



Reed and Hyde Families Papers.

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I am rather sure
for news to-night
and so I will say
good night - dear
Love from all

Love

Your loving
sister
Jule.

Johet,
May 5, 1878.

My darling Love, Still they
come but do not conquer - The
Sunday caller I mean and
as usual, this day was spent
in nonsensical gabble and
fiveline talk, but you know
that - and do not know how
we long to clasp you in our
arms once more dear Louis,
"we have try" and wish
you were here to help us en-
joy Aunt Lucy's visit - at
Johet; she has been here over
one week and expects to remain
until the middle of the week

and then start for Boston
to remain until fall, then
go to St. Louis. I believe this
year is to be one of surprises
as we have seen a number
of old friends and relatives
and I feel as though we were
going to have a number of
visitors during the summer
and fall, at least we have
begun the year well. Oh, Lucie
the dear little baby is "too
cunning for any thing" and
very pretty, growing closer &
more like papa every day,
it is really a striking resemblance
so much so, that strangers notice
it, and you can imagine
how pleased papa is over such
an accomplishment. We
all play along in our usual
way making keeping "the exam"

wiseless terror of an "exam"
and live in the enjoyment
of perfect health and complete
happiness. Fannie and I went to
church with Al & ~~Wm~~ Will Hammond
to night and he just left us
a few moments ago, after
interesting us in the topics
of medicine, etc. Will is
making a splendid man,
and his family will someday
be proud of, he and Al &
are gradually making their
way into society and will
someday be the leaders.
Oscar Kork has returned
from Kansas for a short
stay in order to buy goods
preparatory to set up a store
at Grand Centre, that is what
Etta told me and I suppose
the "Simonds" hear. The

made, the garden
is in a fine
condition,
Papa has
taken a
great interest
in some
working
and himself
very good
gold up his
pocket
the other
morning,
not to
make the
fish.

last-Wednesday evening, but
I remained home and
therefore missed the time
enjoyed by all. Mr. Johnson
is captain now I believe, he
remarked to me the other day,
that he wished you were
here to have an office, as they
anticipate a call from the
government this summer, if
the communistic troubles
break out, as people fear and
dread. I presume you keep
up with the times, ^{now} than I
do as you have every advantage
for doing so. Your letter this
week was rather short and
unwise, but we were rejoiced
enough to receive even a few

read about it - in
the paper. The widow
was Mr. Wood and
the widow Mrs. Moore.
They have gone aboard
on their ~~the~~ wedding
tour. Well good-night
dear Sue, with love
from all Lilians
Your loving sister
Julie.

Joliet,
June, 2nd 1878.

My dear Brother Sue,

Your
weekly letter was received as
usual and to-day I hasten
to answer it, for a wonder
this Sunday after-noon finds
me alone and quietly seated
in my room, prepared to
write you quite a long letter.
It seems a shame that
we cannot have you with
us for two months longer,
but I know it is for the
best that you should stay
if you intend to accomplish

any amount of study as
I am sure you could do very
little at home, for there is
always so much to do when
an extra pair of hands are
within hailing distance, &
I imagine as we have begun
the summer with company
we will have a continued string
of visitors, and I must
confess I enjoy them. I had
such a splendid visit from
Carrie Evans, she remained
about ten days and returned
home much improved in
health, the change causing
the benefit - as we had very
little gaiety - simply quiet fun.
Min, her sister, you perhaps
remember her, is coming
down some time this month

if it will be convenient - and
I trust it may be. The Kustons
boys have concluded not
to come until August or
September, remaining in
Buffalo until that time.
The Hyde family are doing
well particularly number
five who is increasing and
improving wonderfully well,
and is soon to have a phaeton
a present from Papa, who
is only getting it for Fiddle -
as we call her, causing
some feelings of jealousy
among the other three. Har-
said she wished a Fiddle too
would come every week, if
she was to bring such pleasures.
The phaeton is not yet bought
yet so we dare not say
much concerning it, only

live with the hope of some
day possessing one. Mauna
keeps quite well considering
her work and the baby
who of course takes much of
her strength. The little J.W.
Barren is a very large, fine
baby I should judge from
what they write concerning
him. Do you hear from
these often? Oscar Poul has
returned to Johel and is
now in partnership with
Mr. Simonds, for reasons
many do not know, but
suppose on account of his
failing to get his money
from his Uncle to start
him in business in Kansas.
The corps is in a fine con-
dition, having several new
members added to the
number. I presume you

Love from
all to you
I remain,
Your loving sister
Julie.

John -
June 16, 1878.

