

any that makes me feel
sad to think you are so
far a way ^{with me} I can't get
to see you I think I
will call on you if it
will be no intrusion when
I go up the River. There
was a man here the other day
wanted me to go west with him
I can't go. I do when you
get to Huncy you have
your pictures taken ^{or} send
me one I would be so glad
I thank you for the one
you sent me ^{and} hope I will
get to see the original. will
please if you can't read
what I have written this is to
welcome you in your new
Home I wish I was there

Derry Pa

March 23rd 1884

My Dear Ida
This evening I will
write a few lines to night
as it is raining ^{and} I was
lonesome I thought I could
not enjoy my self any better
than I could writing a short
note to you as I can not enjoy
your company I can take
enjoyment in writing to you
but I hope this will not be
any intrusion on your part
if it is I beg your pardon
I do love you too not know
how lonesome I am with out
you I don't know Yours I

would stand it if it was
fore ever but I hope that I
did not know I did love
you as I do at you do not
know I miss you as much
as I do hear its seems an age
since you went a way
The days seems so dark
The sun no longer shine
~~But~~ Bright as Ida if I
could hold you in my
arms for one ^{hour} Oh how
gladly I would be ~~and~~
would rejoice with
Exceedingly great joy
Wishing I hope you will
never get discouraged ~~and~~
give up ~~and~~ leave me all
a lone in this world
If I was to choose the
time I would do it
soon for I am tired

of this fore I am so
Lonelome with out you
I layed in Bed until ten
oclock Last night thinking
of you I could not get sleep
I was up to Launder to day
they are all well I believe
they have no girl Mrs. L.
is a working her work a lone
I guess she does not find
Ida there to do the work
for her they are a going
to move Thursday 27 of March
Ed. L. was over the other
day they had a Burn out
they burnt up the stills
I did not get to see Ed I
was not at home ~~and~~ I do
not think I will stay here
for it is very lonelome
fore me here I often
look up to wards L

Singed Cat Bets than they
look But the Reverse,
There is Shelling School
on the Hill this week
then I will get a good
warm kiss I suppose it
~~all~~ it will be grand
they had a good one down
at Redlines that night
you was down to our house
I will close this poor letter
I have nothing to tell
you that will interest you
I hope you will excuse
pencil for poor writing &
mistakes I remain your
as ever, H. S. C.

Good night
with love for I may love
how long

5
I will try ~~to~~ finish my
Letter I thought I would
close But I have more
to tell you ~~and~~ will finish
on this sheet I suppose
you will be in your
new home by this week
to destination I wish I
could be there to meet
you when you arrive
I press one kiss on your
cheek I suppose you have
been very busy since you
got home I do when
you get at David's Mill
I hope you will write
~~and~~ tell me how you
like the place I suppose
you will get lots of spare
ribs to eat you know

They keep them there
But I don't think you
will gain very fast on
them I suppose a but
the first thing you will
do when you get Home
you will go up to
see Sam when you
go tell them I send
them My love to them
fore you know I have a
great Interest In Mrs. A.
In Her wellfare. when you
get moved let every thing
fixed in their places you
will feel as big as a Rooster
with His first spurs It
would be a picnic to see
you fly a Round when you
get there I wish I was
a little mouse ⁱⁿ In
one corner I would

Have some fun with you
I got a letter from my
widow the other day she
Has lets to say you Bet
God wants me to come
over to see Her she wants
to know whether I intend
to stick to my promise
what shall I tell Her I
guess I will tell Her
I'm sorry so long since I've
heard I had gave up ^{and}
Back out ^{and} tell Her I
don't want any women
on my wish at present
you don't let any one see
this miserable letter I wish
you would burn all the
letters you get from
me fore they are not fit
to read more than once
they are not like a

MIS



Miss Ida A Campbell
Leasidville
Tycoming
Pa



I Hope you enjoying your
self eating spare ribs you know
they keep them there. Louder
Has moved In. there new House
I Have not Bin up yet I
Wont go as often as I did
they Have no girl that
Is the Cause I guess. I will
belove fore you will get
tired of Reading It at any rate
If you Can not Read this
send It to the Dead letter office
they will happy It off fore
you I stop short off

write soon
Yours friend
H. S. W.

Dear Pa

April 24 1884

Friend

This Evening
I will try ^{and} answer your
most kind ^{and} welcome letter
came to hand the I was
very glad to here from you
It has Bin a Raining all Day
Winneg ^{and} I was a going off
to Christians to night I
did not care a Bout going
But she Has Bin at me
all week to go I Have

Bin putting Her off I was
glad It Rained to night so
that left me off. I Hope you
Reached your new home
Safe & Happy as a Lark
you ask me if I had decided
to stay at home I have
set the time to start I am
a going the 8 of April If
nothing happens I dont know
Whether I will get there there
are not I would like to
very much If I could. I
would give a small farm
with a house & Lot on it
If I see you five minutes
But If I dont come I will
try and come as soon as I
can I dont know Where I
get to yet I told my
folks I was a going west
But I dont know How

fare I will get yet I
want to stop off at William
Leport and look a round
there If I dont strike
any thing I will go on
untill I do get a good
Job. I think I can get
a good Job on the R.R.
at Reno. Dont you think
that will suit me fore I
like to travel & see a lots
of women. I suppose you
got my other letter I wrote
I had nothing Else to do
at that time. I was ever
so much pleased with the
gem oh How much It
looks like you It all most
talks It Is a hatchuel I
am sorry I have none to
send to you But I will
as soon as I get one



