

wanted to give her children a good education if nothing else Pen says I think you started out right at brash on the first one - well as papa is hurrying and also Jennie who is going behind him as far as her school I will have to close.

brother is sitting on the sheep skin playing with a ^{Mama} piece of old shingle
luck in selling. papa has got his cattle and is going to stay at home now and attend to work. I was down at Pens yesterday. Fannie wrote home a very flattering letter about the grand reception they had in their new building. it did not come off until tuesday night. ~~they~~ Mrs. Nole had a regular confessor to prepare the supper, and had invited guests. Nettie has never written home yet. they suppose she is so homesick she cannot write. I expect they are looking for her home, on every train, she may be satisfied though. Pen was growling yesterday about the big price he had to pay for Fannie, said it was all a humbug too. Julia said she

Anica has
just fed
my milk
bedstead
all her
coffee

Monday Jan 10th 1887

Dear Ladia

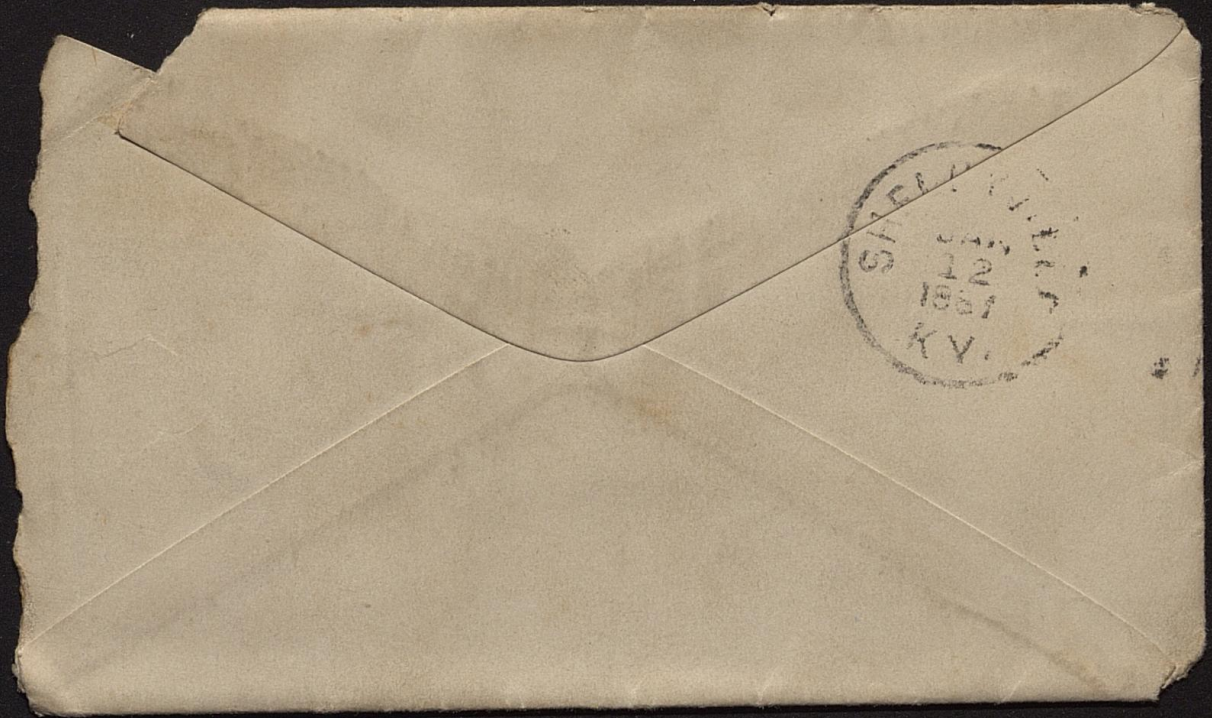
As Papa is going to Brandenburg to day I will write to you this morning so he can take the letter and you will get it by tomorrow. He got home saturday evening, brought home 55 head of cattle he bought in bolts bottom fine stock steers, sold 53 head. he could have done so much better if he had have taken his cattle to Louisville. some of them would have brought him 4^{ts}, he lost over an hundred dollars by not taking them there besides the 25^{cts} he paid

Butter for selling them, papa
has made two big mistakes on
his stock this winter, one by
Ben selling his hogs, and on
these cattle, I tell you we
will feel it too I am afraid but
we will do the best we can,
You bought a fine lot of
cattle home, that he gave the
same for that he got for his,
Papa was at Mr. Perge Thorens
he said Minnie was talking
about you, said there was a
young ladie visiting them
this summer from Shelbyville
that was speaking about you
being so smart said you had
the name in Shelbyville of
being the smartest girl
in school, I hope you
will still hold out your good
name by getting the velocity

Yerze The folks think there is no
such school in Ky as Shert's
Mam said she heard about out
fall running it above said it
would not do for her to say
anything against it to her,
Who was that girl papa forgot
her name, I heard you speak
of her in vocation?
I was glad you met with
such a good streak of luck
on your trip up God always
provides for those that do
right and look to him for
protection, I hope you will
progress fast now in your
studies, there is nothing now
to bother you just go right
ahead, and dont worry about
anything at home we will
take care of ourselfs and affairs
we can live over our little bad

Miss Lacie Clarkson,
Stuarts College
Shelbyville
Ky

Shelby, Co. Ky



I am glad M^{rs}
M. C. has such
high aspirations
about your voice
I hope we can
have it cultivated
to its full
extent and
be successful.
If we are just
able to all work
Papa has not
commenced
anything about
the house yet but
is going to bright
en. We will
build at the way
John will build
off the plan
reckon I do
hope to get encouraging letters
from you about your getting
along so well on every thing
I do hope you will improve
fast in vocal and draw
every concert song the
girls you beoud her
most sanguine
expectations
and get the
victories
we would be
willing to make
most only rejoice
for your benefit
well I must close
close your sweet
not expect too
long letters and
too many of
them Papa may
soon be glad
too when he get
home and good
you had you

Dear Laddie,
I received
your letter last night, and would have
sent a letter out to you to day but
have had no time, I am writing now
after supper, We killed hogs yesterday
and I have been busy down at the
cabin all day to day helping about
the greese, Gene stayed at home
from school, to help take care of little
brother, We are all well, there have
none of us taken the anumps yet,
I hope you have not, and perhaps
we will all escape, We or rather papa
heard startling news at Brandenburg
monday, from John Puseys family,
he wrote to his brother Dave last

St. Louis, Jan 12th - 1887

not be surprised if you and Nettie had to come from school to school
if there is any difficulty or any sickness of any kind it is our
and take the best care possible, I would
mean in no way to go to school
that was De Board's remedy, and burn
sulphur on embers and inhale the
fumes, I got a letter from Aunt Alice
to day, I wrote a card to her the day
you left in regard to Ella, she said
she would be glad when next summer
come so you could come to see her
she said M^r Pusey was confined
to her bed now all the time,
she also said Ella Howard and Ed
Goble were married last week,
I will not write any more to night as
brother is sleepy, and also papa, I
will finish tomorrow
Thursday morning up and all
well Lemie has gone to school brother
asleep, May had out playing this
morning has the appearance of
spring, I hope you will distinguish
yourself tomorrow at your contest
I was glad you met up with

that
Mary they thought it was dying with
Diphtheria, and another one of the girls
Annie or Fannie was very bad, and
that it was just raging in that
vicinity and in Louisville, in a very
malignant form, both old and young
were dying with it, and it was just as
contagious as could be, I just think
it is awful, I would be scared to
death if I were pale, you know Fannie
and Nettie stayed all night there and
Mary was sick and could not go to
school with them Monday, but
I don't suppose any of them knew
it was diphtheria, pale told me about
Mary being sick on Friday, after you
left I was at town, I am so afraid
it will break out in Shelbyville You
be particular where you go and take
care of your self, and if you have
anything like sore throat use slow

