

Sunday = Big Spring Nov^{23rd} 1884

Dear Lottie,

I know, you are very anxious to hear from home, and have wondered why I did not write; but, I have been over the little sick cradle, day and night, for four long weeks. and, can yet, see no positive change for the better - the baby will be better one day, and worse the next, she has been resting easy all day to day, and has no fever, when, she has been having some fever every day and night, but, she has such a bad, tight, cough. and, has spells of coughing, that last an hour but has had none, now, since day before yesterday. I don't know whether, she will be better after 10 days stupor, or not. we set up with her all of the time, by our selves, no one comes in now, to help us out - But, if it be Gods will for us to watch over our little ones sick bed for so long and then take it from us. we can but submit to his holy will for he knows best. The other two children are well, excepting, colds. they have both had the croup this week.

Monday, Lacie the Baby is better decidedly better she awoke last night and cried and nursed heartily, had two long spells of crying could hardly pacify her and to day she is resting well has no fever and wakes up and nurses, her cough is better, if she can just remain better she will soon be out of danger. Grandpa Clarkson spent the day here yesterday. Aunt Nannie stayed all night with us last night. I got a letter from your aunt Ellen the other day she wrote to express her sympathy for us in our hour of affliction, it being impossible for her to come and see us, Aunt Bet has never been out to see my poor little baby, nor has she written a word. Gene is complaining to day I am giving her worm medicin. This is the second spell she has had since the babe has been sick. Now I think I have said enough about sick folks I will try and tell you something more cheerful. Miss Blanch's marriage came off the other day. They were not married in the church until after lamp lighting. Your Grandma has come this evening. She dont know what to think about the baby not much chance for recovery she thinks. The doctor dont come now it dont take anything but Cool liver oil and cherry pectoral. we rub its body with lard and gumme and paint its breast with Iodine. Lacie I will send you some flannel

by your Grandma for a skirt. I dont know when any of us can come down. How long before you want your new dress and hat? if you cant wait until Papa comes down. You will have to get them I suppose. Papa will be down when he sells his hogs and settle up your school bills and all others if you can wait until then for your dress do so. Tell aunt Allie to try, and come to see us if she can. I spend a lonely time, if I only had hopes to build me up it would pass more cheerful. But we all have to have our seasons of darkness and gloom here, we are spending some of ours now. Take care of your self and dont take any cold. if you were to have a spell of Phlegm you would go hard with you do for my sake take care of your self for I have trouble enough at home. Write to us every week if it is only a postcard I will write when ever I can. Your Grandma is going to stay with me until there is some definite change in the baby if Pa keeps well. Pearl is with her. she and G. and little Kit are a team. Katy takes a great deal about her big sister and for several nights ^{now you left} she would lay down on the floor and cry for some one to sleep with her and Papa would lay with her like you did.

Papa whipped her the other day and she cried and said
to the last she was going to tell her sister -
As Papa is going to town and waiting for
the letter I must close - give my love to
Alice and Lena and uncle Bob - excuse all
mistakes and bad spelling - I haven't time
to read over and correct,

Yours affectionately
Mamma

1884

Big Spring
11-26-84



Miss Lottie Clarkson
Brandenburg
Ky

Mr. Brashear came down on the train
as we did. so for as Wauldraugh, he
said Alice and Gertrude were going
up the river on Tuesday.

Write and tell me some of the names
of the girls, and whom you like best.
I can enjoy your speaking of the
school, and all now, and teachers, having
been up there, whereas, it would all
have been as a blank, if I had not
have gone. Write me what that goods was
of Miss Barrio's wrapper, you know I have
been wanting some of that kind of
goods since last spring. I saw a
girl in White's store with a sacque-
on. If I had a sample I could send
by Pappa to Louisville. he will be going
up soon.

We are all well, and send
much love. The baby & Aron are
swinging now on the portico. I have
the secretary in my room by the portico
door. I moved my bureau in the front
room, the stand table where the bureau
was, I have moved the oil cloth back
and we have a fire, so you can look in
your mind's eye and see how we are all
situated. Gene is at school and Papa is
now here reading. "Called back"

So good bye
Chazmina
Enclosed you will find your
letter from Annie G.
Big Spring Sept 25th 85

Dear Ladies
As I have
leisure this evening I will write to
you. We arrived safely home without
accident, got home Saturday night
at 10 o'clock. We met with Mr. Patten
in Louisville on Saturday, and
took dinner with him at the 5th
Avenue. He presented me such a nice
basket of Southern fruit, California
grapes, pears, oranges, lemons,
& bananas. I did wish you
were there to eat them for I did
not care for such things. I brought
them home to the children.
They were not at home when we
got here, we went up to Nannies

Sunday and brought them home.
When we got home Saturday night
and Anica had not sent for the
children, Papa could hardly contain
himself: he said he "thought we
had played the wild at home
now without a single child"
We could hardly go to bed.

