

at home about putting ^{with} ^{over} ^{the} ^{holes} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{floor}
come out in the kitchen killing herself laughing
and told me the baby is in the house telling
tales on you and while Milt Sam Coms and
Joe were getting up ice they ate their dinners
here and she went in the kitchen and told
them 'mama is mad about you all eating
so much' and I had never said a word,
Anica had been talking about Sam eating
They were just running on with her to hear
her talk, but she repeats every thing she hears
me say, and sometimes things I do not say,
Things are very overcastious here now all
housed up by bad weather, I have not been
out of doors since I come from Kansas,
except to go to the cabbie, once or twice.

Cousin Lou Robinson died that cold
day week to day, we did not hear it until
after he was buried, that poor family, he
had double trouble he had Phreumonoid
was complaining when little Alva died.

The school will soon be out at Big Spring
Grandpa was telling us the other day that
no one much liked Blakely and Julie
said she did not expect there would be any
school there, and if out there are going to
send them off somewhere I guess she
and let will go off together some place you
know it would not do to separate them, No the
Johns married some time in Christmas
did you notice that gentleman that went
down from the hall with her, the night of married
with the lantern in his hand, I expect papa next day
to be married, she ^{was} ^{at} ^{the} ^{one} ^{of}
married, was ^{Jan} ¹⁵ ¹⁸⁵⁶

me looking, I have no more news, and have
taken up all me Dear Ladies

So good-bye, Mama, This is a
gloomy rainy day, It seems that
Jay, day has been bringing bad weather
lately, all of the time. It is bad on
out stock, as well as people that has
to expose themselves to its inclemency
Papa has been out this evening, feeding
his cattle in the rain and sleet, he tries
to do every thing himself as usual, all the
milking as well as feeding, Anica's baby
has gotten worse again, I had to get
breakfast this morning, I don't expect
it will recover, this cold weather I expect
it caught cold in its burrs, I got the letter
you wrote sunday, yesterday, thursday, I
was glad to hear of your getting better satisfied
with our old milk and ^{and} ^{commodities} ^{articles}

of your getting along so well in your vocal and
all, but those mean girls I don't know
what to say about them, I reckon if you
will do exactly right you will come out all
right after awhile, don't place too much
confidence in any one, but few you can
trust implicitly outside of your parents -
and life companion, I told you when you
were at home that I was afraid that Charlie
would prove to not be the friend that you
thought her to be, but about you notice them
fast studdy hard and attend to your own
business, And Miss Pashson & Burr, if
I were you I would ignore them entirely
I would have nothing to do with such
trash just pay no attention to them
unless they said something insulting to
me and then I would tell them what I
thought of them, that narrow scoulder
E. Burr it would do me good to have an ^{opportunity}
to tell her what she was, she is jealous of you as
Mrs. McK says, and I would do so well and
advance so fast that her jealousy would hurt
her, that is the best way to conquer her
I told you not to show your brandy, but they
have always been so glad to divide with you just
let it go I will give you as much more as you
want, the first opportunity, I suppose says
he may go to Louisiana, sometime this winter
and when he does, he is going out to see you,
I told him to, you would be so glad to see him
I am glad Mr. & Mrs. Stuart think well of you
I would try to keep in the good graces of
them and all of the rest of your teachers, don't
follow the example of other bad girls, you
are worthy of a good name and I would
secure it by studiousness and good behavior
and keep it, as the old saying is, good breeding
will show, whenever you see a girl or any one
act as Bette does you may mark it down
she has had on raising, you have been well
raised and I want you to prove it by your acts
Gene and little Nana play Sis all the time
they are busy at it now, I heard her tell
just now that she was sick yesterday and
the doctor come to see her, but she died to day
Gene plays come to see with her just to
hear her talk, she told Aunt the other day
while I was in the kitchen and papa was out,
that mama just fusses at papa all the
time about feeding the cattle, and fusses

Big Spring Jan 15 1886

Dear Sister

I thought I would write
to you this morning mama
has to do the cooking and
baby is sick this morning
sister me and the baby was
playing was big and the
baby was it and I went
over to her house and she
was playing in a ~~state~~

play which was a ~~game~~
and I went over to her hall
a ~~game~~ and she said she didn't
let me to take her some cakes
she said that she was going
to marry John Perry means I
said you can not marry
that puke she told me to
get out of her house mama
told her to go in the house
and she told her to shut her
mouth sister Rich was
was here last night at night

the rooming up with her month before
open while she was working the room the baby
the foot part about the baby feeding her on
made as you can see she had her vaccinations on
of course you can make out the Tokyo character

and my sister by the fire
sister she was pushing at me
gave me the thread to sew
my doll dress sister I
wonder that the sturd
children are not frozen
to death sister I have made
of my doll a white dress
sister cousin Tom Robson
is dead sister we have
not eaten any of old ham
since you left we are going
to save it see next June
how you to eat bread and
eat it with bread. Grand
pa was here the night
and he gave the baby
a nickel and gave me
a nickel sister the baby
ing how much happiness
you sister I must so
good by hope soon
to your sister Gene
Robson

Big Spring
1-16-86



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Miss Laddie Clarkson
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
Ky

added to the tea makes £2 dollars expense
christmas, without some change for good
luck some way, you need not make any
calculations on going back. But I know
you are not to blame for that or for our
bad luck, and I know you have done
your duty in trying just as much as
as any one could possibly do and
I give you great credit for it. You
lay the truths before Mr Stuart in
that way, if he says anything to you
about it, or whether he mentions it or not
and let him know that he is not so
positively certain of you next year
that he can be indifferent in his charges
on us whether they be large or small.
The idea of your board and all going
on while you were at home just the same
as if you were there, is too much. I know
you are learning fast and I want you
to continue to do so, not think by what I
say that I don't appreciate your efforts,
for we do to the fullest extent, but if it is an
impossibility to send you back you must
be reconciled, for we will do all in our power
for you. I am truly in hopes you will beat
Miss Burr just by your level best and keep
clear of cold, and do right, do nothing wrong
and undermining, like she does, keep your
conscience clear and you will come out
successful in the end, if you do not beat
her you will find the satisfaction of knowing
about home Thursday, 20 Jan 23rd 1886

bedin ^{Dear} Dear Laddie "Mama"
by what I have written I got your letter this
evening there was no one down yesterday
or I would have gotten it yesterday even.
I was glad to hear of your pleasant visit
out to Mr Rice, I am glad they thought
enough of you to send for you, I was
fearful that you had not treated Mattie
right by her being changed into another
room and out of the bed room with you too
never mistreat any one without a just cause
and you will never have anything to regret
Great Bette and Charlie Clark, right
but don't let them lead you astray, never
do anything that's wrong, because they Mr.
We are all well, but death is no stranger
in our land, I heard today, that David
Richardson was dead this today.