much dissatisfied with his Duchana
school, he says he does not see
whatever possessed him to go
there to school when there were
so many good schools in Ky,
says the people are altogether
different from Kentuckians
Julia said M^{rs} Strather was
going to write last Monday
and tell Will he need not stay
there under the circumstances
that he could go to some other
school. M^{rs} Eliot died the
week after Will left taken worse
Tuesday and died Wednesday night.
Well I must close my letter I
have so many duties to perform
we have got the sausage to stuff
yet this morning, Anica has been
having the chills ever since she went
to V^o G with you that morning
I reckon she got such a shaking

up she just keeps a shaking
Little brother can run all over the
house in that crawl of his like
a snake. he can crawl where he
wants to go now, and then get
up in a sitting posture, and can
pull up to a chair, since he
burnt his hand on the iron
he is afraid of the fire or any thing
the least warm, he will keep pointing
his finger at anything you tell him
is hot, and blowing. I was sewing
with my back to him this morning
I heard him cry and looked
around he was at the press door
trying to get it open. he is getting
smarter every day I think he will
walk by the time he is a year old,
I hope you will come out all right
in your examinations and get
the valodictory. I think it will be
such an honor to get it over eleven

1508 Spring
1-14-87



Miss Lizzie Clarkson,
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Ky.

Shelby Co.



about our lives we can do it & our no effort we shall become
of you are going away again most that we are not able to send you and send her, I just
I wish we could get along without making this opening for as one out add to make and
And envy is a bad motivator, and
will always, where a body is possessed with
it come in between brotherly love and
friendship, that is what is the matter
with peyas folks, they are possessed of
a petty good share of envy and have
not got enough strong will and determination
to ballance it and keep it in its right place
we all have more or less envy, as well as
all other vices, but if we have a good
sound mind, and are truly ballanced
know right from wrong, let our conscience
be our guide, we will keep all such evil
passions down, I hope it is Gods will
to let you soar up some day above
all who have always tried to throw low
on you and keep you under foot,
they are more than one, but all will
come out right in the end I reckon,
A just God rules above us all, and
he knows the hearts of all in
this world, whether we deserve any good fortune
I would give anything in the world
if you could succeed for there are
so many people that think it all a
hoax about you ever making anything
I know there are people and my own
folks too that when they hear that
I am going to have your voice
cultivated for the stage, will say
Mama is the biggest fool in the world
to spend so much money on Tache
for nothing, I know Bert talks
about you, for she is so envious
of our success all the time and one year too fast

in strength if that is what it needs,
but I always thought you had a
strong voice, enough, but maybe
that is going to be the trouble, and
will keep you from going on the
stage, not having strength of voice to
be heard so well, all over such a large
space, you know it will take a mighty
voice to sing in a large theater hall.
I would give anything in the world
if you could succeed for there are
so many people that think it all a
hoax about you ever making anything
I know there are people and my own
folks too that when they hear that
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I wrote to Bertie in my last letter to you, did she read it and how did she like it? I am afraid I cannot write a nice long letter to write to any one but you if I could be off to my self and not bother I could write as nice letter as any one - but that is not the case
Mama

The night before we got your last letter we had all wished at the supper table that you could take wings and fly down and eat supper with us and fly back by morning, and you had expressed the same thing in your letter, Papa said to day he wished we could cook a lot of back bones and send to you, We have got 1 or 2 little calves now, I wish you could see them, they are as gentle as kittens Yittie and Aron play with them all the time and rub them, Yittie has certain ones she claims and gets, we can't hardly keep her away from the ~~back~~ lot, when the ground is solid, and not muddy Papa lets them down in the well orchard and you would think there was a thousand of them

of school read your letter very well
I'm sure to see you for me, Mamma
(you must make all necessary)
Tell Miss Bertie May Kate claims
her says she is her girl, says she loves
her, and wants to see her, Fittie says
ask her if she has dot any little
sisters like I am, she says if Mamma
would let her she would come up there
and be Miss Bertie's little girl and
would sleep with her, and would
wait on her, touse she is sick, she says
I would hand her every thing she
wanted, she firmly believes she could
come up there and stay, says she
knows Bertie would love her and
would be glad to have her sleep with
her, she says tell Miss Bertie to write
to her and she will answer her letter,
she has got one corespondent
she and Lena write to one another
Pearle and Genie have gotter
up a lively corespondence, and
Lena's and Fittie's letters come in
with theirs

Big Springs
1-24-87



Miss Lodie Clarkson,
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Shelbyville,
Ky.

Shelby Co. 11



to send you
a box before
long, and is
going to send
a jar of stued
and peaches
in it and says
you must let
them that they
will help you
travel over
we are going
to commence
building about
the first of
March, the
roads are too
nearly to
haul lumber
now, and there
is no more
water now that
~~the road is~~
traveling
entirely impeded
now either
country
there are fine
big lakes on
our place.
I am getting
a good many
eggs now every
day, I am
going to try
to run the place
this year with
eggs as in as
as possible.

has been satisfactorily proven to us
that you are smart, and that you
are not going to be thwarted in any
of your undertakings, that whenever
you set your head it is die cast.
Monday, all well, I reckon papa is in
Bowlinggreen today trying his luck
in Cattle buying, it is country court
there today and he will see a great
many men and have opportunities
of hearing from all over the country.
I hope he will have good luck
he has been having right good luck
this year so far.
How are you off for shoes, don't
try to get out of your flannel shoes
before may if you do you will
be sick, Arica was so pined
of her letter, and says she is going

Dear Lacie

I received your
letter yesterday, and was as we always are
glad to get a letter from you, and particularly
anxious to get one from you last night
as papa was going away this morning
and wanted to hear from you before he
left, he went up to Dick's today and
is going to go from there to Bowlinggreen
Sunday, Dick has been down this
week, he is talking of going with him.
The children are out at all well, Kitten
and little brother have such bad colds
I was sorry to hear of your having been
sick, and am uneasy about that pain
in your stomach, I am afraid you
will be subject to it, I told yourhus

before he left. I am afraid he will take care, but I made him put on a heavy coat and
much to know. I am in haste as our old frog. I give paper from a street
I have got an awful cold and you are in the way. I am in your court
to keep them in the way with you. I must not take little things
We were so sorry you missed in your so to heart, the life is only gloomy and
examination on your account, and sad and full of trouble as we make it so,
and know your sickness caused it for I know we all have our troubles and
we know you have done your duty, disappointment but we should not
I forgot to mention it to you in my take little matters so to heart, you ought
last letter about that pointing, I do not not to care so much about missing a few
think you have time to bother with that, propositions in geometry. It does not trouble
and you may become so interested in us near as much as it does you, so don't
it if you should take, that you would let it worry you so much on our account
neglect other things that might be You are only looking at your little troubles
of more importance to you, one person through our feelings. When you say
cannot do everything and succeed in that what makes you hat it so
all they will be bound to neglect some badly is on account of its grieving,
one thing or other, therefore I do not want as it is true we hate it deeply but it
you to take you have no time, and I is on your account, just take care
can learn you myself when you come of yourself, and keep well, and you
home as well as anybody, and save will come out all right and we
the money it would take for something will be more than satisfied.
else, just tell her that you have not We have no fears on account of your
possibly got the time to devote to it and not getting through all right if you can
take that time up in practicing keep well, for we know and it

I am going
to write papa
a card to H. Gray
this eve, so he will
know we are all
well. The children
were funny when
he left and I
am afraid he
will be uneasy
I will chide it in
the care of Mr
L. J. Vanmeter
and he will get
it for him. he
is going to make
up his head
quarters. I will
write to you again
last of the week and
will also answer
Mrs. Letter to Mrs. B
for her Mauna

more, Miss Ehya told me Nettie
was very well satisfied this time
and her health was better that she
had quit chewing paper. I think
it a wise conclusion. if I was bound
to be always chewing I would keep in
toppy. If I were you I would adopt
the plan of taking a dose of just
common salt every morning before
breakfast, and a little soda too.

