

Lones Hill Jan^y 2^d /64

Well Mary I thought I would
rite you a few lines and
let you now how we
git along by this time we
are all as well as common
hoping thes few lines will
find you enjoying the same
blessing we hav^e had but
one letter from Sidney since
he left home Griffin wrote
to him but hav^ent got any
answer if you have heard
from him you must rite
and let us now how he git's
along and where he is I
sent him some stampes
if he has got the letter he
was at Camp Beauford
when he wrote Elisha got
thru^out of his waggon

and hunt him quite hard
but he is so he goes out of
the house now and is quite
smarte we should like to
have you drop in and meet
us a cull first rate I got
home ~~from~~ that day from
Scholarie first rate Can
hunt ben home yete he
gits \$70.00 a year and
loves Lewis and his gas to
school this winter Mary I
gits along bout the same she
enquires about you and will
most every time I see her
you must write as soon
as you git this so good by
this time Yours truly
from your father Care
to his daughter Mary Care
no more at present
from A. Case

Recruiting is going on rapidly here
and little boys fifteen years old is
going it is to bad, for the soldiers
get so reckless as a general thing and
do not care what they do that they
ought to be old enough to use judgment
for themselves. Mary I have written
this letter in about five minutes
and I do not know as you can read it
but I must close for this time now
Mary do not wait six months will
you before answering it. Good Morning,
from Louisa.

Minnie

Viola Feb 17. 1864.

Dear Cousin Mary

I will answer your letter
this evening Cousin. It is Sunday Eve, and
I have got to write to William yet tonight
I received a letter from him last Friday the
31st of January he was waiting to go aboard
the boat that night for Mobile. I am
very sorry to think he has got to go so
far south, clear down to the Gulf.

I wish this war was over Mary so over
and every ones friends might be restored
to us once more. I think you were an
awful while answering my letter, I
had begun to think you was dead or
left the country. I was very glad to hear
from you Mary even at the eleventh
hour. My school closed this week, I have
had a very pleasant one and enjoyed very

much. If I stay at home this summer I shall teach I feel so much more contented, I wish you could come and spend the summer with us, I think we would be company for one another, and could sympathize with each other, If William stays in the war I shall go to Aunt Vin's as soon as my school is out this summer, I think Lewis has done finely marry a widow so much older than himself, girls must be scarce, I think weddings must be the go down there, I should like to visit my old home once more and I hope I can some time.

Oliza is still in Illinois her school is out in five weeks and I do not know whether she is coming home or not, perhaps she will stay there through the summer. Alice has just got her a new \$3.20 piano, Haze Wood, she is a fine player I tell

you. We live as cozy as you please here in our new houses in the west, I like it very much, but I wish I could live where there was a great deal going on than there is here.

I must close my letter as soon as I can for I did not finish it last night, for it was so late and it is most school time now and I have got to walk two miles this morning to my school, Our folks are all well and doing finely, Eugene is in a war fever and I presume he will go this spring, I believe the war will soon be over, but there will be a desperate struggle this spring for the rebels are becoming very desperate, as they know their cause is lost, and they mean to do all in their power to harm us I hope they will be punished for their meanness and they will be, I am sure it will not always go so.

I have taken the same school that I taught this winter, I am going to teach three months, and then as soon as it is out I am going to Michigan. I want to see Aunt Savina, and think I should enjoy the visit. Mary I do not like the idea of your going into a shop again, you will kill yourself, and I guess you mean to do it you? What is the trouble with your back that you have to have Gorton oil on it? how is your health now? Do you ride any letter? You are a naughty girl any way the best you can fix it.

As you can read my letter I have scabbled it off so, I was in a hurry, you must write soon, give my love to your husband and to Aunt and Uncle and Henry. I hope Aunt Laura will visit us this summer. I wrote her this winter but she has not answered it. Don't forget to answer soon.

your aff cousin

Minnie

Viola March 29. 1864.

Dear Cousin.