My darling Brother,

I have
had such a delightful,
quiet - Sunday, not a call
^{nor} an interruption to disturb
my peace of mind and
five o'clock finds me
seated in my room
writing my third letter
and a little common
sense I hope. I must
confess this is nice, little
paper for my thoughts
seem to come in "flowing
numbers" and the space

is soon filled all on account
of the paper. We are still
keeping the even tenor
of our way and plodding
along in the hope of glory.
Your wonderful sister
Fiddle-bro is a remarkable
baby and growing all
art-of your remembrance,
she is a great sunbeam
in our home and we
worship her so much,
that I sometimes think
she will be taken from
us. The phacton has
not been procured yet
yet-but still in prospect,
which of course is much
pleasanter than no
hope at all. We are
having lovely weather

at-present-and it seems
inclined to be warm
and "summerified", Our
garden of vegetables and
flowers is in a luxuriant-
conditions. John is very
quiet-as far as society is
concerned, much to
my relief, but of course
there is the gossip excite-
ment always on the
rampage. Jessie Doolittle
is to give a lawn party
next Thursday eve, &
it promises to be a success.
I mean to give up all
society for the summer
at least and take a
rest. G. Gardner has
left town permanently
as he ~~was~~ did not receive

needs. I expect
to go with
the Evans
on their coming
trip in Aug
and I wish
you were.

Convincing home
before the last
of July, & will
you think
I mean weather
I must say

his position at the mill.
Ed Munroe told me the
other day that the Citizens
Corps expected a call any
day, "how is that for high",
but guess it is one of his
own ideas, produced by
his vivid imagination,
you know. Please bring
my Swinton's history home
with you, if you ever in-
tend to come. I am so
sorry you remain so long,
for you miss such pleasure
in Mary Evans's society,
as she arrived here this

advice shall do, as it is now late. With much

very sorry
you should
cannot-return
with you as
we would enjoy
a visit-from him.
Love from all
I am as ever
Yours lovingly
John

Johet,
June, 28/1878.

My darling Brother,
Yesterday was Fiddle-loo's birth-
day, six months old &
next-Saturday will be
your eighteenth birthday
if I am not-mistaken,
these two facts I wished
to tell you before I forgot-
so began my letter in
that abrupt fashion, all
is well that ends well" so
I will attempt-to make
a fine finish, unless

sleep overcomes me and
renders me helpless by
dull. As usual I have
had interruptions and
therefore no letters have
been written. Hattie
Kearlee and friends drove
down from Haverhill and
spent the day with the
Joneses and this family,
so we have had a regular
gala day. You poor, dear
boy I do pity you so, and
still honor you so for
persevering and making
up your studies, but do
not kill yourself, take
good care of your health
and devote all the time
you can to recreation

for I fear you will give
out before the next year
is half over. I wish you
success and hope you
may do well in your
examinations. The C -
University have their
Commencement exercises
this week, that Ronell &
Will Gardner are among
the graduates. Fiddle-Boo
was arrayed in her
short clothes as to-day,
and looks quite like a
little girl. She is a very
lovely baby, it is every one's
ridiculous that ~~she~~ has any
thing to do with her!
The phaeton has not been
purchased yet; but we

usual
quiet, peaceable
and happy.
Leave me, though
Smith is always
here, from ~~these~~
this, some
you will be
with - we again
dear old fellow
I wish I
could live
still
has gone into
selling milk, and he is
very faithful, uttering
a complaint - occasionally.
Rose is sick, but - nothing
serious. We have had
so many elegant cherries
from our trees this year,
fruit seems to be very
plentiful this year in
this part of the country, but
I presume Michigan has
more fruit - than any of
the northern states. Life
is much the same as

you to-night - Take care of yourself and come
home as soon as possible, I am

Joliet,
July 7/1878.

My darling Lou,
When are
you ever coming home
again it seems an ever-
lasting time but I suppose
we must exercise patience
and wait - I do pity you
so this very hot weather &
wonder how you accomplish
any study, for I never pre-
tend to have any ambitions
at least to devote my time to
study. When we five are to-
gether again what a glorious
time we will have, the
dear little baby is very bright.

