Winnebago Illinois Box 203
Mrs E. K. Sourges
Dear Friend

Your letter at hand also check and as Mrs Burnett has been very ill all this winter requests me to write for her as it is something of a task for her to write now She was beginning to feel worried about you recieving your receipt as our post master is not very reliable she says it reminds her of the times when Buchannan was President. he has a brother that is a government offical that is no better than he is. I will mail this at Rockford and she will feel sure about you recieving it. Was sorry to hear of the illness in your family. here most every body has had the Influenza "or grip" and it always leaves one with some bad effects after you have got well of it. The act of our new Presidabt dining with a negro makes the times look a little more hopefull. But as Whittier says in his poem "One act maketh not a hero." Many of my people in their ignorance are easily drawn

by flattery to overlook those who are and really were their friends. There are none so blind as to see that Mc Kinley has never done any thing for the uplifting of them. Occasionally when there has been some awfull outragous crime committed we would hear of him agoing to investigate but nothing has ever come of his investigations. My Father and Mother were both slavs freed by the war and when I hear as I often do Mc Kinley classed with Lincoln and Garfield as a martyr it arouses my indignation. knowing they suffered for their principles of equal rights. What has Mc. Kinley done only to use his power to carry out the wishes of the old slave oligarchy. hoping that I haven't tired you with my letter and knowing what cares you have don't expect you to write often. Mrs Burnett joins me in sending my regards to you and family I am

Respectfully Yours

Mar- 3- 4- 02.

Adella M. Barnes

written for Mrs. E.A. Burnett