



Reed and Hyde Families Papers.

Copyright Notice:

This material may be protected by copyright law (U.S. Code, Title 17). Researchers are liable for any infringement. For more information, visit www.mnhs.org/copyright.

[1882?]

John -
January 22nd

My dear Lou:

As in my
last letter to you - I
did not decidedly say
I would be in San - Antonio
for the 13th -
I was State, + with great
pleasure, - That if noth-
ing happens to prevent
I will be there on that
date -

Julia has written you
Minnie's decision. I am
so sorry that she will

be unable to accompany
me: the thoughts of her,
as my companion were
half the pleasure. be-
cause she would be
my pilot - or, at least,
she is more used to trav-
eling than I!

Do you think Mrs.
Shumaker will be at
the B. & A. house? Mrs M^{rs}
Roberts tells me, that
Miss S. is in Cavanaugh's
expecting to remain
some time, & I inferred
from her remarks that
she thought it prob-

Jan 22, 1882
Fannie

ful - whether the mother
Mrs S. would, under the
circumstances, be at
Ann Arbor. However, if
you say come, I will
by all means accept
the opportunity - as I may
never again be able
to attend so grand
an affair -

While this subject
is uppermost I will ask
several questions. Have
you a hairdresser at
Ann Arbor? if so, I think
I will have my hair

arranged by me - other
points I will learn from
you when there -

I suppose you know
from the fact. of our
not sending any more
daily papers that ^{the} Har-
vard - Swann's affair
is affording us interest-
ing details -

Nothing has been
developed - & bids fair
to be squelched - much
to the satisfaction of
all friends concerned -

However - Mr Harwood
says there is not a doubt

Marion Baus born Feb 15, 1881

That makes this letter 1882 Q. D. L.
1/6/85

103 yrs ago.

John -
January 29th

My dear Lou:-

I can hardly realize that in two weeks I will, if nothing prevents, be with you in ^{my} Andover.

As the time approaches I am invested with a child's impa-

hurry, + wish the
days to speed - even
more rapidly - though
still - being mortal!
I may have to fore-
go the pleasure - as
we can not trust
fully in the future.

Your plea of
"no news" is certainly
by mine to night -
as, not an itair
have I to commu-
nicate to you -

Sure that Mary
has the chicken box -
as she brings it.

The child has

not seemed well
for two or three days
past, + finally Sat-
urday the disease
came out in full
force upon her face -
+ now she is holka
doted indeed!

With care +
proper treatment
she will soon be well
again - much to
the joy of all -
when she is well -
as you know her.
List of questions is
exhaustible - but
when she is sick

her talent. in that
direction is much
greater.

We had such a
pleasant letter from
Julie last week. She
wrote that Marino
had succeeded in
taking two or more
steps alone - just think
the child will be a
year old the 15th of
next month.

Love, Maria,
has ordered a lambs
quinn for you - it is
a dark more felt -
+ to be embroidered -

Jan 29, 1882
Fannie

g-

The
ed. in natural colors
of the flowers.

If possible we will
finish it so that I
can take it with me
next month - but, such
a fear, will be impossi-
ble - as, at present, we
have no paper figure
+ are not sure of
obtaining another
one - However,
will try - to finish
it by 3rd time -
It will be nec-
essary for you to

have made by a
carpenter - a board
the size of your
mantel - extending
to the back edge.

The board lies
on top of the marble
slab - is covered with
material to match
the lambrequin, +
to the outer edge the
lambrequin is attach-
ed -

I am sure you
will be very much
pleased with it,
when completed,
as the pattern is

very handsome -
I suppose the
"Germania" to be held
this week, will be
a brilliant affair -

How I wish we
in Joliet, could enjoy
such fine parties -
not a single thing
in the way of a
social entertainment
has been given since
the holidays - +
nothing in anticipation
+ but, the Harvard -
Stearns ~~offices~~
has quitted, so that
now - all her id

exceedingly quiet.
Charles Fish has
been quite ill since
his return to Chester.
The family are quite
nervous about his
present attacks - as
he is affected very
much as is Will Heath.
I sincerely hope he will
remain well enough
to finish next June.
John - wrote that she
attended the Dartmouth
banquet given in C
not long ago - & while
at the table - saw
Mr Parker - our former

Jan 29, 1882
Fannie

Superintendent -
+ At the reportless
table I saw the "Hond"
and was very glad
that she did not
have an opportunity
to speak with him -

As Mary is wait-
ing to be ushered
to bed - + as that
is my duty - I will
be obliged to close
my letter -

With dearest love
to you - & remembrance
of the acquaintances
there - I am -

Yours lovingly -

Fannie -

[1882]

Joliet Feb 3rd

My dearest Lew:

Your letter, which we have been so anxiously awaiting, came this morning.

We did not know whether your silence was indicative of ill health but the appearance of one has set our fears at rest.

Mama received an invitation from Will Evans Adams to hear Gerster sing to night, so she went to Chicago this

morning expecting to
remain until to morrow
Papas rheumatism is
much better, & he is now
able to dress him self.

We have been having
a terrible amount of snow
here since the holidays.

The first of fall was
about a foot & supple-
mental storms, have made
the snow very deep in-
deed.

I am going to see
Janau Scherk, as Mary
Stuart to morrow night
I understand that this
is her best play. it
seems almost incredible
that such a noble ac-
tress, will honor Follet
with her presence.

Lee, where does the
grand Junior party take
place? how I wish I could
attend. Why dont some
body endow, ~~the~~ this
here child.

Has Mr Coffin received
a brush broom holder elab-
orated with a cat, & which
was sent last week; please
give him the enclosed pic-
ture with my compliments.

I hope ^{you} will success-
fully pass all of your
examinations & do not
study too hard remem-
ber.

We had a very pleasant
letter from Auntie Bowen.
They are well & in quite
good spirits, Minnie is
getting along very.

nighly in her studies.