I am going to answer your letter tonight, if nothing happens more than I know of now, I was glad to hear from you Mary, Oh how I wish I could see you this evening, instead of sitting here writing, would it not be much more pleasant? We could now both sympathize with one another, you know now something how I feel sometimes it seems as if I could not have him gone any longer, he is now in active service all the time, he had just got back with Sherman's expedition to Picksburg when I heard from him, and has now gone on another one, I do not know where.

I had begun to feel very badly concerning him, for it was nearly two months that I did not hear from him. When he did write, my letter was five sheets long telling of the incidents of the expedition. he said he slept on the ground, and in the morning his hair, and blankets, were all white with frost. Poor soldiers! how I pity them. I wish they could come home, but I do not know when they can have that privilege. Things look as if the war would close before long. God grant it may. is the cry of every heart.

I wish that your husband could get his discharge, if he is not able to stay he ought not to be there, How much longer has he to stay? Williams time will not be out till a year from next August, a long time is it not? I great many things may happen ere that time arrives.

It is a year since I have seen him last month, it seems a good while, he would like to come home, but cannot, his health is not good, although some better than it was the fore part of winter, the chill fever still hangs about him, and I am afraid just as soon as hot weather comes on again he will be taken down worse.

You wanted me to write to Gidney, I wrote him when he was in the hospital near Fortress Monroe and he has not wrote me, did he ever get it? I want you to answer this letter just as soon as you get time, and tell me where to direct to Nathaniel, I do not know, Aunt Hannah wrote mother and wanted me to write to him and she did not tell me where to direct, I am so sorry for poor Aunt Hannah, how she must suffer, I wish I could see her. What will be done with the little girl? It is too bad he reimlisted

Piola, May 17th. 1867.

Dear Cousin Kate

I am going to try to answer your letter, but I do not know as I shall make it out for I have walked home from school to night, two miles, and am almost tired to death, I went up on "But Nels" yesterday and it was a little too much for me. I commenced school a week ago last Monday, I have a very pleasant school of thirty scholars, and the easiest school to govern I ever taught. I am boarding at home this summer, three months will soon pass away and I shall be very lonesome with nothing to do, I will teach summer and winter as long as William is gone.

I hope you will keep well, now Mary if working in the shop hurts you stop it as soon as you see that it does, now remember want you? For it is wrong to do anything that you know hurts you.

May the 27. I had this ride the other night
and am going to write some more now
I went down to Readstown last Friday and
came part way home last night and walked
the rest of the way this morning six miles
I am nearly dead to night but I have got
to write to William to night anyway. I have
not heard from him since the twentieth
of April I suppose he is in Sherman of fiction
and none of us have heard from it yet
I shall probably hear from him this week
I hope so.

Elija got home last Saturday
I have not seen her yet. The sister Abner
has got a new melodeon, and is taking
lessons of Alice, so am I and I am
going to have an instrument this
summer. I think I shall like to play
very much and it will pass away a
great many lonely hours, you do not
know how lonely I am with him gone
and sometimes it seems as if I could
not wait till his time is out.

This is my third week of school and
when it is out I must go to doing
something or I shall not stand it
I must keep my mind occupied.

I should like to come and visit you
but if I get one a Piano-cased Melodian I shall
not want to spend the money as I want
to get things to furnish a Parlor, but I
cannot tell what may happen yet.

Jay Gill has been here all winter but has
gone to Michigan now. Uncle John is
coming here this summer, and Jay
is coming back this fall. As I have
wife living at Uncle George's since
he went to war it is only 130 miles
from here to where Uncle George lives
and I rather think I shall see them
before I am much older.

Mr Jacksons folks have moved it is
lovesome without Helen, she is a girl
that I always thought a good deal of
she is a fine girl.

Our folks are all well
and doing finely. I wish it was so Aunt
Katy could make us a visit it would
do her good and she would enjoy it so
much. I am going to write to Chan Kellogg
this week, I wish I could see poor Aunt
Hannah she must suffer a great deal.
I must close for this time, write soon
from Cousin Winnie



Mrs. P. A. Case.
Strykersville
Wyoming
N. Y.

