

Archie & Emma went to
Mrs Boyingtons dance and
also to Osney New-years
all the rest the folks went to
Port, how did you spend your
New-years, hope you had a happy
one, we are all alone to day
with the exception of an old Jew
peddler, who is stopping here
over Sunday, he is the most
comical old feller I ever saw,
keeps sum fun going all day,
well Dear I must now pause,
for I must get dinner, we are
going to have a roast goose
for dinner, how I wish you
were here to have some of it
— Dinner is over and the
work all done, and instead



Roulette Penna,
Jan. 4 - 1885 Sunday Morn.

My Darling Harry.
Your kind letter came to
hand last evening, it found
me in good health but verry
lonely, but Harry Dear I felt
much better after reading
your letter, your letters
are such a comfort to me
they are all I have to content
myself with, but Darling
if I could onley see your -

smiling face and have you
with me. how happy I must
be. Oh. Darling why can
I not be with the only one
I Love in this unfriendly
world. why did you go away
from one that so dearly
loves you. But Harry I can
only trust in God. I know
he will ^{bring} you back to me for
he knows my heart better than
man; yes Harry I know you
will be true to me. and as
for me being true to you Dear
how could I be untrue to you.
how could I care for any one
else. as long as I so faithfully
trust in you. no for you
I will forsake all others

I did not go to Palleghany on
New-years as you told me too. for
I could not bear to think of
going. dont know why. but I
didnt want to go one bit.
but I had too invitations. one
from G. Ginner and one from
G. Lyman or I could of gone
with my Brother but I preferred
staying at home. but the
next dance comes along I
think I will have to go to.
and mash some pretty face
I saw G-Porter the other day
and he looks very sweet and
tempting but guess I wont
try him for a while for I
must get left (ha ha) what
do you think about it

this time
now Dear dont
get offendd
at me and think
I have no confidence
in you for I have
and remember
when you are
weary and discou-
-aged that may
up hear in this
lonely forsaken
place. there is a
time heart aching
for you. that
is forever yours

hers to you in return. Johnnie
McLaughlin was also hear
and George Omer a week ago
Sunday, its the first time Joe
has been up since the last time
you ner hear. Edd L. is
driving Bensleys team. I
heard you and Arch ner
corosponding is it true, well
Harry it is now time for
me to go to bed it is 11 oclock
and my hands are getting
so cold I cant write any
more so I will close for

from my kind neighbors I
suppose I am jeered and
sneered at by them for
placing the confidence in you
I did, and now they think
you have deserted me but
I hope the day will come when
they will all change their
minds. I am very lonely
and sad to night, I long
to be with you darling.
There has been a man lecture
ing at Roulette he is a free
thinker or what they call an
Infidell I attended two
evenings. Emma Eckert was
up to visit me last Sunday
I gave her your love as you
told me to and she sends

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Misses
for the

Oh yes
 I nearly
 forgot
 to tell
 you what
 a nice
 compli-
 ment - my
 elegance
 maid in
 he said
 if he was
 a single
 man he
 would go
 right up
 and kiss
 my hair
 whether
 so quick
 so he could
 how is
 that
 I wonder
 if he would
 I only wish
 the old
 darling
 going to the window to look
 up to J.R. for Harry as I used
 to do. I will try and content
 myself by writing to him
 with this old pen. Excuse this
 extra half sheet for the other
 is not large enough for me
 Harry did you receive the letter
 I wrote one week ago to day. I
 sent it to the office by Mr Childs
 and I have been a little afraid
 since, that he did not mail it
 for you know he is hardly to be
 trusted, when you write again
 tell me if you received it or not
 have you been to Bloom - to
 have them pictures taken dont
 let the artist be as long
 printing them as the one at
 was single dont you

close for this time
and I trust when
this comes to you
it will find you
in good health and
happy and oh darling
I hope you will not
have to leave your
home for that which
you mentioned for I
would much rather
know you are at home
than to have you among
strangers. will
very soon and a
big hull loth. good
bye for to day and
good bye for to morrow
from your true and
loving Lena to H

very anxious for one. on 6
I received three very pretty
Christmas cards and that's all
what did Santy Claus fetch you
I received a letter last eve from
that Lady in Nebraska and her
photograph inclosed. I also received
a letter from those girls at Condersport
saying they would pay me a
visit on Sat. next. how I
wish you could be hear too.
wee would have just a jolley
time, well darling I will



Mr. H. S. Cole

Dress

Col. Co.