I accidentally burned your letter so am unable to answer any question you may have written. Remember that I am very desirous to ^{have} all mine answered.

Many sends love to
Sister Louie, with love
to you from all.

Reluctantly
Father.

[1882?]

1882

Joliet Feb 13th

My dearest Lew:-

The information which your last letter contained, regarding your health has caused us a great deal of anxiety.

Lew, you must go to a physician & find out what the disease, or the cause of the disease is.

If you neglect yourself now, the delay may prove most serious.

Papa says, that if you do not improve, home you will come.

I believe your case is similar to James Barrett's. I did at one time know the full particulars of his trouble, but time has erased them from my memory.

I believe, first he tried a Roman Liver Pad but with out avail. Then that was for dispepsia, then he consulted with all of doctors in town, & finally, after a years struggle he finds that the disease is neuralgia of the stomach, & best with a good appetite. This is not confidential information, but known to many. Perhaps you have the same route to travel.

I want to tell you that Clara Bacon & Mr. A. M.

are engaged.

I think she may live to rue her past conduct. I never have admired her character very much, know that she is heartless &c.

George is writing a letter to Mr. Coffin thanking him for the Souv. amount, which he says he values next to his dog's pipe, I nearly subuded when I read that part of his letter; it seems so bad to fool this boy so badly, and sure that he has not the slightest suspicion of foul play. I enjoyed three rare treats last week seeing Janus check two nights & hearing Gerster last Saturday. I never heard any

Love to you
from all
+ family

thing to equal her voice.
it is simply heavenly, not
so strong, but so sweet, clear
& high.

I am almost discouraged
about singing - ever since
the holidays I have had
a dry soar throat & hoarseness
which, of course, retards
my progress - not mentally
but in regard to gaining
strength. I mean to perse-
vere, hoping for rewards.

We do hope that you will
be better now that your ex-
aminations are over, conse-
quently ^{to} a great amount of
noise, & that you will
grow better immediately.

John
February 12th 82

My dear Lou:

I expected
you would, in your
last letter home,
say something concern-
ing ^{stopping} my place while
with you - but the
German probably
caused all such thoughts
to flee from your

dizzy + tired mind -
However I trust all
is satisfactorily arrang-
ed, + that I shall know
in due time.

From your des-
cription I can well
imagine how magni-
ficent was the Re-
d. German - + what
a distinguished party
of young ladies you
were honored with.
Will this junior
hop - be as pleasant?
Anticipation - a gor-
geous time with you
+ your friends, +

hopes that in active
+ books I will not,
in any way, disgrace
you; then cheerfully -

Of course, you
know that Alice + I
are married - July came
to the wedding +
is with us yet, al-
though I have much
to our regret, return
to my mother.

The bride + groom
are taking an exten-
sive trip east + will
return to Aurora,
making that town
their future home -

Perhaps I had better
tell you that I will
leave C. for A.A. Friday
morning ~~at~~ nine o'clock.
on the M. Central R.R.
& if all is well, will ar-
rive at my destination
at five P.M.

I would really pre-
fer staying at a pri-
vate house but will
do as you have arran-
ged for me of course.

I will have a
good deal to tell
you concerning mill
affairs when I will
see you. Papa has writ-
ten you about the

2 Feb 12, 1882 Fannie

Christom's opinion
I know - but I have
several hints to give
you -

Well Lou, I will
say good night
to you with love
from all, to you -
Yours -

Fannie

I hope you have had -
as I described. Some
time ago - a board
made for your man-
tel - it must extend
to the outer edge of
marble + is to be
as much or so in

thickened - & will be
covered with ma-
terial - matching the
Lamborghini - which
I will take into
me -

J. E. H.

John Feb 20

Only a postal card to day. Mauna is quite ill consequently my time is fully occupied.

We hope you are much better Lu., & do be careful of yourself.

Papa is well.

Baby ^{Maui} was vaccinated last week & we anticipate sickness for her.

Saw the niece Saturday; she looks like J. has dark brown hair.

Love from All. F. & V.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Mr. Lou How. Hyde.
Ann Arbor
Mich.
Box 193.

John -
February 22nd

My dear Lou:
My journey from A.S. to C. was accomplished without accident, save, that Will failed to reach the depot in time.

Such a state of affairs quite excited me for a moment - as I knew nothing of that part of the City - & thus not daring to venture out

alone. So with the
Posters aid I procured
a carriage which carried
me to 566. in Safety

Miss Knight +
Miss Hubbard proved
very pleasant compan-
ions + I only wished
they were to go ~~further~~
through, but, of course
they left me at Rock-
ford, + the remainder
of the day was spent
dreadfully enough.

I can not write
you. or express, ~~how~~
in writing, the extent
of the enjoyment
of my visit with
you. It is one long
to be remembered
+ I truly regret that

the time so pleasantly
spent passed too
quickly.

A few girls in-
debted to Miss Seely
for entertaining me -
+ I truly hope to all
have here next sum-
mer. Please give her
my love, + say to her
that I will write soon.

Papa has written
today - + as I am in
a fearful hurry I
will say good bye un-
til Sunday.

Give regards to all
inquiring friends.
With dearest love.

Fannie.

Please excuse the
hurried state of this epistle

about 75 history -
Now the society was
organized at
Union College, as
I feel ~~that~~ that
I know some-
thing of his -
organization -
Loliet - Love to you
ever
Yours
Loliet Mar 6th 1880

My dear Lou;

This notice
of Psi Upsilon convention
was addressed to Loliet,
instead of Ann Arbor &
know you are anxious
to receive it & will send
it to you this morning.

I hope your head-
ache is much better.

Do not do such gra-
tuitous work again ^{such} as
to hunt for missing soph
at the expense of your
own health. It proves
that you are unable,

among many things
as yet, to win any riches.
We are in the midst of
house cleaning &c. not
pleasant work I can assure
but mine too, after all
is finished. Well

We are all [&] happy.
I suppose Julia writes you
occasionally. She does us,
& about every other word
concerns the Baby Marion
who has no equal any
where. Surely she
is a model youngster.

