

Dear Pa:

This is your grandson, Jesse Jr. I hope you are OK. Mama has been after me to write you and let you know how I am doing. I am fine. I am doing OK in school. I hate it. They keep telling me that the learning will come in handy later on but it sure is hard trying to figure out how.

Pa one of the reasons I am writing you is to ask you if you will loan me 20 dollars. It is picture taking time and a group picture and some singles will cost that much. Mama says her and daddy just can't pull it off right now. So I figured you might want me to have them. I will send you one of me and the others will go to my teacher and the girl I like. My good friend Doyle said he would like to have one and I could write my name on it.

I will pay you back when I get out of school and start making lots of money with this learning I am now getting.

I had better stop now as it is bed time. I don't understand why I have to go to bed so early as mama and daddy don't. But they say I need the rest to grow up big and strong but they are always talking about some people trying to strong arm others and most of the time they call them fatheads; so I don't understand why I want to grow up big and strong.

We will be out of school before to long for Christmas and I will write you again as I don't want you to forget me.

Love, Your Grandson
Jesse Jr.

Dear grandson: Jesse Jr.

I have your letter of a few days ago. It was good to hear you are doing OK and liking school. Study hard so you want have to work so hard all your life like your Pa has done.

I am sending you 20 dollars as it is all I can together up right now. You can leave my picture off as I know what you look like and I don't understand why that little ole girl and your friend Doyle wants one as they see you every day and also should know what you look like. Ask the teacher if she needs to see the picture to know who you are when she sees you in class.

Don't worry for the next few years about having to pay this 10 bucks back as you can help me this summer as there is so much to do around here and I can only do so much.

Tell your mama and daddy to watch their talk around you even though they are right about how bad some people are.

Me and Ma hate to see Christmas come. I wonder if Jesus knew how much trouble and expense his birthday was going to cost he would have kept quite about it.

Take good care of your self and we will see you this summer when you come to work here.

Love, your Pa

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