and intelligent and I
suppose will astonish you
with her size. Charles H.
is at home of course and
has already commenced
his old habits of flirting with
the ~~girls~~ girls, he looks very
well and has improved
wonderfull I should judge.
Did you know that the
Am Arbor students are
boarding at Mr. Fournier's, why
I do not know, one is nam-
ed Bendicks of Indiana.
I hope, I hope they will stay
until you return, One came
to the house and inquired
for you, and seemed sur-
prised that you were not
in John. So I beg of you
do not kill yourself this
summer, but get through

as soon as possible, then
come home and have a
good time with your old
friends. John is very quiet
at present, but I am extreme-
ly delighted, for I do not
have even the usual amount
of interruptions to him.
Don't say anything but
the phanton is to be here
this week, then will we not
have a jolly time, I will
write you particulars later, as
father does not know I
have so much knowledge as
he wishes it to be a secret
until everything is ready.
Mama is quite well. How
did you spend your birth-
day? I thought of you a
great many times and
wished we had something

to send you. The fault-
here was very quiet - almost
every ^{one} ~~man~~ ^{mult} going to the woods
for rest - and quiet, our
church indulged in the
annual bal-ride, making
me sick as usual. It is
so hot - Love I must say
good night, with love and
kisses from all I am as
ever,

Yours loving sister
Jale.

John L.,
Sep. 24, 1879.

My dear Sam, This date
finds me at home
awaiting the return of
Father and Mother,
as they ^{have} wandered some-
what from the "even track"
of their way and are
not making a call at
the Akins'. Mr. Hise
is visiting there, so
you can imagine me
sitting here by the
fire all alone as far
as company is concerned.
For George is being
astute on this & Kofa.

exhausted after a fruitless
effort to understand
the opening of the Spj.
I have tried to inspire
the little fellow with
a desire for a higher
and better class of read-
ing, he and Eritund
to become close compan-
ions for this coming
year. Will Evans thinks
George is unusually bright
and has a wonderful
command of language
for such a little fellow.
We have all missed
you so much. Love
I am quite forlorn with-
out Han and yourself,
however we will hold

communication with
each other, as much as
possible. Han has been
heard from twice
since she left, she is
a little afflicted with
humourism I imagine,
but Aunt Lucy says,
in a letter received
to-day, that Han is
well contented and
even happy. She misses
Yordlu - for more than
any one of us and weeps
every time she thinks
of the infant. Will
Evans came down
Saturday night and
remained until Monday.
I did not tell any
one of his expected visit,

hoping to keep it
from the abominable
captains, but he was
shown off to a fine ad-
vantage on that night.
Mrs. Hammond had
burned Thursday night
and Sunday morning
between the and
there about Mr. Cagwin's
barn was discovered on
fire, it was soon in
flames, and but for the
prompt action of the
fire department both
houses would have gone,
as it was, one corner
was burned and the
whole badly scorched,
the residents

20 June

Sept 24, 1879
Julia

for a few moments was
intense, but we escaped
any serious damage,
although it was rather
a close call for us once
again. The tumultuous
brightens remain awake
all night watching or
sleep in their clothes,
expecting every moment
to be awakened by the
fire ball. The motive of
the incendiaries has not
been decided upon yet -
I believe, a lingering
suspicion of Maria Duggan
is afloat, but such an
idea is absurd.

Last evening
Ed and I attended

the party, it was a
dramatic affair, the
house was beautifully
arranged for dancing
making with the
five dress of the ladies
a very delightful scene.
I am terribly ^{fat} sleepy
in consequence of my
dissipation, hence this
scrawl. Write soon
and tell us all about
yourself. Love from
all from all. Please
remember me to Sue
Hall and other acquain-
tances. Lovingly, Julia

John, -
Oct. 5/1879

My darling Love,
I have just said good night to Mr. Sturgeson and now I can give a most profound sigh of relief, you may be surprised to hear such a remark, but you would agree with me, if you only knew how he has bored me of late, for the past week four nights he has appeared at the door, and the worst of it all is that he becomes

quite sentimental at times, attempts to take my hand etc. I have been so angry that I could not fight him decently. Oh, Love never go to see a girl to often, do not be a bore of all things, the poor girls suffer so in the society of uninteresting men, particularly when they are desirous of uniting to someone more attractive, be entertaining and smart, make a stand yourself thoroughly then find out the

John is the latest for making letters J

girls. We miss you so much I can't manage to subdue all the ticks which spring up where you are thought of. Your wish concerning the stopper and cement will be attended to in the morning, no negligence this time has not been intentional I assure, but because we could not find the articles mentioned.