Hope you will be in
Chicago, to attend the
Con. Some time ago
a pamphlet of ^{the} R.V. af-
fairs came here to for you,
& which I mailed to
you. Did you receive it?
Well I too read, all -

[1882?]

George wants to
know why Mr.
Coffin does not
answer his letter.
Y. C. H.

John Mar 27th

My Dearest Lew;

It has
been some time since I
have written to you, but
Mauna & Julia have kept
you posted in regard to
home news;

Nothing of an event-
ful nature has happ-
ened lately; things go
on as usual - disagree-
able weather, plenty of
snow, cold days &c.

To-morrow Papa goes
to Chicago to meet Uncle
Tuttle on his return

from

to Canada to Victoria.

At the same time he will go to see little Marion Evans. who is the dearest baby I ever saw. the little thing is irresistible, so bright & cunning.

I want you to see her as soon as possible.

Will calls her Murphy, Evans & a various ^{other} appellations.

I wanted to be the first one to tell you of Minnie & David's engagement, but Julia wrote you last Sunday. Min is exceedingly happy. Mr Tuesday is a fine business young man & is doing a prosperous business.

Minnie said it was perfectly comical to see

Will & Lou, when they came into the room to congratulate David. They were both leaning on each other. top sided - feet sticking out - head twisted looking for all the world like fools.

Minnie said all David could do was to drop down & laugh.

Now I must write you of one of Will's original comediments. You remember how it snowed last Saturday. Well, Will was just starting out in the snow when he strangled up & said what is the difference between the baby & me. I failed to guess.

he then said, "I breast
the storm & she storms
the breast". Did you
ever -

We received a nice long
letter from Annie Bourne
telling of there good health.

There is a report that
Kane the tragedian is
coming to Follet. I have
an invitation from Mr. Mil-
ner - to see him if he comes.
I must conclude - with
love from all I am ever -

Yours;

I hope you can be in C-
at Y V convention.

Johnat.
Apr 20th 82.

My dearest Lin:

Fearing that
~~you~~ you may read of John's
Small pox epidemic, & be
come alarmed concerning
the family, I ~~can~~ write to
you, that, as yet - we are
all 'usually' well. Though
the dread disease is
spreading to an alarming
extent.

Within two days.

over thirty cases have developed - & as so many people have unconsciously exposed themselves, more are to be expected.

The malady originated on Bluff St. in the Brewster family & they, after the death of two children, opened the windows & allowed the germs to freely broadcast, & they also allowed their friend to visit them. As for the house had been fumigated & as the building is low & closely surrounded - numbers of people were considerably exposed.

Minty Paige, was yesterday stricken down & to night is to be carried

to the post house & Aunt Dimmond. Dr. Eliza LaFarr's aunt, is also sick with the disease - it is, in fact, all over the city & people have it who cannot account, in any way for the contagion.

To day the schools have been closed as children who have the illness in their families have attended before facts were known as you see - I understand hundreds.

The library was also quarantined to day - as a member of the Eider family had a book ^{from their} and they, too, have the epidemic.

In fact the disease is in the very best parts of town & you can imagine

The continuation of one & all.

Yesterday Aunt Dismund will
pass being unknown - any number
of her friends visited her - Dr Hand -
Shub hands with her - & Miss Marshall
spent the afternoon there & Miss
Reed called to - do you can
conceive of the people's fear.

Our family all being so well
I do not think we need fear
any thing - if any thing we looked
for - I trust all will end happily.

I must close - but will let you
know of affairs very soon again -
with love to you from all - I
am yours, Fannie.

We thank, thank - By Dr's, trueness
spongy General Grant. Patient
process flour is admirably
known.

Fannie

[1882]

Well, I must con-
clude with
reluctance.
Love from
all - adieu
Gammie

John et Apr. 24

My dear Lou;
I am happy
to bring able to write
you. That the flood has
abated, & all danger is
over.

The river is de-
creasing each day,
having fallen about
a foot.

I can tell you, we
have had an narrow &
miraculous escape. &
People fully realize it too.
There has been consider-
able excitement at our

time - as so many were
in danger.

No doubt, you are
well posted - as we sent
you daily papers as
well as written accounts
of the impending flood.

To day is actually
summers - & quite accep-
table, I can assure you -
& now that the weather
is becoming settled - we
are anticipating a visit
from Julia & Marion.

We are wild to have
them come - & I expect
Mum & Maude Whitman
to visit me in May - when
the apple blossoms are
in bloom.

What time will school
close this year?

Uncle Bowen has been
with us for the past week
He hopes to be able to let
Auntie, Annie & Sherman
come North this summer -
which I hope they do -

Have you received an
invitation for the Yisue
Paper Sociable? it prom-
ises to give a success-
I wish you were here to
attend.

Nothing new socially -
except - that Will Warner
& Louise Stahale are
to be married - Wednes-
day - so also are - Mr.
Fibro & Florence Carpenter.

Last night I went
with Mr. Meserve - to
see Bartley Campbells.

play my Geraldine -
which was performed
by his own company & it
was fine indeed.

Prof. W. K. H. - Opera
entitled the Maid Queen
has been performed - a
week. I have never seen
a more beautiful thing
in my - The defect was
due mostly to some
effects. George - took
part in a pantomime
which part he did
beautifully. The scene
represented Fairy Land &c.
& were most really pic-
tured - as one could
imagine them -

Polist.
May 8th 82.

My dear Lou:

Again I have dreadful small pox news to write you, & this time too, it is nearer home.

Yesterday it was discovered that ^{my} ~~Barney~~ Barrechild's daughter was ill with small pox & had been ill for nearly a week. & the family I had secreted facts & had allowed their children to come to our house with milk &

Barney kept on working
at the mill, thus assist-
ing Papa & all working
there. The children too,
have been at the mill
most of the time & have
drawn the water from the
pails used by the work-
men. So you may judge
of affairs.