Penna

(A Trip to you darling)
Mark-Don
I hope I will hear from you
very soon. I will sit remain
your love and loving Lena
till death good night -
if you fail to do as you have
agreed I shall trust you no
longer. I hope you will not
think me weak in mind
for writing you as I have
for this is just as I feel.
I hope when you answer
this you will tell me all
I have ask you to and tell
it right from your heart
then I shall try and con-
sent myself be it better
or worse; Dearest one
thinks what I have to take



Roulette Penna.
Jan-19-1886.

My Dear Harry
I will now gladly ans-
wer your most welcome and
affectionate letter, oh you
dont know how much better
I feel after receiving a letter
from your hand and how
anxiously I look for the
next one to come, yours
of the 10, was not recd, untill
Sat. night, but I looked for

it a little sooner. Harry
Dearest I hope this will find
you well and also happy
and contented, but I am
not very contented nor am
I very happy at present
for I have a great deal to
think of, and your dear
form is ever fresh on my mind
if I could only be with you.
Harry sometimes I am afraid
you are not sincere and oh
it makes me very unhappy
but Darling you would not
so deceive an innocent
girl that dearly loves you
would you: tell me Harry
how long must it be before
I will become yours forever,

or will it never be, Dear
Harry sometimes I fancy
you are engaged to be married
to Ida Camel, and that you
are only trifling with my
love, oh Darling should this
be the case, for Heaven sake,
dont keep me in the dark
any longer, if you are not
free and at liberty to marry
me as you have agreed to
dont for mercy sake keep
it from me another day
I have heard so much since
you went away that it
makes me sick and tired of
living, but Harry Dear
I am going to trust you
untill spring and then



Mr H. S. Cole

Derrs,

Col. Co.

Penn

Dear

Penna

Feb. 9 - 1885

Dear Ida

This evening I will
answer your letter which I received
this morning I was glad to hear
from you it found me feeling a
little better than when you
wrote a way my cold is better
but not well yet I was up to
church to night and I got
home I saw Miss S. Alvin and
had a good talk with her she
looks good (a little tempting)
she is coming down to J. G.
next week to work. Eva has
gone home
well Ida I will tell you

The Rangement I've made I am
a going to take Chris & Tom out
for a High Ride Sunday
Night I want to get a head
off Will. G. He thinks he is
so smart I have not saw
him to talk with him since
we were to meeting that night
he was down but I was not
at Home I am a working on
the Hill this week.

You ask if I had answered
Levas letter, I will say yes, I
wrote to her Sunday last the
girls went to meeting and I staid
at Home and wrote to her.

I did not Request an answer
from her I dont know whether
she will answer or not I wrote
a very short one I dont
know how she will take
it I do when I think of it

it makes me feel sick
at Heart to think how she
must feel you dont know
how much she loves me it
will all hurt kills her when
she finds out that she must
give me up oh darling she wants
me in my sleep every night I
go to bed I can see her stand-
ing over me a crying till
I hear what shall I do with
her I havent had a good night
sleep since you went a way
may be after I get over this cold
I will feel better

well darling as I am not feeling
very good you will excuse this
short letter for to night you
will excuse this pencil I dont
love how it is written only her
I hear from you
(a kiss)
Good Night



Miss Ida Campbell
Raven Creek
Cal Co Pa

has meeting
with him to London as I have
promised to see for Rit a
couple of weeks how will that
suit you, certainly I can not
say I don't want him to take
me home Monday morn

I was compelled to lay my writ-
ing aside as Mr Vanhorn & Bink
Laure Mr. B. thought I must cer-
tainly take a sleighride with
him but I had a good excuse
as I was coming up here, it is
snowing here today, expect to go
to uncle Johns tonight as there
is a lot of young folks coming
there. Oh yes Wil took us to Dodson
to Spelling school Friday night
had a splendid time Mr Vanhorn
teacher, I think this is all at
Present hope it may find you well.