Will think it very doubtful if your aunt
that ever gets up again, she has typhoid
fever, Dick has been down, to see her
he ate dinner here Tuesday. Mary stays
there all the time with her, Grandpa
thinks she will never get well, Mrs. ^{John}
Coopersone, at Big Spring died about two
weeks ago, she had a young baby, and
caught cold and died when it was about
10 days old, Sadie Scot had a boy
about the same time she is doing well
and Jennie Co^{ly} Hardin she is now
was surprised about that time I heard
her baby was dead, still born I reckon
she is getting along all right, Ance's
baby is sometimes better and again worse.
I don't think it will ever get well, it
seems like something else is the matter
with it besides being burat. The children
are well now, Gene is getting well of her cough
and little Mana is fat as a little pig, she
is as wide as she is long, she says mama
& papa all the time, just as if she had always
been used to it, and she never fails to tell
all she knows to every one that comes in
but she is so innocent and sweet, every person
takes a fancy to her, Ance's wife came down
here yesterday, and brought her little baby
its about six months old, and Mana thought
it was the fattest little thing, she gave it all her
dolls to play with and when it would cry, she
would say do to your mama, yes do to your
mama, just like she was so old, she was sad
papa lost one of his steers this week got sick
and died, instead of making money, we are
loosing all the time, some way, when he
gets any thing fat and ready for market it
is worth nothing, he has fed a hundred
cattle in all this winter and made nothing
on them, I think just lost the corn he fed them.
We got a deer from W. Stuart this week it
was 12 dollars this time instead of 6, I
tell you your schooling is going to cost
us a great deal more up there than we
thought it would, I don't have any idea
we can send you back next year, for it
is so much more than we thought ten dollars
expense coming home and expense going
on while you were at home about 13 dol
are thankful he went down there he sent them up

You will write to the little girl next time, she has no time to day,
I think those people think so much of you you ought to be very
kind and good to Mattie, for you know what she is for you have seen
for yourself - And your visits out there will be a great pleasure to you
and your trip to Frankfurt will be a great benefit to you, if you can
just get to go, and that party out there if you can get to go you will
get acquainted with a lot of nice people perhaps that will be a great thing
Big Spring Jan 20 1826

Dear Sister

Mama

I thought I would write to you this morning
Sister's have been sick but I am getting well
sister the baby is crying around dear
my dear mama has made it a new
dress sister papa has got a sick steed
else will it going away he is going
to Mr. Quapman's to crop sister's
a little story in the fourth reader a
little girl the name Amy and a heart
a Ruth she told story an Amy and
she had teacher named Amy and
she died that night with and

I think that is a right good one on the side she thought he was with her
Blessed be the name of the Lord who called him from the world to the
I have been trying to tell you in the light of his letter about the baby taking about
I think that is a right good one on the side she thought he was with her

her father went over to my

house met the doctor at
the door and said that she
was sick with the chain fever
was at home is dead she left
a little young baby one week
old and was is mighty sick
with the typhoid fever got a
letter from Phelia sister &
got better and got rose papa
got some powder from the
doctor and they made messes
until dia has been down sis
ter the baby was talking about
being down to big spring and she
talking about doctor Jackson took her up to out
polly must right soon to your being sister
Genevieve Jackson

Sadie Papa is mad because I wrote and told you that you could not go back next year. Said if he could not make enough on this farm to send you to school he would leave it, but I get aggravated because the expenses are so much more than we expected. I am sorry sometimes that we gave consent for you to take extra music lessons for I expect you would have learned just as much by taking half vocal and half instrument. Goodness knows it was costing us enough before, he added on 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ for extra music lessons he said on the bill, but I reckon we can stand it, as you say the poor woman is doing all in her power to advance you and

summing him to considerable expense for
you. I want you to consider every thing and
not do or say anything wrong - maybe I don't
know and am wrong - myself - He wanted
us to try and send him some scholars if
we could as there was going to be no school
here. Tell Mr Stuart we will do all we possibly
can, in that way for him by using our in-
fluence Laché we enclose the check to
Mr Stuart in your letter, you hand it
to him, and whatever you want to say to
him in regard to what I've said you can say
just use your own discretion. in the matter,
but you will see it will be just as I say about
your going back we will want to improve our
house next year and all expense together will
be large, instead of it costing us 240, to send
you a year it will be over 300 - this is deter-
-mined. I hope I will next get this letter com-
-pleted. I have been writing 3 days, but I have
had no chance to send it to the office till now
Maria and Milt have moved away she did not want
to go one bit she told me good by but he love to you

Big Spring

1-30-86



Miss Laddie Clarkson

Stuarts College

Shelbyville

Ky

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he, got here after we had eaten dinner and I had
some more prepared for him, and she was very
busy, come in and got a clean table cloth
for Aunt A, and come and aske me out loud
before him, "mamma is you doing to took some
eggs for the man Acks got a ditting dinner"
he showed her his little baby's picture before
he left, and she said "its a tute little sing-
Gene is taking, Coel liver oil was a preparation
fixed up with lime & soda, white like milk
it is very palatable, she has been under the
weather some way all winter, we want to get
her well, and stout if we can, she is getting better
of the phthical now, We have had some
very cold weather again. I hope you keep
warm sleeping by yourself, or have you
got a bedfellow yet? Sister Bert say any
thing about marrying now, I expect she
and Crozier will make a match yet—
Monday, Sunday passed without any
event, Worth wrote, Will Moreman ate
dinner here to day, he came to look at
some fat sheats papa has to sell, he said
Auntie was comming home right away,
Eula is yet at Brandenburg, Ben was
here this morning he was telling us all
about his trip, said Dad was well satisfied
he said Gemell rang the school bell this
morning, I reckon he and wife thinks they
have got it all in their own hands now be the
school and she the music class, I hope they are
gine satisfaction, Papa has hired Amos & Harriet
Dowd to live in little house, we are all glad
in the way of hands and house help for the
year that took us off of hand.

Saturday Feb 6th 1850

I have told you all of the news I will close

Love sends Dear Auntie, Mamma

letter to that little girl, she got I received your
letter yesterday evening, all are well,
Love and respect

Mr Dick Wether, stayed here last night,
he has been writing to papa about his
cattle, and came down yesterday to see
them, he bought them this morning
weighed at King Grove Wednesday at 3, 4, 2
cts per pound, he is a nice gentleman he
lives at Bardston Junction, has a wife
and two children, but is a brother to Nap
Wether, I am glad the cattle are sold
and we got all they are worth, papa wanted
35 but they are well sold, Ben has just
got home from Frankfort been to see
back, found him well, I never hear from
down home, havnt seen any of them since

we were there Christmas. You will have to
ask and write and tell me how they all
are you hear from them but we never do.
Net is getting better. papa went over to
see her a day or two ago, she was glad
to see him. uncle John has been up,
he is still going to stay at the springs
the parties that own it now are going to
do a great deal of improvements and make
a fine place out of it. Mr Grennell is
going to teach the school at Big Spring
so they will all go there. Fannie Pitts & Rena
Blakely was not beliked much by any
one by the time he left. Rena had quit
school, and he and Mr Hardin had a
fight something about Henry's not
reading a composition Christmas. I
heard Mr H. got the worst of it. Mr Blake
must be a goat from all accounts.
Ladie I am so glad Mrs M^{rs} Kossack thinks
so much of you and is taking such an
interest in your music. I would not
have you to stop taking vocal for anything
that is the extra one we pay for. I hate for
her to have that opinion of me that I would
be that selfish and greedy after her taking so
much pains to advance you. Tell her I appreciate
her efforts and interest in you to the fullest
extent, and hope she will be repaid for it
by your advancement and the credit you
will be to her. I think she is one of the very
nicest ladies I ever met and you ought to
feel quite complimented by her taking such
an interest in and thinking so much of you.
I am proud of your advancement in all of
your studies, and hope to be able to send
you back next year, to finish, which we
will certainly do if we have no bad luck and
I hope and pray we will not have any worse
than common. The children have gone
to bed, babe told every one good night and
said tell sister good night and not to get
sick, says tell sister she can sing, kind of how
and can sing the Oh, just like she does,
she is a regular little chatterbox and is
just like you were when you were little, will
sing all she knows for any one, or tell them
all she knows. I don't think she forgot anything
in telling Mr Nathan, I sure would want
to whip her, but it was real funny,

Big Spring Feb 7th 1886

Dear Sister
I thought I would write
to you this evening
after I answered your
letter to day she said
that she had a doll that
had a doll for all
sister it is she wants to
write I wish you
would write to me
I am going to quit
writing to if do not
answer my letter
every time you write
to mamma I must
close write so write
to your sister Gene
never break soon
has not got one these

answer as soon as you
get this and I will
send him down to see you
Please let me hear
from you by next
Monday he is thinking
of going to Illinois next
month I will close
yours truly