The child has
been sick since Wed-
nesday - & yesterday the
~~doctor~~ becoming reluctant
it & ~~that~~ they were
obliged to call a physi-
cian - & the case was
pronounced black
small pox. & the child
has just died - & now
an other member of

the family came down
with the disease this
morning, & he has been
removed to the hospi-
tal.

Many things have
now come to light -
& it has been found
that a true outbreak ag-
ain of Barney's older son
was sick for a few days,
& the papers reported at
the time that he had
S. p. but Barney said
that such was not the
case - that his son had
intermittent fever -
& now it is proven that
he had varioloid, & they
annulled every thing
from the public.

Papa is perfectly enraged - & will, no doubt, dis-
charge B. They are now
quarantined - & watched.

This morning Bishop
& Lambert discharged
all their men for a
while - at least ~~at that~~
Street is quarantined
& I do not know what
Papa will do.

Just think of
Mr's Cooper & the other
Willoughby & his wife - all
have been exposed.

The people here
all ~~are~~ greatly interested -
I think that the
family have heard the
disaster for 3 weeks &
secreted it - they will be
put through most

5- May 8, 1882
Fannie



Thoroughly, I can assure
you,

We all have been
exposed you see - because
the little boy who is now
sick with the disease
brought the milk to us
yesterday morning - he
sides several cases around
town there are nine -
seven at the first house
So, you see, that ^{the} Scourge
is not yet over - although
little is said by the
papers.

Mamma says do
not think of coming
home - probably never

of our family will have
the dread disease
but lightly, if at all, as
we were all so recent-
ly vaccinated.

I had no idea
until lately how conta-
gious the disease was -
& am now fully aware
of its features.

To think Barry
would do such a thing
seems terrible - & I do not
know what will be done
with him.

I will write you
to morrow - Hoping you are
well & will excuse the
hastily written letter.

Love -

Fanny

Maine yours always
L. J. Garrison.

Solist:
May 21st 82

My dear Lou-

It has been a long time since I have written you, but knowing that Mamma has kept you posted regarding the welfare of the family; it were needless for me to repeat the sayings & doings of the people.

But I did in your last letter hear that Miss Seeds thought of spending part of the

festival week in the city.
I too, expect to ~~attend~~ the
festival - & stay all the
week - with Julia. After
reading your letter I
wrote immediately
to Miss S. asking her
let me know when
she would arrive & where
she would visit - & that
I would be happy to call
& do the city with her.
& too, I invited her to
come home with me
to visit & spend as
long a time ~~shorter~~ as
possible. - as yet I have
received no answer
but I trust a letter
will come the first of
the week.

I anticipate a splendid
visit with Julia & baby
& the treat the festival
will be to me. Papa
is so good to let me
go to the city - he ever
seems anxious to have
me visit there more
than I do - & I truly appre-
ciate his generosity.

You say - You
wish Martha & I could
attend the convocation (mut.
exercises this year; wish-
ing would ~~include~~ me
more & Maria seems
very desirous of being
there - & often speaks of
going. & if all is well, &
will warrant her presence
at that time - as for my.

How will you be served in
being there - that is out
of the question - I will
stay home & let Mamma
go - as my ~~visit~~ ^{visit} to you
last winter must suf-
fice - & that the pleasure
will be short & you are
coming home - stay
with us, there I will
be content -

Love, Mary - has
just to rival me in
height - & her growth is
more perceptible each
week - I believe she
has risen actually three
inches since Christmas
& is, proportionately mis-

How will you be served in
being there - that is out
of the question - I will
stay home & let Mamma
go - as my ~~visit~~ ^{visit} to you
last winter must suf-
fice - & that the pleasure
will be short & you are
coming home - stay
with us, there I will
be content -

Love, Mary - has
just to rival me in
height - & her growth is
more perceptible each
week - I believe she
has risen actually three
inches since Christmas
& is, proportionately mis-

Solict June 4th

My dearest Lou.

I did not have time to write you last Sunday, but deferred writing until I should be in Kaukakee, when I should have more time.

I saw for Mr. Roberts, last Wednesday night, he told me that he expected to attend commencement at Ann Arbor, & he seemed greatly delighted at the prospect.

Lou I congrat.

ulate you on winning
the sewing badge. I
judge from the draw-
ing it must be very
beautiful, & trust you
may be successful in
winning it a second
time!

Kaukaee is really a
beautiful city - the resi-
dence & much finer than
those of Joliet, & then
the shade trees
are very beautiful indeed,
& much prettier than
you can see in some
cases for the buildings
they surround.

The girls are waiting
so I must conclude
my letter - but will
write more at length

soon -

With dearest love to
you I remain ever
your aff sister
Fannie,

For the first time, much
is still ungrained
though - now the
mill looks very

fine

hoping to
hear from you

soon & with

love to you

from all.

I am

Yours

Samuel.

June 5th 1882.

John.

My dear Lou:

We missed
the usual letter last
week. but presumed you
were too much occupied
with school duties &c.;
such thoughts always
content us; when you
fail to write. I returned
from Chicago last
Thursday after a visit of
nearly two weeks - two
pleasant busy weeks.
I can assure you, that
Minnie & I made the
most of our time. Spend.

ing a good share of it
at the Parks. ~~the~~

While I was
in the City. Dykes Whit-
ney came over to attend

The May Festival so
I became very well
acquainted with him
during his two days visit.

I like him very
much indeed though
he is so homely - He
escorted me to one of
the Festivals - Will Stran-
ger - & C. Richmond sent
me tickets for the last
matinee, so I attended
three concerts in all.