Just ask the cook she will give
you a little. just what soda that
will lay on the point of a teaspoon
and about half teaspoon of salt try
that for awhile it will act on your
liver too and keep you well.

I wish you could be here with me
this week while papa is gone, we

been sent over from
I wish you a check for that
could have so much pleasure together
Grandpa C. takes the Etowah news and
he got as a premium, 45 novels 5¢ novels
in pamphlets, and he gave us 5, the names
of them are, Dark Days, (I read that
it is beautiful) At the world's mercy,
Valerie's Gate, John Powerbank's
wife, and The mystery of the holly
tree, He says you can read all of
them when you come home, they
are scattered around in the
family, he will get them for you,
I wish you could have seen papa
when he was ready to start, he had
on nice shirt collar and cuffs, that dark
blue coat and vest, and nice pants,
new overcoat, and new gunn overcoat on
his arm and new boots and overalls
he looked a cattle buyer all over,
Papa used to always, go in style
before he was married, there could
be nothing a miss, You are just like him

Little big man
brother is trying
to walk and he
fights his little
sisters, yes I got
the little comb
you sent to him
and use it on
his sweet pumpkin
his hair is going
right smart too.
he is crying
now and
trying to pull
the roller out
from under the
bed post he thinks
he is so big he
clucks and says
whoa and tries to
pick the others
and my foot and
clucks to the chickens
and little calves out with

Feb 1st
Dear Sister

you have
not written to me for a long
time but I will write to you
I got a letter from Pearl the
other day little brother aint nerry
well but he is so sweet he
has been fighting Mana here all morn
ing Please send me some paper
to write to you on in your next
letter I am reading ~~it~~ in
the fifth reader now sister did
it raint ~~any~~ any up ther it flooded
us down here. unkle dick was
here yesterday. sister dont
let anny body see this
letter ~~for~~ for it aint
mitten right the next letter

I write you I am going to
write it nice I am in many
Mama is writing to you
now Anica was so glad
of her letter Papa went
to a way this morn-
ing sister I am going to
close you must write
many man to your
sister Genevieve Clarkson.
Genevieve keeps her letters up in that
order, I don't think she improves one bit
in writing Tell Miss Bert I am
so thankful to her for taking
Mamas place and waiting on
you so faithful when you were
in such misery, and I hope
to get to see her someday and
thank her in person for her
kindness to you, You see she had
not forgotten your kindness to her
when she was sick, that is the right way

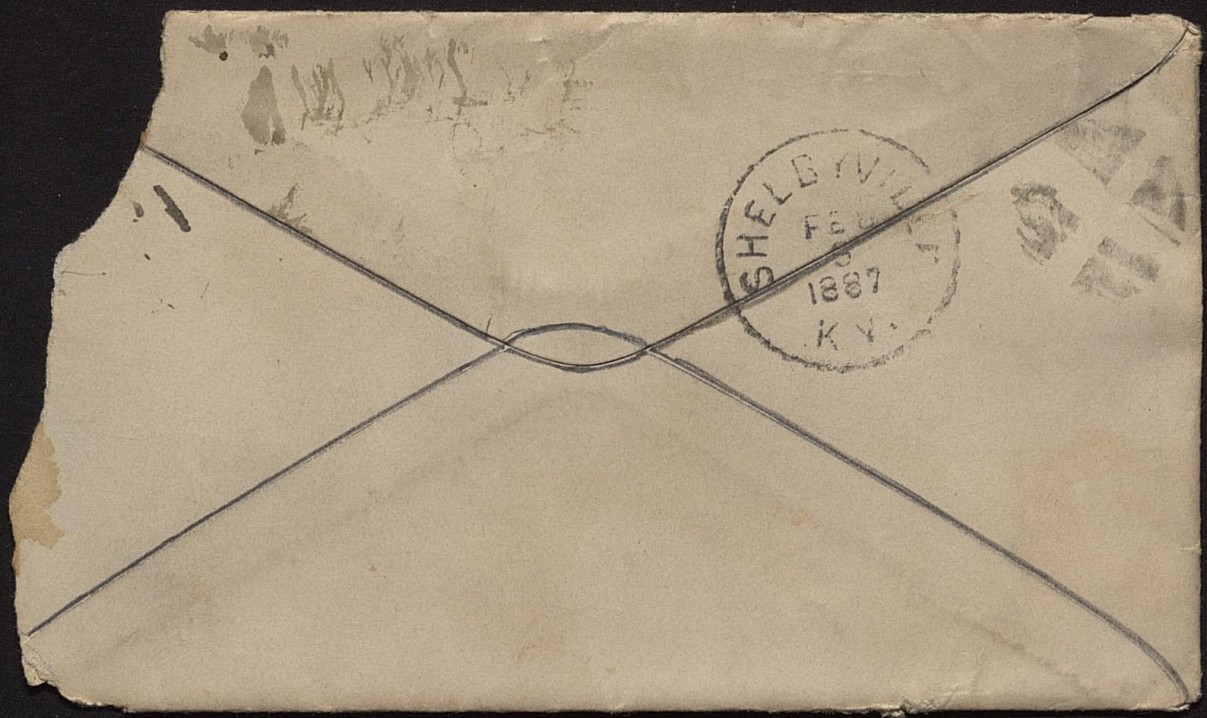
Mama
to do.



Big Spring
2-7-87

Miss Fannie Clarkson
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Shelby

Shelby Co.



your bonnet
you said not
to get skirts on
at I don't know
whether to make
a quilted one or not
and about how
low back to make
the skirt log a skirt
Papa is going
to Brandonburg
to day and
I am going
to send and
get your shoes
and get you
a pair of leather
half hands in
he can get them
to school, and says I know cousin
Mona is mad at me for I spoke to her
and she wouldn't speak to me, Lollie
told Bet about it, she said she
laughed when she found out better,
I am proud to hear of your getting
along well in your studies, and hope
and pray you will make up all losses
And I do love to hear of your progressing
so fast in your vocal, I hope you
will astonish everyone in June, I
don't know whether I can come up
or not I feel a long ways from it and
a little peevish troublesome baby and
can't get to do anything, but attend
to him, I will send you your box
as soon as the baby gets well so
I can make your bonnet and fix
it up, I don't know how to make

We will be marrying me
directly so I cannot write
you a long letter
but I think
I had better
send you a
short one than
none at all,
Yes you can
give me
I think that
picture if you
want to and if
you ever give
her a large one
she will give
it back if you
want it.

Dear Lacie
I received
your letter only this evening, should
have gotten it yesterday, but no one at the
office, Papa is at home got home last Tuesday
he got 60 head of fine cattle, was well pleased
with the country and people, bought five
graded cattle therefore had to pay more for
them consequently got fewer of them in
number, he met an old bachelor down
there 50 yrs old and the wealthiest man
in Warren Co. Papa told him to come
up here next summer that he had a
sweetheart for him, I reckon he meant
to give you away to the rich old bachelor,
he said he had never yet found time
to marry, I have forgotten his name.