J. M. Thompson
795 St. Havine Sts
Lansville Ky

if I don't hear from
you next week I will
think you never got
my letter and I will
write you again

Big Spring
2-8-84



Miss Lizzie Clarkson
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
Kentucky

and then you will know what you do need
as long as ugly weather lasts make winter clothes do
there will be no settled weather until spring, and
then by that time I will be able to make anything
you want and send it to you, I cant saw on the
machine now, I wish you had taken a yard
of red oil calico I have back with you Christmas
and then you could make new clothes to your
likes, what are you wearing now every day?
Ladie I am afraid you are going to take cold
and then it will be goodbye to your voice -
I have been fearful of that all winter, washing
your neck every morning in lube soxer water
if you are used to it will keep you clear of cold
and about soreness and sit around at night
near a fire, until you want to go to bed just
keep up regular habits, and try to not take cold.
I feel sorry for Estelle P, just think how sorry
I would be if it were you, I never could gloat
over another, misfortune, for if we do it will come
tenfold worse on us, mend up your stockings
and clothes and keep everything as straight and
well as you have time to do - I reckon you will
think this letter rather unconnected jumping from
one subject to another, but paper is going to leave
this morning and I want to send it so I just put
things down as they come to my mind -
Tell Charlie I have no time to write to her
now - but if she can have the good luck to catch
my brother I am willing - for I think he will
be worth catching, he is going to be a fine man
that some girl will want some day - certain
Eloise is the making of a large fine looking
intelligent man and I think you will be proud
of him when he comes home, ^{tomorrow}
you and I will Wednesday P.M. Feb 10, 86
him ought to see a good deal of pleasure to gether
as you have Dear Ladie, like sister & brother,
no brother and been raised, I wish you could
jump on upon us this evening, you would
think your honored self the chief subject
topic and only personage of any consequence
whatever in this household, as Geul, baby
and myself, the only inmates of the present time
all busily engaged in writing to you, Papa
has gone to the Grove to weigh his Cattle
to the Nation, the children and myself are
here alone, little Mana has now finished her
letter, I asked her what was in it and she said
Dear Sister I say, mama & Papa I sing you
tender song, and you must tick well and
come home to see us soon, I play with
my dolls by myself every day, I say shawl
by, and come to see me, little Mana.

He firmly thinks that is written on that
piece of paper, & we all well as common.
I am about the only ailing one, and my
malady, will get worse every day until
it terminates, I have got so helpless - I can
hardly navigate, I don't think it will be
very long now before I am confined.
I may go until the 1st of March.
Thursday morning, papa weighed
his cattle yesterday, they brought \$480.00
he was well pleased with the sale, if he
had not have lost that one they would
have brought him over fifteen hundred
dollars, and he sold his hogs to Kill M.
40 head brought one hundred and sixty
dollars, so you see his little after Christmas
feeding brought over sixteen hundred dollars,
he has got 10 head of nice little cattle worth
\$150, left yet, I expect he will keep those
as he is going to buy a hundred more right
away, so I hope by good management, we
will get along alright, and be able to do
whatever we want to do - we have got 5 nice
hogs to kill yet. I wish you could be here
to eat some fresh bones with us, we will
kill them next Monday. I believe I have
told you all the news about home, you
wont need a new dress before the first of Apr -
will you? try and make the shoes you are
wearing everyday do as long as you can, they
certainly were no account, if they will do
until April then you can take your others
for everyday, you left your slippers at home,
I will send them to you in with the first
things I send, take some good coarse black
thread and mend your shoes, I do mine
and make them last as long again,
sew them some night it doat make any
difference what any one thinks about it
be independent, and dont care what they
think or what they say, if you have no thread
buy a spool, did those goats pay you? if they
didnt ask them for it, for if you dont
collect it now you will never get it, dont
be like papa, hate to ask when anyone owes
you, just say you want to buy you a
pair of shoes or something, then when you
get it keep it, I think you dont want
any thing now until pretty spring weather.

Compliments of the Big Spring Terrestrial
Band for the evenings of Dec. 24 & 25th
at the City Hall.

Handwritten text on a piece of aged paper, consisting of approximately 10 lines of cursive script. The text is mostly illegible due to the cursive style and fading. The paper shows signs of age, including a small tear near the bottom center and some discoloration.

Big Spring Feb 10th 1886

Dear Charlie,

I received your letter this evening
I am going to quit writing to sister
because she does not think enough
of my letters +
to write to me. I'll be so glad when
spring comes and little sister and
I have been housed up so long we
are howe want I will be so glad
when sister comes home in June
I would like very much to see your
little sister that is my age when you
come to visit sister you must bring
her. Write soon Genevieve Clarkson
I hardly think you can make out
Genevieve's letter it is purely original
she sat right down the minute she
got yours and answered it before
she thought a second. I told her she

ought not to commence it dear
Charlie she ought to say Miss C.
but she says Mama I never
seen her I don't know how
large she is. I am sorry

You and Lacie and Miss
Pettie cannot all get along
amicably together being in
the same room I think you
could if you were to try. You
and Lacie

You must study a persons
disposition and act accordingly
and if you cannot get along
that way, I mean if one is
too exacting, just do your
own way then, and not give
under one bit, for I think
if a person does right and then
cannot get along there is no
other way to do, but your own
way M. W. C.

Boys Spring
2-11-54



Miss Ladie Clarkson
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
Kentucky

Shelby Co

When I always have, I have got so helpless since
When is your entertainment to come off
I am glad you are getting along so well
in your music, I told El about your
getting along so fast in vocal, and showed
him M^r. M^r. letter she wrote me about
you, I don't know what you will do about
a bonnet I can't make you one now.
I would wear my calico one whenever the sun
gets hot and when I wanted to I would not
give a cent for what they said or thought
You would soon see some more of them
wearing calico or gingham bonnets.
I commenced this letter last night this
is Tuesday morning, papa has gone to town
with the tobacco they took one load yester
evening, it will bring over a hundred dollars
half of it will be Milto's except \$30. he owes
us - so there want be over \$20 coming to him
if we keep getting in a little money all
the time we will have some after a while
if we could only quit letting it go out.
I have not seen any other since you left
you do I expect to leave this house until
May, if I luck well. I want to get all
the children's pictures and send them to you
I think I am counting chickens now sure
enough before they are hatched, but I hope
the good Lord will favor us this time
and let things come out as we want them to
for once. I don't expect I will send after
Ma until all is over, then she can stay with
me longer Monday, Feb 15th 1886
afterwards, I am
thinking something
about sending for Julia when I see
your letter this evening, could not
get to it Saturday eve, but no one down
to town. We are all well, excepting colds.
Evaice come out Sunday, said they had
not heard from us for so long. Ma sent him
out to see if we were all living, he says he
has stopped school quit Friday, he would
not tell why he stopped, we think he has
had a falling out with either his teacher
or Alice or Prashers, for if he had not have
thought of going, the full term he would
not have started in the last five months.
Parker is down at Alice's going to school
Tom and Gertie is staying out at home.
Prud said Ma had found her little dog

that she was grieving so about Christmas
it was over at uncle Sack, R. Lashie I
was sorry, Mr Stuart would not let you
go out to Mr Bices, but as he and M^m
M^m both objected, I reason it was best
for you not to go, but I know it was
a great disappointment to you if you
did not get to go, No your Aunt Fale and
Gammie have not been out since Christmas
Nannie has had no chance for since the
sickness at Mats she has employed all
her spare time and time she had not
to spare, in waiting on them, she and
Mary have taken it turn about in
staying there all the time, and since
Mat has gotten better Carrie has come
very near dying, she was taken crampy
and speechless (just like she was sick once
before some time ago,) and they thought
she would die for several days, but she is
better now, and she and her Mama will
soon be up again, and Mary's Mama
is sick there now has been very sick but
burning fever and very near pneumonia
but we heard to day she was better, Papa
has been going over to see them, but has
not been since Friday he though their
Mamie was very sick, but I hope she will
get well now, and that will be the end of
the sickness in that poor house for a
time at least, and uncle Will has had
a turn too since Mat was taken, but you
could not tell him, I hope we will all keep
well we have been well all winter so far
excepting colds, I have taken a bad cold
within the last week, you must keep your
feet dry, whenever you go out in the snow
or wet put on your rubbers, and dont you
get down with pneumonia or fevers
for you know you can get sick and
spring has always been your time, you
know no matter how sick you were, to
get now I could not be with you, and
that is something, you have never ex-
perienced yet, bad sickness without me
to be with you I would be watching
over you wide awake and anxious when
all others would be asleep, I have brought
you through several hard spells by good nursing
so you need have no fear, we will not keep you informed