The music was
all I anticipated, though
much to the size & arrang-

ment of the building, we
had to pay the closest
attention to hear well -
& many people who sat
in the back part of the
room, were unable to
hear at all - they could
see the singers open
their mouths, but heard
not a note - Campanini
& Materna, Whitney & Sever-
al others could be heard
plainly - but not the others
so it was the Festival
was a disappointment.

I suppose, we this,
you have received a
news paper - containing
an account of the riot
in the C. & S. Road - at
Brighton Park.

Carrie Adams

& myself were on that
easy train & you can
well imagine our feel-
ings. We were obliged
to get ^{down} between the seats
on our knees for fear of
being shot or struck
with missiles.

The account
we sent you is a very
true one, though, for once,
not ~~disturbing~~ ^{disturbing} the
affair ~~justice~~. It was
much more terrible
than represented. I look-
ed out of the window
at one time & could
see the poor darkies
lying in pools of blood
in the road. They
were hateful until
their heads were smash-
ed in a jelly - & the pas-

2

June 5, 1882.
Fannie

Druggists were unable to
protect them. H

The rioters
did not enter our car.
Though they ^{were} all armed
it did not + even aimed
their revolvers at several
gentlemen in ^{the} car.

When we were ordered
to kneel between the
seats by several gentlemen
in our car - I
was crowded in with
Annie Reed who held
my head down with
all force for fear I
would raise it.

I tell you true - the

first thing I thought
of was my prayers
+ I never before said
them ^{more} so fervently.

Fortunately Mary
Johit people were on
board the train + they
took care of us. The
affair was skirmish
enough for me. + I trust
I shall never see any
thing so terrible again.

Bessie C. address
is 2248 Nabash Ave.

Ida R. + Lulu - Van V.
I will send to you in
a few days. George
Hogler's also. Mary Snow
Mansfield - Penn.

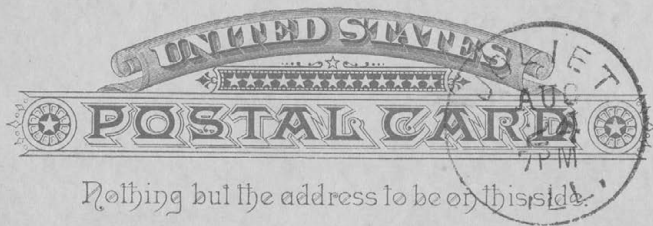
The family visited.
She will the other day.

John
June 12th 82

My dear Lou:
I must. I
have not delayed too
long - in obtaining the
address you desire -
Mama wishes
you to send an invit-
ation to Uncle How-
ard - 172 W. Genesee St.
Buffalo -
+ to Aunt Nell - Howard
Pratt ^{N. Y.} _{House}
C/o - Bennett &
Miss F. V. add: is
894 W. State St -

C. - We are all as usual except Mauda who I am sorry to say is miserable. Her visit to H.A. will, I hope, greatly benefit her. Love from all to you - my dearest brother. I remain
Yours aff. Lammie

When do you keep your Trial Balances. (Aug. 24-
Am desperate & must have one. Gr. I have
searched high & low without success. When
I am in business shall not countenance
such things - I have not yet had one
account come out as it should. Write
quickly. All are well - will write
you. My son all about matters -
Suppose you are not settled for
hunting & fishing - Yours
F. E. H.



Louis H. Hyde.

Manufacture
Schoolcraft Co.
Mich

% Camp 14-

but that Mr S. wrote
the letters! They have
convincing proof - thus
the trouble stands -

May - feels dreadful
ly - about the affair -

Her Aunt received
a letter from her, say-
ing. "She was ~~great~~
her mother had not
had to know of this
affair" - said, also - That
if she had given Mr
Sany encouragement
she should feel differ-
ently - but she scolded
him looking at her &c -

While looking for a

paper the other day -
I came across George's
Composition book -
wherein I discovered
an essay on Relief.
I thought it might
interest you so cop-
ied it verbatim -
+ will enclose to you
with this letter -

The far unsuspecting
gavarn does not
realize how you have
foiled him, concern-
ing Joe Brants' paper

4

of peace.

The other day I
had a call from Lizzie
Ayer; whom you
have probably not for-
gotten. She said that
she thought a great
deal of her - " & her
own style - said - "There
is lots of hereditary
goodness in you; it is
not so plainly seen at
first but grows upon
you - you can not
know it, as you would

pick the petals of a rose.

How is that for a compliment? The girl is looking much better - & does not act so strangely - as when we first saw her.

I trust your disappearance during the holidays - has not affected your general good health. I have not felt well since then - but am sure I will recover in time for the 15th of next month.

Good bye until then. With love from all to you - I am Fannie.

Lac simile } Relics

Relics consist of old things used or made in remote times. I am collecting old Indian relics. I have 29 arrow heads, 6 spear or lance heads, a piece or two of Wampum or money. The Wampum of different tribes are different; some have shells, some beads, some a kind of button, + different things. I have some pottery, it is made

of clay + baked. My best
relic is Joseph Boant's
pipe of peace. He was
an Iroquois Indian +
lived in New York in
the time of the Revolu-
tion. He or his son
gave it as a sign of
peace, to one of our
ancestors, + now I
have it. It is a curi-
ous thing, + is broken
after having passed
through so many hands.

There are different
kinds of relics as old coins,
old china ware, + a lot
of other things - but I
like Indian relics the
best.

Chicago
July 29

My dear Lou:

I am more

than anxious to tell
you my post office ad-
dress of North. but find
cannot do so until
among them. however
shall find you upon
my immediate ar-
rival so you will
know. Tell Mary
she will know when
I am when she arrives
at Duluth & from
there is to send me
some word - Everything
is in command as
you may know.

Write me often Lou
I shall want to hear
from you

Lovingly

Fannie

Chicago
Aug 24th 1884

Dearest Lou; —

Although you
thought before leaving home
that your receiving letters
would be impossible, owing
to your distance from the
village, I am determined
to write you nevertheless
because Will manages in
some manner to write to
Julia quite frequently, and
I am truly anxious to hear
some word from you.

