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The envelope is addressed to Miss Lizzie Golden, Dennison, Mich., (Ottawa Co.)

The front is postmarked Rock River, Mich., Oct 26, 1890

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Rock River  
Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1890  
Miss Lizzie Golden  
Dennison  
Michigan

Dear Lizzie,

With pleasure I now seat myself to write a few lines to you.

It is awful cold here today. Mart, Miss Clark and I went up to the Kilns. They look real funny. Different than I thought they did.

Seven of the young people from Onota were her. They seemed real nice but you bet they han't like you folks down there. I couldn't have any fun with them.

Oh girls, I am lonesome here. Wished a dozen times since I came that I was back down there.

Did you girls go to the P of I meeting last night? If you did, tell me all about it for you know I like to hear about everything down there.

We got awful tired coming on the train but the boat ride was nice.

**Mary Ann**, how do you feel? You looked as if you felt awful sick when I came away. I can't forget it. Mart looks awful good. He is just as fat as can be.

I was surprised to hear Dick Lawton was married. Wasn't you?

How is **Mary Malone**? She must be most well by this time.

What did Mrs. Griffin name her baby? Does it look any like **Cassa**?

I suppose **Thomas McGrath** will be stepping around the school house pretty soon. It is a shame that Hattie Maxfield don't live near the school house, han't it.

Every woman around here looks like "about" (as they say) Mrs. Burkel did that Sunday we went there about two years ago, "ha ha". I hope it hant catching but I presume Ma has caught it before this time.

Rats

This is all I have time to write this time. You must excuse this writing for this is the horridest pen I ever wrote with.

Good bye  
Write soon  
Love to all the P of I's  
From Yours Lovingly  
Mary Francis

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**“Mary Ann”**: Mary Ann Golden was Lizzie’s sister.

**“Mary Malone”**: Mary Malone was Lizzie’s first cousin. Mary Malone was the daughter of Catherine Golden. Catherine was Patrick Golden’s sister. Patrick was Lizzie’s father.

**“Cassa”**: Cassa Griffin was Lizzie’s friend.

**“Thomas McGrath”**: Thomas McGrath lived on State Road. The McGraths owned the farm just west of the Fitzpatrick farm.

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This map shows Marquette, Rock River and Onata. All these towns are located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.