Big Spring

2-17-54



Miss Lizzie Clarkson
Stuarts College
Shelbyville

Shelby Co

you need not be
 necessary about meaning
 more now if you don't
 have right of ten for
 I want try to write
 my more until I
 get up and I
 then I will
 try and
 write to you
 once a week
 and I will
 send you
 a spring dress
 as soon as
 over I can
 do you want
 or green for
 or what color
 and I will
 send you a
 light blue
 and I must to make you
 that I want to see how
 send my papa to get your
 when I would you
 like I have it a
 come to you
 and you would rather
 I don't mind the turning of

Dear Laddie

I will write you a

lines this morning to prove to you that I
 am still living, I am getting along as well
 as I ever did before, I had such a bad cough
 when I went to bed, and was sick so long before
 hand, and had such a hard time when I
 was confined, I am doing splendidly consider-
 ing every thing, I was taken sick on wed-
 nesday night and the baby was not born until
 morning at 3 o'clock, I never sent for the doctor until
 thursday night at 9 o'clock, you have got a fine looking
 fat little brother papa is so proud of him he
 can hardly hold himself, I think all your noses
 are knocked up of joint in regard to papa, and
 about you think it has got a red head, I hope that
 but I am so glad it is here and all over and it is all
 right every way I don't bother about the color of its hair
 Tuesday, I am still getting along well, Grandpa
 was out to day, they had never heard a word
 since Ma come out, he was glad to find me doing
 so well, he said name the baby after the President
 Grover Cleveland, you must send me some
 names, The children just want to eat the baby
 up, they are perfectly silly about it, I can't write
 but a little every day I will finish this tomorrow

Grandma says a picture
 fine
 and getting your things ready
 will send you a picture
 I will send you a picture

Good-bye
you will
find a letter
from little
Mama, which
tells you all
about the little
one, the one
Mama has
the bottom
of her letter
and it is
about
Elsie
she read
her letter
over to Grandma
and Papa.
Grandma
cut out and
took up the
little lock of
hair for
you. And I turned it to the paper do not want to get lost.

I am getting along very well and the
boy is doing fine I am going to get up next Sunday
if I feel strong enough, but not if I don't. Ma is
going to stay with me until Friday. There have
been several to see me cousin Mary Sallie, Gule
Eula and Susie are both at home now Susie
just got home Sunday, she has been gone ever
since your first went away. Carrie is very sick she
got better once, and has since gotten worse, she
has some kind of spells, and has spasms, they have
two doctors attending on her, and don't think she will
ever get well, one side of her has been all paralysed, her
sickness is all caused from taking cold in her
monthly periods, it has been working on her ever since
that gave her her death 3 years ago, wishing her to keep
her from having that itch, you know she said she would
kill Carrie before she should have it, and she drove it in on
her, and Carrie had some kind of a spell then, and she has
never been right since. I want you to take warning and
take good care of yourself. Dinner time Papa heard this
morning Carrie was better, she had her hair shaped
off and a blister drawn on the back of her head
and she is better, it was her own request. Little Mama
calls the baby little brother, so sweet Genie wants
the nurse at all the time. Grandpa says it is the best
looking baby we ever had here. His little cheeks
are just as fat as a shoat. I send you a little lock of
his hair. Keep it until you come home, Mama

Wednesday I thought
I would write a
little on the back of
mamas letter sister
what do you think
of little but there are
sister I want to marry
brother all the time
sister don't blow
your breath on little
brother hair if you
do you want hair
it long Grandma
said that she would
send you some of his
long hair rules here

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Big Springs

3-4-84



Miss Lizzie Clarkson
Shelbyville

Stuarts College

Ky

When we hear
from you regular we
are satisfied. but when
you are sick & do not
write us, it makes
us miserable, but not
at all, much more
than what we think
of about leaving
I think you
would be better
and not let
us know it.
I know you
only me time
would be to
have to leave
of us coming, like thinking
you would get better and
we not know it but about
never want you to do that.
any one can always tell
why they are bad as they
when you get well, you
to have a doctor, there is
to let us know, but if you
more of this will happen
well, but no only our
and some family in the
mail the reason for your
that it must not go on

Dear Lucie

What has come
I have not heard from you for over a
week. I expected a letter from you as soon as you
got your dress, but have got none yet. I hope
there is nothing the matter, we have had so much
ugly weather of late I hope you have not taken cold.
and are sick, we are all well. What in the world is the
reason you do not write if you get sick and are not able
to write get Charlie Clark or some one else to write for
you, for goodness sake do not be up there sick and
sleeping, it frightens us. we are very uneasy about you
when we do not hear from you regular. We expected
a letter Monday and one certain Tuesday, and here
it is Wednesday and none yet. I don't know what to
think. Papa has rode down to Big Spring now two
evenings this week on purpose to get a letter from you.
and get none, he is always vexed and out of love when
he expects a letter from you and do not get any, but
I hope all is right. I am not very well, and have
not felt right well and stout yet. Papa is going
away Sunday or Monday after cattle. I may go down
to your Grandmas, and stay until he comes back.
Your Aunt Bet has got a boy maybe you have heard
it before now. This is Genies birthday she and Anna
& are fishing at the well pond.

much longer or you will be sick
much longer or you will be sick
much longer or you will be sick
much longer or you will be sick

The baby is well, and growing fast, he is getting so he
knows me now, and laughs and goes. he is right smart
for six weeks old, Genie says she wishes sister could
see him with a whole lot of other babies, and all
if she could pick out Mamma's. I tell her yes you
could tell my baby anywhere, from its resemblance
to the others. he is just as fat as he can be, no trouble
only he is spoilt, won't lay in the cradle, when he is aw-
ake, but he is all right as long as you will nurse him
old Fannie has got another fine colt, a mare it
is the prettiest and finest one she has ever had it is
going to be right black with a white star in its face
and a white snip on its nose and two hind feet
white, it is a beautiful colt, papa says he would not
take \$50, for it now, at one week old. M^r Brashear
is a candidate for county clerk, what do you think
of that? I did not know that aunt Hie would
condescend to let her husband be a candidate
I reckon when he gets to lecturing around he
will come to see us for the first time, I have not been
anywhere yet, I am so tired staying at home. I believe
that is the reason I am under the weather, been in one
place so long. Yesterday, Lacie what does it mean not
getting a letter from you two weeks to day, since we heard
a word from you have you written and the letter got lost
and maybe you are just as uneasy from not hearing
from us, I don't even know whether you got your
clothes or not, I thought certain you would write
as soon as you got them, papa sent them last Tuesday
a week, and no word from you yet, If you don't get
a letter this evening, we will not know what to do
whether to come up to see what is the matter, or shipack
to M^r Stuart, we are awfully uneasy about you, Mamma

1881

Mr. J. T. Clarkson



Grasson's Springs
Forward to Big Spring, Kentucky.
Kentucky.

