
Letter: one page, both sides. The letter was written on a small piece of lightweight cardboard. It was 3-3/4" wide by 4-1/2" high.

Envelope postmarked on the front only: Stanton, Mich., Jan 10, 2PM

The envelope was addressed to Miss Lizzie Golden, Dennison, Ottawa, Co., Michigan.

The envelope had no stamp on it. It looks like there was a stamp on the top left corner of the envelope but it must have fallen off.

At Home (Box 374)

Dear Friend,

As I have a few spare moments I will improve them in writing to you. Our school has been keeping two months and a week. Our teacher name is Mary Jennings. She is quite a good teacher although she is an old maid. Who do you sit with? I sit with Eva Filton. Do you know what our baby's name is? It is Oscar.

I study Grammar this term. Our folks are all well excepting colds. Where is Mrs. Haley a going to live now? Is she a going to the Rapids to live?

Christmas is nigh hant it. We have about 60 scholars on the roll. Edith and the baby are well. Ma is a going to put short clothes on the baby next Sunday. He will be almost **six months old**.

I can't think of any more to write this time so good by. Write soon. From Mary

P.S. Why didn't Mary Malone answer that letter I wrote?

Young may you live. Happy may you be. Loved by everyone especially by me.

To Lizzie, Excuse bad writing.

"six months old." There is a letter from May Nixon dated July 14th 1883 that says she has a new baby brother that is just a week old. That means this letter must have been written in January 1884.

"Why didn't Mary Malone answer that letter I wrote?": Mary Malone and Elizabeth were first cousins. Elizabeth's dad (Patrick Golden) had a sister (Catherine Golden). Catherine married Patrick Malone. Mary Malone was the daughter of Catherine and Patrick.