I hardly realize
that you are away from

home, because I am not
there myself, however I
shall miss you very much
when I return.

I believe you do
not truly realize my
affection for you; each day
I appreciate more your worth
and true goodness, until I
have quite made you my
model, now you must not
smile at my confidence.

Since my arrival
in the City I have had a
delightful, gay time, riding,
visiting the parks &c. Geo.
Whitney, you know, is next
door, he proving quite galant
so also his friends, two of
whom I think quite pleas-
ant. Mr. Jones, who was in
your fencing class at A.C. and

Mr. Jim Norton, Miss Hille's friend
these youths act as sur-
cots and we ^{have} spent some
pleasant evenings together.

How are you enjoying
Camp this year? are you a
successful hunter? I sincerely
hope you did not anticipate
too much pleasure for reality -
and that you and friends
will return home to tell
of much pleasure - also -
deer & bear.

Will unite of the
pleasurfulness of game of all
descriptions, so can imagine
your satisfaction: -

Tell Fuddy, I think
of him often, and my wishes
for his good luck are
many. I try to imagine
your group in the woods.

waiting for news - or enjoying
your insufficient supply of
symp. I trust that it will
hold out until your return

I cannot write you
any more news because
I have received none
since. I cannot have - no-
one has answered my
letters. Strange to say - owing
to such a fact. I knew that
nothing extraordinary could
have happened.

Yesterday, Julia
and I call upon Miss
Lulu Van Valkenburg - and
to our surprise and sor-
row learned that her
only and idolized brother
had just died in Texas -
and they were expecting

6- Aug 24 1884

his body to arrive from
three days - how very very
sorry I feel for them. Their
cup of sorrow is very full -
indeed -

Mama wrote to
John that Ford Hb. had
joined your party - why
did you keep it a secret?
from us - no doubt but
that he will prove a com-
pamenable camper -

I have had sur-
prisingly delightful opportu-
nity - which I improved
since I came to the city -

friends invited Minnie
and me to view with
them a collection of
curios & collected by a
gentleman who had not
long since returned from

a trip around the world -
Mr Kunding - The gullerfame
is a writer and very in-
teresting talker and I
more than enjoyed his
talk to us - I will tell
you all that I can remem-
ber when we are at-
home again -

I have written you
quite at length now
far - so I must close
to fulfil another such
duty -

Hoping you are well
and happy, and with
kindest regards - to your
cousads - and love for
yourself -

Believe me -

Sincerely -

Fannie

Just long
+ Kiss Mary
Good for me,
Love my love
to my friends
+ relatives,
Sincerely
Yours

My dearest Lu:-

If my plans
had been carried out
as I wished, this letter would
have been written yesterday,
but many things happened
at that time which
prevented my writing
to you all.

To day, although I have
been very busy, I cried
from homesickness + can
truthfully say that
I do not find being
left alone so delightful
as I anticipated. Anne
keeps my spirits up

quite good order, but
then, sometimes 'they'
must overflow.

I attended the funeral
of Mrs. Steel, the church
densely crowded with
people, every body seeming
to feel so badly about
losing such a good
woman. I certainly
never saw handsomer
flowers than those
she had. Sanger takes
her death very hard in-
deed so also does

Lulu, Frank is too
young to fully realize
her loss.

Tell Mamma that I had
six canx's one evening;
I knew they were afraid
to come while she

was at home.

Papa is splendid he
does every thing I want
him to; he often gets
the meat in the morn-
ing, willingly & he
surprised me in various
ways.

Ida Richmond is visit-
ing Mr. Joliet, & she will
stay a few days with
us. Tell Mamma that
I take excellent care
of the house, but I
do not have time to
accomplish much
else. How is dear Mary?
Tell her that Papa
has taken "Mounty"
under his special
care, so that she will
not run a way, he

day!
Well, I have
written a
bout all
I know
& will
send an-
other mis-
sive before
the week
is over so
good by
I'll hear
Misses Baby so much
& can hardly content
him self. We have ex-
pected a letter from
you before this; I rec'd
one from Julia be-
fore reaching Camp,
but none since then.
All the home friends
inquire about you
all & they think the
change will be benefi-
cial to both Mamma
& you. Judging from
the weather here you
must be suffering
from the cold, because
a fire would not be
objectionable to us to-

John -
Aug. 20th 86

Dearest Lou:-

Your long wish-
ed for letter telling of
your safe & pleasant jour-
ney came to us this
morning & I assure you it
gladdened our separate
hearts to find out a
little something about
you & your surroundings.

I fully intended writ-
ing you yesterday full
account of all matters
^{to you} in brief - but I failed
entirely to do so and -

3⁺

do me now harm &
 when you return I shall
 take me under instruction - Each day I strive
 to be accurate in every-
 thing. tho. it will sur-
 prise me if you fail to
 find but few mistakes
 We have all been very
 quiet - here in deed - the
 past week - all the
 Campers - seem lonely
 since their separation -
 For my part - I am very
 lonesome - with you
 away - & the Girls - such

2^r

have found it - necessa-
 ry to purchase these mo-
 torial - from my work -
 Since your departure -
 business prospers - about
 as usual - with no
 greater or less amount -
 I have been trying to
 get out my Trial Bal-
 ance and a pretty mess
 I make of it too - I do
 not think there will be
 when I have finished -
 the slightest idea of
Balance - even so - the
 work & discipline will

4 a distance from me-
Lon. I want to tell you
that last Monday at
whist club. Jamie Red
& Mr. Mark Permitt ac-
ed at your substitute
& won 4 out of 5 games.
Last week - Wednesday.
just two days after re-
turn from Camp. Dr.
Dallers house caught
on fire & badly dam-
aged the Mansard &
upper story. The fire
occured in the early
evening being caused

Aug 20, 1886 Fannie

5th by spontaneous combustion. They think - I
think so much of Dr. Med.
• & they were so cordial
• kind to me - in fact so
were all the Campers -
Yesterday Lou. Mr. Pardee
spent the day with
us & preached in Mr.
Whit's place. He remem-
bered my failing - & brought
a 2^d box of fine Candy -
which was very accepta-
ble indeed.