I was threatened with a fever, but Aunt Lydia took good care of me and broke it up. I am very much worn out with my journey, having only got home last Thursday. I hope I shall soon be seated, I am satisfied with traveling for a while to come anyway.

Mother is quite smart. I think she will recover if she is careful. Eugene will soon be home, and I hope he will come for father needs him badly. Cyrus has stoped selling whiskey now. Ward is here and he and his wife are living together again how long the honeymoon will last I cannot tell. I want you to mail the Doctors letter to me just as quick as you possibly can. I have got to write several more letters so I must close for now.

Ever your cousin and
(love to all)

friend
Marion

Wrote Julyth 1864.

Dear Cousin,

I have not written any letters to anyone since I left Strikersville scarcely, and find now I have a quite a number to answer and I do not feel like writing to anyone. I got your letter a day or two since, it went to New York City and George forwarded it to me here, so you see it had been some time since you wrote ere it reached here, I had one of the finest visits in N.Y. I ever had in my life. I like the Doctors people very much indeed, they treated me just like a sister, and took me every where there was anything worthy of seeing. I tell you Mary I lived a great while in those three

weeks, I wish you could have been there to have seen the President's remains and to have seen the procession. I never expect to see another such a sight in my life, nor is it likely there will ever be such another. I cannot describe it to you nor will I try. And Oh! how sad a sight. It was one of the most awful things I ever heard of in my life, now people begin to find out how Abraham Lincoln was enshrined in the hearts of the American people.

I will proceed to other things, I visited Greenwood Cemetery, Central Park, Cooper Institute, Barnum's Museum, and the Galleries of art and painting, and several of the Parks of the city. Tell you my poor eyes ached. I visited Cordelia Warner and staid two days. I heard Beecher preach and enjoyed it very much indeed.

I should liked to have staid in N.Y. several weeks, and I got a letter from William forwarded from there the

other day saying to me to wait there for him as he should be at Washington soon and come to N.Y. I wish I could have staid. He will soon be home and wont I be glad Mary, and I suppose you will not be very sorry to think that the war is over, and Sid can come home. How many happy hearts there are to day and how many sad ones. Jeff Davis is at last caught how very fortunate I was afraid at one time that he would escape but the guilty are generally found out, I hope they will hang him as high as the seventh heaven.

Well! Mary Commenced school to morrow and I am glad of it for I am lonesome here, I found Aunt Fisk well and enjoying herself finely. I like Uncle George first-rate, and I like Lucius wife well, after I left there and went to Grand Rapids, I was sick a week and I tell you I was very much down.

There will be our artist in this place next week then if nothing prevents I will have it taken and send it to you. You wrote there was some Girls out there wanted to see it. I wonder if you have been telling them all about me if you have I hope you have not put the best on the outside so that if I ever should come out there they will think you deceived them. I should like to have you send a few of their pictures to me so that I may have something to look at when I get an aw lonely spell. Male my time will be up here in four or five months and then if you think I could get a situation any where around there I perhaps may come out there I would like to ~~come~~ go out there next winter just on purpose for a visit if it is so I can but I can not tell where

I will be by that time I had a letter from Alice last week dated June 12th it was his week coming I wish I could hear from him every week I hope they will keep him out of the battle I begin to think it was all for the best by his being number 1000 by writing your letter I will write later Male
July 3rd 1864
Ow a pleasant ball at the afternoon a sleepy tired and Larry Boy about the age of sixteen years who had just finished eating a dish of Pudding & Milk takes a pew dips it in the ink then moves it gently over a piece of paper as though he was writing to some distant friend. He does not seem to be in a very good mood to write a letter but as he thinks it his duty as well as a pleasure to write one to his Dear Sister who is so kind to answer all his letters even if they are short and disinteresting he begins by