Miss Ida Campbell
Lordsville
Lycoming Co

Pa

you I Reached out my hand
to shake hands & you drew
yours back but would not let
me have your hand you said
you did not care to have any
thing to do with me it
made me feel so bad it
woked me up how glad I was
when I found it was not true
I hope it never will happen.
you spoke of the letter I got
from Berwick Perhaps I
can send it to you some
time it was a heart render
you bet I have not answer
ed it you tell me what to
do about it if you say
not I will not answer
it you know I want her

At Home

April 5th 1884.

Dear Ida

I will now pen you
a few lines as I have a few
spare moments I Reced your
kind & ever welcome letter
I was over joyed when I Reced
it to day it came on a surprise
I was not looking for one
But it came welcome & was glad
to here from ^{you} & glad you
were arrived safe I wish I
was there to night to talk to
you I would rejoice with
exceedingly grate joy & of
what a pleasure it would

Be fore me If I Could only
see you once a gain you
said I should not go a way
and not come to see you I
will call on you with out
fail when I go I thought
I would go the 8 But have
gave it up I do not know
when I will go But will go
fore long I am a going to
Renovo to work this Summer
I got a letter from there
to day. Dear I am glad to hear
you like the place But Dear
you must be very careful to
not get sick I am a fear
you may in that Camp House
Don't work to hard Dear let
some of the Rest of the family
doe some of the hard work. I
Tended a furnal this week
a young ~~man~~ man it

loop bar to see him.
I Hope you will take good
Care of your Health. a word
to the wise is sufficient.
Arthur ~~the~~ (hornman) came over
to night arthur went up
to Christian to night they are
not going to home this Spring
I would not like to live that
way that goes too much like
single life what do you think
of it. you spoke of the widow
standing between us Dear there
is none in this world that
can hinder us from going to
gather if your true to me of
Ida if you could ~~at~~ only
know my thoughts (my mind)
is constantly on you. oh I
must tell you my dream
I thought I saw you standing in
the Road ~~to~~ I came up to

fore my neck is as stiff as
a stake its so long I get
tired holding it up. If I
could only lay my head on
your bosom to feel the warm
beating of your heart I will
kiss its close fore you will
be sick now reading what
I have written well a good
phizic Phizic its good fore a
person to this will be as good
as a Phizic I think. I da dont
let any one see this fore God
sake fore he will be a shame
of it if you do

I remain yours untill
death calls me a way
good night

H. S. C.

a kiss fore you

fore fore me to fool a long
with her that wont do
I think some times I write
to her to tell her I dont
care to hold my engagements
to think its best to withdraw
if you know I dont want
her to I'll never marry a
women that I dont love
I want to know your opinion
on the matter pleas give me
some advice on the matter
to I will do as you say. If
you say not I'll not write
I will devote all my spare
moments in writing to the
one that I love I think
it will pay better I could
sit and write to you all
the time and never get tired

And Have something to say If
It Want so smart I Hope
You will Enjoy the Company
of those Callers Ben Is a
tender on the girls H.B.L.
a going to stop in the mill
this Summer I suppose He
Comes out to see you spoke
of spelling school It was
all a fudge I did not
get a kiss the Teacher
would not let them play
any ^{and you} C. went
Home fore the school was out
I was down to Barnesys Girtons
to a Party the other night
Had a Splendid time they
was a going to have one
over to John Girtons But
gave It up on the account
of the Bessian I Dont Care
If they Dont have It

Dear I Dont know what
to write that will Interest
you Every thing Seems to
Be Dead to me since you
went a way It looks so
lonely to look up towards the
shanty now. ^{How} Do you
Expect to stop at Home this
Summer or will you Come Back
to Louder a gain If you Do
I will Come Home then But
I never Can stay In this
Lonely place with out you
I am all most Dead to see
you It seems all most a year
since you left. Did you ever
get your shawl a gain If I
Had Bin with you would
not lost It fore I would of
Had my arms a Round you
^{and} the shawl Both. Dear I
will Haft to stop writing

Save it. You say you will
try ^{to} do your part Ida have
I ever failed in doing my part
you spoke as though I had to
send your letters to the dead
letters office to have them copied
off no hear I did not mean that
at all Ida have I not been very
pompous in answering your letters.
now if I have said any thing out
all the way I hope you will
pardon me to answer this
letter I can hardly write I make
so many mistakes you will
look over that I will try to do
better next time I close for this
time hoping your well
Your true friend
Howard

at Home

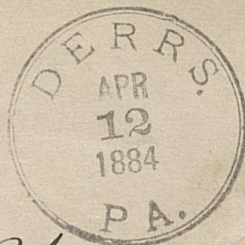
April 11th 1857

Dear Ida

I am a bit to pen
a few lines to you I reced yours
yesterday. ^{It} was very highly
appreciated was sorry to ~~think~~
have you say my letters was so
indifferent if I have written any
that was offensive am very
sorry for ask you to forgive
me I would like you to tell
me what I've said that was not
right I was very much taken down
when I read its contents I wish I
had you here I could talk to you
better than I can write than you
think I only write when I

