

I guess that I have wrote about as much
nonsense as you will care about reading
but I thought that I must write something
for you threatened that if I did not you
would not write to me as sure as rolling off a
log (excuse mistakes) and write again
Give my respects to all

A. Stone

[Aug 8, 1864 - Ohio]

P. S. tell Leo that I think that she has got
her back up or she would write for them
other letters I intended for both of you but
if she wants me to write to her individually
I will do so if she will let me know it by
writing to me, tell Lewis that Orton feels
as big as a young turkey with that suit of Red
White and blue

Farmer Aug 8th 1864

Sister Mollie, I received your letter of July 28th
and was glad to hear that you and the rest
of the folks were well and able to eat your
grub and work to pay for it at the same time
for I think that we had better keep out of
debt as much as possible for there is a hard
time a coming, and the man that is in
debt then will have to look out for No. one
or down goes his shanty... you say that Lo
is to work for Hattie, and that Hattie has got
another boy, (that is good as the old Dutchman
said and if she had a had two that would a
been better as good) I have not heard from
John Maribugh since he left Farmer, and
I do not know where he is or what has
become of him but I think that he will
turn up all right some of these times
but he keeps hid better or longer than
I supposed he could when he went away
for I thought that we would hear from him
in a short time but I do not think any
one has heard from him in this neighborhood
since he left and if I hear from him I
will let you know it and all about it
his wife would like to get a bill of Divorce
but the laws of Ohio will make her wait
three years she is at her Grand Fathers
yet in Columbiana County in this State,
Rhodes School is out this week, Louisa
was home here last Sunday they were well
and the rest of our folks as far as I
know but there is some sick here yet
and among them is Laura Ann Wilder