Home Day Feb 18th 1887,

I little brother has been sick for several
 days, he is cutting teeth he has had a
 hot fever for several days, and is better
 to day, but is as peevish and petful
 I can not do anything but nurse
 him, I am glad you wrote to aunt
 Bet she is not mad at me at all
 you can never put any credence
 in anything slarkies tell you they
 tell you all together what others say
 and let alone themselves, when
 they were the cause of all hard
 thoughts, and antrimental in all
 that is said, Bet and Patch came
 out last saturday and stayed until
 sunday evening, they were both just
 as friendly as could be, Bet seemed
 to be so interested in your welfare
 talked a good deal about you
 Patch said you had always been
 a favorite with him, they went
 up to see Sallie, sunday eve

I hope you had the letter, I know
 you were at school when I wrote
 and on account of rain did
 not get home until tuesday, Aunt
 Bet will appreciate your letter and
 will answer it immediately if she
 has the paper and envelopes, suitable
 you know old people never write
 letters, and are therefore not prepared,
 but she may be, she will never get old,
 Sallie told Bet that they were so sorry
 that they did not write is a note back
 I was said that they had company
 and she was therefore busy and
 frustrated, and after she went in the
 house Aunt Mandy and Rena
 passed at her for not writing me
 a note and she went out and called
 Tom, but he was out of hearing,
 you know I told you Anica met
 Rena on her way home, well it
 seems Rena spoke to her thinking
 it was to me she spoke, for she wrote
 home to her mama, after she got

As papa is ready to go I have no time
to write any more I am better of
my cold, but little brother's shirk
has the shills as he is right funny
this morning I will send you
every thing in your box I can
I will write you a longer
letter next time. little brother
has a hot fever every night
I am giving him quinine
to day, keep your bowels
open and dont how any.

more sick spells like that
As you take soda and salt
as I told you to do. I am going
to send and get your shoes a little
heavier than you have been wearing
I wish I had time to write more
the envelope will feel empty to you
I love so well to hear of your
getting along so well in your
studies and music, it
encourages us to get you all you
want, we are going to commence
building soon, good bye Mous



Miss Lottie Clarkson,
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Shelby Co.



expensive shoes
250, and you
need heavier
shoes now than
in winter. The
ground is so
damp in spring
and you will
be out more.
and in foot
you ought to
have been wearing
heavier shoes
all the time
than you have
now - have of or
in the box
will be 80 kinds
of apples if you
will notice a few
crabs and two
black winter
one to hoop
apples (pippin)
genetics nine
sassa - hard
apple 3 shot
know the name
and another
kind a red
apple, and a
baldwin - but
our apples are
rotting very
fast now.
I will not send
you any more
so they have
fast been buried
up to smoke and

school any better than you are and
a great many I expect not half as good,

I send you a gingham bouquet
in your box and a nice pair
of shoes and half hands. I
would keep my gloves nice, they
will be nice to use in when you
come home I wish I had a pair
like them, papa did not know I
wanted any. I am going to get me
a black pair if I ever see any. Your
shoes you will think are rather
heavy I am afraid, and I would
have been wearing them for you
but I was afraid you would not
like them and I did not want
to soil them, so if they do not suit
we can return them, they are right

Home Thursday Feb 24, 1887

Dear Laddie

I received
your letter yesterday evening, I
was glad to hear from you but
sorry and distressed to hear of your
ill health, and I cannot help but
think if you would take the proper
precaution you would not be
bothered with those spells, I think
it is constipation, therefore you
ought to take something every mor-
ning before breakfast to move your
bowels, take that medicine the doc-
ter gave you, and maybe it will
cure you, I am expecting daily
to hear of your being sick and
hoping to come up after you

will be groundless, and that you
will be up and get well and stout,
I am preparing your box to send
you, which you will get the same
day you get this letter, little brother's
birthday, Saturday. I hope you
will be well and happy by that
time. That was sad news indeed
about poor Mottie Cordill. That
is the way such long separations
generally terminate, poor girl
but you must know that her
grief is not so keen poignant
as it would be for you or one
that had been with their
parents, recently, for four years
will naturally estrange a person
especially a young person, from
parents, brothers and sisters or any
one even their own children,
until it will seem strange to

them that they ever had such
ties. If she could come back
there, where it seems more like
home to her than her real home
she would soon get over it and
cease to grieve altogether. I am
sorry you and Bertie England
cannot but it just right, I
think you certainly have done
more than your duty by her. I know
we did not send you up there to
wait on any one, but rather to be waited
upon if any odds, and I know she
ought to consider it quite a con-
descension in you, to wait upon her
at all. You are able to pay your way
and if you get sick to hire people
to wait upon you, not to have to
court her friendship by doing
for her to get returns for it.
Do right and do your duty but
I would not let any one impose

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the box to night and to make send this letter this evening. As you had to know of it
old news, I don't know what else I will put in next. I don't know how you will get
one not to even get such your would not like it. I don't know how you will get
has not ever had such ties. If she could come back there, where it seems more like
home to her than her real home she would soon get over it and cease to grieve altogether.

I am nearly out of paper so if you have more than enough to last you send me some occasionally excuse this short letter I am hurrying to send it to the office, all are well I believe I forgot to tell you, let us hear from you soon, I want you to get this letter a little before you get the box, we are going to have an old hen for dinner saturday brothers birthday we will be here every day or so

As it will be no rarity, this is a scarce time
of year for any one to have any thing to eat may
be I will put another little note in your box
if I have time to write it you will be glad

Mona



Big Spring 5/3
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Miss Lodie Clarkson,
Stuarts College
Shelbyville, Ky;

Shelby Co. 11



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papa ones so
much I get
his hearted
and low spirited
Pest has phgs
Throm a damage
our my whole
light ever since
I have benumer
Certain it has
always kept me
back, I never
would put forward
and buy any
regardless of
consequences
as some
women
do, and

Monday, I reckon if they don't
break us up, we will try and build,
but we are really not able to build
this year we live just one year ahead of
our abilities all of the time, I know we
own a great deal, but we owe so much
if our debts were paid I would
have nothing in the world to trouble
me, but my failings which will always
trouble all of us until we do just right
or so near as is possible to do in this
world, We have got 60 head of big
cattle, 31 head of two year old cattle
and 90 calves, 100 hogs, besides
some surplus horse stock for sale
one mule and one horse to sell,
I know we have got a good deal
to bring money, but it part seems

Thankful I always
feel like I have
a load on my
shoulders, but I must
hope for the
best and we
will come
out all right
in the end
sturdy hard
and get the best
if you can we
will have the home
all about by the
time you get home
at you be come
pleated in two
months the
workmen told
Papa Goodbye
March 2, 187

Dear Sadie

I received
your letter yesterday evening, and
would have sent a letter out to you
to day but, have had company and
therefore had no opportunity to write
Grandpa and uncle No. P. at home
here to day, Grandpa has just
got home from uncle Dick's
he says they are all better of
the measles at Jers. Yalbotts.
I was glad to hear little Phelicia
was better, we are all well now
little Cecil can nearly walk, and
he is so good now and sweet
Genie and Ed have had
him wrapped up these two

I was glad to know that the contents of your box were good. I wondered if that cake would be good as I could get no citron here to go in it. I put in raisins, currants, and preserved cherries. I think watermelon rind preserved would be a very good substitute for citron. I hope your chickens kept good until you ate the last of them. I don't know how much it cost to send your babies. I will tell you when Papa goes to New York. I expect it will be a 100. I am glad you and Bert made it up before she left. I hope she has nothing but good will for you. I hate for you and your worn notes to fall out.