Aunt Lucy
Purston spent Tuesday
night with us, leaving
here Thursday for St.
Louis. She says Sam
seems as contented

as a killar. I will enclose
 our last letter. Grand
 Preston is no better or
 worse. We are all alive
 and smiling yet. Jennie
 leaves this week Thursday.
 Harriet C. has left
 on business. Nancy Palmer
 is to be married even
 it is the richest thing
 I ever heard of. Her
 actions and stories are
 convulsing the whole
 town with laughter.
 Will H. left for C. on
 Monday. Perhaps I will
 go to C. myself this
 week, Will and the
 family are anxious to
 see you. Andrew A.
 and I have commenced

Letter of Oct. 5, 1879, Joliet: "I have just said good night to Mr. Stevenson and now I can give a most profound sigh of relief. You may be surprised to hear such a remark, but you would agree with me, if you only knew how he has bored me of late, for the past week four nights he has appeared at the door and the worst of it all is that he becomes quite sentimental at times, attempts to take my hand, etc. I have been so angry that I could not treat him decently. Oh, Lou, never go to see a girl too often, do not be a bore of all things. The poor girls suffer so in the society of uninteresting gents, particularly when they are desirous of writing to someone more attractive. Be entertaining and smart, understand yourself thoroughly, then find out the girls."

and I could I
 promise you
 this has come
 of William,
 Edgar, Henry
 I. I can't
 name all the
 names which
 in Le - Cair
 will. Until
 next - time
 I hope
 Feb.

Cal. 22, 1879

If this letter
 fails to interest - is discon-
 nected attribute it to fatigue
 for I am so completely tired
 out - no nurse girl - trying
 to clean house. I left in
 Chicago since Sat. - Wednes-
 day - make a topic of work
 for me that has sapped
 my strength to its utmost.
 And now I am here for
 continuing this letter, I
 realize that you would
 prefer a letter from
 Wanda, but her time
 has been so well spent
 in household duties that
 she has been obliged
 to neglect this letter, or
 in time of beginning

another I will be very
economical and save
paper. It was sad
indeed to put you off
with a postal last
week but there was no
other alternative and
what could I do. Mama
has been alone with
her hands full and
my time well spent
with business (?) in
Chicago. I had a most
delightful trip home
and came home the
possessor of a beautiful
diamond ring. Will
is just elopant to me
he is wanting a girl
could ask off a horse.
Our engagement has
been proclaimed to
all of his Chicago friends
and we hope it will
be in the months and
of John's gossip, for

prolonged discussions
and criticisms, however
it will not trouble me
in the least on the
contrary be a fine amuse-
ment. Some people
insist upon it that Ed
Thurston and J. Hyde
are to be married
Thanksgiving, but to
carry out the joke,
[Ed Thurston of my
engagement,] for we
have made a plan
to give the impression
that we are engaged
and have confessed. I am
to appear with my
ring at a sociable this
week. Ed was over this
evening to teach me
the game of chess, he
says I am an apt scholar.
Your letter containing
that effulgence on the
Thurston was received
while I was in C -

I found the weather so much better than
 yesterday. The sun was shining and the
 wind was light. We went for a walk
 in the park and saw many beautiful
 flowers. The children were very happy
 and played for hours. We also had a
 picnic under a big tree. The food was
 very good and we all enjoyed it. The
 day was very pleasant and we all
 had a good time.

To Louis Hyde from sister Julia

Letter of Oct. 22, 1879: "It was sad indeed to put you off with a postal last week but there was no other alternative and what could I do. Mama here home alone with her hands full and my time well spent with business (?) in Chicago.

"(?)" in
the letter,
not an
undecipherable
word.

I had a most delightful trip of course and came home the possessor of a beautiful diamond ring. Will is just elegant to me. He is everything a girl could ask of a lover. Our engagement has been proclaimed to all of his Chicago friends and ere long it will be in the mouths of Joliet gossips, for prolonged discussions and criticisms. However it will not trouble me in the least; on the contrary be a fine amusement. Some people insist upon it that Ed Munroe and J. Hyde are to be married Thanksgiving, but to carry out the joke (Ed knowing of my engagement) we have made a plan to give the impression that we are engaged and have some fun. I am to appear with my ring at a sociable this week."

John -
Nov. 9, 1879

My dear Sam,
At-
present - with - this
grand scattering of the-
family, you, poor isolated
being, ought - to - be just-
in the thoughts - and
feelings of each member
in the family; however
our person is dwelling
upon you and wishing
you might - be at - home
and keep her company.
I am so very lonely, the
with - Mathie and Mary
gone, the house seems
as quiet - as the grave

and I can admit of
a feeling of oppression
as I walked through the
rooms expecting to hear
a well known voice
calling my name. Papa
seems as before, spends
most of his time denouncing
Grant's travels abroad &
lamenting the cat as of
yore, the poor creature has
made several attempts
to desert us, but her
better judgment has
come to the rescue of
her rash impulses and
she still remains a
monument of patience
and forbearance. I have
only just finished a
letter to Mamma, who
at this moment is with

