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My Dearest little Sweetheart.

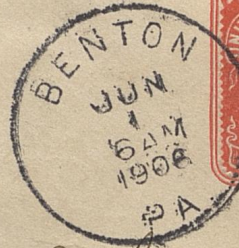
I will now answer
your Welcome and sweet letter I received
oh love you write me such good letters
I wish I could write as good letters
as you can. but I will do the best
I can. Dear long gone it is without
you. When was working to day my
mine was on you all day. Dear
I do love you so much I can
hardly stand it without you.
Well it was a big day here yesterday
was a large crowd Benton beat playing
Ball yesterday two nothing it was
a fine game. Mr Fields and wife
and J. R. Seales was over yesterday
there was about ten auto. here.
Don. you see it was pretty lively
but I felt so lonely without

my dear little love I did know
hardly what to do I seem to be lost.
Dear I did not write any thing
on the envelope that has been some
of Glen work you ~~ought~~ ^{ought} to know that
Floss was down yesterday and
Ray was up I took Floss up home
last night I am here all alone
the rest have all gone to church
I got both of my suits put up
they look dandy now. Oh love
I wish you was here I so much
rather talk to you than write and
I would get a good sweet kisses
now and then this way I will
not. Dan Shannon was over
he just went back today I
guess they think there is no
place like Benton yet. The
Ball team took in fifty Dollars
yesterday so you know we
had a good crowd. Well love
I will close as I do not know of
any thing more to write will close with
all my love and kisses to you.

I am yours until death part use. Bill,

After 5 days, return to

.....
BENTON, Columbia County, PA.



Miss Winifred Cole
Berwick
Pa

Box 501

Scotchling



him I can tell you what
to write," and now he says
it would make you blush.
What do you think about it?
Will you always speak
of your love for me in
your letters, as well as when
we are to gather you don't for-
get how much you love
Gare (I say it) me if you
are far from me.
Glad wants to know how many
girls you have been to see
this wk and last don't be
afraid to tell the truth for
you know that is far better
than fibs and will you

Berwick Pa
Monday Eve.

Dearest Will,-

With great pleas-
ure I will attempt to ans-
wer that dear sweet let-
ter I received today. What
happines it brought to
me you will never know
and I trust this answer
will bring ^{the vision of} my face before
you and that it will be
as sweet as ever.
Yesterday I went to Sunday

School in the afternoon and
that was the only place I
was all day so you will know
it was a long day for me, as
well as yourself. I am sure you
thought of me a great many times
since I came over here for I know
I have you. I am going with
Jennie & Ed. she is going to take
the children and I will go and
help take care of them for if I go
with Gertrude I will seem out of
place. Of course I will miss you
and I know you will me but
we will try and enjoy ourselves
as best we can apart and trust
to future for more happy days.
Oh! Well I am very sorry that you
put those initials on the outside
of your envelope and I trust you
will not repeat it on your next.
Jennie made ^{out} a very vulgar saying
but I am positive you did not
mean it that way. Alen just came
in and he says 'If you are willing to

pleasure of seeing you
at Sunday School yrs
-Friday if I could not. Dear
Will please go and do,
not think because the
Smith boys do not go
that you should not go.
Please remember this next
Sunday dear for your own
dear sake as well as others
mine included. Well I de-
clare Will ^{is} another lecture
ended but then you
know it is from

(Love and kisses)
Galore from

yours until death

Will red.

I will call you between 7 & 8
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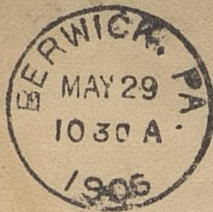
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know how I detest them.
Don't get cross over this
little lecture. Will you
are so near and dear and
that is the reason I always
tell you about such things.
If you was not I would
not care.
I have not talked with
any boys except Ray
Michael not Paber and then
it was all about how
lonesome it was over
here without you.

do not worry Will about me
going out with Anna I have
passed my opinion on her and
intend to keep my distance.

