



You must write often  
 I could tell me all the news  
 I cannot get time to write  
 when I do write I have to  
 write in such a hurry that  
 I do not write one thing  
 I wish to end it is not  
 worth reading I saw  
 one of the largest Cork shoes  
 in the city burn down the  
 other night Excuse hast  
 and this freely written  
 letter Write soon

Jerry

March 22 72

Well Eva

I received your  
 most welcome letter some  
 days ago and I cannot  
 tell how glad I was to  
 hear from you. I never  
 knew how to appreciate  
 a letter till I came here  
 how glad I am when  
 I receive letters from home  
 there is no other enjoyment  
 like that of hearing from  
 my friends Well Eva I  
 am studying very hard  
 I think I shall complete  
 the Cork hufing in three

or few more weeks then  
I will be prepared to go  
into the business department  
and I guess I shall  
go with the Bank and  
stay for a while

Several of the boys here are  
going to Kansas City soon  
as they are through to go  
into business I guess I  
will go with them I  
know it would be hard  
for me to leave home and  
friends but I will have  
to do sometime and

I can see no use of staying  
at home when there is  
no prospect of doing any thing  
Mr. Astor is out in Wash  
to see where I think he  
is thinking of buying  
Moss Street at Salem

I think him and Henry  
Armstrong is watching  
it - they have been  
corresponding for sometime  
so George told me Tell your  
Pa he had better look out  
I would like to see him  
I would write to him but  
I know he would not  
answer it - and perhaps  
would not take time to  
read it.

I never knew what  
it was to study till I  
came here I suppose  
you and Et have some  
big times but you believe  
~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> will Mary  
I would like to be  
with you all we would  
take a long ride and  
break another spring

July 29<sup>th</sup> 79  
Dear Evay I haven't  
seen you for so  
long I thought  
I'd drop you a  
line just to let  
you know I am  
still among the  
living I have  
come home for dinner  
I ride home in the  
buggy with — who  
do you suppose —  
well it was your  
lover — Rossuth, He  
said something nice  
about you too, He  
is coming back to  
Bellevue again tonight

and we will come home  
together again at  
this is a good bay and  
how I hope and trust  
that you and him  
may become true  
and happy lovers,  
and may the flowers  
of happiness ever  
blow in your path.  
I believe life  
at best is bitter enough  
but with one so low  
it will lighten  
the heaviest burdens  
the clouds will roll  
away and the sunshine  
of love will light  
up the way.  
I hope your  
evening party will  
be a success this  
evening and amidst

your happiness please  
I think once upon  
I have been kept  
very close at the  
store for some time  
or I should have  
been over to see you  
But I do think  
you will be right -  
I had a little found  
ship for you and  
some and see you  
sometimes I think  
such is life I  
suppose I deserve  
it - all

Yours ever  
Jerry Wellman  
"Jerry"  
"Evadell"

Miss Eva Melancon  
New Orleans

32 N. Pennsylvania St.

*“ Be thou faithful unto death.”*

**On Duty To-day.**

*“ Be not weary in well doing.”*

Indianapolis, Indiana.

and when you cast your  
eyes upon those few  
lines just think one  
moment of your friend  
who chanced to be here

New Salem Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 18

Dear Eva

If no prevent-  
ing Providence thwarted  
I will call on you  
to night after supper  
we cannot come till  
late on account of  
my being so busy  
your must look  
your priest and  
I am sure we will have  
a good time I thought  
I would get to come  
to see you this morning  
but have not the time.

Ever yours  
Jerry