

PEARL MILLS

Large City Aug
21/1887
Dear Friend Ida

It is with the
greatest of pleasure that
I drop you these few lines
to let you know what I
am among the things
Will I do I beg your
pardon for not writing
sooner but you did not
ans my letter as soon
as you might But I know
you will excuse me this
time and I will do Bet
the next now are all the
folks getting along down

on the Run tell them
& send them my best wishes
is and hope them all well
Will Eda enclose you
will find my Photograph
that I promised to send
you so you see I have not
forgotten you yet Tell Sam
& Mar that I will send
them one before long and
tell Bill & Libbie the same
Will Eda do you think it
looks like me when I was
home How is Nellie and
Rista getting along I
suppose it is pretty dull
around the Run now is it
not Eda I would like to
come out there to day &
back to Morrow and see
all the folks.

Eda dont you forget
what you promised me
when I come home again
I wish you was out here
to spend the Sunday with
me we would have a
good time If you have
any of your Picture send
me one in return
you will have to excuse
this short letter as I had
four or five to write and
it is time to go out for
I walk on Washington Ave
and soon and tell me all
the news Give my love to
Father Mother and all the
rest of the family likewise
to Sam & Mar & Bill & Libbie
from your Loving Friend
G W Nicholson
Write soon
Saginaw City Mich

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WINDY
JUN 23
MICH



Miss Liza Campbell
Hickory Run
Cartersville P

much to day until I know how
things are over there and how
you feel over things. I would
rather give up my home and
all its comforts and pleasures
and live with you in a shanty
than to be here without you
when ever you feel like coming
for me come I am yours and
am ready for you Write real soon
I am your true and loving
friend. Sallie

Brunswick Monday March 5/88.

Mrs. Howard S. Cole.

My Dearest & Darkest Friend

I am at a loss to know whether
a letter will be acceptable to you
or not you did not say I should
write but I can not pass the
time it seems so long but
still I have been busy ever
since I came home. Henry is very
well now. I wish I was back.
I hope you will pardon me if
this be any intrusion on your
part. I guess you were a little
discouraged when you were here
but I will say this one thing but
not to flatter you at all but
I hope you will receive any thing
from me. The impression you left
on my Father was very good but

Mother has not expressed hers yet
but I think that will be all right
I never spend such a week in my
life I have just been in a way
all the time I know Rosa is cross
she send me such a short postal
last week now please be so kind
and tell me what she said to
you when you got back. I would
not have her cross at me for any
thing in the world. if she is then
I will not wait long to see you
of course you know the whole
U.S. cant change me I just have
my mind set. I hope you will
not think I am a little too much
but you know just how I am
and how I talk I write as I talk
too. and when I am writing to
you I know that is as far as
it goes. I am afraid I can not
stand this in your it will be
most as long as I care for till
the 1st of April and what will
a year be I am afraid you will
have to take me with you I hope
you have not changed your mind
any yet. I wish you could bring
Rosa over now real soon I am
awfully in a hurry to see you
I wish I could see you about
five minutes and explain things
to you did you expect me to
write to you first I will not
write to you again now until
you answer this letter even if I
get one from you I have written
twice to you now you know
I am dreadful lonesome. but if
you are all right yet I will
try and stand it till you come
over. and try and come real
soon I want to see you so
very bad I can not write



Mr. Howard S. Cole,
Coles Creek
Cal. County

believed all what old Rosa says
to you about what I told her.
I hope she or no other will object
but if will go all the same
if they do if any body objects
will bring it that much sooner
for me well I hope all is satisfactory
with you it is with one what
even you do will be right for
me my love in great abundance
to you with a kiss I remain yours
until death in love.

Write soon Dear
from Sallie

Berwick March 12th 1855

Mr. H. S. Cole

Dear Friend

I received your letter Saturday
I read the contents with great
deal of pleasure I guess I have
read the letter over a goodly time
out still I find I have an aching
void that can not be filled
only by your presence I am
sured I can not endure being
alone this year I never see
in such a way as my life
I think if I could only see you
five minutes I would be satisfied
but if I had that privilege
I know I would not unless
I could stay with you always
I am glad Rosa is not cross
for I trusted her as my only

friend I dont take you just for
a friend I almost think you are
a part of myself. I trust you as
such. how soon do you think
you can bring Rosa over here for
a reasonable excuse. I want a talk
with you so much I cant write
half in a letter and folks do not
know I heard from you or that
I have written to you at all but
you must come real soon and bring
Rosa then I will tell you all.
I hope you were not cross at
me because I told Rosa what it
was but no one else knows
it and they will not I will
tell you when I see you how
I came to tell her. I have heard
from her since I came home but
they did not say any thing
much. you need never fear
I will ever go back on you

never will forsake you as long as
life lasts. I only fear you might
forget that you once loved me I
did not know how much I loved
you till I was separated from
you it seems to break all my
nerves it is wearing on me
most to hard if you dont go
to Buf I am coming to you
I believe I can keep plenty too
I wish you could have been
with me out to my sisters to
dinner yesterday you would have
enjoyed it I know she always
has every thing very nice I am
awful lonely and long for a
welcome to your bosom as my
own dear friend I hope when
we are one we will not
be I like Betham is is he cross
at me I hope not he has no
reason I had if I would have

BERWICK
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PA.