Dear Mother, I have all the money back
and I will either send to you or send the money
and let you buy yourself and have made if I
knew the price of goods up there and it would be as cheap
I would just send
safely at home again papa came home Friday. I got
home Saturday morning, papa got 51 head of big cattle
is going back soon to get more, small cattle.
I had a very pleasant visit down at your Grandmas,
I send you the childrens pictures, Ma took them
down and had them taken, the artist is from L.
came down on a little boat with all his apparatus
he follows the river, dont go out to country towns,
he takes splendid pictures better than any I
have ever seen taken in L. but he is very high
It costs \$2, to get one and 50^{cts} for every one
after that, I paid \$3 for three, kept one gave
Grandpa one, and send one to you I hope
you will appreciate it for I have gone to a
great deal of trouble to get them, to send to you
I think something about going down in a
week or so and getting Annie and the baby's
on one card like Lennie and Manas and sending
to you but I dont know certain it will cost \$4
and I have nothing to wear neither myself nor the
baby, Bet and Alice have so many fine baby
clothes, and my baby has nothing but plain common
little shirts and wrappers, I wish I did have one
nice suit bishop lawn and lace & embroideries
I dont know what to get any, but if I had the money I would
send you some of the best I could find.

What you hear others say for
saying and doing are two different
things, wait until way along in
May and decide on exactly
what you want and tell me
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get, and we feel relieved, that you are able to take care of
your self. Mr. Smith has gone, left his best regards for you
and said he would like to have seen you and heard you
play, before he left, I was up at Nannies Friday, Sid has
been down all this week stayed here one night, I saw
Carrie at Nannies she is as big and fat as a china shant
and as lively as a cricket, sent her love to you.

I think I will get the two nice dresses you spoke of wanting,
and let you have made up there, but tell me exactly
what you want them trimmed in and all, so I can get
everything and send to you, I would not get a
nice hat until I come home if I possibly could do
without it, If you just had some lace and make
you a cheap lace hat or something to wear until after
you come home, I would much rather get it here, you
will travel home in your hack hat, and there would
not be many sundays, intervening for you to wear
a nice hat, they are getting to be almost a nuisance these
days anyway, never wear any scarcely only to church, and
it is a big expense, for only a few wearings, but you will
know whether you will have to have it up there or not,
what kind of gloves will you want, to wear with your dresses,
know what you will want by May, and be sure and
specify every thing, have you ever worn those shoes
papa got you if not they could be changed, I will
be so glad when the time comes for you to come home and I
wish it was to stay, and not go back any more, Papa
will be there the last day, and you know he is going to have
your dress to be as nice as you want it to be, I heard him say
he would not have you on the stage not looking just all right
fifty dollars, what day, the 1st of June will be the commencement

when I can
tell you all the news, I send you little bits here full till
and it to you, he is still in frankfort, been home but once

Big Spring
4 27 - 84



Miss Lacie Clarkson
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
Ky

Shelby Co

I wish you could have
 seen how God treated me
 when I was at sea, and
 heard what he said to me
 I don't think you would get
 much like working to her
 or having any thing to do
 with her whatever her
 oldest job how could she
 treat out as she did I
 saw in your or I got
 that I was not
 and of I had
 have sent the
 and drive back
 have some sense
 wherever get
 gets one of her
 spells on her
 you can see
 it in the red
 Alice too good
 know I have
 were done and
 thing to cause
 them to meet
 me but there is something
 you all of them against
 me and I don't know
 what it is and I intend
 to stay away from
 them and let them
 alone I will tell you
 all about the whole
 circumstance when
 you come home
 affectionately & hand

Dear Lady

Apr 27 1866

I received your letter yesterday evening I was glad to hear from you, and sorry to know that you were silly enough to work your self to death and make your self sick for a ambitious sake, I would just go ahead and practice what I could stand up to and if I got the medal all right and good and if not, I would not grieve myself to death about it, you know that we think at all times you are doing your duty and working to your utmost strength, without your hitting yourself to prove to us you have done your best, just quit that, you will want to live after this year, the way you are doing you will break your health down, so it will take you all next year to recruit up. We would be very proud indeed for you to get both medals just as much rejoiced over it as you would be, but we don't propose for you to kill yourself in the effort, but it will be decided by the time you get this, and if you do not get it just let it go and think no more about it, I have not told anyone you were striving for a medal or anything about it, so if you do not get it just be contented with getting one and think how many have not done that well, I know you will say there are a good many that have not tried and do not care, but we have to get used to disappointments in this world, it was not intended that everything should come out exactly as we wish, we would be too well satisfied here, so be contented with whatever you get, you ought to see little brother, he is a great big

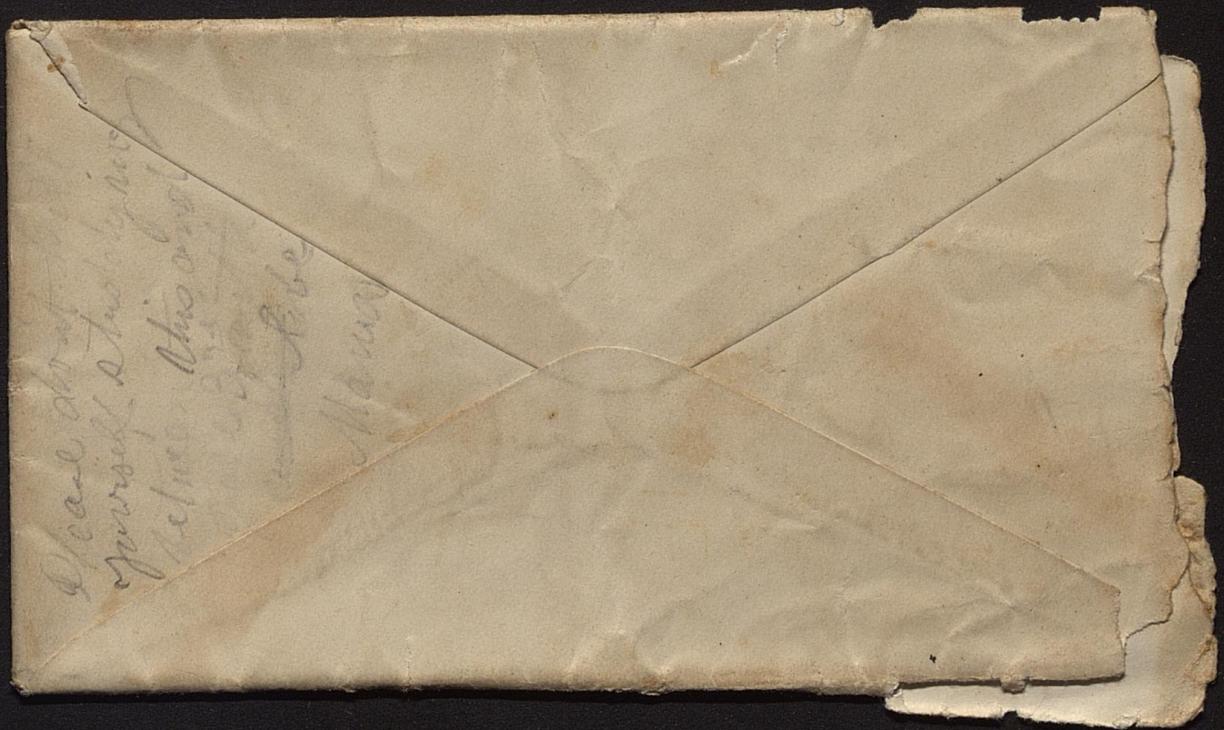
white fat thing, he will be 3 months old when you see him
just about the size Nannies baby when you stayed all night there
that time before you started to school at P. he is called the big baby
and I das the little baby. I went to Gubias last Saturday, and
most every lady that was acquainted with me in town come
to see it. Everyone thinks it is so large, he is so heavy. Gens can
hardly handle him, I am most afraid to let her nurse him
Papa is not at home now. Gone again after cattle. he back last of
this week, he is going to Brandenburg the first of next week and get
your dresses and everything and send to you next week certain
You will have to do without a new common white, I have no time
to make any, and I dont think you need any. I am going to
make you a couple of corset covers and shirt, but you wont need
any chemise, you can make whatever you need when you come
home, I have got the goods to make your jacket, you did not mention
making a belt of the same I supposed you had one in your trunk
We have two millinery stores in Big Spring. M^{rs} Mittie H. Harnal
and Miss Eliza Gans milliner and dressmaker, so you see
our town is improving, and we have a new drug store. Philo Stith
in Strathers old store. I will be so glad when you come home
Papa brought the new buggy home the other day. I went
down with him in the carriage after dinner, and left the baby
at home, and come back in the new buggy, left the carriage
at the shop to be remodelled. I have about exhausted all
of my news. I will write again as soon as I get an answer
from my letter I mailed 1st day of May. Did Alice send
you Cabinet size pictures of herself and Lena or Card size
they had only Cabinet size taken from this artist, except one
Lena ran off and had a tin type taken of herself one evening.
I think Alice were very good, and Lena looks like a grown
young lady, by the side of Mana K. in their pictures. I thought
hard of Alice for not giving me a picture of herself & Lena, as she gave
Schina & Bett some, and I spoke of it, and I suppose Gerta Gans
told her was the reason she sent those to you, I think they have
an old grudge at me some ways down at far and it shows itself in all of them