I suppose we felt about as deso-
-late as the two little things did
when they woke up before light and
found us gone, Anica says she had
just gone down and was sitting
by the fire when she heard a noise
at the house. she ran up there and
the sight she saw was so comical
she could say nothing for laughing
Gen was out on the little porch
jumping up and down screaming
as loud as she could, "Where has my
mamma gone she said she wasn't
going" Anica could hardly get her to
hush at all, and the baby was standing
just behind her in the kitchen as
mute as a mouse frightened out of her
little wits at Ninnie. Anica says they
looked like two little ghosts standing
there in the moonlight in their long
white gowns. Gen says, she was
screaming, and woke up frightened,
and felt for you, and finding you gone
she ran into my room, to my bed, and
found I had gone, her screams woke
the baby, she says "Ninnie bared me
to def", she is as sweet as she can be
I heard her to day, trying to sing,
Sweet as a peach, and she strikes
the tune sometimes.

Write to me immediately and tell
me all about the school and how you
like the girls, Did that new girl come
on Monday? What was that young
ladies name that went down on the
train as we did and where from?
I hope you will be well satisfied,
if you need anything in the way
of clothing, gasses & write and let me
know

and make me
happy.

Yours friend

Annie Jackson
Stuarts College
Duluth Minn
Oct.



Stuarts College
Sept. 25 '86.

Friend Lizzie:

Doubtless
you will think me
rather impudent in
writing, for I am not
certain that I was intro-
duced to you while in
Big Spring; but have
heard you speak of it
often & feel as if I know
you well.

Yesterday I received a
letter from Nettie and
she spoke of you going
off to school. Now I
want to persuade you
to come here for it is

decidedly the best school
I ever attended, and I
advise you to come here.
How do you not hear
my gentle voice entreat-
ing you?

Tell every one "howdy" for
me and lettie that I shall
write to her immediately.

Don't you know I have
not answered half my
letters and here I am
writing to some one that
does not care for me but
whom I have an
interest in. I assure
you you could not
attend a school where
a more gentlemanly
man had charge of a
school, and I think that

it is very important.
Mary Stewart, my room
mate, in school, and ^{the} biggest
girl in school, says
and she told me to
say that she said for
you to come for her and
I told her I was going
to say that she was
agreed so I said it.

Miss Stewart's two
oldest sons went away
to school to day. we
will miss them very
much. Another new
girl is coming to
day.

Well I must close
as it is very near
school time.

Write soon and say
you are coming.

Biggins
9-30-86



Miss Lottie Clarkson
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
Ky

Shelby Co

there to school, he told her he had just
gotten back from taking you to
Shelbyville, Mayor Fowler and
his wife were present neither one
made any comment whatever.
Aunt Alice & Lertie, El & Grandpa
had just gotten back from Louisville
Lena stayed out at Mas. Gene & baby
are both well Gene says she is going
to write to you soon, baby says
she wants to see big tiser, says
she is going to bring her home next
morrow. Poor little Arow has got the
chills. Amica told me to remind
you of her telling you that, when
you stayed away awhile with strangers
you would be glad to see a dog from
home, I expect Pip or Bounce & Daisy
would be a welcome sight. And Fannie
& Charlie you would hug his - Mr Wright
says whenever he sees Sammie he thinks
of you. I have not been to town this week
it has rained every day, this week has
seemed a month long. I want to take
those books down to Prof. Blakely
By the way, the patrons are all about
to fall out with him. Ben was saying
the other day what he would do if he was
to serve such as he has some little boys.
I must close, write to us every day or
so I will write to
you as often as Big Spring Oct 3rd 85
I can,

Mamma Dear Lachie

I just received
your letter this evening, Saturday,
I wrote you, last Monday.

I am very much distressed to
learn of your being so homesick.
You must try and wear it off. Home
and inmates are just as you left
them. What could you do here for
accomplish, think of that, you could
only, come home and sit down, and
be nothing. Now you have got the
means in your power, to be something
to make something out of yourself,
and I want you to improve your
present opportunity, to the very best
of your abilities.