This morning sees the
old relic of by gone days.
The Heath house demolished.

ed - Jennie is having a
time down & I am sure
I can not imagine how
this street will look
without its land Mark.
Mother received word
Saturday that - Jessie
Latin - one of Mary's
younger sister was
dead & her remains
would be taken to Nap-
erville to day - for inter-
ment - so Aunt. Frank.
Dola & Mother - started
for there - at 5 o'clock this
morning - They will re-
turn tonight -

Now you must select
a favorable camping
ground for us next year.
It gives me to hear that
our dear old place is
ruined. It must be for-
lorn enough there now.
I can just imagine your
condition after riding
out to Camp. What a
jaunt - that is any-
way - after one destination
is reached however. The
fatigue & its effects soon
wear away - You must
catch a trout for me -
Don. & How are the br-

ries - plentiful this sea-
son? Father says - to
tell you every thing is
going along nicely - but
Trade is dull - D. Dows-
sold. me lot - 125 bbls. ab-
\$4.25.00 - This letter is
a very poor excuse I'm
but I send it - knowing
your anxiety to learn
of our welfare. so will
promise better ones for
you in the future -

With dearest love
to you from me & all
Loveingly.
Fannie

Forest June 21st

My dear Lin;

I enclose
you a letter from Charlie
Richmond received
last night & which I
opened.

Mama thinks you
can make your visit
in Chicago, & go with
me Saturday the 2nd
of July & spend Sunday
& the fourth, if
you wait till we
do leave.

you must answer
Charles letter right
away -

Love to you - from
the you -
Yours. Fannie

Camp
Aug. 20th 87

Dearest Lou:-

This cool lovely morning I have a few moments to spare before going to the station for mail. Father has written a letter to Mother. which goes at the same time. Just think of it - Lou - Will it not ^{be} alarming or shocking to her nerves? The first one in 30 years.

This letter will contain skins - a la. news paper style. Last night while sitting around the camp ^{fire}, we heard a pack of wolves not very far away & you may know we girls were quite frightened. Will said his hunters had seen a bear just across the lake - we had heard. wolves & he had seen down the path a hop-trail - & thought it about time to break camp.

The ~~weather~~ ^{temp} here is decidedly cool. now night ^{this} & morning the thermometer ranged 42° just ^{ten} ~~ten~~ above freezing point. however, we do not feel any inconvenience therefrom & sleep usually until quite late & Ramo's. Call "roll out" startles us all just in time to get ready for breakfast. Father is proving a great acquisition to our party. Is retiring in his ef.

fort's to work., ambitious for sport. tells Oregon Stories -
+ occasionally talks religion. He seems to be more
than contented + happy. + I am so glad he consented
to come. As yet Father has caught nothing but
clubs but Will intends taking him up the river
soon. This letter I fear gives you a wrong impression
of our camp. To be sure it does not in any way
compare with Bass Lake in any particular yet
we are quite happy here in deed. + are gaining
daily in strength. This life is a delightful one -
I was very much amused with your humor in
marking certain articles in the papers from home.
concerning "Our Mayor". Father chuckled over
them. This week I had a glorious letter from
Mary. also one from Fannie both were greatly
appreciated I assure you + I shall try to
answer them soon. also write to Mamma. I.
I am very very sorry for. + trust she may improve
from now on. This week Frank Butler. killed
two deer., doe + Buck so our larder is well stocked.
We have bass. brook trout, + partridge quite often
+ live almost too high. When Frank brought
the fawn to camp. Alice called out. "Is the
fawn dead". She is certainly the smartest
youngster I know of. Frank sends many regards
to you + speaks of you often. This morning he + his
wife have gone to the river in the canoe for trout.
Fannie has wife is like very much indeed. She
is quite enthusiastic for sport + devoted to Frank.
I sincerely hope business will continue low. I
feel like "hamming" + hope + trust you may
realize this year some comfort + respite from
care which you certainly merit. No matter
where I go I never find or see a man who
seems as good as my brother. + were not
many quite to my choice should feel pretty
blue over the arrangements. Frank would me

Aug 20, 1887
Dorinda

2
not long since. Fred W. also. It is almost impossible to write letters up here. Each day I make many good resolutions. Determining to write but some things interfere so I fall of course in accomplishing much. Love if all is well & you do not need me when I return from Camp. Think I shall spend a week or so with Julia, as she wishes me to & I also, not knowing when an other opportunity will present itself.

My time for writing is quite over for. This time so with a fond farewell - so you with love to each & all. Remember me to all friends.

Loveingly Yours
Dorinda

Sunday
Jan. 22. 88

My dear Lou:—

I have this day written a long letter to Mary R. & find I have neglected to secure her address. Now will you be so kind as to send it to me posthaste as I am most anxious my letter should reach her soon. I have had a letter from Kate since leaving home. She is well & seems full of her visit & pleasures while with us. What are you going to do about the Blight wedding?—

All are well in this
family -
Yours with love
Fannie.

Chicago.
Jan 24- 1888.

My dear Lou:—

In regard to attending Evelyn's wedding I think it best for you to leave home on the morning train. fearing if you should leave later we might fail to make connections. This morning I shall write to Mrs Butler of N. asking if we may go to her & home from the Cars. & then go to the ceremony from there. In regard to a present hardly think it necessary yet will purchase one of some or send it out there.

I cannot find out about the
trains on the C. B. &
but know Evelyn has arranged
for her guests & when you
are at the depot. make
inquiry concerning the mat-
ter. The wedding is at 3-
o'clock. you know.