You are certainly not going to room by yourself are you? I do not want you to do that you might take suddenly sick some night about room alone. Yes I got Charles picture. I think it so pretty and stylish looking. I intended mentioning it in my two last letters, but forgot it. After I will think of what I want to say to you in a letter, before I sit down to write, and after I commence to write, the children will bother me so, that I forget everything I want to say. I know my letters are awfully silly just such as Anica ought to compose, but I cannot help it. Don't let anyone see them. It seems we are awfully slow about commencing to build a house, but I reckon we will get started after a while. That suit of

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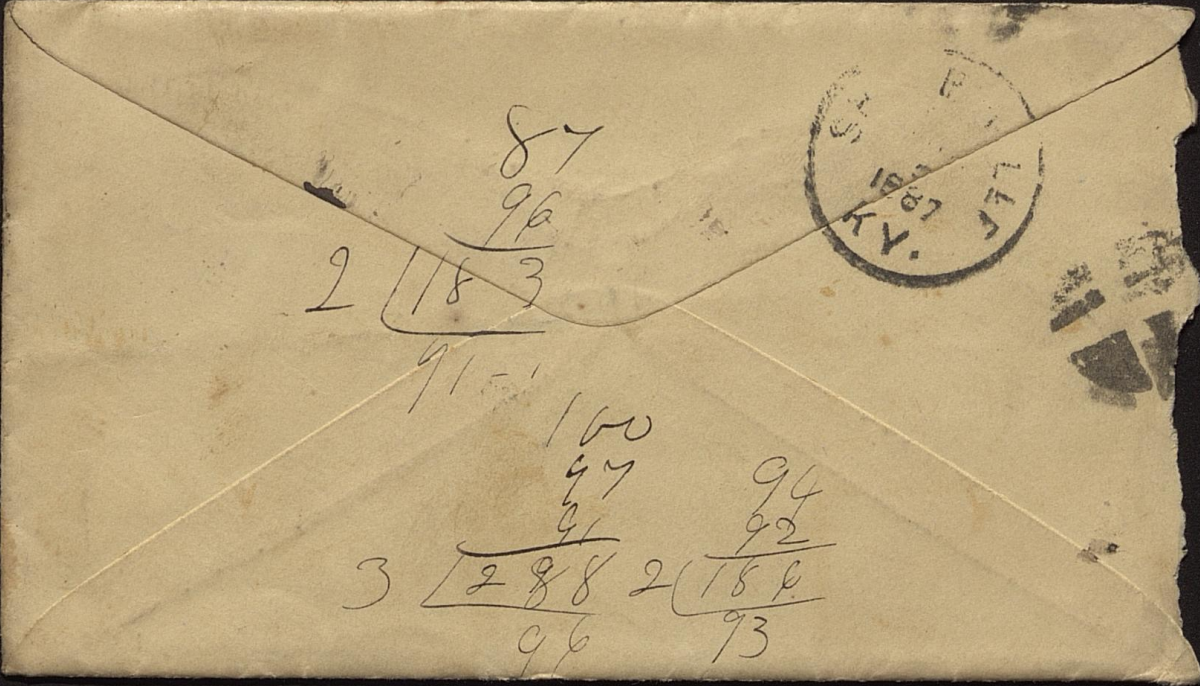
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By Jim
3-3-87



Miss Laddie Clarkson,
Stuarts, Female College,
Shelbyville,
Kentucky.

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Your report can judge the design of your medals, so my pretty about perfect you wish for any thing up to
Mr. Stuart about this, you are doing you that way immediately and tell him all about it, and Mr. Stuart too,
I hope and know you will get the satisfaction, of course if we get the house done and all I would
like for Mr. H. to come to see you which I suppose we will, I never have dreamed once of
Mr. H. nor have been you to school one thing strange I never dream of my children, when they are about,
says your Mr. H. says [redacted] the right ambitious
for her son, Mr. H. says [redacted] at home was mail
at him because he did not get the highest honors,
said there was a young man there that had been
studying medicine ten years in 36 yrs old, and said
his home was unreasonable enough to think he ought
to have been ahead of him, I hope you will acquit
yourself creditably, so I will have you return to fuss
at you with Mr. H. says she would like to let her she
fussed at him all the time about it, she is bed fast
now, Thursday morning, Papa is better this morning,
but will not be able to get up before tomorrow
I think his fever is broken, now he has been
right sick, his back aches so badly all the time, I
will write to you again in a day or so, this old letter
paper is so large one letter ought to cover five or six
Your bed brother can walk a little two or three steps
at the time and all around and over the house holding
to the wall and bed's chains and every thing, his
head is as red as Guinea, Alice says he has had the hooping cough
Papa can walk, excuse this letter, Mamma

Wome Wednesday, March 16th 1887

Dear Laddie

Just received your
letter, was very glad to hear you was well, and getting
along well, we are all well, but - Papa you know
I told you he had the mumps, they are going
right hard with him, he has been in bed now
since Sunday, they frequently leave a patient
with the fever, one thought for a day or so, Papa
had the chills, but it is some kind of slight fever,
I think he is better to day, and I hope he will be
able to get up by tomorrow, I reckon you have
heard about how the mumps do some ones, well
they fell, they call it on him, and he swelled all
up down below, and I used hot potatoes, and
got him relieved in a day or so but left him
with fever, I will let you know tomorrow how he
is, I know he will be decidedly better when his
swelling acts, he is taking Calomel to day
Sam has commenced hauling the lumber

When your examinations are all over and you have leisure, I want you to get up every thing of yours together and put in ~~the~~ of your trunk, half more shoes and every thing of yours that is worth bringing home, and papa's little shaving cup, do this before had if you leave until the last you will leave half your house it is not like last year you are not going, back any more I left nearly half I had when I left Bethlehem but it was close and I got my things afterwards. Papa has seated the Bass Taylor place and putting it all in come this year, we are going to have a nice veranda built in front, with brackets around the cornice, the front yard peled off from the back you will not know the place when you get home. McPates says we can have it all completed by ~~the~~ July I don't see how I can come up to commencement but I would like to come, several are going from here. Gale M^{rs} Gola Jackson, and I heard some one say Eula Kirk was going up, I heard her say when she was at her that Will Pacey had graduated, and was at home now for a while, and was then going to Anchorage for a year judging from what Grandma

for the house, and they will begin work on it soon day. McPates was here yesterday, to see about buying the bill of lumber for the outside and the nice lumber such as weather boarding, stair case and veranda, must we have inside or outside shutters, he left that out so I could write and ask your preference, you know more about this we do we are going to have the front door in the hall glass above as you spoke of and now if you have any suggestions to make about any thing about the house make them. I am going to have the old stair way taken out of the front room and run up in the little dining room, and that up stairs will be entirely distinct and separate from any of the other part of the house, and it will be for a kind of a lumber room, for me to keep every thing in such as old winter clothes in the summer paper overcoats, and bed clothes and every thing and for hands should we have any to sleep in. You know we are bound to have thrashers every year, and we can keep dirty clothes up there it will be the most useful room about the house,

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hour and
if I don't
know can
study
with me

Shelbyville, Ky., May 19 1886

Miss Blanton at Stuart



L. W. & R. A. SMITH,

DEALERS IN

Dry Goods, Notions, Etc.

