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This is a letter of 2 June 1859 from W. H. Newland at Leavenworth, Kansas Territory, to his wife, Jane. Newland was in Leavenworth to sell a drove of cattle.

The cover for this letter is not extant, so the location of Jane Newland is unknown. W. H. Newland was in Leavenworth to sell a drove of cattle, but he reported that “The market is very dull.” He was hoping to sell the entire herd at one time, and he assured Jane that “stock will bring a good price here after a little.” Newland had two business associates, “the old man and Iglehart,” who were “very homesick,” but Newland was determined to stay long enough to realize a profit. Iglehart and “Jo Price” had “had a chunk of a fight,” indicating discontent in the frontier town. Newland also reported that “There is yet nothing certain about the amount of gold at Pikes Peak.”

A photocopy of a photographic portrait of W. H. Newland has been placed in the Information Folder.

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