Mr. Howard S. Cole,
Coles creek,
Cal. County,
Penn.

one but your folks knew that
I kep your company over there &
Ell had that all every night -
in her letter now dont say
a word to your folks and no
one else about it - till I see
you or there will be another
letter flying over here Ell wont
for me rough in her letter but
I dont care a cent. I am just
as good as she is if she only knew
it. Ma is very much afraid I am going
to get married and come over there and
live in the shanty that goes against
the grain terribly. well when I was
going to leave the other day she
said I did not dare have my trunk
I had to wait for Pa. well I was
glad because I did not know if
you were ready for me and I did

Berwick April 9th 1853.

Mr. H. S. Cole.

My Dearest Friend.

This afternoon I will try and
speak a few words to you through
the medium of the pen & paper
first. I will ask you never to
reveal what I am now about
to write to you this afternoon
if you do there will be a worse
time than there has been never
let any one see my letters or
even know that I write to
you. Mother got hold of the
letter Ell wrote to me last
week Father was not at home
he was down country tending
a funeral. well Ma. was awful
cross and we had quite a
time I was going to leave &

come to you she was awful cross
she now objects to your going
with me she would not have
me write to you if she knew
it - but she went to Hiffmirell
this afternoon she told Father and
I was out riding with him
yesterday and we talked about
it - he said it was all right -
as far as he knew any thing
about you - but he said he
would not like to see me ever
many a man that got drunk
and was not decent - but if
you was all right and nothing
wrong and I thought you was the
man for me he said he had
no objections and I would get
just as I had it - before - but
of course I told him I did
not intend to get married just
yet. he said there was no use

in Ma talking the way she does
to me because it will not do
my good. Ma says she heard
you drank and I will not
tell you the rest so you
know what you are to do
if you expect me to be your
Howard when you come over here
I will try and have you in
Father's company if you please it -
so you can learn his ways.
Ell has raised all this rumpus
both over there and here. Ma
says your folks dont want
me there and they are opposed
to your going with me. I have
Ell's letter I want you to see
it so bad. I do think your
folks played us a little mean
trick by telling us so much
about our affairs. Ell wrote it
all over here and came to no

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Dear I & write you by long a letter
I never come over there to visit at all
but then with all the trouble and
tears it has cost me I have found
some pleasure in it by finding
you as my true friend I hope I
shall never be deceived if it were
not for the glorious hope of the future
and the prospects were not so bright
for our future life and happiness I
could never endure all this strife
but I look forward to the day when
we shall be as one folded in our
arms the love we claim as ours
I find much pleasure in looking
forward to our future life what
a joy I find in sorrow by doing
so I rejoice to think I have been
so fortunate as to ever find you
but I shall rejoice with exceeding
great joy when I dare claim you as
my own I will finish tomorrow when

not know how to get to you. I
think this will all blow over
after while and ever thing will
be all right if only you are
all right and prove yourself true
and let b. & some more that
talk about you know you are
their superior. I know I am
perfectly satisfied with you and
I have confidence enough in you
to think you love me enough
to be a true and an upright
man one that can stand in
all things I hope you are not
just living for the present but
for our future & your own future
life that is before you now
Howard set your steak and
then work up to it. now we
need not be in a hurry to be

united as one let us both work
for something to start on so they
won't say we were in to big
a hurry. I sometimes wish you
had gone to Buff if you were
sure of getting something to do
that would pay you I hate to
have you over there in that
country being imposed upon by
the latter that is going on I feel
as bad as any body can about
it they have fixed me up just
right for that country I think
well I guess you will think
I am taking quite an interest
in your affairs but I feel just
as though you were mine and
I was talking business to you
I always love to talk to you
if I do not see things in their
right light - you will always
tell me and I am just as ready

to take advice as to give if I am
competent of giving any. I hope
to see you real soon. I would
love to spend a few hours with
you in converse I think we
could fix things up there in
better shape than they are now
fix them just as ~~the~~ we want
them. pardon me if I have said
to much I know you will because
you are always ready to forgive me
when I ask you well Ma. talks
still of going to Kansas city in
June I think she expects me to go
with her that will be a chance
to see heart of the West (+ also
Chicago) if I get to go. how much
I would love to have you with
me then as my own. I hope
Rose will see some day see Henry
who is her friend. I feel awful
about this sometimes I regret that



Mr. Howard S. Cole.
Cole's creek.
Col. County
Penn^a.