1886

May 19	1 1/2 yds	Crucian	14	15
"	1	Black Braids		10
"	2	set Steels	15	30
"	3	Roller Tap	5	15
20	3	good threads	5	15
"		Hooks Eyes	3	5
"	3	Specks & rust	50	10
"	1 yds	Crucian		16
"	1/2	Delicia	20	10
22	1 yds	Riching		25
"		Paper Dress Shirts		35
"	1	" Gloung		1 1/5
"	1	Hook & L		50
"	3 yds	Pat Lace	30	90
May 27	1	" Buckram		15
"	5	" Cotton	05	25
"	3	Whole Bones	10	30
"	1	set Steels		15
"	2	Specks Cotton	05	10
"	2	Balls Tape	05	10
"		Hook & Eyes over		10
				<u>45.10</u>

Miss Bookston

American Bough over			\$ 6.10
May 28	2 Hat Pins		05
"	2 1/2 y Lace	1.25	3.12
" 29	1 Spool White Silk		15
June 1	5 yds brown Ribbon	25	1.25
" "	3 " "	20	60
" "	1 Spool Thread		05
" 2	2 y Oriental Lace	50	20
			<u>\$ 11.57</u>

Making two dresses	500	10.00
By 1 pair Kid Gloves		\$ 21.57
Received Payment.		1.75
		<u>\$ 19.82</u>

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VINE CROVE
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Miss Laddie Clarkson,
Stuarts College,
Shelbyville,
Kentucky.

Shelby Co.,

I don't know but if you got the A.C.L. I believe I would send the P. on invitation of I say you and show him that you got what he could not get, send 1/4% one, you I got your letter with it, I have no more in case getting in tone later, since you have been that and that was the case with the little handkerchiefs.

I don't know what more to say to you, I re-
spectfully
I don't think I have said enough on one subject
I would get samples from that lady, get and get her to buy my things and get M's. Meade to do all my sewing and do without all your possibly care.

They are getting along very well with the house you will never know there was an a-l-o-f room in front when you see it again, but it will be nothing like ever done by the time you come home, all the carpenters work may be done, it is a big fine house and it is going to take a great deal more money than we at first expected, but we will all have to work and economize, and try and pay it and all other expenses some way, God knows how far I can't see through with my dull comprehension, papa is buying, even now at 40^{cts} and throwing it out on the ground to boys & cattle but I feel the good Lord will show us the way out, I have told you all what stands about your clothes if you want to know anything, more ask me and I will advise you the best I can, Mama

I can't get tall paper we are having the same sized every way that is more and stylish nothing
Tuesday night, Apr. 18th 1887
I hope you will be happy when you see it
brother would have taken a little more and I got well along
you have a letter with you more
I shall get on ahead in your monthly reports, not a single trial here you told me that my one was ahead of your one, always the best of the best.

Dear Lacie
I shall get on ahead in your little brother to sleep, let down my clock set my lamp in place, and now I am going to try and write to you, I received your letter yesterday, was at a was about you and glad to hear from you, I feel uneasy about you studying so hard and sitting up so late, you will not only injure your health but will ruin your eyes, and you might tax your brain too much you know the brain has to have rest as well as any other part of the body, I would rather you had let the victory go by the board than to hard hunt your self in any way to have gotten it, of course we will be proud and rejoiced and all of that if you get it, but we are not ready to give you up yet we had rather have you, and therefore we do not want you to kill your self in your aim to get it, but we are first or anxious for you to get it or can be for

Do the best you can about your clothes, and write to me how much money you want and I will send it to you. I would get Mr. Maule to make all of my dresses. You will thereby get a considerable cut on the making of them. I will not send you anything from home for I really have no time or chance. Get your goods just as cheap as you can. I would not get expensive wool goods if I were you. Your dresses last year were just 40^{cts} per yard. I reckon you can get linings up there as cheap as here. Drilling is 15^{cts} per yard. Skirt lining like your blue dress last year was lined in 5^{cts} per yard whole soul by buying all together you can get 3 long splits up long for 25^{cts} which will be enough for one dress or if they sell it like Whit he sells you 9 short splits in a bunch with a little gum around them enough for one dress for a quarter and they are nice too more than enough for one dress. You have to cut several inches off some them you know. It just takes 9 splits to the basque. Twist is just 5^{cts} per spool and good machine silk is 10^{cts} per spool get the good kind and one spool and one more the best Smith sell 3 but send it to you to do

the money. It will take what it will take and I will take care of it. I will send you a check for the money when you want it or papa will pay it when he comes up. You will get it put over to you in shoes if you don't watch me never paid over 8^{cts} for your nicest shoes, with all your they were 15^{cts} shoes but that was what they cost
I am telling you so particular. I got all of your things last year just this way only two spools twist to the dress, and they had you charged with ten spools of thread more. I get mad every time I think of it all they might to have made your pay for was the lace front and white dress skirt lining besides the making which was not but about 16^{cts} I will send you this bill for you to look at to see how much more they charged you with than you needed. I sent you everything but skirt lining for your white dress. I see they have got twist on bill 3 spools for 1/2 only cheap thing. I see you can get skirt steels now 3 for 10. Mr. Dowdy puts them in dresses for that. To the best you can and I will send you a check for the money when you want it or papa will pay it when he comes up. You will get it put over to you in shoes if you don't watch me never paid over 8^{cts} for your nicest shoes, with all your they were 15^{cts} shoes but that was what they cost

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get out two
your carpets
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in a while
fall.

makes me undecided. When papa and me and is getting ready to come if I go, it will be about five days before Yonnie's and she is going to stay in L. until that is over, but I do not know what I will do and will be undecided until the last moment, and then be sorry about which ever way I finally settle on. I hope you have not been thinking anything of me for not writing to you, for I really have no time to write at all. I took the children down to Brandenburg to a show the 9th of this month they enjoyed it, especially Kitten. I don't suppose I will write more than one more letter to you, so you will be thinking very strongly of coming home two weeks from today, and two weeks from today I may be with you, about this time who knows, but the kind father above. You may prepare yourself to come home

Dear Laddie,
As I have not heard from you for more than a week I will try and write, as I expect you are waiting for a letter from me, so I received a letter from your best, but you had just gotten two from me, and I thought you would write right away telling me all about your trip to L. but getting none I will wait no longer. Your spoke in your letter about not thinking that would be money enough, just go on and get what you are compelled to have, and let your money go as far as it will, and papa will pay what remains unpaid when he comes up after you. We are all well and still living all of us, trying to get along the best we possibly can

Yours truly,
Mama

19th May 1887.

Decision you are awaiting until the end is decided before you write again. I hope it will be decided in your favor goods, yours, for your sake as well as my own. I am home

is visiting
down for
get, she
and he'll
is a very
a of me there
will be
to at home
the account
of money being in
his school, I have
no more so I will close
with some letters
Mama

I hope you can go do we will not get fixed in much longer than I am thinking you can
 like to go I don't expect it would cost very much to go by water. I hope you will not want to
 hope and he wished she would not have been so long away that she would not want to
 but as we are at a terrible expense, we will have a
 beautiful convenient house the carpenters work
 will be about finished this week. the room
 above the front room will be your room
 and it is a lovely room, or you can have
 either of the upper rooms you choose one
 is just as nice as the other, the front room
 will be the family room, as the one I am in
 now is too dark to live in only suitable for
 a bed room or dining room, we will arrange
 all of those matters when you come home
 the plastering will be done by the time you
 come, and maybe the painting, but you will
 get here before the paper is hung. The painter
 is coming here to day. You know the Paranda
 will be in front of the upper room above the parlor.
 You may prefer that to the other room the Paranda
 has railing around about and you can put
 throw up the window and step out on it from
 the hall or in the room either, and the porch
 roof is flat covered with tin same as the rest of
 the house, and anyone can step out on it from
 the back hall window. I have a little room on
 the end of the porch, we use it for a little bed
 room or for a partry or kind of a store room either.
 I can not tell you all of it in a few words
 and that is we have just got a lovely house.
 I know you will be more than pleased when
 you see it I know it will come up entirely to
 expectations, I am undecided about coming
 up to commencement. I hate to think of not
 coming, too, but I cannot bring the baby, and
 I am afraid he will cry himself to death if
 I leave him, so I am in a terrible predicament
 about it. I am all ready to come as to that
 and Ma will keep the baby, but that one thing