Biggins

10-5-85



Miss Laidie Clarkson
Shelbyville
Shelby Co., Ky

Shelby College

Show over your wardrobe compare with others
do you need anything? What is right
be kind to everybody, and especially
those that are imposed upon, and made
fun of by others and you will be rewarded
for it. All is not gold that glitters, and
there may be diamonds hid by rough ex-
teriors, be kind to all and, show every-
one that you have been well raised,
nothing shows, ill raising, so plainly, as,
poking fun at people. It always made
me feel sad to see anyone made an object
of derision. Aunt Sammie was telling
me that Mat was awfully grieved because
she was not able to send Carrie there to school
and said they were talking about writing
to Carrie's uncle Charke for the money to
send her on, as he had educated several
of his relations. Mat won't send her to B. S.
if she never goes another day; that is the
reason Carrie says she is done going to school
because she is not able to go. I wish she could
get the money and come, I think it would
be a great comfort to you, for it would be
someone from home, don't say any thing
about it in writing to others for some told
me not to mention it. I know if Mrs. Stuart
were to get an inkling of it and were to write to
them it would encourage the matter more.
Aunt Mat you know is high minded and if
she can't do as the top, she won't do at all.
I was not very favorably impressed with that Miss
Burr just from Tuesday night Oct 6 1885

one thing she said

to me and (Dear Laddie
that was,

I received your
letter this evening, I mailed one to you
yesterday, as I said I was going, to do I
got caught in the rain and did not get
home until near night. The baby & Ed
went with me. I stopped at Julia's while it
was raining. She was asking about you
I told her you was well pleased with
the school and all, but home sick, she
said that was natural, she said Fannie
was going to write to you right away.
Williebee M. has stopped school. Mrs. Morner
her papa told Mr. Blakely, that there were
some in her class that were keeping her
back, and wanted her put ahead. Mr. P.
told him that the class were not keeping

her back but that she was rather a shary
back to some in the class, upon which he
become enraged, and they had high
words, and he took Willie's from school
Miss Holtic halted me as I came by, and
inquired very particular about you, her
first word was had I heard from you,
Also Miss Adair asked about you, Tom
just got up last night with his new
wife they stayed at Aunt Mary's.
Stella and a Mrs Rosa Bush are visiting
in this neighborhood, been at Carrie's over
a week, we down about Big Spring, now
Ladie I thought you were taking vocal
Mr Stuard told papa there would be
nothing extra, that \$1.00 a quarter would
include everything you would want to
study, vocal and instrumental music
included, of course I want you to take,
If they mean half vocal & half inst, by
the way he said, take that way, I reckon
you will learn enough by that way, you
need more practice than anything else and he
said you could have all the practice you could
find time to use, we don't want to pay over
the price he named, and we have his letters
to that effect, and we are not going to, do
they furnish this stationery you are
writing to us on now, or do you have to pay
for it, see to that, or there may be a big
a big sum come out of your spending
money for stationery, you have to
watch your corners all of the time,
don't let them persuade you into
anything without our knowledge, We
have been sorry ever since, we did not
leave your money with you, don't you
draw on it at all, if you do, ask when
you get anything, what it costs, and
set it down, so you will know how
much you spend, I don't see that you
will have to spend it for anything,
unless it be for paper & stamps, and
if they are furnished, you have no need
for anything, Papa got me 4 quires of
paper like this and 25 envelopes for
twenty five cents, stamps you know are
the same everywhere, I am going to
keep every letter you write, so I will know

Big Spring
10-7-86



Miss Lachie Clarkson
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
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Home Oct 24/1888

Dear Ladie

I hope
you recieved your box this
morning. Write and let me know
if everything was all right Papa
put in those few apples for you.
I will send you another box bet-
ween this and Christmas when I
send your dress & hat. and I will send
you some nice eatables if you will
let me know what you want.
I dont know what you have you
may have better than I could send
you.

I have been down to B.S.
to day. ate dinner at pul's. Ladie
you may be thankful you are
not in this country you are where

you can learn something and among
nice cultivated people and I am glad
of it and I want you to stay
there and be perfectly satisfied.
Aunt Jule & Fanny asked a great
many questions about how you were
satisfied and all, Jule says Blakley
is just a splendid teacher that
Fannie likes him splendidly. I never
heard Fannie express herself. Net, M.
& Hellen P. came there soon after
dinner and she went away with them
in the woods to grape hunting. This
is just the dullest country now you
ever saw, nothing new to excite one
out of the regular old humdrum of
living. Susie Herr has not returned
yet. Alex Scott is married, and there
are now no young folks scarcely around
here. Charlie M. went through B.S. this eve
I judged he was on his way to see Luke
Wells I just wrote you this little bit
to night. I will put it in with my letter when
I write next week

I am making out a nice dress out of that
flair of flannel, and old green dress. I had
I got me a school like yours, when I was
at V. L. only, it is solid red, very pretty.