Sordley - for and I am
enjoying the society of
the family ^{at 8/154}. I was
so glad that Mamma
started just where she
did, for no better time
would have offered itself
if she had waited until
eternity, she could think
of no reason for remain-
ing, except to make her
mince meat, such an
abundant reason, just like
Mother she never leaves
a thing undone. I would
have given a great deal
to have had been at the
depot where she met
Fannie, I wonder what
the little child thinks
now, do you suppose she
remembers Father and

this mat-jus? I fancy
you have been apprised
of the victory which the
John-boys had in the
last-match between
with the Chicago team.
the cup is theirs now.
now you will have a
fine opportunity to see
it. I never laughed so
much in my life as
I did at the demonstra-
tion displayed when
the boys returned home
so triumphant. The
news was received late
in the afternoon and
at seven o'clock, all the
bravely disposed citizens
we had assembled at-

Julia

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Nov 9, 1879

the - depot - about - that -
time - the - five bells burst
forth - in their trifling
madness, and the two
engines dashed down
the - streets only to stop
quietly - and act - upon
further orders. Mr. Paige
is still enterprising you
know, when the Union
appeared around the -
curve the - race was deaf-
ening, the - bells rang
the - engines whistled,
the music sounded, but
I did not hear it - the -
people shouted, such an
uproar I never heard
before, the - boys ought
to have been proud
of such an oration, then
the - parade was another

features, the engines of the
course went trotting around
the street starting the
entire community with
its noise, however the wife
is not bothered with all the
demonstration. Another of
Uncle Gretch will be
here soon, but when I
know not. Carrie Evans
is coming to-morrow, to
keep me company for
a visit. John is dull
and stupid, but what is
the difference to me!
Very little news in the
bulletin nowadays that
Caguinas must be
crushed they mean to

Johist
Nov. 20, 1879

Mr. Domin

I am indebted
to you for a kind in-
vitation. Dear Sam just-
suppose you are Mr. S. C.
Domin so that I need
not waste a sheet of
paper unnecessarily. The
above named gentleman
kindly extended to me
an invitation for the
Independent-party to be
given Thanksgiving eve,
however I have declined
for various reasons but
meanwhile to mention
Johist gives promise of
being very gay, particularly
during the-Holidays
fortunate for you is it-
not? Last evening

Al Swan and I attended
a party given at Mrs.
Kirk's in honor of the
"Ecclesiars" tendered them
by the ladies in the
Episcopal Church. All
the "Peaks" and "Ecclesiars"
were in attendance and
I had a delightful even-
ing. Everyone was in
fine spirits. Miss Haskins
came down from Chicago
on purpose to attend.
Nat. Honory was there
also Henry Wood. The
Archery Club are making
preparations to give an
evening of assemblies at
the private houses near
Cass St. Mamma and
Mary are to be with us
to-morrow night, want
it to be jolly. I have been
quite homesick, it
seems like months since
they left. Your father is

distressed without Mary,
he lamented the Phillips
to such an extent the
creature has deserted
entirely. Mamma had
a splendid visit at the
Borrens. I can imagine
Grandma's delight with
the two children to-
gether. I hope she can
be with us during the
Christmas Holidays, if
possible I want to go
there in the spring
on our wedding tour.
It is to be short and
I know of no place I
would enjoy visiting there
more than on the farm.
All last week Carrie E.
was with us she came
down Monday evening
and brought Mr. Adams
a sampler with her, Mr.
Ed M. and the rest of
us, had a very jolly even-

Nov 30 1878
1879

My dear Mr. Brewster
I received your letter of the 28th and was
glad to hear from you. I am well and
hope this finds you the same. I have
not much news to write at present.
The weather here is very cold and
the birds are beginning to migrate.
I have been out a good deal and
seen many interesting things. I have
also been to the museum and
seen the new collection of birds.
I am very glad to hear that you
are well and hope you will
continue to be so. I am
yours truly
J. A. Allen

Johib, -
Nov. 30, 1879.