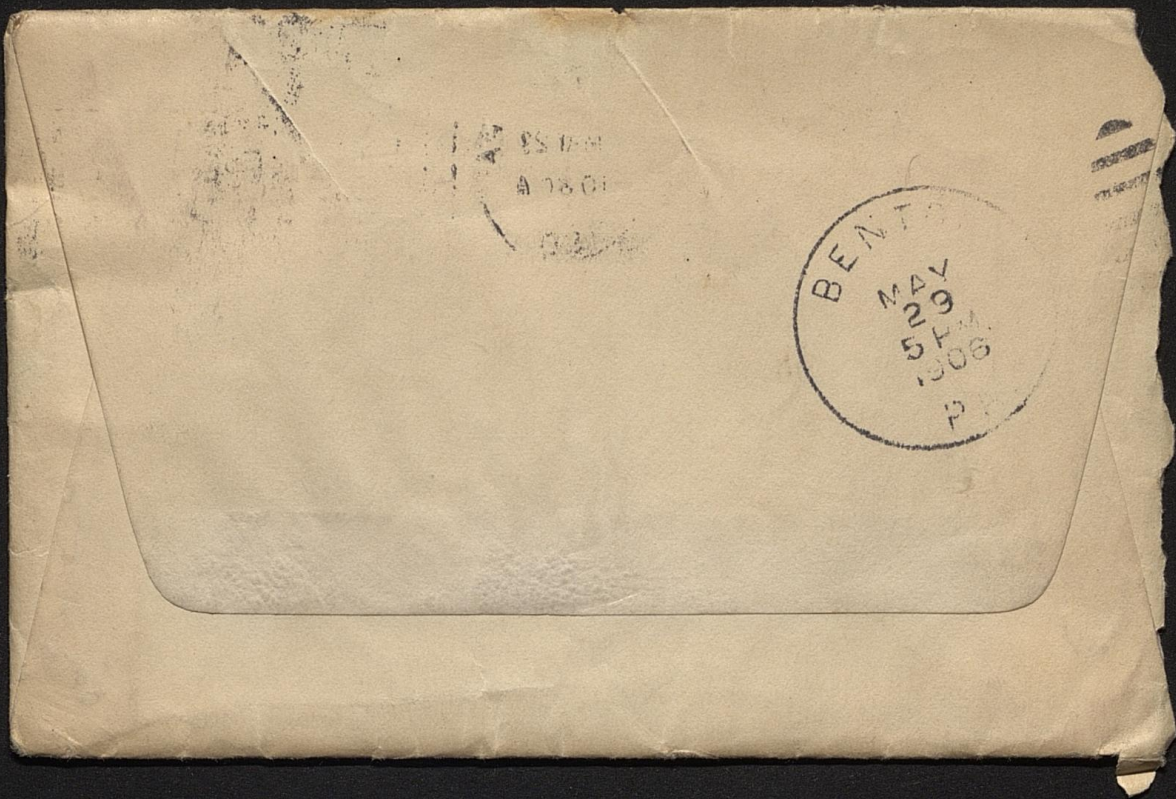
Now Will please answer this
right away for your letters
do me so much. I do

wonder if you appreciate
my letters so much. But
then it is impossible for
me to write an interesting
letter like you do.

I am glad you have work
now try and stick to it
Will dearest for it will be
a steady job. And another
thing Dear I do hope you
remembered what your
father said the watch was
for and that he had the



Mr. William R. Belles,
Benton,
Ga.



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My Dear Sweetheart

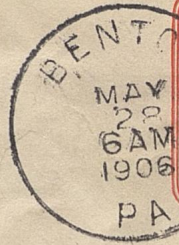
Well I will now do the most enjoyable thing I can do as I have nothing else to do after my little Dear away last evening and today has been so lonesome time for me. It just seem as if I was left alone. I went to bed last night at nine o'clock ^{and} got up today at ten. I think I did good done you love? Dear I have been around all day it seems so lonesome tear come in my eyes all the time I seem to feel so bad. Oh dear how glad I am that I have you so if I could only see your dear sweet face tonight how happy I would be. I saw your mother tonight go up on the train she had

been down below the gun on
at the crossing. I suppose you
are full of trout. it has been
a dreary day. I was at the
hotel for dinner the girls were
away. I am going to work at
the planing mill in the morning
Dorrence Smith phone up this night
and want to know if I would call
down in the morning. the reason
want to call me up over the other
line so it wont cost anything if I
am not there you then to have me
call up Sutton residence so they
will let me have you without paying
now love I want you to take
good care of yourself and not work
to hard. when you want to out
with Gredline. you go I would
rather you would go with her than
and as you just go out and have
a good time I know you would not
do any thing to be untrue to me
would you Darling. well I will
close with lots of kisses and love
your own true sweetheart Bill.