I wish you spoke in your letter of sending me
your report. I reckon you failed to put it
in or was that what you meant?

Gene & baby are busily engaged playing, they
see a great deal of pleasure together. The baby
stopped and looked up just now and said "tell
Dexter I want to see her so bad".

The piano is having a long rest I never
saw it. It has been opened but once since
you left. there was a gentleman here with
Mr. Patent, Mr. Peace, who played very
nicely, and sang. Did you get your apples
Papa put in a washpan full, the expressage
on that box was 30 cts. you have to pay by
weight or we would have sent you more.

This is Thursday now and I am going to send
this letter to the office this evening you ought
to get it tomorrow. Aunt Martha and Uncle
Barnett have sold out here, and have bought
a house and lot in E. town and are going
to move next week. Mr. & Mrs. Mooreman
bought their property. I have no more news.
I will close, this other sheet I wrote one day
last week I will just put it on. Be careful
of the wash don't let it be opened for it is not sewing
and at last we christened on the 6th. Papa is going
to get it fixed. Dig Spring Oct 28th 1885
some time.

Your — Dear Ladies

Mamma
Gams of the 28th
came ducky to hand, and found all well
I mailed my letter to you last Wednesday. I
cant understand your not getting it sooner.
I always sit right down and answer your letters
and mail them the next day. I was very much pleased
to know your dress fit you so nicely. I was so une-
asy for fear it would not fit. You did not say
whether you got the note I sent with your things
I told you if the dress was not long enough, there
was a tuck on the under side, you could let out or
take half as large. I will make your other dress up
now. I do not need the measure now as the dress fit
Ladie I received a note from your music teacher
did she write it at your instigation, and is it
really necessary that you should take another

voceal per week. It seems to me \$2.50 per month
more is a considerable price to pay, just for one
more lesson a week, but if you think and know
that it is positively necessary, to your advance-
ment, commence, taking, right away; I know
we can pay for it, but it is just that much more
than we expected, for Mr. Stuard told us you
would have the advantage of both inst & voceal
and there would be no extra charge. I was very
proud to hear of your advancement, and of
her aspirations in regard to you, but do not
neglect your instrumental for your voceal
music. Papa says, if your taking voceal is
going to lead to your singing anything like
Lucie's singing, at the concert, he would
rather pay your teacher to not learn you,
than to pay her to learn you to sing that way.
I am glad you are getting so well satisfied. I think
you had better remain there Christmas, it will
not only be expensive coming home, but
you will go back a great deal on all your studies
and you will gain nothing by coming home
only just see us all, there is nothing going
on in this country, to come home to see, it
is the very dullest of the dull. here, we are all
well, and you know it and that is enough,
without coming clear home to find it out.
Little M. Kate is as fleshy as she was last winter.
Lena is troubled some with bad cold and throat
You must keep clear of colds, so your voice will
be clear that makes a great difference.

I don't need any cloaks, now. I don't go to
church, and my old waterproof shoes are for
common wear. The green load just keep in
your trunk I could not get in it if I had it.
Papa has been down to your grandma's this
week. She and Alice were in Louisville the
greater part of last week. Lertie is visiting
at Hawsville. If I have an opportunity, I
want to show aunt Allie the note I got from
your music teacher in regard to your voice, as she
made you believe when you were going to school
there that you had no voice. I knew better than
that for you could sing several songs clear
through when you were only four years old.
You need not bother yourself any about your
dress I will make it nicely and send it to you
in plenty of time also your hat I will get you
the ribbon you asked for when I get your hat

Friday

Dear Laddie

I send you things this evening
to Y^g. by Papa to be expressed
to you I have fixed your dress
in such a hurry, I fear it won't
fit the overshirt needs more
looping on the sides I looped
it on the center you finish it
I send you my wash take good
care of it if your basque is too
large or small you can alter
it in those seems under the
arms where the split cases are
not stitched on machine I hope
it will fit, if the dress is too
short you can take that
tuck smaller on the under
side of the skirt, all well Papa
is waiting, good bye Mamma

Miss Lachie Clarkson
Shelbyville
Ky

Big Springs

10-29-83



Miss Laddie E. Clarkson

Stuarts College

Shelbyville

Kentucky

Shelby county

I must go to bed I may find something
more to write by tomorrow ~~or~~ Wednesday
nothing new or one been here to day.

