

Several days after my arrival, my little brother led my horse up from the barn, who had been fortunate enough to make his escape during the massacre and return home. Numerous scars were visible upon his body, where the deadening arrows had been implanted, but as he was treated with extreme care, he made a rapid recovery. About ten days after my return I received a letter from Mr. Coffey, who effected my release from the savages. His letter reads as follows:

Council Bluffs, Iowa.

March 19, 1865

Mrs. Morton

Dear Lady:

I was going to-day to start down to see you but I will go down by steamboat as far as Saint Joseph. I will probably return in eight or ten days, and I will spend a day or two with you.

I hope you are enjoying yourself at home and are happy after all the hardships you had to suffer last winter. My best respects to you, your father and your relatives.

I will be happy to make their acquaintance on my return from Saint Joseph.

Very respectfully yours,

Jules E. Coffey.

After remaining at home during the spring and summer. On November 19th, 1865 I was married to Mr. G. W. Stevens who was a resident of Sidney, Iowa. We resided in Sidney for several years when we moved to Monroe County, Iowa, where we lived for many years upon the farm. Receiving a large sum for our farm we decided to sell and moved to Bancroft, Nebr. But on finding a favorable location on a farm near Jefferson in the state of Iowa, where we decided to make our future home.