You had better come out-
to Julie's for me -

Tell a certain Physician
of your acquaintance that
I have your back on him.
Have been away from home
nearly one week. - not our
word from him. Fred. W.
has done much better -

This letter has been
written in great haste.
Excuse the fact. please.

All are well.

With love.

Fannie.

Lake Geneva
Camp
July 22nd 88

Dearest Lou:-

In view of Mother
ers having lost her glasses
it devolves upon me to tell
you of the safe arrival of the
last detachment of Campers.

Friday evening - We were glad
to see them indeed & now
our party seems formed & ready
for any enjoyment offered.

We are located pleasantly upon
a secluded shore of this Lake
commanding a fine view of
the various portions of Water
& quite away from fashion
& care & it is my earnest
wish to rest & grow strong

again - Mother & the children
have already settled themselves
for their stay & I think. Mother
will enjoy her time here
very much. & Mary too. Now
that daddy drag legs. & creak.
it's cease to alarm her -

Lilla Alice takes up the theme
of Camp life like the veteran
she is. & constantly affords
us amusement. Our life here
is essentially different from
that in the wild woods.

Yet is it pleasant - to feel
perfect freedom in every re-
spect. The journey overland
was a delight to me. I as-
sure you - and every turn
brought to view changing
beauty - Now - Lou - you
must come up while we

July 22, 1888

Fannie

are here - without^{2#} fail be-
cause you will enjoy the
rest which you need so
much. Ed. S. M. came to camp
last night & by finding to-
morrow you will ascertain
much about our situation
here. Send me any letters
which may come. Add to
Lake Geneva. Wis. Write
me often all about matters
at home & be sure come
up here - Love to all.

Yours.

Fannie

Monday.

Dear ones All:-

At last we are
in our own home. Partially
settled & yet are a tired
lot. I assure you though
we are delighted to occupy
again these, my, pretty
quarters. The news of
Louis' try brought us great
delight. I am supremely
happy over his arrival.
& too to have him a Hyde.
I will know Father's joy
& delight in his first grand
son. One boy & four girls
isnt it fine. Helen
now has 3 teeth & nearly
the 4th. Today she bit quite
a large piece out of an

apple. + she tries so hard
to crop. How does Aunt
Mary Hyde like her nephew?
I want so much to see
Samuel Warren Hyde -
We are in the midst of
charming weather - fairly
summer like + warm - +
memory of one snow storm,
this winter has vanished,
Week after next - it rather
next week - hope to go to
Duluth for ducking +
chopping for houses -
You spoke of buying a
down cushion for me -
which phrase I send by
mail & name price paid
I am obliged to you for
securing one for me -

2

I am sorry to learn of
your health continued
ill health - Surely. Sick-
ness is most trying.
Give I. my love -

I now have two girls -
& have given up ^{part of} the
chance of Helen. hoping
to gain strength more
rapidly. I am writing
this letter as you may
have some used this
week - My heart is
full of anxious house-
hold matters. Let me
remind you that this
home is now ready
& open to the dear ones
who wish to come

would - I wish come.
of you would come
this fall - Can't you
come Mother & -

With love for all.
I trust father -

Sincerely
Fannie -

Sunday.

Helen Mary Harwood
Born Nov. 1st 1889

This letter 2 yrs later see p 2

Date Nov. 1, 1891

My dear Lou:-

Whilst you
at home, are in the
midst of Autumnal-
sunshine! we look out-
upon & feel winter in
earnest. For snow and
ice have covered the
ground since Friday.
That winter has come
to day we hardly believe.
For warm smothering days
are many here in the
fall. I assure you the
brak cold is not in-
viting to us, lasting
as it does almost 80
months of year. with
but four of summer.

Today our daughter is
two years old. A most-
interesting age I as-
sume you. She is so
full of mischief in
a quiet way; perhaps one
busy I assume you. She
is the idol of this house-
hold. From John up.
John takes every thing
she gets to John for
approval. + she appreciates
the attention. If only
her health becomes ro-
bust. Shall be so thank-
ful. It is such a trial
to be ailing all the
time. I hope though
this visit home to be
able to get about a
little. See something of
Chicago. Just as now

I was surprised to-
learn of Mary's journey
to California. The dis-
tance has long to take
baby. but - triumphation
in the land of Sun-
shine + happiness with
family, ^{our} great rewards.
It is too bad. you could
not have gone. for rest
+ recreation. Mary, I
trust, will be at home
when I return. after
Christmas. wish very
much to see. Fred.
Warren. whom George
always speaks of as
Pete with mischief
in his voice. It has
been some time since
Mary R. Hyde has
written you.

Three years since I have
seen anything in way
of Throat &c. City or
friends - Nell is asleep
on couch beside me
yesterday in lightning
light on foot - far which
he was unpacking the
bottle broke in his
hand & severed mid-
dle finger - or rather
part of - London do four -
two stitches were taken
wound antiseptised -
& put in cast. Nothing
serious will result - but
blood poison must be
prevented - Under the
nerve - Nell is comical

Nov 1, 1891
Fannie

2 when any thing ails
him - ; like a child - says
he will have more sym-
pathy for injured. More
kind after. & such a wor-
re-gone expression he
wears. Poor fellow - !

I tell you says. Poor Papa
& pats his face with her
hands. Look - do you
remember. Mother say-
ing last year at holi-
day time another Xmas
she wanted her children
to give her a watch -
Don't you think we can
do so. A watch is
not ^{an} expensive thing now -
& Father could give Mary's

Charr - Please speak to
Geo. + write me what
you think in the matter.
We speak so often of
Mary S. Hyde. What a
sweet, bright girl she
is + so full of old nick.
She won many friends
while here last summer.
Rec'd. had a long
friendly letter from
Alice Miller. John-
ny says is much
changed socially.
People named + gone.
I often wonder if John-
ny will ever be out home
again. When you write
Mary give our love +
best wishes to all.
With much love for you.
Love self + wishes for