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telling her that he is well
and would be very much
pleased if he could spend
a few moments with her
to day but as that can not
be she contents himself by
thinking if nothing happens
that in a short time he
will have the pleasure of
spending a few days with
her but as he has mentioned
no names yet in his letter
You will say that the writers
sister is Dan. A. Brother of
Mr. S. A. Case and he is
writing to the wife of S. A. Case
and now Dear Sister being
you have found my name
I will tell you that I
was in Conesville last week
found the folks well made
Griff and Cousin Sister a

well and to tell the fact she
looked however than ever or
perhaps it was because I took
a more scrutinizing look at
her than I ever shall before
for my part I do not see
why Griff wanted to marry
her for. I agree with your
views exactly about marrying
cousins and also about Griff's
marrying for ~~extraneous~~ money
but what money she shall
would be but a little
object with me if I was
intending to marry. But I
will not allow my mind
to be wholly taken up with
them so to change the subject
I will answer you in regard
to my Picture. I can not send
it in this letter but perhaps
can in my next one

I have written you a long letter as
 I promised to do -
 I got part of it -
 I may not be very
 in the way to you
 yet - it was of
 receive a letter
 from you even
 if I should not
 be able to write
 it - it is interesting
 and now I hope
 you will write
 to me and I
 will do the same
 as I did - W
 he put me to bed
 for some time
 and shall
 write as well as
 I can in a
 week or two
 or 1864

letter I wrote that I
 should write often to
 you than I had done,
 also that I would write
 you a long letter, and
 now, this pleasant Sabbath
 morning finds me trying
 to fulfil my promise.
 I almost wish that I
 had not promised to write
 a long letter, as I feel
 quite unwell this morning
 in consequence of a "cold"
 and having just returned
 from Schenatic, leaving
 behind me about 175
 Teachers, that I became



I will have done by then

Embrace, you will find my printer's ink looks as though I have not time to make up my mind to write you. I will tell you how your writing. Perhaps you will like to hear how I enjoyed myself at the Institute. I will tell you. I have no reason to complain. He met in Scholar's Court House October 24th and the first day there was nearly 200 Hundred teachers and they kept coming in until the last week (as it holds ten days) until we had nearly

I should have him tried to better the acquaintance with the past two weeks you will not wonder I tell you that I feel rather dull and lonely to stay and as you have had considerable experience in letter writing you know it is almost impossible to write a good letter unless you have your mind on your writing. Perhaps you will like to hear how I enjoyed myself at the Institute. I will tell you. I have no reason to complain. He met in Scholar's Court House October 24th and the first day there was nearly 200 Hundred teachers and they kept coming in until the last week (as it holds ten days) until we had nearly

but as had no time I took these perhaps 200 Hundred teachers and you know when as many as that get together they are very apt to have some good times. For the first two or three days it was rather dull in account that they all were afraid to tell what they knew. I will take back a little what I just said. I said all were afraid I mean mostly all of them; but some few of us got together and made object to almost every thing that was brought up whereas we knew it was right but we wanted to get up some excitement and we did. as we would get arguing on subjects and soon got them as they were not afraid to tell

I will have some taken up again. This makes and they are

as I am anxious to hear from
what they did know but
there was considerable among
these like myself that did
not know much to tell.
At one time we got
criticising each other our
remarks until some proposed
that they should choose
four critics. {Two Ladies
and two Gentlemen} and
that they should keep our
account of all mistakes
that were made in speaking
and read them before the
Institute every morning
and as such would have
it - they chose me for the
first one. I made every
effort to oppose it but
they would have me or
so I had to take up with
it and make the best of
it I could. The next

both you and Sid. I will now bid
they chose was one of the
most mischievous by me
had in the whole Institute
so you see I had good
company. The two Ladies
were for distant from us
as they were both of them
Daughters of Ministers and
were very sober I do not
see why they chose such
sober girls for unless it were
to take care of us. I wish
I could send the whole
Report we read before the
Institute to you I think
it would make you
"smile outland" if you
could read it. if we
could not hear enough
mistakes from our
Teachers we would make
mistakes ourselves and
the others criticise us

This even
any better I will send you another evening

Now I feel for the persons
for our own pleasure
I wish I could
I wish I could
I wish I could
I wish I could

