

At his trade a few days since
he came, still he gets along
very well he works at anything
he can get mostly in the mill
or logging camp. it is no place
for clerks or shopmen anyone
that expects to get along here
must pull of his coat and go to
work unless he has got money
then he can invest and make
money we all like the country first
rate what we have seen of it seem
to be very healthy. I must conclude
hoping this will find you more
settled write and let me know
how you get along. Your unkle
Wm and wife send there respects
give my respects to your wife
and accept the same yourself.
Your Aff^l Unkel John Cockwfe

There is a good deal of rain in the
winter months it stops all work at
the building trades. but the spring
summer and autumn are splended
building ground in town sells for
a high price. as the place is settling
fast. we bought a block of fine
lots and built a good house on it
it has taken every cent of money we had
it cost us a good deal to move here.
after we got here I built our own house
then I worked a few weeks for a con-
tractor he paid me \$3.25 cents per
day that is about 13.6 English money
so you see carpenters wages are pretty
good. but the rainy season set in and
stoped the work. there wont be any
more till spring so we shall be pretty
hard up this winter but if we can
get over that we shall be all right
this is a very good country for any
one that has got a little money to

Inchomish
Wash
U.S. America
Dec 22 1899

Dear Nephew
I received your letter and
was sorry to hear of your difficulties
my advice to you is to sell out
~~your present business~~
it is a dogs life anyway, you would
be far more comfortable working at
your own trade. there is not one publican
in fifty but what gets to drinking too
much. it ruins health and happiness
and sends hundreds every year to an
untimely grave. I dont want to preach
but I know so many landlords go to wreck
it is a very dangerous occupation. quit
it you will never be sorry for it. We
have been in Washington a little over
four months. it is a very good climate
no very cold weather in winter nor
very hot weather in summer

I invest it is also a good place
for a working man. wages are good
but they expect a good days work
the chief buisness here is Lumber-
ing. it is a great country for tim-
ber the trees are from 150 to 200 ft
high and from 14 to 12 ft through
some far larger than that there
are a great many saw mills through
here and window and door factories
and most of the people here are working
at that buisness they pay from 35 to
40 dollars a month and board, most
of it is pretty hard work but they
give good board there is not much
call for blacksmiths here or else there
is too many of them your unkle Wm
has a brother in law here he has been
here about twelve months he is a
blacksmith and has only worked

Shohomish Wash
Aug 13th 1871

Dear Nephew

I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you I hope you will like your new job if you stick to it you will have a chance for promotion you say you were disappointed to find Shohomish was so far from Philadelphia, well it is quite a little piece it would take 10 days to reach here by rail. Traveling night and day and over two months by steamer would expect to see it is quite an undertaking. I don't like to see you very much but it would hardly pay to come out here without you came to stay. work has been very slack here for some time now, there is such a rush from the eastern states, there are hundreds of young men through

Here every week, mostly looking for work, some looking for land, and some going back east dissatisfied it is a pretty rough country all forests and mountains and but little clearing done yet, there are lots that don't like it and go back again, the best thing about this country is the climate it is very healthy, but it is about as hard to make a living here as any other place. there is one advantage here we don't have any vegetables to buy we raise all we need and have some to sell. your uncle Wm and I are putting up some buildings for a man and taking a piece of land in payment, it is a very hard matter to get hold of money here. I think upon the whole the working class are as well off in England to day as they are out here. I thought it best to address this to your home as I judge you will be there when it reaches you.

Your uncle Wm & wife join me in
love to you. write soon

Your affect uncle
John Crockett