My dear Love,
Does your heart not- tremble as the time draws near for your visit- home. I confess I was astonished the other day to find that- only four weeks before Christmas, and I felt- like uttering a complaint- like Hank's, "only nineteen cuts- and so many youngsters to bye for" only three weeks and so many things to make. This Sunday morning Mother and I were wondering if you had a sofa in your room

and if a sofa pillow would
not be an acceptable
present to you, as we have
the material for one in
the house. I suppose
ornaments for your room
are as desirable presents
as something for your
personal adornment. I
believe I have not written
you for sometime now,
however you seem to
enjoy it - nobly, but - suppose
you try and live until
Christmas time, with-
out letters from me.
My correspondence is
becoming so extensive
that Father is beginning
to complain of the postage
expenses, even goes so
far as to say it amounts

to twenty or thirty cents
a day, but - the dear
old man exaggerates it -
for I do not average over
better a day. It seems
so nice to have Mamma
and Mary home again,
Mamma looks quite - fat -
and seems better, and
I have nothing to say
of Mary's - all health, the
dear little thing is saying
every word in repeat. It
is amusing to hear her
repeat - "trinkle, trinkle do"
she is also developing into
a very determined will,
similar to George's, but -
is not as unmanageable
as G. - was in his young
days. Sam is having
a lovely time but - I

have been very much interested
 in the proceedings of the
 Convention at New York.
 I am glad to hear that you
 are all well and happy.
 I hope you will continue to
 improve and prosper.
 I am your friend,
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison

John L. -
Jan. 8, 1880.

My dear Lou,

It seems
as if you had been gone
several weeks, the reaction
from such gaiety - to - this
quiet - is real hard to -
bear. Grandmother, Mother
and myself have had
a merry time trying "comforts"
and quilting, to add to -
the small supply already
in the house. Dear little
Maud has now been quite
sick to-day with a fever.
but - to-night - she seems
better. Mamma is at present

singing "Ker! diddle diddle,
cat-laws the fiddle" and
I am obliged to use all
my power of concentration
to prevent my writing
"err, morn, Ash, spook"
in the midst of writing
the entrance, I only beg of you
to not pardon the error
I have already committed,
this writing in such a
"hubbub" is something I can-
not do, how very fortunate
I am not a mother with
two children, for you surely
would never receive a
letter from a mother. Uncle
Borren has just left for
the depot on his homeward
way, he has been with
us for several days, he
really seems in better spirits

than I have seen him
in many a day. Har-
has been heard from twice
but I've "many a time" what
shall we think of him!
Monday night I went
to that party at the
prison and it was really
one of the finest I ever
attended in John's, the
refreshments were elegantly
served, and by prisoners
too, imagine the sentiment.
I hope after this to have
a most complete rest.
Maggie leaves to-day, so
my house hold duties
will be many. Will has
invited me to attend
the opera next week after next,
and I think I shall
go up, and do shopping

also. I suppose you are
safely installed in your
old quarters but we have
not been informed of it
yet, and anxiously await
the news. Perhaps the
affair will happen the
first week in May, but
it is so uncertain yet
that please say nothing
of it to a soul even. When
do you have your spring
vacation. Did we not
have a merry Christmas
together? I fear it will
be the last one with all of
us together. Please write
me to B. Shoemaker &
Lucy Hall. Love from all
to your dear Son,

Truly,
John.

Heather Parker
was married
last Wednesday
in the rain.
John.

John,
Jan. 26, 1887.

My darling Lou.

Poor fellow
to-morrow morning you
will go to the office and
no letter will await you,
but how could I help but
postponing my letter until
to-day when one young
man was here calling
over six hours. I was to
full of pleasure and so
angry when ten o'clock
came and he did not
go, that I retired with
my day's work unfinished
or at least not begun.
Grandma is with

us yet, but thinks
more of returning the last
of this week. We love to
have her stay, but Auntie
wants her so much.
Last week Monday I
went to Chicago remain-
ing until Thursday after-
noon, one evening I attend-
ed the opera of the "Magne-
tope" "L'aria de L'ammor-
mori" Manion was the
star of the evening, she
is an elegant singer and
it was the finest opera
I ever heard, & the troop
of course was very fine
throughout. It will be
a fine opportunity for you
to improve when the season
begins at Detroit for I hear
the troop will go there
before returning to Europe.

I read in the paper that
Mrs. Scott Siddons is to
read at Ann Arbor some
time soon, how her if
possible, her beauty is consid-
ered by some to be the very
highest type of English
beauty. I am so anxious
to hear her myself. Maria
went up to the theatre
Saturday and came home
sick, but perfectly delighted
with the opera, it being
the first one she had ever
attended. While in C-
I saw Aunt Julia, also
Kate Oring, Min and
I called upon her at
their trading place, Kate
seems very happy and
is looking fine. Uncle
William & Aunt
through the city Sunday

in his way to - Canada
Latter part of the
and are engaged or will
be engaged in his letter
this morning, but is that
for himself then. I
thought and I made some
purchases for the outfit
while in C. I could leave
it until I have for
the wedding as the matter
for money and if it
will do in that story
I suppose you could
lend them. I wish
I want you to
understand from and
from that I forbid you
getting me a wedding present
the money required and
from father and so
the outfit money.