Mr Fair set out my onions in the garden
so nicely and covered them all up with
leaves. It is fall here now in its purity
the yard is covered with a carpet of leaves

Alex Montgomery and Miss Minnie S.
married Tuesday. You know he lives at the
Jones place now. Ladie when you have
those entertainments, do there many attend
or do they allow company? When you
sing a solo does some one else play
and the one that sings stand up as
they did here? For writing to me tell
me more of the particulars; be more explicit
you tell me part and leave me to guess the
rest. Ladie I would be so proud to see

you get 1st honors in your classes.
You must think of study and nothing
else. I know you are capable and you
must apply yourself. and disappoint some
that watched your Brandenburg report
so closely last year and who now seem
to be so interested in your behalf.

Ladie count those coats buttons and tell
me how many there are. I wish you could
send them to me, some way, would it make
too large a bulk to send six at a time. Sew six
on a little straight strip and wrap it right straight
in the inside fold of your letter. Sew them so
they can't rattle. Tuesday Nov 2nd 1886

about, try it, if it makes
too large don't send. Dear Ladie

them you could get them all to one. I received
your letter this evening, as expected.

And was sorry to hear of your being sick.
I know you cannot apply yourself as
you should when you are indisposed, and
I hate for you to be subject to those headache
pells. There is no news of any consequence
I went down to see Aunt Martha this
evening, she moves to Etowah tomorrow.

Ladie I am perfectly willing for you to
come home Christmas if you will not
lose anything in your studies. We are all
anxious to see you, and would spend
a very lonely Christmas without you.
And if you don't think you will go back
in your studies by coming home, we

Nov 2nd 1886
I have
how do you
like me with
this
I hope you will
write soon
I am
your
friend
Aunt Martha

will look forward to the time with great
pleasure. Papa says he will meet you in
Louisville, tell him between now and then
just what day you can be there. You spoke
in one of your letters of having to sing at
the entertainment Christmas. You will
start the next morning after that.
You must know how to play and also
to sing a good many pretty pieces by
then, we may have a dining or a supper
or something of the kind. Aunt Julia is
going to give Fannie a big supper and dance
Christmas. Well Lacie I am sorry to hear
of your being reprimanded I did not think
you would ever disobey a single rule of
the school. I would just as soon have
a medal for deportment in school as for
perfect lessons. I thank Miss Jennie
for her information or else I would never
have caught up with your madcap fancies.
You may use the cloak buttons on your dress.
I have got the buttons but I can exchange
them for something else. I expect papa
will go to Louisville shortly with his cattle
he has 60 head fat ready for market
Lacie I asked you about the fare and
you never said anything about it I
think you must have about an hundred
of my unanswered questions in your keeping
You ought to read my letters over just as
you go to answer them and answer all
of the questions contained. Yes we thought
about your birthday and you may find
a present along about Christmas in
remembrance of. I raised the piano
last Saturday and played a piece for
Aunt Laura Fancel Lacie. it just
sounds splendidly, has such a beautiful
tone, seems like it sounds fuller than
it did when you left. Did your music
teacher or Mr. Stuart mention getting a
card from one? I wrote to Mrs. M. Peasack
in reference to your taking another vocal
and thanked her for her appreciation of your gift.

If you think
after you get them
fixed they would
not mind about
rush it for about
want to lose any
of them but I
think it will do
Put your address
in the title of your
trunk and bring the
panel covers if you
can I wish I had
them over to see
I saw about have
at West Hartford
would her but to you
and never to do so
inquired in your
asked me as much
about you and what
you to get along so
I want their
to have a light of
to see
two years of
is per a-adding day
from or per the

Ladie this is thursday. I commenced your letter tuesday night. I will send it to the office this evening. And you answer sunday. And be particular in telling me everything. Gene has gone to school it was raining this morning but papa took her, behind him. I told Gene the other even when it was raining. and asked her if she noticed the difference in her papa and other ^{people} ~~men~~ whenever it is raining or muddy or cold we will send a boy on a horse after her or papa will go himself. when other children have to trudge home through the mud I dont suppose the child had ever noticed the difference but she will may think of it some day. when she gets away from home and has to pay for her friends. Little sister come in out of the kitchen just now and says mama. I am done to sweep de tisen and stir room out, and just then she came

back and says I see this as tired I nearly
dead, You need not be afraid she will loose
her sweetness and baby ways, she talks as
babyish as ever, but she is larger and
fater than when you left. Anica's
baby is a great big fat nigger, black
papa got a box and made it a cradle
little sister spends a good deal of her
time staying down there rocking it
she and Gene both just kiss the thing
and love it, You know G. would
never kiss a nigger before, but they
think all of this, I have been looking
for your Grandma out all this week,
but she has not come, I am going to
work on your dress next week.