Berwick April 10th 1888.

My Dearest Friend

This morning I looked for a letter but did not receive any I was very much disappointed but I suppose you had something to hinder you or you surely would have written it cant be you are discouraged and are going back on your promise I could not believe that is the case any way. Has any one said any thing to discourage you how do your folks feel now on the subject. I know they object to me and dont want you to go with me. but if they are please dont be afraid to tell me I will never let on I know it - I am going to tell you a little something now I dont want you to let on you ever knew it - but

Ma. said the other day when she
was mad she was going to write
to Ell. and tell her to tell you to
stay over there where you belong
and not bother about over here
I dont think she will she was
snad when she said it but
if she does so you be sure and
tell me and I will tell Pa. he stands
by me. I think it will be all
right get the more in scide here
the sooner I will leave and go with
you. I want to be true to you
and treat my folks with respect
at the same time. I hope all may
be satisfactory and you are all
right. I will close till I see
you with my love to you
come over soon Write real soon

I remain yours
S. C. S.

Mrs. Scripser was just in
here and said Rosa was
coming over Saturday or next
week to live with them again
if she does you be sure and come
along with her if you dont I
will be awfully disapointed I am
sick to see you I am awful
glad she is coming then I can
get to see her and have a
talk with her. now you
come to our folks will use
you all right. I assure you
that much I cant write any
more I am so glad if you
only come I am yours in love
hoping to see you soon I
still remain yours S. C.

this Harvard. how long will it take
you to finish the Milling trade. I think
if you are going to stay home this
summer any way. it would be
to your advantage to finish that
if you ever care to go in that
business some future time (providing
we even have means enough to start)
you will have the trade yourself
and ~~and~~ I think every man had
ought to have some trade but you
can suit yourself about it - you
know what ever suits you suits
me any thing that is right - no
evil I mean. but it is this I
think of if you go to finishing
that up will it put us off
any. I hope not. I dont want
to hurry you any at all. but I
am afraid if you are not making

Berwick May 2nd 1883

Mr. H. S. Cab.

My Dear Friend

I received your ever welcome letter
yesterday. its contents was read with
a great deal of pleasure and
satisfaction. I will try and write
a short time to you this morning
although I scarcely know what to
say to make the letter interesting
to you I suppose they never are
for that matter. but I will write
a few thoughts and let it go
at that - Rosa was in last eve
we are as good friends as we ever
was so far as I know if she has
any thing against me she does
not let on any way and I am
sure I have nothing against her
I expect to go to Bloom tomorrow

if there is nothing in the way and
I am going to bring Rosa her dress
from the shop down there I suppose
you know your Ma. wrote me
a letter last week I answered
it. - I suppose you will know
it if you dont know it now
will. I will not say I will go
west for sure or not Ma is not
certain about it - we expect company
this month from Reading we dont
know how long they will stay.
now you did not get over in
April and of course I can not
be cross at you for not coming
because I know just how you
feel about coming here now I will
ask you not to come now until
I say come again because I know
you will not enjoy being here
as much when we have company
as you would to come when we

are alone so I dont want you
to come when those folks are here
because I want to be with you
most of the time and then that
would not look well with those
other people. I want to see you
awful bad. Annie & I ask Pa.
if we could drive over to your
house some Sunday and back
on Monday morning he said yes
or some Sunday you can expect
to see us. now when ever
you write to me you put
a little mark some place in
your letter like this X when
you will be home the following
Sunday. and we will try and
come on a Sunday when you are
at home but dont say a word
about it - we will take the
rest on surprise if we can. well
in regards. to business I will say.

money enough to start it - I have
 my heart set on going to Buffalo
 but I will go where ever you
 go if it is to the end of the
 world so you use your own
 pleasure about things. I will be
 yours any way. what ever you
 do. Love
 Lizzie L.

any thing you will not be read as
 soon as we expected to be. I suppose
 of course you will not be making
 any thing while you are at your trade
 I thought it might put us off well
 you said I should tell you when
 I was ready. I think as you do it
 is to long to wait until next
 spring. I think I will be ready
 before that but Howard as well
 as I feel at home with you and
 want to be with you I never can
 get courage enough to say now I
 am read come for me I would
 rather you to set the time and
 if it does not suit me I can
 tell you better but when I see
 you we can fix that so we
 will say no more about it
 now until we meet I long

remember me to all my friends
my love to you in abundance
and a kiss. I remain as ever
yours in love Sallie.