the backing is
some of my concern

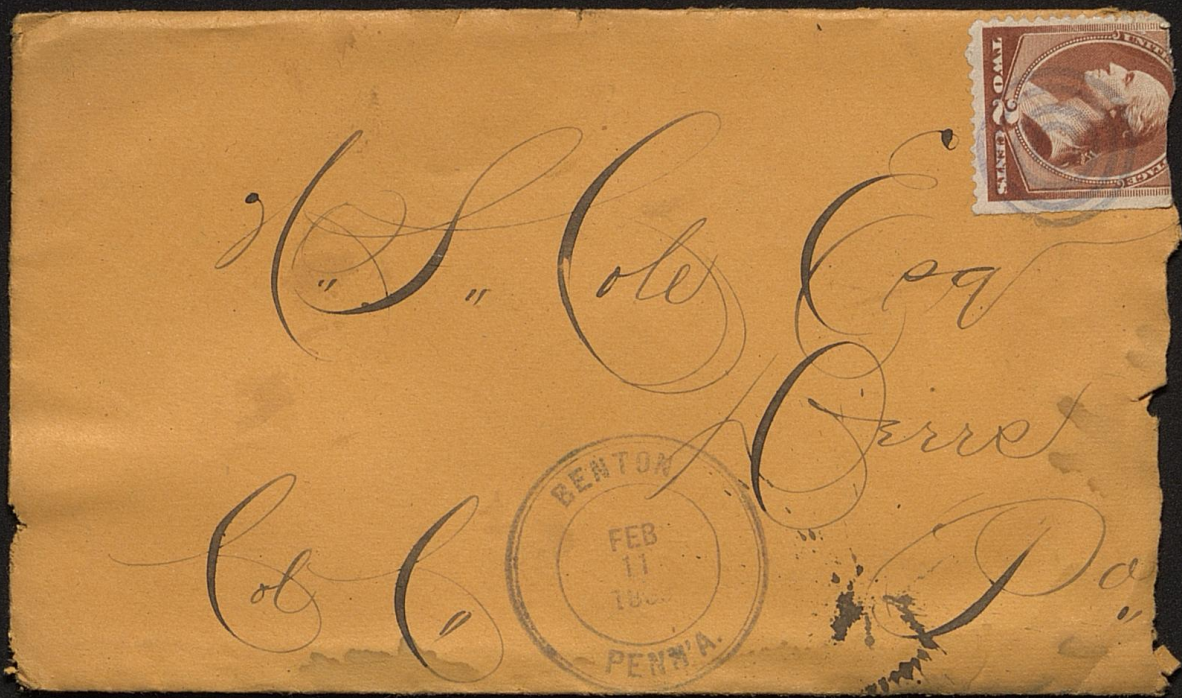
Raven Creek
Feb-8-1885

Sunday afternoon
Dearest Howie

I am about to pen
you a few lines by which
you informed I am well
and enjoying my self we
have company here to day
(at Uncle John) Mr primary Beck-
elow Beach Kuchle cousin Wit
& Minnie Smith; we just had
dinner and the boys have
gone out to the barn so I
thought I would take pleasure
in writing to you with all the
company I am ever thinking of
you dear, Wilber took Rit and

me to Benton last night
we went to Everett's and then
the girls went with us to the
rink we did not stay long for
they have no stove there went
back to Everett's and did not
get home till one o'clock. he
is going to take us down Thursday
then we will stay till Saturday
I am going home with Min
tonight I thought I would get
next week but I have not
been to Cambra or Van camp
yet. we were to that party
at Winton and had a
splendid time only I had
no fellow went with Pet. Scott
Leubach took her went in a
big sled. it was a hop talk
of having another one next week
if the sleighing lasts, I was
to Columbus on Friday Uncle

John took five of down
was to Aunt James on Thursday
I suppose you know Papa +
Wama were over I would of
gone home with them but
for shame sack ash. I would
not of cared if I had known
how you cold was but hope
it is better why did you not
write and tell me I forgot
to tell you to let me know
but dear I thought you would
all the same, but I am anxiously
waiting for Tuesday to come
when I will hear and hope
I may not be disappointed
my finger is not much better
if you can I would like to
have you come over next Sunday
when I go home Wilber wants
to go along and if he does I
will go over and then come back