Enfolded, you will find my printer's marks as though I were

But the most fun we had was one evening when the commissioners required us to read a composition before the institute and gave us only one hour to write one in. All of them did not write one but some did and it was amusing to hear them read. But I begin to think that you will think this letter is not as interesting to you as something else will be. But before I go on another subject I must tell you what a ~~good~~ pleasant ride I had coming home yesterday. I came up with Mr. Grant, Miss Jennie Grant and Miss Rhoda Jackson. It was rather cold but that

did not ~~disturb~~ me as I had no time to take the ~~trains~~ were all the better as we could then sit closer together and by that way keep each other warm. I had not seen Miss Grant since the time she went to Schuham where you was out here and of course had to talk considerable and that ~~great~~ time pass away speedily. But enough of this. I suppose you would like to hear something about the folks around here. I am sorry I am not better posted so that I could inform you but I guess you will have to wait until next time as I think by that time I will know more about them. I have not seen Mary since I came home and she to

To Mat. & Tom D.C. base
day if she was home but she
has gone a visiting to day so
I guess I will have to stay
at home to day. Our folks
received a letter from Amanda
last week she is well and
writes that it has been
very dry there this summer
so that they had the least
fruit - they say had since
they have been there.

I was pleased you had
better believe when I heard
that Sil was well please
write to him that I wish
he would write me a
letter. I think he has ~~not~~
received my letters this summer
and do not think I shall
write any more until he
gets at some stopping
place so I think he will
receive them tell him I am
well and all our folks are
loved if we can not write
each other still we may think
of each other and I can assure
you that he fills the greatest

my mother

...and I have had the good
...the best rest
...I agree with
...I suppose
...it will do us more good if
...I suppose you will want to hear
...I have answered your letter before
...I had received it in due
...it was misput and did
...not reach me until two weeks
...after it had ought. I received
...the letter from Sid last week
...I should have answered it but
...I did not know but he would
...start to see you before he
...received it. If he does not come
...soon let me know and I will
...write to him. I wish it was
...I could come out there what
...overs there and if it was not for
...my school I should be tempted
...to come. You tell him why I did
...not answer his letter. I shall have
...too fastpone answering those questions
...you asked in your letter until

Cornwall Dec 18th 1869

Dear Cousin

How do you do well I
hope I am and enjoying myself quite
I have been looking for a letter from
you this long while but looked in
vain I had made up my mind ^{not} to
write to you again but your ~~mischance~~
naughty mischievous Brother Dan is
here and will give me no peace until
I write a few lines. I suppose he would
like to have you know who he is going
with ^{this} winter and as it is rather embarrassing
for him to tell you so I will try to do so
for him it would be hard to tell who

is the favored one is there is so many he
took Amelia Gifford to the Whelling party
last Tuesday evening. Oh how I wish you
had been there you have been astonished
to have seen the girls flocking around him
Oh Mate wont I get my ears bored
when he reads this I suppose when he
comes to write you will hear an awful
story please dont believe it. ~~Bro~~ Skate
I should like to hear from you more
and if you dont write soon I will
never see you Cousin again so Good bye
with lots of love and good wishes,

Ever your Cousin
Skate

My Dear Sister Mate

Whilst I was reading
the above it reminded me of a story
and I guess I will have to tell it
to you. At one time in our "Lamas
house" were two boys of about the same
size and they were making
considerable noise so their Mother

sent them out to pick up some
ships after they had been out a
little while one of them came
in and said that his Brother's
feet were so large they covered up
the ships so that he could find
none. Now it is some so with
Mary and me she wrote so much
that I like the boy can find no
place to begin but inasmuch as
she has taken the liberty to write
about me and my "Girls" (so she calls
them) I will write something
about her and her "Boys" as I
think all the reason that she
wrote anything about ^{it} was so
that I would write about her
She did not tell you that she
went to the Whelling Party too
she went with Ap. Gifford and
although he is Amelia's ^{brother} ~~sister~~
he is not half as good looking