do you get all my letters I
have written a great many almost
two to you one. I am not
very selfish in writing I write
when ever I want to if I hear
from you a note if it is
not my turn you will excuse
me if I write to after I hope
I will see you before long.
did you expect me to come over
there and live with you this
summer I am afraid it would
not be agreeable with all the rest

Write real soon and tell
me what you are going to do
about going in the mill it would
be nice business to go into when we
get to Buffalo when we get

for that time how much I would
love to rush into your arms
now and receive a kiss from you
Ma. has not said a word to
me lately I think if you were
to come over she would not
have a word to say and treat
you all right - all the rest
are all right - and have been
well I guess you will get
to see that letter Ell wrote
to me I promised to send it to
your Mother if she desired it and
then you will get to see it I never
intend to keep any thing from you
I wonder if be are not a little
ashamed now because they collect
as they did they have not written
to me since and I never answered
that letter. I commenced on the
wrong side but I paged it -
so you will get it all right

If not called for in 5 days return to

M. HOCKMAN,
Baker & dealer in
Groceries, Confectionery and Toys,
FISH, OYSTERS, &C.
BERWICK, PA.



Mr. H. S. Cole.
Coles creek,
Col. County.
Penn.



Berwick May 8th 1883.

My Dearest Friend

I received your letter this morning
I will write a few lines to you
this afternoon. I am going to Bloom
tomorrow on business. I wish I could
see you there. you better not
look for us to strong Sunday
I am afraid you may be disappointed
we are not sure we will dere
come but we will if we can
I will not write much to
day as time is very precious.
does. either have any thing to
say about our affairs. and what
do b. have to say of late you
tell me all I would love to
know but of course I dont
care what any of them say
but I want you to tell me

all about how the storm
is going over there it is pretty
cool over here now. I feel better
now than I did a few weeks ago.
well Howard if we were to get
married would you want me to
come over there and stay with
you or what would you have
me do. I will drop it wait
till I see you I guess that will
be best. I hope I shall have
that privilege before long. Henry
has been real sick again but
is better now. well we are
having such lovely weather
I feel like coming over there
and running around through the
woods for a while does he
have any thing to say about
me any more I never hear from
them any more I will tell
you a good trick I served on

J. C. when I see you I bet
you will say good. I bet
they are all down on me now
well I will close with an
abundance of love for you and
a kiss excuse short letter
this time write soon to me
Dear I am your Scobie.

write now I will do better
next time my love to
you and all friends.
I am yours,
S. C.

Berwick May 17th 1888

My Dearest Friend

I received your letter this
morning I was glad to hear
from you but I was very
sorry you were so disappointed
and also sorry to disappoint you
but the cause was unavoidable
as Annie was sick all day
Sunday and I could not
come then and now I can not
come very soon it would
be impossible this month any-
way we are getting three
people from Reading Saturday
19th I dont know how long
they will stay I am going
to drive down to Ripert to
meet them on that 4 train
that comes in we have been

very busy all week I am
going to clean the store to day
I have not time to write
much this week but will
try and do better next time
I wish I could have been
there to enjoy those fish I
am very fond of fish and
I know I would have enjoyed
them very much. Rosa came
in last evening to see us
again she has been here
twice this week you
would never know there
was any thing to spoil
our friendship now we
are as good friends as
ever I hope we shall
always be I am very
glad to be at peace for
they might hurt themselves
to bother so much about

our affairs well I will
say this I am afraid I will
not get over there very soon
I will tell you what Ma-
sary says about it - she said
she would have no objections
to my coming if I had some
business or an excuse but
I have none and she said
it would make Mr. C
feel bad to have me come
over there and not go
to see them and I must
not hint his feelings
he has enough to put
up with he is a very nice
man and I hope I can
always respect him for
Thomas sake if no other
excuse the pencil writing
I am in a hurry this
time excuse writing and

Berwick Pa. June 13th 1882
Mr. H. S. Cole.

Dear Friend

I hope you will pardon me
for neglecting to write to you
but I have been very busy
our folks the Reading people
I mean left for Pitts Grove
last Saturday but they intend
coming back in a ~~few~~^{week} or two
I expect to go over there a few
days before they come if I can
get off. I was very much
disappointed because you did not
come to Berwick on show day
but I came to the conclusion
you were not down there
or you would surely have come
up but I will excuse you
this time because I have to if you

will do better next time I see
Rosa almost every day she was
in on Monday evening a while
well we are having warm
weather now but it is trying
to rain to day again I scarcely
know know what to write
to you that will be interesting
to you every thing is all new
but I wish you could here
hear the Orchestra play last night
they played in front of our
door about 12 o'clock last night
and it was grand I almost
thought I was in Greece how
are things running now over there
I dont hear from any one but
you and you dont tell me
all the news you better tell
me some thing now I
will close this time if you
will please excuse the shortness

of the letter and the writing
my love to you please write
real soon from Sallie C.

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