After 5 days, return to

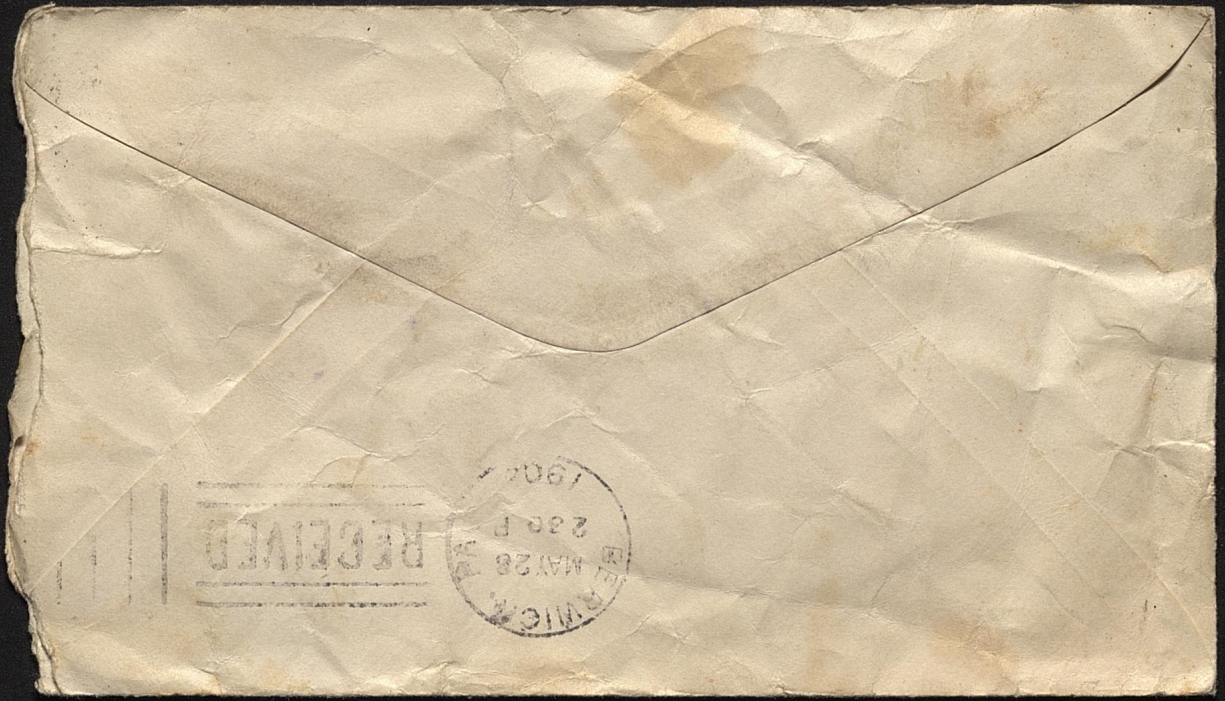
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BENTON, Columbia County, PA.



*Miss Winifred Cole
Berwick
Pa.*

Box 501



very sweetly, "Florence is not at home, Vester, please call again." But he did not go and at last I came down and he said he preferred waiting until I was at home. He then apologized for calling me a flirt and for a lot of other things and I'm afraid I accepted them very ungraciously, at least he said I did but Oh, Winifred I was more

60 N. Dorrance St,
Dorranceton, Pa.,
May 24, 1906.

My Dear Winifred:-

Yesterday I was eighteen and I had Bethia Ruggles, Jessie Ransom and Mary Johnson here for supper and to spend the evening. About eight o'clock Ray Wallace, Albert Wilkinson, Ray Lamoreux and Vester came and we spent a very nice

evening. I wish you and Will could have been here, too. I am sure you would have enjoyed yourselves.

The breach, which was made between Vester and myself that Sun. Eve., I told you ^(then I was with Mr. Chapin) of, has widened. Last Sat. he took Miss Murdock ^{from the train,} up to West Pittston to a fashionable 6 o'clock dinner. Of course I could not stand that. On Sun. Eve. before church I noticed he had a diamond ring on his little finger and that made me more cross than ever so after church

when he started home with me I squelched him right. But Mon. Morn. before he went to school he stopped in and explained about it but as his explanation did not suit I would not accept of it. He went away cross and said no one could expect to get along with an obstinate flirt. This made me furious and Tues. afternoon after school he came in and I was up stairs. I heard him ask if I was at home and I ~~sa~~ ^{called} down

Bill's! Best! Nothing but stars & pearls
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Are you not tired of reading this? ^{if you are not why not write & I'll know}
hours sleep. It seems as though I could keep on writing all day but I shall have to stop and answer Euta's letter or she won't like it.