Big Springs
5-5-84



Miss Lizzie Clark
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
Ky

Shelby Co



Dear Mr
Garrison, I have by me
a copy of the
of the
of the
of the

Now I would keep rather
 you would have made
 buttons put on your blue
 if they are fashionable in
 school abroad, they are so
 much more durable than
 those of a old button,
 let me know so I can get
 more if I have a chance
 I like there is a deep no
 much good by I am blue
 dress, I got 16th and 8th,
 said to yourself be plenty
 and there is 9th in it with
 about 12th there with it
 you had better ask
 the shoes maker how
 much it will take
 and tear off the awning
 before you give her
 the pattern or she
 may not return what
 is left, but you will I am
 know how to do, I am
 your truly
 To day
 your truly have them
 to take to the shoes maker
 don't say any thing without
 consulting me nothing what
 you need not trouble about what
 to call papa when he comes, for
 if you call him papa you will
 be doing just as the other children
 do he is used to it and won't
 mind to change to him at all
 he calls himself papa to them
 he has gotten so used to them
 calling him that way and he can
 not expect you

Thursday
 Dear Lady
 I received your letter
 yesterday eve, I went to Brandenburg Monday as I
 told you I would, Papa got back on Saturday with his
 cattle 46 head, has now 120 head to graze, I have finished
 your waist and I want you to tell me if it is made
 right and if it fits so I can make your white dress
 that way, and if it is not exactly right tell me in what
 way to change your other, I got your goods and I hope
 they will do what did not have the muswilling in white
 or cream, but I think the white goods I got will be
 very pretty trimmed in that cream lace, I think your blue
 is beautiful and all you could wish in that dress in every
 way, I did not like the buttons and if those pearl
 buttons could be used on it, you could just use them
 for it and, I can send you some more for your white
 only plain and a little smaller, the same price 25^{cts} to do
 what are they worth up there? and you could put the others
 in your trunk and we can return them, you can ask the
 lady who makes your dresses if the pearls will do to put on your
 blue dress, I had a mind to get the pearls for both dresses
 but I did not know and I know I could return the others if
 you wanted pearls, and I have to send your other dress yet and
 underclothes, and I can send you the other then without
 you can get them just as cheap up there, I could not
 get the flowered satin in white so had to get lace, and
 the baby says for when she don't want to say papa

To call him papa when he comes, for if you call him papa you will be doing just as the other children do he is used to it and won't mind to change to him at all he calls himself papa to them he has gotten so used to them calling him that way and he can not expect you

Papa has bought him a nice light coat
and vest real fine half silk of a brownish
color, wout they do for him to wear after
you, with a nice pair of pants, or suit tell us
so if you think they wout do at all he
can return them. He has his grey suit
and he shod not want to get another full
light suit if he could keep from it. but
if they wout do at all, he can get a suit
as he comes through I. you know whether
coats and vest are worn with pants of another
color or not. he has got nice fine sewed
shoes got him some new shirts, and
you need not be ashamed of papa for
he has been around and knows
how to act. I would send you cosset
cover but have to have it done up now
if I have forgotten to get anything
write and tell me, before I send the rest
tell me all how to make your dress, I
thought I would make it ~~like~~ like a jacket
like the white I send and a pretty over
skirt, must I put the embroidery around
the over skirt or only in front tell me

things to give. Good bye home
I have to go to the bank to see
of my little embroidery to go
around the jacket, and on the overcoat
if you want it. the silk spools are all
in one of your shoes. have you bought
you any new stockings. must I send
the other pair of hysic thread ones
to you write to me so I will get your
letter Monday. and tell me every thing
about leave any thing out. We are
very proud you got both medals
cant express to you our feelings
and sympathy for you, are they
given or do parents have to pay like
James Crazeoff did at Bethel
Genl has got the pains up thumping
on it to keep bad quiet while I am
writing to you. he is a nat nothing
every thing now, and so sweet you
will just eat him up when you
see him. you never told me any
thing what you had done about a hat
I would not get any fress hat as
the black hats are so pretty now. not
till you come home anyway. if you
can buy from it
Mama

1886



Miss Lachie Clarkson
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
Kentucky

Shelby Co

do I don't think the
 will hope to stop on the
 good up - so that may
 you see you all
 can save a good
 deal of expense in
 that way - that is
 the objection I have in
 your going to school
 if there is coming
 through it, and speaking
 so much - I
 expect you
 would go with
 Willabyville
 great bye
 this time
 when you
 leave for
 about expect
 you will go back
 any more for me
 cannot afford it the
 rebobbing and expense
 every way in more
 than me - I am afraid
 and we must have
 sense enough to quit
 before we are ruined -
 and you will see that
 I am telling you the truth
 I don't want it to be said of you - like
 I don't want it to be said of you - like

May 26, 1886

Dear Lacie

I send you your
 dress this evening, I am fearful you will not
 like it, I made no overskirt because I thought
 maybe the trimming was not wide enough to
 put around, and dresses are made this way for
 school girls, and maybe this will suit you very
 well for a common white, I always admired your
 other plain white so much, and they have run
 the Norfolk Jacket in the ground is the
 reason I did not make it that way, and I put
 the belt across the front, instead of all around, less
 trouble to just tie the back, than to pin it on in a box
 You sew the buttons on that are on your old white
 waist, that matches these two, I know you will
 think this easiest cover is a grand affair that I
 send you but it was the best I could do at present
 the goods is all nice but the lace, and I could get
 no better at P.S. I hope your dress and skirt are
 the right length, and if the gathers are too scant
 in the front of your dress rip the binding off and
 fix it, I reckon you can make out with what
 underclothes, I have sent you until you come
 home and then you can make more to suit
 you I don't reckon it will be worth while for me
 to write to you any more, before you come home

think of me
and the little
children having
nothing but me
can stay at home
and let you and
him go. And
you will always
be glad to see
you all when
you get back.
I am looking
for you board
to dinner on
Friday.
Nannie will
be there and
I about want
you to dish
point as you
I had rather
beat home
being us
than bogging
around in
Louisville
spending
and very for
nothing. Papa
has got his
clothes and
everything

and write again. I am up at Nannies to day
I came this far because papa was going to
Vine Grove, this evening. The strawberries are ripe
now, we just have plenty. I hope after they will
last until you get home, and will have some
vegetables, by the time you get home. Peas beets. I
am going to have the house all cleaned up and nice
as possible, as I have not done my spring cleaning yet
been so busy, and I have such a poor chance to do
anything. Little brother cries after me all the time
I have been two weeks making these few things
I send you, and I know you will not like them.
Genie and Maud rode old Fannie up here to day,
Ed came along with them, they were the proudest
little things you ever saw. I came in the buggy with
papa. I hope you can get some lace up there that will
suit your other. Maybe some narrower will do, for
neck and sleeves, get whatever you will need for your
dress and have it looking nice as possible. I was
in hopes you would use the pearl buttons on your
blue dress, because, they are so much more desirable
but, all right if the blue suit better. I don't think
you and papa will stop in L. at all, I don't see worth
while for you all, to stop in L. just to spend money.
I think you and papa are just trying yourselves
any way, to see how soon you can get through
with what we have got. I think you all ought to

