



Frances Densmore Papers

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This is evidently my first
literary effort, written on
blanks that must have come
from my grandfather. Arrive
Dennis, who was connected
with the State Board of
Education. The date is evidently
1873 (^{when} was) To be destroyed
if not wanted for preservation!
Only the first and last part are
sent -

The Old Shoe

Once there was a little boy,
He was six years old and
the delight of all his friends
it was a cold morning in
December 1843, When the little
boy whom we will call Will
or Willy awoke and began to
count ~~1~~ call his fingers numbers
and days before Christmas. the
days were 9. there he lay counting
and counting till mamma called
him to come and get dressed for
breakfast. after breakfast he went
out to play on the lawn. When he

...now gun
ing: now now I must close.
do.

Good Bye.

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