

Friday Afternoon.
My Dear Will,

I will now fulfill your request by writing a few lines. I am glad I can tell you I am feeling just the best again. My headache is all gone and I feel like myself once more.

This is such a disagreeable day. I have been all alone mama and Lacie was to Benton. How often I thought of you and wished you could be here with me. I am sure you would of

liked to have been with
your little sweetheart
wouldnt you dear.

It seems like a week
since I last bid you
good night. I wonder if
it seems that long to
you.

Are you coming up to
hunt to-morrow. I hope
so. Florine is coming
here for dinner to-morrow
Harry cant come he is
going to hunt.

I think I would of went
to Bloom to-morrow if
she wasnt coming.

Ohll dear I guess you

know the rest so I will
discontinue this until
Sat night when I will
expect to see you if
not sooner. I hope
sooner. I will close
with all my love and
kisses to you, lovingly,
Winifred

Please bring me some
chewing gum etc!
Erica



Mr. William R. Bellis
Benton,
Pa.

you are able to use your
own judgement about those
things. However have I done
or said any thing that
displeased you if I have I
am exceedingly sorry for I would
not do it for the world if
I knew it I hope you will
pardon me for any thing I
have done to hurt your feelings
will My Dear I hope Christina
have blown out to the full
extent of their ability are
thing is sure they can not
say any thing I said if they
tell the truth because I did not
say any thing and I would
be willing to take an oath
to that. Father says he wishes
Mrs. S. would hurry up if

Berwick Sunday morning
Mr. Howard S. Cook.
My Dearest Friend
This morning I will try and write
to you but I did
not receive a letter from you
yesterday as I had expected
Friday morning I sprained my
back I have been in bed
most of the time since I
got the malarial and I have
an awful sore throat. I
do not feel hardly able to
sit up and write now
I feel very weak but I
will always try and write
to you if I will do it
in bed I hope you are
not sick because you did
not write. However I wish

you was here with me to day. will ever be her equit I
Aunie and Harry and I are all dont want to be in regards
above Father and Mother have to gossip I think I have
gone to Esby to the reeducation visited them people for the
I hope there has nothing been best time. how soon do
said or done to discourage you expect to come over I
your arrangements but if there wish you would come real
is if you have any regrets soon for I want to have a
or would like to have me slice good talk with you. I
dont be afraid to tell me think you had better not
it will almost worry me to go to Buffalo now because
death to give you up but you know there is so
still if you are not satisfied many people being suspended
I dont want you to take me and the out look is very
I have not heard from any fine for the coming season
one from over there but the I am afraid you can not
once that Ell wrote you know do so well by going so
I told you I wish I was to stay where you are until
so fine as Ell is such a fine you see things look better
Education and so finely cultured and then you know you
and so many accomplishments so are home. but of course I am
she has but no one having not supposed to dictate for you

not keep it unless you do
as some other people does take
the blot for kisses but I
would rather give them to
you in person well I hope you
will write real soon I will
close for this time remember
me to all inquiring friends
I will close with my love
in abundance and a kiss to you

Write real soon but
come sooner if you can
I remain yours in love
as long as you will claim me
I hope with death
from your. Father

excuse the writing under the
circumstances

she is going to write his
pedigree he says he would
like to know what she knows
so much he says he is glad
some body knows his history
I dont think any of our
family will ever rather than
I am going to Bloom as soon
as I am well enough to see
know about that money in
the West if I can find out
that John has collected that
money and left it then
there will be some fun I
would just like to catch him
just because they all think
he is a just man made
perfect by his honest deeds.
I guess you think I say
to much but when I talk

to you I think it is almost
myself I never was as full
with any person in the world
as I have been with you I
can not account for it there
must be some supernatural
power about you that I have
not been aware of perhaps you
have mesmerized me you have
me just where you want me
any way but I have not
got you where I want you
because that is here in my
presence where I can embrace
you when I want to well it
I feel most to bad to write
to you any more I had better
be lying down I hope you
will pardon me if this letter
any intrusion but I love to
hear from you I hope I shall
hear from you soon. come over
yet as soon as you possibly
can I want to see you so bad
I am afraid I cant stand it
as much longer when you do
come come so you can be here
over Sunday then I have more
time to go out I promised
Rosa to send her a receipt
to make chocolate caramels I
have it written off ready to
send to her but she has
not written to me yet so
I guess she dont care to recit
it from me I will keep
it until she does write
if she ever does if not I
will burn it I hope you
will be over real soon
I want to see you so bad
you will have to excuse
these blots on this paper
but I am so weak I could



Mr. Howard S. Cole,
Coles. creek,
Columbia, county
Penn^a.

Wednesday night

Dear Mother & all,

I received your letter
this morning and was
awful glad to hear you
got along so well with your
teeth now do be careful
so you dont catch cold
in your gums. I was
awful glad to hear you
had them out are you
going to have the lower
ones drawn
I hope Flossie is better
was awful sorry for her

and trust^d it is nothing
more than a bilious
attack. There is so awful
much sickness over here
is there much around
home.