Tell Mr. Stuart Papa will send
him the money or a check soon
for the first quarter. You will not
have the time to devote to just
pensive this year and tell Mr. St
you don't want to take both and
just take two vocal lessons a week
without she wants to give you extra
lessons and she will not do that
now not before Christmas, do just
as I tell you to do and you will
come out all right. Give my love
to Nettie, and tell her she must
not get home sick. Big Spring is
the stillest place now that ever was
at just looks like every person is
dead and buried. The old people are
the ones to get home sick or some other
kind of a sick, for the young folks have
all left the country but Enla & Lux
and Helen Paul and I saw all three
of them go through Big Spring Saturday
in one buggy going out to Gabe Morning.
I think that must be a new start for
a change, but anything for a variation
I am going down to town some time to
day. I wish you were here to help and
see. I have cut Genie out some school books
if you are only here to, make them.
I am going home Sept. 3rd 1886
to make your
things right. Dear Daughter,
away and send them. Mama Papa
brought me your letter from Mr.
Weldon yesterday morning, and I
could have answered yesterday but
there was no one going to town.
We are all well. Little brother is
off in his little waggon at the barn
with Ed. Kate and Aron. Anica
is milking and Genie is making
up my bed, so you see I have stolen
this little moment to write to you.
Genie's school will commence next
Monday. I got word the day you
left from Miss Sallie that she
would be here next Sunday evening
to board, but I don't expect we will
keep her only the three weeks.

M^{rs} Meador told Papa that she saw a girl that was going to the same school where Famine was going, as she came through Louisville, and she said Famine seemed to be very home sick, one day morning, I have not seen or heard from Beena since you left but I think they are fixing to send her some where, as they are taking off their wheat in a hurry. George borrowed a wagon from Papa to haul off wheat and I think it would be advisable for M^r Stuart to write to them if he would like to have Beena.

I am glad you spent some time in L - and had such a pleasant time. It will be a great advantage to you. I was never at Cave Hill you did not say when I would get your picture or how many you had taken, but I will see Mr Meador, to day she will tell me all the news. I do not think I shall go to the E, Your Fair

it will be too much of an undertaking for me with a baby. I could not enjoy myself. Papa still speaks of going and taking his horses.

We have got the garden nearly done it looks so much better, and when that is done they are going to move the Adams crib over and put it up and then every thing will be done but the house. I hope by spring we will be able to build that.

Have you good fare this year with all your nice new bright school - Is Charlie Clark back this year you just take vocal and no Latin this year as I told you to do and you can practice your text all the time, and keep up with what you have learned in that way, and improve your self all the time too, and that will save just \$25, and you can doubly make up for it when you come home for good

what
are you
wearing
every
day.
This
week
the next
visit to
get you
I want
it to be
like the
one we
got at
grave
it makes
you for
better
than
any one
ever had
at
Mrs Hughes borrowed the carriage
this morning to go to the burying in
old aunt Peggy Hills died the next
day after we were there, and doctor
Foot was in Brandenburg last
saturday drunk as usual, and
driving a wild horse to his buggy,
and it run off going home that
night and killed him knocked
his brains out against a rock. I
have not seen any of Pa's folks
but Pa is better Ben saw him
in Brandenburg Monday
I have told you all the news I
can think of at present. I hope you
will have a full school. Why did
not Bessie Jackson come back?
Try and make yourself satisfied, and
come out victorious, this year if you
can without injury to your health.
I am glad this is your last year

I must close.
As I have short
time enough to
write, I cannot
do so in as you
get this. write
often for your
to them are a great
pleasure to me
and I will not
to you just as
often as I possibly
can. You is
going to making
up his bargain
this evening. so
I reckon the
page to will all
get over it
John Good
also he made
great wife
Anna

will all not have long to be together
at most we all miss you at home
little Fittie cried about you for
several nights after you left you
know she slept with you. she said
she most cried that evening you left
told me when I came back. you were
in I - before we got home it was
nearly dark when we got here.

Anna has been in a good humor
ever since you went away. I have
made up my mind to start her the
next time she takes a tantrum
and I suppose she has smelled a
rat. for Harriet is ready to step in
as soon as she gets out and I believe
she suspicious it. I would miss Ed
greatly. is all I hate about making a change

Big Spring
9-8-84

Miss Lodie Clarkson
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
Ky

Shelby Co

which accounts
for my bad
writing. She is
sitting at her
writing table
and I will give you
a letter. I am going
to town this morn-
ing to mail your
letter, and get
some remnants
if you have to
reach your
school. I have
heard if you
get any more
going to be
your old school
hard, if you do
not see, I have
made her two
new letters
address

away, but papa being gone I have no
opportunity to send you anything.
When I get your things ready
I will send them to you, but I
do not want to go to Cooking. This soon
and sending to you, they certainly give
you plenty to eat, without my sending
to you. Mr. Meador is going up to
the fair and also Julia, but I am not
going. If we can stay at home and
all keep well I will be proud and
thankful. Papa would not have gone
had he not thought it would be to
his own interest to be there. Thinking
perhaps he would meet with an oppor-
tunity to sell his cattle, as there will
be men there from all parts of the
country, brother is in my lap nursing

Little Anna took no
crying, to go to town
with me she says, she
about did to do every when
hardly say I take
I have all the
time and about
take her, because
I have meat with
me to have over
this summer
Yours ever
your mother and
father
I will all well
little brother
is still getting
she can sit down
and be can get
and be over of her

Wednesday Sept 12, 1886

Dear Daughter

As I have
a few spare moments I will
write to you. I received your
letter yesterday. That great trial
came off yesterday, and of course
as I expected, it was decided against
papa. Well just let it go, I feel
give what it will cost us to find
them out, they have long had
a grudge against us for some
cause known only to themselves.
We may have an opportunity some
day to retaliate, for it is an old
saying but a true one, that God
is above the Devil, and I know
it will prove true in this case

I received your picture last night, and I and all of us think it just splendid. I saw such a beautiful Miss Sallie Dewitt is staying here and she liked it so much, she says you have such a sweet childish expression and also both intelligence and pride are depicted on your countenance you need not be ashamed of those pictures. Papa has gone to Etowah to day, to the fair will be gone until Friday, he just went in the buggy with Charlie, concluded not to take the fillis, for it would cost more than the profit if she should gain a prize and if he should not, it would be a dear loss I was down at your grandmas one day and night last week, he was at home, she did not mention your name, I saw Julia Sunday and

she said Nettie was very homesick and had written to come home I am sorry of that, I have not seen Mr. Meador, I went down on purpose one evening to see her, and Mary was there and I did not go up I hope Nettie will become satisfied and stay I hear that Bena & Susie have gone to Powell, every one says that Susie has gone to school, but you know cousin Mary said she was going up on a visit, I know Bena would go to Powell, for Susie would not let her go elsewhere you just take vocal as I told you, but practice your instruments all the time, and you will keep up just as well, as if you took lessons, for it stands as in hand to save all we can, for it appears like luck has turned against us. Mr. Meador told Papa yesterday she

am glad you are considered one
among the best, if you were to get
the ~~ballooning~~ if would show to people
down here, that you were smart in
something else besides vocal, as it was
said if you ~~you~~ ~~you~~ Sept. 7th 1886