I guess the parsonage was just started when you were up. They are roofing it now.

I am sitting at the front upstairs window and I declare I could go to sleep easily. I must stop now.

I wish I could be down there now. If wishes were horses, beggars might

ride but as they are not I shall have to wait until after the 4th. It's just a shame, I think. Nevertheless you must not forget your promise to come up this summer and go to Harvey's Lake.

Give my love to Beatrice. Does she blush as much as ever especially when Mr Klegg comes? I love to see her blush. It's something I never do, you know.

Yours with love & sincerity
Florence Ellsworth
Now, kindred, do write soon. Please do.



Miss Winifred G. Cole,
Cole's Creek,
Pa.

Benton, Pennsylvania.

April 11, 1906

well love it won't
be long now till
you will be home
I will hear & will
come and tell you
the rest when you
come home
as ever your loving
sweetheart

Bill.

My Dear little Sweetheart
Well I arrived home
all O.K. found every
body well. I hope you
are much better by this
time I was up to your
place yesterday they
are all well I had
expect to go up today
but it rain so all
day that I could not

get away. Well
Baron wrote and
told her mother
that you and I
would want to
come to Frank and
lay around I would
like to have a hold
of her I would break
her neck and do
not suppose that
is all she lies she
tell. If I get to her
she will get a piece
of my mouth

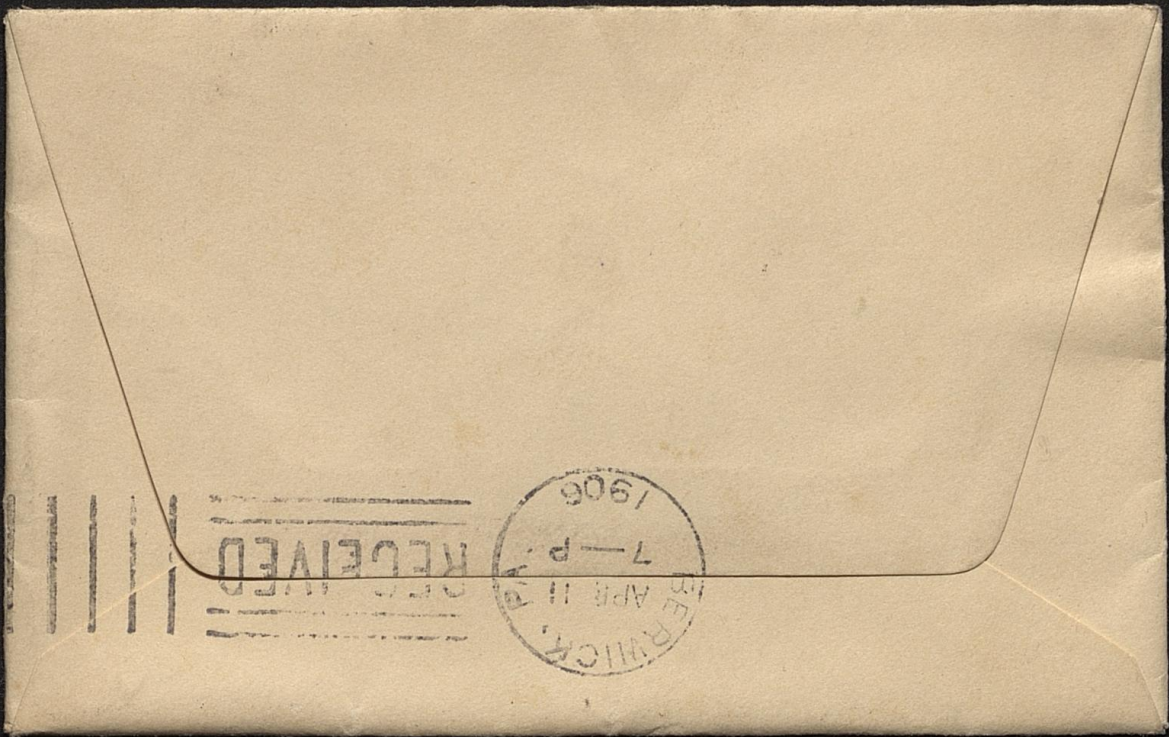
The road are in
a piece shape
it is just like
mutter here in
town. Aunt Rebecca
Roberts is very low
she is expected to
die any time she
cannot get well you
they just would
to town poor soul
I feel sorry for
her but that is the
way this world
goes

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Miss Winifred Cole
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In care
J. R. Sutton Pa



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FERRISBURGH, N.Y.

with mamma Cole.
Then they sold old
faithful Florence.
No more delightful
drives to H. C. etc.
Are you coming home
on Saturday Dec. 23?
I bet you think I am
very careless about my
writing but really
Harry I have a whole
heap of papers to correct.
Always in a hurry.
Hoping to see you
soon I am still
Answer your loving friend
before you come home.
S. B. D. N. Empire La.

