

This is written with Ellie's pocket book ink

blue blouse it will be real nice and warm for she has no flannel dress, her old one was too small for her, I made two for Virginia of it. I got an old hat colored black for Ellie it is trimmed with narrow black velvet ribbon with blue edge she has got no new dress since last spring and I don't know when she will some time this winter I suppose.

Nan has a young son three weeks old. Ellen and Mary are going to school. They got a letter from John with 25 dollars in it. Grandpa says he will write that receipt for you. I must close for its late kiss Ellie and Bella for your affectionate sister
Rachel McKeen

[Two year]

Mercer November 19

Dear Bell

I recieved your letter this morning and was very glad that you answered so promptly, after my seeming neglect, but you must not blame me I had that letter written a week before I could get a stamp. I suppose you will think its hard times well it is, for sometimes I could get no money at all, and some times can get no change. Tom is gone away again he has gone to Meadville to work Mr Clark bought an establishment there and wanted ~~to~~ Tom to take charge of the job office for him so he went I don't