Drawn to a full
width until
with one
sur.

John,
8 February 1880

My dear, Father Love, I

have the pleasure of
citting in the parlor
beside Will of Chicago,
is he the first, second
or third as you need
to have it.

Tuesday evening
finds me again excited
to make another to inform
you of our happiness, Mother
is working, Grandma
singing Papa reading and
George throwing his shoes at
a tremendous rate, while
explaining of the catch.

I'll be - Many sweetly
sleeps away the hours,
thine you have us soon
reaching; and even let me
proceed to explain why.
I did not continue this
epistle when I began.
Last week Will came
down unexpectedly, having
burnt down the track before,
or of course I devoted my-
self to him when I intend-
ed to write you, however
he allowed me just about
five minutes to write a
letter to you, and behold
the result. Mail until you
are engaged and see how
much time you will have
to spend with other people.
Monday Clara spent -
here and not one moment
did I find to address you

null, old, darling you
will remember I am busy
and think just as much
of you as ever, even if I
do not manifest it -
by an abundant amount
of written manuscript.
Will came down on business
Saturday, in respect to a
case, which had to be
submitted to Judge Wm.
Roberts. When the busi-
ness was transacted the
Judge, not really knowing
who he was, [in relation
to me] suggested, that
he could deliver to C. on
the Sunday train, Will
replied that he came to
see his mother-in-law,
thine Judge Wm. understood,
and they had a merry
laugh over it. Will is

elegant - I tell you Mrs. Thos.
Gardner [George's mother] told
Mrs. Reed that Henry said
Will was the smartest young
lawyer in Chicago, you
can believe it or not - as
it strikes you. The enclosed
scrap of paper contains news
of G. G. I have sent it to
her but the Journal papers
had the same article in.
He has been heard from
once since he left indirectly.
Some one heard of his trying
attempting to buy a ticket
through to San Francisco
while at Colorado Junction
where Ed. Duffer is stationed.
I believe the family do not
know where he is or the
reason for his disappearance.
Please return the scrap
to mother, and send the
papers to Sam at Abiga
Julia. To night the Corps

[2-8-1880]

boys have their Washington
birthday party, & it is quite
quite a dussing affair, but
they will not miss me,
as I no one, thought enough
of me to invite the girl,
"engaged" is my label
and it is no use they
think. This week Friday
we entertain the Archbishops
club at this mansion
no dancing, but a valentine
party will afford the fun
for the evening. I have
prepared about ten beautiful
Valentines to give away.
The first officer is to be him
the low-mindon gentlemen
and ladies have separate
boxes. Perhaps father will
be cupid, to stand above
the place for and arrow
in hand, will be not

look fine, with-drapings and
wings to complete the picture.
Perhaps Miss C. will come
down this week. Grandma
will go home the last of this
week. We received Fannie's
picture to-day it is an elegant
one of her. When your are
finished send her over
separate from the family
for I want it for the three-
after. The next may come
off in the first week in
May, how does that suit-
you? Do not tell anyone
please, the day is not set-
and it may be postponed.
Little Mary is talking
every thing a perfect little-
parrot. Uncle William has
not returned from Canada
yet. I must say good night.
Love from all. Lovingly
Julia.

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Chicago.
12 February 1888

My dearest Son,

I have
had a visit - [brief indeed]
from Maria since I
last wrote or I will
have something to tell
you of all the home ones.
Maria came up last
week Thursday and
remained two days with
us. A large party from
this house principally
ladies attended the opera
in "Valk" that Thursday
evening, escorted by one
gentleman W. Adams
brother, and a bashful

^{one}
~~from~~ too. They went with
"dollar tickets" but managed
to get good seats and
heard "Gustav" in Martha.
I was so glad to have
Mother hear her, for she
seemed to enjoy it - so
very much. Will would
not attend because
your eldest sister could
not accompany him.