I certainly was surprised
to hear about Mrs Rank
Harrington also sorry she
had such bad luck
and Mrs Erwin I
think she beats all.
You asked if Nell was
sick she wasn't yet last
Sun for she was out
sleighing in the

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afternoon. last Wed
night she was up town
of course I wasnt close
to her so I dont know
how she looks has always
had her coat on. They
are going to move on
second st. they first
rent rooms on second
floor. it is just a new
building and very
nice too. I hope she gets
along good for her mother
cant be with her if
needed I would willingly

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do all I could for her.
whether it was appre-
ciated or not.

We have no house yet
but live in hopes.

How I wish I could of
went to house keeping
before you went so
you could see how I
lived. You will certainly
have to come and see
auntie + uncle before you
go or they would feel
hard.

Will get me a pair of slippers

like Flossie only they are
 queer. Did you find
 Jennies umbrella we left
 it when we was over take
 good care of that.
 Will has gone to get shaved and
 has not gotten back yet
 I guess I will close as there
 is no more to tell now write
 soon I will be home a wk
 from Sat if Agnes comes
 which I hope she does
 for I am home sick
 what will I do after you
 are gone
 with love to all from both
 Willard Winifred

Tell Flossie I will write her
tomorrow or the next day
by by.



Mrs Howard S Cole
Coles Creek
Col Co
Pa.

New Years Night
My Dearest Sweetheart
Will darling I am
going to write you
to night and I hope
you won't object Will
you dear. Oh you
can't imagine what
a lonely day this has
been. I hope it won't
continue through out
the year. I am sure

there will be a few
happy days. for you
are coming home before
the year is out habit
you dearest Where was
you to-day? My uncle
and aunt was here
to-day also my cousin
from Berwick. I felt
so dissappointed all
day. You know you
told me you was

coming home and
could be with me
New Years. Didnt you
feel rather home sick
to-day or dont you
care. You do dont you
dear? I am invited to
a party to-morrow
night over to James Laubachs
but cant go. I am going
up to Laubachs to-night
How I dread to go. if you
was only here to take.

me up. I would not
mind going so much
I don't think I ever
longed for you as much
as did to-day. Oh. Will
I learn to love you more
every day. You said you
hoped the time would
come soon when we
could be to-gather. I
think we are both so
very young. I could not
think of marrying

not time I can be weak now
to be much trouble and
I have enough trouble at hand
Henry is real sick yet his eyes
are very sore we have to
keep him in a dark room
all the time and we have
to soak his eyes open all
the time. Eliza told me that
your folks said but I will
never say any thing about
your folks if they do talk
about me. Now says I shall
not answer Eliza's letter now
let me get it - now don't
you mention it - and search
they will do if I ever get
open there I will raise them
I think I had better not
write to you for a while
until you come over and
I get a little better as I
worry to much about the
matter what do you think

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but I don't consider that I would
be welcome. I think I would be
a fool to ever say any thing
about your people until I had
a reason after my being there as
long as I was and enjoyed
their Hospitality. I will tell you
a little about times in Benwick
they only have work for two
weeks yet and no prospect of
any after they are through they
have suspended most all of their
hands. I guess you better stay
where you are but do as you
like you know I am satisfied
I wish you would come over
soon Ma. passed a compliment on
you the other day that raised
me quite high I believe I
am 6 ft now. I will finish

this letter when I receive your
other letter. I hope there will
be no more trouble over there in
the neighborhood if there is I hope
they will leave me out but all
they want is to keep me out
of that country and get your
folks down on me I hope they
cant succeed. if she (Ell) writes
me a letter I will write her
one and take a copy of it and
send it to you she will never
write to me again I'll bet I
will show you her letter too
I dont think she will write
she has not yet. Howard did you
tell your Mother about our plans or
did Rosa tell it is all right I
have no objections I think perhaps
it is best for them to know it I
hardly know what to write to you
it has been snowing all day again

I hope it will soon get nice so
you can come over. I will say
this much I can not do with
all their talk any thing to draw
me from you because I will stick
to you and be yours all for
to day. my love to you in abundance
April 1st. Sunday.

I will try and write a little
while if you excuse the pencil
I received a letter from Ell. yesterday
I will not dare tell you
what was all in it but
I will show you when you
come over but it is just
as I expected your folks have
given up to them and got
down on me dont mention
a word I write to you to
no one because she told me
lots of things I write to
you and some that was

Monday Eve. Oct. 17

Dearest one on earth for
such you are to me and I hope
you consider me the same
you do don't you dear?

I have practised until I
am tired so thought I would
answer your letter. I feel so
much better since I got
your letter for I thought
perh aps I had done something
to make you cross and that

was the reason you did not talk
I felt so bad when you left
Bloom I thought I could not
keep the tears back. It seemed
so much harder to part than
than when you went up there
I hope you will come home
Sunday you know I will
go over to your place sure if
you want me to. Let me
know so I can make ar-
rangements.
Mama just got home from
Berwick said she had a

very nice time she was to
Danville to day.
Mrs Ben Laubach wants
me to come and work for
him again dont know
whether I will go or not.
Hattie has had such a sporty
fellow at Berwick (Wilbur
Stevens) Ha! Ha! swell up Joke
I will close Hoping to hear
from you soon a good sweet
kiss to you love.
your true little
Thine Fred