[Postmarked Feb. 19, 1906]

Tuesday Eve.

Dear Harry!

Received your
letter tonight and was
surprised that you
have received no letter
from me lately. I wrote
to you week before
last and have been
anxiously awaiting
a reply. I don't see
what became of it.
So I am pardoned
am I not? I am
sorry it would make
you feel so good if
I had eloped with

even more patience
than I possess.
I have seven boys
about my size and
sometimes I am
sorely puzzled.

Was up to Uncle Brit's
Sunday. Aunt wanted
to know how you
were. She said
we should come
up Xmas and she
would roast us a
duck. I told her I
supposed you would
want to be home

some "Sporty Guy." Would
you not write to me
never again if I
shouldn't answer.
Now my dear cousin, I
thought you had more
perseverence than
that.

Had a fine time
at Institute last
week. But oh dear
I am in it this
week having Exams.
Talk about pounding
knowledge in these
youngsters one needs

[Postmarked Feb. 12, 1906]

Sunday 5:00 P. M.

My dear Harry:

Received your welcome and interesting letter which I received Friday. I am sitting with my feet in the oven writing this. You can easily guess why. It is having extremely cold weather up here just now. The sleighing is fine. Was out Friday night and last night attended a boy social at Coler Creek Valley. Slow time, very slow time. Father and mother went away today. He made ice cream and candy. When the cat is away the kittens will play you know. I too, would like to have another tussle over a letter especially if I could come out best. School will be out at Benton in August I think. It's a measly shame you can't come home Easter. I suppose Dell will be home too next summer but we may be ———. May have a bust up if things don't take

a sudden change. I don't give
a hse though. Do you? The
Benton Dramatic Club had a
drama in the hall at Jamson
last night. Next Saturday night
they are going to reproduce it
at Benton. Father just came
and I have to go to Mr. Harveys
Shill finish when I get there.

Well I am here and nearly from
coming. I thought I had envelopes
here but when I come to get one
they were all gone. So please

don't be offended if this letter reaches
you in a large envelope. I wish
you were here we would certainly
attend the drama at Benton.

If it were summer we would
certainly amuse those people over near
Kitchen's Creek. Was jollying over
the phone today. I don't know who
was talking and I guess they didn't
either. I wish you had a phone.
Perhaps we might "spoon" over

it. I would rather be in Mr.
Harvey's kitchen tho would it be you?
The other night Mr. Harvey put a
pumpkin in my bed. The next
night I made a rag doll and put
it in his bed. I hate only seven
week of school yet. My head is
as dull as an old squash tonight
so I shall close for want of
something to write. Funny reason. Isn't
it?

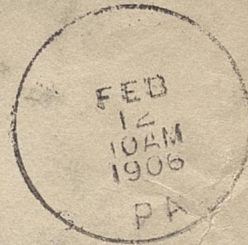
Yours sincerely
Anna Laubach

Answer
"Ma chere"

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R. F. D. Route No. 2,
BENTON, Columbia Co., PA.



Mr. Harry Cole,
Williamson School,
Pa. P. O.



WILLIAMSON SCHOOL
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he is too stingy with his soothing
syrup. (Cardon that vilgous unback.)
It is almost mail time so will close.
My headache so that I can't think
of anything to write that would
interest you. Now dear don't wait
to answer just because I did. I
do so much like to receive your
letters

Your loving and sincere
Emmelland Leubach

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[Postmarked Feb. 6, 1906.] Tuesday 1.00 P.M.