H. S. Cole Esq



Perret

Col Co



Pa

Winnies Death I dont know
when I will be over I Hope your
all alright by this Time I was glad
to Learn that your Hand is better
you must stay in doors ^{and} be a good
girl I heard that Wilber S.
was Married Saturday last. does
any one distrust our trip. some
ask the Man I got a long I ~~let~~
told him all wright
well I will stop for the
presant Hoping I may hear from
you ^{and} good news

Yours as ever a true
friend (Howard)

(a kiss to
my dear)

Dear March 22th 1885
Sunday at Home

Dear Ma

This morning I will try
^{and} answer your kind letter I
Rec^d Saturday was glad to hear
from you it is very lonely here
with out Winnie poor girl has
passed over the River She died on
Monday last she was taken worst
on Saturday ^{and} was very bad all the
Time she was sensible up to her
death on Monday morning she called
us all to her bed ^{and} ask us
to help her in Heaven she said
she had given up it was gods
will ^{and} she was ready to submit
to his will at the side so
Happy she layed in my arms

and Biede with out a struggle I
never left Her bed from the time
I came Home when I came she
said Howard I am so glad you
have come she said I should th
stay with Her in the morning
for she did she ask a bout Alice
if he ask about her I wish
you could of come down I've been
Her when you was over
she was buried at Gales Creek
there was a large funeral at the
House I'd at the Church. Now
Ida I think we ought to try I'd
do better I'd live a better life
I'd hate to live in that better
land for you know we all must
go sooner or later we know not
when we will be called away
for when death lays it cold
icy hands upon us we must go
I am a fraid Ma will you not

She is sick she is all most
worried to death Oh Darling it was
so hard to give Winnie up I will
never for get her looks when she
died. Oh Dear you must be
awful careful and not get sick
what would I do if I should lose
you yet I would be left all a
lone life would be no pleasure
to me it wouldnt be worth
living for I hope I'd trust in
my Heart that you will I'd
enjoying good health you thank
full we ought to be when we
have good health I'd god was
spared I our lives a nother day
well Ida I will close for this
time I would of written sooner
but I was busy I have a sore
throate this morning I hope it will
be better in a few days I want to
write to Nettie I'd tell Her off

DE RRS
MAR
24
1885
P.A.



Miss Ida Campbell
Dardsville
Lycoming Co

Pa

Be with you all the time I
 would always be happy
 You would like you think you
 will be able to take that
 trip I hope for long for
 I don't want to part it off
 any longer if I can help it
 but I know you don't want
 to wait any longer I wish
 I was there to day to spend
 the day with you it would
 not be so long for either
 one of us for I can enjoy my
 self with you will hear I
 will close for this time hoping
 I will hear from you soon if
 you can write get the girls to
 (Min) I want to hear from you
 often I thought I would hear from

Working the Rocks in the East
 no all most imperable to get
 these one I made off from
 over in 232 you with some
 I good by (Dear) Yours as ever
 5th April 1885

Sunday at home

Dear Ma
 I will pencil
 you a few lines to inform you
 how I am a getting a long
 My throat has bin very sore
 for the past week but it is
 better this morning I've got such
 a bad cold is that was all
 over with than I would think
 I would come out all right
 Oh Darling I am hoping you
 better by this time I do wish
 I could get over to see you
 it seems all most like six
 months since I was there

it is so Lonesome Here with
out Minnie Oh how I wish you
could of been here for she
left us she looked so nice
Oh Darling I wish I could have
you with me I would be content
-ed I want to talk to you I
have a good Lot to tell you when
I see you I think I shall go
in the woods again this Summer
But wont go as far as I did
last I am a going up in
Sullivan County I am a going
to take a job off Pealing Bark
I am a going next week
to look up the job and when
I come back I will come
over to see you. Mother is
very sick she is in the bed
most of her time she has
Plague her so she cant sit
up only a few minutes at

a time I dont think she
will live a great while
this was a hard Blow for her
it seems as she cant get
over it she cant give her
up Oh Dear it was hard
to have to give her up
Darling I want you to take
good care of your self and
get well if I should love
you then I would want to
go to for then life would
be only a burden to me
and I never could be happy
again Oh Darling when I'm
with you I never think of any
trouble every thing is sun
shine for me but as soon
as I am a way from you
it is dark and a heavy
black cloud hanging over
my mind Dear if I could



Miss Ida Campbell
Lairdsville
Pa