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Two letters were in one envelope.  
Both letters were from Cassie Griffin.  
One letter was dated December 15, 1886.  
The other letter was dated June 28, 1889.  
The envelope had no stamp and it did not have a postmark.  
I don't believe the envelope ever went through the postal system.  
The word "stamp" was written in a square at the top right corner of the envelope.

The envelope was addressed to:  
Miss Lizzie Golden  
Dennison, Mich  
Box 95,698,343  
**In Care of Pat G.**

The 1886 letter was written on lined paper 5" wide by 8" high.  
The 1889 letter was written on lined paper 10" wide by 8' high.  
The 1886 letter looks like it is a half sheet of the same paper used for the 1889 letter.

The 1886 letter is one page, front and back.  
The 1889 letter is one page, front and back

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Coopersville Mich Dec  
15<sup>th</sup> / 86

Dear Lizzie,

I am down to the store this evening for Jennie has gone to Lodge. We are just getting our Christmas goods. O! I tell you they are slick. We just got a bushel basket full of taffy, it is not open yet but when it is I will send you a piece. Lizzie we are going to have a Christmas dinner at our house and a " " supper at the G. A. R. hall. It is for the Post and their families but if you will come down, I will take you in. I am going to have a Turkey supper and dinner both. Peggy leg gave me an lovely silk handkerchief it is pretty. And Ma gave me a pen knife. I want so many things Christmas I could not tell you them all. I am going to give lots of Christmas presents. Pappa almost got his jaw broke, he fell in the ditch by our house. Mr George Saubach a new baby girl, and Mr Xx Ostrauder a boy ( 10 lbs ) of Grand Rapids. We did not go to Mr. McClellaus Saturday night it was such a bad night.

Well Good By.  
Be sure and write soon do not wait.

Excuse  
bad writing  
and mistakes

Yours most respectfully as ever  
Cassie Griffin

Read the girls letter for them.

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“In Care of Pat G.”: Patrick Golden was Lizzie’s dad

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C’Ville June 28<sup>th</sup>  
1889

Miss Lizzie Golden  
Dennison  
Ottawa Co.  
Michigan

Dear Friend:

Your ever welcome letter was rec’d last Saturday and was very glad to hear from you.,

We are all well, hoping this will find you and all the rest the same.

When I read your letter, I tore it right up. For I was a little hot as you tell about. You thought you was very cute when you wrote that kind of a letter. But it is all right and don’t you forget it. Perhaps I hear about as much about you as you do about me and a darn site more. We will change the subject until I see you again. But I don’t think I shall come down to your house if that is the way you feel. Perhaps I will see you the 4<sup>th</sup>. The Ladies band is a going to play at the Maxfield House and to the dance if you come, come there, for I think that is where I shall go. I am going to one or the other any way. The L. Band is a going to play in the morning in the Program xx and in the evening for the dance and fire-works. The Boys band (I heard) was going to play at the Commercial Hotel. I think it is to bad that they do not both play at the same place for well. You will certainly want to go the Commercial of course, but may be they will be at the other xxx.

I heard from our folks last Saturday and they are well and enjoying them selves in The North Woods. I get lonesome some times but will have to stand it. They have been gone a month and it seems a year. Just think they will not be home until some time in November. They seem to be very contented, Perhaps more so than I am.

I see **Dennis Golden** the other day on the street and was very much surprised. He looks as natural as ever.

**Is X. Malone at home yet?**

Oh! Yes the band went on a big excursion to Highland Park and Grand Haven a week from yesterday with the Lxxxxt Cxxxt band. We had a picnic I can tell you of course.

Well Lizzie as we have got company for dinner and I must set the table I will close. Hoping to hear from you sure next Friday Night or Saturday I Remain Your Friend.

Cassie

Tell Mary Ann I send my love to her and tell **Johnnie and Mart** I say Hello

We will have to fight next time we see each other and I'll bet I will beat.

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**“Dennis Golden”**: Lizzie’s dad was Patrick Golden. Patrick had a brother named Dennis Golden. Dennis Golden had a son named Dennis Golden.

**“Is X. Malone at home yet?”**: Patrick Golden had two sisters, Mary Golden and Catherine Golden. Mary Golden married Thomas Malone and Catherine Golden married Patrick Malone. Thomas and Patrick Malone were brothers. Mary Golden and Thomas Malone had a daughter named Mary. Catherine Golden and Patrick Malone also had a daughter named Mary. Mary Malone of Mary and Thomas was born about 1852. Mary Malone of Catherine and Patrick was born about 1872. This Mary Malone would have been a year older than Lizzie.

**“Tell Mary Ann”**: Lizzie had a sister named Mary A. Golden. ( maybe the A. stands for Ann )

**“Johnnie and Mart”**: Lizzie had a brother named John and a brother named Martin.

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