

This letter is from a daughter of Daniel Connolly who
lived in Shelby Co. a brother of grand May 13th 1851
Ma Mary Connolly Lynne.

Cottage Grove Washington County Minnesota
Dear cousin ^{see you are yet in the land of the living} we happened to get the Star in
the west a short time since - and looking
at, over I see your ~~name~~ I have thought of the
family, frequently, but not being much in the
habit of writing & hardly, knew which of
you to address, I guess you have not known
any thing of my, whereabouts, we went to the
City of Buffalo, and staid there over three
years from there come to Minnesota, we have no
reason to complain of our choice in a location
we have a beautiful country, splendid soil
and we enjoy the best of health, we have no
fevers of any kind the climate is very dry,
we have been here 4 years, are 11 mile from
St Paul 20 from St Anthony, I will send
you a paper with a map of Minnesota, so you
can see our locality, we have 300 and 25 acres
of land one 100 of it Prairie we have 45 acres
under cultivation, we add a few acres every
year, we bought, it second hand, ~~and~~ paid
about 900 for it without any improvement, the
Military Road runs through our land, so we
have a good Road to St Paul our Market
places, prices have been very good until hard
times come, though we are about as well off as
when we had to pay 25 dollars per month, we
got hands this year for 15, we raise corn, wheat
Barley Oats and some rye, it is a splendid
soil to cultivate, it is a black loam, mixed
with sand, My Brother John is living near
us he has a nice farm and is doing very
well he has a yankee wife and one child