Dear Lacie

I got your
letter this morning, found all
well and children enjoying them
selves the best they can. little brother
in his little waggon, thinking himself
as big as any of them
did get two medals they were both
for vocal, and then you could not
sing any better than any one else
Cula H. said that I heard
but nevertheless let that all go
I don't want you to injure yourself
studying I don't care what they say
just do the best you can, and
have a pure single heart, and act
right and you will come out all right

I started to school again Monday
I hope he will apply himself this
time and make a man of himself.
Grandma is glad you are
going to send her a picture

I hope they will be appreciated
I am sorry you did not go
where you could have four taken
for \$3. Miss Eliza was telling me
about it, for then you could
have given Mamma one

But I doubt things any of
the Clarkson family are any
friends to Papa or his family
although I have always treated
all of them well, and your grandpa
too I have treated him as well as
his own girls, but I doubt think
he appreciates it.

I would be very proud indeed
if it were possible for you to
get the valentines, and I

Big Spring
9-15-86



Miss, Lacie Clark
Stuarts College
Shelby, Ind.
Kentucky

Shelby, Co!

And there may be other things that will take advantage of you in that way. Knowing your would not stoop to anything like they may cheat and do everything to get ahead of you but don't you do any thing but what the whole world can see for God see all of our acts and know our hearts and struggles and if it is his will for the wicked and the wicked ever up, let it be so. If you do strictly right you will come out right in the end just as sure as the world stands. I have not been up to Nannies since you left but am going this week. I have been so busy trying to work but doing nothing the baby has been so much trouble

commenced from last week, she pays \$2, per week, I have her washing done, I appreciate your efforts and struggles in trying to attain fame and reputation for yourself and in being an honor to your parents - we both feel anxious and hopeful for you, and would be proud indeed if you could get the valodichony - But on the other hand we know and feel confident that you are doing all you can in the way of your duty without your killing yourself to get the highest honor in school to prove it to us, I know if you get it at all it will be by hard study and high principles for you would not have it if you had to do any thing undermining to get it.

Dear Ladie

Oct 11, 1886

I suppose you think this has been a long silence but there has been no one for the mail since Thursday, until to day Monday, and your letter has been in the office two or three days. All are well, I am glad you keep well there is so much typhoid fever I hope it will not get in the school, is there much sickness in Shelbyville. We have done very well this year. Pappas cattle bought him as much as he expected them to bring, he had an hundred and seventeen head, which cost him \$2,500.50, and he sold 75 out of the number, which brought

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Stella told papa she had gotten a letter from you, said she must answer it soon as she had time. Papa has done sowed the big grey field in wheat, and is sowing the well field now, is done cutting up corn, Miss Sallie is boarding here now, board

and two hundred and ten dollar profit, he did well on grazing cattle this year, he considers he made about twelve hundred dollars.

I found your ribbon but you certainly have your silk gloves, they are not here, there is no place for them to be but in your top drawer, and they are not in it. I am sorry Nettie could not trust you with her things had to write to Annie Jackson to send them to her. I would have thought Fannie would have corresponded with you, you are more relation to her than Nettie's. Gabe has been up to see Fannie, I have not seen her since, but Miss Siera told me she said Fannie was perfectly satisfied. I was at town last eve but Julia was not at home.

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Genie has pinned off a note here to you
I reckon you can make it out she
had to write it at night. I can hardly
find time to write to you at all
is the reason I don't write to you often.

I used to write to you after night
but now the baby cries after me at
night until I go to bed with him.
I have got your wrapper done. I
made it just as you said. I used
every scrap. I think you will like
your blue ones when I send it
to you. I am going to make it
right away and then I am going
to send them to you. You did not
say whether you wanted your napkins
marked, how are those marked Nettie
had. I paid for them. M^{rs} Meador
told me that they had paid nothing
on Nettie's ~~the~~ first quarter up there
yet, that they did not know whether
she would stay or not and, when she
went up she did not go prepared to
pay it not knowing whether M^r

it did not belong to her "she proposed to make
to ask Mr. Felt if her "girls ought and she answered no
I should not do it there she took the book on her
get her mother and make her face at home and she

lacked out of her "girls"

Street would charge for full
first quarter, but he did, and she
did not like it at all said if he did
it would be a great disadvantage
to his school, I suppose she meant
she would use her influence against
him, and M^r Meador was gone to the
fairs when she got back, so I don't
know whether they have settled it
yet or not, M^r Meador asked me yesterday
evening, if Bertie England was there yet Nettie
came home and told that Bertie was not going
to stay there, and said they had no boarders
hardly, and said the girls had to make their
own fires, and get their water, that the
waiter just brought only one picher in the
morning and that did not do all day and
that they had to sweep, and so on; she put
as bad a name on the school as possible.
of course, but don't you say one word about
it or it will get back and cause hard
thoughts, M^{rs} Meador said Nettie did not

Mrs. Todd said she proposed to fit her girls for the parlor not for
the kitchen, the day has been that kind of talk and training
would have done, in slavery time but it will not do now in our
day of changing, help all the time it is not going to hurt a lady
to know how to do whether she has to do it her self or not, if she
has it not to do she will know how to instruct others, and I
think what you all do is only enough to give you exercise
and make you healthy. I would rather have a little brains
in my head and know how to work too than to have neither.
No Nettie is catching at every thing now she can't throw
stone at the school because she would not stay there
she hates to tell it was because she was so dull and could not
learn anything. Ida and Dr. Jackson have both been
here ever since the baby's bumping. I met old Dr. Jackson

shown at Mr Meadors, said he was glad to have met me
that Annie had always spoken so highly of my daughter
Lacie, and thought so much of her qualities & so on, that he
was glad to meet her mother. How are you off for shoes.
You took those gloves away with you, or lost them that
evening at Pieppings. I cannot find Genies little mental
arithmetic that was yours. Did you see it this summer or not
and do you know where it is, if I cant find it I will have to get one.
What skirts do you wear with your Norfolk Jacket. When I took
those brown buttons back that we got at B. d. I saw the same little
brown buttons like our Fannies that we wanted. I was so out about
I bought them anyway, there was just 13. I am going to
put them on a dress for myself. Charlie Morrisers stupidness
in not finding them for us, write soon answer all questions) Mamma

Big

Big Spring Oct 7, 186

Dear Sister

^{ny} I got
your note in mama's letter
sister I have not for gotten
you sister I think a bout
you all the time. your
picture looks so much
like you I go to school
every dy you ask me
what I was studying
I study arith mean
reading and spelling and
righting do you think I
right. better I rate this
letter in a hurry before
I went to school this
~~morning~~ morning!

sisters be so glad when
next summer comes sister
little brother is so sweet
sister you are left for be
hind carrie ran off and
married she was going
to school at nine grove
she married miss ender,
she has been home since
she married she was
home saturday why dont
you run off and mar-
ry I am going to tell you
about little brother ~~he~~
he can call ed. ed takes
him in lorry I have
he is the best ~~the~~ baby
I can not tell you
much about little
brother this time are
you well Good bye Write
soon Genie Vere ~~bars~~
on



Miss Lachie Clarkson,
Stuarts College,
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Ky.

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