Big Spring
5-19-57



Miss Lodie Clarkson,
Stuarts College,
Shelbyville,
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I have never meant to keep any, in the back hall
 out on the evening, and out on the morning of
 sort of or out on the evening, and out on the morning
 of the back morning, and out on the evening, and out on the morning
 I give out that clear, and I give out that clear, and I give out that clear,
 for these, where the fine was a wrong, where
 your room, where the fine was a wrong, where
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 your room, where the fine was a wrong, where

and you thought I did not take enough interest
 in you to care to know how you come out, and
 therefore you did not care to disturb my mind
 with the news, well let that drift as it will, Sam
 here and wide awake in interest for you, and
 papa is a perfect completion, he wanted to go to N. C.
 and dispatch yesterday to know what was the matter
 with you, and quarreled with me lively for no reason
 within to your sorrow. All are well, the baby is
 thriving, and in so much trouble especially at night
 I am almost afraid to try to go away and leave
 him, he will cry him self to death, I don't know
 what I will do yet, I will make your corset cover
 right away and undershirt I reckon your post went
 a plain one with trimmings around the bottom,
 I will not send them papa will bring them up
 I know if you can live through at all, and
 get home once more you will be all right
 when you get here, for you will have such
 a nice home to enjoy your self in it will
 do you good to live just for the pleasure
 of enjoying your new house, so many nice
 pleasant works in it to sit and read, your

Home May 12 1881

Dear Laddie

I received your
 letter this evening, We have been searching
 to the office every day for two weeks anxiously
 expecting a letter from you, I had no idea
 you were laboring under such a mistake
 as my being angry with you from such
 a cause, and even if I had have been, you
 certainly ought to know me well enough in
 this time to know that I would not have
 been silent on the subject, I would have
 written to you to have expressed my mind
 on the subject, for my own relief, that is my
 way when I get vexed, The reason I did not
 answer your last letter telling me about getting
 the check, I had just written two letters to you
 a day or so before, I got your letter on Saturday
 we had company on Sunday and I had no
 opportunity to write, I had to go to Brandenburg
 early Monday morning to take the children
 to the show, did not get back home until

...of the ladder, no to the contrary I sympathize
...and working so hard to gain the top
...from us and striving in every way to do her
...unconcerned about a child that is off away
...we would be strange parents indeed if we were
...judgement, as that we take no interest in you,
...to let such notions get the better of your good
...I was angry. You are entirely too sensible a girl
...of one burden anyway that is that
...but hope you did to day, and I hope also your
...I don't know whether you got the letter or not
...began to get uneasy and then I wrote to you,
...I ought to have written but kept putting it
...off is all the reason I can assign, until I
...would wait for your letter telling me all about
...the last of the week and I thought then I
...getting your things so I just kept waiting,
...Thursday evening, and having been away from
...home a day or so you know I had a good deal
...and three hundred chickens to look
...after, for they had missed me as well as
...everything else, by that time it was about
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Miss Lottie Clarkson,
Stuarts College,
Shelbyville,
Ky.

Shelby Co.



we will not get staying in with our
work this winter, you must
stay some at your uncle
Dicks, or they will feel
slighted, make yourself both
pleasant and useful, wherever
you go and your visit will
be appreciated and remembered
with pleasure. I wish I had
some news to write you but
this is a dry country, I'll a
Richardson is no better Pa said,
Papa ate dinner down at
Pens yesterday, they were
speaking of Mr. Mador's estate
Mrs. Mador is in a swamer
willed out entirely he only left
her her papa money and a house
or two thousand, and no years
provision or anything every thing
they have got will have to be
sold and divided, she cannot
claim her share for he left a
will, Julia thinks he did not intend
it that way for he said he wanted
Pallie well provided for several times
but Lewis is so deaf they have made
a mistake. Home Nov 1881
Hoping to see you at home again
before long Dear Lizzie, Mama,
make you remain. As there
is a letter here for you and
Papa is going to Pine Grove
to day I will write you a
few lines and send it to
you, we are all well Lewis
has been going to school
the last two days, I say well
but we are not well for we
all have bad colds, myself
included, the baby and little
cough terribly, I was down at
Jim's Thursday Papa & I and
the two little children Gertie
is there, Mr. Edwards & Mr. Gay
are visiting her every night as
at Jim's. If I were Lizzie I
would not stay out there, as
long as those men are

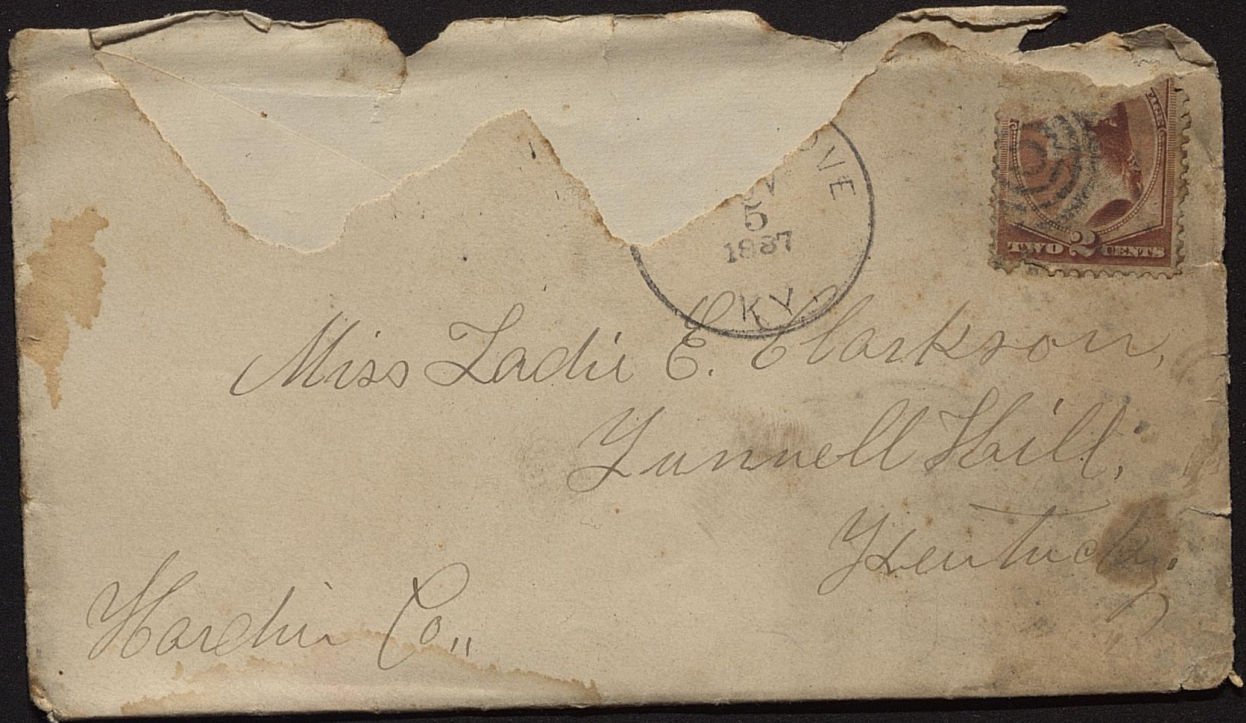
Camping there. They are there
at Camp yet and have 40
head of mules, these feeding
waiting to resume work in
the spring. I want to go to
Mandenburg tomorrow if I can
get off. I saw Pa the day I
was down and he said Alice
was going to move Tuesday
she is going to board. Pa says
she is grieving her self to death
I ought to have been to see her
before now. I will be glad when
you get your visit out and come
home I hope you are not
imposing on good nature with
so soon again about let Aunt Sid
work her self down tell her not
to go to any trouble for you.
I do not understand your
getting a letter so soon again,
be sure and answer it, don't
miss treat him for any one
you have never seen, for
you may like him and
again your way not. there
has been no one here since
your left. I have been trying
to do a little sewing, but that
is all, the baby is 3 mos