Weldan has moved to B. from V. G.
I may get your hat of her, she
keeps millinery down there M^{rs} Martin
has quit, I must close, Mama

I hope you will not be ashamed of the note I
wrote Mrs Q. I wrote it in a hurry all are well

Big Spring Nov 5, 1888

Dear Miss Jennie

I was
truly, glad to get your letter; unex-
-pected, but nevertheless pleasant, and highly
appreciated.

I thereby caught up with
some of Ladies and your adventures,
that she very prudently kept back; in
writing to me, I do not care, but I
would much rather she would act just
right and not have to be reprimanded.

I guess those are some among the
many items she is saving up for me
until she comes home. I am so glad
that Lodie has found one so soon
friend and I would like very much
to form your acquaintance, ^{if possible} and if x.

I would like for you to visit us, some time. I am proud that Lachie is improving so fast in her voice and singing, and hope she is on her music and other studies also. I wrote and told her when she was so homesick; to place her attention on her studies, and quit thinking so much about home, and let those people see that she could be something else besides a cry-baby; but I would not have had her to have been otherwise at first, for it would have grieved me to know that she could have given up her home so readily on leaving for the first time. She went to school away from home last year but it was among relatives and acquaintances and her way was already paved, but there it was quite different she knew no one and had to make her way, and the friends ^{friends} she will know them to be friends indeed, for they will like her for herself only. Not being personally acquainted and knowing but little in common I cannot find much to say.

Begging you to excuse brevity; I must close

Yours Respectfully

Mama W. Clarkson

Biggs

11-5-83



Miss Lachie Clarkson
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
Ky

Shelby Co

Stran
Female

It is very gratifying indeed Lacie
to know that you are progressing
so fast and heading the ranks in
your ~~class~~ class of teachers and scholars and
gratulate and are proud for your sake.
You can imagine how it is with us
your parents we spend money on you
with pleasure when we know you are
getting a thousand fold paid. Gene
is learning fast, she is in the 3rd
reader little arithmetic and can spell
real well, she is just as intent on studies
at night as if her studies were of great
importance I give out her spelling lesson
every night I believe she studies more
at home than you did, she cannot
memorise near as readily but retains
well, Little sister just plays all day
long she and Aron ran off to day and
went up to Mrs. Wites and Manas, could
hardly get them home to night, she
brings in chips and says she is doing
to make anama a dood fire, Myrtle talks
so much plainer than she does, they
had a fine time playing yesterday, I
plait her hair in two plats now they
are long but so small, Gene says she
is beginning to write words now and
will soon be able to write to you, she makes
real pretty letters, Amica has named her
baby Joe Arnold, the baby calls him
Joey, I am glad that the girls all
think so much of you, but I don't see
how you could ever have compromised
friendship with E. Burr after the
way she treated you at first you have a
better disposition than I have, she
would have had to used a great deal of
persuasion to have got me to have slept
with her, but you are right, return good
for evil the bible says, Think of your
souls salvation Lacie, and keep a clear
conscience and carry a good heart it
stands you as much in hand now
to try to get to heaven now as it ever
will in your life, I want my children
all to do right and they will come out
all right in the end, I don't allow any
a very fashionable color since the big tobacco shop

St. Grandfather's name is Frank today being Tuesday morning all well
I would not write to any of them, for you don't know whether they can have plenty or not. This pen is getting so bad

Lacie you say papa don't care for you because he sends you no word you are mistaken if you think that way. The baby got up this morning before I did. papa was sitting before the fire she got upon his lap he hugged her up and says, "papa wated to nurse poor sister this way but now she is away up yonder I expect papa thinks more about her than any one else". You know how melancholly he can talk, he pities you all the time, always wishing your sister was here to get her share of whatever we may be eating if he has a good apple, he will wish poor sister had some, We have six barrels of nice apples in the cellar, besides a good many more specked ones, I hope they will keep good, until Christmas. Do you can have plenty.

you may have a poor one of them, I wish you would not write to any of them, for you don't know whether they can have plenty or not. This pen is getting so bad

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Lachie I think
your dress will
be prettier, trimmed
on the same with
a pretty ribbon and
on the side than
trimmed in velvet
if I used velvet
I would have
to put it on
the front of the
basque and
that would
take more
buttons than
I will
put tabs or
platts down
each side of
the front of
basque to match
the way I will
make the shirt
Lachie was
made something
that was of your
old brown is trimmed velvet

Lachie you say you don't study
any from Friday until Monday
what do you do on Saturdays?
We used to have to mend our clothes
on Saturdays and practice, and on
Sundays we had to study in the
afternoon. Does your last new shoes
fit you comfortably. I was fearful
they would be too small and hurt
your toe. I will try and get you a
pair of kich in Brandenburg to match
your dress or do you want them shade
lighter or darker whatever color you
prefer. Do you need a nail of any kind
or a comb? you will want something
around your head if the weather is cold
coming home. Write me if you want
anything of the kind. Harriet is here
ironing today she sends love her
and Amica to you, they are always
waiting for you