Have nothing else to do Dear
I have enough to do but I try
and find time to write to you I
Have always tried to ^{have} one letter
a week for you I would like
to know what I have said you
talk as though your letters was
not appreciated and I ever say they
were not my Darling never only
to glad to have one every day
from you. its unnecessary to tell
you my love for you I have
told you be for I loved you
for you only Oh Darling do
not doubt my love what is
it you would have me to do
to prove my love to you
say what it is gladly I will
do it for you Dear I would
lay ~~down~~ down my life for
your sake Oh Ida Dear ~~why~~
why do you talk so

when I read your letter it
makes my heart ~~all~~ ache if I
have read it once I have read it
one hundred times for there is
some thing in my heart that
is not satisfied Ida I am a
coming over to keep you for
long for than I hope you will
not be cross at me you say I
have only writen one letter that
was like my self I hope you
will save all of them for I
want to see them when I
come over as for the window I
have not writen to her for do
not intend to she has not
made any affect on my mind
yet you know that I care not
for her you ask to see her
letter Dear I will have to
deny you of it I burnt it
up am sorry I did not



Miss Ida Campbell
Lairdsville

Penn
61

Lycoming
Co
61

Oh hat to see you Love you do not
know how I would love to hear you I
am very lonesome here with out
you I never pass Louder unless I think
of the one that is so true Do think
to me what you have bin so kind to me
Do so punctual in writing I can not
help but love you we have just moved
the Boiler to day we had a bad time
fore it. it is raining triable to night
will have the mill running for long
Papa wants me to stop at home this summer
but think I cant stop with him the wages
is to low for me. we had a splendid
time at the party at Jomies Oh how often
I wish for you to be there had dots of
taffey fore the girls I gave them some
on a stick you bet Wm. G. is waiting
on there hired girl pretty strong He
keep her out untill 4 o'clock the night
of the party they left at two Do
did not get in untill four well

the Road is long Do dark had to walk
slow Stella Do Milt was down but
I Judd Do Ida could not get there
Wm. G. is a going to stop at Home as
long as his Mother stays so bad she
is very poorly Louder has his distill
all most Reedy to Run. Jomie was in Do
ask me who I was writing to. He sends
his best regards to you Do after in-
quies a bout you says he would
like to see you very much. You
ask a bout addie she has bin very
sick is so she is a Round a gain.
Kate filife was gon to Shickshing to
live. I hope your head is better by this
time I have bin having a lame back
for a week but is better now I have
a fetch plaster on my back as
big as a barn it is good company.
Ida the letter I got last Thursday
from you It took me in a surprise
to think of you saying my letters



Mrs Ida S. Campbell

Lairdsville

Lycoming Co

Penn

Will Carver

153, W. Main St

I will never get so far
that I will forget you
I will come after you
when ever you say after
this fall I want to make
all the money I can untill
then I am saving every
cent I get ^{and} when I
am not working I go on
two meals a day I
went on two a day when
I came here that makes
me hunt work good
I will close for tonight
By Hoping you will excuse
this poor letter ^{and} writing
I am in a way I am well
I Remain your true
friend Howie
good night Dear

(a x 100/70)

Renovo

April 28/84

Dear Ida

This evening
I will spend a few moments
in conversing with you in
the silent medium of a pen
Darling I was up town this
evening Ed took got tired of
it so I came home thought
I could enjoy my self better
writing to you than loafing in-
dedd Ida I love to write to
you allthough this is not
my turn but I never wait
for that I write when ever
I feel like it ^{and} that
is pretty often you know I
could write all the time ^{and}

never tire writing to the one
I love Dear You know not
How often I think of you ^{and}
the more I think of you the
more I love you it seems
as though ^{I have} no desire for
any one I see a great many
Ladies on the street but none
to compare to you in my
estimation Darling I would
love to see you again if
it wasnt for people talking
I would not stay here I would
come home when I could see
you once ⁱⁿ a while I am

homesom here all thought
there is lots of people here ^{and}
lots going on But I am
not contented ^{to} never
will be until I am with
you Darling when you ^{and} I
are united to gather I
will be the Happis

Man on earth if I was
to lose you Darling I would
not care to live any longer
Life would be a ~~Hell~~ Hell
one for me I am a living
for the future Happiness
which I expect to enjoy when
we get to gather Darling
Don't let any one draw you
a way from me it will
break my Heart if you
do Dear I will finish
my letter I stop last night
so I will try it a gain
I am a going for the mail
^{and} if I don't get one
from you I will be
Worser God I don't think
I will stop long in
this place I am a going
on faster west I may
get in Michigan for
I come back but Dear

APR
9
1864
P. A.



Miss Ira Campbell
Lairdsville
Lycoming Co

Pay
51