Home
Oct 30, 1887

~~My Mother & Family~~
~~My Sister & Family~~
~~My Brother & Family~~
~~My Friend & Family~~
~~My Neighbor & Family~~
~~My Acquaintance & Family~~

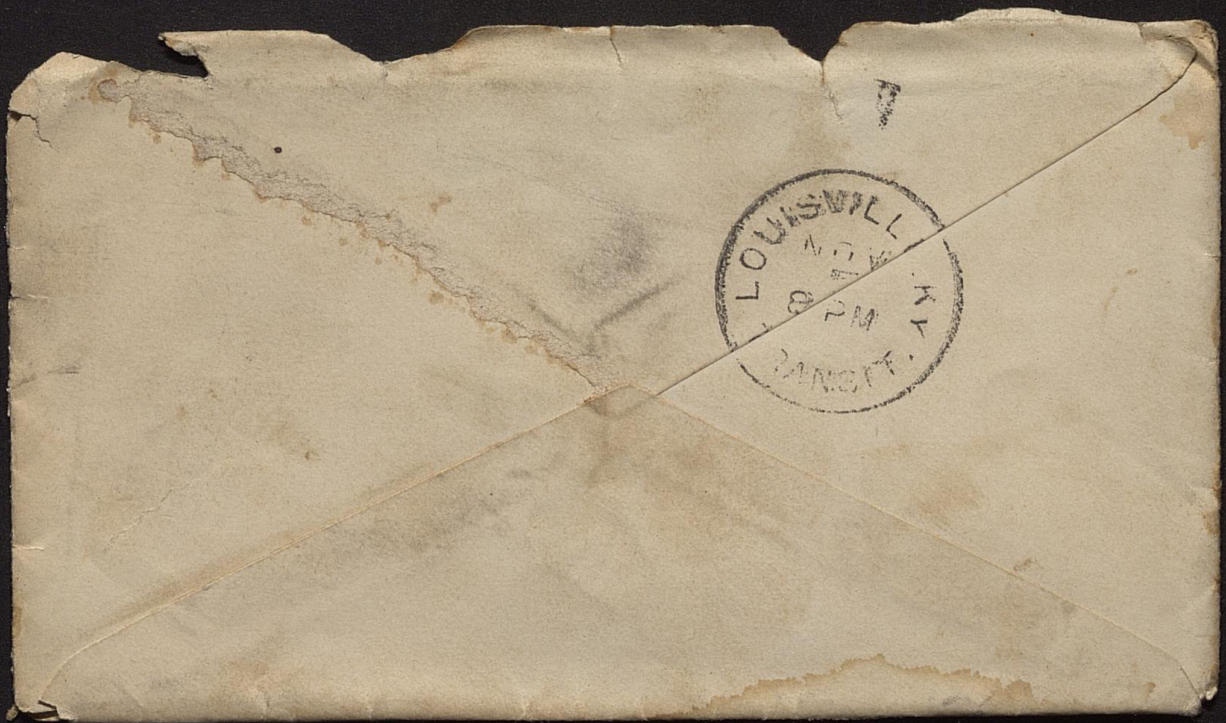
I would like
for you to come home with
your grandpa, or by road some
way so as not to be at the expense
of coming home train and then
papa will not have to meet you
for he had almost as soon
go to Etowah as to N.J.
Answer my letter and tell me
all the news and when I may
expect you home, you must
come home and help me or

Give my love to
Aunt Sis Stella & May &
Aunt Mollie tell her I want
to see that baby and would
love to come up and see them
Papa and me and the children
but I don't expect I can this
fall for the children are not
ready or I would come before cold
weather, I cannot write any thing
sensible in so much confusion
you must excuse composition
as well as the writing, I am
doing two or three things at
the same time therefore none
are done well, There has been
a sad occurrence at Fannie's
school, one of the girls died, who
lived in Ohio, she had interstition
of the bowels, she had been dead
an hour when her mother
arrived, well Adieu when



Miss Laddie E. Clarkson,
Yannell Hill,
Kentucky.

March Co.



Take you
must a truly
hand and
Take care
of yourself
and mind
And what
she knows
best what
you should
do and when
you should
do and
what you
should
do =

Monday morning Dec 14th 1884

Dear Laddie

Monday morning

When do you want to come
home if you were here at the
P. Y. I maybe we would go
A. present on for you but
if you are not at home one
we will go down from here
Papa is going to Louisville
with his hogs. The lot of
this week = Mamma

has dawned upon us again. finding us all
well (except the little convalescent) and in tolerable
spirits. A very familiar sound greets my ears just
now, Papa calling, and cattle lowing, & hogs squealing
(by the way) we are going to kill to day. and it seems
so different from our old hog killing, when you were
little. all of the men of the family used to be invited
in. now we kill with our own force only. Grandpa
not even here. She is up at uncle Dick's. Little baby sister
is improving slowly. her cough keeps her back, but
I think she has gained a little in flesh. but she looks
like a poor little monkey. M^r Wright has given her that
for a nick name. It would amuse you to see how expert
little Mamma Kate is, in the art of taking care of her self.
not having been noticed, or made baby of, for so long. she
won't let you call her baby now, she says she is mams
"ittle dird." she cracks her own hickory nuts picks them
out her self. and waits on her own self generally.

she was sitting by the fire this morning, long before light,
(for she is up at the first chicken crow) cracking hickory nuts
and holding one little hand between her face and the fire
and cracking hickory nuts with a flat iron. Gene felt
very much slighted by your not writing to her too.
You must write to her next time, and not show
partiality. She has become reconciled enough though
to want me to write to you for her. I feel sorry for
the little children it is the first Christmas they ever
passed without having nice new dresses. They have not
got as much as calicoes made this time. I was in hopes
Aunt Alice could have come out, she and Grandma, could have
helped me sew while they were here. and I could have gotten
a dress a piece made. but it seems providence interveines
every time they try to come. Grandma was to have taken
El in yesterday and come out she and Allie this morning
but, I gues, she didn't go in. as it rained, again Grandma
must be sugar, she is so afraid of a little rain. I hope you
have got your dress, and getting it made. I know you have
dispaired of ever seeing us down there again. They are going
to have a fine time out here at Big Spring Christmas, Ida M.
was out here the other day morning she is one of the committee appointed
to solicit donations for the Preacher. and they are going to have
a Christmas tree and donation party all at one and the same
time in the church Christmas eve. Enough Farewell. (Mama) -

Bag
112-16-87



Miss Lodie Clarkson
Brandenburg
Meade Co
Ky