Big Spring

11-12-63



Miss Laddie E. Clarkson,
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Shelbyville,
Kentucky

Shelby Co.

to take the wool. Lacie did you ask (him) if he would deduct for the time you would be absent Christmas? he certainly will. I have been above to your Grandmas all are well, your Grandpa is improving his place enclosing new plank fence and turning the roof new back porch Lertie is still at Hawsville, your Grandpa told us that your late teacher prof. Selton had been in Brandenburg on a spree for two weeks, drunk, pa says it is just distressing to see such a nice young man throw himself away for whiskey. Lacie I am so glad you are getting along so well in your studies. I told your Grandparents about it, and read your next to last letter to them which happened to be in my little journal your Grandpa said you wrote a sensible smart letter, said you was smart and had the brains of the whole family, for it looked like he could get his to learn nothing, although I seemed to be learning very fast now. Lacie I think I will send your things in a box again, instead of the valice as it will hold more if I do, could you not wrap up what you want to bring home in a large paper bundle to L. papa will take the valice up there, you will not want to bring anything home but one nice dress, you will travel home in your blue, and bring one dress for everyday, you need bring no change of underwear, as there are plenty here and those you wear home will be washed and you can wear the same back, bring no shoes besides those you wear now, shirtings. I am trying to manage for you so you will not be burdened with things you will not need and leave all your clothes and every thing you have there locked in your trunk, fix up your things all right when you are at leisure, before the time comes to start, for then you may be flurried and forget something, always be prepared for emergencies. I want to teach and learn you all the time how to do and to

Big Spring

11-20-83



Miss Lovie Clarkson
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Shelby Co
Ky

588/12 Saturday Dec 12/1885
 Papa says the accommodation leaves for
 1/2 at half past 9. Now what time does
 it leave? your uncle knows and if you
 cannot make it your head better come in
 the morning. But papa must get to the short
 line depot which is where he will meet you +

Can stay
 there in the
 sitting room of
 the depot where
 you and I sat
 until he came
 which will not
 be very long
 as I get in there from
 Shelbyville about 9 o'clock

Dear Lizzie

Myself and
 little sisters are here alone to day
 I send Ed to the office this evening
 and he brought me a letter from you.
 You know we were proud to hear from
 you. Papa has gone to V. C. with his
 hogs and cattle. to day will be home to night
 and will go back in the morning, and ship
 in the evening. to be there on the Monday's
 morning's market papa has got a beautiful
 lot of fat cattle and hogs. Grandpa stayed
 here last night. he liked the cattle so much
 helped to drive to day. 8 hogs and 5's head
 of cattle 4 car loads of stock all his own feeding.
 We are going to kill hogs next week when
 papa gets back from L. I wish you could

To catch the train
Don't get
Did not where
and come home
you would
have to come
down on the
night express
which don't
get down until
we look and
you could
not come
home that
night. You
will know
though
by the
time the
train
leaves
in the eve
whether you
can catch
our train or not.

Gene and the baby are playing all over the house with their dolls, she is so proud whenever Minnie is at home to play with her I expect I will not write you a long letter this time and I suppose this will be the last before Xmas but I will expect one more from you, I reckon, but just with you owing to the spare time you have and the importance of your communication. Night: Papa has gotten back from driving his stock; had good luck got cattle and hogs there all right without accident weighed his hogs and they averaged 250, some heavier than he thought they would weigh. He says he will meet you in L on Wednesday week. It would be much better if you could come on to L on the morning train, you would not miss but a half day from school and you would by that way have some time to look around in L. whereas the other way you would have no time, and I don't think the train gets in from L in time for you.

Probably over this letter all of them wrote you make it all out of takes you all day it is all
But it is well
Papa did not come
you would have been
ashamed of him
he was chiding all
over working
with his legs &
cattle boots muddy
and clothes soiled
Your Cousin H.
Hendon told
Papa he
would
meet you
at the depot
and see
you safely
on the train
at 10 o'clock
if he did not
want to come
after you
and if you
do not come
until after 10
we will do
that may
see expense