Dear Harry:

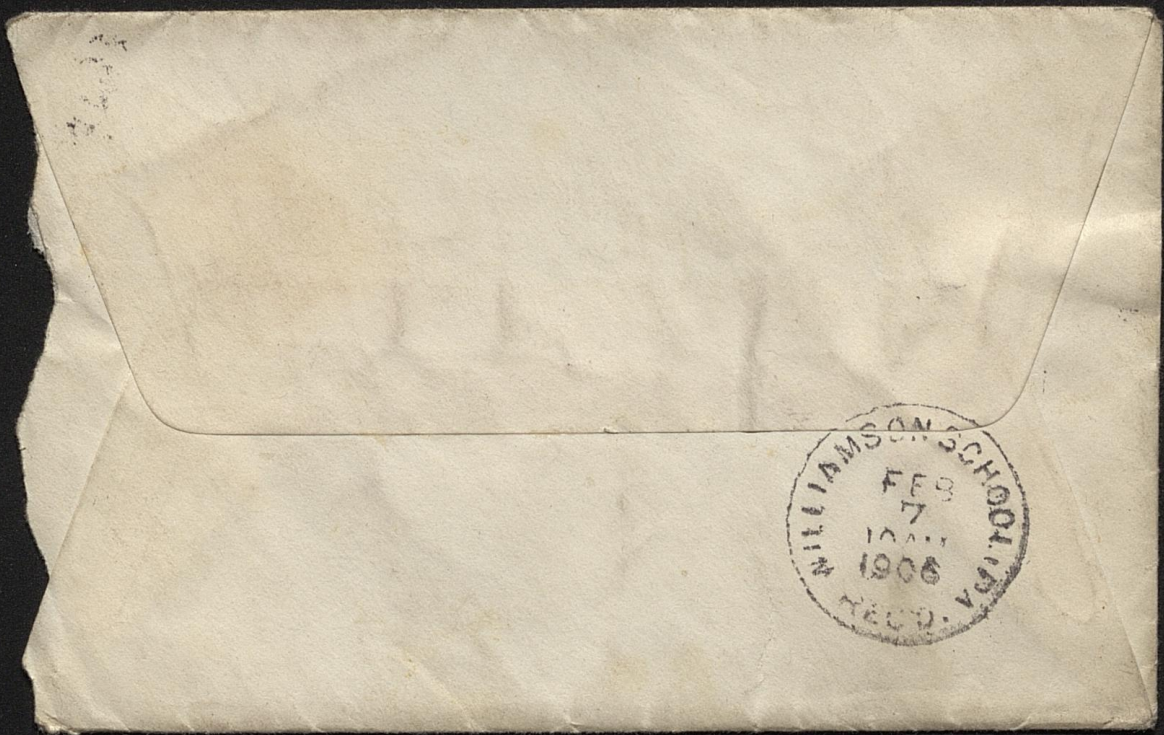
I suppose you think I
am dead because you haven't
heard from me. Well, if you did
suppose it you will not miss
it much because I was almost
dead yesterday. Was sick when I
got up but I had to go to school
so Mr. Harvey took me down.
About ten o'clock I sent for
him to come after me. I am
better now and expect to be
able to teach tomorrow.
I am very sorry I neglected
writing so long but you will
forgive me will you not? I had
a boys supper Saturday night.
I only made 6.65. Large crowd but
the girls did not bring boxes.
Hos and Larkie were there. Deel,
Larkie and Lily stayed all
night at Mr. Harvey's. I thot

I would tell you before some^{one} else did. He asked me how many nights you were up here. I told him four or five. "Ha ha" But I thought, "What's the difference to you." I guess he wasn't very well satisfied with my answer but little do I care. Harry dear I am so very very sorry that I wrote as I did in that last letter. I said many things which would have been better unaid but any one is liable to make a mistake once in a while. You did right concerning Lucy if you do not care for her otherwise you did not. Tell those old instructors down there that you want to come home Easter. I think it is real mean of them to keep the boys there so long. I have decided to go to school at Benton next summer. That means

ten weeks of good hard study. I saw a good joke the other day. It was something like this "Why does a hen not lay eggs at night because she is then a rooster." (Don't forget to laugh.) We had quite a snow storm yesterday but I guess we are not to have any sleigh rides this winter. I wouldn't enjoy them anyway as good^{as} I did those carriage rides last summer behind Florence. I was invited out to supper tonight but guess I cannot go. I haven't eaten any thing since Sunday night. Leah is as crazy as ever. I overheard she and one of the girls talking the other day about Dean Smith. She said to Leah, "I thought you were going to keep Dean for a bear." Leah said, "Oh I didn't want him any more. I wonder why don't you? Perhaps



Mr. Harry Cole,
Williamson School P. O.
Pa.



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not good you had best attend to
it at once as he is very angry,
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it

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