner and as I intend going to Geneva this evening thought before I started I would write you a few lines.

I start for Iowa Thursday morning the 6th will arrive at my destination on Friday evening -- distance nearly four hundred miles will not be traveling all the time as I expect to stop in Ottumwa during part of the day on Friday. Don't know what will be the day -- yet for certain but probably about Wednesday the 12th -- have not set a day for certain that we will start for Neb. I will write you the last of the week and give you more of the particulars.

I have never experienced as fine winter weather as we have and are having. It's dry and warm so that farmers can plow nearly every day if they wish--plows were running on the last and first of the old and new years something that I have never seen before--has been one of the finest winters for running thrashing machines I ever seen.

Matt and Uriah went to church yeasterday (sic) and have not got back yet 4 miles to the Schoolhouse where the meeting is--it will probably continue during the week. Judge Blaine and a Mr. Maservey is doing the preaching. Mr. When the circuit preacher cannot be here as he is having more work on other parts of the work than he can do. I must stop as it is going to keep me hurrying to get around as I have between 20 and 25 miles to ride and it is now but 15 minutes to two o'clock I also want to get around for church if possible. I will send this and the next letter to Dow P.O.

As ever to all.

G. S. Thomas.