Tuesday Dec 15, 1885

Dear Ladie, I have had
this letter on hand since Saturday -
failing to get it sent to the office
yesterday. I had later news so I opened
it and put in this note. Papa got home
last night between 12 & 1 o'clock, sold his
stock, and got through two late for the
evening train and came down on the
night express. I had Alfred there with
his horse waiting for him. It was
unexpected to him as I was to send his
horse up this morning. He did tolerably
well on his stock but cattle never brought
near what he expected to get for them, hogs
brought some more than he expected. Ladie
enclosed is a check to Mr Stuart can you
just hand it to him. Papa got you
a beautiful ring, just a plain thick band
with a star cut in for a set, and a little
diamond in the center of it. we will just

meet you well as Papa will stay at 10 o'clock
can meet you well as Papa will stay at 10 o'clock
can meet you well as Papa will stay at 10 o'clock

you will be in.
I answered or see
Papa came over
near going out
to St. Paul and
said he got to the
about five 10 minutes
too late, so he could
not collect his
money yesterday
he had to stay
in St. Paul, all night
until to day, though
he would have out to
see you; but as he
could not he came
home, without any
money, just checks
the banks closed.
before he could
do stop he got
deposit his money
at St. Paul and check it out.

I think it is pretty and uncommon.
And he got you a little pair of ear drops
just look like a little flower with a pearl
drop in the center and little petals sticking
out all around like pin heads, and the leaves
around them. I think they will be very
frail, and a square white muffler with
blue border and embroidered in two
of the corners with silk, it is not all
silk but woven of silk and alpaca
which makes it warmer than all silk
and they are very much worn of that
kind, it cost \$1.25, the ring \$8.00, and
ear drops, \$6.00, the jewelry he can
return if it does not suit. I don't think
you will keep the drops, they are pretty
but I don't think they will be durable.
Ladie answer as soon as you get this
letter, we will want to hear what time

the church if you are joyful and happy over it
we certainly satisfied. I know you would never
have found had you not felt that you were doing
right. I have written to you so recently and told
you all the news I can find scarcely anything to write
Mr & Mrs Meador have been dispatched to come to Idaho
has the fever Mrs Meador started immediately. she
knows of the birth as it is all over the country
Sunday morning before breakfast Gene and little
Mama are up dressing Papa is getting ready to go
he has to load his stock to day by 10 o'clock so
he will get there to night and be on the
early market Monday morning. I told him
to get you a silk kerchief or muffler either white or color
whichever was the prettiest and cheapest colored are so
much more durable than white. the handkerchief I had
I sold to Yana. you sold yours to A. Ma disposed of hers
I think papas presents were poorly appreciated. the silk
mufflers are 1/2 square. You can have both our handkerchiefs
now in one. You spoke in your first note of Git coming
don't think anything about her she is too hateful, and contrary
for anything. The young folks are anticipating a fine
time here & mus in musical festivals & parties. I am glad you
are coming away before the concert as you will enjoy yourself
so much more at home with us and save 75⁰⁰ by so doing
and the musical is going to believe night one will all get in the car and

Biggins
1265-83



Miss Lodie E. Clarkson
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Shelbyville
Ky

Shelby County

Put your shoulder to the wheel. put
your mind on your studies, on your
music, and show those stuck-up
girls, and your teachers, that you
are something more than a little cry
baby. I feel sorry, and grieved, and
shed tears for you, in your loneliness
for, I have experienced that feeling
myself, but, you must not give way
to it, you will soon become better
satisfied, and you may, see the time
you will be as much grieved, on
leaving there, as you are now at
staying. We miss you in the home circle
and wish you could be with us wish we
could see you, but that is impossible
right now we have all our duties to
perform, our tasks to accomplish some
as you have. The wheel of life rolls
steadily on, and we are gradually
moving along with it, doing the best
we can. This world is not our home.
we are not put here only for pleasure,
what pleasures we enjoy we pay dear
for, we are serving, out as it were our
penance here and we must not expect
unalloyed bliss, that is reserved for
us in the next world, if we will do
right and be good in this.

Not much news since I wrote you
last. Anica has a little one, a boy,
born 1st day of Oct. Aunt Mariah
is doing my cooking. Mr Patent
stayed here one night this week
and also David Fairleigh, who
was out at Big Spring on some business
Dr Patent seems to take a great
interest in you, was so glad you
had gone to school. There will be a
great deal expected of you when you
come home, now is your time; do not
don't agreeably disappoint some people.
It would do a good many people a
great deal of good if you were to
give up, but I know you are too
good mettled for that I'm not uneasy
Pappa ate dinner at St Cloud's
yesterday and Mrs fudge B. was
asking why you were not coming
can't you go, to town, to mail this letter. - Maud

Monday, nothing, beautiful since I wrote this letter Saturday night
we spent a long, fond one - Maud's
one - Maud's
one - Maud's
one - Maud's