William Clarke Quantrill's letter to his mother Caroline, June 23, 1860. Handwritten copy of the original. Call Number: RH MS 75. Kenneth Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas.

Lawrence Kansas June 23, 1860

My Dear Mother.

I seat myself again to write to you without having recieved an answer to my last two letters, and from the delay suppose you have not recieved them. If you did not I shall be quite disappointed for in one of the[m] I enclosed five dollars & the other ten knowing that you needed it and if I knew you had recieved them I would in this one send more You spoke about having to put a new roof on the house; well answer this immediately and I will send the means in the form of a check & then there can be no loss. I would like to come with it, but I cannot get away yet a while, I am expecting to get some money from a man who had brought a suit against Goverment & has had judgment rendered in his favor but without that, I can send you fifty-dollars as soon as you answer this letter. I recieved a letter from Mary dated June 1st [illegible] only two days ago & and as she said she would probably start home about the middle of the month I will not answer it at present untill I hear from you.

Your Son W. C. Quantrill