

death. I love to go to school here very  
well I had intended to go all winter  
but mother says it is so lonesome at  
home without one that she won't let  
me stay Miss Conden's brother is going  
to teach in our district this winter  
I will go to him she is ~~my~~ teacher in  
College I like her so well her brother  
Groudrated the same time she died her  
brother older than her is a preacher.  
We have very nice weather here this  
fall or nice winter sometimes and  
then warm and pleasant well  
Mollie I have wrote every thing I  
can think of that would be  
interesting to you so I will bring  
my letter to a close I believe this  
leaves us all well I hope it will find  
you the same please write soon Mollie  
and tell me all the particulars give  
our love to all tell uncle to come and  
see us no more your cousin till death  
Ohio Naomi Lewis to Mary & Bell

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Dear Cousin Mollie.  
It is with mingled feelings of sorrow  
and pleasure that I take up my pen  
this pleasant after-noon to address a few  
lines to you in answer to your kind  
welcome letter of Nov 4<sup>th</sup> which I recd  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> I can easily pardon you for not  
writing sooner when I am so often neg-  
lectful myself. I expect you will feel  
very sorry to hear the sad news that  
your cousin Rich is dead, but Oh!  
imagine the distress of our household  
when we learned that our "loved one" was  
taken away from us <sup>but</sup> the Lord gave and  
the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be his  
holy name. If you can get a Washington  
Press then you will see his death in it and  
a piece that I wrote and some poetry that