Mama is looking
well, and the other members,
except Papa, seem ⁱⁿ as
good health as usual.
Poor Papa seems to
be afflicted with a succession
of colds and attacks of
the rheumatism. But
I hope the "gripping" days
of spring will not have

of those troubles. Mary is
just as well as ever.
George still has implicit
faith in "for Beauty"
pipe and Indian relics
in general. You micked
boys, upon your heads
may rest his loss of
faith and distrust of
mankind all through
life. Just ponder upon
what you & sin you
have committed and
atone for it by an humble
confession. Have come to
C- last Saturday, but
as she attended the
opera matinee I did
not see her, for her
limited time only allowed
her a brief visit with Will

Aunt Lucy Weston spent
last Friday at #50, I went
for a short visit to Lock-
port, the old people are
getting so feeble, Auntie felt
it her duty to make an
effort and to see them.
As it was too bad that
Ola had had to weather
a siege of scarlet fever. I
am sorry for her unfortunate
luck. All at #50 are well
Min seems the gayest of
the crowd and wishes
me to send you her love
also Fannie who is mourning
because her Son is away
so much. Carrie and W
W. M. C. are in Beloit -
visiting at the present -
meeting. I am busy now

Feb 12, 1880

S.

Julia

Looking very much
to literature I am deeply
interested in "Macaulay's
Life and Letters". We
girls devote so much time
to reading and have
many pleasant discussions
over the books we are
reading. I am anxious to
begin "Life and Letters
of Washington Irving". This
wishes to know if you
will please send a list
of the books you are reading
in your literature class.
I believe. Have we not
had a charming winter
for snow, ice, cold and
slut. Once in a while
send me some of your
college papers or some

thing which will interest
me concerning your
college life. Remember
me to your friends I
have met. How did
the coffee like the -
rush brown holder?
as I wish to indicate
apistle to Aunt Julia
Lutich I must end
this with a bring
good bye, from

Your loving sister

Julia.

Write without delay I
want one of your letters
introduced with Macaulay's
Julia.

John L.
22 February 1880.

My darling Sue,
How
sure you will not be
neglected - this week
since some unreasonable
your attempts to disturb
me at this late hour
& Sunday night. We had
no girl, plaster work and
a sewing girl in the
house with all the work
to do, so you can imagine
our distress and forgetting
all past neglect. Mother
is completely discouraged
so much work before her,
and no prospect for a

hitherto girl, Saturday
I made a raid of the
town Alice & I and my-
self made inquiries of
thirteen places for girls
with no success whatever,
I am worried for fear
Mother will kill herself
with the work of the next
two months. I wish you
were a man with a
wonderful power or a great
degree of authority and
would effect a change in
the help question of this
community, something has
got to be done soon. Last
Sunday Will and Mr.
Adams spent with us, or
I was unable to visit -
you were a lion. We had
a merry time with
them. Mr. A. of course

made his appearance to
see Will & myself. but - he
put it upon the grounds
that - he could not resist
the temptation to humoral
Will, he succeeded admirably
in this way, he apprised
Will, Saturday, of his intention
to spend Sunday in I -
jokingly as Will supposed,
and his response Will made
him promise not to -
cross the threshold of the
front - parlor, and he
carried out his intention
promise fully on purpose
to annoy Will and he
succeeded most effectually
I confess. He [Mr. A.] is
really the most torment
I ever knew, you would
like him I know. Will
remained until Thursday

after-noon, to return in
May some time. That
morning we received that
a letter from ~~Frank~~
announcing Will Pieston's
intended visit the next
morning. He came and
went the next morning,
his visit among his
relations was a flying one,
only a night in each place,
He may possibly leave
St. Louis, as Uncle has
promised him a situation
~~or~~ in some capacity on
the Northern Pacific road, with
a chance of his becoming an
engineer in time. Will
is very much elated over
his prospects, he procured
a pass over the road &
took advantage of it to leave

Julien

Feb 22, 1880

a last adieu to his
 friends. Grandma dear
 woman left for Kinneg
 last Friday night, she
 did look her well and
 fat, her rest here has
 been a great deal to
 her, her we all disliked
 to have her go, but I have
 hopes of seeing her and
 the other dear ones in
 the spring. I so hope
 we can go down there.
 Ann is suffering from
 homesickness a trifle
 of late, I imagine she
 longs so to be home during
 these times of separations.
 I do not wonder at her
 desire, Jane Barrett for
 started for St. Louis
 the same night - Will
 left there for John - I

can imagine the bitterness
of his disappointment, he
is a misguided youth.
Little Mary is so lovely
she has improved to such
an extent that - we need
no sentence is too difficult
for her to master, her
health continues very
good. Father just remark-
ed that - he did not
believe it - would be necessary
for him to visit you
or Sam this week. The
news of importance, all
is quiet - along the
River. Clara Byrne is
in Chicago visiting. These
remember me to friends.
There is a young lady
visiting Miss Whely around
Miss Corwell of which a
friend of B. Shoups's